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Morris Library expansion draws closer

Groundbreaking timetable still on track for renovation

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Morris Library frustrates Jillian Borgert. For Borgert, a junior from Chicago in business management, finding a computer during the middle of the day to look up research books is next to impossible — they are always full. When she finally finds the call number and begins searching for the book, she gets lost on the floors, and when she finds the correct spot, it is a guessing game if the book will actually be there.

Gus Bode



Gus says: Will the internet café have privacy booths?

It makes her want to give up.

"Sometimes you get lost on the floors and can't find stuff — ever," she said.

According to a speech Wednesday by Gov. Rod Blagojevich, Morris Library is ranked as one of the top-100 libraries in the nation for extensive content and knowledgeable personnel, but its facilities are less than stellar. To remedy this problem, Blagojevich released the

\$30 million promised by former Gov. George Ryan in 2001 to renovate and construct an addition to Morris Library.

"This investment will help modernize the library by providing three new computer classrooms, an Internet café and new, wired study rooms," Blagojevich said.

If everything goes as planned, ground will be broken in June or July, according to Phil Gattson, director of Plant and Service Operations. Gattson oversees the architectural, engineering and construction phases of the project.

Because the architects have been waiting on the release of money to finish the final stages of the design process, it will be at least three to four months before bids can be sent out, according

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JESSICA EDMOND — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Monday night at Cornerstone Community Church in Marion; parishioners enjoyed Christian music, pizza and the insight of the Rev. Ronnie Hill, a Fort Worth, Texas, evangelist who has battled a family history of alcohol-related illness.

Evangelist wins right to speak at schools

Church plans appeal, cites freedom of speech restriction

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MARION — The Rev. Ronnie Hill spoke at Washington School and Lincoln School in Marion. According to an agreement signed by both parties Monday, the reverend was allowed to speak at the schools as long as he did not mention God and kept the general content of his speech restrained to the deterrence from drugs and alcohol.

There was also an issue with children not being allowed to pass out flyers for the event, and the agreement also prohibited flyers for the church

from being distributed by children.

After Rev. Hill decided to come and speak at the schools, Robert Marsh, a father of a fourth-grader at the school, decided to file a court injunction banning the Rev. Hill from stepping foot onto the premises. A temporary restraining order was issued on the grounds of his coming being a violation of the separation between church and state.

Karen Turner, a mother of two children who attend the schools, said that even though she had not heard of the agreement, she had heard from three sets of parents that adults were on the premises of the schools violating the temporary restraining order. She said the agreement restricted adults involved with the Rev. Hill appearance from handing out flyers at the schools.

"My understanding was no one could hand out flyers on school property for the crusade," Turner said. "But adults were outside of the school handing out flyers."

Inside the Cornerstone Community Church, a crowded room full of swaying, praising and playing children and adults stood as the Rev. Hill took the stage. The Rev. Hill, who has a grandmother with cirrhosis, a mother and father who almost ruined their marriage through alcohol and an uncle who died from alcohol-related diseases, feels that the question over his speeches coming from a viable source should be addressed to his family history.

"Why do they need to hear that because it's

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SIUC receives \$2.1 million for Transportation Education Center

Funds will start project's design phase

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Plans for a new Transportation Education Center are finally taking flight after more than five years of planning and uncertainty over funding have made actualization of the facilities dubious.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced Wednesday during his visit to campus his intent to invest \$2.1 million for the design of the center as part of his regional economic development plan.

The initiative will revitalize the economy and create new jobs in Southern Illinois.

"We cannot keep waiting for Washington to act, for the market to recover, for monetary policy or trade policy to change, for forces bigger than us to fix the problem," Blagojevich said. "I say it's about

time we try to do something."

The center is one of four initiatives outlined to improve education and job training in the region.

The departments of Automotive Technology, Aviation Management and Flight and Aviation Technologies will be moved to the center. It will include four new buildings in addition to the five already in use at the Southern Illinois Airport, located on Route 13 between Carbondale and Murphysboro.

Plans for the center began soon after automotive technology was established as a baccalaureate program in 1996. However, with very limited funding, it never made it past an idea and a few artists' renderings.

The projected cost is estimated at \$40 million. Paul Sarvela, interim dean for the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, said the money issued by the governor will cover the planning stages and the hiring of an architectural firm to draw up plans for the facility.

Sarvela said the college is extensively pursuing private funding prospects to contribute to the project, though he said the grant announced by the governor is a good sign more will follow later, adding that planning money is typically released first for these projects.

The main TEC building will house many additions, including classrooms, meeting rooms, a computer center, two libraries, automotive technology laboratories and a flight simulator center.

A new hangar will be one of the facilities constructed to accommodate a 737 donated by United Airlines, for which current facilities are inadequate.

David NewMyer, chairman of the Department of Aviation Management and Flight, said the proposed facility will be large enough to hold a 757 and a 200-passenger plane to plan for the future donations.

"We want to have a plane here that

represents the industry our students will go into," NewMyer said.

Other new facilities include a transport category lab, power plant testing facility and automotive fleet building. Jack Greer, chairman of the Department of Automotive Technology, said the new building to house the cars will be instrumental in increasing the lifespan of the vehicles, which are currently kept outside at the automotive facilities in Carterville.

"We have over 80 lab cars we do research on," Greer said, "but they've sat outside for a couple of years, and the paint just deteriorates."

Automotive Technology is currently housed in barracks that were constructed in 1938 as a World War II plant for building bombs. The school moved into the facilities temporarily in 1952.

"They're problematic," Greer said. "The biggest problem is the infrastructure. The structures themselves are fairly strong, but there are no inside walls, so there's no insulation and they're hard to heat and air

condition. It is a constant fight along with the physical plant; the electrical and water and sewer, they're always breaking."

Sarvela said the automotive department has needed new facilities for several years to aid in attracting and retaining students and to bring in research grants for faculty.

"The facility just doesn't meet the standards for them," he said. "Fantastic facility, outstanding students, but we needed a new facility."

About 700 students participate in the four programs, and Sarvela said entrance is competitive due to the restrictions of current facilities. He plans to accept about 100 more students into the programs once the facility is complete.

SIUC is one of only two public research universities to offer both an automotive and aviation degree program, and both are nationally renowned.

The automotive school was ranked

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Muhammad guilty of murder in sniper slaying

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (CNN) — A jury Monday found John Allen Muhammad guilty of capital murder and three other charges related to a slaying during last year's sniper shooting spree.

The seven-woman, five-man jury also found the Army veteran guilty of committing a murder in an act of terrorism, conspiracy and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. The jury announced its verdict after six hours of deliberations.

The capital murder and terrorism charges carry the death penalty as a possible sentence.

Muhammad was found guilty of killing Daniel Harold Meyers, a Vietnam veteran who was cut down by a single bullet that hit him in the head on Oct. 9, 2002, as he filled his tank at a Manassas, Va., gas station.

The terrorism conviction is under a Virginia state law passed after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The terrorism charge required the prosecution to show that he was responsible for a murder aimed at intimidating the public or influencing the government.

The capital murder charge required prosecutors to show that he was responsible for at least two murders in a three-year period.

The sentencing phase began Monday afternoon, with the prosecution promising to present evidence of other crimes blamed on Muhammad as well as his "remorseless and hate-filled attitudes," and the defense determined to save Muhammad's life.

WTC design revealed this week

NEW YORK (CNN) — The public will get its first look this week at the design proposals for what could become the most-visited memorial in the world — the victims' monument planned for the World Trade Center site.

Officials on Wednesday will reveal the proposals of eight finalists competing to design the ground zero memorial to the nearly 3,000 people killed in the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, and at the 1993 bombing at the trade center.

Dozens of victims' groups have long been voicing their interest in the memorial's size, shape and design.

Many family members have said the towers' footprints — where the two, looming buildings once stood — need to be left empty, and say as large a space as possible is needed to separate the area from commercial development. Families of fallen firefighters and rescue workers want their loved ones' names listed as a group.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Thousands file past Italy's dead

ROME (AP) — Thousands of mourners, from Italy's president to ordinary citizens, streamed past the caskets of 19 Italians killed in Iraq, paying their respects Monday to the victims of Italy's worst military disaster since World War II.

Shortly before, the remains of the 19th victim Cpl. Pietro Petrucci — who had been pronounced dead Saturday after being declared brain dead — arrived at Rome's Ciampino airport. His body was then taken to Rome's Vittoriano monument to be displayed with the other victims. "They were angels bringing peace, to die like that is not fair," Valentina Angeles, a 21-year old student, said as she lined up with thousands of others outside the monument in Rome's central Piazza Venezia.

