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Council: We need Human Relations Commission

Vote of 3 - 2 directs city manager to begin planning for commission

Ben Botkin
 Daily Egyptian

The City Council voted Tuesday to form a Human Relations Commission in Carbondale, but decided to forego making any decisions about its members and structure.

With a 3 to 2 vote, the council authorized City Manager Jeff Doherty to form plans surrounding the Human Relations Commission. Doherty said he will take suggestions from the City Council members and look for different options for how the Human Relations Commission

should be structured.

City Council members will vote on the commission's structure and makeup after a final plan is formulated. The main source of contention surrounds who should serve on the committee and whether it should have legally binding powers.

While City Council members agreed that a commission is needed, Councilman Brad Cole cited the lack of focus on the structure as the reason for his opposition.

"What I'm afraid this council has done is basically approve a group that has no foundation, no structure, no authority, no nothing," he said. "We are picking out the options and putting them on a cart, but we don't have the horse. We're not serving the good of this community."

Besides the structural questions, another unknown factor is whether the city's budget will pay for the commission's

costs, Cole said. Councilman Mike Neill also voted against the proposal.

The plan for a Human Relations Commission was recommended by the SIU/Carbondale Task Force on Race and Community Relations. The task force was formed after racial tensions erupted when police used Mace on about 80 black SIUC students at a block party in April 2001.

Questions that are still unanswered are who will sit on the new commission and how much authority it will have in dealing with conflicts that arise. Bill Norwood, co-chair of the task force, said he wanted to see the commission have legally binding authority.

Norwood urged the City Council to consider the task force's recommendations.



Bill Norwood, co-chair of the SIU/Carbondale Task Force on Race and Community Relations, speaks at Tuesday evening's Carbondale City Council meeting. Norwood stressed the need for the City Council to research and review options when planning the Human Relations Commission.

ALEX HAGLUND
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

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RSO to protest Carson and Barnes Circus

Animal rights campaign encouraged by visiting former elephant trainer

Samantha Edmondson
 Daily Egyptian

Tom Rider, former Ringling Bros. Circus elephant trainer, pushed the VHS tape into the VCR. He paused and looked up at the audience gathered Monday night in the Student Center Kaskaskia Room for his presentation on animal cruelty.

"Be prepared, you might get squeamish," he said as a scene with an elephant trainer, three endangered Asian elephants and fellow animal handlers in a barn appeared on the television monitor.

Within the six-minute footage, Tom Frisco, a former animal care director and long-time elephant trainer for the Carson and Barnes Circus, called the elephants obscene names, beat the animals with an electric prod and told his fellow trainers abusing them in the barn, away from the public, was alright.

"Hurt 'em. Don't touch 'em. Make 'em scream." After saying these words, Frisco shocked the three endangered Asian elephants with the prod. The pachyderms hollered with pain, the new caretakers watched with confusion and an undercover video captured it all.

The People for Equal Treatment of Animals (PETA) investigators released the tape. Rider presented it along with other circus animal abuse footage to a group of students and members of the new Registered Student Organization, Students Speak Out For Animals, who sponsored the event.

The impending arrival of a Carson and Barnes Circus, performing two shows on Thursday at the Southern Illinois Airport outside of Carbondale, has brought more than a nationally known event back to Southern Illinois. It has prompted the first animal rights campaign for the RSO and a protest toward the cruelty of circus animals at the event.

Natalie Wodynski, a junior in university studies from Lemont, and the president of Students Speak Out For Animals, said has seen undercover video footage such as the evidence Rider presented Monday night.

She saw Rider's presentation in Washington D.C. in February and wanted to invite him to speak before the circus came to town. He responded within two weeks and wanted to advocate their efforts toward campaigning for animal rights.

She said more than 15 people want to help the RSO pass out leaflets and flyers about circus animal abuse at the circus Thursday, but more importantly to educate citizens about what can go on behind the scenes.

"We want to inform people and let them know what happens to the animals in the tent," she said. "We want to let people know and hopefully change their view for what they find as entertainment."

The Carson and Barnes circus has sold up to



ANANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tom Rider, former member of the Ringling Bros. Circus, informs SIU students about his experiences with animal cruelty in the circus ring. Rider spoke Monday night in the Kaskaskia Room in the Student Center. As well as speaking out about the cruelties he witnessed, he displayed videotapes documenting animal torment.

3,000 tickets for past performances and has done well in the Carbondale area. Other attractions include trapeze artists and clowns, but the most popular attraction is animal tricks.

Paul Legare, advanced marketing coordinator for Carson and Barnes, said he and the circus company are aware of Frisco's actions and the videotape. He has spoken with Frisco about his actions and the trainer said he was apologetic about the language and how some of his actions were portrayed. But Legare said there are two sides to every story.

"It is a great piece for PETA, but it was done in an editing studio," he said. "Tom Frisco, who I have spoken to, said it was a locker room setting and didn't know anyone said it; it was in a closed setting."

Rider noted to the audience at his presentation Monday night the Carson and Barnes Circus' reaction to the videotape was that they were apologetic about the language, but did not respond to the animal abuse.

Legare said the circus trainers, sponsored locally by the Carbondale Rotary Club, do an excellent job and protect the livelihood of the more than 100 animals in the show.

He noted the circus invites the public to come out and watch the elephants and the hired help put

up the main tent for the circus. But he added that after the animals leave the public they are not mistreated.

"They are, in fact, on display, but some think as soon as the public leaves, we beat them behind their backs," Legare said. "We have a clean record — the USDA [United States Department of Agriculture] does inspect, and we inspect almost daily."

However, PETA has recognized more than 30 citations and investigations since 1982 against Carson and Barnes, with some investigations still open.

Rider, who trained elephants for two and a half years, said some of the tools trainers in most circuses have are overused to control animals. One such tool is a "bullhook," a long stick with a fire poker type point on the end.

Rider showed undercover video footage of a man in the Ringling Bros. Circus who hit an elephant with the bullhook and it got caught in the mouth of the animal. Instead of carefully removing it, he yanked down with both hands, piercing the skin.

Rider said according to the Humane Society, piercing the skin of an elephant or any animal with

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Property taxes to be abated with phone tax increase

City to bring in more than \$300,000 in new taxes

Phil Beckman
 Daily Egyptian

Residents and businesses in Carbondale will be paying higher phone bills after the Carbondale City Council approved the new Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax Tuesday night.

The new tax will collect 5.75 percent of all in-state and out-of-state telephone calls, increasing the city's revenue from telephone taxes by \$317,000, providing a total of \$1.16 million.

The council approved the new tax with the intention of replacing the city's portion of the property tax with the increase in revenue and with savings in other areas of the city's budget.

The new tax was approved unanimously.

Residents pay 6.5 percent of their property taxes to the city, bringing in about \$1 million, which is used to pay for street lighting, sidewalks, police and fire pensions and half the debt for the Carbondale Civic Center.

Councilman Brad Cole said that while the property tax will be abated, it is important to realize that this is a tax increase. The new tax will have a harder impact on some businesses than others, such as telemarketers. He said he wanted a more detailed picture of how this tax will affect different businesses.

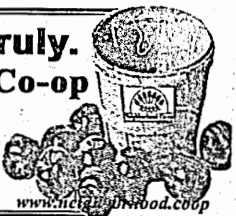
"We could come up with thousands of different scenarios," City Manager Jeff Doherty said.

Doherty said that some people will benefit greatly from this, others will break even and still others will be harmed.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Reno concedes Florida primary race

MIAMI, Fla. — One week after the polls closed, Democrat Janet Reno threw in the towel in her bid for the Florida gubernatorial primary Tuesday, clearing the way for Tampa attorney Bill McBride to claim the party's nomination.

"Bill McBride is the Democratic nominee for the governor of the state of Florida, and I congratulate him," Reno announced at a press conference at her campaign headquarters. "I urge everybody to support him, because I think this is going to be one of the most critical elections in Florida's history."

Reno's concession comes one week after the primary, marred by problems with electronic voting machines and claims that some votes had not been counted. The episode was reminiscent of the 2000 Election Day debacle in Florida between Al Gore and George W. Bush.

A final, but still unofficial, vote tally released Tuesday afternoon confirmed that McBride won the Democratic nomination to challenge Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, a Republican, in November.

In her concession speech, Reno took a jab at Gov. Bush, saying he had failed to correct voting problems over the past two years, and she pledged to work with McBride.

"I look forward to working with him to figuring out how we assure the people of Florida just, fair, timely and accurate elections," Reno said. "The present governor of Florida has had two shots at it now and he's not met either opportunity."

McBride came out roughly 4,800 votes ahead of Reno, the U.S. attorney general under President Clinton, as election officials in Miami-Dade, Broward and other counties finished their vote recounts exactly one week after the Sept. 10 primary.

Denver statue may endanger the blind

DENVER, Colo. — A 36-ton marble sculpture of the Roman god Janus was partially designed with disabled people in mind. But it has run afoul of a federal law that protects them: It may be dangerous for blind people.

The sculpture of Janus, the god of beginnings usually depicted with two bearded heads facing in opposite directions, has noses sticking out more than 2 feet, starting nearly 5 feet above a plaza.

The Americans with Disabilities Act mandates anything that protrudes 4 inches or more above a height of 28 inches requires some kind of warning for blind people using canes.

"It is a good idea to do something about it before something happens. I am legally blind so if I ran across it I might bump into it," said La Tonya Reeves of the Denver chapter of ADAPT, a disabled rights group.

The city and sculptor Larry Kirkland hope to find a way to protect the blind without degrading the sculpture or blocking people in wheelchairs from approaching. One idea under consideration is curb-like edging several inches high directly in front of the noses.

Kirkland hopes that blind people will touch the sculpture, which was put up a month ago outside a new municipal building that opens Oct. 4.

"It almost feels like skin," he said of the marble surface. "Stone is one of the best materials for interaction with blind."

John Grant, who manages the city's collection of public art, also praised the piece.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Weapons inspectors meet with Iraq

UNITED NATIONS — The head of the U.N. weapons inspection team met Tuesday afternoon with Iraqi officials about the return of international inspectors amid warnings from President Bush that the world body "must not be fooled."

The meeting between Hans Blix, the chairman of the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, and Iraqi representatives from Baghdad follows Iraq's announcement Monday that it would allow the return of weapons inspectors "without conditions."

In a letter delivered Monday to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Iraq said it would allow the return of weapons inspectors to "remove any doubts Iraq still possesses weapons of mass destruction."

In addition, the Iraqi government said Tuesday it will present a letter from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to the United Nations this week.

The talks Tuesday afternoon were expected to cover transportation and communication issues concerning the possible resumption of inspections.

Operative details al Qaeda's Asian expansion

MANILA, Philippines — A key al Qaeda operative has provided information that leads U.S. officials to believe that southeast Asia now has the highest concentration of al Qaeda members outside of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Information provided by Omar al-Faruq, a Kuwaiti citizen, also contributed to the U.S. government raising its terror threat level last week, authorities said.

Al-Faruq, 31, was arrested June 5 by authorities in Indonesia, where he allegedly had been working to unite terrorist groups from several countries in southeast Asia. He was sent to the U.S.-held Bagram air base in Afghanistan, where the CIA has been questioning him.

Authorities say al-Faruq was sent to southeast Asia in 1995 by senior al Qaeda leader Abu Zubaydah, who is also now in U.S. custody.

Al-Faruq used a fake passport to enter the Philippines, where he joined the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the country's largest Muslim separatist group. Regional intelligence officials say al Qaeda established a terrorist training camp at Camp Abubakar, the group's sprawling complex.

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Weekly meeting
Communications 1214
6 p.m.
Today
- Saluki Rainbow Network
Weekly meeting
Student Center, Troy/Corinth Rooms
6 p.m.
Today
- SIUC Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society
General meeting
Lawson 201
6 p.m.
Today

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Students attend leadership workshop with open minds

Hispanic Heritage Month Program hopes to 'shape' students into professionals

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

Students awaiting "Climbing the Professional Ladder of Success," a presentation held Tuesday afternoon for Hispanic Heritage Month, did not know what to expect.

"I don't know what I'm going to get out of it," said Armando Oshoa, a senior in public relations from Chicago. "But I came open-minded."

Undoubtedly, Oshoa and others in attendance did not anticipate the first exercise presented by guest speaker Rosita Marciano.

"I want you to envision these five shapes: a square, a circle, a rectangle, a triangle, a squiggly line. I want you to try on these shapes as if they were a piece of clothing. Which one of these shapes do you feel most comfortable in?"

The exercise, influenced by the work of psychologist Carl Jung, helped participants to identify their personality type, as well as how to fit their shape into a career setting.

Most of the students in the room discovered they were circles, the shape generally selected by those with nurturing personalities. The rest of the population was split between a few triangles, a couple of squares and one squiggly line.

