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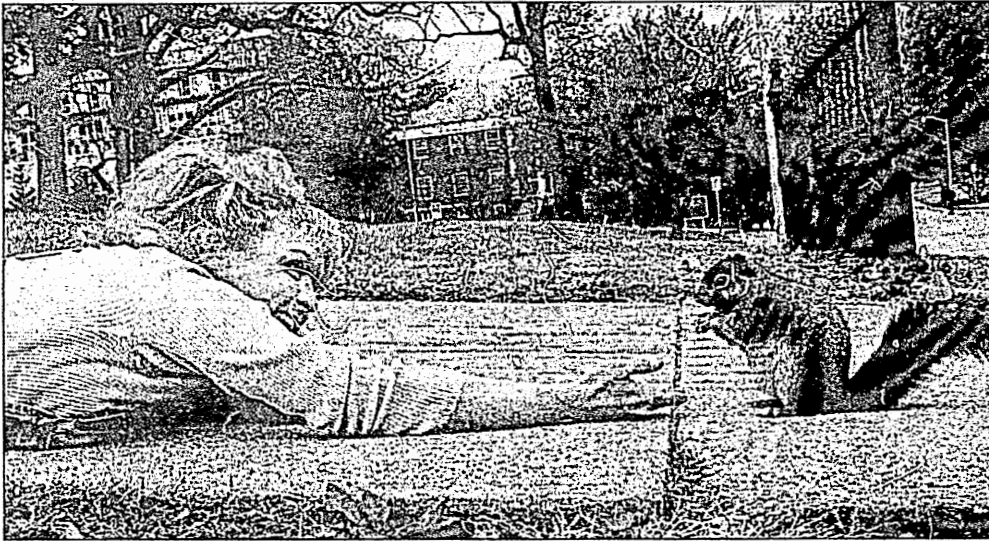
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Melissa Woods, a senior in education from Creal Springs, takes a quick break from weed pulling to feed a hungry squirrel. Woods, who works as an SIUC grounds and flower maintenance worker, is as a semi-finalist in the 1999 Miss Illinois USA pageant.

JASON KRESZ/
Daily Egyptian

Sweet dreams are made

for Woods

Miss Illinois semi-finalist makes easy transition from grounds to gowns.

STORY BY
LAURA SAJDAK

Instead of occupying her time getting manicures, Melissa Woods is a unique Miss Illinois USA semi-finalist who prefers to spend her time feeding squirrels and working in recycling trucks with her bare hands.

Woods, a senior in education from Creal Springs, recently was selected as a semi-finalist in the 1999 Miss Illinois USA Pageant, which will take place Nov. 27-29 in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Schaumburg. If Woods wins, she will represent Illinois in the 1999 Miss USA pageant.

Some stereotypes of pageant contestants make it difficult to imagine the 5-foot-3-inch Woods

picking weeds in jeans and a T-shirt then transforming into a 5-foot-7-inch Miss Illinois contestant in high heels and an evening gown. Woods, however, enjoys the transition from grounds to glamour.

"People will stereotype a pageant contestant as being greedy and shallow and someone who spends her life indoors," Woods said.

She hopes that by contradicting that stereotype, she will have a good chance at winning. When she is not knee-deep in shrubbery, Woods dedicates her time to studying so she can accomplish her goal of one day receiving a master's in English Education.

Many people, like John Swiger, a co-worker of Woods, have to take a second glance when they spot the 22-year-old Miss Illinois semi-

finalist picking weeds for a living as an SIUC grounds and flower maintenance worker.

"It's kind of ironic and a neat deal that Melissa works at the grounds department and is also a semi-finalist for Miss Illinois," Swiger said.

Although excitement, attention and a Florida vacation are some of the greatest benefits of winning, Woods originally entered the contest with the hope of earning financial assistance toward her college education.

"It was kind of a fluke accident that I won," Woods said. "All I did was send in a few pictures to the pageant productions, so I was honored but also surprised to receive

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Fraternity member denies charges

INCIDENT: Member of suspended house claims innocence in hazing charges.

KAREN BLAITER
STUDENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Christopher Winfrey, a member of the suspended fraternity Phi Beta Sigma, is claiming innocence in recent hazing charges.

Winfrey, four other members of the fraternity and the Delta Tau chapter itself is being sued by John Henley, a 20-year-old SIUC student, for an excess of \$50,000 for damages he claimed happened in a hazing incident.

Prior to this, the fraternity was found guilty of hazing and suspended by Student Development.

Winfrey said he and the fraternity played no part in the injuries Henley claimed to receive from the fraternity.

"There is no evidence," he said. "What are we being sued for? We haven't seen any of the reports that state his injuries. The only thing that we know happened is that he had an asthma attack, and that can happen at anytime."

Despite claims from Henley, Winfrey said Henley was never a member or a pledge of the fraternity. He said Henley was never going to be initiated into the fraternity, and that if Henley wanted to become a member of the fraternity he was not aware of it.

"We barely knew of him," he said. "I didn't even know his last name, and he doesn't know anything about us."

