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# Theater showcases artwork and independent films

A year after opening, Maiden Alley Cinema has livened up downtown Paducah

Arin Thompson  
 Daily Egyptian

**PADUCAH, Ky.** — Giant fake watermelon slices hang from the ceiling, and the chrome of a silver Harley Davidson V-Rod sparkles in the lobby against a black and white still from the '70s classic "Easy Rider."

It's not just a movie theater. Maiden Alley Cinema, 112 Maiden Alley in Paducah, Ky., offers more than movies. The theater was opened by the Paducah Film Society one year ago and has made progress in all of the programs it had slated for its first year. One of the programs is an art gallery curated by Bob Shapiro.

"My goal is to support area artists," Shapiro said. "They don't have to live in the area, but they must have some connection with the area."

Shapiro said he has been pushing for the art gallery for three years.

"There were many times to eliminate the gallery aspect because of budget problems," Shapiro said.

The gallery has made a comfortable home within the theater, and artwork covers the walls past which patrons walk to see a movie.

"Most people are used to going to a commercial movie theater, but they are always pleasantly surprised when they see the artwork. I pushed to have a gallery within the Maiden Alley Cinema," Shapiro said. "I thought it would be a wonderful asset to the movie theater. I thought they would work hand-in-glove."

The current exhibit is by artist Eva Nikolova, a 1998 SIUC graduate from the School of Art and Design. Her

exhibit is about her experience immigrating to the United States from Bulgaria at age 15. Her experience is told through black and white prints.

The theater does show bigger films, such as "The Road to Perdition," but independent films are the basis of the theater's existence. Portions of the Big Muddy Film Festival have been shown at Maiden Alley Cinema.

"Memento," "The Man Who Wasn't There" and "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," three popular independent films, have also been shown at the Alley.

"From the beginning, the film society has wanted to do films you can't get anywhere else," said Jason Turner, manager of the theater and SIUC cinema and photography graduate.

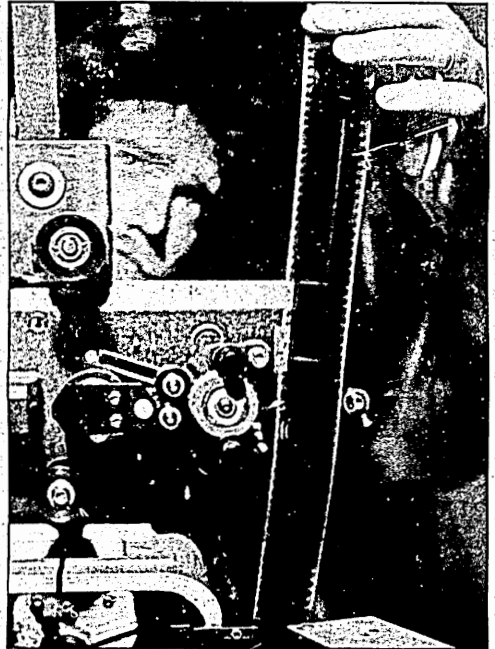
In light of heavy success over the weekend with midnight showings of "The Wizard of Oz," played in-synch with the Pink Floyd album, "The Dark Side of the Moon," Turner said he is planning on starting a new lineup of midnight programming. He said he is thinking about featuring films like, "Spinal Tap," "Cheech & Chong" and "The Wall."

The theater is currently applying for a liquor license so that the audience can enjoy a beer while watching a movie. There is also a "Meal and a Movie" package in the works that would offer dinner at an area restaurant and then a movie.

The theater also hosts a children's program on the first Saturday of every month. Twenty tickets are given away for under-privileged children to see movies, Turner said.

The theater has stadium seating. The same company that furnishes Volvos makes the seats. It has a state-of-the-art sound system by Dolby and can be rented for private parties.

"They didn't want to build another regular theater with neon lights," said



**ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN**  
 Jason Turner, theater manager and SIUC cinema and photography graduate, threads a 35mm print of "Easy Rider" into the movie projector at the Maiden Alley Cinema. In addition to showing classic films, Maiden Alley also shows independent and non-commercial films.

Turner of the Paducah Film Society. All profits from the theater and the gallery are put back into programming for the film society. The theater is used and owned by a three-way partnership.

The film society runs the movie programs and art gallery. The River Heritage Museum, which will open in the spring, is host to local historical artwork and artifacts. The Seaman's Church Institution also uses the facility as a part of the Center for Maritime Education to train towboat pilots.

Since the opening of the theater,

the surrounding area has livened up as well. The downtown river district of Paducah is becoming more entertainment-oriented, and more businesses are coming to the area, according to Shapiro.

"It's evolving," Shapiro said. "It is turning out to be more powerful than I imagined. The arts tend to lead you in very interesting places."

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**ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN**  
 After a showing of "The Wizard of Oz," people exit the Maiden Alley through the art gallery. Currently, the gallery houses a student photography competition, while the lobby gallery has prints made by Eva Nikolova, a 1998 SIUC graduate from the School of Art and Design.

# Study shows black unemployment rate doubles rate of whites

Samantha Robinson  
 Daily Egyptian

The National Urban League released its annual report on the state of black America last week, and one of the areas with alarming statistics was in the job market. The results show that blacks are losing their jobs twice as fast as whites.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the national average for June 2002 was 5.9 percent. When broken down, the national average for whites was 5.2, and for blacks it was 10.7.

The study conducted by the NUL breaks down the numbers and tries to get an understanding of why the national average is so high for African-Americans. One of the reasons for the high numbers is because of the recent layoffs during the past year.

Last year at this time, the unemployment rate for blacks was 8.7 percent, a high increase for only one year. For whites, the rate was 4.1.

Why the unemployment rate is so high and why it is at a rate that

seems to be steadily climbing are questions researchers are asking.

In a release on the NUL website, NUL president Hugh Price said one of the reasons for the high rate is that some people may be unemployed because their skill levels are not conducive to holding a steady job.

In their study, it was found that many blacks were being moved into low-intensity training that only equipped them for entry-level positions.

The numbers nationally are alarmingly high to many, but when broken down according to state and even county, the numbers are still high.

The unemployment rate for Illinois is 6.3 percent, up from the average of 5.3 last year. Jackson County's unemployment rate for June was 4.2, as compared to 3.6 last year.

Specific numbers for Carbondale based on race are unable to be obtained because of limited funding, but the state is able to analyze the numbers by county.

Mitch Daniels, the local labor market manager with the Illinois Department of Employment Security, said the state numbers are high but have dropped enough to be noticeable.

"The numbers are higher from May, but compared to last June are about the same," Daniels said. "Numbers going up in June are normal."

Higher numbers in June are mainly attributed to school being out. Within the Southern Illinois area, school staffs are out of work until August, so they are included in the unemployment statistics.

The rate for Jackson County is retrieved once a year and shows the significant difference between whites and blacks. The rate for whites last year was 3.2 percent, while blacks had an unemployment rate of 7.4.

From last year's rates and the percentages from the first two quarters of this year, unemployment rates are projected to be the same

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# Public Policy Institute funds black mentoring programs in local churches

Programs help young, black males to achieve education and success

Samantha Edmondson  
 Daily Egyptian

Joe Hill grew up in a supportive home with opportunities for education, financial stability and male mentoring. But Hill, a recent SIU graduate in administrative justice, knows other young African-American males are not as lucky in Carbondale.

After coaching the track team for Carbondale Middle School, Hill learned how some of the students would rather stay at practice than go home.

Hill was helping out with the annual Juneteenth Celebration when he was approached by his pastor, Rick Jackson, of Bethel-AME Church. Jackson asked Hill and his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, to provide guidance in the church's new program,

"Widow's Ministries." This is one of seven different local mentoring programs, funded through the Public Policy Institute, that help young African-American males further their social and academic knowledge.

Mike Lawrence, associate director for the Public Policy Institute, said the institute received a large grant from the Ford Foundation and dedicated \$25,000 of the funding to implement mentoring programs targeted toward the African-American male.

Lawrence said he believes this section of the population is where increased efforts need to be made.

"We see too many African-American males in prison and too many African-American males not succeeding the way we want them to succeed," Lawrence said. "It is very important to all of us as a society that we help people of all races to reach their full potential, and we have identified the African-American male as one of those sectors where we want to

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### Important Reminder for Students Graduating or Leaving SIUC!

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

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



### NATIONAL NEWS

#### Baby boomer's driving days dwindle

By the year 2030, about 7 million baby boomers age 65 and older will have stopped driving and will be forced to rely on other forms of transportation, says a study out today. Such dependency will raise a host of issues for freedom-loving baby boomers, their families and society as a whole, says study author Dan Foley of the National Institute on Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health. His study appears in the August issue of the American Journal of Public Health. Foley and his colleagues studied nearly 5,000 men and women, age 70 and older, who had a car and were still driving in 1993. For the next two years, they noted each time someone in the study stopped driving. The findings are based on drivers in the 1990s, so it is possible the number of seniors who stay behind the wheel may change in the coming years. But based on this study's predictions, men and women ages 70 to 74 can expect to drive a car for another 11 years, Foley says. The findings indicate that women, after turning in the car keys, will spend about a decade finding other ways to get to the grocery store or go on other errands. For men, the findings mean about six years of scrounging for other forms of transportation. This study suggests that more than 600,000 Americans stop driving each year, a number that will rise sharply in the coming decades as baby boomers begin to retire.

#### Whales stuck on another Cape Cod beach

EASTHAM, Mass. — About 40 pilot whales became stranded on a Cape Cod beach Tuesday, just one day after volunteers pushed them back out to sea from another beach. The development is "pretty bad news" and may be a sign the whales are dying, an expert said. The small black whales, which had been tagged on Monday before being freed from Chapin Beach in Dennis, were found stuck in shallow water Tuesday morning about 25 miles to the east. About 20 people were at the remote beach in Eastham trying to keep the whales wet until they could be returned to deeper water again, said Chris Bailey of the International Fund for Animal Welfare. It was not immediately known why the whales became stranded. Bailey said blood samples may be taken to determine whether they are ill, in which case the whales might need to be euthanized. "This is pretty bad news for them considering they've relocated once," said Kristin Patchett, of the Cape Cod Stranding Network. The fact that they've stranded again probably means they're in pretty bad shape. It's not a very good day, unfortunately. Patchett said the pilot whales go into shock when they strand, and if that can't be reversed, they will wind up stranding again or dying at sea.

