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Chancellor wants alcohol-free SIUC

Wendler urges campus officials to explore idea

Alexa Aguilar
 Daily Egyptian

Chancellor Walter Wendler went to President James Walker about eight months ago with a proposal to make SIUC an alcohol-free campus. His idea didn't fly then, but Wendler said Monday he has not given up on what he considers a bold strategy to transform the University's beleaguered image.

An alcohol-free policy would elim-

inate tailgating at SIUC athletic events as well as drinking at any facility rented out for recreational purposes, such as the Student Center. Other on-campus drinking currently allowed includes the over-21 Neely Hall and at special functions on Greek Row.

"I think it sends a good message," Wendler said. "It's a commitment to doing everything we can do that enhances academic quality."

"[Alcohol] doesn't do anything to further the goals of the University."

Scott Kaiser, assistant to the president, said Tuesday that Walker isn't completely opposed to the idea of a dry campus, but thought the timing wasn't quite right when Wendler proposed the idea.

"There are some obvious benefits,"

Kaiser said. "It might be too much of a broad-brush approach, though."

Kaiser said that any alcohol-free proposal would need to include plenty of examination and exploration.

Wendler admitted that his idea needs vigorous dialogue, but stood firm that a no-drinking rule on campus would do wonders for SIUC's image.

"SIUC has an image," Wendler said. "Most people aren't comfortable with this image, and don't think it's a fair reflection of reality ... to change the culture here, it will require radical action."

Wendler said that when he went to the vice chancellors with his proposal, they were intrigued by the idea, but not in support. Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard and

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

"I'm in the minority of one on this one," Wendler said.

Wendler said he has received letters and e-mails from people who said they want to bring their children to the football games, but can't because of the tailgating atmosphere.

Paul Kowalczyk, SIUC athletic director, said that, in general, he does not hear complaints about tailgating. He said he hasn't spoken to Wendler about the proposal, but thinks there would likely be a student outcry to banning alcohol from campus.

"I think tailgating is part of the college athletic experience," Kowalczyk

That's exactly what Sean Hanlon, a

senior in administration of justice from Virginia, said. He's a regular at football tailgating parties in the fall, and to Hanlon, the laid-back atmosphere of a Saturday afternoon tailgating party is an important part of the college experience.

"Tailgating is the epitome of school spirit," Hanlon said. "Everybody is just being college students, and yes, alcohol is an important part of college life."

But Cheryl Prasley, director of student health programs, said the assumption that alcohol has to be a part of the college experience is wrong. She said the majority of SIUC students don't drink or drink moderately, and that it is time to challenge the idea that alcohol is inextric-

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No way, Wendler: alcohol stays at Sunset Concerts

City council votes 4 to 1 against request to ban booze at Turley Park

Ben Botkin
 Daily Egyptian

Applause broke out from a crowd of about 80 people after the Carbondale City Council voted 4 to 1 Tuesday in favor of allowing alcohol use at Turley Park during the Sunset Concerts this summer.

The high turnout was partially a result of concerns raised by SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, who asked the City Council to prohibit alcohol during the concerts after he heard complaints from residents about public urination, littering and alcohol abuse. Reinforcing Wendler's request was a petition presented to the council at the meeting signed by about 500 residents opposed to alcohol at the concerts.

Sunset Concerts attract about 2,500 students and community members. The concerts are joint ventures between the University and city.

Wendler did not attend Tuesday's meeting, but sent the city a letter requesting that the Sunset Concerts in Turley Park prohibit alcohol use.

"Based upon discussions I have had with others, I understand that there have been many problems in the past associated with the consumption of alcohol," Wendler wrote in the letter. "I am sure you would agree that underage drinking, public displays of overt sexual behavior, littering and public urination are

not examples of behavior that the majority of responsible parents would like their children to witness."

After the City Council meeting was called to order, Mayor Neil Dillard noted the unusually high attendance at the council's meeting.

Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, who cast the only opposing vote, said the concerts were a good community event, but added she has concerns about allowing alcohol.

"Alcohol should not be necessary," McDaniel said, if people come to hear music and enjoy the time with their families.

"We should seriously consider what the city is doing," she added.

Councilman Brad Cole, who lives near the park, said the events provide a good sense of community.

"This is an opportunity for the community to come together and be in a place where they can get along," he said.

Dillard said that although there have been problems with unruly disturbances in the past, the majority of attendees behave responsibly. "There's always going to be someone who's going to do that in what's an otherwise pleasant occasion," he said.

Sunset Concerts are also performed on the lawn of Shryock Auditorium. Wendler said the University will allow alcohol at Shryock because he has not heard complaints about inappropriate



DAILY EGYPTIAN PHOTO - ALEX HAGLUND

Mike Ricci, owner of Mike's Music, 816 E. Main St., speaks against Chancellor Wendler's proposal to ban alcohol at the Turley Park Sunset Concerts. Ricci told the City Council of a church fundraiser in Des Plaines that allows alcohol yet remains a family event. The council voted 4-1 in favor of alcohol at the concert later in the meeting.

behavior at SIUC during the concerts.

Before the vote, students and community residents addressed the council about the pros and cons of allowing alcohol to be used at the concerts, a 24-year tradition scheduled for three Thursdays in the park this summer.

Former city councilman John Yow was one of the residents who signed the petition. Yow voted against allowing alcohol at the concerts in all twelve years he sat on the council.

At the meeting, Yow said he was concerned about the image problem Carbondale would perpetuate from allowing alcohol during the concerts. He also stressed that he is only opposed to alcohol at the events, not the concerts themselves.

Six candidates interview for provost position

Molly Parker
 Daily Egyptian

Possible candidates for the SIUC provost position made a fast landing into the St. Louis Airport Monday.

The applicants were met by a group of about 20 SIUC committee members, which gave them an interview more thorough than a current airport security check.

Undergraduate Student Government President Michael Perry, a member of the committee, said he could not comment on who the candidates were or the questions the committee asked.

"There's some that I'm really excited about, and there are others I am less enthusiastic about," Perry said.

The committee, comprised of various campus members, interviewed one candidate Monday and four Tuesday. It will interview the final candidate Friday at the Williamson County Airport.

The official date of interviews for the vice chancellor for Research position could not be obtained as of press time, but SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said those interviews will take place in the near future.

"These airport interviews are literally where the group goes to an airport and they fly in somewhere between six and nine candidates," Wendler said. "They will sit down across the table and say what are these people like, how do they answer questions, try to understand what their value systems are — all the important stuff."

The University will foot the bill for the candidates' plane tickets, plus travel and hotel expenses for the committee members and candidates. Wendler said it was more convenient to conduct the interviews at the airport, where they can all be done at once with few distractions.

A select few candidates for these two unfilled positions are expected to make an appearance on campus sometime before finals week. Wendler said he expects to pick his favorite about one month later.

The University dropped \$200,000 to hire a research firm charged with finding qualified people to apply for the job. The University is looking for people to fill three positions — vice chancellor and provost, vice chancellor for Research and dean of the Graduate School and the dean of the School of Medicine in Springfield.

Interviews for the dean of the School of Medicine are likely to be done at an airport in Chicago, Wendler said.

The external search committee was not present at the airport for the interviewing process,

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Texas police say siblings confessed to murder of boy

LEWISVILLE, Texas - The body of a 6-year-old boy was found bled in mud early Tuesday with a puncture wound to the neck, and his brother and sister confessed to the killing, authorities said. Jackson Carr was found in a wooded area. His 10-year-old brother and 15-year-old sister were in custody, Sgt. Richard Douglas said.

The boy's body was found about 100 feet from his family's home. He was reported missing Monday evening after his 10-year-old brother told their parents he could not find him after a game of hide-and-seek. The brother said he held Jackson down during the incident, Douglas said. Lewisville is a suburb north of Dallas.



Lottery jackpot hits \$325M

ATLANTA - Consider the morbid math: A dreamer looking to win the \$225 million Big Game lottery is 16 times more likely to get killed driving to the gas station to buy a ticket. Still, the near-impossible odds failed to deter the thousands of people rushing to snap up tickets for Tuesday night's drawing for the second-biggest lottery jackpot in U.S. history. The odds of winning are 1 in 76 million. The jackpot in the seven-state game played in Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey and Virginia climbed \$25 million Monday after strong sales over the weekend. By the time of the drawing, the prize could swell past the U.S. record of \$363 million, split by

Pre-summer heat spreads across Midwest and East

Spring jackets were replaced by shorts and T-shirts as a summer-like heat boosted mid-April temperatures to record highs in the 80s and even the low 90s from the Plains to the East. Temperatures headed back into the 80s on Tuesday as far north as the Great Lakes and southern New England, with a high of 88 possible in Philadelphia, Albany, N.Y., was already up to 73 by late morning.

The heat reached record highs Monday from eastern Colorado to Indiana, including 84 at Denver; 91 at St. Joseph, Mo.; 90 at La Crosse, Wis.; 91 at Waterloo and Mason City, Iowa; and 87 in South Bend, Ind. In Minnesota, the last remaining of the dead disappeared from the city's chain of lakes as the temperature peaked at 91, well above the previous mark of 82 that had been on the record books since 1915. Chicago's high of 88 on Monday was 30 degrees above the average high for April 15.

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Offensive begins in Afghanistan

BAGRAM, Afghanistan - U.S.-led forces have launched their first major combat operation in a month against Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters in eastern Afghanistan, officials announced Tuesday. In Kabul, meanwhile, interim leader Hamid Karzai arrived in Rome to accompany former king Mohammad Zahir Shah - widely seen as a unifying figure - back to Afghanistan after 29 years in exile.

The latest allied offensive involves British, American and Afghan troops and marks the Afghan war combat debut for Britain's elite force of Royal Marines, trained to operate in small units in mountains that rise more than 10,000 feet. British spokesman Lt. Col. Paul Harradine gave few details, saying only that the operation began several days ago in an area "that was formerly known as an al-Qaeda and Taliban base." U.S. military officials wouldn't say how many American soldiers were taking part.



Dutch government resigns

THE HAGUE, Netherlands - The Dutch government collapsed Tuesday under the pressure of a report that blamed political leaders in part for failing to prevent the Serb massacre of Muslims during the 1995 fall of the Bosnian town of Srebrenica. The resignation was announced by Prime Minister Wim Kok, who also headed the government in 1995, when Bosnian Serb forces stormed past outgunned Dutch peacekeepers and overran the U.N.-declared "safe

zone," killing some 7,500 Muslims.

The government-commissioned report, which took nearly six years to research, harshly criticized the government for sending Dutch soldiers into a danger zone without a proper mandate or the weapons needed to defend about 30,000 refugees who had fled to the Dutch base seeking protection.

The Dutch military was in charge of peacekeeping operations in the region when Serb forces attacked Srebrenica, dishing out or killing its Muslim residents in a week of bloodshed at the end of 1992-1995 Bosnian war. After the report's release Wednesday by the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation, Kok said the government would accept responsibility for its failure to protect the enclave.

Man released after arrest in Tunisian explosion

BERLIN - German police questioned and then freed a man Tuesday on suspicion of acting as a contact in the explosion of a truck at a synagogue in Tunisia that killed 15 people, including 10 Germans, prosecutors said. The suspect was taken into custody Monday in the western city of Duisburg based on a tip about a telephone call from Tunisia to Germany before the explosion. He was released Tuesday after questioning and searches of his apartment and those of several associates turned up no evidence to warrant holding him longer.