The area around the monument was already filled with people when the coffins, draped in red-white-and-green flags, were carried inside the building. The vast Piazza Venezia was partially closed off to traffic.

People in the crowd were carrying notes and bunches of flowers. Some had to wait hours for a look at the coffins.

The deaths of the 19 Italians — 12 Carabinieri, five army soldiers and two civilians — have stunned Italy and created a groundswell of pride in the work the Italian troops were trying to do to help rebuild Iraq.

Protests begin before Bush visit

LONDON (CNN) — A lone protester scaled the gates of Buckingham Palace and activists delivered a petition to Tony Blair's office as police prepared for U.S. President George W. Bush's state visit to Britain.

Police began erecting concrete barriers outside Queen Elizabeth II's London residence as part of an unprecedented security operation ahead of Bush's trip.

Officers faced their first test when a woman in a fluorescent jacket climbed the 20-foot-high, wrought-iron palace gates and unfurled an upside-down U.S. flag with the inscription "Elizabeth Windsor and Co. He's not welcome."

The woman ended her protest after two hours Monday, dropping the flag to the ground and climbing down the gates. She was placed in a police van and driven away.

At Prime Minister Blair's official residence anti-war protesters and U.S. Vietnam War veteran Ron Kovic delivered a largely symbolic last-ditch petition signed by more than 85,000 people urging the government to withdraw Bush's invitation.

"What is happening in Iraq is a mirror image of the nightmare that happened in Vietnam. This is unacceptable and we will not stand for it," said Kovic, the subject of the movie "Born on the Fourth of July."

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	Friday	Sunny 69/41	Tuesday's hi/low: 80/12
	Saturday	Partly cloudy 66/44	
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POLICE REPORTS

University

Joseph Taylor Lindbloom, 18, of Homewood was arrested and charged in connection with a false fire alarm and disorderly conduct at 3:52 Sunday at Schneider Hall. Lindbloom was released on a personal recognizance bond.

An SIU Dell monitor estimated at more than \$300 was reported stolen Sunday at the Lesar Law Building. The investigation continues.

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A battery was reported at 2:06 a.m. Thursday at Schneider Hall. The suspect has been identified and the case has been referred to the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office.

A telephone threat reportedly occurred between 7 p.m. Thursday and 4 p.m. Saturday at Allen Hall I. A suspect has been identified and the investigation continues.

CALENDAR

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Hispanic Student Council
 The Chicano movement: Dr. Chavira-Prado 6 p.m.
 Kaskaskia/Missouri rooms in the Student Center

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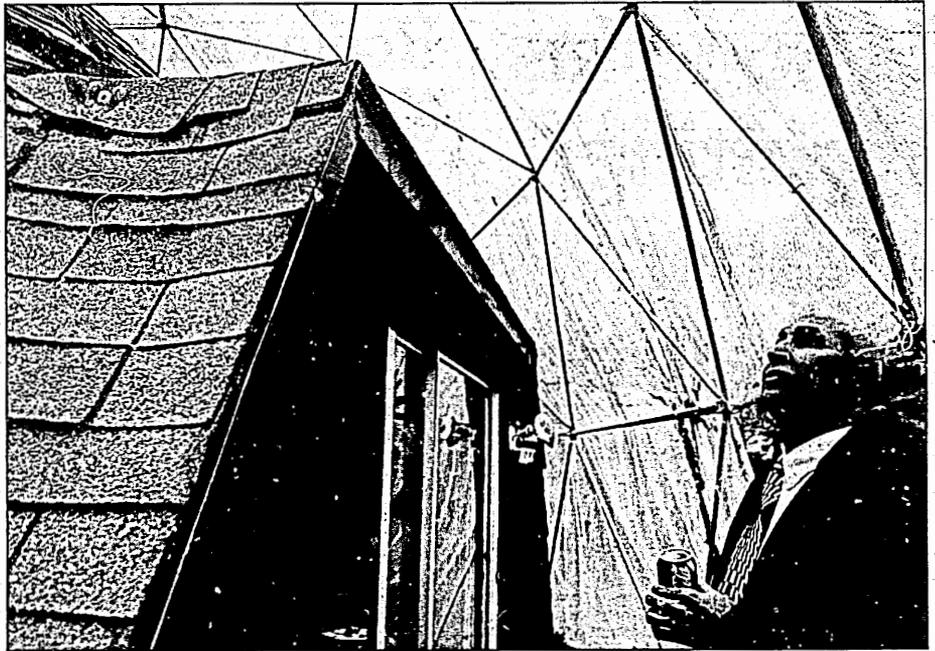
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Buckminster Fuller dome becomes Carbondale landmark

Organization plans to make dome site national landmark

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Naureet Kang, a State Farm Insurance agent in Carbondale, looks over the Buckminster Fuller Dome on Forest Street. Members of the Carbondale Preservation Commission gathered at the dome for the plaque dedication, making the building a historical landmark in Carbondale Monday morning.

The light inside the dome was much like that of the outdoors — overcast. The temperature was cool and the atmosphere was light as friends and members gathered in the R. Buckminster and Anne Hewlett Fuller Dome for the plaque dedication making the building a historical Carbondale landmark.

Fuller, known as "Bucky," was an inventor, architect, engineer, mathematician and poet who lived in Carbondale in a dome at 407 S. Forest Ave. He is best known for his invention of the geodesic dome, a light, strong and cost-effective structure.

Bill Perk, who was owner of the building, said the structure would help teach future generations about Fuller's theories.

"A great deal of history, a great deal of his inventions and designs and his theories were formulated while he lived in this building," Perk said.

J. Reeves, secretary and treasurer of RBF Dome, said the process to make Fuller's home a historical landmark did not take very long.

"The whole thing took a couple of months tops," Reeves said. "It's doing the research to fill out the application that's the time-consuming effort."

"This is a stepping-stone for us to apply for national historic landmark status. Both statuses will allow us to apply for grants that we will need to be able to renovate."

The grants will help with the cost of restoring the landmark. Reeves said the cost to renovate is higher because the building is a historic landmark.

"You have to follow very painstaking rules and stay within certain guidelines," Reeves said.

"Therefore the renovation will take much longer and cost a bit more. But we think it's worth it to preserve a historical piece of Carbondale."

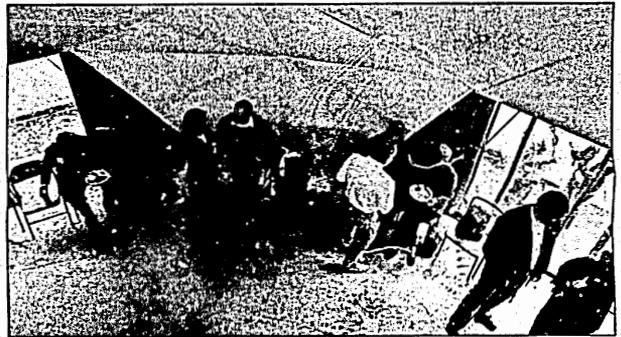
Evelyn Koine, chair of the preservation commission, said the structure may be used as a mini-museum and would help attract visitors to Carbondale.

"I think it's a great opportunity for Carbondale not only as a historical site where friends of Bucky will be coming to visit, but also as a great tour site for Carbondale," Koine said.

Cornelius Crane, president of the RBF Dome, said he never met Fuller but can feel Fuller's is present in the dome.

"Fuller talks about this only in a couple of places that he says human beings radiate an ultra high frequency wave that comes out of us," Crane said. "This dome is just soaked with Buckminster Fuller's energy, and I think when people come in here they feel it themselves."

For more information or to donate visit www.buckydome.org



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An overview of the Fuller Dome shows the detail and thought that went into the construction of the building. Bill Perk (not pictured) bought the dome to donate to the city in hopes of it becoming a national landmark.

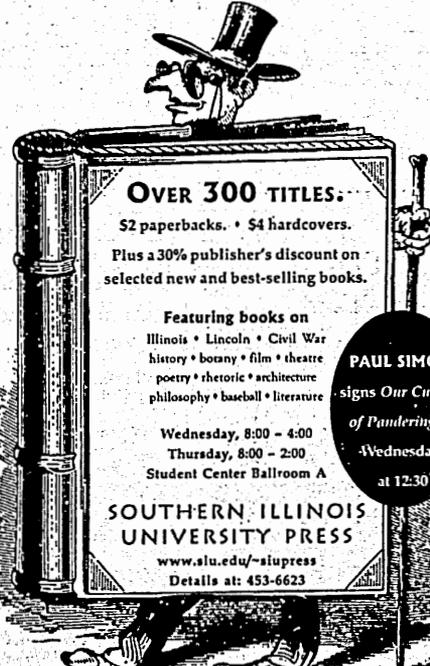
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Is non-bias reporting ideal or unrealistic?