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

#### Two Koreas set to resume talks

SEOUL, South Korea — The two Koreas are heading to the negotiating table in an apparent breakthrough after months of frozen relations between the bitter neighbors. South Korea's Unification Ministry says it will send a working-level delegation to North Korea's Mount Kumgang this weekend, accepting a proposal from Pyongyang to resume dialogue which accompanied a message of regret from the North over a deadly naval clash last month. Moves to get North Korea involved in talks with the South as well as the United States stalled after a June 29 sea battle that left five South Korean and at least 12 North Korean sailors dead. Pyongyang initially blamed the South for firing first but in a surprise move last week, North Korea issued an apology to Seoul over the Yellow Sea incident. A breakthrough in relations with the North came on Sunday during Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov's visit to Pyongyang, where he was meeting with North Korean leader, Kim Jong Il. Nanov says North Korea also plans to hold talks with Japan, despite the lack of diplomatic ties. The North-South talks could follow a series of meetings this week on the sidelines of the ASEAN forum already underway in Brunei. There, North Korean officials are expected to seize the chance to meet with U.S. and Japanese officials. Japan's Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi says she'll meet with her North Korean counterpart in Brunei.

#### Pollution fears over Barrier Reef rescue

TOWNSVILLE, Australia — Attempts to salvage a cargo ship stuck on a sandbar near Australia's Great Barrier Reef will not begin until late Wednesday at the earliest, with rescue experts tipping a difficult task ahead. The Greek-owned bulk carrier, Doric Chariot, ran aground early on Monday morning, and attempts to refloat the ship overnight using its own engines failed. The ship was carrying 53,000 tons of Australian coking coal bound for India when it struck the sandbar about 600 kilometers north of Cairns near the far northeastern tip of Australia. A salvage tug is now on its way to the ship, but is not expected to reach the area until Wednesday afternoon. A second tug, based in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, is on standby to assist with the rescue if required. A three-person salvage team from Australian company Adsteam Marine has been helicoptered on the ship and is expected to provide a report on the rescue conditions later Tuesday. Captain Chris Green from Adsteam Marine told CNN that no salvage operation would begin until an agreement was reached between the ship's owners and his company. The salvage is not expected to be a simple operation, with concerns over minimizing damage to the nearby Piper's reef, which is part of the environmentally sensitive Great Barrier Reef system.

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Partly cloudy with light and variable winds.

### Five-day Forecast

Thursday	Partly Cloudy	91/70
Friday	Partly Cloudy	90/70
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	90/70
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	90/70
Monday	Partly Cloudy	91/71

### Almanac

Average high: 87  
Average low: 64  
Tuesday's precip: 0.00 in.  
Tuesday's hi/low: 93/72

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### TODAY'S CALENDAR

No events submitted

### POLICE-REPORTS

University

- A Nokia cell phone and check card were reported stolen between 7 and 9 p.m. Thursday at the Sunset Concert. The check card was later used to make unauthorized purchases at several stores in Carbondale. The loss was estimated at \$675. Police said they have no suspects.
- A textbook was reported stolen at 10:35 p.m. Sunday at the Morris Library Computer Lab. The loss was estimated at \$70.50.
- Alisa M. McGee, 24, Carbondale, was arrested at 12:52 a.m. Monday in Lot 62 on an Alexander County failure to appear warrant. McGee posted a \$250 bond and was released.
- Ronald N. Ford, 24, Carbondale, was arrested at 12:19 a.m. Saturday on Lincoln Drive on a DuPage County failure to appear warrant.

### CORRECTIONS

No items

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# Clark joins the BOT prepared to learn it all

Student trustee stands up for campus issues during first BOT meeting

Samantha Edmondson  
Daily Egyptian

Despite three years in the Undergraduate Student Government, the Board of Trustees and University administration still intimidated Ted Clark.

"They are the Board of Trustees, and the chancellor and the president is there," Clark said. "You feel like you are not as important."

But former student trustee Nathan Stone helped Clark ease his fears and told him that even if he does not feel important, he has to act like it.

Board members, University administration and student representatives noted Clark's confident transition at the July 11 BOT meeting at the School of Medicine in Springfield.

When undergraduate assistantship approval was tossed to the board at the meeting, Clark did not hesitate to question the nature of the program.

"I was questioning the chancellor, and that felt weird," Clark said. "But he gave me all the information I asked for."

Michael Jarard, Undergraduate Student Government president, said Clark pulled out big questions concerning the assistantship program, regardless of the nervous setting of his first BOT meeting.

"He brings professionalism to the position, and he puts his mind in it and gets done," Jarard said. "I don't see him going around the students back; he is there for us."

BOT chair Molly D'Esposito was impressed by Clark's respectful and approachable response to his questioning.

"He struck me as a little bit more experienced since he completed a year in medical school," D'Esposito said.

Clark will soon move to the SIUC School of Medicine in Springfield to continue his education, but he plans to represent all SIUC students as he has done throughout his elections and undergraduate activities.

A Cartersville native, Clark was destined to go to SIUC as a third-generation graduate from the institution. But the expectation did not bother



Ted Clark poses in front of a Southern Illinois University logo. Clark is the incoming BOT student trustee for the upcoming year and attended his first meeting July 11.

WILLIAM A. RICE — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Clark, even though his career was quite different from his teacher-qualified immediate family.

In fact, his family's Saluki pride fueled his ambition to pursue a degree in biology and apply for a job in the provost's office at Wheeler Hall his first day of school.

"It was really cool because I became a messenger, transporting big medical people from the airport and stuff," Clark said. "There was probably a little motivation from them."

Even though his four-year job in Wheeler Hall allowed for medical school connections, Clark became

interested in the school of politics.

After controversial party issues and an unsuccessful run for USG vice president, Clark became frustrated with the organization and decided to pursue a different political position: student BOT trustee.

Clark had planned to run for student trustee during his first year of medical school, but with his numerous extracurricular activities, he was afraid his schoolwork would suffer.

"I had to cut a few things out of my life and make [trustee position] my only extracurricular activity," Clark said. "And historically, I am not very

good with elections."

But after filling his backpack full of fliers and walking on foot from dorm room to dorm room, Clark won the trustee election in April by an almost 2-to-1 margin over his opponent, former USG president Bill Archer.

Jarard said Clark's involvement in USG and other organizations has helped him develop the skills needed to understand the University political system.

"We are in a budgetary crisis; you don't want someone who doesn't understand why there is a building going up and cutting programs at the same time," Jarard said. "He understands by working with USG."

Clark also has increased knowledge of student organizations, academics and Saluki spirit through his undergraduate activity involvement.

Aside from working at Wheeler Hall, Clark also helped teach classes in the biology department his senior year and conducted research on student smoking habits.

Clark was a member of the Beta Theta Phi fraternity for two years, introduced new students as a Student Life Adviser during fall orientation and served as "Gray Dog," one of two Saluki dog sports mascots.

Even though each trustee encounters a general orientation for the position, Clark's past activities still did not prepare him for the workload ahead as trustee.

"There really is no job description," Clark said. "You are pretty much on your own; you walk into your office and get meeting minutes, computer messages, e-mails from the BOT talking about issues. There is a lot of groundwork you have to do to get up to speed."

After reading past material and talking with representatives from different organizations and BOT members, Clark said his approach is one that is sensible and logical.

"It was my goal when I started this job to know everything about everything, learn as I was reading through the budget and minutes of the last meeting," Clark said. "I knew that there is a lot of stuff that would take me my entire term to learn, and by the end, I would have accomplished nothing."

He said his approach is to understand everything that comes up during BOT meetings and school issues but choose the issues that specifically need a student voice.

"That is kind of what I did for undergraduate assistantships," Clark said. "It happened to be the chosen topic for that meeting."

He said he has found someone to help him out with gathering ideas from student representative bodies. He hopes this, including his general consensus of student opinion, will increase his knowledge of current issues.

"If they have an idea or something comes up to the board, I will be given that idea. We will bounce it off all representative bodies, see what they have to say about it, throw it all together in one little smoothy ball and throw it on the table at the board meeting," Clark said.

He said the budget crisis with the tuition increase will be a big issue this coming year because the University has slated another \$600 for students next year.

Clark hopes the students will come together and work out other solutions and other ideas if they disagree with the increase. He also believes the layoff situation will provoke some discussion among students and University staff as well.

Overall, Clark would like to better prepare the next student trustee for the position and help all students receive a better knowledge of the Board of Trustees.

"People think and students feel faculty on campus are not in touch with what is going on," Clark said. "True, they are not here day in and day out, but they have to understand the way the University works."

An old nameplate for former SIUC student Board of Trustee representative, Nathan Stone, still rests on the desk in the student trustee office.

But Ted Clark, the new BOT student trustee, did not enter into his first BOT meeting July 11 shadowed by his predecessor's legacy. He plans to leave the next trustee with the knowledge he learned from Stone and his experiences.

"You have to balance respect and admiration for leaders and leaders of the University, what is best for the University and what is best for what the students want," Clark said. "Confidence is needed to get across your point for yourself and the students."

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## Contract negotiations still in the works for faculty

Decision unlikely to be reached by fall semester

Brian Peach  
Daily Egyptian

The Faculty Association's meeting with a University negotiating team on Tuesday was, yet again, unsuccessful in reaching any contract agreements between the two groups.

But after the previous 20 meetings, that was probably to be expected, and neither group is happy with the lack of progress for new faculty contracts that has been ongoing since February.

Faculty Association President Monte Daneshdoost said the contracts were supposed to be finalized by the end of the spring semester, but now it doesn't even look like a decision will be reached by the start of fall semester.

"One of the concerns we have is that we are going to start the semester with a lot of uncertainty," Daneshdoost said. "We were hoping to have a mutual tentative agreement before fall semester starts, but unfortunately, I don't see that happening."

The tentative contract is a common goal between the groups, but Daneshdoost said even if one was drawn up, it could not be finalized until all faculty members return in the fall.