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Calendar

TODAY

- Saluki Rainbow Network meeting
5:30 p.m. Student Center Troy/Coathill rooms
- PRSSA meeting
4:30 p.m. Student Center Cambria Room
- Rock Climbing/Backpacking at Ferne Cliffe
Pre-trip meeting
7 p.m. Student Center Adventure Resource Room

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Carbondale

- Michael Lewis, 27, was arrested at 12:20 p.m. Monday at CVS Pharmacy, 2431 W. Main St., and charged with forgery after allegedly changing a Vicodin prescription from the Carbondale Clinic to read Vicodin ES. Lewis was taken to Jackson County Jail
- Robert N. Crump, 19, was arrested at 2:44 a.m. Saturday and charged with reckless conduct after allegedly knocking over a pedestrian crosswalk sign on Douglas Drive at Lot 23. Crump was issued a pay-by-mail citation.
- CDs were stolen between 4:30 p.m. Friday and 5 p.m. Monday from a vehicle parked in Lot 106. The approximately 150 CDs are valued at \$2,250. Police have no suspects.
- Sean Polovich, 20, was arrested at 5:49 p.m. Monday at Morris Library and charged with public indecency, disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia. Polovich was taken to Jackson County Jail.

Corrections

- Tuesday's story "ACLU's encroachment ordinance forum draws few students," should have stated that USG Senator Rob Taylor was at the meeting. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.
- Tuesday's photo outline misidentified Anon Mardosz. The outline should have stated Mardosz was renting a kayak. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.
- Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311 ext. 252.

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One more day to go

Nearly 900 turn out for elections

Jane Hub
Daily Egyptian

Not even the steamy weather could keep Bob Piet from running around campus Tuesday sweating profusely from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Piet, Undergraduate Student Government election commissioner, was on a mission to regulate a clean and efficient USG election, which drew nearly 900 voters on its first day. Tomorrow's election will take place at the same locations and the same times.

"It's nice weather. I wish it could be a little bit cooler, but it's not unbearably hot either," Piet said, as he trekked to the polls in Lentz Hall.

Meanwhile, the other election commissioners, Matt Schilling, Chris Loker and Graduate and Professional Student Council election commissioner Chris Reis, were spread throughout campus checking the other polls.

Piet received a fuzzy message from Schilling through his USG-funded walkie talkie about a

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shipped in a red University van to an undisclosed location accessible only to Loker.

"Dick Cheney will be there," he said jokingly. The commissioners say voters and candidates should not expect problems or dirty tricks.

"There are no problems; the system has worked fine. We want to keep the momentum," Loker said. "Everything is running really, really smoothly."

The extra election day is expected to surpass last year's voter turnout, which was about 1,500. Matt Pruemer, a junior in finance from Effingham, is a second-time USG voter.

"I just wanna put my input and do what I can.



Fanter Hall Tuesday afternoon. The area was a place of gathering for many candidates handing out flyers and meeting the students who are voting. Peter Normand, candidate for CASA Senator, is in the background persuading a student to vote in the elections.

If it's available, I should vote," he said.

Ballots are color-coded based on the day of election, and Tuesday's polling volunteers were trained for an hour before they went to work.

"We train them on how to scan their [student ID] card, we do some role playing and we were also answering questions they had," Loker said.

Volunteers at Morris Library enjoyed the cool air-conditioned atmosphere to explain the new scantron format to voters.

"This is a good experience, and we get extra credit for this," said Stephanie Medley, a senior in sociology from Pana.

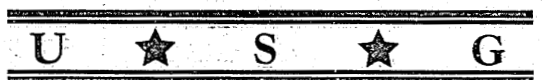
Tiffany Hubbard, a junior in mass communications from Schaumburg, said volunteering at the polls gave her an opportunity to meet a group of diverse students as well as the candidates.

Though there was no shortage of volunteers Tuesday, the commissioners said more assistance is needed from students for today's final election, even for an hour. Polling places that are in need of polling workers are Lentz, Grinnell, Trueblood and Morris Library from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Reporter Jane Hub can be reached at jnhub@dailyegyptian.com

More volunteers are needed for today's election. If interested, call 536-3381.

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- Morris Library
- Trueblood
- Lentz
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Eighteen students travel to Washington to protest war

Students join over 100,000 demonstrators for non-violent peace rallies in Washington

Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

A.J. Cesana will march in a funeral procession unlike any other in the United States this weekend — and it is not his first time.

The School of Americas funeral march is one protest among several this weekend in a demonstration for peace and anti-war sentiment, which 18 SIUC students will attend in Washington, D.C. Friday through Sunday.

Cesana, a freshman in geography from Batavia, remembers being surrounded by hundreds of people last November carrying large crosses down the streets of Georgia in front of the School of Americas headquarters in mourning for a massive number of South American citizens who died at the hands of the school's graduates.

Names of the victims killed by military tactics taught to Latin American troops and dictators at the school were announced individually over loud speakers. Cesana said he looked around and noticed he was not the only one

with fresh tears streaming down his face.

"It was very solemn and very sad," Cesana said. "But it was also very satisfying — seeing that people out there know its meaning."

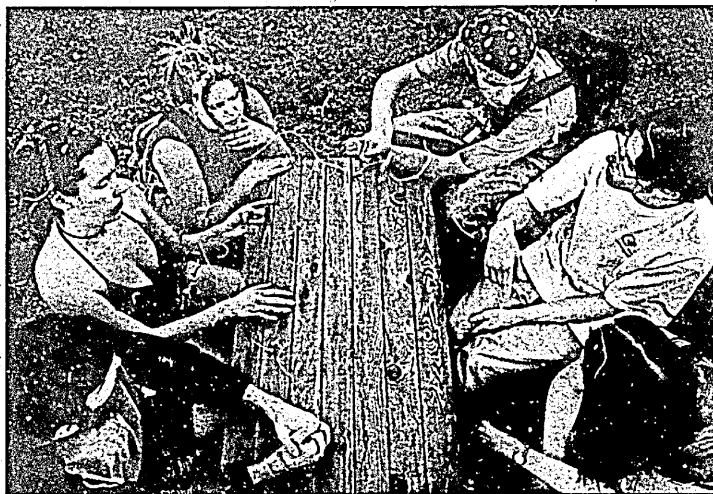
The School of Americas funeral procession will begin a string of more than 15 protests taking place in Washington, D.C. this weekend, including "United We March," "Coalition Lobbying" and "Stop the War at Home and Abroad."

Lisa Tozer, a junior in political science from Fort Madison, Iowa, helped organize the small group of SIUC students joining forces with more than 100,000 other protesters. She said the largest crowd will attend the only permitted march, the "March on Washington Against War and Racism."

Tozer said everyone will come together at the mall in front of the U.S. Capitol building to demonstrate for peace non-violently with protection by riot police. People from Afghanistan, Columbia and other countries are encouraged to speak about their experiences during wartime.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon have been invited to speak during the protest.

Sunday's IMF/World Bank protest is definitely not permitted and often can result in some arrests,



(Clockwise from left to right) Treesong, Rebecca DeCoster, Lisa Tozer, Joe Monahan, A.J. Cesana and Lori Swanson discuss driving arrangements Tuesday in regard to their peace and justice rally in Washington D.C. The students are among 18 who are making the trip from April 18 to 22 to join some 20 different peace organizations.

according to Tozer. Often this organization, which provides aid for underdeveloped and needy countries, among other policies, upsets people like Cesana.

"It is a new imperialism — it gets loans for countries then makes them give up their sovereignty," Cesana said.

Tozer said some students like Cesana will attend these unlawful rallies, but others will go to lower-risk protests, such as the permitted peace rally. With an increasing number of people opposing the war in Afghanistan, Tozer said she knows the students will be excited

to express their rights through democracy.

"We are invading places that have nothing to do with this, and going above and beyond what action was called for after Sept. 11," Tozer said. "Now is a very crucial time to call for peace and mobilize people to show our elected officials this is not what we support."

With more than 100,000 people showing their anti-war sentiment, the protest proves to be powerful in Cesana's eyes. To him, the protesters have a certain drive to demonstrate their beliefs.

"We supposedly live in a democ-

racy and have the right to petition our grievances against the government," he said. "Some people sit on their ass and let things go — but others get off their ass and do something."

Reporter Samantha Edmondson can be reached at sedmondson@dailyegyptian.com

For more information on attending the Peace Rally in Washington, D.C., call Lisa Tozer at 549-9863.

National speakers lead free workshop on prejudice

'Not Only Blacks and Jews in Conversation' discusses discrimination locally and nationally

Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

New York State Supreme Court Justice Laura Blackburne said she would have been surprised if no one had expressed the kind of rage one woman did at a free workshop at Lesar Law Auditorium Monday night.

The woman sat in silence through about half of the discussion, titled "Not Only Blacks and Jews in Conversation," featuring Blackburne, Jeffrey Ross, the director of the Department of Campus and Higher Education Affairs for the Anti-Defamation League and an audience of about 60 people. The workshop opened a forum for the audience to engage in questions, answers and experiences dealing with bigotry, discrimination and hate of all kinds.

As others commented on their discriminating experiences and opinions about racism, the woman raised her hand, waiting patiently for her turn to speak. Ross handed the microphone to the woman, but she shook her head slightly, refusing to comment.

As tension built, students challenged white people to realize their privileges in society and asked them to eliminate their rank by treating others equally. While the people talked, the woman quietly began making her way to the door. The air filled with heat of personal pain and suffering, and finally, the woman had to slice through it.

Staring into the eyes of black, white, Jewish, Christian and others, she exclaimed her anger and frustration as a Native American. With a quick comment about her ethnicity being forgotten, she was finished. Released, she turned and departed, leaving the workshop members to feel what Blackburne said most people who are discriminated

against feel daily.

"If you are in pain and you are angry in what has caused your pain, it is difficult to get on top of it enough to be able to say it in a calm, reasonable way," Blackburne said. "I compliment her for coming in the first place, not criticizing her for walking out."

"She made a statement, and her statement was 'I am so angry and so hurt by my experiences with racism, this is how I want you to know how badly I feel.'"

Blackburne said the woman was not alone in her anger, and she was certain some people were too angry to even show up to the workshop. She said many of those people may think the workshop is total "b.s."

"[Those people] say my pain is so horrible that I am going to walk around it and drag along like a dead body, rather than trying to find a way to bury it and give it a decent funeral," she said.

Like the woman who left the workshop, others decided to propose a funeral for their grievances by addressing them with the speakers and audience.

Sheryln Knight, a senior in ceramics, described an incident about two years ago where she said a white male sexually and racially harassed her during and outside of an art class. She contends she was denied help from the police, SIUC administration, her ombudsman and other outlets, and made to feel like she was the antagonist in the situation.

The sympathetic audience listened intently to her story, though some students tried to move attention away from Knight's discriminating encounter and shift the attention to their confrontations.

When one male audience member commented in response to Knight's statements about having difficulty receiving financial aid, she said he did not have the facts about how the system works.