How big of a role does political bias play in media?

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While some publications pride themselves in views that sway to either the left or the right, the center is also considered a desirable position for many newspapers.

For many publications, a partisan view means excluding readers who identify with one party or the other.

But is this a realistic goal an area run on both a national and local level by those who possess their own political biases?

All media issues require fair and accurate reporting to effectively explain the story to the general audience.

From the general audience to reporters themselves, people seem to agree Southern Illinois is a fairly conservative area.

Stories pertaining to issues such as gun control, abortion and the separation of church and state require non-partisan reporting from journalists.

Taking this into account, a common concern of the media is, if doing so is even possible, whether to cater to the majority or maintain equilibrium.

Some people argue as to whether such a place exists in the media.

According to Steve Huntley, an editorial page editor for the Chicago Sun-Times who has been in journalism for 45 years, such a place not only exists but is where the Sun-Times currently stands.

Though Huntley believes the publication is commonly viewed as a liberal paper, he said the publication goes both ways on partisan issues and has a habit of endorsing both Democrats and Republicans.

"We endorsed Clinton both times, but we also endorsed Bush during the last election," said Huntley, who has been the paper's editorial page editor for the past six years.

"You just have to make sure you're thinking consciously about representing both sides and that when writing your story, you touch bases with both sides."

According to Richard Kuenneke, news director of on-campus broadcast River Region, the factor of partisan reporting is not one that typically plays into their broadcast.

Though River Region allows

"Don't write anything you haven't been able to find out more about or confirm with other sources."

—Walter Jaehning
director, School of Journalism

students the opportunity to practice reporting and writing news the same way print media does, the two forms of communication are very much separate.

Kuenneke said he believed, as far as visual media is concerned, the public would have to look more to investigative reporting or cable television to view a political bias.

"You don't really see any investigative reporting here [at River Region]," said Kuenneke, who has been the news director of the program for eight years.

"When there are more investigative pieces, I feel that's when you can really define liberal or conservative.

"We're only at 90 seconds, so I basically just make sure they [reporters] go over the scripts over and over and

are careful with that. The biggest challenge is making sure the story has news value more so than a certain political agenda. That's a real deal."

Political bias is, however, agreeably a concern of local print journalists as they deal with a decisively conservative audience.

Walter Jaehning, director of the School of Journalism, said he believes good journalism begins, of course, with accuracy.

"It all begins with accuracy," Jaehning said.

"Don't write anything you haven't been able to find out more about or confirm with other sources."

While the media is often held accountable for the accurate delivery of news, Jaehning said some responsibility should also fall on the general audience.

"Unless you have reporters who are tireless, you will see political bias," Jaehning said.

"You need to guide your audience, but at the same time, you need to make sure you balance your sources because you're always going to have your own perspectives and objectives about what the reality of a situation truly is."

For this reason, Jaehning said the general audience should also take responsibility for making certain their news is fair and accurate.

Room and board increases expected to remain constant

Costs to rise in 2004-05 by 6 percent

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Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said though the price of room and board fluctuates according to the University's needs, there is no expectation of a greater increase in costs.

"We do not anticipate any unexpected increases as of right now," Dietz said.

The concern over a possible increase was proposed at an Oct. 31 press conference.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said while the University would not be outsourcing dining services during this time in residence halls, the adjustment of room and board could be a possibility.

The University decided against outsourcing the dining services because of the impact it would have on the community.

"We know that looking at this

kind of scenario makes all the sense in the world given the financial concerns of the students, but we must also remember SIUC drives the regional economy," Wendler said during the conference.

"I also believe that our employees who work in this area come to work with a smile every day and a commitment to one mission of producing excellence in educational opportunity."

Wendler could not be reached Monday because he was out of the office.

Dietz said the usual room and board increases for dining services and maintenance is around 6 percent, which is used specifically toward University Housing.

The costs have helped University Housing follow through its master plan, which began in 1997.

The plan's objective is to make improvements and new developments on-campus through 2019.

Some of these ideas include the demolition of Greek Row for new Thompson Point-style residence halls and the rebuilding of Greek Row near Kesar Hall.

It would also include the constructing of apartment-style residence halls in the vicinity of the new Health Services building along Grand Avenue and around Giant City Road. Also in the plans is to make Wall Street and Grand Avenue an archway to the SIUC campus.

Lentz Hall saw revisions through the plan in 1999, while both Grinnell and Trueblood halls were remodeled in 2001.

University Housing Director Edward Jones said as far as he knows, the University's decision to continue its current dining services would not cause any additional charges.

"At this point, dining is fixed into our budget but is not going to make us raise rates any more than we would have otherwise," Jones said.

Dietz said the increases for 2006 will be entertained next spring, but no added increases are expected at this time. Jones said increases are taken to an advisory board before approval. Increases for 2006 would not be discussed until December.

HRC looking to increase community involvement and effectiveness

Creation of Study Circles: new approach to problems

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Among the agenda topics for Tuesday night's Carbondale City Council meeting is the possible implementation of a Study Circle Program to improve the effectiveness and outreach of the Humans Relations Commission.

The concept behind the Study Circles is to create a way for a cross section of community members to identify and solve problems within the community, said Study Circle Coordinator Lana Bardo.

"Study Circles will just be one of the tools that the Human Relations Commission is going to be using to accomplish their mission they have established," Bardo said.

The HRC was created in April

as an advisory board to make recommendations to the City Council for the improvements in community relationships.

The HRC consists of 11 commissioners appointed by former Mayor Neil Dillard.

The goal of the commission is to study problems in the city of Carbondale relating to relationships among individuals and groups, as well as to promote mutual understanding and respect among all racial, religious, sexual, national and ethnic groups.

The SIUC/Carbondale Task Force on Race and Community Relations proposed HRC after police used Mace to disperse a number of black students at a block party in April 2000.

On Oct. 6, HRC commissioners adopted the Study Circle program they renamed "Carbondale Conversations for Community Action."

HRC is asking the City Council to approve the implementation of the Study Circles as well as approve a budget adjustment of \$4,500 to

cover the expenses of the first round of circles.

"Funding will come through the Southern Illinois Health Care to develop the study circles," said City Manager Jeff Doherty.

Study circles will provide an additional method for citizens to provide input to the City Council. According to the Carbondale Community Service Department, Study Circles have been successful in Aurora, Bloomington, Champaign, Danville, Decatur, Lake County and Woodridge.

The city will also award the roofing contract to replace the 25-year-old police station roof.

The issue was put on hold last week when the council investigated the possibility of awarding a local roofer the contract over the out-of-town lowest bidder for the project.

The Carbondale City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

SIU Trustees still wait for reappointment

Blagojevich promises new members before spring semester

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SIU administrators are still waiting for word of the appointment of three people to the nine-member Board of Trustees, although Gov. Rod Blagojevich said the wait is nearly over.

At a news conference following his speech on campus Wednesday, Blagojevich said the search for trustees is in its final stages and he expects to announce a decision within the next two months.

"We're almost there for appointments to the SIU board," he said.

"By the time the kids come back to school for holidays, that board will be appointed."

Board Chairwoman Molly D'Esposito said she has yet to hear anything about possible replacements and reappointments.

Terms for trustees John Brewster and Gene Callahan ended nearly a year ago. Both men have continued to serve the board with no word of reappointment since January.

Mark Repking also vacated his seat in July when he resigned from all community boards and as president of the Liberty Bank in Alton. His term was not slated to end until 2007.

D'Esposito said the school's winter break would be the appropriate time for the governor to make a new appointments, allowing the newcomers to acclimate to the campus before the first meeting of the year.

"That would be excellent timing because the new trustees could get more information and training before the first meeting of the new year in February," she said.

Brewster and Callahan said they are both seeking another term with the SIU board, though they have not heard from the governor's office one way or the other.

D'Esposito said in an earlier interview that the board has not been stressed since Repking's resignation four months ago, though the situation would have been much worse if Callahan and Brewster had not continued serving.

Brewster was re-appointed within a few months during his last term while Gov. Jim Edgar was in office. He said earlier this year that he felt delays were expected considering the political climate and economic turmoil.