Each shape had its negative and positive qualities, varying in their

degrees of organization and aggression, but all necessary for the workplace to function properly.

In addition to the exercise, Marciano also shared personal accounts, including early childhood memories.

As a child, Rosita Marciano spent her free time not scampering around the playground, but in alleysways searching for animals to heal.

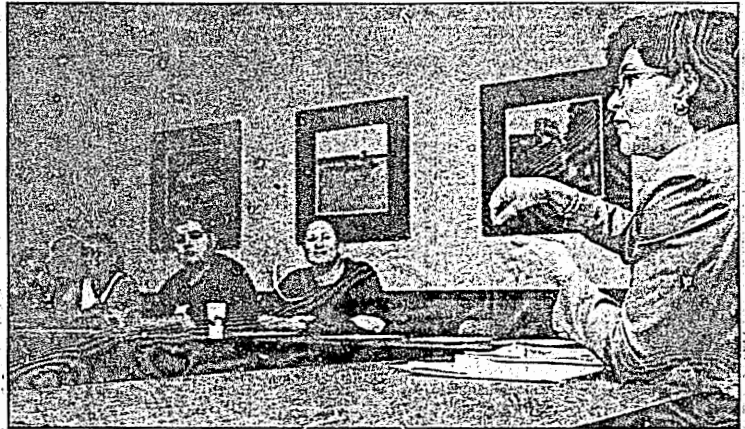
"I spent my childhood walking through the cold, shivering alleys of Chicago collecting dead animals," said Marciano. "I guess you could say I have an amazing gift. I can bring almost anything back to life."

Marciano's knack for revival inspired her to pursue a career in medicine, a career choice she was proud to announce in a composition about what she wanted to be when she grew up.

Marciano recalls the day she read her speech in detail. The colorful dress she wore, the flowers in her hair, but, more importantly, the statement of her fifth grade teacher.

"This isn't a fantasy assignment. What are you really going to be when you grow up?"

It would be ideal to say that her teacher's comment only inspired her to work harder towards her goal. But in many cases, such statements have the opposite of a motivational effect. This was the case with Marciano.



RONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rosita Marciano offered SIU students and faculty a chance to participate in a personality assessment exercise in the Ohio Room of the Student Center Tuesday afternoon. The exercise, developed from the work of psychologist Carl Jung, emphasized the importance of understanding one's personality.

She experienced a period of uncertainty during which she dropped out of high school. She earned her GED, and changed her focus to education where she eventually obtained her doctorate.

Though she never tackled helping the physical state of others, she found a way to mend their mental state. In addition to being a professor at Northern Illinois University, she realized that others experience criticism

and uncertainty, so she began lecturing.

Marciano's lectures, although they discuss her experiences as a Hispanic, pertain to a common goal of all Americans: how to succeed.

At 7 p.m. Marciano provided students with a lecture on diversity, "Celebrating Our Strengths in the Quest of Touching Tomorrow."

"The workshop is about how to succeed," said Carl Ervin, director of

multicultural programs and services. "I think that's an American idea that everyone shares."

Ervin stressed the fact that although the lecture is focused on her experiences as a Hispanic, there are ideas that pertain to everyone — all genders, races and "shapes" are welcome.

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West Nile virus count in Jackson County: 5

Illinois case count nears 400, death toll at 21

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

A 70-year-old Jackson County woman became the fifth reported case of West Nile virus in Jackson County Monday.

The woman, whose name and location were not released, was hospitalized for West Nile encephalitis. She is the third case of the virus in Jackson County in September, and all cases have resulted in hospitalization. An 80-year-old man was reported hospitalized with West Nile encephalitis Sept. 10, and a 68-year-old man was reported hospitalized for West Nile fever Sept. 11.

There have been 399 cases of the virus reported in Illinois and 21 deaths. There have been five cases of West Nile virus in Jackson County, one of those in the Carbondale area. The average age of people who died from the virus in Illinois is about 79. The youngest person to die of the disease in Illinois was 64.

West Nile virus is a mosquito-carried virus that causes West Nile encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain, or West Nile meningitis, an inflammation of membranes of the central nervous system. The Illinois

Department of Public Health said symptoms of the virus can be mild to severe and include headache, fever, stiff neck, stupor, convulsions, muscle weakness, paralysis and, in a person who is older or has a weakened immune system, neurological damage or death. There is no specific treatment for the viral infection.

Carla Griffin, director of nursing for the Jackson County Health Department, said she believes most severe illnesses are a result of encephalitis.

Griffin said the County Health Department is discouraging testing unless a person has developed neurological problems. She said the county would be quickly overwhelmed if every person with flu-like symptoms came in for testing.

Two-thirds of the deaths and almost 70 percent of the cases were reported in the last three weeks. Illinois has the highest number of West Nile virus cases in the nation.

Kevin Gillespie, director of the Environmental Health Division of the Jackson County Health Department, said the rise in the case count is not necessarily indicative of an increase in West Nile activity.

"It takes a while for a person infected with West Nile to show symptoms, seek medical attention and get diagnosed," Gillespie said.

The incubation period for West Nile

virus can range from three to 14 days, meaning a person bitten by an infected mosquito can take up to two weeks to show symptoms. Gillespie said many people never show symptoms.

The County Health department has been working with mosquito abatement districts since April to prevent human cases of the virus.

Jackson County has received \$37,700 in emergency money from the state for mosquito control. The money is supplemental and does not replace the previous mosquito control budget.

The department has been targeting potential mosquito breeding grounds through community surveys and is applying larvicides to target mosquitoes before they mature. Areas that have high mosquito activity despite larvicide application are sprayed with chemicals that target the adults of the species.

"We're doing a lot to kill mosquitoes, both in larval stage and adult stages," Gillespie said. "We're certainly hopeful these measures will help prevent West Nile virus."

Gillespie said that even if the weather becomes colder, "mosquito activity doesn't go away until the first hard frost."

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Minority faculty hot topic at IBHE public hearing

Jane Hub
Daily Egyptian

Increasing the number of minority faculty at Illinois colleges and universities will be the central focus at an Illinois Board of Higher Education public hearing at the University of Illinois in Springfield Tuesday.

The hearing allows anyone to voice an opinion about the current number of faculty members of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds, said Doug Day, IBHE deputy director of policy.

"It's intended to give anyone in the state who has an interest in the topic an opportunity to come in and talk to us. This is an important way the board collects information," he said.

The board approved a measure in August to begin a study that looks for ways to attract and retain diverse faculty from a variety of backgrounds. The hearings are part of that study, which falls in line with Gov. George

Ryan's executive order asking state institutions to push for greater diversity among faculty.

The governor's executive order asked us to examine the status of minority faculty on campus and to make recommendations on how to improve and expand minority faculty," said Don Sevener, the spokesman for IBHE. "One crucial way to do that is to involve people in the field who are knowledgeable about this topic."

Day said Illinois institutions fare well compared to other schools in the nation in its efforts to recruit minorities because of these graduate fellowship programs.

"Most states don't have programs like these, so in one sense, we're ahead of the game, but we want to make sure the programs work," Day said.

But the IBHE report still points to few minorities among faculty.

Five percent of full-time faculty at Illinois institutions are black, and Hispanics comprise

2 percent of the faculty, according to the IBHE study.

Ryan's executive order also asks IBHE to find ways to strengthen the Illinois Consortium for Education Opportunity Program (ICEOP) and the Illinois Minority Graduate Incentive Program (IMGIP). The fellowship programs assist minority graduate students in finding faculty positions at the state's public universities and colleges.

The first hearing is scheduled for Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room H of the Public Affairs Center. The second hearing will take place Oct. 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Room 9-040 at the Thompson Center in Chicago. Written testimonies can be submitted to the hearing or mailed to the IBHE offices at 431 E. Adams St., 2nd floor, Springfield, 62701-1418.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Current River Canoeing

There will be a Current River Canoe trip on Saturday and Sunday. There is no experience necessary, but there is a mandatory pre-trip meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center's Adventure Resource Center. The fee for a student, emeritus or member of the Recreation Center is \$51. The cost for anyone not affiliated with the University is \$80.

Four students receive Pulliam Scholarships

Maia Perrone of St. Louis, Alicia Creemeens of Carbondale, Timothy J. Clough of Murphysboro and Victoria Whitlow of Springfield are recipients of the Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarships. The Roscoe Pulliam Scholarship Fund awards four students \$1,000 each. Recipients must be closely related to an SIU alumna or alumnus.

Clough is majoring in mathematics education, Creemeens is a radiologic sciences major, Perrone is pursuing three degrees in painting, art history, and French and Whitlow is majoring in music theater and education.

CARBONDALE

SIUC grad joins Brehm Preparatory after six years at Goodwill

SIUC alumnus Samuel Cox has been named chief operating officer at the Brehm Preparatory School after six years as the executive vice president and chief operating officer at Goodwill Industries just outside Washington, D.C. Cox is a Carbondale native, and in addition to graduating from SIUC, he completed the Kellogg Foundation's two-year management training program. Cox was the recipient of the 1994 Distinguished Service Award from President Clinton's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement meets today

The monthly meeting of Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement, SILIR, will take place at 9:30 a.m. today at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center, 150 E. Pleasant Hill Road. SILIR offers all people age 55 and older to participate in peer-directed learning. Members develop and teach the group's programs and there are more than 200 members of SILIR.

There is a \$25 membership fee and a \$10 fee for each class, in addition to a laboratory fee for some courses. To receive registration forms, by mail, contact Lana Campbell at the SIUC Division of Continuing Education at 536-1751, or visit the division's website at <http://www.dce.siu.edu>.

Ready — PULL!

A handful of SIU students reactivate Skeet and Trap Club

Katie A. Davis
Daily Egyptian

A year ago, Tim Blockyou had never shot anything that could fly without wings.

The Greenville native had been an avid hunter since he was 16, but the clay pigeons often used in trap and skeet got the better of him that day. He only hit three of the 25 discs.

"It's a lot different than shooting a bird," said Blockyou, a senior in administrative justice. "Usually you have this seven or eight-inch bird in the sky, but suddenly you have this little disc. It's a lot more challenging."

Blockyou said his aim has gotten a little better since that day. He hopes it will continue to improve, and as a part of a handful of SIU students in the reactivated Skeet and Trap Club, he gets a lot of practice.

The group takes the 40-minute drive to the Rend Lake Shooting Complex nearly every Thursday to participate in the sport.

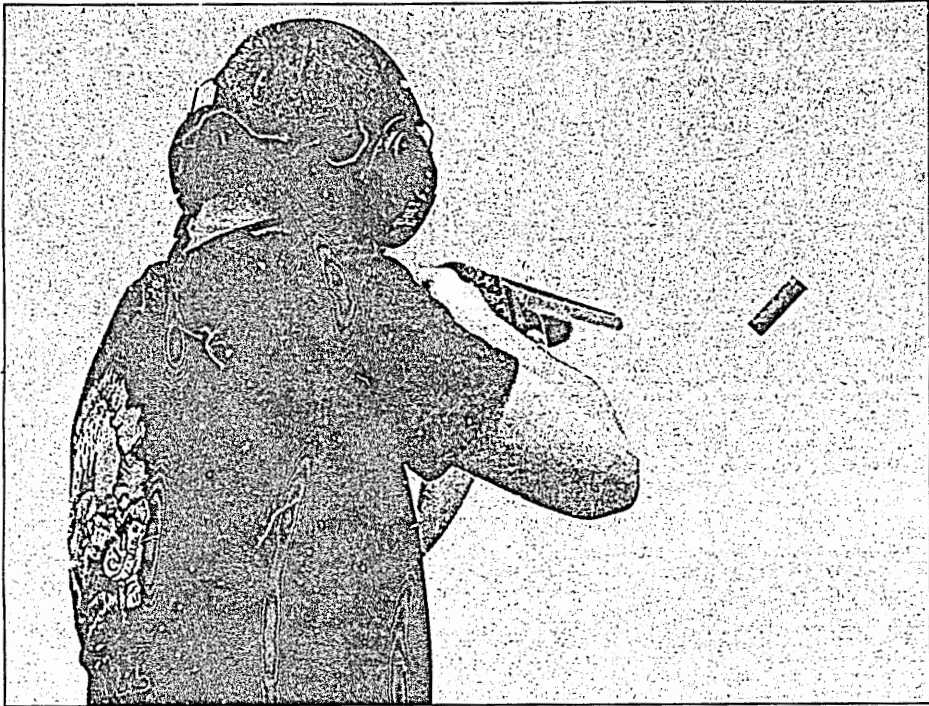
"It's a really friendly atmosphere," Blockyou said. "It's one of those relaxing things where old guys tell you stories about them shooting back when they were 20 years old."

Gus Bode



Gus says: What type of wine is served with clay pigeon?