"People say, 'You are black — you must have gotten a scholarship or financial aid.' But I didn't get financial aid until I was 24 years old because of my parents' income," Knight said. "It seems like blacks get more financial aid because the black family income is lower

"If you do not acknowledge something that was harmful, hurtful and hateful, we have a hard time ever getting over the issue as applied to people of African descent. If we ever got over that racism, other forms of racism and religious discrimination could be more readily addresses."

Laura Blackburne
New York State Supreme Court Justice

than the average white family income.

"When you have one white person who gets and makes this statement, then it attaches on to other whites and creates hostility — when you do not have the facts you represent a personal victimization that is really not your personal victimization."

Ross said it was evident the audience has not had a lot of opportunities to honestly and openly express the issues of racism and bigotry with people who are different. He believes the workshop helped open up some of those problems, such as a woman who listed different religious discriminations she feels Carbondale and the University has perpetuated against her Jewish beliefs.

"It does a lot of good, but it does depend on the follow through," Ross said. "If it is just a one-shot thing and it dissipates over time, the semester will soon be over, the summer will be upon us and it will be something of a lost opportunity."

As the Jewish woman listed her grievances with swastikas painted in the campus elevators, co-workers making derogatory comments and certain buildings closing for other religious holidays except her own, Undergraduate Student Government Vice President Valerie Climo sympathized as a member of the Jewish religion herself.

Climo, a junior in theater, said that in Carbondale, the different practices of the Jewish religion are grouped into one synagogue. This is quite different from towns such as Nashville, where Reformed and Orthodox Jewish practices have their own buildings. Situations like this in Carbondale have prompted Climo to become involved in organizations and workshops to express her

beliefs. As the vice president for the Undergraduate Student Government, she has spread her ideas through diversity symposiums and a politically incorrect forum dealing with diversity issues.

"You come to these things, having great dialogue and great ideas where you want to see the diversity continue outside of the lecture," Climo said. "But then the lecture ends, and you go back to your separate friends and you see that diversity dissolve in the span of a day."

Personal protest is one way some people cope with discrimination, but Blackburne said there needs to be acknowledgment at a national level that racism is serious and a consistently undermining phenomenon in this country.

As some people have suggested to the government, Blackburne said reparations could be a way to begin addressing the situation. But the form of reparation she favors is addressing a harm that was done in the past to a group of people.

"If you do not acknowledge something that was harmful, hurtful and hateful, we have a hard time ever getting over the issue as applied to people of African descent," she said. "If we ever got over that racism, other forms of racism and religious discrimination could be more readily addressed."

"But, that is the biggie in this country — it is like a blue funk that covers the whole country, and everybody knows it is up there, but nobody really wants to point to it and say, 'Let's get rid of the blue funk.'"

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Soakin' up sun at the Spillway



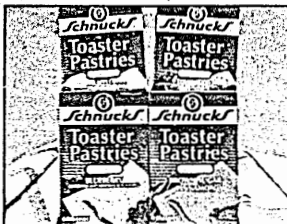
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Chelsea Qualls (left to right), a freshman at SIU, Tiffany Jones, of John A. Logan Community College and Heather Johnson, of Murphysboro, sunbathe at Crisenberry Dam, known to students as "The Spillway" four miles southwest of Murphysboro Tuesday afternoon. The girls weren't the only ones at Lake Kincaid, as it is a popular outlet for students when the weather becomes warm.

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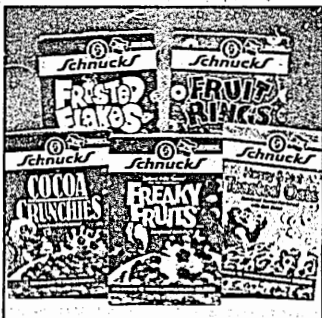
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OUR WORD

No excuse for football-rugby brawl

The questions regarding a night of off-campus violence that included several members of the SIU football team have not all been answered, but two things are already evident: the incident should have never happened, and the Saluki players better take this as a lesson not to be forgotten.

The trouble started two weekends ago at a party thrown by a group of rugby players. Accounts of what took place at that party vary, but the main antagonists appear to have been one football player who attended the party and rugby player Michael Leahy. The real drama did not unfold until later in the night, though, when Leahy was nailed in the face with a rock by an unknown person and an estimated 40 people returned to the scene of the party and allegedly kicked, punched and shoved the mixed crowd of men and women who remained until police arrived.

No arrests were made because police could not pinpoint the individuals who were involved, and while numerous rugby players contend that many of the people who returned were football players, they have offered no concrete evidence to suggest how many SIU players contributed to the melee.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN recognizes that alcohol was flowing freely that night, and that it might be mission impossible to make a precise assessment of where the fault belongs. But that does not preclude a firm condemnation of everyone who participated in what has to be one of the most disturbing incidents of the semester.

Football coach Jerry Kill has made a strong early impression on SIU, and he has vowed to make his players better both on and off the field. While the incident is not sufficient reason to suddenly doubt Kill, it is something of a disappointment that a portion of his players apparently did not know better than to muddy the program's reputation with such thoughtless behavior.

Some have questioned why so much of the focus has been directed at the football players involved in the incident, when there were other parties who contributed to the mayhem. But athletes who are having their educations paid for by SIU — and especially in a high-profile program such as the football team — need to be mindful that they are always visible representatives of the University.

The football team's win-loss record probably should not play into this, but the fact is: it does. The Salukis have not had a winning season in the past 10 years, making it hard enough for them to drum up any support on campus without an added ingredient of being viewed as a bunch of bullies. The bottom line: if you want your fellow students to go to games and be enthusiastic about Saluki football, don't give them another reason not to.

Other students who conducted themselves in a disgraceful way that night also need to realize that fighting with fellow students is juvenile and dangerous. Just because rugby players or other students are not affiliated with the Athletic Department provides no excuse for them to behave like hooligans on weekends.

Come the fall, the Saluki football team will be back in the public eye for their performances on the field. People in Southern Illinois want to be able to pull for the guys wearing Saluki helmets. However, another incident or two like what happened at that party might make community members decide they have better ways to spend their Saturday afternoons than to root for players who seem to have forgotten their real opponents do not reside in Carbondale.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Vote for seat at Yale table ruffles establishment

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In the world according to Yale University, people see him and think black preacher. People see her and think Vietnam Memorial, that black wall so many people hated way back when but now find a moving tribute to the fallen of a generation.

The Rev. David Lee and Maya Lin are vying for the same trustee's seat on the board of the Yale Corp., the policy-making body for the New Haven university and overseer of its \$10 billion-plus endowment. Each year the alumni, 120,000 strong, are permitted to elect one of their own to a seat on the board. They usually choose from a slate of nominees, somewhere between two and five candidates, put on the ballot by a committee of alumni and Yale officials. But this year, the nominating committee submitted only one candidate: Lin.

Lee had then already launched a grass-roots campaign and forced his way onto the ballot through a seldom-used petition process. He collected 4,500 signatures. So Yale, the 300-year-old institution that helps define Establishment, is in a dither because it has a full-fledged campaign on its hands with ads and mass mailings. Yale officials, while doing their best to support Lin's candidacy, are officially opposed to such politicking. It ain't genteel, they say. But it is rather funny, in a weird sort of way. Yale feels threatened that someone who says he represents the people of New Haven, where the school has been a dominant presence for a couple of centuries, and who has the support of labor unions there, might actually sit at the same table as the board members who represent the Establishment.

There is a blind spot at Yale — no one is responsible for the community interests," Lee says, while making the case that he would change all that.

Not that the gown part of the classically tense town-gown relationship hasn't been reaching out to New Haven, helping to vitalize that city through its programs in art, economic development and education, among others. Lee, who grew up in the projects in the New

Haven area and now serves as pastor of a New Haven church, says he just wants the university to do more with and for the city.

"The one thing that angers me the most — makes me so angry — is that people have the audacity to think I don't love Yale," he told the Yale Daily News. Lin has said very little since her nomination, preferring "the Yale way," which includes heavy politicking on her behalf.

"I think it preferable to rely on my background, accomplishments and affection for Yale rather than using no comments that might be interpreted as trying to garner votes," she said in a statement to alumni.

Lin has the Establishment behind her. Lee has the unions. She's got the Yale Graduates for Responsible Trusteeship. He's got the state's attorney general as well as Sen. Joseph Lieberman. But none of these endorsements says a thing about what either candidate would do for Yale or, God forbid, the world beyond. This is "sound and fury, signifying nothing." What this is not is clear. It is not male versus female — Yale has had women on its overwhelmingly male board before. This is not about choosing a favored "minority" and, thus, making some sort of statement. Yale has been there, done that.

For Yalies, who can be found in all walks of life all over the world, this is a big deal. The ferocity of the battle confirms how assistant institutions care to that which is unorthodox. And that's why this fight is important beyond Yale. The issues being fought out — the struggle of marginalized people to be heard, the conflict between a powerful institution and the community around it — are repeated throughout the nation. Think of the debate over whether the corporation in charge of redeveloping lower Manhattan should include a representative of the victims' families.

Even non-Yalies can watch the outcome in New Haven as a mirror of the current state of the nation.

Ms. Shipp is a columnist for the New York Daily News. She won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1996. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Never hate your enemies, it affects your judgment.”

Michael Corleone
the "Godfather III"

WORDS OVERHEARD

“I'm embarrassed for our football team and our program. Our players should have had more sense than to get themselves involved in something like this. They should have been smarter than to put themselves into a situation where they can be accused.”

Pavel Kowalczyk
SIU Athletic Director

COLUMNISTS

What's in a name?

In a world of changing racial loyalties, it becomes very easy to advocate racial positions that may not be your own. In recent months, we have seen African people in America celebrate the role of Denzel Washington and Halle Berry in glorifying their acting successes for all Black people; we have seen Africans be questioned about their loyalties to America and its war on terrorism, even my Zambian girlfriend has decided to question the ultimate truth behind the term "African" as I apply it to "Black Americans." All this makes me think about what we chose to advocate as our identities.

Should I understand myself only as a black male, an identity that is defined in isolation to black women, and continental Africans? If I chose to define myself as this "black male" who or what do I exclude? Am I oppositionally constructed against certain categories of individuals? Do black women become conflicted by the nature of the terms by which I chose to define myself? What and who do I exclude? Better yet, who excludes me because I am a "black male?" Let's see. Black women would have to be because the term

Should I understand myself only as a black male, an identity that is defined in isolation to black women, and continental Africans?

"male" would traditionally imply some power dynamic that traditionally exists in European culture. White women would find it hard to sympathize as well with my patriarchal tendencies, and white men ... well we all know of the traditionally erotic nature of a "black" man's lynching.

So, if all this is constructed on the mere terms of my "existence," then how can we not exclude all and any people we are surrounded by? That's a pretty profound question, but I don't think that it is necessary. The obligation is only to your group. The sharing of power and identity (culture) only becomes important in terms of what that culture accepts and whom she'll that culture protect, hence identity, group or individ-



My Nommo

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ual, becomes the advocate for the extension of culture. This may not seem to be that important, but think about it. How would a triumph for all African people in America be interpreted if the triumph itself was based in a denigrated identity? What extension of culture would that be? Halle won an Oscar for a role that fed into the stereotype of a black woman and her lust for a white man — who murdered her Black husband. We can say this is still a "black" accomplishment, but the nature of the accomplishment should be questioned.