Without the temporary contract, faculty will be teaching under the stipulations of the terms of their current one. All terms, with the exception of faculty salaries, will be left unchanged.

Should the administrative negotiation group and the Faculty Association come to an agreement, the SIUC Board of Trustees would be responsible for ratifying the decision and approving any new expenditures brought on by the contracts.

The only way for the current contract to fall is if one of the two groups decides to void it. In which case, the void requires a 10-day notice expressing disapproval of the contract prior to it being cancelled.

Daneshdoost said the Faculty Association is attempting to deal with non-financial related issues before the financial ones in an effort to at least come to the easier decisions first.

Delays in forming new faculty contracts are not uncommon at SIUC. Past attempts at negotiations went on for more than a year before a decision was agreed upon between the groups.

"The longer this takes, the worse things get for everybody," Daneshdoost said. "The economic health of the community depends on the situation at SIUC."

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## Defendant faces judge for wreck that claimed lives of Hurd Brothers

Bond set for man charged in accident

Lena Morsch  
Daily Egyptian

As a community continues to cope with the loss of the Hurd Brothers, the man allegedly responsible for the fatal wreck on July 22 is returning to Southern Illinois to face charges of reckless homicide, aggravated DUI, driving while license revoked and failure to obey a stop sign.

Raymond Moss, 38, of Harrisburg, was released Saturday from Barnes-Jewish hospital in Saint-Louis. Upon release, he was immediately taken into custody and was held in Saint Louis County Jail. Moss waived his extradition to Saline County and was expected to return Tuesday afternoon to the Saline County Detention Center. A spokesperson at the jail said Moss is expected to appear in court on Wednesday after his medical condition is checked.

According to Illinois State Police, Moss disobeyed a stop sign while driving south on Oglesby road in Harrisburg, and his vehicle was struck by a 1972 Chevy pick-up truck driven by Doug Hurd. Moss' car slid sideways and hit a tree. The truck flipped onto its top

and burst into flames, killing Hurd, 40, and his brother Forrest, 43. Moss and his passenger, Aimee Debose, 21, of Eldorado, received major injuries. Debose has since been released from Harrisburg Medical center.

Bail was set on July 25 for \$250,000. Moss was out on bond for two incidents with police earlier this year in which he is facing charges of two counts of aggravated fleeing of a police officer, two counts of driving while license revoked, aggravated battery of a police officer, criminal damage to government property, unlawful invasion of a vehicle and possession of a stolen vehicle.

If Moss is found guilty, he could face up to 28 years in prison, according to the Saline County State's Attorney's office.

Memorial tributes are being planned in The Hurd Brothers' hometown of Harrisburg. Several bands that were longtime friends of the brothers plan tributes as well, including St. Stephen's Blues and Stony Curtis Group.

The Hurd Brothers have played in the area for two decades and had a large fan base. They opened for national acts such as Buddy Guy, Steppenwolf, Robin Trower and Molly Hatchet.

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## OUR WORD

# The summer's final chapter: unfinished business, praise and criticism

This editorial will close another chapter of DAILY EGYPTIAN history. It will render the summer's final opinion, suggestions and praise.

USG Senator Rob Taylor was arrested in early March for violating the city's encroachment ordinance after he refused a police officer's request to keep moving along the sidewalk of the 500 block of South Illinois Avenue. The city dropped its case against Taylor June 8 because the crowd on the sidewalk was not big enough to conclude that Taylor was blocking traffic. The encroachment ordinance, meant to prevent another Halloween hell, needs to be defined in such a way that it can not be abused or thrown out altogether. USG is likely to broach this issue in the fall, and the City Council should respond.

The formation of the Human Relations Commission was tabled until students return in the fall. The city drafted a proposal to form a commission without any legal powers, but many, including the DAILY EGYPTIAN, do not think this is enough. Students should take advantage of the opportunity to voice their opinion on the commission, and we encourage the City Council to be flexible and open when deciding what should be done.

On the University level, uncertainty seems to be the buzzword. After the state ran dry of funds and delivered SIUC a deflated check, Chancellor Walter Wendler said that layoffs were inevitable. Later in the summer, he said the University would not have to lay-off workers and could fill the budget hole by not replacing retired faculty. Many are wondering, however, if that policy will carry over to the fall. It seems unlikely the University can fill such a large budget hole without

eliminating any faculty members. We're not suggesting they cannot, but at the very least administrators should be honest if layoffs are inevitable.

Another item of uncertainty that will linger into the fall is faculty contract negotiations. Faculty Association President Morteza Daneshdoo said he would like to have contracts finalized before the fall semester begins. We're not throwing up a red flag just because they are not. If memory serves, the last negotiations lasted 150 years. It seems, however, that given all the other troubles the University is having with the budget, both sides would be just a little more compromising than usual when it comes to finalizing contracts.

Still remaining unfilled is the provost position. The chancellor said this would be filled by July 1, yet the summer is nearly over and the new provost has not been picked. What is the holdup? The provost should be hired as soon as possible so that he can begin learning his job before the busy fall semester.

We are, however, pleased to see that the administration chose John Koropchak to fill the newly created vice chancellor for Research position. Nothing from Koropchak's reign as dean of the Graduate School suggests that he is incapable of doing the job. He has the characteristics of professionalism and dedication. In addition, he was chosen from a national search, and we are confident he will be able to fulfill the duties of the job well.

In the sports arena, the fall looks very promising. The new softball field is expected to be completed by the first home game in the spring. This will signify a Title IX victory complete. The football stadium now has lights and the team will play several night

games. There's no excuse, now, why more fans can't get out and cheer on the Salukis.

Also this summer, a long, ugly chapter in SIUC history was closed. The court dismissed former chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger's case against the University ruling that she lacked significant evidence. It is time to move on and allow the administrators currently in charge to lead without interference from the past.

During the course of the summer, SIUC was placed on two surveys, one positive, one not so much, but both with a message. The University ranked fifth nationally among traditionally white institutions in awarding undergraduate degrees to black students. The University should play upon this strength and make a concerted effort to hire more minority faculty and, even if they don't offer a major, beef up the Black Affairs Studies program.

The other ranking we are not so proud of was SIUC's sixth place mark on a survey of schools likened to the rowdy drunks of "Animal House." This just proves that our image problem is still a problem. While we agree with President James Walker's decision to not hire a consulting firm presently, this process of fixing our image should not be neglected.

On a more tragic note, we would like to extend our sympathies to the friends and families of the two SIUC students who died this summer. Pieter Badenhorst was found dead in his Abbott Hall dorm room. The cause of death is still uncertain. Chad Newberry died in a car accident on his way home. He was going to graduate in August. If any good comes from these tragedies, it should be that we learn to appreciate life a little more.

## Congrats

Our August graduates are often overlooked, so we would like to congratulate the summer grads and offer this bit of advice: When you are asked where you attend school at a job interview or with colleagues never respond, "just SIUC." Remember, you are Southern Illinois University and that is so much more than "just a Saluki."

You are mother and father to some 20,000 students every year. You are the inventor of new ideas and the doctor of old ones. You are the farmer who tills the academic seed and reaps the crops of your labor and the author of seemingly impossible dreams realized.

You are often times the referee ensuring fair and consistent play. Other times, you are the injured player watching helplessly from the sidelines. You are the mechanic of things broken and the teacher of knowledge unknown. You are the coroner who delivers tragedy, of death too soon. You are the bullfighter who waves his red flag daring the world to challenge. You are often times the life of the party and during the hangover that follows, you are the mime stuck in the box this image has created. You are a locksmith opening doors for first-generation students, international students and working-class students.

You are clockwork orange, ever fluid and changing. You are Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Be proud.

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COLUMNISTS

# The Dark Horse

I am not a winner. I am not the feather in the cap of this University. I am rarely the one to watch, rarely the horse to bet on.

That's not to say I don't have my unique talents and gifts, though most of the time they go unnoticed. I do succeed in important areas, but often that success is overshadowed by the greatness of others. I do have my shimmering moments of brilliance, but usually I am considered, well, mediocre.

My college career as a non-traditional undergraduate student has been a race more marked by injury than victory. More often than I have been proud of myself, I have been disappointed. More often than I have reaped the benefits of my labor, I have collapsed in exhaustion. More often than I have perfected my tasks, I have killed myself trying.

And I am not sorry for one painful, angst-ridden day of it. Not sorry for all those sleepless nights. Not sorry about all those mistakes I made along the way.

I am utterly remorseless about being a dark horse in a white system.

And I am not alone.

Southern Illinois University is made of dark horses.

In its humility, this University is the stalwart gambler on dark horses.

ACTs below 25. It is packed with working-class Southern Illinoisans in a state that barely recognizes anything below its knees. More than two-thirds of its undergraduate student population relies on financial aid. Many of its patrons work two jobs just for the luxury of sitting in its aging classrooms.

This University is not a winner. This University is not the feather in the cap of academia. This University is rarely the one to watch, rarely the horse to bet on.

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SIU Issues

BY MARLEEN TROUTT  
Editor-in-Chief, DAILY EGYPTIAN

huffs for recognition in an arena that often sees it as an insignificant and immature party school. Meanwhile, it doesn't even recognize the vital track on which it gallops.

This University does not have a flawless and privileged Harvard past. We have real-world battle scars. This University does not have unlimited funds to play with. We must rely on the generosity of friends and our own creativity.

The University and I both succeed because we refuse to believe what others think of us. We pluck the feathers for our own caps. We reach greatness because we pick ourselves when society expects to pass us by. We have the courage to bet on ourselves.

Perhaps we will never rise out of the mediocrity that haunts us. Perhaps the world will never see our gifts from our faults or our bright future from our less-than-perfect pasts. But perhaps none of that matters. Dwelling on what we are not or how we are perceived as insufficient is the only real mark of mediocrity.

As administrators struggle to improve SIU's image, I have one caveat. Our present legacy may not be the most prestigious... it just may be the most important.

In its tolerance, this University is the gate to the dream of education for all. In its acceptance, this University is the down-to-earth answer to the prayers of the diverse commoners and the great middle class. In its humility, this University is the stalwart gambler on dark horses.