Carri Perez, a forestry graduate student from the Quad Cities, said it is not uncommon that students in the Skeet and Trap Club take up, or already participate in, hunting. "Some people join to learn, some to practice, and some to network — find out the good hunting spots in Southern Illinois, or maybe find a hunting buddy," she said. Like hunters, Skeet and Trap shooters use shotguns to destroy the target. In Skeet shooting, one clay pigeon is thrown straight out, while two are used in trap shooting, and are released at angles.



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Above, a hot 12-gauge shell ejects from Tim Blockyou's shotgun during a round of skeet. Blockyou and other members of the SIU Skeet and Trap Club take a 40-minute drive up to the Rend Lake Shooting Complex to practice their shooting.

Right, SIU Trap and Skeet Club Member Drew Wackerlin lays out some of the clay pigeons that will be used as targets for the day's shooting. One of the clay disks is a rabbit, a target that is rolled along the ground instead of being fired through the air.

"With trap shooting, you have to follow the target, which, for me, provides more of a challenge," said Perez.

Unlike hunting, the clay pigeon busts when struck by the spray of shot fired from the shotgun. But since the disc is much smaller than most hunting targets, it is a more difficult task.

The Skeet and Trap Club is also interested in shooting as a competitive sport. Drew Wackerlin, one of the group members, is very active in competition but would like to form a collegiate team, so that the group can go up against other schools.

Wackerlin, a senior in electrical engineering from Aurora, said competing adds a different aspect to the team. Skeet and trap is a widely practiced sport and it has a spot in the Olympics. But the main purpose of the group is

having fun.

"We also want to beat U of I," he said.

Blockyou said the activity is generally turned into a competition between members, but that he is interested to see how the club could do as a team.

In order to compete, the SIU Skeet and Trap club needs at least five members at each competition, which Perez thinks will not be a problem as the group already has 15 members and continues to look for more.

Perez said anyone on campus can enjoy this activity. The Skeet and Trap Club is open to anyone on the SIU campus who possesses a FOID (Firearm Owner's Identification) card, which can be obtained from the state.



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SIUC faculty pay low compared to peer institutions

Faculty Association hopes negotiations will aid goals

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

By the time the Faculty Association was locked in negotiations with the Administration on Tuesday, SIUC professors were already aware of two goals for faculty — both with far different timelines.

One goal, an aspiration of Morteza Daneshdoost, president of the Faculty Association, focused on the current labor negotiations and a short-term desire: have a new contract for faculty by Halloween.

The other goal, part of the SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler's Southern at 150 preliminary report, is aimed at attracting quality faculty and improving salaries by 2019, the year the University turns 150. Wendler is accepting feedback for the Southern at 150 plan, which is still in its preliminary stages. He plans to have a final version submitted to the SIU Board of Trustees in December.

Although the desires outlined by the two groups have different timelines, both still point to something that

Daneshdoost said has long been known by the union and Administration — that salaries for SIUC faculty are low compared to peer institutions.

"The Administration has always admitted that the faculty at SIUC are way behind their peers and have made general comments that this problem has to be solved," he said.

Daneshdoost said the union presented a financial proposal to the Administration in Tuesday's negotiation session, but did not elaborate.

SIUC's average faculty salary in 2000 was \$51,600, almost \$10,000 below the average of \$60,883 for peer institutions, according to American Association of University Professors. That figure includes universities that Wendler wants SIUC to be comparable to be 2019: Louisiana State University, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Kentucky and University of Missouri-Columbia.

But Daneshdoost hopes that the negotiations will quickly aid the University's faculty.

"We are expecting this time that they put the action on their words instead of just talking about it," he said. "We hope that they approach the well-being of the students, faculty and staff."

Committee members who gave input on the recommendations agreed

that pay is an important issue but also stressed that faculty need more than competitive salaries.

James Tyrrell, interim associate dean of the College of Science, said it is important to equip faculty with the right resources that encourage research and career development.

And a good salary is often not the sole reason why college faculty choose to enter the teaching occupation, Tyrrell said. Some science professionals can earn more money by working in industry but instead opt for university employment because of the personal rewards, he said.

But salaries must remain on par with peer institutions, Tyrrell said.

"This is very simple," he said. "You have to be competitive. As the saying goes, 'You get what you pay for.'"

And the hard work of quality professors sometimes goes unnoticed, said Paulette Curkin, a coordinator in Student Development who participated in the Southern at 150 planning. Students don't always realize the extra work of research and writing done by many faculty members, she said.

Potential students choosing a college may look for teachers who excel in their field, she said.

"All students are different in what they look for," she said. Many faculty members who are

Average faculty salaries in public doctorate granting institutions, Fall 2000

	20K	30K	40K	50K	60K	70K
SIUC				\$51,600		
Louisiana State				\$54,800		
University of Colorado at Boulder				\$60,700		
University of Kentucky				\$64,900		
University of Missouri-Columbia				\$64,500		
Albany University				\$60,200		
Iowa State				\$69,000		
Kansas State				\$56,500		
Ohio University				\$60,700		
Oklahoma State				\$58,100		
Texas Tech				\$59,000		
Washington State				\$58,400		
West Virginia University				\$57,800		

Average of all peer institutions is \$60,883

Average salary of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor
Source: American Association of university professors

members of the union gave input into the draft copy of the Southern at 150 plan, said James Kelly, chair of the Faculty Association's public information committee.

And the changes outlined in the Southern at 150 plan will eventually be subject to bargaining, Kelly said. Although the ongoing and future

negotiations will take time, the faculty and Administration both have a common goal, Kelly said.

"Each side is looking at the ultimate benefit of advancing the University," he said.

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USG plans to review Student Conduct Code at meeting tonight

Possibility of Fine Arts Committee for allocating money also on agenda

Jack Thrasher
Daily Egyptian

The Undergraduate Student Government will be reviewing potential revisions to be made to the Student Conduct Code tonight at 7.

College of Liberal Arts Senator Erik Wiatr said the language in the Student Conduct Code is loose and can be interpreted by University officials however they want.

Wiatr said he is concerned that if the University continues to inject itself into the personal life of the students more and more, students may choose to pursue their education elsewhere.

"I would like to see the students of this University be given some basic rights we are denied in the Student Conduct Code," Wiatr said. "We are just wanting to avoid abuses of power by the administration by making the language more explicit."

In the first resolution, Wiatr stated the University Administration could sanction a student for disciplinary action that has taken place off campus, outside their jurisdiction, even if the charges against him or her has been dropped by federal, state, or local authorities.

This is the equivalent to "double jeopardy," but the University Judicial Board is not legally recognized, so the double jeopardy law does not bind it.

Wiatr is also concerned that sanctions imposed by the University do not affect all students the same way.

According to the Student Conduct Code: "If a student is placed on disciplinary probation for any reason, they may be exempt from extracurricular activities and may result in loss of financial aid."

These sanctions have a harsher effect on poorer students because they will be more likely to depend on financial aid than financially stable stu-

dents, Wiatr said.

He would like to see the words, "may result in loss of financial aid" be stricken from the Student Conduct Code completely.

Neal Young, vice president of the USG, stresses the function of the USG is not to propose legislation or push for legislation one way or another.

"We are here to ensure that everyone is treated fairly, that everyone gets a say and no one is getting too much of what they want," Young said.

Separate from the issues of the Student Conduct Code is the issue of fine arts funding, which the USG will discuss at their meeting tonight.

The fine arts are funded with student fee money, and the USG, along with the Graduate and Professional Student Council, feel they should be responsible for electing students to the Fine Arts Committee that would allocate the money, instead of the current proposition that faculty members elect seven of the 10 members.

Other items on the agenda for tonight are the announcement of a new senator from the College of Science, Crystal Gardner, and the presentation of a commissioner report from Ray Gilmer of City Affairs.

As the official voice of the student body, the USG would like to hear the opinions of every student if they have any concerns at all.

If students would like to talk to their representatives in the USG or the GPSG, they can visit the third floor of the Student Center or attend any of their bi-weekly meetings, which are open to all students.

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If students are interested in the issues or have information pertaining to them, come to the meeting tonight at the Student Center Ballroom B, from 7 to 11 p.m.

30-Year tradition broken for debates

League of Women Voters will not be hosting debate this election

Arin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

For the first time in nearly 30 years, the League of Women Voters was not chosen to host an Illinois gubernatorial debate, but there are no hard feelings.

"We don't feel like we've been ousted," said Stacy Patricoski, the League's executive director. "But we're definitely disappointed — it's been a strong tradition."

The League of Women Voters was founded as a national organization in Chicago on Feb. 14, 1920. It's Illinois chapter, with 4,500 members in 51 local chapters around the state, has been hosting gubernatorial debates for almost 30 years, according to their website.

Rep. Rod Blagojevich and Attorney General Jim Ryan instead went with WTTW/Channel 11 in Chicago, The Chicago Tribune/WGN television in Chicago, The Rockford Register Star, Freeport Journal-Standard and WTVO-TV in Rockford and The Illinois Radio Network/WBBM-AM in Springfield to host the four debates slated to take place in October.

Patricoski is convinced that the decision was a result of the candidates receiving a steady increase in invitations over the last few years.

"We don't know exactly what led to their decision, but I'm sure they have

some strategy," Patricoski said.

The League of Women Voters is still hosting U.S. senate and attorney general debates for the November election.

"We don't feel like we've had a shut-out," Patricoski said. "We're still involved."

According to the Chicago Sun-Times, both campaign officials for Blagojevich and Ryan said they meant no slight to the League of Women Voters. Spokesmen said they had to sift through 30 proposals to host the debates before arriving at the four they agreed upon.

"There were just too many requests to accommodate all of them," said Terri Hickey, spokeswoman for the Republican Party. "We were looking at organizations that hadn't done the debate before."

Hickey said that scheduling for both candidates played a part in the decisions as well. Hickey also said that Rockford stuck out in their minds because there has never been a gubernatorial debate there before.

"We wanted to diversify these regionally," Hickey said. "This time it just happened that these are done through media outlets."

The League of Women Voters remains unfazed by the decision and looks forward to hosting the other debates, Patricoski said.

"In over 30 years somebody's going to decline your invitation some time or another," Patricoski said.

The Blagojevich campaign could not be reached for comment.

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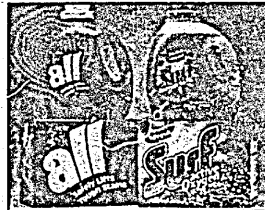
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OUR WORD

Increasing retention starts with students identifying reasons

The creation of on-campus programs is not the answer. Outside research is not the answer, either. If the University wants to know why the retention rate remains low, it needs to ask the students themselves why they are not returning to SIU to complete their education.

Final retention rates will not be available until October, but during the last five years there has been a steady decrease in retention, and the numbers don't seem to be rising this year.

According to the University Fact Book, 2,234 freshmen began their college careers at SIUC in 1997. Of those, only 73 percent stayed for their sophomore year, and of those, an embarrassing 59 percent came back for their third year. By the fourth year only 20 percent of the original freshmen actually graduated.

Offering the Saluki Advantage program, Center for Basic Skills, Supplemental Instruction and various other programs is a great idea, but if the retention rate has not risen because of them, it is time to either revamp them or find other ways to keep students returning to school.

In 2000, the enrollment management firm Noel-Levitz was brought in to help SIUC distribute copies of its "Institutional Priorities" survey to 2,500 students and 500 faculty and staff members to gain insight on aspects of retention and what can be done to raise rates.

Evidently, this did not work. The firm was unable to come to a conclusion, and the University was left once again to find another way to correct the problem.

Enrollment numbers throughout the years have risen slightly, but at the same time, retention rates are still falling. If the firm could not correct the situation, it just goes to show that when there is a problem at home — home being SIU — the family needs to take care of its own business.

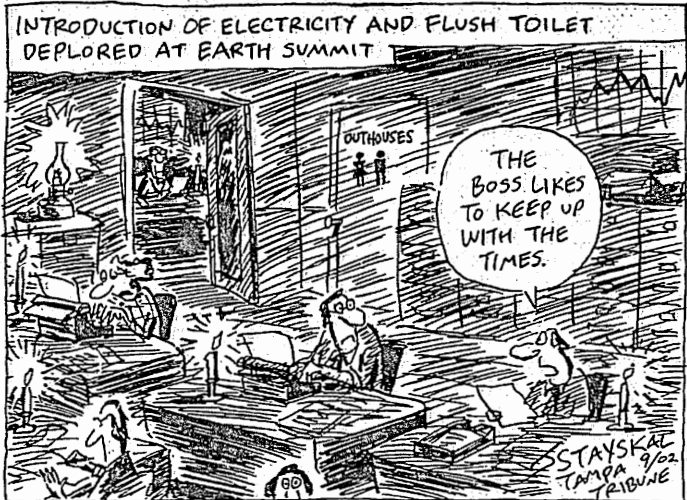
What is keeping students from returning to SIU? The reasons can only be found by asking students who have left. After students fail to register for the next semester or withdraw from the University during the semester, the University should send them a questionnaire to find out why.