The position of the accomplishment to the benefit of African women and African people really need to be questioned for what it is. Just because she is a black person who happens to be a woman, it is also the case that her life is symbolic of black women? Just because she adopts a term, is it a necessary part of her that she is able to claim all "black women?" Do we celebrate all accomplishments of black people even when they are not speaking from us or to our benefit? We chose to celebrate and advocate these identities. Black women claim they are oppressed by all men, and black men claim that they are victims of a racist system, but these ideas are oppositionally constructed. So, to be a black woman or black man excludes the interests of the group that fundamentally constructed the experience of the gender identity. Let's think next time when we say what we are without knowing "what we are."

My Nommo appears on Wednesday. Tommy is a senior in philosophy and political science. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

A new home, a new closet



Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY
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It's funny, but while I myself have moved five or six times throughout college, I've always called the same place "home." However, that changed this week as my father pounded a large Century 21 sign into the lawn outside my parents' house of 23 years. I know change is inevitable, and I consider myself lucky. To this point, I have never had to experience a giant family move. I've never had to leave behind secret hiding places or beloved pets' graves before. But at the same time, I think that means I've missed out on an important part of growing up, and now I'm not really sure how to deal with this. There are a lot of memories wrapped up in 23 years. It also means a lot of, well, accumulation. I've spent the last few days sorting through decades of grade school art projects, little league trophies and yard sale treasures, wondering where to draw the line at keep-sake or trash pile.

To be honest, I've never had to really say "goodbye" to anything before. Any time I wanted to clear up some space from my own living quarters, the excess items were always boxed up and moved to a storage resting place at Mom and Dad's house. In a way, I feel like I am prioritizing my life. And the scary part is, I don't see many priorities left. At first, I thought it would be hard to part with any of my life's "work." I sat for three hours on my bedroom floor, pulling 11 years' worth of old school newspapers out of boxes. I stared into my closet mirror, piles of my childhood scattered around me in the reflection. Re-reading each of my bylines, the nostalgia overwhelmed me. This was me. This is who I am, where I came from, and what I believe in as a journalist. I stared at my reflection.

How could I part with any of these and still keep my integrity? But as I began to reluctantly fill one Hefty sack after another, something slowly came over me. I couldn't help but get carried away in the spiritual, cleansing feeling of it all. To begin with, I've never seen my bedroom so clean before. And the closet space — it's almost orgasmic. I'd

forgotten you can actually hang clothes in there when there aren't stacks of newspaper headlines blocking the way. I stared at the blank white walls as if for the first time, mesmerized by the sheer tidiness of it all. In a truly transcendentalist moment, I beamed at the four empty corners.

Carrying armloads of Grace Ellen Priddy to the curb, I breathed in the spring air and sighed. I finally felt like a grown-up. It was true — I wasn't a child anymore, and I was finally free of all those juvenile remnants cluttering my path to adulthood. It wasn't until hours later as I heard the garbage truck pull away from the sidewalk with my whole life in tow that I realized the impact of my whirlwind cleaning tour. I climbed the stairs back to my bedroom and stared in at the cold, sterile remains of my upbringing. I threw open the closet door, and held back tears as I stared into the tidy void. How could I have been so careless?

I didn't even make a scrapbook. It was gone, all of it, and my whole life with it. So, having no choice but to begin anew, I start fresh this morning with an empty bedroom in unfamiliar surroundings, but a little stronger sense of self. I open my closet door and stare into the mirror. I watch the same reflection as yesterday flip through these pages. I set today's DE on the bare floor and close the door, realizing I still have the best scrapbook money can buy.

Not Just Another Priddy Face appears on Wednesday. Grace is a senior in architectural studies. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Wendler, Sunset Concerts are more important than you know

DEAR EDITOR:

In response to the April 16 "Our Word" article regarding Sunset Concerts, although I graduated in 2000, I still check up on SIU via the DE's website. Thank you for the information! I was saddened to hear about what might happen to Sunset Concerts and thrilled with the DE's perspective. It seems nothing has changed as far as trying to bring SIU and the city of Carbondale together. Is Wendler trying to kill one of the few events that does just that? I've been to numerous concerts and can definitely say they are one of the few things summer school students look forward to. Perhaps a petition from students (current and past) and residents would help him realize how important they are to SIU and the community. This is one thing that should not be given up without a fight!

Alisha J Schiffl
Tredinapolis, Ind.

DE editorial unfair to Archer

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing this letter in response to the "Our Word," "In Clark We Trust," from Monday. The leading sentence is an outright lie. Bill Archer CAN

shake the bad-boy image, and that is what he is currently doing. Archer has sincerely done everything he can to shake this image. The image only lies in the biased minds of the DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial board. Besides getting involved in politics again, Archer is currently serving as the president of Phi Sigma Kappa.

The same Phi Sigma Kappa that has been receiving praise for the positive things they are doing around the SIU campus and the community. Archer is working hard to be the voice of the students while conveniently only his alleged past is mentioned. It is the DAILY EGYPTIAN that deserves "only chucks" for their comments while Archer's hard work and commitment to students deserves him the spot of student trustee.

Robert Gene Saylor
*a former public relations member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity

Wanna a new image for SIU, start with a campus makeover

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Chanoxlex Wendler's and the Board of Trustees repeated attempts to change the image of SIU. The board has spent countless dol-

lars on giving SIU this great new image. They are trying to get rid of the party school black eye that SIU has carried for 30 years. Chancellor, take a look around. Don't you think there are bigger problems around this place? The campus has become embarrassing. The buildings are falling down and the ones that are not falling down are so out of style you wish they would. I think best of all is the grass all around campus (it actually has dandelions growing out of it). The grass looks so bad I cannot believe that people can still call the campus pretty.

Instead of paying someone \$300,000 to change our party school image, why don't we invest some of that money in a lawn mower, some fertilizer, or even better yet, we could update some of the buildings around here. I think the city and SIU should go back to the way things were. Open up the Strip, allow Carbondale Crawl, and let this town be the way it was. Maybe if you do this chancellor, the school and the town would not look so run down. Maybe we could actually make this place look a little better; enrollment might go back up.

Joseph J. Battistoni
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What is student leadership?

DEAR EDITOR:

Contrary to the beliefs of some self-proclaimed student leaders on this campus recently, USG is about

far more than one person. The organization goes far beyond the president or even the 58 elected senators. USG is about the approximate 16,000 students who count on their student leaders to work as a team to ensure that their issues are addressed and their voices are heard. Leadership is not about "I," it is about us and what we are going to do to improve our University.

Student leadership is about standing up for what your constituents believe despite being called "intelligent and childish" by the misinformed media. Leadership is about what you did and not what you "could have easily garnered." Leaders make their lives a continual mission in which adversity cannot hinder because true leaders do not quit. Nor do we thoughtlessly fold to the bureaucracy we call "the administration."

On behalf of the Freedom Party, I would like to thank the Daily Egyptian for supporting our actions this year regarding prayer at graduation, our stance against encroachment, stopping the use of the Student Organization Activity Fee to pay for administrative salaries and supporting more diverse entertainment in Carbondale. Although the Freedom Party has taken a strong stance against any tuition hike above the already approved 5 percent and refuse to homogenize the student body of USG, I conclude this as an area where the Daily Egyptian and the Freedom Party will have to "agree to disagree."

Mary Wallace
sophomore, psychology

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Living legend celebrates 100

James Neckers has accomplished much for SIUC and will not be forgotten

Mark Lambird
Daily Egyptian

There was no Neckers as most people know it today, a four-story brick building that houses SIUC's science departments. But in 1928, the man for whom the building would eventually be named first set foot on the small teacher's college that would grow to become a major University before he left.

James Neckers celebrated his 100th birthday Tuesday in Carbondale, a long way from New York, where he was born in 1902. The route he took to get here included stops at Hope College in Holland, Mich., and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where he received his doctorate in chemistry. When his journey concluded, he was in Carbondale and became one of the first teachers with a doctoral degree at SIUC.

When Neckers arrived in the small town of Carbondale, the University served a meager 2,000 students. That was in 1928, 20 years before another giant in the University's history, Delyte Morris, took over the helm. When Neckers retired 40 years later, the University had increased enrollment to more than 20,000 students.

A lasting tribute was paid to this giant after his retirement. The \$6 million Physical Science building was renamed after its completion in 1970 for the person who was the most influential in developing the chemistry program the building would house.

During his tenure at SIUC, Neckers witnessed many improvements, including the accreditation of the chemistry program in masters and doctoral degrees. Gerard Smith, chairman of chemistry and biochemistry, said Neckers is still a figure who is looked up to and revered in the science program.

"In the study lounge [in Neckers] we have a picture of the four horsemen — those guys sent students to places such as Harvard and Cal Tech," Smith said.



James Neckers celebrated his 100th birthday yesterday. During Neckers' time at SIU, the University made enormous strides in several areas of expertise.

The four horsemen were all chemistry professors who helped turn SIUC's program into a renowned center of learning and higher education. The quartet included Neckers, Kenneth VanLente, Talbert Abbott and Robert Scott.

Neckers not only played a role in the development of SIUC's chemistry program, but also a state-wide retirement plan for those in higher education.

"Because of everything he accomplished, I would say his accomplishments are quite astounding," Smith said.

While compliments paid by fellow faculty are nice, a professor's real reward comes from the accomplishment of students. Ed Burger, director of the Alumni

Association, said the first thing that comes to his mind was Neckers' dedication to teaching. Burger was a student of Neckers and remembered the unique touch he had with students.

"He never lost touch of being an educator," Burger said. "That is one of the strengths of this University."

He said alumni still call to see how Neckers is doing, 30 years after his retirement.

"He has probably touched more lives than just about anyone at this college," Burger said.

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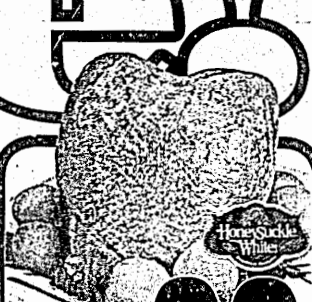


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Saluki Rainbow art show breaks the silence

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

Jason Vaughn uses poetry as a form of political and self expression, both of which he brought to the podium Tuesday night at the Saluki Rainbow Network's art show.

Vaughn, a graduate student in radio-television from Herod, was joined by other artists and poets who express themselves through their works.

"I use it as a way of establishing who I am in some way by writing it down in poems," he said.

Vaughn was joined by more than 20 students, alumni, faculty and community members at the art show that was held to raise awareness for the Saluki Rainbow Network, and show off works of its members and anyone in the community who had art to display.

Vaughn said his poems express "ideas of gender and identity" associated with being gay, and he hopes the show raises awareness about the "silence" he associates with being gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered.

Mike Gary, a junior in radio-television from Hinklely, directed the event and said he was happy with the turnout. He wants the show to become an annual event and hopes more people will come out in future years.

"A student in the organization came to me with the idea, and it sounded good," Gary said. "We hope that it'll draw attention to our organization and show what they, the community, can do."

Several students and community members showed up as friends and for moral support of those who participated. Steve St. Julian and his partner, Bruce Appleby, both from Makanda

came to offer encouragement and enjoy the art and poetry.