And the beautiful secret is that sometimes the dark horses run the fastest. Sometimes, they have to.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifth and sixth in a series of columns titled SIU Issues that have appeared throughout the summer. The DAILY EGYPTIAN has invited campus and civic leaders to share their vision for SIUC.

# The city and University as one



SIU Issues

BY JEFF DOHERTY  
Carbondale City Manager

Committee to develop recruitment and retention programs for SIUC students. Efforts have included direct mailings to prospective SIUC students, scholarships, SIUC student-welcome tent on move-in day and participation in the SIUC student recruitment fairs. The city of Carbondale has initiated a marketing program that includes messages of appreciation to SIUC students through print ads and banners, and the city continues to sponsor the Spring Thing concert on campus.

As another method of addressing SIUC's enrollment, it is often said that the city needs to develop better relations with SIUC. The town-gown relationship between the city of Carbondale and the SIUC administration is one of good communication, cooperation and trust. We work closely together on many issues and approach them with the understanding that what is good for one will benefit the other. A monthly breakfast has long been held at which the city, the Chamber of Commerce and SIUC administrators meet informally to discuss various issues.

Is the city unfriendly to students? This community is actually very accommodating toward students. At the City Council level, two chairs with microphones are reserved for the representatives of both the Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate and Professional Student Council. The city has worked closely with SIUC students in the past on various issues including mass transit, housing, including the implementation of the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program, bar-entry age and towing, through which the city worked with USC and adopted a towing rate for private towers on private property.

Carbondale is a college town with an economy that is reliant on SIUC. The University shapes the community in many ways. It is important that the city work closely with the SIUC administration and student body. We want Carbondale to be an attractive, prosperous community and a fun place to live.

Carbondale is a college town and SIUC has a tremendous influence on the community's economy, government, character, and culture. Most people reading this right now, including me, are here because of SIUC.

SIUC's influence goes well beyond Carbondale. It is the largest employer in Illinois south of Springfield. It has the largest payroll of any employer in five counties of this region. SIUC is the primary economic engine for all of Southern Illinois, and it is centered in Carbondale.

Carbondale hasn't always been a college town in its 150 years. First, it was a small railroad town that just happened to have a little college on the south side. When the railroad's decline began in the 1940s, SIUC's rise as a major university was being initiated. During the 1950s and '60s, more and more students came to SIUC. By 1970, there were 24,000 students coming to SIUC. Carbondale, the small conservative former railroad town, was not as quick to adjust to the growth.

One major area in which Carbondale was slow to adjust was in meeting the housing demand for thousands of new students. As Mayor Dillard recalls, SIUC asked Carbondale to "throw open your house for the new students." While off-campus dormitories and apartments were built, they did not satisfy the demands. Trailer parks grew in and around Carbondale. Blocks of family neighborhoods near campus changed into student housing areas. Today, the rental housing market is a major part of Carbondale's economy.

Over the years, students kept coming to SIUC and Carbondale. Business was good. Life was good. Everyone became fat and sassy. Suddenly, in the 1990s, student enrollment began to drop. There are varying views about why SIUC's enrollment dropped, from the elimination of associate degree programs and the growth of John A. Logan College to increased competition from other universities, poor housing alternatives and unfriendliness by businesses and the city toward students and Halloween, either because of its elimination or because of the negative reputation it gave SIUC and Carbondale.

Lower enrollment at SIUC hit home. The community responded. The Carbondale Chamber of Commerce and the city of Carbondale joined forces with SIUC through the Chamber's Saluki Pride

LETTERS

## Carbondale should do more for disabled residents

DEAR EDITOR,

SIUC and the city of Carbondale are both home to many blind and visually impaired students and residents. Not only are there many blind people in our community, but there are other people with other disabilities from different walks of life.

In writing this letter, I am looking at things from a blind person's point of view as it relates to the lack of opportunity for people with disabilities in the Carbondale area. The Southern Illinois area is a great place to live and raise a family. The people are friendly, helpful and caring. Carbondale is a nice community that's not too big and not too small, with some services you only find in major cities such as taxis, multiple types of public transportation and a variety of shopping outlets as a few examples. There are many activities stemming from Southern Illinois University and other traditional activities native to Southern Illinois that make for good entertainment for the numerous small surrounding communities.

As a blind person living here since I was 6 years old, I know this community well and I know much of its history. There are many things good and bad that cannot be put in this letter, because I am aware of the limit of space that can be dedicated in this forum.

The gist of what I'm writing about has to do with the lack of employment opportunities that permeates a great area of the state of Illinois. In my life time of living in this area, I've met many people who say they would love to stay in the area to raise a family but can't find work that can help them support their families. If you are a person with a disability, the difficulty is magnified many times. A disabled person who is single also faces many hard trials trying to make ends meet in this area.

Lack of employment opportunity is the major culprit. I think SIUC, the city of Carbondale and the business community have fallen short in their diligence to capitalize on the strengths of each other in attracting more business opportunities to this area. Having a major university located in your community is a luring tool to big businesses that are seeking areas of expansion. Tourism not only in Carbondale, but the whole Southern Illinois area is another big luring tool. The scenery, fishing, history and landmarks should be exposed to the many Americans who are unaware of the richness of this part of the state.

Caught up in the middle of the lack of employment opportunity are people with disabilities. We suffer the lack of opportunity just like anyone else looking to support their families, but we also have to battle the lack of

understanding of many people who are in the position to hire well-qualified disabled individuals to help Southern Illinois to be the best it can be.

Many potential employers look at the disability first and not the person. They fail to take time to understand and find out just what expertise we can bring to their business or organization. Having a disability does not take away a person's ability to perform complex tasks in gainful employment. There are many well-educated and professional people with disabilities who graduate from this hometown University who must leave the area to be successful because there are no opportunities for them here. Our community leaders must realize that they are letting some of the best and creative minds slip through their fingers without making a great effort to keep some of that creativity here to serve Southern Illinois.

I think community businesses, organizations such as city governments, churches, rehabilitation agencies and interested community leaders should get together and look at all the options available to them and come up with a plan aimed at keeping as much professional talent in this wonderful community, whether people are disabled or not. I would hope that something can be done instead of letting them go where others benefit from what we in this

area fail to capitalize on for the benefit of our citizens and communities.

People with disabilities contribute to the success of our community. If we are working, we spend money in the local economy, we pay taxes, which helps to support much needed services and many people are able to permanently stay off welfare and other assistance programs.

In closing, I would like to ask these questions. Who in the Southern Illinois community has made a real effort to find out what our disabled community thinks as it relates to their community and their opportunities here? Who has taken a real look at what our city leaders and business leaders really do to hire and include persons with disabilities in the success of gainful employment?

Has the Daily Egyptian, the Southern Illinoisan, city of Carbondale and other major players in our community really brought the plight of our disabled citizens to the forefront of awareness? If not, what will interested parties do now that this letter says there is a major problem of misunderstanding, lack of awareness, lack of opportunity and lack of interest for this sector of our Southern Illinois population? Who out there cares enough?

Rufus L. Glass  
Carbondale

# Lentz makeover look to be complete in October

## TPEC worked with renovation designer and students' ideas

Jane Huh  
Daily Egyptian

University housing officials took students' advice on how to renovate old dining facilities and add dining and recreation services this fall.

By early October, Lentz dining hall will offer the new Last Resort, complete with a big-screen TV, new furniture and carpeting, pool tables and foosball machines, said Elizabeth Scally, marketing and conference services coordinator.

Thompson Point Executive Council members relayed their input into the new design of the outdated facilities.

The addition of Café Latte will be where the old Lake Side Deli was located. Students can purchase coffee and other refreshments with cash, check or their Debit Dawg card.

Residents will have access to Lentz's workout room and laundry facilities as soon as the semester begins despite the ongoing construction work.

Sandy Sherman, sophomore from Des Plaines, will be living at Smith Hall this fall. She said the Last Resort and the mini-coffee-



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Physical plant workers are finishing up the latest addition to Lentz Hall, Café Latte, a mini-coffeehouse located in the basement of the building. Café Latte is located in the space previously occupied by Lakeside Deli.

house is a welcome change for residents.

"I think it'll be really nice and it'll probably have something for everyone," Sherman said. "It would be a nice place to have an entertainment break."

Sherman said that last semester, the Last Resort was often empty and served no real function.

"It was pretty vacant. Sometimes there were some people just laying around the couches, but they were people who worked in maintenance," she said. "Now we can do laundry and play a little foosball while we wait or a game of pool."

During the summer, several dorms received special improvements. Fire alarms at Thompson

Point are upgraded, Mae Smith dorms have new window screens and furniture and Wright in University Hall has new carpeting. Serving areas at Grinnell and Trueblood dining halls also received makeovers.

All residence dorms are routinely inspected during the summer break, Scally said.

Scally credits the makeover at Lentz to the students who offered their suggestions.

"I think they'll be very positive to it," Scally said. "They dictated our agenda and we'll do that again next year."

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# Beer distribution center relocates to Carbondale

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The construction of a new Anheuser-Busch distribution center at the Bicentennial Industrial Park will begin as soon as possible, city officials said, making Carbondale the hub for beer distribution throughout deep Southern Illinois.

Venegoni Horrell Distributing Inc. will construct the distribution center on the northwest corner of the Industrial Park, bordered to the west by the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad tracks and to the north by Dillinger Road.

"It [will be] an impressive building and presence at the corner as you come into the industrial park," City Manager Jeff Doherty said.

Venegoni will transfer 35 jobs from its current distribution center at 550 N. 19th St., Murphysboro, to the new site.

John Linehan, director of the Carbondale Business Development Corp., said Venegoni plans to build a 40,000- to 50,000-square-foot, climate-controlled building that will be a center for beer distribution throughout Southern Illinois.

The building is expected to be completed on Jan. 1, 2003.

Dennis Kortkamp, president of Venegoni, did not return repeated Daily Egyptian phone calls.

The Carbondale City Council unanimously approved the sale of the 7 1/2 acres of city land to Venegoni for \$1 on Tuesday, July 23. The land usually sells for \$6,000 an acre.

Doherty said it is not unusual for

cities to give land to businesses as an incentive.

"It's always a good thing to increase the tax base and [bring in] jobs," Doherty said.