From there, the University can examine the data to find a way to identify the top reasons students did not return. Then it can find a way to fix the problems.

With the special programs on campus to help keep students in school, there have been many success stories of students remaining at SIU, but that is among the students who are participating in the programs. What about the students who need the help and are either not offered or afraid to ask for it?

It is easy to say that the programs are there for anyone to utilize, but not all people respond to the same approaches of education, and therefore are left behind because there is no one to help them using a style or concept they can relate to.

If SIU wants to retain its students for all four years of their college career, it has to stop bringing in people to create new programs and conduct surveys of current students. It needs to strip away all of the costly materials and interact with the students they already lost at the same time as those currently enrolled.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Double standards pervade Pepsi

By Alaina Fahy
Daily Kent Stater (Kent State U.)

KENT, Ohio (U-WIRE) — Double standards have been plaguing this society for longer than I can recall. The majority of citizens have simply pushed the issue to the back of their minds. But with the recent double standard Pepsi has been taking part in, it's hard not to notice now.

Ludacris, the rapper, sings lyrics that some say are degrading to women and promote illegal activities. In one song entitled "Ho," he sings, "An'-here's a ho cake for your whole ho crew and everybody wants some cuz' ho's gotta eat too."

Pepsi, in an attempt to gain the support of the urban community, signed the rapper to represent its product. After several politicians pleaded with the public to boycott the company for its support of the rapper, Pepsi released Ludacris from his contract. I see nothing wrong with the lyrics of Ludacris' songs and do not see them as offensive; however, I do find another representative of Pepsi offensive: Britney Spears.

She sings lyrics like, "I'm a slave for you." Being a very independent woman, I find this more offensive than calling some women ho's. She prides herself on being a virgin but all the while singing, "Baby, don't you wanna dance up on me oh, baby? Don't you wanna dance up on me? Leaving behind my name and age? Like that. You like that? Yeah. Now watch me." To me, this sounds more like a strip tease than a song. Her outfits are absurd and overly revealing. She is the epitome of degradation to women.

The problem with Pepsi is not the lyrics of Ludacris' songs but the double standard. It's alright for a woman to be immoral and wild as long as it's

for entertainment, but when a man tries to do the same, it's seen as repulsive.

Until something is done about double standards, a woman like Britney Spears will continue to be called an "icon" while a man like Ludacris is called an ass.

Double standards are as abundantly clear today as they were 20 years ago. A boy is taught from a very early age not to hit girls, while girls are taught never to hit anyone.

Men are given a job because they are intelligent and overly qualified, while women are often given a position to fill a certain quota. Women have children, go back to work, and are accused of neglecting their children, or, if they choose to stay at home with their children, they are seen as incompetent or lazy.

Either choice a woman makes, she is destined to be looked down upon by society. A man gains a legitimate amount of weight and it is said he looks good, but if a woman gains weight she's pressured to lose it.

If a man comes out as a homosexual, some see it as disturbing and disgusting. But the same people, disturbed by two men in a relationship usually find two female partners as a fantasy come true.

Even Pepsi has taken part in a double standard. All it took was disapproval from society and a political leader. I understand they are worried about what customers may do, but Pepsi has been selling to Americans for decades.

Just as Madonna would not have killed the reputation of the soft drink company, neither would Ludacris.

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

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If you risk nothing, then you risk everything.”

Geena Davis
Actress

WORDS OVERHEARD

“Although this day is one of tragedy, it is also one of triumph. They thought America would crumble and fall.”

Detective Mark Goddard
Carbondale police officer

COLUMNISTS

American experiences equal spirit

During the last week, especially after the anniversary of Sept. 11, there was a lot of talk regarding the American spirit and what it means to be an American. This led me to wonder: exactly what is the American spirit?

I had a discussion with several people regarding this, and it is quite clear from my discussions that the American spirit is quite different based on your experiences as an American.

If you are a wealthy or even an upper-middle class person who has had all the comforts and have never struggled a day in your life, America is a wonderful place where everything is pretty good and every-one pitches in to help when a crisis occurs. Moreover, in your view, everyone can be just like you if they work hard and quit complaining.

However, if you are an inner-city youth, the American spirit is one of hypocrisy and lies, especially if you are a young black or Hispanic male. You are always the suspect that fits the description, regardless of whether you are

American spirit is quite different based on your experiences as an American

Lawrence Fishburne or Danny Glover or a Nigerian immigrant. You may be shot 41 times, and that is your American spirit. If you are a Native American, the American spirit is hard to comprehend because you probably are relegated to living on a reservation and are out of sight and out of mind.

If you are a poor elderly American, the America you know doesn't see fit to provide you with assistance for your prescription drugs. You may be forced to choose between food and medication even though you or your spouse went to war, defended this country and paid taxes. Yet, now, when you are the most vulnerable, you are abandoned.

If you are gay it's hard to feel the spirit when American society still treats you as if you are a criminal who is doomed to hell.

If you are one of the millions of working poor, it's probably hard to feel that American spirit because your government



Having My Say

BY LENIE ADOLPHSON

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doesn't believe that you deserve a raise in the minimum wage. It's perfectly acceptable for you to work for slave wages. Of course, you really may have trouble feeling the spirit if you are sick and can't go to the doctor because your good ol' American company refuses to provide you health insurance. But, then again, they don't have to. It wouldn't be the American way to compel them to do the right thing — some people may say that's socialism.

If you are a woman that has worked hard all her life and discover that your entire gender is still paid less for the same work and no one seems to really care, it's hard to feel the spirit.

Additionally, if you are a college student with small children and your daycare center closes due to state cuts, yet all around you there is new construction for more highways and roads — it's hard to get the spirit.

If you are a Vietnam veteran and now you are homeless and begging to clean the windshields of the wealthy — it's hard to feel that wonderful spirit of America.

I understand that I sound unapologetic and no doubt I will get my share of love-it-or-leave-it e-mails and letters. However, in the bastion of flag waving and apple pie eating, there are serious issues here in America. True patriotism is speaking out and demanding the best from your government, because in reality, we are the spirit of America.

Let that spirit be one of inclusiveness and compassion for all of our citizens.

Lenie is a junior in history. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

World Trade Center still smoldering for one columnist



Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY

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most meaningful building project in two centuries, I can't help but be thankful I am still merely a student and not expected to contribute a response for serious consideration.

I doubt anyone could identify with my horrific vision: a new replica of the regal twin towers, but this time with an eternal cloud of smoke billowing from the bottom floors, commemorating our inability to rise above this childish j-seing contest and come together for the sake of a mourning public.

Yes, I think this is the perfect representation, ineverent as it may be, of the true spirit driving capitalist America. Just as my faith in these mentors has vanished into flames, so has a piece of our so-called reality.

Perhaps 9/11 did destroy part of our nation's heritage. On the other hand, though, maybe it simply tore away the shroud to reveal a nastier side of America that was there all along.

Not Just Another Priddy Face appears every Wednesday.

Grace is a senior in architecture. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

A year has passed, and while our nation pulls together in an effort to emotionally regroup since last September's tragedy, a smaller band of Americans is faced with an additional burden: How do we physically rebuild after something like this?

The anniversary of 9/11 no doubt rekindled the burning desire within Americans to prove our strength and, yes, resilience to the rest of the world. But by stoking the coals of our nation's fiery pride, all we see so far are temperaments rising among architects and design critics.

In a recent Architectural Record editorial, one letter-writer describes prospective WTC blueprints as "just another speculative real estate development."

Maybe it simply tore away the shroud to reveal a nastier side of America that was there all along

While some in the spirit of unbreakable patriotism call for another towering, sterile, symbolic monument to capitalism, still others, such as critic Robert Campbell of the Record, suggest none other than a giant void as an appropriate tribute to our country's loss.

Neither side, however, can seem to distance themselves from petty name-calling and insults in the name of good clean competition. Campbell himself describes his colleagues as "unrealistic and juvenile" and their submissions as "pompous and self-important."

In the same breath, however, he complains, "when the general public sees nothing but architects and architectural critics bickering and accusing one another of selling out, the public, quite rationally, concludes that if we can't agree on anything, we must not know anything."

I couldn't have said it better myself, sir. At the time of perhaps our nation's

LETTERS

Banner hung to raise awareness

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to the letter "Picture not true of service" by Richard Wallace on Sept. 13. He stated that the picture of the "peace shunt" was not representative of the activities that went on for Sept. 11. I have to disagree. There were many pictures in the DE covering the solemn activities that took place in remembrance of those who lost their lives one year ago. You must realize, though, that there are those who believe certain U.S. policies concerning foreign affairs contributed to the events of Sept. 11, and that a military response to the attacks only continued the cycle of violence that plagues the world today. We cannot ignore the fact that more than 2,000 Americans were killed in a terrorist attack, but the best way to honor those who were killed is not with the bloodshed of more innocent people. That is revenge, not justice. The idea of nonviolence is not to do nothing; it is to follow the ideology of people like Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatmas Gandhi and to be proactive when we king for peace and justice.

A 25-foot peace banner was hung just to raise awareness. The idea was to make people think about nonviolent responses when George W. Bush

addressed the U.N. Security Council concerning an attack on Iraq on Sept. 12. I also want to state that five people holding a peace banner was not a demonstration. The peace demonstration came later in the day at the Town Square and was attended by more than 60 people. It was very successful and illustrated the desire by individuals in this community to examine alternatives to the current military involvement around the world, specifically in the Middle East. Whether you agree with this or not Mr. Wallace, nonviolence is a viable alternative to our current military complex, and there is support for it.

Lisa Torer
senior in political science

Disappointed with commercialized 9/11 vigil

DEAR EDITOR:

I was so relieved to read the letter by Rachel Springer in Monday's DE. I, too, was extremely disappointed by the vigil held last week that ostensibly was to commemorate Sept. 11. I'd seen the chalk-written advertisements around campus, and my husband agreed it would be good to attend. We arrived at 7 p.m. and were met with a party atmosphere. A

local affiliate radio station van and music sound system was pumping pop music with overly jingoistic sentiment. The crowd was overwhelmingly composed of young, white females sporting tiny skirts and camisole tops. Displayed prominently next to the American flag on Shryock Auditorium's steps was the flag of the U.S. Marine Corps. (Huh?) This vigil was clearly little more than a show of so-called patriotism. I say so-called because the whole affair seemed quite commercial. I embrace everyone's right to freedom of speech (even when I disagree with its expression), freedom to dress however they please, and expressions of patriotism (however interpreted). But we did not consider the atmosphere a vigil, nor appropriate.

The atmosphere here was not, in my opinion, a commemoration of the grave incidents that occurred the year before. As a result, we left immediately. By the way, I was wearing a Salwar-Kameez, a modest dress-like garment of Indian origin that covers the arms and legs, with a matching Dupatta (long scarf). I received numerous scowling stares of disapproval! We went instead to a prayer service open to the public at the local Mosque. This was our first visit to a Muslim gathering. We were welcomed warmly, and the Dupatta served to respectfully cover my head. We listened to expressions of grief similar to our own, and found common ground in concern for misguided use of the Quran (or any religious text) for destruc-

tion and infliction of human suffering. Unfortunately, other than the Carbonade chief of Police and a few reporters, we were the only visitors.

Carol Williams
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War about access to oil reserves

DEAR EDITOR:

I am very disturbed by arguments in favor of a war against Iraq, such as the one by guest columnist Amy Ridenour (DAILY EGYPTIAN, Sept. 16, 2002).

The war against Iraq is not about terrorism. The war against Iraq is about access to large oil reserves. The likes of Exxon, Mobil and Chevron Texaco are the main beneficiaries of a war to topple the government in Iraq.

In fact, the access-to-oil can't (in a post-Hussein Iraq) be being played to win support for the war in some recalcitrant countries (Russia, France...).

Are we willing to rain bombs on the Iraqi people in order to pillage their country? Apparently so.

George Mendez
alumnus, rehabilitation counseling
Carbonade

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AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Refreshing rain: Dan Johnson, a junior in accounting, treks home from class down Poplar Street during a rainy Tuesday morning. It has been weeks since the last rainfall in Carbondale.

Elections not typically a student thing

Jennifer Kolodziej
The Marquette Tribune
(Marquette U.)

MILWAUKEE (U-WIRE) — MTV can rock all the votes it wants, but many young people remain apathetic to political decisions that could impact their futures.

"I would be very interested in voting for something that had to do with college tuition or any matter involving schooling, but I don't attend school in my home state," Marquette University freshman Meg Gilgenbach said. "I would never be able to improve my situation, so it seems like voting will not

really affect me one way or the other."

In the 1996 federal election, 45.6 percent of people ages 18 to 24 registered to vote. About 31 percent voted, according to the Federal Election Commission Web site.