TRAVEL

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No. 1 by the Alliance of Automotive Manufacturers with the Association for Career and Technical Education. The National Intercollegiate Flying Association Midwest Competition ranked the flight program No. 1 in the Midwest.

"It will help prepare the workers of this region for the new jobs that will be created in the transportation industry over the next quarter century," Blagojevich said. "And it will help put Southern Illinois University into the ranks of universities like Purdue and Ferris State University, universities that lead the nation in learning, studying, teaching and developing new ideas when it comes to transportation."

Sarvela said he anticipates the facility will be a draw to automotive and aviation industries, which could find it beneficial being located near the nationally recognized programs where faculty could be available as consultants and students could be available to help on projects.

He said once the money is released, they will begin the process and hope to break ground on the project in 12 to 18 months. The construction is anticipated to take two to three years and could employ 200 to 300 people.

"Not only is this project a good project for SIU students, for faculty, this is a good project for Southern Illinois," Sarvela said.

There was discussion early in the project to move the facilities to Williamson County Airport, between Carbondale and Marion. Rep. Larry Woolard, D-Carterville, proposed the move to allow the program better public exposure. Sarvela said the site is secured at the Southern Illinois Airport, due to the added cost of duplicating existing buildings and buying out the existing lease if the project were moved.

NewMyer said the money has not been released to use yet, so

they are waiting to hear the details of when they can start looking for an architectural firm to draw up the plans.

"But Jack [Greer] and I have been involved from day one, so it's obviously pretty gratifying when you finally get some support from the big guy, the governor," NewMyer said. "This is a dream come true."

He said they will begin to adapt the curriculum to be more conducive with the facilities, and having all of the departments under one roof may allow for sharing among technology based programs.

He said a future possibility will be to add a masters of science degree in transportation. He said all changes will be a step up for the University and students in the program.

Sarvela said they are also looking for opportunities for collaboration with faculty from the College of Engineering to help on various projects.

"We think that's just a dynamite combination," he said.

The move also may lead to the combination of the departments into a School of Transportation in compliance with a recommendation of the Budget and Planning Task Force. Restructuring and combining departments was proposed as a way to help save the University money.

"Faculty are now discussing the pros and cons of going the school route," Sarvela said. "But having all the programs under one roof and having one director, organizationally it seems to make sense."

Nothing official has been decided yet.

Meanwhile, all departments expressed an excitement for starting work on the facility as soon as the money becomes available.

"My feet still aren't on the ground yet, I've been hoping for this for 27 years," said Greer, a graduate of SIUC's automotive program. "For the students in our college it was a great move, and I'm glad the governor decided to invest in our college. The students will be the main beneficiaries."

SPEECH

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critical," Hill said. "People are dying. That's how I'm an authority on this."

Eddie Pullen, the pastor of the church, said that even though students were not allowed to pass out tickets to the event planned for Monday through Wednesday nights, the church was pleased that the Rev. Hill was able to address the local schools.

However, the church will be appealing on the basis that the church

was restricted from expressing its freedom of speech.

"This is a clear violation of freedom of speech," Pullen said. "We plan on appealing through the Liberty Group, and it will be filed either tomorrow or the next day."

Pullen said the event and Robert Marsh's objection to the reverend's trip to the area schools were an outrageous media circus.

"This was blown way out proportion," he said. "There is no way a violation."

Pullen praised the Fort Worth, Texas, evangelist for coming and

standing in the face of adversity and controversy.

"This story has been on CNN, USA Today and has made national news," he said. "Just praise God for a man that would make a stand."

Even though the Rev. Hill has spoken to more than 200 schools across the country, he has never let the subject of his speeches turn to God while in the confines of a public institution.

"I have never spoke on Jesus, God or religion in any of my speeches," Hill said. "They are not taking anything out of my assemblies."

LIBRARY

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to Gatton. Once the bids have been received and a contractor chosen, construction will begin.

The project calls for most of the walls to be torn down as well as a near gutting of the building's systems. Gatton said this is less expensive than tearing the library down because of the nature of the building. Morris Library was built to hold a lot of books and withstand a lot of weight, he said.

The construction process will take about 32 months to complete, depending on a number of variables. According to Gatton, it is going to get worse before it gets better. Floors will be closed off and books rearranged to accommodate workers. Gatton said he anticipates a lot of dust, noise and activity.

"It's going to be a difficult project," he said. "The library staff and the users of the library are going to have a lot of inconveniences that are not going to be able to be avoided. It's going to be a difficult construction project because of the scope of work."

Ken Newcomer, a freshman from Wheaton in public relations and communication, said he would gladly put up with the noise and dust to reap the benefits of the new building.

"It's not going to bother me because it's my education," he said.

"I'm not going to be like, 'Oh, forget that. I'm not going to come to the library.'"

The expansion will allow the library to upgrade its technology, while leaving the main building for book storage. According to Gatton, the current building scheme is not friendly to technological advancement.

The addition project will include an auditorium that seats about 250 people as well as supplemental computers and Internet access in study areas.

The addition will encompass 50,000 square feet of space. The second level will be left as an open space, with the third level housing books. The main library will house the rest of the books, a majority.

For Megan Migliore, a junior in English from Freeport, technology is not the problem. She said if she needs a computer, she looks on a different floor. Migliore, who has worked at two libraries other than Morris Library, said finding a book poses a major problem.

Each floor seems to have its own system of numbering, which Migliore said is jumbled and confusing, although she is familiar with the Library of Congress system.

According to Jim Fox, the building planning librarian, the renovation will take care of the problem by standardizing each floor. Students

who step off an elevator will find a similar layout, no matter which floor they choose.

"I think it will be neat," Borgert said. "It will be easier to find stuff because it's hard now."

The SIU Board of Trustees voted in September to increase funding another \$12 million to allow the library to finish the expansion project. This money will come out of tuition and other state revenues and campus income funds.

The renovation will also fix a problem that has plagued the library for more than 15 years — the temperature.

With updates in the mechanical and electrical systems that include repiping the air conditioning and heating units, Morris Library will no longer boil and freeze occupants. Borgert said the repairs would be a welcome relief from the boiling temperatures that bother her on every floor as she looks for books.

Along with the space addition, the library will be condensing many of its books into stacks in the basement to make room for new material.

Borgert said the way stacks will work would make it more difficult to find books. However, she said she is all for the addition of space, despite money and stack issues. She said the space would allow newer materials to be added.

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THEIR WORD

A responsibility for all: safe sex a necessity

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AMHERST, Mass. (U-WIRE) — Let's recall what we did as a university this weekend. Raise your hand if you: studied, slept or had sex.

The number of hands that go up drop when you ask how many that had sex with a known and trusted partner. The hands dwindle even further when you ask how many of those who had sex used protection.

Studies done within the last three years show that despite being a high-risk group for contracting sexually transmitted diseases or illness (commonly referred to as STDs or STIs), American college students continue to engage in risky sexual behavior. Reuters Health reports college students do not use condoms consistently.

Harvard's School of Public Health's 2001 study of 8,500 undergraduates nationwide, published in the Archives of Sexual Behavior, showed 71 percent were sexually experienced, but only 43 percent reported always using a condom, and an alarming 24 percent said they had never used a condom.

Supposing you were one of those at the university this weekend who did engage in sexual activities with an unknown partner, or even with a known partner, but without a condom. What excuse do you have? Every student living on campus has access to free condoms: Resident advisers are given buckets full to provide to their residents upon request. Whether you live on or off campus as a student (or professor or staff) you may purchase condoms at University Health Services for exceptionally discounted prices.

One in five people in the United States have an STI, according to FemaleHealth.com. Two-thirds of STIs occur in people under the age of 25. The most common age group to contract an STI is women between the ages of 15 and 25. One in five college students have chlamydia, a common bacterial STI.

We as a generation
must exercise caution
through the use
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If that isn't enough to make you strap on a condom, say no or run to University Health Services for a check-up; half of all new HIV infections occur in individuals under the age of 25. John Hopkins reports that the incidence of STIs is rising, in part, due to social change in marriage patterns: more people have sex earlier, marry later, divorce more often and have more sexual partners than in previous generations.

Supposing you didn't contract a STI from a partner this weekend; there remains the great risk of pregnancy from unprotected sex. Twenty-two percent of sexually active 18- and 19-year-olds in the United States become pregnant each year, according FemaleHealth.com. Is that really a responsibility you are ready for?

Abstinence remains the only way to avoid the consequences of STIs and the responsibilities of pregnancy. However, since a majority of college students are sexually active, we as a generation must exercise caution through the use of condoms and smart choices.