"I'm very supportive of the cause and the Saluki Rainbow Network," said St. Julian, a 1978 SIUC alumnus who now runs the HIV consortium through the Jackson County Health Department.

Works by seven artists were shown at the event, and they included calligraphy, graphic designs, paintings and drawings.

One of the artists in attendance, Cynthia Clabough, graduated from SIUC in 1985 with a master's of fine arts in drawing and painting and was a member of the Gay and Lesbian People's Union, the former name of the Saluki Rainbow Network.

She attended SIU in a time when homosexuals and minorities were not as accepted in society as they are today, and she even recalled having her door set on fire at one point.

Clabough now works at New York College in Oswego, N.Y., as an assistant professor and director of the graphic design program. She has friends and family in Carbondale, and decided to take a vacation to come back during this week, being Gay Pride Week.

She brought eight of her graphic design pieces and gave them out to the student leaders in the Saluki Rainbow Network.

"I'm proud that this group has managed to hang in there over the years," Clabough said. "The school has been good at having access to diversity. It's hard for undergrads, but when you're an alum, and away from the University, you can see the growth."

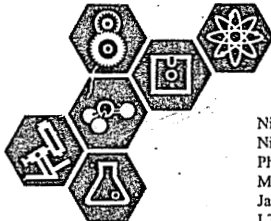
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Picketing that works:

Filipe Martin, a member of the International Laborers Union #227, pickets on East Mill Street Tuesday morning. Martin protested against Heiserman Construction Company for not using union workers to build on this site in Carbondale.

"Every contractor that comes in and builds has to use union workers," said Filipe. The dispute was resolved around 11 a.m. when the company agreed to hire some union laborers.

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Wendler said. "I don't care to have them there. We don't need them there," he said. "Their big job is to try to help us develop a pool of candidates."

Wendler hopes that pool of candidates will soon allow him to solidify these positions. It's been July 1999 since the University has had a permanent provost. Since then, it's been a mix of administrators moving from post to post.

John Jackson served until July 1999 until he stepped down to temporarily fill the position of chancellor. Thomas Guemsey, dean of the SIU Law School served as provost until January 2000 before leaving to devote more time to the Law School. At that time, Margaret Winters was dubbed provost and served in the position until she recently secured a new administrative position at Wayne State University in Michigan.

After Winters left, Kyle Perkins, associate provost in charge of planning and budget, was asked to fill the position while the search for a permanent provost was finalized.

The vice chancellor for Research post was dreamed up by Wendler last semester and approved by the Board of Trustees in November. The positions duties will be combined with the Graduate School dean, and the entire position will be called vice chancellor for Research and dean of the Graduate School.

At the same time, Wendler also asked the board to shorten the title of vice chancellor of Academic Affairs and provost to simply vice chancellor and provost. He said at the time that he wanted to clarify the provost's position as the "first among equals."

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Sarah Curtis, a freshman in English and 10-year resident, said she has not seen any alcohol-related problems at the concerts. She also added that fewer students would attend the concerts if alcohol was prohibited.

City resident Gib Bolen, though, said he was against allowing alcohol at the concerts. He said the city should look at prohibiting alcohol as a way to improve its overall image.

"Here's an excellent opportunity," he said. "It's not the sole answer to the problem, but it's a good start."

Jeff Reed, another city resident, agreed.

"I know of many young families who do not believe it's a good place," he said.

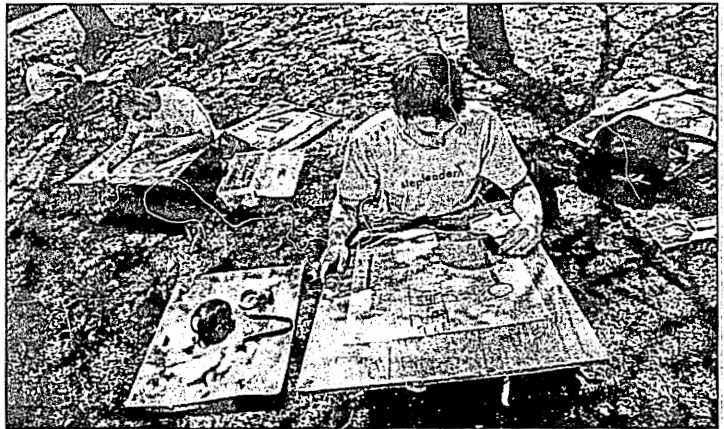
After the vote, Bolen said he was not shocked by the council's decision.

"I wasn't surprised, but I was disappointed," he said.

The City Council also took the following action:

- Voted 3-2 in favor of allowing a permit for construction of four-unit apartment building located in the 900 block of South Elizabeth Street. The land was formerly owned by Mary and William Wakeland, both of whom worked for the University. Mary worked in the office of International Student Affairs and her husband was the chairman of SIUC's Department.
- Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan and Dillard voted against the permit.

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School Daze: Jim Walker (front), a junior in visual communications from Troy, works on a landscape drawing outside in the Quad during Andrew Hairstans' Drawing II class Tuesday afternoon. Students were scattered on the lawn sketching landscapes and taking advantage of the nice weather.

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cably linked with college life.

She said excessive alcohol use can affect the quality of the college, the town-gown relationship and the school's image. She said that eliminating drinking on campus would be a healthy step.

"It's not a Gestapo approach," Presley said. "I don't even see it as a prohibition, it has something to do with every student having the right to exist in the safest, most academically inspiring atmosphere possible."

Undergraduate Student Government Micheal Perry said he is not in favor of the proposal, but understands why the chancellor would want

to make the campus alcohol-free.

"The question is 'does the chancellor want alcoholic beverages on his campus?' Perry said. "It's not any different from me having a party at my house and not wanting people to smoke inside."

To Hanlon, Wendler's goal is not about SIUC's academic mission, but an issue of the social part of college life. He doesn't see why banning alcohol from campus is necessary.

"When you cut it out, it's going to create a problem where there isn't a problem," he said.

Katie Sermersheim, acting director of student development, said she thinks there would be some initial backlash from students who are used to alcohol on campus, but that once the expectation is gone, students will deal with it.

Wendler said he knows his plan may

at first be unpopular, but he thinks it is the kind of radical action the University needs.

"If we are saying that this is something we really don't want as part of our campus culture, and that we don't think it's necessary to accomplish our job, then we'd be better off without it," Wendler said. "But the fact of the matter is, [alcohol] is never going to go away and I'm not saying it should completely. What I am suggesting is that our position should be that our focus is on academic issues."

"I would like to take some actions that could really change some people's minds about what this place is," he said.

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Powell concedes that peace mission may end without truce

Israel heightens alert after arrest of militant Palestinian leader

Martin Merzer
Knight Ridder Newspapers

JERUSALEM (KRT) - Secretary of State Colin Powell seemed likely to end his Middle East peace mission Wednesday without a formal truce and with only Israeli and Palestinian statements endorsing negotiations and condemning violence.

But even that modest accomplishment was not certain, and Powell conceded Tuesday that his 10-day mediation effort was likely to end in something less than complete triumph.

Israeli forces still occupied West Bank cities, Palestinian leaders still refused to end the suicide bombings, and a genuine breakthrough - a formal cease-fire - still seemed out of reach.

In fact, Israelis moved to an even higher state of alert amid warnings of attacks in retaliation for Monday's arrest of leading Palestinian militant Marwan Barghout. Israeli tanks rolled into three Palestinian villages near Jerusalem in an attempt to prevent attacks on that tense city.

In other action, Israeli troops briefly reentered the West Bank town of Tulkarem

and heavy fighting raged Tuesday night in Bethlehem, where the standoff between Palestinian gunmen and Israeli forces continued at the Church of the Nativity.

"The specific term 'cease-fire' has not quite the same significance as what actually happens," Powell said. "We're working on it." Powell was scheduled to meet Wednesday with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and then head home, making a brief stop in Cairo to see Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Powell met again Tuesday with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, but their third session lasted only an hour. There was no sign that Powell had succeeded in nudging Sharon toward the swift, complete withdrawal from the West Bank that is demanded by Palestinians.

But some progress on that front did occur during Powell's mission: Sharon said Israel would withdraw from all major West Bank cities except Bethlehem and Ramallah by the middle of next week.

Danny Ayalon, an adviser to the Israeli prime minister, characterized the latest meeting as "good and friendly," but declined to provide details. He said a joint declaration was still "hypothetical" Tuesday night. "What's important to us is the action that Palestinian leaders take to stop attacks on Israel," he said.

Sharon again offered to attend an international peace conference, if one is convened by the United States. Powell apparently is con-

sidering such a summit, but it was unclear whether Sharon would drop his insistence that Arafat be excluded. Palestinian leaders and some other Arab officials said Arafat must attend any such meeting.

As his aides packed their bags Tuesday night, Powell prepared for Wednesday's meeting with Arafat in the Palestinian leader's surrounded headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Once again, Powell is expected to press Arafat to declare a cease-fire, a step demanded by Israelis.

"I think we are making progress and are looking forward to making more progress in the next 24 hours," Powell said Tuesday. "But I don't want to get into specifics as to what I'll be able to achieve and not be able to achieve."

Palestinian leaders saw it differently. "No progress has been achieved, and we are surprised about Powell's declaration about such progress," Ahmad Abdul-Rahman, secretary general of the Palestinian Authority's cabinet, said Tuesday night.

The secretary of state also held separate meetings Tuesday with Palestinian professionals and business people, and with two moderate Israeli politicians.

It was believed that the proposed Palestinian and Israeli statements would commit both sides to work for peace without resorting to violence, would condemn terrorism against Israelis and Palestinians, and would call for the creation of a Palestinian state through negotiations.

Israelis mount largest-ever Memorial Day mobilization

Martin Merzer
Knight Ridder Newspapers

A reminder of the pain of war swept through Israel on Tuesday, heralded by a siren that wailed for two minutes to mark Memorial Day and honor the 21,182 Israelis who have died during the nation's many wars and battles.

Once again, as they did last week to honor those killed in the Holocaust, Israelis ceased all activity during those two minutes. All traffic stopped, and motorists and passengers stood at attention beside their vehicles.

At the same time, Israel fortified even more stringently against suicide bombings, abductions and other attacks in retaliation for the capture of Barghout, a leading symbol of Palestinian resistance.

More than 3,000 police, soldiers, border police and other officers mustered throughout the nation to protect Israelis during the solemn Memorial Day observances and the subdued Independence Day celebrations scheduled for Wednesday.

Despite promises to withdraw from Palestinian areas, Israeli troops occupied and declared curfews in Abu Dis, Izzariyeh and Sawalra As-Sharqiyyeh, three Palestinian villages near Jerusalem.

Authorities feared that terrorists planned to launch attacks from those villages.

"We will be at our highest level of security," said Gil Kleiman, a police spokesman. "This is the highest mobilization we've ever had on Independence Day."

Israeli officials even warned funeral directors to post guards at their facilities and along the routes to - and even inside - cemeteries.

"Today, it is impossible to even die in peace and dignity," said Religious Affairs Minister Asher Ohana.

Psychiatry professor begins sleep deprivation awareness campaign

Cynthia Cho
The Stanford Daily (Stanford U.)