Councilman Brad Cole said this parcel of land has been available for many years but has gone undeveloped.

"The whole idea of the industrial park is for the city to set aside land for businesses to come," Cole said.

Doherty said Venegoni approached the city in the spring to look into building the new distribution center in Carbondale. The city worked with Venegoni and the Carbondale Business Development Corp. to work out a deal that satisfied all parties.

Gus Bode



Gus says:  
I have \$15 can I buy the city?

Venegoni will benefit from the location of the new property within Carbondale's Enterprise Zone. Enterprise Zone incentives include 100-percent abatement of real estate taxes for five years and 50-percent abatement for the following five years; a sales tax deduction for building materials that will be permanently part of the buildings; and waiving construction permit fees.

The Bicentennial Industrial Park is a 180-acre tract on the north side of Carbondale. Half the land is owned by the city and the other half by the Carbondale Business Development Corp. The city has contracted with the Carbondale Business Development Corp. to market the park to businesses.

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# The Copyrights lend positive energy to Carbondale punk

Two-month old band brings upbeat style of punk rock to local music scene

Jared DuBach  
Daily Egyptian

Producing a fresh sound and creative songwriting formula are components of music that Luke McNeill and The Copyrights say are a must for staying positive in an ever-changing music industry.

The Copyrights, which plays 10 p.m. Thursday at Hangar 9, consists of Luke McNeill and Brett Hunter on guitars and back-up vocals, Adam Fletcher on bass and lead vocals and Jake Pfaff on drums.

Fletcher and McNeill started the band two months ago. The two had played together in the Carterville-based punk band Moloko Plus, which later changed its name to Last Laugh before it broke up earlier this year.

According to McNeill, he and Fletcher had discussed the idea of forming The Copyrights while Fletcher was living in Delaware and playing with another punk band called The Reaction. Fletcher moved to Delaware last January to start the band but recently moved back to the area after The Reaction failed to fulfill his expectations.

"Fletcher and I were talking before he got back about doing something,

Last Laugh had broken up, and The Reaction exploded," McNeill said.

According to Fletcher, The Copyrights' sound is a lot less complicated than that of some of his and McNeill's previous projects.

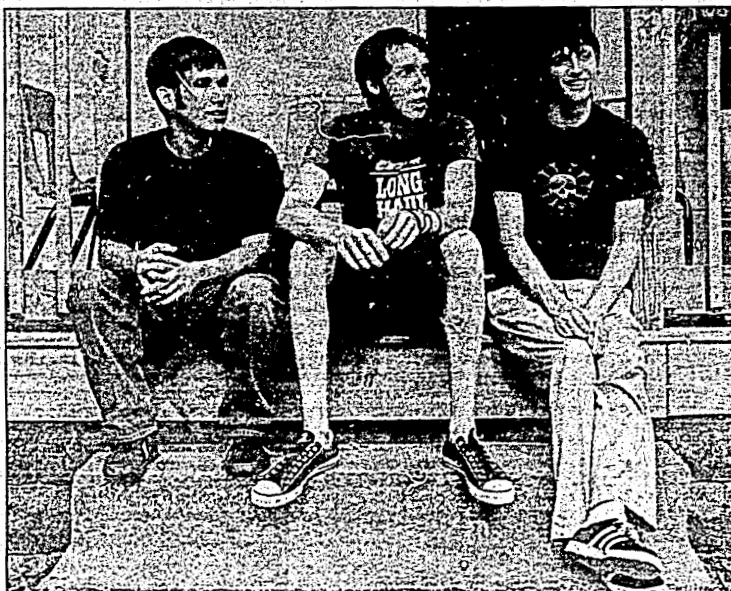
McNeill said the story behind the band's name goes back to when McNeill and Fletcher's first band, Moloko Plus, was being tormented by another band of the same name. The other band had the name copyrighted. Even though Moloko Plus chose Last Laugh instead, the name "The Copyrights" always stuck in the back of their minds.

Hunter and Pfaff were asked to join The Copyrights because of their experience with playing in punk rock bands and their ongoing involvement with Carbondale's music scene.

McNeill and Fletcher said The Copyrights' main influences are the bands Screaming Weasel, The Riverdals and the Grooves Howlies. As for the style of music The Copyrights play, Fletcher describes the band's sound as "post-core" or "post-punk," which refers to the band's upbeat style of punk rock that is free of political ideologies, yet still conscious of local social issues.

"We have a couple of girl songs," McNeill said. "But we're trying to stay away from the 'I love you; chew bubble gum with me' type of thing. I try to write more serious songs actually."

McNeill said he has not only changed the subject matter to which he has become accustomed, but he has also altered his style of songwriting.



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Members of the band The Copyrights are (from left) Luke McNeill, Brett Hunter and Adam Fletcher. Missing from the photo is Jake Pfaff. The Copyrights will perform 10 p.m. Friday at Hangar 9.

"There are a lot of metaphors in my lyrics, but they're not really deep metaphors like I tried to write in Last Laugh. I've been trying to write songs that are more like Screaming Weasel," McNeill said.

The Copyrights has a set of 12 songs that they are currently planning on recording for a demo at Revolution Room Studios in early August. The group then plans on shopping the demo to a few select record labels, and eventually, they plan on touring.

According to McNeill, The

Copyrights is relatively straight-laced in comparison to typical punk rock bands.

"We're definitely the most likely to read a book while we're on tour," McNeill said.

"And we're also the most likely to show up on time," Fletcher added.

Regardless of whether the band sees stardom or not, McNeill said members of The Copyrights intend to have a good time while they're together and will continue to play the type of music they love regardless of

changing trends.

"We just decided that we wanted to do something fun for a change," McNeill said.

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The Copyrights will be performing at 10 p.m. Thursday with Klok in Emergency and Big Fat Nothing at Hangar 9.

# Popcorn matters for theaters

Natalie Ward  
The Daily Universe (Brigham Young U.)

PROVO, Utah (U-WIRE)—When it comes to raking in the big bucks at movie theaters, it is the popcorn, candy and drinks that deliver; not the movie stars, exploding cars and budding romance of summer blockbusters.

Since their summer opening "Spider Man" has grossed \$333 million, "Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones" has grossed \$201 million and "Men in Black II" has grossed \$133 million.

Although millions of people left their homes to see these and other blockbuster movies in the theater, theater chains such as United Artist, Carmike, and Cinemark did not turn a profit from the ticket sales.

The majority of box office receipts are kept by the distributors than the actual movie theaters," said Allison Powell, a director for Cinemark Theater.

In order for movie theater companies to make money they sell concessions.

"The movie itself is the loss leader. It is meant to get people into the theater. The theater makes its money selling refreshments to the movie audi-

ence," said Marshall Brain an economist for United Artists.

Eighty-seven percent of frequent moviegoers buy something when they go to the movies, said Cynthia Yelvington, a marketing analyst for Nestle.

The Nestle Corporation conducted a theater survey to see what concessions were the most popular and what people bought them.

The survey found 78 percent of the frequent moviegoers buy a drink, 68 percent buy popcorn, and 43 percent buy candy.

While there are a variety of choices for a variety of tastes at the concession stand, certain trends are apparent.

Teen-agers buy the most of everything and the more than 50 group buys the least of everything according to the Nestle study.

"Nachos and hotdogs appeal almost exclusively to the under 25 group," Yelvington said.

While the majority of moviegoers buy something at the concession stand, the 22 percent of those who don't are turned off by the price.

Many movie theater companies have come up with ways to make concessions cheaper and still stay profitable. They offer free refills on large items and coupons.

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# SIU grads run with the bulls in Spain

Jessica Yorama  
Daily Egyptian

The quiet, cobblestone roads of Pamplona, Spain that SIUC graduate Todd Lewis examined the evening of July 6 were a far cry from the next morning when 5,000 people took the streets, anxious for The Running of the Bulls to begin.

Lewis, a 1994 graduate in political science, did much more than observe the 500-year-old tradition of running with the bulls. He experienced it.

From the first to the last rocket signifying the entrance and departure of the bulls, Lewis joined thousands of individuals in the challenge of surviving the 2,200-pound bulls capable of reaching the speed of 33 mph.

Lewis realized there are those who view the race across wet pavement as an act of stupidity and often drunk-ness. He was well aware that The Running of the Bulls was in the eyes of some, no longer the act of appreciation it was intended to be. But unlike many, Lewis ventured to Spain with a full understanding of the event and its purpose.

Although the red scarf worn by participants may be perceived as an attempt to provoke the bull's anger, it actually represents something much deeper. Lewis says the scarf represents the blood shed by San Fermín, a saint who was executed for attempting to spread Catholicism.

With the idea of honor in mind, Lewis decided to make the shirt produced by his former employer, Pick's Liquor, part of his attire.

"You have to wear the traditional white," Lewis said, "but I wanted to wear Mr. Pick's shirt underneath. He was a great boss and really helped me through college."

Aside from a shirt, stating in bold letters, "I

SELL BEER," Lewis took little more than a backpack, a camera and a journal in which to write down his thoughts of his dangerous experience, an experience that he said provided much more than the "simple rush" one might anticipate.

"The experience of realizing you could pass away kind of makes you want to do things better," Lewis said.

He said the most memorable experience came after he fell and wounded his knee but still managed to beat the last bull into the corral. His happiness was further increased by the thousands that cheered as he took the traditional bow.

According to Lewis, some of the tradition we associate with the event, including the women donning participants with rose petals, still exists, allowing those who envision the event as the pastime of stumbling drunks to see the beauty in the tradition.

Lewis was not the only person taken by the unique experience of running with the bulls. While in Pamplona, he met up with Mark Kuo, a fellow SIUC graduate in speech communication with whom Lewis had spoken sporadically throughout his college career.

During one of their brief conversations, Lewis had mentioned the event to Kuo and suggested he look him up if ever in Pamplona.

"I didn't even come to Spain for the running of the bulls. I was amazed that they still did it. Something like this could never happen in America with all the lawyers," Kuo said. "There was a lot of spirit and energy there, and I just

became consumed by the atmosphere. The city literally comes to life, and it's hard not to get involved."