Henley, who could not be reached for comment, is charging the fraternity and the individuals involved with negligence in violation of the hazing act, battery and intentional infliction of distress. A trial date has not been set.

According to police reports, Henley stated that he was beaten in the chest by members of the fraternity and then suf-

fered an asthma attack because of the beating.

Henley was admitted to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale early in the morning of Oct. 7 with contusions and abrasions from the alleged hazing.

The money Henley is seeking in the lawsuit is for the additional medical services he has received since the incident.

The fraternity was suspended last month, and on Thursday, Phi Beta Sigma will appeal the loss of its RSO status with Student Development.

Winfrey said Phi Beta Sigma is a non-hazing fraternity.

He stated that upon becoming a member of the fraternity, a document is signed that states members will not take part in or have not been hazed while in the fraternity.

Because of these measures, Winfrey feels the allegations of hazing are false.

"We are innocent," Winfrey said. "We are being victimized. This guy is lying. He just wants to get rich off of this."

SPC to relocate

SARA BEAN
POLITICS EDITOR

After deciding that the Student Programming Council could function better under the guidance of the Student Center Board instead of Student Development, SPC Executive Director Andrew Daly will propose to the

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Undergraduate Student Government that SPC be relocated. Daly and USG Vice President Jackie Smith will give a presentation to the senate at the USG meeting at 7 tonight in the Student Center Ballrooms. Immediately following the presentation the senate will vote on whether or not it will support the proposal.

SPC currently is under the authority of

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Police Blotter

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• An area man reported to Carbondale Police that between 1:30 p.m. Nov. 11 and 2:50 p.m. Nov. 12 unknown persons removed a trailer from his vehicle while it was parked at the University Mall parking lot. The victim said a Kawasaki jet ski was on the trailer when it was stolen. Police have no suspects in this incident.

• A Carbondale man reported that he parked a borrowed car in the 1100 block of East Walnut Street between 10 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Monday when he discovered a door window broken out. A stereo and several compact discs were reported stolen from the vehicle. Police have not recovered any evidence and have no suspects in this incident.

• Nikki M. Hornsberry, 18, of Carbondale was arrested at 3:47 p.m. Monday in Wright Hill by University Police and charged with conspiracy to commit aggravated battery, 1st violation and mob action. Hornsberry was incarcerated at Jackson County Jail. The situation is still under investigation.

Corrections

In Tuesday's article, "Renaissance provides positive outlet" the story incorrectly stated that the Block Affairs Council sponsored a homecoming event that Friday evening. The event was sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Tuesday's Daily Egyptian identified two new Undergraduate Student Government commissioners as being active. Both commissioners require confirmation by the USG Senate before their appointments are official.

Also, the newly created seat is the Technology Commissioner. The Daily Egyptian regrets these errors.

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN Accuracy Desk, 536-3311 extension 228 or 229

Saluki Calendar

TODAY

• Library Affairs ProQuest Direct seminar, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Instructional Applications of the Web seminar, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, Undergraduate Desk 453-2818.

• Study on Safety and Security on Campus needs 30-40 volunteers to facilitate surveys for the Department of Public Safety for one hour of credit, until Nov. 20, 453-5714.

• Christian Apologetics Club answering questions about Christianity every Wed., 12 p.m., Covath Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.

• Non-Traditional Student Services brown bag basic nutrition, noon, Student Center, Saline Room, Sherry 453-3714.

• Carbondale Community/SIU Fall Blood Drive, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., SIU Student Center, 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thompson H-Lentz, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., SIU Rec. Center, Vivian 457-9248 or Michelle 453-5714.

• WIDB Thanksgiving canned food drive, until Nov. 20; collection boxes at WIDB, SPC, GLBF, Student Development, Student Center Administrative Office, Radio-TV Office, Schnuck's and Inter-Greek Council Office, Suzanne 536-2361.

• French Club showing "Vivement Dimanche" with English subtitles, 5 p.m., Funer-

Language Center Room 1125, Gilles 453-5415.

• European Student Association meeting, 5 p.m., 1136 Faneb Hall, Thom 453-5412.

• Premedical Professions Association Erin Graham from SIU Medical School is speaking, 5:30 p.m.; USL 1059; Patrick 529-4882.

• St. Andrews Church dinner and discussion group, 6 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, Murphyshire, Brian 684-2693.

• Pi Sigma Epsilon cosed Lustine fraternity general meeting; new members welcome, every Wed., 6 p.m., Illinois Room Student Center, Amy 351-1367.

• Wildlife Society meeting and speaker on animal rehabilitation, 6 p.m., Lawson 171.

• Society for Advancement of Management general meeting, 6 p.m., Steve 549-4117.

• Students in the Illinois News Broadcasters Association Fall Banquets and crew of "World news Tonight" will transmit a live satellite seminar on the workings of the broadcast, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Communications Building TV Studio B, Tom or Karissa 453-6541.

• Sigma Gamma Rho reads volunteers for "Lovefest", 7 p.m., Emma Hayes Center, Nicole 549-0916.