Nobody on this campus has an excuse for engaging in sexual activity without using a condom: they are easily accessed, and come in a variety of colors, sizes, flavors, textures and styles. Whatever you do on your weekends here at UMass, keep it safe — for all of us. Know your partner, have sober sex and use a condom.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Columnist should take a look across the borders

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We are exchange students from Spain and Germany and were ashamed by Mr. Berezow's column Thursday, "Be ungrateful and blame America first: Part I." We wanted to express our point of view as guests in the United States before more offensive statements are published in Part II.

The United States is a wonderful country to live and study in, and we appreciate much the opportunity of being here.

So far, Carbondale was nothing but friendly people who made us feel more than welcome, making this year here one of the greatest experiences in our lives. However, when we read Mr. Berezow's article we were shocked about the insulting way in which he expressed his opinions.

It is totally understandable and legitimate to criticize "America-bashing," but is it really necessary to respond with "France-bashing," right away? He criticizes Ms. Velitchkova being a guest in this country and defaming it, but isn't it as inappropriate as a host to bash your guests (like he does with the French)?

SIUC is concerned about the possible decline of international students coming here because of the tuition raise, but attitudes like Mr. Berezow's may be a more important reason not to come study here.

His article shows a very narrow perspective. The statement that "fair-minded people know that this country has more to offer than any

other country in the world" is highly offensive to people from abroad.

From our experience, we know there are people in the United States that still think of the rest of the world as developing countries.

That is not true. No doubt the United States is a country full of opportunities and has a high standard of living, but that does not necessarily imply all other countries have not. Denying any other country these standards is simply ignorant. There are highly educated and fair-minded people all over the world who may have never been to the United States. Many of them live in countries that grant their people all the opportunities they could wish for.

We are proud to come from countries in which democracy, the rule of law and individual freedom are highly respected values, countries that offer us a very good education, a very high standard of living and a rich and diverse culture.

We enjoy living and studying in the United States, but we didn't come here because our countries lack opportunities but rather to broaden our view of the world. It might be helpful for Mr. Berezow, too, to take a look across the borders.

Mr. Berezow, with immature insults like "pack your bags and move to France," you are definitely not the person that contributes to the "good guy" image of the United States but rather the person "who creates the United States' bad image abroad" (as in Ms. Velitchkova's title). Thank about it!

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There are as many opinions as there are experts.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

WORDS OVERHEARD

“We use the word hero so commonly nowadays, and this guy is a real hero.”

Carl Ervin
coordinator of student development,
on Charles Chibity, last surviving member of the Comanche Code Talkers from World War II

COLUMNISTS

Being gay makes dating hard

My friend has had one disastrous relationship after another. After each ex, she calls me and swears off men for the rest of her life. The last time she said, "You know, it's times like this when I feel like I could be a lesbian. It's just that whole 'having sex with women' thing that wouldn't work out."

"That doesn't matter. I'm still gay, and I don't have sex with men."

Looking back, I wasn't always gay, I guess. I did have one girlfriend named Amy. She passed me a note one day that asked if I liked her. I grabbed my He-Man pencil and circled the "Yes" option from the options she provided. I officially had a girlfriend.

Our relationship consisted of sharing chubby smiles and holding hands in the hallway on our trips

The only thing that could make this matter worse is if I lived in a small town in Southern Illinois withering in a gay Death Valley. Oh — crap.

to the lunchroom or gym class. I guess that was a bit too intense for a couple of first graders, though. We drifted apart, assuming that the other understood that we just could not be together anymore. That was the extent of my education in dating and relationships.

Later in life, I found myself strangely attracted to those of the male persuasion. It made no sense. I was raised to believe that men only like women and those who don't are subhuman perverts.

During the years, while everyone else I knew was dating and mating as if they were competing for endless fortune, I withdrew. I had no genuine interest in dating women and denied myself my interest in men. Any interests in relationships and sex were pushed to the back of my head and not addressed until after high school. I didn't even have my first kiss until I was 21.

Now, here I am, 26 years old, socialized, very well except in this one arena. I have the romantic skills of a first grader. The only thing that would make this matter worse is if I lived in a small town in Southern Illinois withering in a gay Death Valley.

Oh — crap. I absolutely hate small talk. So when I meet a guy, I have trouble getting over that initial hump in the conversation. What are you supposed to say? I usually go with, "So ... uh ... you like stuff? Because I've been known to ... um ... like ... things. Stuff is ... well ... yeah. Call me."

What am I doing wrong?



How about ... no

BY ED VILLAREAL
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It's a shame that I don't like women. I meet them all of the time with no problems. This weekend, I met an Indian woman whose beauty was fueled by a thousand infernos and had personality that would cause most men to forget the world around them, but not me. Yep, I must be pretty gay.

Keeping my options open, I have placed an Internet personal ad. After all, one of my best friends met the current love of her life through such an ad. Do you have any idea how depressing it is to sign on and see "There are 0 (zero) people interested in you" displayed on the monitor. And if I do get a message, it is typically from someone that was born while Grover Cleveland was president and is on the prowl for a "discreet encounter."

Clinging to my last crumb of hope, I have met guys from chat rooms. Why not? That's how my brother met his wife. I'll tell you why not.

On one date, I just finished declaring my love of Radiohead. Without any sort of segue, my date tells me about his preferred sexual role. There's something wrong with knowing a guy just long enough to get appetizers and know that he's an aggressive pitcher. Needless to say, he never got to play ball.

Another date had Joey Ramone's autograph tattooed to his chest. That was actually one of his selling points. After he explained how the tattoo came to be, he talked about how excited he was to get his FOID (firearms ownership identification) card. It turns out he was paranoid that social chaos may ensue one day, and he wanted to be prepared. At that point, I was wishing for a gun myself.

Instead of murder or suicide, I have decided to complain. Sure, sometimes I beg the powers that be to make me a lesbian, too. Until that happens, I guess I'll just keep stumbling as I figure out what the heck I'm doing. Who knows? Maybe I'll get lucky and have a guy slip me a note in class. Wish me luck.

How about no appears every Tuesday. Ed is a junior in speech pathology. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Protesters should not be muted



Having my say

BY LENIE ADOLPHSON
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There is a critical issue in America today, and it seems to revolve around patriotism as it relates to debate and criticisms.

Moreover, what is bashing and what are legitimate criticisms? Apparently, bashing is subjective. There is an element to the entire issue that people who despise disparagement of America never discuss, and that is why it is perfectly acceptable to criticize everyone in your private and public life, yet complaining about the country is off limits.

Most parents love their children, and if their children are not behaving or having problems parents are considered derelict in their responsibility if they fail to correct their child.

Some psychologists and counselors have even advised parents to use "tough love" to deal with rebellious and out-of-control teenagers. Obviously, in the midst of these corrective actions there is a great deal of discussion regarding the problems. A troubled youth might even label these discussions "bashing."

Moreover, married couples and other couples are told in marriage counseling to explain the reasons they are having problems. Generally, these discussions turn into each person going into great detail about the issues that have led to counseling.

There are times when, in the course of counseling, issues are raised that are painful. However, these problems must be mentioned. It is quite helpful that the counselor understand the problems prior to helping the couple.

Some of these couples might view the complaints as bashing. Usually they love each other, or they would not seek help to salvage their relationship. Additionally, even couples that are not in counseling have complaints and voice them to his or her partner. Yet they love each other.

Additionally, we criticize our family members, our professors on evaluations, our co-workers, pastor, neighbors, even our pets and that is totally acceptable.

Generally, every employee gets a job evaluation where one's strengths and weaknesses are assessed. The employer does not give a negative evaluation because of hatred for the employee. Usually, if there are improvements that are needed, they are cited to help the employee improve performance at work. However, the self-proclaimed lovers

of America apparently have decided if one is extremely vociferous in protesting the policies of America, you should pull up stakes and leave. Otherwise, shut your mouth. Moreover, if foreigners have the temerity to tell Americans why they are seen in a negative light abroad, the foreigners are labeled as ungrateful. I think it is important to try to understand why America is hated in many countries. It is wrong to blame the messenger for stating his or her opinion as to the causes of the revulsion toward America abroad.

I love America. I appreciate the freedoms I have here.

However, that does not mean those who are upset with the policies of the government should be muted. I will state unequivocally that I disagree with many of the policies of the current administration. I am totally opposed to the war. I know this country has turned a blind eye to atrocities against many ethnic groups in the past. I know the country has appeased tyrants and then attacked them when it was no longer convenient.