Despite their experience, Kuo and Lewis both acknowledge that there are those who support the theory that participants are often drunkards or simply looking for a quick rush.

Aware of fatalities that occurred in previous years, Kuo did a great deal of research on how to survive the bulls.

"It's a reason besides luck that increases your chances," Kuo said.

After the seven-day event was complete, Kuo and Lewis took the time to enjoy various areas of Spain using their minimal knowledge of the Spanish language. According to Kuo, "Todd knew nothing, and I knew next to nothing."

Not until Lewis returned to the United States did he inform people of his journey.

"I didn't want my mother or anyone to have to worry about me. My travel agent didn't even know what I was doing," Lewis said. "When I told her, she was pretty ticked off, but she was glad I was all right."

Wilbert Pick, the man whom Lewis chose to honor, was "not a bit surprised" at his former employer's decision to run with the bulls.

"You don't find many people like him," Pick said. "When I was younger, I did a lot of things that people may consider crazy. People have different ideas and do different things. I think it was a good experience for him."

Lewis, now a resident of St. Louis, says neither



Lewis



PHOTO PROVIDED

SIUC graduate Todd Lewis proudly shows off his knee injury, incurred while running with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain July 6.

people's opinion of the event, his decision or the minor injuries he acquired while running will prevent him from attending the event "every year until I pass."

Kuo, now a Chicago resident, has a similar feeling about The Running of the Bulls.

"It enhances what you feel about America," Kuo said. "The experience is like driving the wrong way down the expressway. It can be done, but you better know what your doing. When it was over, I lost my watch but not my life."

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## Americans play name game, change identities

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. (KRT) — The dumbest thing you can ask Mohammed Bagher Jarrahzadeh is why he changed his name.

"You can't even say my name," he says, after hearing it mispronounced yet again.

You can't even write it. Forms and applications don't have lines that long. His name, which is Iranian, has 26 letters in it — the same number as the entire alphabet. "I can't even write my address without my name taking up the entire top of the envelope."

So he legally changed it — to Michael Jarrahi — and thus joined a growing number of Americans who've successfully taken on a new identity.

In North Carolina, for example, 2,850 people a year on average change their names for reasons other than marriage, divorce or adoption. Many live in Mecklenburg County, which is second only to Wake County in the number of annually reported name changes.

Immigrants account for a large number, particularly Middle Easterners seeking to blend in after Sept. 11. But average Americans make up the bulk.

## Famous name changes

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## More people turn to spa for relaxation

J.D. Wright  
Daily Egyptian

The outside of The Egyptian Revival Day Spa and Wellness Center is adorned by big statues and landscaping. Two statue dogs sitting on each side of the doors greet incoming visitors.

The interior is packed full of Egyptian memorabilia from fans to rugs that have the sole purpose of looking good.

A 3-foot leather camel stands next to the waiting chairs and the glass decorations surrounding some plants.

Upstairs, the room is packed full of the decorations with art-like landscape paintings of Egypt and collages of golden Egyptian fans and pictures.

Manager Sherri Vick said the spa gets authentic Egyptian trinkets and rugs the same way every American gets authentic gifts: the Internet.

The full-service salon is where people can get their hair cut or groomed to any style. Right beside the salon on the left, sheets drape over to where no one can see what is going on. The Egyptian scenery looks as if they had gotten props

from the movie "The Mummy."

"It's the fountain of youth," said 61-year-old Tom Bleyer of Marion. He was dressed in a bright Hawaiian shirt, some chinos and lots of gold chains around his neck.

"Sherry is the best," Bleyer said.

"I am," said Sherry Smith, a stylist for the spa from Marion. "I do a little bit of everything."

Inside the room sit two black leather chairs meant for pedicures. The chairs are heated, and there is a little tub by the feet that shoot out jets of water.

People get to pick from three foot fragrances: Cleopatra Milk Bath, Grapefruit Extract and Peppermint Scrubs.

In the small Cairo Room, lights are dim so the customers can relax in a nice environment.

"This is where we give the back massages and any other kind of massages," Vick said.

The Giza Room is where they conduct facials, which means exfoliating the skin by various methods.

"We're all about relieving stress," Vick said. "Just because it's a facial, we are going to do the best we can to make you relax."

The room Ra's Body Bronzing Experience sounds like an infor-

mation, but it is really a shower of color. The person gets into this big shower and it sprays a bronzing formula all over the body to make one look tan.

"It's good for big events like weddings and proms," said Jami Taylor, a secretary at the spa from Marion. "You'll just go in there a couple times, and then it looks like you've been in the sun for days."

The Sacred Lotus Water Garden is outside, and is meant to relax everyone with the sound of water. Just across the garden at the Nubian Shower Room, seven showerhead sprays are used to massage the person with the power of water.

Nile's End Hydrotherapy Room comforts people with its pulsation of water while they lie in a huge bath tub.

Even the bathrooms are named "Tutancomon" for the men and "Nefertiti" for the women.

Vick said the Egyptians used massage and wellness in their everyday lives.

"It's taken off more than we would ever expect," Taylor said. "People anywhere from 18 through 85 come here."

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# MENTORING

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concentrate."

Several years ago, the former Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris formed a commission to solve problems with the African-American male and offer recommendations for their success in society.

Lawrence said the institute took some of these goals from Burris' commission and tried to give general guidelines for the local mentoring programs.

But he wanted the churches themselves to propose programs they thought would best serve the Carbon 'ale community. Historically, African-American churches have played a significant role within the communities and would be a feasible outlet for such programs.

"They know their communities better than we know them and, I think too often, government agencies have an approach of 'one size fits all,' here is what we think should be done and here is the money to do it," Lawrence said.

Thus, the institute contacted all of the African-American churches in the Carbondale community, offering each the chance to begin their own mentoring program.

Seven mentoring programs were established ranging in funding from \$1,500 to \$7,500 that were designed to better educate young males, incorporate SIUC students and resources and help out fellow Carbondale citizens.

"Widow Ministries" through Bethel AME is one of three programs that started in mid-July. Rev. Jackson based the program from a biblical scripture communicating this general message: "to help the widows and the orphans in their infirmaries."

Jackson said the program incorporates both widows in the local area and young males into a situation of trust, work and community service. He plans for two young junior high school males to work with one SIUC student from the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and one church member to conduct home improvements in widows' homes.

"Young men often come to college with no home maintenance skills," Jackson said. "And widows want people they can trust in a safe environment."

New Zion Church and House of Prayer have combined efforts to implement a year-long class as part of an existing mentoring program. New Zion Church pastor, Norman Greer, said the main goal of the pro-

gram is to teach young males speech communication skills, success in society and spiritual growth.

Greer remembered that his father, uncle and bosses' guidance throughout his life helped him succeed in his own life.

"I was mentored as a youngster through various camp activities I was involved in, and it provided for me a very clear definition of self," Greer said.

The New Zion and House of Prayer program will have guest speakers from the University and community and will visit historical sites in Memphis, such as the Civil Rights Museum.

Olivet, Rockhill Missionary and Hopewell all have programs that plan to start in August and September. Faith Temple Church of God in Christ has already begun its mentoring program, "Be A Man," which kicked off with a sports program Saturday. This is one of many the church hopes to implement, among street evangelism, bible studies and guest lectures.

"We want to establish a foundation where the kids can contact us," Hill said, "have us as role models."

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# DISPARITY

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and show the same gap between blacks and whites, if not a larger one.

Steve Hipple, an economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said there are several reasons the average is higher for blacks than whites and has always been at least double since data has been collected beginning in 1972.

Hipple said one of the main reasons for the large gap was discrimination in the workplace.

"There are many reasons the numbers vary so much, but the main reason seems to always be because of discrimination on many levels," Hipple said.

Other reasons contributing to the rate difference are that blacks have lower levels of schooling on an average. The age ratio for blacks in the labor market is younger than whites,

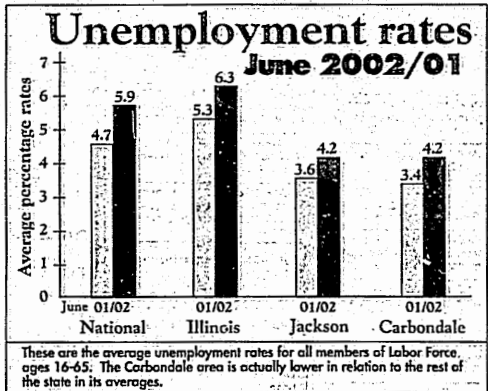
averaging between 16 to 19 years old. It was also noted that blacks are normally employed in seasonal occupations, and they are more likely to be concentrated in urban areas with a minimum number of jobs available.

Carbondale's unemployment rate for June was 4.2 percent, up from 3.4 percent from the last year.

When looking at the numbers for Carbondale, the unemployment rate is at the same level as Jackson County with 521 people out of work out of a labor force of 12,553. Those numbers include all SIUC students as well.

Price noted that the Labor Department must work to prevent discrimination in access to federally funded job training and ensure that African-Americans have access to high quality training.

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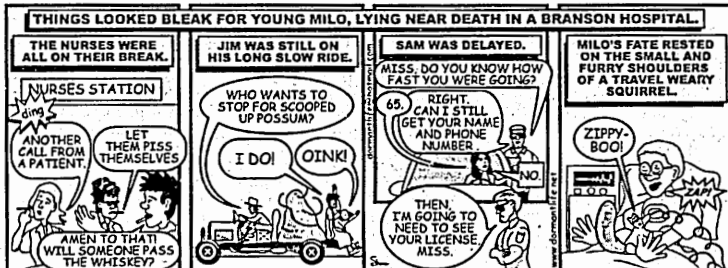
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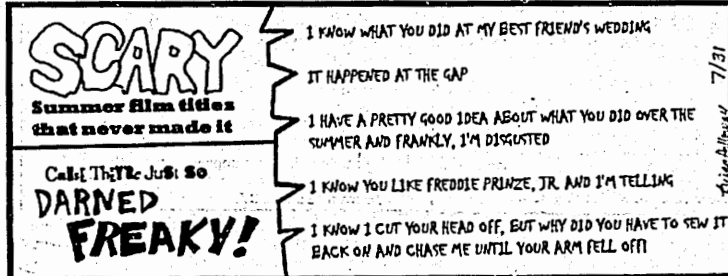
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# Men's hoops wrapping up schedule

## ESPN Bracket Buster event guarantees SIU home game

**Jack Piatt**  
Daily Egyptian

After the mess the decision on exempt tournaments left, the SIU men's basketball team is slowly piecing together next season's schedule.