STANFORD, Calif. (U-WIRE) - What do Ray Barone of "Everybody Loves Raymond," Jim Fassel, the head coach of the New York Giants, and University President John Hennessy have in common? They are all involved in the "Drowsiness is Red Alert Campaign" sponsored by William Dement, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences.

The goal of the campaign is to "alert people to the dangers of drowsiness, as well as sleep deprivation and sleep debt," said Dement.

Barone, Fassel and Hennessy have each contributed video clips in which they say, "Drowsiness is Red Alert." The rest of the cast members of "Everybody Loves Raymond" and President Emeritus Gerhard Casper have contributed similar video clips.

While this video campaign is still in its initial stages, Dement has been researching and educating others about the dangers of drowsiness for many years. Dement coined the term "Drowsiness is Red Alert" after a study he conducted in 1991 in which he and two research assistants interviewed more than 600 long-haul truck drivers.

Dement hopes to compile the video clips into public-service announcements to educate the public about sleep awareness.

"When I asked, 'What is your signal to stop driving?' more than 80 percent answered, 'When I see something in the road that is not there or when I have a head drop with a start,'" Dement said. "These moments of drowsiness often lead to fatal accidents on the road, according to Dement."

"Drowsiness on the highway and in other hazardous situations kills people," Dement said.

Dement defines drowsiness as a moment or instant in the continuum of being alert to falling asleep. "At that moment, we are aware that staying attentive requires a conscious effort," he said. "Most people say they feel the

moment in their eyes and eyelids get heavy, want to close, or won't focus."

Dement said he was inspired to start a video campaign in order to create awareness about drowsiness after viewing a video that one of his former head teaching assistants, Biren Kamdar, made with junior basketball player Curtis Borchardt in 2001. In the video, the two played basketball against each other.

When Borchardt was well-rested, he was able to beat Kamdar but when Borchardt was drowsy, he lost to Kamdar.

"It was an act, of course," Dement said. "But [watching the video] led me to believe there is some real possibility and promise for videotaping."

Dement has contacted Hollywood producers in order to get actors and actresses to take part in the campaign. "I hope to get Robin Williams," Dement said. He is also expecting author Calvin Trillin and actor Timothy Hutton to contribute video clips.

When the video clips of the cast members of "Everybody Loves Raymond" were shown in the Sleep and Dreams class, the reactions were positive.

"I think that the campaign will be successful because it catches people's attention and interest," said junior Kenneth Mah, who was one of the Sleep and Dream teaching assistants during winter quarter. "It's cool that famous people are willing to take the time to help promote sleep awareness."

Dement is considered the world's leading authority on sleep, sleep deprivation and the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders. In 1970, he founded the Stanford University Sleep Disorders Center, of which he currently serves as director.

He also launched the American Sleep Disorders Association, founded the American Board of Sleep Medicine and founded the scientific journal Sleep. Dement has also served as chairman of the National Commission of Sleep Disorders Research.

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by James Kerr

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Dormant Life

by Shane Pangburn

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WAIT A SEC THOUGH, CINDY NEEDS ME.

CINDY!

IF YOUR LEFT LEG WAS THANKSGIVING AND YOUR...

WAIT JIM'S ASKING ME ABOUT MY FAMILY TRADITIONS!

CINDY FETCH!

OK, MILO LET'S GO BEFORE SHE DISCOVERS OUR RUSE.

No Dogs Allowed!

By Nick Day

It was so hot earlier today! I ran around just trying to keep cool, but the heat just kept gettin' more intense. And then I realized I was on fire. Whew! Imagine my relief when I figured out it was just me!

Let's Save Decatur by Seth Dewhirst

baby, don't make me beg.

Daily Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - No need to stir things up. Let somebody else try to do that. You're on solid ground. By Sunday, you'll rule. Until then, just run out the clock.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - You're a good follower when you have a good leader, but you may not be used to being out in the spotlight yourself. Strut your stuff! Grab another 15 minutes of fame.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - Continue to discuss important details with the people who can take care of them. You don't have to let everyone know what you're up to. They'll find out soon enough.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - What you need is a good think tank. Luckily, you have one: your circle of friends. You provide the goals, the structure, the guidance. They provide the ideas.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Don't forget an important chore because you're busy talking with friends. You're usually quite punctual, but today there are distractions. Get that one important thing done, and make a great impression.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 9 - Do you have a few short stories that you've always wanted to publish? How about those really good poems you wrote years ago? Now's the time to send them off. Gain some recognition as a wordsmith.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Things could be moving a little too fast for your tastes. That's why you always like to be prepared. If you are, you can make a fine deal on something for your home - or real estate, or food.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - A brilliant idea saves the day and brings victory to your side. You may not be the one who has the idea, but your efforts still count. You're the instigator.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You could find an exceptional bargain or make a fabulous deal. It's also a good day to form a partnership or launch a business. The major obstacles have been overcome. Don't wait!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Don't ditch school or work, even if you can come up with a good excuse. There's stuff on your list that had better get done, or somebody will be inconvenienced and complain. Stop giggling!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - There's so much going on at home, it's hard to find a quiet nook. One person understands you well. Go to that person and find the calm you seek.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron

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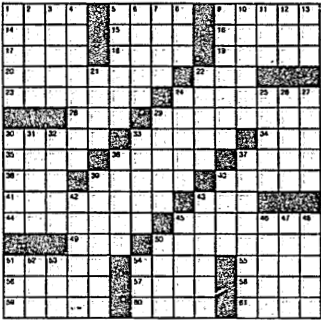
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Answers: TOFU, REQUE, MIRFIN, HATTOR

Yesterday's Jumbles: VOCAL MINCE EQUATE COMPLY Answer: What Mom demanded the kids do when she returned to a mess - COME CLEAN

Crossword

- ACROSS
 1 Daytime TV choice
 5 Enormous
 9 Shake up
 14 Pelt
 15 Sledge
 16 Family car
 17 Stew pot
 18 Command to
 19 Great quantities
 20 Response to a stimulus
 22 Pizza order
 23 Dons to test fit
 24 Mailing charge
 28 Summer cooler
 29 Water tanks
 30 Leg bone
 33 Consecrate
 34 Hood's heater
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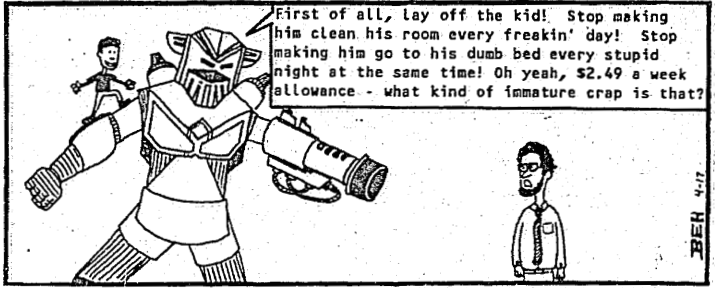
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 15 Russian autocrat
 16 Gang of good guys
 17 Element
 18 Bicker
 19 Knot on a tree
 20 Senator
 21 Kelsauer
 22 Held fast
 23 point (center of activity)
 24 Sidestep
 25 Yucatec, e.g.
 26 Arctic goose
 27 Dilute
 28 Statue's base
 29 Spine holder
 30 Kismet
 31 Porch-roof support
 32 Breakfast pick
 33 Chemically whimsical
 34 Before, before
 35 Wild blue yonder
 36 Germs
 37 Medicinal plant
 38 Gum lump
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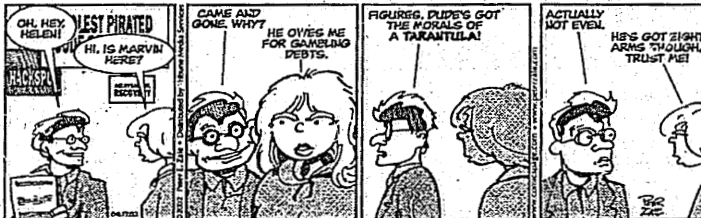
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Famous speaker, strong message make commencement ceremonies memorable

By Alan Brody
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Serge Kassardjian will have to drag himself out of bed early June 16 for one final lecture.

But this is one lecture that the Stanford University senior will not mind sitting through. That's because the speech will be given by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice as part of the Palo Alto, Calif., university's commencement ceremony.

"She knows exactly what a Stanford student goes through," said Kassardjian of the former Stanford provost. "We have had pretty much the worst year that anyone can remember for a long time," he said, referring to the events of Sept. 11.

Kassardjian, one of Stanford's four senior class presidents, is among thousands of college seniors eager for the graduation ceremonies that will close a chapter of their lives.

Before the graduates of 2002 have to worry about the complexities of 401k's and tax brackets in the next stage of life, commencement speakers nationwide will try to give students an uplifting, meaningful and lasting message.

However, securing some of the nation's most renowned public figures to speak at commencement exercises is a challenging task for students, fac-

ulty and administrators at many schools.

"In past years, there has been a feeling of discontent in the lack of student involvement in the (selection of the) commencement speaker," Kassardjian said. "There's always positive feedback and negative feedback, but you can never please everyone."

Stanford's graduating seniors were polled early in the year to gauge interest in a graduation speaker, and the senior class presidents recommended several possibilities to the president and board of trustees, who make the official invitation.

"It was extremely successful to basically get our highest choice (as a speaker)," Kassardjian said. "It came out better than we could have imagined."

Many administrators agree that the commencement speaker can make a strong impact on the graduating collegians if the speaker is a notable figure and presents a powerful message.

"The most important thing is that they help everyone there experience the pride and excitement that the day is all about," said Kyle Fisher Morabito, associate vice president for university advancement at Carnegie Mellon University. "A key factor in a commencement speaker is their ability to communicate and connect with

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Kyle Fisher Morabito
administrator, Carnegie Mellon University

an audience and to convey emotion and passion."

Others find that the success of a commencement speech is tied to its presenter.

"Commencement messages from year to year remain pretty much the same," said Kathryn Lee, assistant to the chancellor at Syracuse University.

"The general theme is, 'You have this impressive opportunity with a college degree. Now go out there and use it for good.' What adds to the credibility of the message is the person who delivers it."

Students and administrators are eager to hear the messages of this year's speakers, especially in light of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the tenuous international political situation. Whether honorees will focus on the celebratory nature of graduation or reflect on the difficulties of the past year is unknown, but some said it is important to mix comedy and sincer-

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- Northwestern University
- Stanford University
- Syracuse University
- Ithaca College
- Wellesley College
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- U. Tennessee Knoxville
- U. North Carolina
- Vicente Fox, *president of Mexico*
- Kofi Annan, *U.N. Secretary General*
- Condoleezza Rice, *National Security Adviser*
- Rudolph Giuliani, *New York City mayor*
- James Earl Jones, *actor*
- Whoopi Goldberg, *actress*
- Fred Rogers, *children's TV show host*
- Alan Alda, *actor*
- Ann Taylor, *NPR newscaster*
- John Edwards, *U.S. senator*

These are some of the notable politicians, dignitaries and stars who have scheduled appearances at upcoming graduation ceremonies.

ity with a profound message.

"Humor always entertains and captures attention, but it's important to have a nice blend," said Deborah Williams-Hedges, media relations assistant at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, where actor Alan Alda will be the speaker.