Love of country is not blind allegiance. I would argue that the greatness of America is that we live in a country that allows free, lively and contentious debate.

The esteemed professor Jonathan Wiesen is teaching History 444, the Holocaust class. In Nazi Germany, dissent against the government could and would cost you your life.

We must all work, strive and pray that we will never allow any person or government to stifle or edit free and lively expression. For once that occurs, we inch ever so slowly to despotism and tyranny.

Having my say appears every Tuesday. LeNie is a senior in history. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Coverage of veterans good

DEAR EDITOR:

Your editorial in the Wednesday edition was great! It is good to know that we have students so interested in such issues. I am sure your comments will have a positive effect on our city representatives when they consider our request.

Veterans' organizations must lead the community in support of our young service people, but first we need to let the community know what we are all about. This project will greatly assist in doing that very thing.

Your front-page coverage also did just that! The young reporters covering the event did a superb job. Specific thanks to them on our behalf. We will certainly try to earn your continued support.

Harry Schauwecker
commander, VFIV Post 2605, Carbondale

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DRIVERS LICENSURE

Gery Chico

"As a nation, we're not there yet. We have not reached Martin Luther King's ideal where someone is simply judged on the content of their character instead of the color of their skin."



Gery Chico, who has twice been appointed president of the Chicago Public Schools, has been credited with the turnaround of a once-troubled Chicago school system.

He said he hopes to continue looking into the effect education can have on everyday life.

"It impacts every aspect of life - from a student graduating college and being able to get a job to people who have lost their jobs and are trying to go out and get training so they are able to get back into the job market," said Samantha Anderson, spokeswoman for Chico. "We as a society need to focus more of our federal funding on education to improve things in the long run."

Chico also said he is an ardent supporter of the Supreme Court's decision to allow race and ethnicity to be considered in the admission process.

"I think it's a good thing - a good thing for the country," he said. "As a nation, we're not there yet. We have not reached Martin Luther King's ideal where someone is simply judged on the content of their character instead of the color of their skin."

"We continue to need remedies and certain sensitivities to make the playing field more equal over a period of time."

Illinois Democrat
Senate Candidate
DRIVERS LICENSURE

Blair Hull

"His position now is that we need to rebuild Iraq as quickly as possible, get the Iraqis in charge and bring our troops back home." Jim O'Connor, spokesman for Hull.



Blair Hull of Chicago has made health care the focus of his campaign. He is the only candidate to unleash a universal health care plan.

Hull has joined efforts to import lower-cost prescription drugs and sponsored a bus trip for up to 40 Illinois residents to go to Windsor, Ontario, to purchase those drugs.

"Ultimately, his health care plan trends toward allowing the government to bargain down the prices of pharmaceuticals, but until that can happen, he supports importation as a Band-aid for the problem," said Jim O'Connor, spokesman for Hull.

Hull has also said he believes everyone has a right to higher education.

"In an increasingly global and technology-driven world, education is a door that is still closed for far too many," O'Connor said. "He believes the government has a responsibility to its citizens to make that a reachable and reasonable goal."

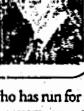
Hull, who is a U.S. Army veteran, said although he supports the \$67 billion the United States allotted for military support, he thinks the \$20 billion used for rebuilding Iraq should have been given as a loan rather than a grant.

"His position now is that we need to rebuild Iraq as quickly as possible, get the Iraqis in charge and bring our troops back home," O'Connor said.

Illinois Democrat
Senate Candidate
DRIVERS LICENSURE

Dan Hynes

"If we are going to spend money in Iraq, we should do the same here. We should be willing to make the same commitment here at home."



State Comptroller Dan Hynes, who has run for a statewide election twice in the last five years, expects to do well in northern Illinois as well as downstate.

Hynes, who lives in Chicago, said he supported the decision to rid the world of Saddam Hussein and thinks society is better off without him.

"But if we are going to spend money in Iraq, we should do the same here," said his spokesman, Chris Mather. "We should be willing to make that same commitment at home."

Hynes said he thinks the cost of prescription drugs for senior citizens is too costly.

"If we can't reduce costs as a part of Medicare, then we need to look at other means for getting the drugs," Mather said. "As long as we know the drugs are safe, drug importation is definitely something we should look at."

Illinois Democrat
Senate Candidate
DRIVERS LICENSURE

Estella Johnson Hunt

"I'm insulted and plan to take a legislative stand against the loss of moral standards that have swept the movie industry like a flood, resulting in too few clean movies and family shows, but instead shows are laced with profanity, violence and partial nudity."



In 2001, Estella Johnson-Hunt of Evergreen Park briefly ran for U.S. Senate against Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., but dropped out of the race early.

She has decided to try her luck again in the 2004 race for Fitzgerald's seat.

"Becoming one of the 535 members of Congress can place me in a position to help shape policy for making a difference in the welfare of not only our country, but of our world," Johnson-Hunt said in her July 3 campaign announcement speech.

One of the major issues she is addressing is what her website calls the "moral decay" of society and lack of religion present in schools.

"I'm insulted and plan to take a legislative stand against the loss of moral standards that have swept the movie industry like a flood, resulting in too few clean movies and family TV shows. But instead, shows are laced with profanity, violence and partial nudity," Johnson-Hunt said when announcing her candidacy.

According to Johnson-Hunt's campaign website, she will also lobby for laws that would make it illegal for credit card companies to charge consumers both late fees and over-the-limit charges.

Illinois Democrat
Senate Candidate
DRIVERS LICENSURE

Barack Obama

"The analogy that he uses is: if you drag a bus into a ditch, you have a responsibility to pull the bus out, but that doesn't mean you don't fire the driver, which is the case of President Bush."



State Sen. Barack Obama, D-Chicago, is hoping to try his luck in the U.S. Senate after holding a position as a state senator for the last six years.

While Obama's platform focuses on universal preschool education for all children, regardless of their background, he has also expressed an interest in making sure college-bound students can afford higher education.

"There have been cuts in Pell grants as a result of the Bush administration," said Pam Smith, spokeswoman for Obama. "Fewer students are eligible for loans - and that is a tragedy. As a U.S. Senator, he would make it a major initiative of his to reinstate or restore funding for students in need."

Smith said Obama does not think U.S. forces should have gone to Iraq, and he does not think troops should stay overseas without an end in sight.

"The analogy that he uses is: 'If you drag a bus into a ditch, you have a responsibility to pull the bus out, but that doesn't mean you don't fire the driver,' which in this case is President Bush."

Obama has said the current tax structure needs to be reversed in order to discourage corporations from sending business out of the country.

"We need to create tax incentives to keep jobs at home as opposed to shipping them abroad," Smith said.

Illinois Democrat
Senate Candidate
DRIVERS LICENSURE

Matt O'Shea

"College costs have risen over the past few years," O'Shea said. "The average rate of inflation is ridiculous. When you start talking about the costs the student accrues the federal government has to keep up on Pell Grants and low-interest loans."



Illinois Mayor Matt O'Shea recently swayed political parties when he joined the U.S. Senate race, saying the Republican Party, not just in the state of Illinois, but also across the country, "has left middle America behind."

O'Shea said he understands the troubles families

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face because he has one son who is attending an out-of-state college, and another son who is considering colleges in state.

"College costs have risen over the past few years," O'Shea said. "The average rate of inflation is ridiculous. When you start talking about the costs the student accrues, the federal government has not kept up on Pell grants - they have not kept up on loans that are on the low-interest side. I think the federal government needs to step up on this issue."

"In Illinois, we don't have enough classroom space in secondary education. We need to expand the education environment."

He said he does not think Canadian drug imports are the answer to the nation's problem with cost of prescription drugs.

"Our answer is to get our pricing down here in America at our own pharmaceutical companies," O'Shea said.

Illinois Democrat
Senate Candidate
DRIVERS LICENSURE

Maria Pappas

"Our focus is on happy, healthy, well-adjusted children. We can prevent social costs further down the road. Huge societal costs, problems like substance abuse, teen pregnancy and high drop-out rates," said Jim Allen, spokesman for Pappas.



Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas announced her candidacy in early November, much later than the other front-runners in the race.

But that is not expected to affect the outcome of her popularity among voters. In an independent poll recently published by the Chicago Tribune, Pappas, who has been successful in her local government position, was considered serious competition for both Republican and Democratic candidates.

The three main issues of Pappas' platform are education, healthcare and the economy.