• Outdoor Adventure

Programs free aid climbing clinic, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Rec. Center climbing wall; Geoff 453-1285.

• Little Egypt Grotto caving club meeting, 7 p.m., Longbranch Coffee House, Ceoff 453-1285.

• SPC News and Views committee meeting, every Wed., 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Student Center SPC Office, Derrick 536-3343.

• Triathlon Club meeting, 7 p.m., Recreation Center, Eduardo 453-1262.

• Kiwanis Circle K, 7 p.m., Student Center, Jeff 687-3595.

• PRSSA general meeting, 7 p.m., Covath Room Student Center, Katie 995-9820.

• Irish and Irish Immigration Studies poetry reading by Northern Irish-Poet Claran Carson, 8 p.m., Lester Law Auditorium, Charles 453-5321.

• Trap and Skeet Club meeting, 8 p.m., Rec. Center Alumni Lounge, Jeremy 529-7407.

• The Stage Co. will begin offering tickets Nov. 27 for the 2nd show of the season "Dearly Departed," the box office will be open weekdays 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Sat. noon to 4 p.m., Tickets are \$7 for evening shows and \$5 for matinees, this play runs Dec. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 and 18, 19, 20, 549-5466.

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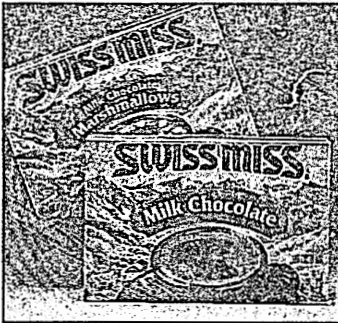
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Activists seek pension reform

BENEFITS: Employees disappointed with bill's provisions, hope for reform.

JAY SCHWAB
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

University employees and local legislators seeking reform of House Bill 110, a pension reform bill, are pointing to this week's fall veto session as one of the final opportunities to adjust the controversial measure. The Pension Laws Commission met Tuesday evening to determine whether possible reform of the bill is in order.

A ruling from the 16-person committee is expected to be released today, with a majori-

ty vote needed to keep hope for the bill's reform alive. The vote was expected to be close.

Proponents of HB 110 hoped the bill, which became law on Jan. 1 of this year, would boost pension benefits for state employees.

But since its passing into law, a group of workers have enlisted the support of legislators in their efforts to reverse the "broken commitment" to 40,590 State University Retirement System employees that they say took place when HB 110 went into effect.

SIUC employee Ruth Pommier, a receptionist at the Southern Hills apartment complex, has been one of the driving forces toward reform of HB 110.

A primary concern to Pommier and her

fellow activists who have protested the bill is the portion of HB 110 that requires retirees to pay five percent of their health care premium for each year of service less than 20 years.

Pommier said she is angry because the bill caused employees who had been promised full health care benefits at age 62 after completing five years of service, or at age 55 after eight years of service, to now work 12 to 15 years longer in order to receive that same coverage.

She added that many workers accepted jobs with universities under the premise that they would obtain a set of benefits that

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Hypnotist to perform tonight at Coo Coo's

America's best hypnotist, Nate McVicker, will perform at 9 tonight in Coo Coo's Nightclub, 10240 Samuel Road in Carterville.



McVicker, famous for bringing a mixture of hypnosis and humor, performs an entertaining show for all ages to enjoy.

Admission is \$5. For more information, call 529-3755.

—Chris Kennedy

Poet Ciaran Carson to read Wednesday at Lesar

Poet Ciaran Carson will read from works of poetry and nonfiction as part of the English Department's Visiting Writers Series on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Lesar Law Auditorium.

Along with six books of poems, Carson is also the author of two works of nonfiction and one book of translations. His book "First Language" won the T.S. Elliot Poetry Prize for the outstanding book of poetry published in Britain and Ireland in 1994.

—Rhonda Sciarna

Man charged with DUI, possession of crack cocaine

Carbondale Police arrested a 31-year-old man Monday afternoon and found him in possession of crack cocaine.

Willie Joe Strayhorn of Carbondale was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and possession of crack cocaine at about 1 p.m. Strayhorn was initially stopped at the intersection of Marion Street and Oak Street for driving a vehicle with only one headlight.

Carbondale Police later found Strayhorn to be under the influence of alcohol and without a valid driver's license. He was taken to the Carbondale Police Department when it was discovered that Strayhorn was concealing crack cocaine in his mouth. The cocaine was confiscated and Strayhorn was incarcerated at Jackson County Jail.

—David Ferrara

Male student arrested for battering two women

Carbondale Police arrested an 18-year-old SIUC student early Sunday morning after he reportedly battered two female students.

At 6:13 a.m. Sammie J. Hardimon, 18, of Peoria was arrested at his residence at Mae Smith Hall and charged with aggravated battery.

Two women said Hardimon was at a party in the 400 block of South Washington Street when he asked one of them to dance. While he was talking with the woman he started grabbing her buttocks. The woman said she had asked Hardimon to stop when he twisted her wrist and forced her to the ground. The woman escaped to find her friend.