This year's commencement speakers are a mix of politicians, journalists, entertainers and business leaders, including actress Whoopi Goldberg at Wellesley College and actor James Earl Jones at Ithaca College.

Among the more prominent political figures participating in graduation ceremonies are Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge and

former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Ridge will speak at Carnegie Mellon University, where he formed a good relationship with officials during his terms as governor of Pennsylvania. Giuliani, *Time* magazine's 2002 Person of the Year, will address Syracuse University's graduating class.

"People were in extremely high admiration for what (Giuliani) was doing vis-a-vis the Sept. 11 tragedy, and I think they still are," Lee said. "I would assume he will use his experiences of the fall and winter as the kind of commencement message to go out there and do good."

Foreign dignitaries who will address graduates include U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., and Mexican President Vicente Fox at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind.

"We believe that the visit of the secretary-general is particularly timely in light of the rapidly changing international situation," said John Margolis, associate provost at Northwestern University.

However, some universities chose a more traditional and local approach in selecting their commencement speakers. University of North Carolina graduates will hear from U.S. Sen. John Edwards, while Virginia governor Mark Warner will speak at James Madison University.

While some universities point to fame as an important factor in selecting a commencement speaker, others find alumni relations and community involvement to be equally important.

Indiana University alumnus and CBS broadcaster Dick Enberg will speak to graduates at his alma mater in Bloomington. National Public Radio newscaster Ann Taylor will do the same at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Fred Rogers, famous for the long-running children's show "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," will speak to the 110 graduates of Chatham College in his hometown of Pittsburgh.

"We were looking for someone who could make their commencement meaningful," said Genna Cavanaugh, communications director at Chatham College. "Here in Pittsburgh, Fred Rogers is literally our neighbor so there is definitely that connection."

The process of selecting a commencement speaker doesn't always run smoothly. The University of Delaware originally invited author Doris Kearns Goodwin as its speaker, but after recent charges of plagiarism, Goodwin's invitation was withdrawn, and administrators were left to scramble for a replacement on short notice. Within three weeks, officials announced the invitation of retired Blue Hen head football coach Harold R. "Tubby" Raymond to serve as commencement speaker.

Regardless of the speaker, Kassardjian said that he is awaiting a message that should enhance the celebratory nature of graduation.

"I want a sense of comfort that everything is OK when you graduate and that we're going to make it," he said. "Optimism only comes with a sense of happiness."

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- 77-48 career mark
- 1.54 ERA, 365 strikeouts in 857.2 innings pitched
- Midwestern Collegiate Conference Player-of-the-Year (88')
- ranks in top 15 in NCAA record books for complete games in a season (44) & in a career (127).
- inducted into school's Hall of Fame (95)

Coaching Career

- graduate assistant at Southeast Missouri State (88'-90')
- assistant coach at SIU for nine seasons, five as the pitching coach (90'-99')
- SIU head coach (1999- present)

Year-by-Year Coaching Record

- 2000 (41-22, 9-9 MVC)
- 2001 (36-19, 17-9 MVC)
- 2002 (23-12, 10-9 MVC)

Total (100-53,36-22 MVC)

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BLAYLOCK

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Director Paul Kowalczyk said "One of our best."

Freshman Katie Jordan said Blaylock is one of the main reasons she chose to call Carbondale home.

"She's just very straightforward and very honest, and I think that's one reason why a lot of people come here because they know that she's not going to tell them one thing and then do something completely different," Jordan said. "For her to be able to tell you something straight out and then uphold it says a lot for her character and the type of person she is."

It is because of the type of person she is that Blaylock has such a good relationship with her players, one that more often seems like that of friends rather than players and a coach.

This is why after her 100th win, her friends tried to drench their coach

with a cooler full of cold water. However, Blaylock was a step ahead of them and was able to run away, evading the majority of the water.

"I wish we could've gotten her," Kloess said. "I wish that we would've surprised her a little more, but I think she saw it coming."

Blaylock indeed saw it coming, and ran.

"I should've just let them have their fun and just drenched me and I thought, 'God, I just bought a new car and I don't want to get in there wet,'" Blaylock said with a laugh.

After all was said and done, the only thing that remained of the milestone victory achieved that day was a big splash of water near the pitcher's mound.

And Blaylock, true to form, was off to prepare for the Salukis' next opponent.

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Draft observer takes aim at mock drafts

Kerion Simpson
The Gazette

Names like Charles Grant, Javon Walker and Marc Colombo litter the bottom of mock NFL drafts.

"I detest mock drafts," said Jerry Jones, who knows a thing or two about the NFL draft.

No, not that Jerry Jones, owner of the Dallas Cowboys. This Jerry Jones, based in Georgia, is the producer of "The Draftstore List," one of several NFL draft publications that are all the rage this time of year.

Unlike Mel Kiper or Joel Buchsbaum, other so-called draft experts, Jones doesn't like to predict what the Philadelphia Eagles are going to do with the 26th pick on Saturday, or even who the Arizona Cardinals will chose at No. 12.

He's been around long enough - and, having sat in on seven war rooms with the Cincinnati Bengals, seen enough draft day flip-flops - to know that almost anything is possible.

"Mock drafts are the silliest things on earth," Jones said. "It's off the wall. At this point, it looks like nothing but the first two picks are decided."

Those first two picks are Fresno State quarterback David Carr, already rabbed by the expansion Houston

Texas as their choice for the draft's No. 1 overall pick. Just like last year, when the Atlanta Falcons traded up to pick quarterback Michael Vick, all suspense has been removed from the very top.

"The NFL does not have 32 quality quarterbacks," Jones said. "They have maybe 20, and then these other guys who just float around and fit in. So the disruption comes with trying to figure out what Detroit and Buffalo (No. 4, also in need of a QB) are going to do."

Even so, it's fairly easy to figure out which players will be gone in the first 15 picks - a list that includes offensive tackles Bryant McKinnie of Miami and Mike Jones of Texas, defensive tackles John Henderson and Albert Haynesworth of Tennessee, Ryan Sims of North Carolina and Wendell Bryant of Wisconsin, safety Roy Williams of Oklahoma and wide receiver Donte Stallworth of Tennessee.

The Broncos have taken a defensive player in the first round in five of the past six seasons and could do it again.

Sometimes it's a matter of which flavor is still available. That's something nobody, not even the mock drafts, can determine at this point.

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"I think a lot of guys, especially the new guys, think we're going to go out and walk on an inferior team," Frisella said. "In college baseball, anybody can beat anybody on any given day."

Another factor that Frisella believes has played into SEMO's success against the Salukis is the fact that the Indians put a lot of importance into the yearly matchups. Although Frisella does not focus on the rivalry between the two schools, he said that SEMO players thrive on it.

"Maybe that's our problem," Frisella said. "When we go up to their place, it may be a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon and they might have a couple thousand people there at the game."

With Cape Girardeau about an hour away, there are sure to be plenty of Indian faithful in attendance for today's game, one that Frisella hopes will result in a victory for the Salukis and add to their momentum going into this weekend's series with Evansville.

"As far as the team goes, we need to maybe pick the intensity up a little bit and get some excitement back in the team," Frisella said. "Coming into Evansville, I think if we take three or four this weekend we'll get right back on track."

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Ross Kowzan hits a ball during batting practice Tuesday evening at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis look to end a five game losing streak against Southeast Missouri State as the Indians come to Carbondale for a non-conference game at 2 p.m. today.

SPORE BRIEFS

SOFTBALL

SIU welcomes MVC foe Evansville for doubleheader

The SIU softball team welcomes Missouri Valley Conference rival Evansville to IAW Fields for a Wednesday doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m.

Both SIU (23-12) and Evansville (24-20) enter the game tied with identical 10-4 MVC marks and will be seeking to gain sole possession of second place.

The Salukis will also be looking to extend their current four game winning streak.

GOLF

Men place eighth at Greg Palmer Eagle Classic

The SIU men's golf team shot a team score of 894 to finish eighth out of 15 teams at the Greg Palmer Eagle Classic in Morehead, Ky.

Senior Brad Dunker led the Salukis with a 220, placing 19th individually with Josh Wheeler, Grant Goetz and Tim Hoss placing right behind him with a 225, 226 and 228, respectively.

The Salukis will travel to Huntley Monday to participate in the Illinois Intercollegiate State Championship, their last warm-up before the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, which begins April 25.

YOUNG

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Bryan Turner — one of three players SIU signed in the fall — is expected to be a mainstay in the Saluki backcourt next season. Considering Kent Williams, Darren Brooks and Stetson Hairston have all established themselves as sturdy ball-handlers, it wouldn't be a surprise for Young to redshirt next season.

"You've got three guards returning, you've got Bryan Turner coming in, and now you have the luxury of [Young], so you don't have to throw him to the wolves right away," Weber said.

While Young is expected to provide more of a long-term payoff for the Salukis, whoever is the recipient of SIU's final scholarship may be a bigger part of the mix next season.

SIU's top recruiting priority for the spring was to attract a post player to help

compensate for the loss of senior Rolan Roberts. The Salukis have had a few visits from big men, and are expected to welcome more prospects to campus this weekend.

Weber was recruiting out of town Tuesday, and said he's still unsure of whether SIU's last available scholarship will go to a transfer or high school player.

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native South Africa, reducing the squad to five players, one less than a regulation team puts on the court.

About a month later, SIU was reduced to four when Tana Trapani was redshirted because of a nagging leg injury.

The team had been competing with four until last week, when Krismanits went down with the triep injury, trimming the team to three and eliminating the chance of competing.

The injured Krismanits will be there to support the team Friday, though her season, and most likely her career, ended Saturday in Omaha.

Krismanits has suffered many nagging injuries in the past, including problems with her hip extenders, which required surgery, tennis elbow and wrist surgery.

Harold Rowald, the student trainer assigned to tennis, said Krismanits is most likely suffering a nerve impingement in her right shoulder, an injury that is impossible to predict.

"When someone has an impingement, it's muscle tightness trapped in a nerve within a space, so rest is probably going to be the best treatment for her," Rowald said. "There's no timetable on when that's going to go away."

Krismanits has given up her athletic scholarship and said she will not play next year. Her new goal is concentrating on her classes and earning admission to medical school.

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100 down many more to go

Blaylock fastest Saluki coach
to reach 100 softball wins



Kerri Blaylock congratulates her team after an excellent inning in the game against Indiana State last weekend. The three victories against ISU gave Blaylock her 100th win, the quickest for a softball coach in SIU history.

STORY BY JENS DEJU • PHOTOS BY LISA SONNENSCHNEIN

When Indiana State's Jennifer McQueen softly grounded out to wrap up SIU's 6-0 victory over the Sycamores last Sunday, SIU softball head coach Kerri Blaylock had made history.

The third-year coach became the fastest in SIU softball history to reach the 100-win milestone, achieving the feat almost three years quicker than legendary former coach Kay Brechtelsbauer.

While her players and the fans made a spectacle of the victory, Blaylock saw it as just another step on the way to building her program. "I've been congratulated like 100

times, and I appreciate people recognizing what's going on, but to me things like this would be more special if you win a conference championship or you get to a regional," said Blaylock, whose career record now stands at 100-53. "I mean, I'm really glad, but I think it says more about the student-athletes that have been here and who we've gotten in as about a coach."