Pappas is a strong supporter of higher education in regard to job creation and retention efforts. She also said she believes it is important to start working with children at a young age.

"One of her key focuses will be on the development of children from pre-natal to age 6," said Jim Allen, spokesman for Pappas. "Not only in programs like HeadStart, but in working to give parents the tools they need - the information, the knowledge - so that we may help our children in their formative years before they reach kindergarten and first grade."

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Pappas is also a supporter of affirmative action in education, as well as in the corporate world.

"We believe in this program because it lends fledgling businesses a hand up, not a hand down," Allen said. "And Pappas' mindset, like many progressive Democrats, in terms of affirmative action, is that we need to mend, not end."

Illinois Democrat
Senate Candidate
DRIVERS LICENSURE

Nancy Skinner

"I think we should be reevaluating the reconstruction costs, not the military costs, but the money to rebuild their schools, to provide them with universal healthcare, to deliver garbage trucks and textbooks."



Nancy Skinner, a nationally recognized radio

and television personality, said she joined the race

for U.S. Senate in hopes of addressing issues that are important to the masses.

Skinner, who lives in Chicago, said citizens must make the administration accountable for the safety of the nation's military and the costs of rebuilding Iraq.

"I was opposed to the war, but now that we're in and have blown this country to bits, we need put it back together," Skinner said. "And that's a very difficult challenge for us."

Skinner said she did not agree with the funding approved to rebuild Iraq.

"Most of the money he gained support for was in the form of loans, which doesn't really help us," she said. "I think we should be repaid for the reconstruction costs - not the military costs, but the money to rebuild their schools, to provide them with universal health care, to deliver garbage trucks and textbooks. This is stuff we don't have here. It's hard to justify to the American student why he can't go to college when a kid in Iraq can."

She also emphasized the controversy in the news about the term partial-birth abortion, a procedure she said is reserved for only dire medical situations, rather than the context in which most politicians use it.

"What they've done is ban a procedure that was legal under Roe v. Wade," Skinner said. "This will be the first step down the road to banning more rights."

"Pro-choice women have the right to decide what to do with their bodies. This also takes away from the practice of medicine."

Illinois Democrat
Senate Candidate
DRIVERS LICENSURE

Joyce Washington

"I have been pro-choice for as long as I can remember. I think that the government should stay out of it when it comes to the kind of best decisions. It needs to be between a woman, her doctor and I, I would say her god."



Joyce Washington of Chicago has been in the healthcare field for more than 20 years and has established herself as someone who is knowledgeable within the medical world.

She was appointed to Blagojevich's Health Care Advisory Board, which was established to propose policy options and proposals for healthcare.

Washington said she finds it interesting when people use the term partial-birth abortion because it is not a medical term, but rather a term used to excite and get reactions.

"I am for unrestricted abortion," Washington said. "I have been pro-choice for as long as I can remember. I think that the government should stay out of it when it comes to this kind of sensitive decision. It needs to be between a woman, her doctor and I, I would say, her god."

Washington said she would not have voted in favor of going to war in Iraq.

"But since we are there, we cannot just immediately leave or pull our troops out," Washington said. "It's very expensive, not only in dollars, but in lives of relatives of ours, of friends of ours, so it gets very personal."

Addressing the issue of tuition increases, she said it is important for Congress to make sure the cost of tuition does not increase to the point where students can no longer attend higher institutions.

"Education is so very important," Washington said. "We can't keep putting kids on a prison track instead of a college track. We need to make sure tuition only goes up with inflation and that's it. We have to make sure whatever means we use that those tuition hikes don't get to the point where children can't get to school."

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John Borling

"I lived in a society for 37 years in the military where there was no need for affirmative action. I lived in a color-blind society where a man and a woman's efforts determined how far they could advance. In the military you lived together, fought together and your kids went to school together. I don't matter what your background was."



Major General John Borling, 63, of Rockford, served in the military for 37 years, six and a half years of which he was a POW during the Vietnam War.

He said he considers his service in the military a great experience for both him and his wife.

"Military service is a virtue," he said. "It directly translates to the kind of experience we are embarking on in Iraq."

Borling said the United States, as the world's most powerful nation, should continue its leadership role in Iraq.

"The question is, if we don't do it, who will?" Borling said. "In the end, how long we stay and how much we spend will be dependent on you. Do we really have the right stuff to make a lasting success out of the investment we've made? I would hope so."

Borling's military service has given him a base for affirmative action, as well as his feelings on Iraq. He said living in the military environment there was no need for affirmative action.

"We lived in a color-blind society where a man and woman's efforts determined how far they would advance," he said. "In the military you lived together, worked together, and your kids went to school together. It didn't matter what your racial background was."

According to Borling, if it can be done in the military, it can be done outside the military. However, he acknowledges the reality that there are needs to be trailblazing for minorities, though he hopes it would phase out.

Borling, a father of two daughters, said the abortion subject is one he has probably spent more time on than any other.

And after much deliberation, he took a stance uncommon to his party. Borling said he believes a woman to have sovereign control over her body and she should make a decision right for her.

He does not favor partial-birth abortion unless the life of the mother is at stake. However, he said he does not believe it is the government's place to be involved in sex and procreation matters.

"I really think it is unhelpful to Illinois and to the nation that this issue always seems to be the number one issue," he said.

Illinois Republican Senate Candidate

Chirinjeev Kathuria

"The reason I was able to do so well and even run for U.S. Senate is because of my educational background."



Dr. Chirinjeev Kathuria, 38, is a business- man from Chicago. Originally from India, he is

moved to Illinois at a young age. While attending school on the east coast, Kathuria said he was able to see how much people from other countries were able to contribute to the classroom and provide another perspective.

He is a supporter of affirmative action but does not agree with putting a quota on the number of people from one ethnicity that a university can accept.

"The reason I was able to do so well and even run for U.S. Senate is because of my educational background," he said.

According to Kathuria, education should be a right for each student and the government should help provide the means to pay for it.

"I think education is the greatest equalizer and it is important to everyone," Kathuria said.

In regards to the recent approval by Congress to allocate \$20 billion in funds to rebuild Iraq, Kathuria said it should be given in terms of a loan.

He said the job America took on to rebuild Iraq could be done more time efficiently if its oil dollars were used to help fund the efforts.

But his business background has made way for his ideas for Southern Illinois. He said he would encourage smaller businesses to open shop by giving them more tax incentives.

During Kathuria's campaign, he has had to do more than make his name well known. He has had to repair his public reputation after two reporters from the Chicago Tribune questioned his resume's accuracy. He has since filed defamation suits against the reporters.

Illinois Republican Senate Candidate

Andy McKenna

"Our focus of our campaign is job creation, and I think it is particularly important in central and southern Illinois to focus on that need."



Andy McKenna, 46, of Chicago is a CEO with Schwarz Paper Co.

A strong supporter of education, he said he wishes to expand the access of higher education.

"Not many priorities are more important than making college education accessible to those who want it," McKenna said.

He said the way to build prosperity is by investing in people and ideas, and higher education is an opportunity to invest in people.

McKenna has sponsored 25 round tables across the state, with several of them in Southern Illinois towns to help him determine the needs of the region.

"Our focus of our campaign is job creation and I think it is particularly important in central and southern Illinois to focus on that need," he said.

McKenna supports the funding of rebuilding Iraq and considers it important for future peace. He said the United States should stay its course in Iraq and allow it to be successful. By staying our course, McKenna said it would strengthen the prospects for peace throughout the Middle East and the rest of the world.

"I think the most important thing we should do is support our troops on the ground in Iraq."

As Gov. Rod Blagojevich continues to fight for prescription drugs from Canada, he may not have McKenna's support. McKenna said his first priority is making drugs safe and the United States should see to it that the policies, such as those in Illinois, continue to support the reason to have "miracle drugs."

"We need to see to it that countries respect our patents and copyrights," he said.

Illinois Republican Senate Candidate

Jim Oberweis

"Jim is opposed to partial birth abortion and 'grad President Bush signed the new federal legislation outlawing it,'" Mike Monseur spokesman for Oberweis.



Jim Oberweis, of Aurora is president of the Oberweis funds and chairman of the Board of both Oberweis Asset Management and Oberweis Dairy, was once a schoolteacher.

According to his campaign website, he has seen first-hand the need for mandatory teacher testing and training. He is a complete supporter of Bush's No Child Left Behind Act and favors issuing vouchers for parents whose children are stuck in failing schools.

Also, he has suggested expanding the requirements for disclosure of academic and safety records of every school.