The two then returned to confront Hardimon when he grabbed the first woman by the wrist again and head-butted her twice, knocking her down. Hardimon immediately grabbed the other woman by the wrist and punched her in the face twice.

Guests of the party eventually ejected Hardimon.

The two women learned Hardimon's full name and address and contacted police. He was incarcerated at Jackson County Jail.

The victims suffered minor injuries to their wrists, faces and heads.

—David Ferrara



FOUND PUPPIES:

Five puppies wait impatiently in a temporary pet taxi while Mike Chervinko from Carbondale cleans out their cage. These puppies will be ready for adoption Nov. 21 at the Humane Society, 95 Humane Road in Murphysboro.

JESSICA ZACORA/
Daily Egyptian

USG supports Saluki Express

ALL ABOARD: Resolution gives University bus service vote of confidence.

JAMES FULLER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A resolution that will put a smile on Easy Rider's face and call for the SIUC Undergraduate Student Government to show support for the Saluki Express Bus Service is on the agenda for tonight's USG meeting.

The vote of confidence resolution submitted by College of Agriculture Sen. Brian Atchison highlights student dependence on the buses as a "main source of transportation" as justification to support the request. Also cited are flexibility and convenience to community members and a steady increase in ridership since the service's introduction in 1995.

Recent ridership numbers show an increase of 613 passengers over last fiscal year totals over the same time period. In fiscal year 1998, spanning from July 1997 to June 1998, 316,783 passengers warmed the seats of the maroon and white buses. Atchison could not be reached for comment, but USG President Kristie Ayres explained the benefits of the resolution.

"It's a positive resolution," Ayres said. "It's just a resolution to say, 'Yes, we want this before it's reviewed.'"

Jeff Duke, Saluki Mass Transit Advisory Board member and Student Center assistant director, said the resolution is justified.

"You can tell from the ridership there's more people riding than in the past," Duke said. "Anytime we have something that relies on student fees, we should get student input."

Band will deliver 'Fastball' at show

THE PITCH: Rock trio to perform 10 p.m. Thursday at Copper Dragon.

KELLY E. HERTLEIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Climbing the corporate ladder of the music industry, drummer Joey Shuffield of the Texas based rock-n-roll band Fastball, finds that the most difficult aspect of his career lies within upholding the band's accomplishments.

"We know this can be a fleeting thing," Shuffield said. "It is very hard to succeed in this business. Even more difficult than the success though, is maintaining that success you achieve."

Making a brief jaunt to the Carbondale area, Fastball will perform on Thursday at 10 p.m. at the Copper Dragon Brewing Co., 700 E. Grand Ave. Opening for the rock trio is Joan Jones and Three Finger Cowboy.

Attempting to complete its 10-month tour while traveling across the world's terrain, Shuffield said the band's broad experiences have been stimulating, yet they still supply the band with a humbling attitude.

"We have to have a bit of humility," he said. "We are touring the North American continent and Canada right now, but this could all end tomorrow. There have been some very good bands to enter into the music scene, and they vanish completely off of the map. I don't want that to happen to me or to us."

The bands sophomore album release, "All The Pain Money Can Buy," is a 13-cut track that Shuffield said encompasses

the band's growth and personal experiences.

"We are still the same band, but our sound has changed," Shuffield said. "There are more instruments versus just the guitar, bass and drums as on the first album. The songs come from personal experiences. Miles Zuniga (guitarist/vocalist) and Tony Scalzo (bassist/vocalist) encounter."

Through a process of elimination, the band chooses the tunes that are the most appealing and obtain the best overall musical quality. Shuffield said it is very easy to determine the songs that will work for the band and which are not fitting for its sound.

"We're kind of like a self-cleaning oven," he said. "We can tell by the enthusiasm from the other two guys if the song is working. There's no competition between Miles and Tony for the songs. We all just trust each other's ears and know what fits and which songs don't."

Although thrilled to be with the major recording label Hollywood Records, the band has a very submissive approach to

CONCERT

• **Fastball will perform at 10 p.m. Thursday at the Copper Dragon Brewing Co., 700 E. Grand Ave.**

• **Tickets for the show are \$10.**

• **For further information, call 549-2319.**

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Good idea, bad results?



Bill Mamer

TANSTAABL

Chicago Mayor Daley recently instituted a \$433 million suit against dealers, manufacturers and distributors of firearms. Aside from supposed compensation for the cost of gun violence, which Daley blames on the gun industry, the idea is to make gun sales so unprofitable as to severely limit ownership.

It seems logical: make guns harder to get and you decrease crime. However, though obviously intended to reduce violent crime, these and similar measures would likely increase it. How can making guns harder to purchase increase crime?