In addition, 51.2 percent of people between the ages of 21 and 24 registered to vote and 33.3 percent voted.

Voters in these age groups made up 7.6 percent of the total U.S. vote.

Political science professor Andrew Barrett said most young voters "don't realize the impact the government has on their lives." He

said that most college-age voters have other things on their minds right now. In addition, many have negative first experiences with politics.

"Civics education at the high school level is willfully poor," Barrett said. "(It is) taught very dryly."

Andrea Rowe, spokeswoman for state Sen. Brian Burke (D-Milwaukee), said policies are often explained in a way that does not translate well.

"Basic issues are not explained basically," Rowe said.

She added that young people should know that their votes count.

Young Women's Coalition plans for new health expo

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

The young women who gathered in the Student Center Monday spent the minutes prior to their meeting laughing and complimenting each other's hair and attire, among other conversation topics deemed female.

However, it was nothing but serious business as they entered Activity Room C for the meeting of the Young Women's Coalition.

The group of female students assembled at 6 p.m. for their weekly meeting, where they discussed an array of feminine issues; in particular, concerns of the typical woman. Members of the organization, which has been at SIUC for five years, realize that all women, despite race or religion, deal with similar issues.

This is one reason why they are hoping to develop a women's health expo next month. The event would be informative and help to provide women, with relevant information pertaining to womanhood.

"The glass ceiling still exists," said YWC president Faith C. McBurrows, a senior in advertising from Chicago. "The focus of the organization is to bring all women together toward a common goal."

Though a primary goal of YWC is to band together and work against inequality in the workplace as well as society, McBurrows said this is hardly a feminist organization. Nor is it a forum for male bashing. In fact, the organization was built more out of concern about females' interaction with each other than with the opposite sex.

The women who established the group noticed tension among sorority and non-sorority girls, as well as women of different race and religions. They wanted to emphasize the importance of female unity in society.

"We want to focus on women's issues," said Resheena Humphrey, YWC secretary and a senior in radio-television from Chicago. "We also want women to know they are not alone, and feel that they can come talk to us if they

ever have a problem."

Simyra Campbell, a senior in radio-television from Chicago, said joining YWC has introduced her to new friends other than the ones she has met as a member of Delta Xi Phi.

"One thing I like about [YWC] is that they embrace people who are already in other organizations," said Campbell. "It's a good mixture of different types of people."

Aside from being a résumé builder and an outlet for meeting other students, the organization aims to extend its services outside campus.

During the meeting, one of the first orders of business was the issue of community service, a requirement of the group.

"We're a community-based organization," said Humphrey. "Its fun and it helps you feel good about yourself."

As far as the current semester is concerned, YWC has plans for a variety of events, including an Angel Tree at the end of the semester, aside from the woman's health expo next month.

Despite a steady flow of ideas that came from the few members in attendance, the group is still looking for new members this semester.

"A lot of our dedicated members graduated last year, so we really need new members," said McBurrows. "We want as many people as possible to come out and present their ideas."

Until the membership drive in two weeks, they hope to reach prospective members through fliers and word of mouth.

"Women need to stick together," said McBurrows. "A lot of women don't get along for whatever reason and we want to help them realize this is not the way to get ahead in the workforce or in life."

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Students interested in joining can contact YWC's secretary, Resheena Humphrey, through e-mail at rshena2114@yahoo.com.

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September 22 Student Center Ballroom B

Addressing the Plight of the Romani People

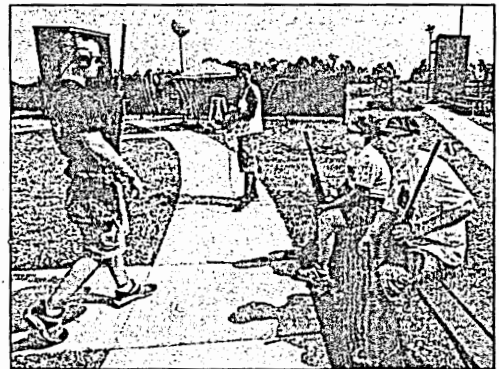
Addressing the plight of the Romani people—commonly and offensively termed "Gypsies"—will be the focus of a two-day symposium hosted by the Public Policy Institute at SIUC. International panel members will engage in discussion about problems facing the Romani people and provide recommendations on improving their situation around the world.

The Romani population has a unique history, having been labeled as outcasts in any society it tried to join. Its people have been persecuted throughout Europe, and were targets of Nazi violence and extermination in the 1930s and 1940s.

Former U. S. Attorney General and current legal defender to the oppressed, Ramsey Clark, joined by Dr. Ian Hancock, Director of the Romani Archives and Documentation Center at the University of Texas at Austin, will be offering their expertise on the topic beginning at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, September 22. Mr. Clark's keynote address begins at 7:30 p.m.

Symposium Schedule (all events at the Student Center Ballroom B)

Sunday, September 22
4:30 p.m. Welcoming remarks by Paul Simon
4:40 p.m. Background remarks by Dr. Ian Hancock
5:00 p.m. Panel discussion, Paul Simon, moderator
6:30 p.m. Dinner break
7:30 p.m. Keynote Address: Mr. Ramsey Clark



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tim Blocky walks over to fellow SIUC Skeet and Trap Club members Dan Uchtmann and Carri Perez after a round of trap shooting. During a trap round, a shooter fires at multiple clay pigeons from multiple angles, as opposed to skeet, where only one pigeon is released at a time.

SKREET

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"People can join because they like to shoot, or would like to learn to shoot," Wackerlin said.

Perez said members of the Skeet and Trap Club are also willing to teach individuals how to shoot. She said she has received many phone calls from women wanting to join so they can learn to properly use a shotgun.

"With skeet and trap, you can shoot a bow or a gun in a safe environment and just have a good time," she said.

The group is also interested in teaching a hunter safety course later in the year and hosting a collegiate competition at the Rend Lake Shooting Complex in the spring.

"Guns aren't just used to kill people," Blocky said. "You can really just have a good time with your buddies and enjoy a safe activity."

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For more information on the Skeet and Trap Club contact the group at stu_trap_skeet@hotmail.com.

Computer courses offered off campus

Courses help small business owners start or expand

Lindsey J. Mastis
Daily Egyptian

With the help of the Small Business Development Center, students don't have to major in business to become an entrepreneur.

Off-campus classes help those interested in becoming small business owners start or expand their business by offering free seminars and classes with a cost in the area of business.

Emily Carter, assistant director of the SBDC, said the free seminars address legal issues, financing and how to write a business plan. The other courses focus on business software.

"We try to cater the classes towards what tools small business owners will need to better operate and manage their companies," she said.

While most business owners are familiar with software programs, Carter said that many aspects of the programs are not utilized.

"Many times when we learn a new software program, we never fully take advantage of all of the options and bells and whistles that program has to offer," said Carter.

"Our classes are geared towards showing the students how they can use the program to its fullest potential and therefore gain the most from each software class that they are taking."

David Lightfoot, associate professor of plant soil and general agriculture, has taken advantage of the classes and seminars the center has offered in order to start his business, Genome and Agriculture Biotechnology LLC Services.

"What I knew about starting a business you could have wrote on the

back of a business card," he said. "The small business incubator has personnel who are trained and are ready to help you. It's well organized and professionally run."

Even though Lightfoot's business has survived three years, he said his enterprise still has room for growth.

Although the center is open to everyone, Carter said employees, staff, and students from SIUC often attend classes in hope of starting a business.

"We find that many employees at SIUC have, in the back of their minds, the idea of one day owning their own business," she said. "Quite often we find that students, particularly those that are getting close to graduation and thinking about entrepreneurship, will come out and take advantage of our class on how to start your own business."

In addition to offering seminars at the center, Carter said some of the materials are presented in courses at SIUC.

Carter said that most of the classes offered correspond with Microsoft Office and that many students and faculty find that their presentations can be improved with the help of learning new software. Most classes offer two levels, introduction and intermediate, and are offered in three to four-hour blocks.

"You can come in and take the class and walk away with some tools that you can immediately apply in a one time session," she said.

In addition to the classes, the center offers free and confidential counseling for business owners seven days a week.

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Development Center at 536-2424
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SIREA serious about AIDS support

Benefit brings people together for music, prizes, awareness

Evan Rau
Daily Egyptian

People rarely go to a bar to listen to statistics or to pick up a pair of condoms and a tube of lube. However, this was the scene Sunday at the Southern Illinois Regional Effort for AIDS (SIREA) benefit show.

"There was a lot of energy," said Sarah Barton, event organizer and member of SIREA Board of Directors.

Barton said people came away from the event having learned that AIDS is present in Southern Illinois.

"I don't think people talk about AIDS anymore," Barton said. "They take it for granted that nothing is going to happen to them; it's scary."

Tim Rice, another SIREA Board of Directors member, said he was pleased that people came to an event where people talked about AIDS.

"Sometimes you worry; people get glazed over," Rice said.

Several times during the evening, people climbed on stage and said a few words about AIDS.

"It's an awkward thing to talk

about, but they're trying and that's a good thing," Rice said.

SIREA started the night with a giveaway that included 500 faux suede condom carriers, which was down to less than 100 before the second band started.

Though spreading information about AIDS was a major goal of the event, the main purpose was to raise money for SIREA.

SIREA is an organization that helps people with AIDS in many different ways. It provides support to the lower 15 counties of Illinois.

The organization stresses HIV testing, offering free anonymous testing for SIU students at the Newman Center from 1 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month. The program is called "Ask Chris."

SIREA gives Christmas gifts and school supplies for children of people with AIDS and helps maintain automobiles for people who have to drive to get treatment.

The group also maintains food banks in Jackson and Saline counties.

"[SIREA] gives them the love they need," said Steve Tulian, SIREA board of directors member and project coordinator for the Southern Illinois HIV Consortium.

"It's good that we can do it with music," Tulian said.

The talent on stage was handled first by Dennis Stroughmatt and Creole Stomp, followed by Bourbon Knights.

Dennis Stroughmatt and Creole Stomp provided two hours of swinging dance tunes. The formula for their sound is due, in part, to the inclusion of an accordion and a spoon-played washboard.

The band inspired some people to get up and dance with total strangers or by themselves.

Bourbon Knights followed up and belted out some powerful Irish pub melodies, thanks to the 11 members on stage and up to five people at a time on the microphones.

Barton said that 25 to 30 area businesses made donations for the raffle. Prizes included a one-hour massage, multiple sock monkeys, and a \$100 vase.

Though Barton was pleased the raffle drew a lot of support, it was the spread of the evening's message that she was happiest about.

"Even to have someone mention it after the fact is pretty important," Barton said.

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Free speech threatened by terrorist attacks, study shows

Roa Al-heeti
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (U-WIRE) — A recent study by a student at Illinois State University claims free speech on college campuses has been threatened since last year's terrorist attacks.

"After September 11, academic freedom in America encountered some of the most serious threats in a generation," wrote John K. Wilson, author of the study, "The State of Academic Freedom, 2001-2002: A Report."

University professors disagree on whether complete academic freedom exists on campus but all agree there were no major changes after Sept. 11.

In an e-mail, Wilson defined academic freedom as "the freedom of faculty to teach, research and speak; the freedom of students to learn and speak; and the freedom of all at a college campus to speak without fear of retaliation for their beliefs."

On the national level, the study cites cases such as University of Southern Florida's firing of computer science professor Sami Al-Arian. He appeared on the Fox News Channel show The O'Reilly Factor where the host criticized Al-Arian for his political beliefs. Three months later, USF fired Al-Arian primarily because of threats he received after the show, the study states.

"Death threats are a serious mat-

ter... but no one has ever been fired for it before," Wilson wrote.

On the local level, some University professors say they've never felt constraints as a result of their personal beliefs, while others cite instances of being left out of conversations or administrators trying to push them out of the University as a result of their personal beliefs.

University spokesman Bill Murphy said administrators tell professors they are free to voice the opinions they wish and may identify themselves with the University — but they must state that the views are theirs and do not represent the University's views.

Many U of I professors reacted negatively to the Al-Arian case.

"He was tried on the press by someone who never gets his facts right," said history professor David Roediger. Roediger said he often tries to keep his views out of the classroom, but he didn't receive negative feedback on occasions when he did present his views.

"Universities are relatively free places," Roediger said.

But he said professors without tenure often practice "dangerous self-censorship," they often feel pressured not to present their views.

"Self-censorship is as big a threat as censorship," Roediger said. He said he always saw himself as an activist and did not feel pressure to remain silent before being tenured.



CIRCUSES WITH AND WITHOUT ANIMALS

Of about 42 national and international circuses, 30 do not use animals in their performances. The following is a list of some of the circuses that do and do not use animals.