The now-exempt tournaments allowed the Salukis to play extra games last season and compete against high profile conference schools. A federal judge in Ohio decided against extending the tournaments another year, leaving huge gaps in team schedules across the nation.

The phones have been ringing nonstop since the decision as SIU basketball coaches work to complete the upcoming season's non-conference schedule.

SIU basketball assistant coach Rodney Watson said the team has one more slot to fill and the non-conference schedule will be complete.

Once the non-conference

schedule is finished, the task of completing the conference schedule is passed on to the Missouri Valley Conference.

"Very few conferences will wait until non-conference scheduling is finished to begin conference scheduling," Watson said. "Most conferences make you schedule around conference games, so it is a great benefit to this program."

SIU also benefits from owning the SIU Arena, which helps in scheduling conflicts. Teams such as Creighton, Evansville and Bradley do not own their facilities, putting them at the mercy of the scheduling of others.

All the non-conference games will not be given the final nod until the last game is scheduled. According to SIU basketball head coach Bruce Weber earlier this summer, the Salukis are slated to play eight non-conference games this season.

Among the teams scheduled to play SIU this season is Cal-State Northridge, which finally agreed to come to Carbondale Dec. 22 to honor a home-for-home contract signed last year.

The Salukis will also meet Saint Louis University, Southeast Missouri State, Murray State, Colorado State, George Mason

University and the University of Illinois-Chicago.

"The toughest non-conference games this season will most likely be against Saint Louis, Colorado State and UIC," said star guard Kent Williams.

The final non-conference game will be in February on ESPN's Bracket Buster event. ESPN has created a nine-game event that will give mid-major teams the opportunity to play against other high profile teams at the mid-major level. Teams such as Gonzaga, Western Kentucky, Kent State and Marshall will be included in the field.

ESPN has guaranteed SIU a home game, giving the Salukis a good chance for exposure toward the end of the season.

Watson said the team has to look at the Bracket Buster event as a great opportunity, and winning the game will give the NCAA committee one more reason why SIU should be in the NCAA Tournament.

"The Bracket Buster event brings risk and opportunity," Watson said. "With the team we have coming back, the opportunity far outweighs the risk."

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# Pair of Salukis to play in Europe

## Dearman and Warren competing in London

**Jack Piatt**  
Daily Egyptian

Saluki basketball players Jermaine Dearman and Josh Warren will be representing SIU on a college all-star team that will take on professional European teams in London early next month.

The pair leaves on Aug. 9 and will head to London for practice. The team is comprised of college players from across the nation and is coached by former head basketball coach for Indiana State University Tates Locke. Locke is now a scout for the NBA's Portland Trailblazers.

The team will play seven games before returning to the United States on Aug. 19.

The first game will be in Brighton, game No. 2 will be in London and the third game will be played in Birmingham. Games four through seven will be played in

London. Aug. 12 and 15 will be days off with excursions planned for around the area.

The opponents of the college team will be professional Division I teams from England's Budweiser League.

The tournaments overseas are a good chance for college players to gain experience against professional teams and exposure for players who plan on playing professional basketball after college.

The Salukis sent star guard Kent Williams to Poland earlier this summer. The coaching staff likes to send players overseas, and believes the experience brings good things back to the court for SIU during the season.

SIU basketball assistant coach Rodney Watson said it will be a good opportunity for both players, and it will give Warren a chance to get some minutes and prepare for the upcoming season.

"This will be a good chance for Jermaine to go to Europe and play against professional players," Watson said. "It will give him good exposure over there and give him a

chance to see what it is like to play there.

It will be the first time Warren has played overseas in any kind of tournament or league. SIU basketball coach Bruce Weber wanted Warren to get more experience because he was redshirted last season.

"This will be a good chance for Josh to knock some rust off," Weber said.

"It will be a good experience for me," Warren said. "It will help boost my confidence back up, and help me improve for this season."

Dearman will also play in his first league or tournament overseas.

Weber thought Dearman needed the exposure and experience of playing in Europe.

"I am getting prepared to play in Europe," Dearman said. "It will be exposure for me, so I want to play well and do my best. This will also help me prepare for this season. Hopefully, it will be a fun time and something to remember."

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# Coker was right choice for Miami

**Michael Corbo**  
The Miami Hurricane (U. Miami)

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (U-WIRE) — At the beginning of last year's football season, some people wondered whether Larry Coker was the right man to replace Butch Davis as head coach of the Miami Hurricanes.

Coker's resume was impressive enough — 22 seasons as a collegiate assistant coach, offensive coordinator of three different collegiate programs (Miami, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma State), coach of such players as Barry Sanders, Thurman Thomas, Eddie George and Edgerrin James. But something was missing: collegiate head-coaching experience.

Now that the perfect championship season is over, no one wants to admit they ever doubted Coker was the right choice for the UM football program, as he accom-

plished things no other man in college football history has ever achieved.

Coker was the first man in history to go 12-0 in his first season as a collegiate head coach. He was just the second head coach to win a national title in his first year. Bennie Oosterbaan did it in 1948 with Michigan, but he accomplished the feat by going just 9-0 without participating in a bowl game.

Despite all of Coker's achievements, his biggest may be in the way he returned the Hurricanes to their glory without returning them to their old antics.

The Hurricanes of the late 1980s and early 1990s were not only notorious for winning but also for getting into trouble. They over-celebrated on the field and received plenty of negative publicity as a result.

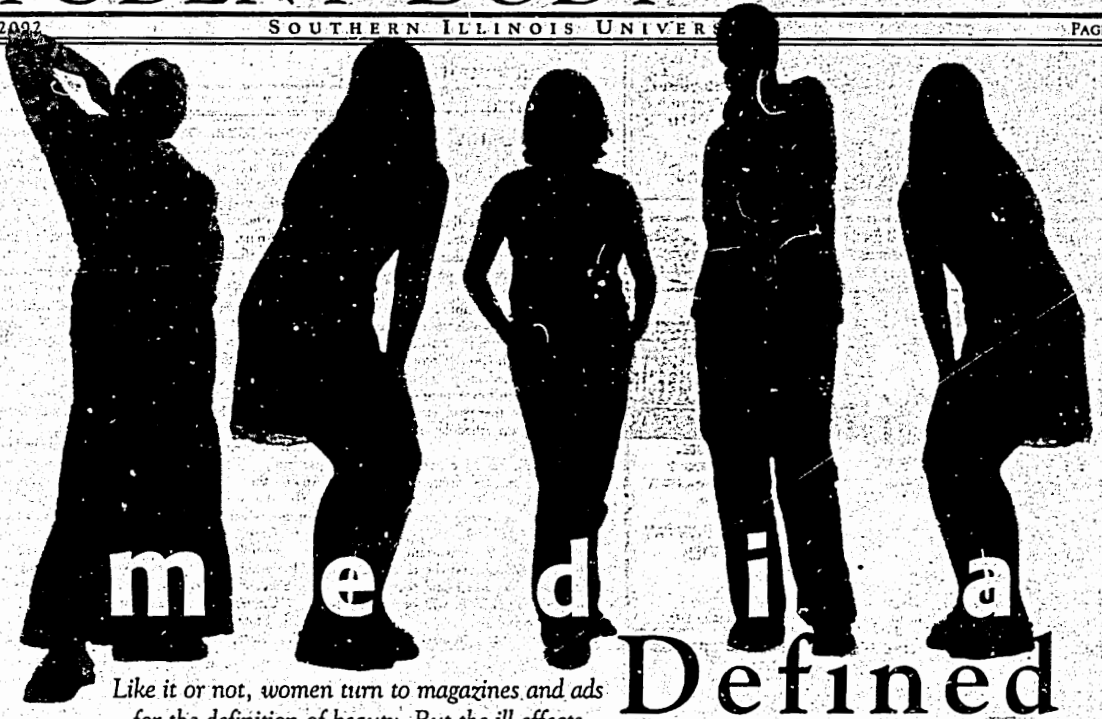
Last year's squad was similar to those teams only in their dominance on the field. Coker kept the

Hurricanes focused on winning, while doing it with style.

The new character of these Hurricanes is a direct reflection of its head coach. Coker's style of coaching is unlike any other seen in Coral Gables. His laid-back personality has been exactly what the Hurricane program needed.

He's joked about himself and his players constantly when he is off the field. His attitude has kept players relaxed, easing the stress of being a football player at one of the most scrutinized universities in college football.

On the practice field he walked around like a hawk, eyeing everything that goes on — yet he took a back seat to his coordinators and assistant coaches during these times. Coaching up his own staff just as much as the players, he was the general of a well-machined army and the main concern was keeping the players focused and happy.



Like it or not, women turn to magazines and ads for the definition of beauty. But the ill effects of media messages have long-term consequences

STORY BY JANE HUH & SAMANTHA ROBINSON  
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Even after spending close to \$10,000, Monica Wright knows firsthand that money doesn't buy happiness.

Psychological and emotional scars still linger for Wright, a graduate student from Chicago, who underwent several surgical procedures to slim down from 385 to 156 lbs.

At 5 feet 8 inches tall, she was considered overweight but healthy. She said that in her early life, she was never teased for it and did not have a low self-esteem. But it wasn't until she turned 18 and went away to college that she started questioning her body image.

"I was cool with being big and never imagined I would go on a diet, let alone surgery to become thin," she said.

Wright said the peers around her frequently compared body sizes and discussed how they would look in certain outfits as well as actresses they wanted to emulate in terms of body size.

**"The thing that's most troubling to me is the fact that the definition of beauty is so narrow."**

Jennifer Tudor, teaching assistant, SIU women's studies

"At that point I began to look at the same magazines and wonder what I would look like thin," Wright said. "After awhile I wanted to be just like the women on the cover of the magazines myself."