Blaylock said her mother was more excited about the win than she was and that she is more concerned with improving her team's win-loss mark than her own.

Her players say the fact that she treated the victory so nonchalantly speaks volumes about her as a coach.

"As far as the 100th win, she doesn't care about that kind of stuff, and I think that says a lot about her," junior Kendra Moore said. "Granted, she wants to win every game, but it's not about her. It's about us and us winning as a team and not just her getting recognition."

Blaylock's coaching career began at Southeast Missouri State in 1988 as a graduate assistant after her playing days at Evansville were done. She stayed at SEMO for two years before coming to SIU as an assistant coach.

The Herrin native was an assistant under "Coach B" for nine years before being handed the reins. Without those years serving as an assistant, Blaylock believes she wouldn't have been anywhere near ready to be a head coach.

"There were points in my career that I thought maybe I'd leave and become a head coach, and I was even offered a job and decided that I was not ready," Blaylock said. "Just things like budgeting and dealing with families and all these little things that come along in a player's life, just personal issues ... it all sits on your head, and it's hard."

Brechtelsbauer taught Blaylock the little day-to-day things that were needed and entrusted some of them to her as the years wore on.

The task that Brechtelsbauer gave her that Blaylock treasured most was the responsibility of keep-

ing the Salukis rolling upon her retirement three years ago.

"Year by year, I would get more stuff to do, and that prepared me beyond belief," Blaylock said. "She trusted me to take over something that she had worked her whole life to build. I mean, 32 years she spent, and I just felt honored that she wanted me to have the job after she was done."

In addition to her time as an assistant coach, Blaylock said she also soaked in valuable experience from her days on the diamond. Blaylock was a standout pitcher at Herrin High School from 1980-84. She had a career mark of 65-7 and was named one of the top three pitchers in the state by the Chicago Tribune.

After high school, she moved on to Evansville, where she posted a career 77-48 record with a 1.54 ERA and 365 strikeouts in 857.2 innings pitched. Blaylock still ranks in the top 15 in the NCAA record books for complete games in a season (44) and in a career (127).

For her accomplishments on the field, Blaylock was inducted into both the Herrin High School and University of Evansville Halls of Fame. Being honored by both of her former schools has helped Blaylock keep things in perspective.

"This is something I tell my kids all the time: you're doing something that not many people get to do in their life, and playing Division I athletics was such a privilege for me, and now coaching is such a privilege for me that I really enjoy it," Blaylock said.

But it was her days on the field that enabled Blaylock to observe different coaching styles and decide which one felt right for her.

"I think it kind of let her see what kind of coaches she liked and what she didn't like about coaches, so she knew how she would want to be treated as a player, so that's how she coaches," freshman Maria Damico said.

The style of coaching Blaylock chose is a hands-on, no-nonsense approach while keeping the atmos-

phere fun and loose.

Although playing helped mold the way she coaches, Blaylock said it was her high school coach, Bruce Jilek, who helped steer her toward a coaching career.

"He was such a teacher and taught pitching so well and broke down the game so well that it got me really interested in doing this," Blaylock said.

Despite her many accolades, Blaylock said she wasn't a very talented player and had to rely more on strategy to get the job done. It was this reliance on the little things that she believes makes her a good coach.

"I was nothing like (SIU pitchers) Amy Harre or a Renee Mueller or a Katie Kloess," Blaylock said. "I was not very talented. I had to work really, really hard, so I had to pay attention to little bitsy things, such as tendencies of hitters, and I think that helps me today because I can dissect a game or how we need to throw to somebody probably better because I was less talented."

Her players say whether she was the most talented player means very little. The fact that she has gone through the same things they are going through as Division I athletes, however, means plenty.

"When she gives an example of I was in the exact situation, and she knows exactly how bad it hurts to lose and that you as a pitcher take that blame," Harre said. "I think that's something that really is nice to know that she knows how you're feeling most of the time."

Whatever it is that has shaped her coaching style, one thing is certain — Blaylock can flat-out coach, something that is not lost on many in the Athletic Department.

"I think Coach Blaylock is an outstanding coach," SIU Athletic

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SIU softball coach Kerri Blaylock flashes signals at the batter during a game against Indiana State last Sunday. Blaylock has been enjoying a successful season during her third year as head coach after being an assistant coach for nine years.

“... playing Division I athletics was such a privilege for me, and now coaching is such a privilege for me that I really enjoy it.”

Kerri Blaylock
SIU softball head coach



DAILY EGYPTIAN PHOTO - RONDA YEAGER

Judy Auld coaches Sarah Krismanits and Alejandra Blanco between sets during the Salukis' lone win against Evansville. It was game, set and match for the Saluki season when Krismanits suffered her season-ending injury. Blanco and the rest of the team will play one more match at Indiana State on Friday.

Baseball team fed up with losing to Indians

Salukis hope to stop losing ways against SEMO

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

Rivalries in baseball are built on history, tradition and, most of all, geography.

The SIU baseball team is no different and has its own rival from just across the border in Missouri — Southeast Missouri State.

For many years SIU dominated SEMO, winning 14 of 15 contests at one point, but recently things have changed and the Indians have taken control of the border war.

The Salukis have been manhandled by the Indians during the past few years, dropping eight of the last 11 games between the two teams, and have been out-scored in those contests by a 125-71 margin.

“For whatever reason we have not played well against SEMO and I don’t have a magic answer for it,” head coach Dan Callahan said. “It’s gotten frustrating, especially in light of the fact that a couple of those games have just been blowouts.”

Although SIU (18-14, 7-9 Missouri Valley Conference) has had its problems with its neighbor across the river, the Salukis have the upper hand in the all-time series with a 34-17-1 record dating back to 1923.

Callahan, however, does not put much stock into history when it comes to this year’s squad and wants to see the Salukis snap their five-game losing streak against SEMO when they welcome the Indians (17-13) today at 3 p.m. at Abe Martin Field. SIU fell to SEMO earlier this month, 8-2, in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

“That last time down there it was two innings that cost us the game,” Callahan said. “We played well enough to be in the game for seven innings. We had two innings where, pitching-wise, we just let the game get out of control.”

The biggest reason why the Salukis seem to have trouble with SEMO and some other non-conference opponents is because they do not put enough emphasis on their mid-week games, an attitude that junior right fielder Sal Frisella is trying to reverse.

SIU has never defeated SEMO in the more than two years that Frisella has been with the club and he attributes this lack of success to young players taking the Indians lightly.

“In college baseball, anybody can beat anybody on any given day.”

Sal Frisella
junior, SIU baseball

And then there were none

SIU women’s tennis to close season early

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

Its season mortally wounded, the SIU women’s tennis team decided to shoot it in the head.

The Salukis’ season, one marred by injuries, heartbreak, desertion and many losses, will come to a merciful and self-imposed end Friday.

Head coach Judy Auld confirmed Tuesday that sophomore Sarah Krismanits, who pulled out of Saturday’s loss against Creighton with a triceps injury, is done for the season, and the Salukis will end their season prematurely Friday at Indiana State.

“I’d rather not drag it out at this point,” Auld said. “I think it’s just time to stop.”

Auld delivered the news to her team at a practice Tuesday afternoon, giving the team’s able players the choice of playing out the sea-

son with only three players while forfeiting every match, or calling the season quits.

The active members of the team, Kari Stark and Alejandra Blanco, passed the decision on to senior Erika Ochoa, who elected to play one last match before withdrawing from the team’s other two weekend tournaments at Bradley and Illinois State. The Salukis will sit out the Missouri Valley Conference tournament as well.

“It’s Erika’s senior year, so I support her decision,” Blanco said. “Playing would be pointless because I’d rather win as a team than as an individual.”

Ochoa saw it the same way, but still couldn’t resist the opportunity to play one last match.

“I don’t want to see my team going down, but I still want to play one more match with my team,” Ochoa said of why she decided against playing the rest of the season.

Ochoa, who lost her singles match Sunday at Northern Iowa, wanted to end her career with an individual win, even if a team win is mathematically impossible.

If the Salukis win every match at Indiana State, they will still lose 4-3, though Auld said she does not expect a lax performance from her three-woman team. Their final season record will be 1-8 in conference and 1-19 overall, the lone win coming against Evansville on April 4.

“We’ll practice as usual this week, go to the Indiana State match and try to win as many as we can,” Auld said. “They still want to go up there and win.”

Stark, who will be forced to move up from the No. 4 to the No. 3 spot, said she has extra incentive to pull out a win at Indiana State and will treat it just as seriously as any other match.

“It’s important, and I’d like to end the season on a high note,” Stark said. “It’s been kind of a negative season so we’d all like to end it with a win.”

The Salukis’ season took a turn for the worse in January when sophomore Sandy Swanepoel left the team to return to her

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Salukis land little man; Schaumburg guard to play for SIU

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

Schaumburg High School guard Tony Young likes having the basketball in his hands, so much so that he even was carrying one when he arrived in Carbondale for his recruiting visit.

After Young signed a letter of intent Tuesday to play his college ball at SIU, it’s safe to assume the 6-foot point guard will have the ball in his hands as a Saluki for years to come.

Young played on Schaumburg’s state championship team as a junior, and he averaged about 18 points a game on another solid Saxon squad last season.

“He’s strong, he’s athletic, he’s competitive, and he comes from a good program,” Saluki head coach Bruce Weber said.

He also likes to speak his piece. Young

is rarely bashful on the basketball court, and he said even as a young player in college he plans to be an outspoken part of the team.

“I think communication is the biggest part of the game,” Young said. “I’m the kind of guy that if something isn’t going right, I’m going to let someone know. It keeps the game going a lot smoother.”

Weber is excited to bring a high school point guard into the program after having had to rely on junior college transfers Ricky Colburn and Marcus Belcher for much of his first four seasons with the Salukis. Though both Colburn and Belcher were effective, Weber likes the stability at point guard that Young should bring.

Schaumburg coach Bob Williams said there’s lots to like about Young, who switched to point guard as a senior after playing a forward spot earlier in his career.

“He did a whole lot of everything for us, and he was a great leader as well,” Williams said. “He’s also a great competitor, and I think that’s one of the reasons he’s going to SIU. He saw how the players from SIU competed with great intensity, so Tony felt like he could fit in.”

Weber called Young a solid defensive player who has the right temperament to succeed. He said assistant coach Rodney Watson compares Young’s toughness to that of former Saluki point guard and current assistant Chris Lowery.

“Every time we called, he’s somewhere shooting or playing or in some open gym,” Weber said. “You like kids that love to play.”

Young, who also drew interest from Conference USA teams Marquette and Houston, visited SIU last weekend and received a home visit from Weber the day after the Salukis advanced to the Sweet

Sixteen with a win over Georgia. He said the candid way Weber answered his questions — ranging from playing time to the possibility Weber might not remain at SIU throughout his career — impressed him.

Williams said Young needs to continue developing as a point guard, but thinks the Salukis are adding a player with an unusual knack for success.

“There are special people who really have a passion, and Tony really has one for basketball,” Williams said. “I think that makes everybody around him better. He gets people to play at a higher level.”

“But all that aside, he’s just a hell of an athlete.”

It might be a while, though, before Young shows his stuff as a Saluki. Incoming junior college point guard

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Tony Young, seen here playing for a summer team, has signed on to play point guard for SIU.