Circuses That Do Use Animals

- Carson & Barnes
- Circus Royale
- Circus Vargas
- Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros.
- Hannaford Family Circus
- Kelly Miller Circus
- Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey
- Royal Hannaford
- Sterling & Reid



Circuses That Do Not Use Animals

- Cirque Éos
- Cirque du San Jose
- Cirque du Soleil
- Flying Fruit Fly Circus
- Flying High Circus
- Imperial Circus of China
- Mexican International Circus
- Moscow State Circus
- The New Pickle Family Circus



source: <http://www.circus.com/pictures.html>

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CIRCUS

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a bullhook is a violation and is illegal. "Actually the skin of an elephant is as thin as a human's," Rider said.

A statement released by the director of advance coordination for Carson and Barnes Circus noted that "all circuses have a first amendment right to perform with animals, as an artistic exhibition. The public has a right to choose to patronize the exhibitions. In its 66-year history, the Carson and Barnes Circus has been inspected continually by various federal, state and local humane agencies with regard to its animal care

procedures. Carson and Barnes Circus has been cited as one of the most progressive circuses on the road."

But Mary Boehler, a registered nurse from Makanda, said she had never seen footage and heard facts such as those Rider presented Friday night. She has not actively participated in animal rights campaigns, but her mind has been changed.

"It was very bad and I hope to talk to Natalie about helping out," Boehler said. "I want to educate others and let them know what happens to these animals."

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"We're operating a little bit in the blind," Cole said.

Cole said he was also concerned that property owners would benefit from the reduction in the property tax but they would not pass on the benefits to their tenants. The current property tax is already passed on to renters through their rent, he said. And while property owners will benefit from the elimination of the city's property tax, this benefit will most

likely not result in a decrease in rent. This will mean, he said, that renters will keep paying higher rent and also will pay more in taxes on their telephone calls.

The new tax will become effective on Jan. 1, 2003.

While the council approved the new tax with the expectation of replacing the property tax, the council will not have to act on the property tax until December.

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Spraying on the spirit



AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

(From left) Ellen King and Kori Andrew, both 16 and juniors at Carbondale Community High School, work diligently on their class float for their Homecoming parade. Carbondale High School's annual parade takes place at 4 p.m. Friday, and following that at 7 p.m. is the Homecoming football game.

Elections not typically a student thing

Jennifer Kolodziej
The Marquette Tribune (Marquette U.)

MILWAUKEE (U-WIRE) — MTV can rock all the votes it wants, but many young people remain apathetic to political decisions that could impact their futures.

"I would be very interested in voting for something that had to do with college tuition or any matter involving schooling, but I don't attend school in my home state," Marquette University freshman Meg Gilgenbach said. "I would never be able to improve my situation, so it seems like voting will not really affect me one way or the other."

In the 1996 federal election, 45.6 percent of people ages 18 to 24 registered to vote. Approximately 31 percent voted, according to the Federal Election Commission Web site. In addition, 51.2 percent of people between the ages of 21 and 24 registered to vote and 33.3 percent voted. Voters in these age groups made up 7.6 percent of the total U.S. vote.

Political science professor Andrew Barrett said most young voters "don't realize the impact the government has on their lives." He said that most college-age voters have other things on their minds

right now. In addition, many have negative first experiences with politics.

"Civics education at the high school level is fully poor," Barrett said. "It is taught very dryly." Andrea Rowe, spokeswoman for state Sen. Brian Burke (D-Milwaukee), said policies are often explained in a way that does not translate well.

"Basic issues are not explained basically," Rowe said.

Neglection 2000, a project of the nonprofit organization Third Millennium, found that young people who do vote seem to split rather evenly in terms of political party identification. There does not appear to be one political group that surpasses the rest when it comes to drawing the interest of a younger crowd.

Younger voters, just like their older counterparts, lean toward candidates who support their stands on certain issues. Young voters look for candidates who show interest in the same issues that concern them, according to the Center for Democracy and Citizenship's Web site.

Sophomore Jeff Weigand, a member of the Marquette Democrats, said he will be casting his vote and encouraged other students to do the same.

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Cole suggested the possibility of having members of the City Council sit on the commission, which would be similar to the role taken by the council as the Liquor Control Commission. Another option would be to have members of the Fire and Police Commission sit on the board, giving the group authority.

"The group shouldn't be a glorified complaint board," he said.

Michael Jarard, president of the Undergraduate Student Government, told the City Council he wants to see a diverse group of people involved with the commission.

Councilwoman Corene McDaniel stressed the need for the council and community to begin working in the planning.

"My intent was to get the ball rolling," McDaniel said. "The next step will be to determine how to do it."

"This is not something to be taken lightly. This is a very important step."

McDaniel said the decision was an important measure to take.

"The ultimate decision was: 'Do you want a commission or not?'" she said.

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Bilingualism is hot word across U.S.

Karen Brandon
Chicago Tribune

(KRT) SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Judy Hante, a 45-year-old manager at a telecommunications company in San Diego, started studying Japanese 3-1/2 years ago to communicate with and impress her customers in Japan.

Pete Thelen, a 44-year-old Chicago property manager, started learning Spanish a year ago to be able to talk to the staff of the vacation home he bought in Costa Rica.

Nathan Williams, a 21-year-old sophomore at Brigham Young University, enrolled in Arabic 101 and found himself in a class so full that some students sat on the floor.

Williams, an international business major who speaks Spanish fluently as a result of his Mormon missionary work in Mexico, said last September's terrorist attacks and the anti-American protests he saw televised from abroad led him to the class. Learning Arabic, he said, is one small step he can take toward promoting world peace.

"I think hate and prejudice are the product of misinformation and miscommunication," Williams said. "I think learning a language is a way to get beyond that. It helps us to identify with them on a national level and on an individual level."

Interest in foreign languages is experiencing a resurgence in the United States, fueled by the increasingly global marketplace, demographic changes wrought by immigration and security concerns raised by the terrorist attacks.

"There have been three points in history where we have had a renaissance in language education," observed Richard Brecht, director of the National Foreign Language Center, a non-profit language policy organization in Washington.

"The first came with World War II. The second crisis was Sputnik in 1957. And the third was Sept. 11, again, a national crisis where our national well-being and our national

security is dependent on our knowledge of languages and other cultures."

Brecht said foreign languages are spoken well by only an estimated 11 percent of Americans, the rough equivalent of the U.S. Census Bureau's estimate of the nation's foreign-born population.

If any one moment signaled the clarion call in the federal government's increased interest in languages, it was the image after the attacks of FBI Director Robert Mueller pleading before Congress and a national television audience for the aid of Americans with skills in Arabic, Farsi and Pashto.

One proposal in Congress would pay for a nationwide system of elite flagship language centers to teach adult students the highest degree of proficiency in foreign languages. Another would establish a national language reserve, a sort of language equivalent to the National Guard, whose members would be paid to maintain their language skills and would be on call to offer linguistic assistance as needed.

The Education Department last month established the nation's first consortium of Middle Eastern languages experts at Brigham Young University, which has an exceptional emphasis on foreign language instruction due in part to the presence of many former international missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Mormons.

"The level of national interest we see in foreign languages has not been there since Sputnik," said Ray Clifford, chancellor for the Army's Defense Language Institute. The institute in Monterey, Calif., was created during World War II to teach Japanese to Americans.

Clifford underscored the tortured history of language education in the U.S., where nearly half of the states banned foreign language instruction during the World War I era and education panels at one time advised primary and secondary schools to

drop foreign language instruction because students took too long to gain proficiency.

"The real test," Clifford said, "will be whether we can sustain this interest."

Well before last year's terrorist attacks, attitudes toward foreign languages had begun to change in the business world.

"There was a growing awareness that English was adequate to buy things around the world, but if you want to sell products, you have to speak the language of the customer," Clifford said.

High levels of immigration have meant that some of the customers businesses seek are in their own back yards. Some 80 percent of Americans say they encounter a speaker of another language regularly, Brecht said. About 40 percent of Californians speak a language other than English at home, census figures show. The rapidly growing Hispanic population, in particular, is leading to an increased interest in Spanish.

The Center for Applied Linguistics, a non-profit language education research group, said it has been inundated recently with requests for preschools seeking to include foreign language instruction.

Foreign language instruction in the nation's public and private elementary schools grew by 10 percent from 1987 to 1997, the most recent figures available.

In west suburban Bensenville, for instance, children in elementary school may receive 25 minutes of Spanish instruction twice a week, a change resulting in part from the increasingly Hispanic population in the district.

"It's definitely a grass-roots movement," said Nancy Rhodes, the linguistic center's director of foreign language education. "It is parents who are going to the principals and superintendents and demanding more foreign languages for their children. Parents are becoming more aware of the benefits."

North Korean leader admits kidnapping 11 Japanese

Admission eases tension between two countries, breaks isolation

Michael Zielenziger
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) TOKYO — North Korean President Kim Jong Il surprised visiting Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi with a confession Tuesday that North Korean agents had kidnapped 11 Japanese citizens in the 1970s and '80s in order to teach language and culture to spies from the isolated communist country. Six of the kidnap victims had died, while four are still alive and one is missing.

The sensational admission ended years of denials by the North Korean leadership. Koizumi had made resolving the kidnap issue a precondition for improving diplomatic or economic ties, although it remained uncertain whether the North Korean confession would clear the way for better ties, or instead inflame Japanese public opinion since so many of the victims had died.

The confession was in any case a clear signal of North Korean intentions to improve relations with

Japan and to break out of its severe diplomatic and economic isolation.

In an appeal to the Bush administration, which has labeled North Korea part of the "axis of evil," Kim pledged to sustain his moratorium on testing ballistic missiles beyond Jan. 1, and told Koizumi that he is "very open" to talks with the Bush administration.

"Kim said his door is always open for dialogue with the United States and he asked me to convey that message," Koizumi told a news conference in Pyongyang after a historic one-day summit with the enigmatic North Korean leader.

Koizumi said that the North Korean strongman made a rare display of contrition and apologized for the kidnappings. Kim told Koizumi that those responsible had been punished and he promised not to repeat such misconduct in the future.

"This is not the end of the issues between the two nations," Koizumi said. "But I believe we are a step closer toward having a framework toward resolving remaining issues," he said, indicating talks aimed at normalizing diplomatic relations between the two countries would commence in October.

Koizumi said he was "shocked beyond words" when Kim told him that six of the Japanese citizens kidnapped by Pyongyang's agents between 1977 and 1983 had died

while in North Korea. Koizumi said the North Korean leader told him that a special "fact-finding investigation" had been convened to learn the whereabouts of those kidnapped.

Kim admitted that the 11 had been snatched to teach Japanese language skills to would-be North Korean spies, or so that North Korean agents penetrating South Korea on espionage missions could use their identities and passports. Government officials said the North Koreans were unable to verify the whereabouts of an 11th missing person, but told Tokyo about a 12th man whose name was not on Japanese lists of the missing.

A Japanese official met with the four surviving Japanese and confirmed their identities, a senior government official said, indicating that arrangements would eventually be made for family members to reunite.

A senior Japanese government official attributed Pyongyang's change in attitude — and its willingness to admit its criminal past — to the "very tough stance of the Bush administration" toward North Korea, as well as growing economic difficulties. "The North Koreans clearly felt the need to adjust their relationships with neighboring countries," he said. "We are testing their will to change their behaviors. It remains to be seen."



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Iraq deprives Bush of pretext for attack

U.N. weapons inspectors were allowed into Iraq to avoid invasion

Warren P. Strobel
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BAGHDAD, Iraq (KRT) — Iraqi officials said Tuesday that they had offered to allow U.N. weapons inspectors to return here in order to deprive President Bush of an excuse to attack.

"The pretext that has always been used by them to launch an aggression has been dropped," said Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, a top aide to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Iraqi leaders claim that Bush's demands that Baghdad prove it isn't developing weapons of mass destruction are a ruse. Washington's real aim, they say, is to overthrow Saddam's regime and gain control of Iraq's oil resources.

Aziz blasted the skeptical U.S. and British response to Iraq's offer as proof of Baghdad's suspicions.

"Their reaction was, this is not enough, this is only a tactic," he said. That "gives testimony to what we have said. It is only a pretext."

Iraq's offer to allow inspectors to

return "without conditions" appeared timed to defuse gathering diplomatic pressure on Baghdad in the U.N. Security Council, after Bush's speech last week calling on the world body to enforce its own demands on Iraq. The president made it clear that the United States would act on its own if necessary.

Iraq's move to readmit inspectors fits in with a long history of diplomatic maneuvering by Saddam when he is under pressure. But it appears to have had the intended effect of placing the diplomatic onus back on the White House, at least temporarily.

Aziz said Iraq acted after direct pleas from fellow Arab countries, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan and Amr Mousa, the secretary general of the 22-member Arab League.

He predicted a continued confrontation with Washington.

"The issue does not end with the agreeing of Iraq to have the inspectors back," Aziz told a gathering of Iraq's international supporters. Attendees included ultranationalist Russian lawmaker Vladimir Zhirinovskiy and British member of parliament George Galloway.