Images of tall, thin women on magazine covers and TV perpetuate this narrow definition and can easily

trigger self-image insecurities for both males and females, said Jennifer Tudor, a women's studies teaching assistant who has done extensive research on gender issues.

"The thing that's most troubling to me is the fact that the definition of beauty is so narrow. Having a narrow standard of beauty is what drives the industry," Tudor said.

At 19, Wright paid her dentist \$1,600 to get her jaws wired to keep her from eating solid foods. In the next couple of years, she had liposuction surgery for \$3,000 done on her thighs and lower waist.

Family members and friends complimented Wright about her change, which they attributed to healthy eating and exercise.

"Though the comments were not intended to encourage further weight loss, well-meaning gestures can inadvertently carry on the media's standard of beauty," Tudor said.

"I still was not satisfied, so I took one more step to try and get down to a reasonable weight for my height," she said.

At age 22, Wright underwent gastrointestinal surgery — a surgical procedure that shrinks the stomach size, allowing it to take in small food portions — for \$5,000.

Terry Lilley, prevention educator at the Women's Center, said the media definitely plays a role in a young girl's insecurities about her body.

"It is to blame to some extent because it is so common, so everyday that it helps to hide it," he said.

About Face, a nonprofit organization that studies the affects of the media on people, reports that today's youth is exposed to 400 to 600 ads a day.

Lilley also cites statistics from the American Association of Pediatricians that reflect the growing number young girls who are becoming vulnerable to the saturation of the media's images.

In 1999, 80 percent of 10-year-old girls began dieting. In another research poll among 500 10- to 18-year-old girls, 69 percent said magazines had an influence over them, 47 percent of them went on a diet and only 29 percent of the young dieters were considered overweight.

Of that same research, the No. 1 wish of 11 to 17 year olds was to be thinner.

Aside from being thin, the media also encourages appearance alterations.

Tuder said, "In an unprecedented way, we 'enhance' our appearance at will, and it's just mind-boggling. What it does is it makes it a choice for us. For those who remain unaltered, it makes you seem like a freak," she said.

Results from the American Society of Plastic Surgeons report breast augmentations, eyelid surgery, facelifts, liposuction and tummy tucks as the most demanded cosmetic procedures in 2001.

Tuder said other factors contribute to an individual's lack of self-esteem, including interpersonal relationships.

But in spite of good parenting, the barrage of images that hold one standard of beauty may overshadow the efforts.

"I think that you could do your best to raise a child with high self-esteem and have your efforts battled by the media," Tudor said.

As a way to combat the negative stereotypes, Tudor suggests limiting one's exposure to the media, especial-



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1. Breast augmen
2. Eyelid surgery
3. Facelift
4. Liposuction
5. Tummy tuck

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ly magazines such as Cosmopolitan, and being more mindful of how we look at other people and react to standards.

About Face suggests some other ways to deal with cultural pressure including questioning the motives of the fashion and advertising industries, not talking about weight insecurities in front of young girls, concentrating on qualities and individual strengths and making a list of admirable women.

Even at 156 pounds, Wright still is not happy. She said she is now upset with herself and blames the media and her peers for her feelings of unattractiveness.

"It is easier for me to talk about it now, but only with people who don't really know me," Wright said. "I still cannot tell my friends and family and be able to look them in the face afterward."

As a teaching assistant, Tudor gives lectures about gender issues, including media standards of beauty, but does not believe the message gets across sincerely.

"I can walk into any classroom and talk to people about this. Students will articulate very well about the issue, and yet this remains a problem," Tudor said.

"They'll still go home and berate themselves for not being able to lose that extra five pounds."

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## TIME out

Saluki athletes take time out of their days to read books with children from the Carbondale community

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Saluki football players Brandon Walker (left), a senior defensive tackle, and Rodney Smith, a sophomore defensive end, read to Wesley Bowman, 10, at Barnes & Noble Monday afternoon. SIU athletes were at the bookstore reading to children as part of a summer youth program.

Johna Lilly points to "Bachelor," a colorful book decorated with bright pastel lip marks.

"This one goes good with my house shoes," the 8-year-old Lilly tells SIU women's basketball player Megan Miller. "They have kisses all over them, too."

Miller, along with 21 other SIU athletes from the football, volleyball, baseball and men and women's basketball teams, spent three hours reading and picking out books with community children at Barnes & Noble Booksellers on Monday afternoon.

The youths were students from the Eurma Hayes Center taking part in Atrucks Community Services Summer Youth program. There were more than 40 children age 7 to 12 who attended the program.

Joe Cross, academic coordinator for the SIU Athletic Department, was one of several people who pushed for the reading program and contacted the athletes and coaches to make the program happen.

SIU was one of the universities that was awarded a grant from Verizon Read to allow college students a chance to help community children and promote reading.

"We are here to encourage the kids to stay in schools, to continue to listen to their parents and to continue to accept responsibility for their actions," Cross said.

SIU had already used some of the grant money to work with local schools. The leftover money was used for this program, allowing each child \$20 to purchase books.

Twanda Mason, a teacher at Eurma Hayes, said the children found out about the event on Wednesday and wanted to bring their whole families. They were allowed to bring one or two friends, but it didn't curb the students' or teachers' excitement.

"It's real good for the kids, especially those who don't have father figures," Mason said. "It gives them a chance to bond and embrace with a positive role model."

"It's fun hanging out with them because I have never hung out with football players before," Kelly said. "And it's just fun looking at the magazines and books."

Lilly, with the lip-adorned house slippers, and her 8-year-old friend Joshalyann Starks picked out all the same books, but Lilly picked a few extra to read to her nieces.

This was the first time either of the girls had been to a large bookstore.

"I've never actually been here before," Lilly said. "But there are a lot of nice books here."

ring around to get the athletes' autographs in their new books didn't swell any egos.

"It brings a sense of level-headedness," said incoming freshman football player DeJuan Kea. "So we don't think we are better than everyone else, and we are on the top of the world."

Many of the athletes just enjoyed leaving campus to help out Carbondale youth.

"I think it's a great community contact thing," Miller said. "It builds a bridge between SIU and the community."

When the day ended, students and athletes left the store with smiles on their faces. The children were ready to go home and read their new books, and many of the worn-out athletes were ready to take naps.

Event organizers hope that SIU will receive the grant again next year because they considered the program so successful.

"It's just one of those things that makes you feel really good," Modjin said.



SIU fullback Walter Bucki was one of several Saluki athletes reading to children at Barnes & Noble on Monday.

The athletes were also excited to take part in the program and were happy to spend the afternoon reading to the children.

Marc Webel, an incoming freshman football player, was glad to help out with the program because he remembers how much he liked to hang out with his older brother, who was a basketball player.

"Anytime you get somebody a little older to talk to a kid, they think it's fun," Webel said. "It's special and it will be something they remember forever."

Matthew Kelly, 12, read sports books with Webel and spent more than 30 minutes discussing facts from the football and baseball books he purchased.

Most of the children in the program had never been to the store. Barnes and Noble manager Jean Modjin was happy to change that and invite the athletes and students in. She even offered a discount on the books the children bought.

"Most of the kids see the store, but they have not had an opportunity to ever come by," Modjin said. "Now they do, and what's even cooler is that they get to come with a 'celebrity.'"

But the athletes don't see themselves as celebrities, at least when they are off the court, off the field and off of the diamond. Even the children scur-

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## Football ready to storm back into our lives

With Saturday's American Bowl in Osaka, Japan, another NFL season kicks off, and I for one can't wait.

Raised in the football hotbed of Miami, there has always been something special to me about the game.

It's almost like the love of football is bred into everyone who lives in the area, and it's continually reinforced year after year.

For as long as I can remember, I would sit in front of the TV with my grandparents and my parents and watch the Miami Dolphins beat up on the competition.

And in their off years, we'd watch the competition whoop up on them.

Like in years past, there are several aspects of the upcoming NFL season that have me on the edge of my seat.

Will Tony Dungy be able to finally make the Indianapolis Colts play defense?

Will this be the year the Cincinnati Bengals finally rise back up to the mediocre level?

How will Steve Spurrier do now that he has left the swamps of Florida?

The Spurrier question is one of the ones that

intrigues me the most as I have followed him for over a decade as he headed the upstate Gators.

He always left everyone on the edge of their seats trying to figure out who he would belittle next.

My personal favorite is when he made fun of the fact Tennessee never could get past the Gators and always ended up in the Citrus Bowl.

He said, "You can't spell Citrus without UT."

Following this past season, Spurrier resigned at Florida and took over the reigns of the Washington Redskins, with whom he'll make his debut Saturday when ESPN televises their game against the San Francisco 49ers.

Another thing I'm looking forward to seeing is how Bart Scott does with the revamped Baltimore Ravens.

After winning the Super Bowl just two years ago, the Ravens tore their team to shreds this past offseason in order to get under the salary cap.



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Those moves created an opportunity, for Scott and I can't wait to see him start lighting up some NFL players they way he did to opponents here at SIU.

Ricky Williams going from the New Orleans Saints to Miami is another offseason move I am anxious to see pan out as it is the first time my Dolphins have had a legitimate running back since I've been alive.

Gone are the days of relying on the Mark Higgses, Karim Abdul-Jabbar and Lamar Smiths of the world.

I just hope Williams can continue to improve and show the play that won him the Heisman Trophy during his college days at Texas.

Regardless of what the answers to these questions are, the one thing I know is that I will be glued to the TV set every Sunday.

I will surround myself with snacks and watch the games, whether it be in the comfort of my apartment, or while I sit here at the DE and type

away on whatever story I'm working on at the time.

I don't care if I get to see my Dolphins play the New York Jets or if it's a pitiful match-up like the Detroit Lions against the Carolina Panthers. I'll still watch just because it's a football game.

There's just nothing like watching a linebacker come flying around the corner and hitting either the running back or the quarterback so hard that it knocks their helmet clear across the field.

That is not the only thing that makes football great.

The sound that comes from the big ugly's up front slamming into each other at the start of a play.

Seeing the wide receivers put the moves on a corner back to get open.

Watching a play unfold in slow motion as a great play for your team.

That is what makes football great.

They say blood is thicker than water.

What happens when football is in your blood?

All I know is that I'm ready for some football. Who's with me?