The perception seems to be that every bad guy out there has got a gun and is itching to use it. In fact, guns are used in only 12 percent of violent crimes. On the other hand, firearms are used defensively 2.5 million to 3 million times each year, according to the national crime survey. These are not the cases of "shoot first, ask questions later" gun-nuts, for potential victims have been forced to actually fire on the assailant in only 2 percent of these cases. According to the national crime survey, you are least likely to be hurt or killed in an attack if you defend yourself with a gun.

In countries such as England and Canada, where firearms are almost universally banned, 59 percent and 44 percent (respectively) of burglaries take place when the resident is at home. In America, such burglaries constitute only 13 percent of the total. The reason most commonly given by criminals for this is that they are afraid of running into an armed homeowner. Of the 5.6 million annual burglaries in America, 214,000 result in homeowner injury. According to Criminologist Dr. Gary Kleck, if America's gun laws were similar to those of England and Canada, 760,000 burglaries would result in homeowner injury, an increase of over 350 percent. John Lott, a professor of law and criminology at the University of Chicago, found that for every 1 percent increase in gun ownership, the crime rates drop by 4 percent.

There is no doubt that home ownership of firearms deters crime. Would you break into someone's house if you thought they might have a gun? But what about street crime? Instead of limiting gun ownership, should we allow people to carry concealed firearms instead? Wouldn't that turn our streets into chaotic shooting galleries?

In fact, allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed firearms has been proven to reduce crime significantly. Since 1987, 30 states have permitted law-abiding citizens to apply for carry-conceal permits, usually requiring fingerprinting and prior gun safety instruction. John Lott recently published the results from an 18-year crime study performed at the county level. He found that after states allow carry-conceal permits, the murder rate drops by 7.7 percent, rapes by 5.2 percent, robberies by 2.2 percent, and aggravated assaults by 7 percent. In the 12 years that carry-conceal permits have been accessible, no permit holder has ever committed murder, and many have assisted police officers.

But what about the recent rash of mass public shootings? Wouldn't the greater availability of guns make the situation even worse? John Lott found that in states with carry-conceal laws, death rates from these types of shootings drop by 69 percent. Why? Because an armed citizen was able to stop the attack and therefore save lives.

How then do we confront gun violence in America? Rely on an armed populace to take care of the problem through vigilantism? Certainly not, though we all deserve the right to defend ourselves. It turns out that simply enforcing current laws can greatly reduce the number of guns being carried by criminals. Project Exile, which began in Richmond, Va., in 1997, brings criminals to federal court for committing any crime while in possession of a firearm and imposes stiff penalties simply for committing a crime while in possession of a firearm, legal or not.

Harvard U. found that while less than 1 percent of Boston youth were involved in gangs, they were responsible for at least 60 percent of all youth homicides in the city. Most of this 1 percent had extensive criminal records and were either parolees, on probation, or on bail. Boston then focuses on aggressively prosecuting this 1 percent and went after those who illegally sold firearms to youths. Surprising enough, this approach had never been used to any significant extent before, and it works.

Considering these facts, restricting gun ownership is not the road to less crime, indeed, it would be a message to criminals that we are defenseless. If we truly want to reduce violent crime, then we need to strike at the cause: poor education, unemployment and gangs. It seems odd, perhaps even sick, but it is the truth: guns decrease crime, they don't cause it.

Their Ain't No Such Thing as a Free Lunch appears Wednesdays. Bill is a senior in political science. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Our Word

Compromising new student fees

Students must have a larger role in deciding the outcome of new student fees and determining the increase of such fees — that much is indisputable. But is a truly binding vote for students really the answer?

A proposal by Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate and Professional Student Council calls for new student fees to be subject to a simple-majority approval by the student body. It also calls for a two-thirds approval by the student government on fee increases over the rate of inflation for existing student fees.

USG and GPSC presidents proposed these changes to the SIU Board of Trustees Thursday, but the proposal received a frosty reception. The board had some good answers to the question, "Why shouldn't students have a binding vote in fees that affect students' wallets?"

Trustee George Wilkins expressed concern about the spring 1998 student government elections that garnered an 8-percent student voter turnout.

He maintains that such a turnout indicates that a large portion of the student body would be too apathetic to vote on the development of new fees. This is a valid point that the student governments proposal does not address.

Trustee Bill Norwood stated that students lack the long-term vision to ever view a fee increase as necessary. Such a concern is warranted. One need only look at some of the short-term views on the 1997 athletic fee debate to realize that Norwood's comments do have some merit.

Board chairman A.D. Van Meter states that the law grants the board the responsibility to make decisions regarding fee increases. This is where our

support of the board's position ends. The law may grant the board the responsibility to level fee increases against students, but the law also allows the board to permit students to have greater levels of input on fee increases.

As such the DAILY EGYPTIAN proposes that the board and students compromise on this matter.

To ease Wilkins' concern about low student turnout to referendums on new fees, a threshold should be developed. We recommend that at least 25 percent of the total student body must turn out to a referendum before it can be considered valid opposition. If a simple majority of that 25 percent vote nay, then students can demonstrate that they are opposed to the increase. If students cannot muster a 25-percent turnout, then clearly the fee has little weight in their lives and should have little weight with the trustees.