Haider Abdul Aziz, a hotel owner in the city of Karbala, 75 miles southwest of Baghdad, pointed out that this was not the first time there had been a confrontation over U.N. weapons inspectors.

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Saddam Hussein has agreed to unrestricted U.N. weapons inspections; he has thwarted inspections since 1991:

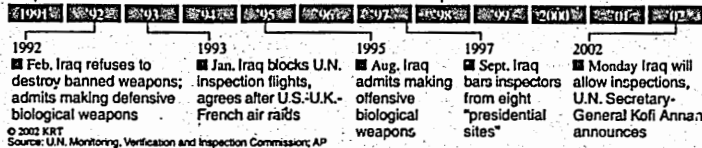
1991

- April Defeated in Gulf War, Iraq agrees to international inspections
- May-Aug. Iraq blocks, harasses U.N. inspectors
- Sept. Inspectors find nuclear weapon records
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1998

- Feb. Experts report that Iraq has not allowed reliable inspections; U.N. leader Kofi Annan visits Iraq
- April Inspectors visit "presidential sites"
- Aug. Iraq says it will no longer cooperate with U.N.
- Dec. Last inspections; U.S., U.K. bomb Iraq in Operation Desert Fox, fail to restart inspections

U.N. economic sanctions, imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990; will continue until inspectors find Iraq no longer has banned weapons



ed. They (the Americans) will fabricate things to escalate the situation," said Aziz, 25.

Bush argues that Iraq has never lived up to promises made after the cease-fire in the 1991 Persian Gulf War — to divest itself of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and long-range ballistic missiles.

Many Iraqis see the confrontation as just the latest in a long line since Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

But Aziz's wife, Amira Abdul Abas, 21, said this one is more serious.

"I guess that this time is different from other times ... they are very serious," she said, citing what she said was Bush's apparent desire to force a confrontation.

Iraq's decision "will not remove or stop the violence and aggressiveness of Mr. Bush," said Abdul Sahib Naser Nasrulla, the custodian of Karbala's shrine to al-Husayn, a grandson of the prophet Mohammed. The decision was made "to put the ball in their court," he said.

Nasrulla said the inspectors should be allowed back in, but with a

time limit on their activities. He said there also should be guarantees that they will not be used as a cover for espionage, which he believes has happened in the past.

"That is what we want. We want them to (do) their own job honestly, and to respect the national integrity of Iraq," he said.

Many saw Iraq's offer as improving, if only modestly, the chances to avoid another war.

"We hope that diplomacy will prevail," said Majid Hamid, 25. "But if there is a war, we are ready for that."

H. MC CONAW — KRT

More blacks look for family links to Africa

Paul H. Johnson
The Bergen County Record

ENGLEWOOD, N.J. (KRT) — David Briddell's parents died in 1989 and left behind a mystery.

Inside one of his mother's trunks, Briddell found bags of photographs whose faces he did not recognize. The images prompted questions about his family for which he had no answers.

Curious about the identities of the people in the faded black-and-white photos, the retired Englewood minister haltingly began to research his family tree.

Black Americans, unless they have recently migrated from Africa or the Caribbean, rarely have direct links to their ancestral lands. Centuries of slavery sundered many families and scattered any written records. They might safely assume their ancestors, bound in chains, came from the African continent. But from precisely where? And what modern African nation would that be today?

When they fill out census forms asking for ancestry, many black

Americans are at a loss, unlike residents who can readily write in "Italian" or "Chinese" or "Irish."

Briddell thought his research would hit a brick wall as soon as he reached the slavery era, when, he assumed, written records would disappear.

"I kind of thought that maybe I could get back to the period just before the Emancipation Proclamation," Briddell says.

Instead, he was able to trace his ancestors back well into the 1700s. Most of his family lived in Maryland, some as slaves, some as free blacks who had earned their freedom as children.

Genealogy has connected Briddell to a rich family past. "It's a real source of pride and inspiration," he says. Now he is trying to reach back through earlier generations in hopes of linking his ancestors to a specific part of Africa.

The desire of black Americans to fill in gaps in family history, to learn more about slave connections, and to trace their lineage to Africa has only intensified in recent decades.

"A lot of Africa-Americans are discovering their African ancestors,"

says travel writer Pearl Duncan of New York, who has found family links to tribes in Africa using DNA technology.

Duncan started researching her family years ago and knew only that part of her family lived in remote parts of Jamaica as Maroons, descendants of runaway slaves.

She always assumed that her father's nickname, Pari, came from some Maroon dialect. But an interview with a researcher at the Smithsonian Institution revealed that the nickname was in fact a shortened form of a family surname, Opare, in a language called Twi that is still used by the Akan people of Ghana.

Duncan realized that many of the strange words and names her family used growing up were bits of Twi. Then, using DNA technology, she found her father's DNA was a genetic match to members of Ghana's Akwapim tribe, who are part of the Akan people.

"Our history got destroyed or broken or dismembered by the sheer fact of slavery," he says. "It's like a wholeness as

you are able to recover parts of it and you put it all together. There's a lot of pain and oppression and brutality, but there were also some very wonderful gifts, like how they survived."

For the 70-year-old Briddell, a past executive with the National Council of Churches in New York City, genealogy provided him with a happier family history than he had suspected he would find. He has built a detailed family tree, complete with photos and charts showing connections among families. He got his information by interviewing family members, researching old census records, and retrieving church documents and even homemade birth certificates carefully entered in Bibles or on blank book pages.

A century ago, family photographs were rare, even for well-to-do families. So Briddell regards as treasure the photos of ancestors he turned up when interviewing older relatives.

Some are prim, dignified portraits. One shows Briddell's great-great-uncles, then boys in ragged farm clothes, working side-by-side with lace-collared white children nipping buds

from the branches of fruit trees.

Another shows Matilda Ayres on the occasion of her 107th birthday in 1907 when her nephew — Briddell's great-great-uncle — presented her with a 25-pound cake. The recipe for the cake was written on the back.

"For some of these people, it was the only time in their lives they took a picture," he says.

Names of several Briddell ancestors showed up on a hand-written list from the 1830s, a tally of free blacks that a local Maryland sheriff was intent on persuading to migrate to Africa and join the colony of Liberia, founded by freed American slaves. Briddell's ancestors rejected the invitation, he says.

He also found records showing the sale of forebears John, Isaiah, Francis, and George Fassett for \$400 apiece so the four brothers could join the Union Army.

"It's very humbling to do this," Briddell says. "The kind of stuff they had to deal with. And yet they kept their integrity, their own sense of self-worth. It's absolutely amazing they didn't get crushed or destroyed."

Singapore arrests terrorism suspects

Michael Dorgan
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BEIJING (KRT) — Singapore's government on Monday announced the arrests of 21 terrorism suspects, most of whom allegedly are members of a militant Southeast Asian Islamic network with ties to al-Qaida.

The latest batch of arrests resulted from a follow-up investigation after the arrests last December of 15 terrorism suspects who allegedly planned to simultaneously set off seven truck bombs in Singapore.

The U.S. Embassy and several office buildings that house American companies were among the targets of that bomb plot, Singapore officials say.

Nineteen of those who were taken into custody allegedly are or were members of Jemaah Islamiyah, the group blamed for the Singapore bombing plot as well as numerous bombings in Indonesia and the Philippines, the Singapore government said.

Most of the alleged current or past members of Jemaah Islamiyah who were arrested last month were members of the group's operational cells, the three- to five-member teams that are responsible for carrying out attacks.

Several of those arrested had military training at al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan and at the MILF's Camp Abu Bakar in Mindanao in the southern Philippines, the government said.

It also said that several had conducted reconnaissance and surveys of selected targets in Singapore on the instruction of their leaders.

Both batches of arrests were made under Singapore's Internal Security Act, which provides for unlimited detention without trial for those who are deemed to be security threats.

"These latest arrests have seriously disrupted the JI network in Singapore," the news release said. "There is no known imminent security threat from other JI elements in Singapore." An investigation continues, it said.

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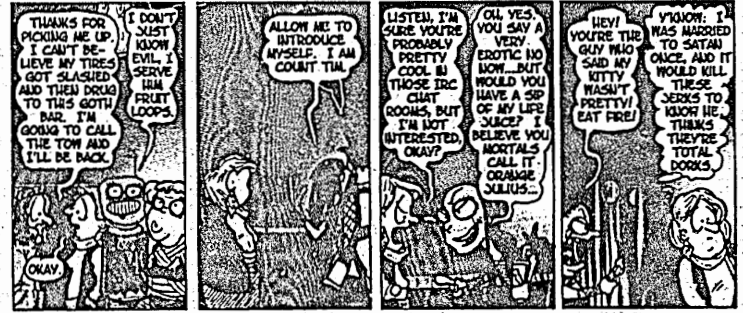


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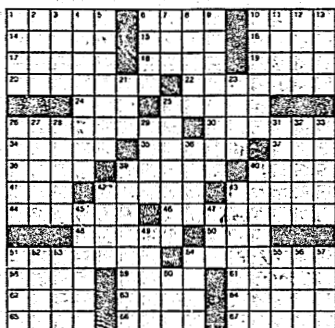
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The Dangers of Sports

With the recent upswing in sports-related deaths, officials are being forced to take a closer look at the physical requirements of competition

STORY BY ZACK CREGLOW • PHOTOS BY STEVE JAHNKE

In one week during 2001, four football players died in the sun-soaked days of summer practice, most notably Minnesota Viking's Pro Bowler Korey Stringer and Rashidi Wheeler of Northwestern.

They were just four of the 23 deaths in football during 2001, according to studies done by University of North Carolina professor Fredrick Mueller. Three of those players died resulting from heat stroke, while 12 others died from over-exercise.

“If we have to take our pads off, we do. If we have to take more water breaks, we do.

If we have to go with just shorts and shirts, we do.”

Jerry Kill
head coach, SIU football

The dangers of football and other sports are no longer considered myths created by over-protective mothers. The past few years have shown that these dangers are real, and they have shown to be merciless.

And the tolls are on the rise. “For five years [deaths in football] were steady at about three or four per year,” said Mueller, chairman of the American Football Coaches' Committee of Football Injuries. “But the last few years combined, there has been around 20, and that is unacceptable.”

And although SIU has not

been stricken with any tragedies, the University still performs elaborate checks to prevent one from occurring.

“We give a multi-part test,” said SIU athletic trainer Heather Ward. “We test weight, vision, for high iron levels, and do lab work. Then we do the orthopedic part, and then send the athlete to a physician.”

Ward also said that trainers are certified in CPR, First Aid, and for use of an automated external defibrillator, also referred to as AED. She said that trainers check all the athletes' supplements to make sure they are safe and do not violate any NCAA sanctions.

While trainers can check and re-check an athlete's previous and present conditions, the weather is something that trainers and coaches alike need to focus their attention to.

“[Coaches] have got to know the temperature outside and the humidity,” Mueller said. “When you get them together, then they should take precautions. And if it is too hot and humid they should practice in the early morning or evening and not practice during the mid-day.”

And in this day and age of bigger being better, players are pushing themselves beyond their natural limits. And in doing so they are placing themselves at a greater risk of heat stroke and other car-



An SIU athletic trainer tends to a Saluki defenseman in between plays during practice on Tuesday at McAndrew Stadium. Despite cooler temperatures on Tuesday, the Salukis are used to practicing and playing in warm and humid environments, which can become dangerous if not looked after by both the coaches and trainers.

diac disease.

“The fat insulates the body,” Mueller explains, “causing the player to get hotter if the temperature is high.”

SIU football head coach Jerry Kill said when the temperature is high and the humidity is up there is no arguing about how practice should be run.

“Well, I've been doing this a long time and I just listen to the trainer,” Kill said. “If we have to take our pads off, we do. If we have to take more water-breaks, we do. If we have to go with just shorts and shirts, we do.

“I don't balk at what trainers say.”

Mueller said that on hotter days players' weights should be taken before and after each practice, and if the player hasn't gained the weight he lost the prior day, then he shouldn't be allowed to practice.

Kill has abided by what the trainers have told him and believes SIU is more than adequately equipped in the case of an emergency.

“We have more trainers here than football players.”

The Salukis' heaviest player, offensive lineman Wesley Proctor, says he doesn't feel at risk when he steps on the practice field. The 330-pound junior also said that when he gets tired, he is allowed to take a break.

But football is not the only sport that places athletes in risk. Studies shown by the American Heart Association last November insist all young athletes are more



SIU athletic trainers help lineman Brandon Walker work out a leg cramp and give him water during a recent game against Murray State. With more and more athlete deaths in the past few years, and with the growing size of athletes, trainers are constantly tending to players to make sure they are in good health before competing.

than twice as likely to die from cardiac causes.