For existing fee increases, USG should only require a simple majority as well. This could partly ease Norwood's concern.

If students are opposed to a fee or a fee increase and demonstrate that through a referendum or a student government vote, the board is obligated to listen. A super majority of six out of eight members of the board should be required to pass a student-opposed fee increase or new student fee. This makes the student trustee vote invaluable, while making student input exponentially more important.

Like student government leaders, we believe a change in policy would make SIU a trailblazer in the realm of shared governance. Such a change would make trustees think twice about not heeding student input. It would also increase the burden on students to be informed and vote wisely.

Mailbox

Alleged Hazing: Not so Blind Justice

Dear Editor,

Is justice really blind? Not if the judge is Katie Sermersheim. Innocent until proven guilty is how I thought the justice system worked. If so, then what exactly is going on? I am a concerned student, and in the past few weeks I have noticed the African-American fraternity Phi Beta Sigma hit the headlines and the news several times, each time concerning an "alleged hazing" incident.

Let's look up the word alleged. Webster's dictionary defines it as "declared without proof, to offer as an excuse. If the members of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity say they are not guilty but Johnny Henley says they are, how do you know whom to believe with no

proof? With the information given in the press, I see this situation as one person's word against another, and that doesn't stand in a court of law without proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Does that rule apply in all courts with the exception of Southern Illinois judicial system? What judge (Katie) publicly announces the defendant guilty before the trial? What judge helps the plaintiff rehearse statements and questions for the trial? Katie sounds more like a prosecuting lawyer than an impartial judge to me. As I waited outside the closed hearing, I asked a reporter was Delta Chi done like this, and she stated that Delta Chi was an asset to the university whereas Phi Beta Sigma was not. What was meant by the statement? There were also accusations of them being a gang. Why is that? Were the other fraternities in a gang also? Maybe they are all in the same

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J.R. Hill
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a reply.

In the future, Woods plans to instruct a romantic literature course at the university level. She said her career goals and passion for weightlifting, surfing the Internet and writing poetry will not be altered by the excitement of the pageant.

"I have not and will not in any way let the attention go to my head," Woods said.

"I've always been a dreamer so I'm going to follow my dreams and compete in the pageant, but my success won't change my attitude or ambitions in life. The only thing that has changed about me since being selected a semi-finalist is the length of my hair."

Woods will be judged on intelligence, poise, personality, beauty of face and figure and grooming at the Miss Illinois-USA pageant.

Amy Short, a co-worker of Woods, said Woods has an ambition that leaves her with a good chance of winning the title of Miss Illinois.

"She's been working extremely hard at this for a long time," Short said. "I would hope to see someone working so hard at their goal achieve it."

Woods said she is trying to remain optimistic about the competition.

"I'd love to see myself win the first time and represent Southern Illinois towns," Woods said.

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The Student Center's goals align most with SPC," Daly said. "They are a product-oriented type [of] organization."

The written proposal drafted by:

Daly names what SPC believes to be problems with the existing structure, including a lack of programming focus and coordination.

The proposal refers to the programming structure within Student Affairs as "dysfunctional," states that it does not "adequately assess and meet the needs of the students," and says it is not cost-effective.

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Daly said he hopes USG will support the proposal, and he also intends to garner the support of the Graduate and Professional Student Council.

"We are making the presentation at the USG meeting, and then we will present to GPSC," Daly said. "We want total backing from the student governments."

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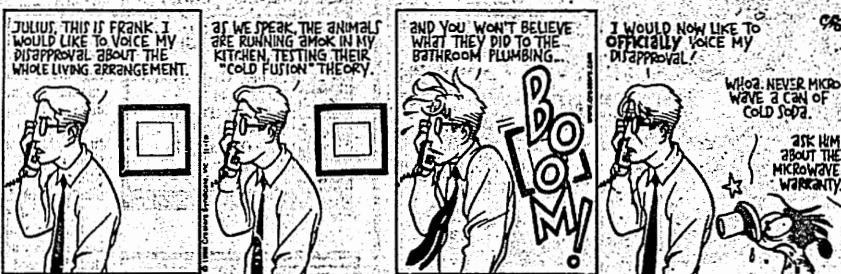


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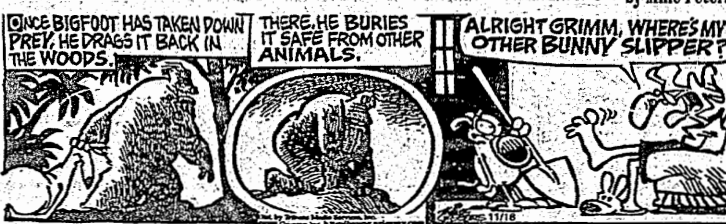
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stopped all Saluki momentum. Junior point guard Ricky Collum's three-pointer made the score 62-56 and SIUC had a fatigued Racer team reeling.

The extra time-out combined with a questionable jump ball call in the last two minutes and a minor injury (ankle sprain) to Collum — which Weber was not aware of — doomed the Salukis.

Weber said those were just "three kind of crazy things that you can't do anything about." He was more concerned with his team's inability to handle the pressure that comes during the final two minutes of a tight game.

Weber said his team did not know when to be patient or when to be tentative on offense. It didn't help that the Salukis had two point guards with no Division I experience on the floor.

"They're being thrown into the fire right away," Weber said of Collum — and freshman Brandon Mells. "If one of them makes a play, then we probably win the game."

"That's why veteran teams win and teams with good players win because they are good enough to do that. We need players who can do that and make plays."

Weber would not comment too much on the officiating of Saturday's game. The Racers made more free throws (21) than the Salukis attempted (13).

"We survived it," Weber said. "No matter what anyone says about it you got to deal with it. You got to overcome, and I think we did except for the last part of the game."



DEVIN MILLER/Daily Egyptian

Saluki head coach Bruce Weber (center) regroups his team after a Murray State player is injured during Saturday's game against the Racers. After the injury, the Racers rolled and won the game 65-62.

The Salukis have until Saturday to work out the late-game kinks before Virginia Commonwealth University comes to the SIU Arena. More importantly, they have two games remaining before they open the Missouri Valley Conference season. MVC play begins Dec. 5 at preseason favorite Creighton University.

That should give Weber, his assistants and the players enough time to become comfortable with one another.

"That's why you have non-conference games, so you can get better and get ready for conference," Weber said. "We're just getting to know each other. We've been around each other, but not as a staff in those kinds of situations."

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won the World Series (or at least that's what we Sox fans like to think anyway).

The Sox have never been the same since.

They have lost several stars, including Jack McDowell (released), Wilson Alvarez (traded) and Ellis Burks (free agency). Right now, we have no chemistry, no charisma. For the sake of all Chicago citizens and White Sox fans, Reinsdorf and his people should start caring again.

We want 1994 back. But the owners of the White Sox are more worried about their

other investment — the Bulls. Sorry to break the news guys, there is no NBA this season.

Now, all I have are the memories from when I started grammar school. Those were the days fans waited patiently for the return years of the "Go-Go Sox" of the '50s and the winning ugly team of the 1983 season.

I would root for such players as Bobby Thigpen, Steve Lyons, Carlton Fisk and Ivan Calderin. White Sox baseball fans cared for the ballclub and what it stood for — no matter how bad the team was.

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to discuss the future.

"Well, I think first of all, when you accumulate that much yardage, you have to think that you're ready," Quarless said. "In my personal opinion, I think there's still room for improvement there. But do I think he's ready? There's things he and I will discuss regarding that, but most often than not we find out that juniors are not ready."

Quarless is optimistic about Carpenter's return, but there is one spot that the Saluki coach knows he has to fill. Kent Skornia's graduation leaves a huge hole at quarterback.

Skornia has led the Salukis the past two seasons. This year, only one other quarterback attempted a pass in a game situation (freshman Kevin Kobe, 2-for-2). But as far as who will be at the helm next season, Quarless is unsure. He only knows Skornia will be sincerely missed.

"Kent exemplifies what I believe in football,"

Quarless said. "First of all, he's a tremendous person. He's got a lot of class off the field and a great competitor. I think that's been the neatest thing about Kent.

"As far as I look at Kent Skornia is that he did extremely well individually and categorically. But he wasn't really overly concerned about those figures or statistics. He did very much want to win and that's tremendous class.

"And I think when he didn't perform as well as he would have liked, he only pointed fingers at one place — and that was in the mirror."

But despite the incredible rushing performance from Carpenter and the leadership from Skornia, when Quarless remembers the '98 season, he'll mostly remember the disappointment.


"I thought we should have won a couple ball games that obviously got away," Quarless said. "I think we are still a better football team than we were last year (3-8), but I guess in a nutshell disappointment would be the best word."

"Wins go a long way in terms of succession and that's something that we haven't achieved."

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SPORTS REPORTER

Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the dumbest baseball team of them all?

Unlike the Walt Disney classic Snow White, birds and furry forest-creatures are not the answer to this question — just a Chicago White Sox baseball team

in disarray.

Growing up a pale hose fan has been like being on a roller coaster stuck on hyper speed. One minute you are in for the ride of your life, the next you are tumbling down. When you get off this ride from hell, you are left dazed and confused.

So what would White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf see if he looked into a mirror and asked himself who was the dumbest team of all?

Two seasons ago, the White Sox picked up one Albert Belle, to complement Frank Thomas.

Two seasons later, they are planning on not re-signing him because of contract disputes. He led the team in several categories as well as broke the team's mark for home runs with 49 taters.

With Belle almost being shoved right out of Chicago, after he said he would like to stay, they are even considering not signing fan favorite Robin Ventura.

Please help me, I'm dazed and confused. Apparently, so is Reinsdorf.

What do you have to do to stay with this team? Do you have to buy a cheap price tag attached to your head?

It didn't used to be this way. On the south side of Chicago, fans used to bleed White Sox colors. They used to proclaim them as the best thing since sliced bread. And for a short period in the 1990s, it was that way.