One such case took place at a meet in August in DeKalb County, Ga., where 16-year-old Shai Owens died after running a three-mile race for her high school cross country team. She passed a mandatory physical recently before the race, but she had a heart defect that went unnoticed.

SIU trainers have a defibrillator in case a cardiac arrest occurs. Another thing that worries coaches and trainers alike in cross country is asthma.

“You always run into injuries, but the main problem that occurs in running is breathing,” said SIU men's cross-country head coach Matt McClelland. “I haven't had a player need help yet, though.” McClelland said that coaches must be certified in CPR and that trainers always attend practice. He also stated that vehicles are near the course to tend to the athlete quickly if something happens.

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Women's cross-country runner, Erica Hall (left), finishes her race at the Saluki Invitational in Carbondale last fall. Just like football, there are many health related risks in cross-country that pose a danger for the athlete, one of those being asthma.

Skyhawks shock Salukis

Defense fails SIU against Tennessee-Martin

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

The SIU volleyball team traveled only a few hours to Martin, Tenn., but the ride home will seem much longer.

What was supposed to be a confidence builder for SIU turned into a demoralizer Tuesday as Tennessee-Martin (6-3) defeated the Salukis in four games, 19-30, 30-24, 15-30 and 28-30.

SIU players said they simply overlooked the Skyhawks — and paid dearly for it.

"I don't know what happened," said senior outside hitter Kristie Kemner. "I think it was just a matter of mental preparation. I don't think we took them as seriously as we should have."

The Salukis did the same things they did in their last loss at Southwest Missouri State. They played without much energy, screwed up the same

two rotations setter Britten Follett was hoping to repair and, above all, they didn't play defense.

Head coach Sonya Locke said that is what did her team in.

"I just thought we didn't defend well," Locke said. "And that's really something you have to have whenever you step out on the court."

The lone bright spot in the UT-Martin loss was the play of Kemner and Follett. Kemner posted typical numbers, recording 16 kills, one ace and six digs. Follett handed out 35 assists and drilled six kills of her own on only 10 attempts.

But Follett said despite those numbers, she was disappointed with her effort Tuesday night, as well as that of her teammates.

"We didn't go out there to win," Follett said. "It was more or less going through the motions, and they weren't just going to roll over and die. We had to play tougher to beat them."

The loss is only a confidence killer since it doesn't count toward the conference standings. SIU remains 1-1 in the Missouri Valley Conference and fell to 7-4 overall.

The Salukis are hoping to get out of their current funk before confer-

ence opponents Illinois State and Indiana State come to town this weekend.

"We're playing with hesitation and not playing with confidence," Kemner said. "We mentally need to get back into our game and hopefully the next few days of practice will help that."

Locke said confidence will not be a problem for long, and that the focus of this week's practice will be physical, not mental.

"I'm not worried about it," Locke said regarding concerns over her team's psyche. "I just think we need to be better defensively, and that's just something we'll have to drill on when we get back home. Mentally, we haven't been taken out of it."

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The SIU volleyball team will play host to Indiana State at 7 p.m. Friday at DeVos Gymnasium. The Salukis will return to the court on Saturday when they face Illinois State at 4 p.m. at DeVos.

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Salukis struggle with OVC

SIU's loss at Murray State was its second this season against a team from the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Salukis are 77-71-11 overall against teams currently in the OVC and have not beaten a team from that conference since Sept. 18, 1999, when they defeated Eastern Illinois 34-6.

In games against Southeast Missouri State and Murray State this year, SIU has been outscored 63-38 and has given up an average of 5.7 yards per carry.

Koutsos update

In SIU's loss at Murray on Saturday, star senior running back Tom Koutsos broke his wrist on the Salukis' second play from scrimmage. Koutsos, who is SIU's career rush-

ing leader, underwent successful surgery on Monday but is expected to miss the rest of the season.

There will be a press conference today and Koutsos will answer questions from the media concerning his future at SIU.

Panthers maul non-conference foes

When Northern Iowa plays host to Stephen F. Austin this Saturday it will attempt to earn its second win this season against a non-Gateway conference opponent.

The Panthers are the only original Gateway member to win at least two non-conference games every year.

Northern Iowa, which is 1-1 this season, has won 19 of its last 24 contests against non-conference teams. The Panthers have an 81-37 record against non-league foes since 1985.

Bears' streak snapped

A pair of streaks were halted when

Kansas trounced SMS 44-24 on Saturday. The Bears, who are now 2-1 on the season, had a six-game winning streak snapped.

The streak, which dated back to last season, was the longest for SMS since 1990.

The Bears also has their three-game road winning streak snapped in the loss to the Jayhawks.

Show Me State showdown

When Southeast Missouri State travels to Springfield, Mo. to tangle with SMS, it will be the 70th meeting between the two teams.

The Bears have a 41-28 lead in the all-time series, which dates back to 1917.

SMS has more games and more victories against the Indians than any other team in the Bears' history.

The Bears have won nine of the last 10 meetings between the two teams, including a 31-28 win last year in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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SPORTS FLASH

Men's golf places 12th at Webbing

The SIU men's golf team finished with a three-round score of 895 to place 12th at the D.A. Webbing Classic in Normal on Tuesday.

The Salukis finished 36 strokes behind tournament winner Southwest Missouri State's total of 859. Northern Iowa (861), Drake (866), Saint Louis (868) and host Illinois State (873) finished out the top five.

Senior Tim Hoss and Dustin Stewart finished in a tie for 44th place after both shot a score 223 during the two-day event.

Josh Wheeler (T-49th, 224), Grant Geitz (T-57th, 226) and Roger Welch (80th, 238) rounded out the Salukis' top five.

SIU returns to the links Sept. 27-28 when it travels to Richmond, Ky., for the Eastern Kentucky Colonial Classic.

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SIU swimmers prepare for trial by fire

Saluki swim team dominated by underclassmen

Christopher Morrical
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's swimming and diving team enters a new season with a pool of new, youthful members.

When the squad competes in its first meet of the season on Sept. 27 at home against Kansas, it will be the first collegiate event for half of the team.

"Some are probably going to freak out and get intimidated," said Jeff Goelz, head coach of the women's team. "And some of them are going to step up and swim out of their gourds."

The women have 11 freshmen and nine sophomores on this year's team, and 14 of the 28 overall team members are new to the Salukis.

There's a ton of potential and talent on the team, and the season should be a learning experience, according to Goelz.

"In a year or two, I think this team will be really mentally tough enough," Goelz said. "Not that they aren't mentally tough enough now, but it's going to be trial by fire."

Goelz believes that the upper classmen will have to step up and be great leaders and the freshmen will have to swim like they're not freshmen.

One such freshman, Briley Bergen, has been swimming for Goelz and men's coach Rick Walker for six years on the national team and she

won numerous honors.

She said she is quite nervous about being a rookie and competing in her first event as a Saluki.

"With everything I've done, you'd think it was no big deal," Bergen said, "but it is. It's your first race and people judge by seeing you. They think 'OK, now I know what she can do.' It sets the pace for yourself for the rest of the season. So yeah, I'm really nervous."

Bergen won't be the only one who is getting nervous about starting the season. Andrea Johnson, a sophomore who transferred from Northern Iowa after her school dropped their swimming program, also expressed some anxiety.

"I'll be a little bit nervous because nobody here has really seen how I dive," Johnson said. "I'm gonna do my best and try and show people that I can do well through the season."

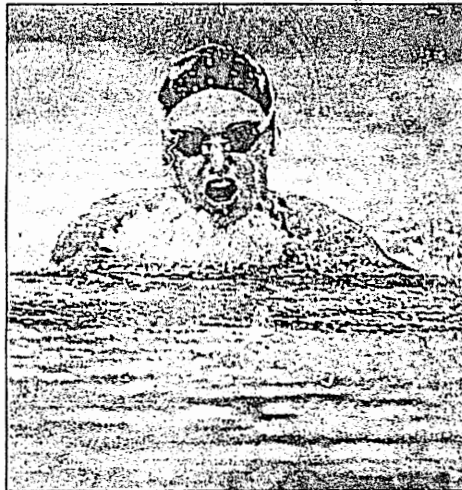
Johnson's transition was made easier by Goelz, who made sure all the new team members were comfortable with what they were doing. The atmosphere created by her coaches and new teammates has created some excitement for Johnson.

"I'm looking forward to being on this team," she said.

Karina Belache, a junior from Brazil, thinks that it's fun having all the new people on the team.

"It's funny," Belache said. "Everything's new for them. We try to help as much as we can so they can be comfortable and not miss home too much. And they bring lots of energy. They are ready to go all the time."

All of the new recruits, including Layne Baiza, Tara Brownlow, Rachel Giordano, Melissa Hanson, Laura Minton, Jennifer Janssen, Kelsey Kinsella, Elizabeth McGowen, Mary



DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU freshman swimmer Briley Bergen swims laps during Tuesday's practice at the Recreation Center pool. Bergen, who recently finished fifth in an international open water competition, joins ten other freshmen on the women's swimming and diving team.

Millard, Megan Simms, Suzanne Saunders and Megan Taylor, are expected to excel out of the water as well.

The women's swimming and diving team has been an Academic All-American team for more than a decade, and Goelz intends to continue that tradition.

"One of my big selling points as a recruiter, one of the big feathers in the cap of this program, is the 3.41 [GPA]

last semester, which was ninth in the country for all Division I programs," Goelz said. "That's pretty impressive. That's the main reason why these kids are in college, to get a great education."

That learning begins in the pool next Friday.

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Off the beaten path

You hear the cicadas' shrill buzzing and scraping that seems to encircle your ears.

The chirping crickets join in the melody.

There are no sounds of man's world that you've left behind.

There is no concrete visible. Lush greenery surrounds you as far as the eye can see.

You are hiking in Southern Illinois' great natural treasure — its forests.

"It's just a really nice thing to do as a stress release," said U.S. Forest Service Archeologist Mary McCorvie.

The forested hills of Southern Illinois are one of the most obvious, as well as the most important, distinctions between this area and the rest of Illinois.

If you've never visited the natural wonders this area has to offer, now is as good a time as any.

Fall is the best season in this area with the many colors and the comfortable temperatures.

"We're just entering into the best part of the year," McCorvie said. "October will be really, really pretty."

Giant City State Park is a good place to start, especially for those hiking from the vast flatland that extends across most of Illinois north of Carbondale.

The real joys of nature, however, are not found near a paved road with a neat little handicapped-accessible trail leading a few dozen feet to a scenic area.

The views in the forest that are really worth seeing take an effort — a sacrifice — to reach.

It's the feeling of accomplishment that makes a hike to one of the area's natural wonders worthwhile.

It's an experience that transcends time.

You are seeing the bluffs just as man hundreds of years before you saw them, with no cars, pavement or other evidence of modern technology.

You share the space with more non-human mammals than human ones.

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Gateway season opens with rare shutout

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When Western Illinois traveled to Bowling Green, Ky., on Saturday and shut out Western Kentucky 14-0, the Leathernecks pulled off a rare feat.

The shutout of the Hilltoppers was only the second time Western Kentucky has been blanked at L.T. Smith Stadium. It was also only the 12th shutout in conference history.

The last shutout in Gateway action occurred in 2000 when Illinois State downed Indiana State 21-0. The Redbirds have been involved in half of the 12 shutouts, winning three and losing three.

Southern Illinois has been involved in two conference shutouts. The Salukis defeated Illinois State 13-0 in 1985 and fell to Northern Iowa by a similar

score 10 years later.

The 14 points scored was also the seventh-lowest scoring game in league history.

Leathernecks sitting atop the Gateway

With its victory over Western Kentucky on Saturday, Western Illinois claimed the top spot in the Gateway Conference standings. The Hilltoppers are sitting in the cellar of the Gateway while the remaining six teams have yet to play a conference game.

Three Gateway teams ranked nationally

Western Illinois' victory Saturday not only placed the Leathernecks atop the Gateway standings, it also catapulted them into the national polls. Western Illinois, which is ranked 20th in this week's Sports Network Division I-AA Top 25 poll, is one of three Gateway teams earning national praise.

No. 6 Northern Iowa and No. 11 Youngstown State are ranked in the Sports Network poll, while Western Kentucky and Southwest Missouri State

Gateway Football Conference Standings

	Conference / Overall	
	W	L
Western Illinois	1	0 2 0
Southwest Missouri St.	0	0 2 1
Illinois State	0	0 1 1
Northern Iowa	0	0 1 1
Youngstown State	0	0 1 1
Indiana State	0	0 1 2
Southern Illinois	0	0 1 2
Western Kentucky	0	1 1 2

received votes.

In the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll, Northern Iowa is ranked fifth, Youngstown is 11th and Western Illinois is 19th. WKU (51) and SMS (12) also received votes.

SIU, which received four votes in last week's coaches poll, was nowhere to be found after its 42-24 at Murray State.

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