In 1991, they moved into the new Comiskey Park (the "wonder mall" as I like to call it), and we were finally getting a little bit better. Tickets were more expensive, but the new stadium and the team looked great.

The South Side was pumped.

In 1992, the Sox were right on the brink of greatness. Then in 1993, that greatness happened — the White Sox were AL West champs.

I was there. I felt the glory. I remember Bo Jackson's three-run homer in the seventh inning to clinch the victory over Seattle and the division crown on a chilly September evening.

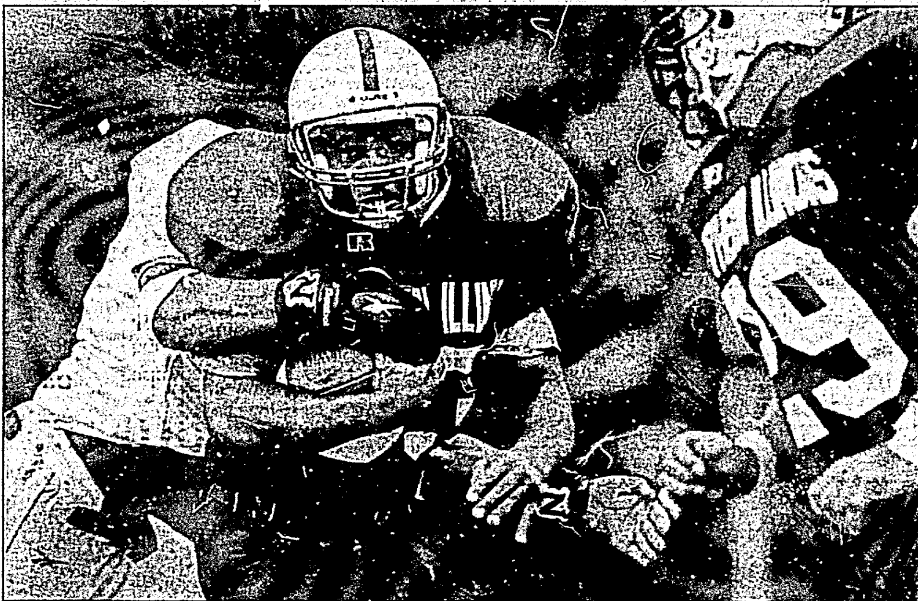
Those days have sailed away.

The reason?

Reinsdorf started the baseball strike of '94. They took away the year for the White Sox. The year we could have

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Leaving the pound?



LUSTIN JONES/Daily Egyptian

SIUC's all-time leading rusher Karlon Carpenter (33) set to make the decision whether he will turn pro or stay with the Salukis for his final year after a meeting with head coach Jan Quarless later this week.

Junior running back faced with inevitable decision

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The future of SIUC junior running back Karlon Carpenter is a major factor when looking ahead to the 1999 football season.

After putting up an astronomical Gateway Conference-leading surplus of yards this season (1,892 yards), a professional career could be looming for Carpenter.

The question leaves head coach Jan Quarless concerned about whether Carpenter will forego his senior season and attempt an NFL career after this season.

"I think he'll look at it, but I don't think that has any bearing on where he's going," Quarless said. "I think he's just got to look at the picture, it can be very objective and say, 'Hey, this isn't in my best interest.'"

"There's no substitution for education, par-

ticularly when the average career is 2.9 years in the National Football League and that's something he has taken a hard look at, and I think he will. I think when it's all said and done, he'll be here."

Quarless believes that his star back will stay, and the two are meeting later this week.

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Racing back to recovery stage

REGROUP: Basketball team looks to bounce back after tough loss.

SHANDEL RICHARDSON
SPORTS EDITOR

The best way to get over a moral victory hangover is to take two aspirins, call a doctor and then take a look at the game film in the morning.

SIUC men's basketball coach Bruce Weber did just that and seems to have made a remarkable recovery. Three days after saying he was

"pleased with the effort" following a 65-62 loss to Murray State University on Saturday, he finally realized his team should have left with a "W."

All it took was the trip from Murray, Ky., to Carbondale and a gander at the game film to notice the Racers should own a 30-game home winning streak instead of 31. The Salukis led by six with under five minutes remaining before MSU finished the game with a 9-0 run.

"Each day, you get a sicker feeling in your stomach," Weber said in a press conference Tuesday. "After the game, you're like 'Well you compet-

ed,' but then you go back and watch and see all the chances you had. We got to learn how to finish games and make plays."

The Salukis (0-1) turned the ball over on five straight possessions to allow Murray to escape with a win in the opening of its new Regional Special Events Center. The Saluki charity added to the cause, but the Racers had a little extra help.

An injury to Marlon Towns stopped play for almost 10 minutes and

UPCOMING

• The Salukis face Virginia Commonwealth University at 7:05 p.m. Saturday in the SIU Arena.

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Easy Rider says:

Class is hard enough — Getting there shouldn't have to be.



SALUKI EXPRESS