In an attempt to certify more teachers, Oberweis supports making teacher certification easier for those who are interested in switching to teaching from a previously successful career.

"Jim is opposed to partial-birth abortion and glad President Bush signed the new federal legislation outlawing it," Mike Monseur, spokesman for Oberweis, said in an e-mail.

Both a parent and grandparent, according to his website, Oberweis strongly favors the preservation of the right to life of the unborn child.

And in regards to the war in Iraq, Monseur said Oberweis supports the president and his efforts in Iraq but will leave the daily activities of running the war to the military.

Illinois Republican Senate Candidate

Steven Rauschenberger

"He is saddened by any loss of life in Iraq, but Sen. Rauschenberger also believes we must have a stable democracy in Iraq or we will cause problems for generations to come," said Charlie Stone, spokesman for Rauschenberger.



Sen. Steven Rauschenberger, R-Elgin, 46, is the only Republican candidate currently involved in government. He is the assistant minority leader in the state senate. He serves on the Committee on Appropriations and is a member on several others, such as the environment, public health and Illinois Growth Task Force.

If he were at a position to vote for the ban on partial-birth abortion, his communication director, Charlie Stone, said he would have voted for the ban.

"They're children, and they need to be protected by the law," Stone said.

In regards to affirmative action, Rauschenberger believes in merit qualifications.

"If you qualify on merit you should be afforded the opportunity for any university willing to accept you," Stone said. Rauschenberger also believes in economic merit, or providing economic assistance to those that need the help. But admitting prospective students based on their ethnicities is not something the senator believes to be the best admissions policy, according to Stone.

Stone said Rauschenberger is against the possibility of the federal government penalizing states trying to balance budgets by cutting spending on higher education. He said states are also suffering from tough economic times.

"The people of Illinois should decide what's best for them and not some bureaucrat in Washington."

However, he does believe that those in Washington were right in the spending allocated to rebuild Iraq.

"He is saddened by any loss of life in Iraq, but Sen. Rauschenberger also believes we must have a stable democracy in Iraq or it will cause problems for generations to come," Stone said.

"If we were to pull out, democracy has lost a fertile ground to be developed in."

Illinois Republican Senate Candidate
Jack Ryan
"In our society we need to reach out and help those who are less fortunate be the best they can be," said Lisa Druss Christman, spokesman for Ryan.

Jack Ryan, 44, an investment broker from Chicago, was the first Republican to announce his candidacy. As a father, he sees abortion as being an option available to mothers considering the procedure.

"He is a father and fights for the sanctity of human life from conception," said Lisa Druss Christman, press secretary for Ryan.

However, his views do have exceptions, such as in cases of rape, incest or the life of the mother is at stake.

Ryan is a strong supporter of education. According to Druss Christman, he would cut funding for universities. He is against affirmative action but believes family income should be considered during the college acceptance procedure.

"In our society we need to reach out and help those who are less fortunate be the best that they can be," Druss Christman said. "No matter what happens in this country, we have to provide a quality education for our children in this country."

It was recently reported 44 percent of Illinois schools failed President George W. Bush's, No Child Left Behind program. According to Druss Christman, Ryan's solution is allowing children who are attending the failing schools to go to those that are not behind.

"Changes have to be made today," Druss Christman said. "No more three-year plans, no more five-year plans."

As Gov. Rod Blagojevich attempts to buy prescription drugs from Canada, Ryan supports the Federal Drug Administration. According to Druss Christman, what Illinois officials need to do is look to Canada and see how it is getting a cheaper cost.

Illinois Republican Senate Candidate
Jonathan Wright
"Dr. King's maxim that we should be judged by the content of our character than the color of our skin continues to ring true today," said John Usherwood, spokesman for Wright.

Jonathan Wright, 37, is assistant state's attorney in Logan County.

As a prosecutor, he prosecutes individuals for crimes of rape and incest while staying committed to protecting the life of a child as well, according to his website. He does, however, see an exception as being when the life of the mother is at stake.

"To revive a culture of life, I believe that every effort should be made to preserve the life of both mother and child," according to an email from John Usherwood, spokesman for Wright. "Late-term abortion advocates have failed to recognize that if a child can be delivered partially to preserve the life of the mother, there is no logical defense for not allowing it to be born completely to preserve the lives of both."

He supports the ban on this procedure. Taking a stance on a current Illinois state issue, Wright agrees with allowing people to have access to prescription drugs from Canada.

"The cost of prescription drugs is becoming prohibitive to many people in this country," Usherwood said in an email.

According to Usherwood, Wright believes that by allowing people the purchase from Canada, it could have a beneficial effect in that it would force the drug companies to consider re-pricing the drugs and also force a restructuring of the Federal Drug Administration approval process.

In regards to affirmative action policies at universities, Wright is concerned that the cases such as the one at the University of Michigan might result in reverse discrimination despite the original initiative to end discriminatory practices.

"Dr. King's maxim that we should be judged by the content of our character rather than the color of our skin continues to ring true today," Usherwood said in an e-mail. "I will continue to fight racism through race neutral policies that do not undermine that ability of minorities."

Wright, who will be in Marion Friday, is listening to the concerns of those throughout Southern Illinois.

"However, I must be honest and realize a freshman senator will not yield the political clout necessary to bring significant tax dollars back to the state," Usherwood said in an e-mail.

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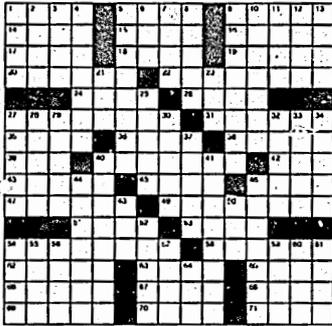
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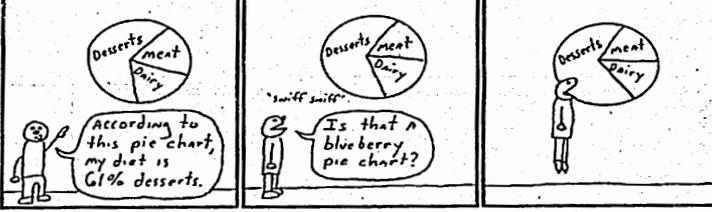


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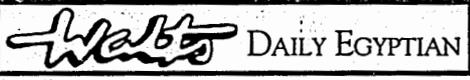
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SIU sophomore swimmer Elizabeth McGowan glides through the water during a 500-yard freestyle race against Division II National Champion Drury. She won the event and broke a Missouri Valley Conference record in the 1,000-yard freestyle.

» SWIMMING AND DIVING

Water Dawgs defeat Division II Champ Drury

Men's, women's teams ready for big-name opponents

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The SIU men's and women's swimming and diving teams used a balanced effort to down Drury Saturday afternoon at the Recreation Center pool.

The women won by a score of 132-91 and were buoyed by sophomore Elizabeth McGowan's Missouri Valley Conference record-breaking performance in the 1,000-yard freestyle.

"That was awesome," women's

head coach Jeff Goetz said. "I wasn't really expecting that. She went out well and at about the [800-yard mark] we thought she could do it if she didn't use her legs up. She didn't. She had a lot of legs on the way coming home.

"It was the smartest race she's ever swum and so it's a good springboard to next week where there will be the mile."

McGowan also won the 500 freestyle, and the women's team had eight individual winners.

The men's team defeated Drury 146-93, as seven different Salukis posted event wins.

After his team edged Missouri last week, men's head coach Rick Walker was ecstatic that his team didn't suffer a letdown against

Drury, the Division II national champs last season.

"Coming off of last week with such an intense performance by our guys against Missouri, one of the big concerns would be we wouldn't get up for this meet," Walker said. "If we don't get up for it we certainly can be taken down. I'm very pleased with the way they stayed up for it, keyed in on what's going on."

Senior Derek Helvey notched a season-best time in winning the 200 freestyle, and junior Adam Gangl also had a season best when he won the 200 individual medley.

Edoardo Daelli won the 100 freestyle with a season-best 46:13. Freshman diver Ben Palacios won the 3-meter dive with a season-

best score of 266.47.

"You get a group of guys with the same common goal, which is 'I just want to win,'" Walker said.

"Pretty soon it doesn't matter who [the opponent] is and that's the way I want our athletes to perform."

For the women's team, freshman Kelsey Kinsella won the 100 and 200 freestyle.

Junior diver Andrea Johnson took the 1-meter dive, while fellow junior Nadine Shavah won the 3-meter dive.

Both teams will travel to the home turf of Big 10 teams Saturday. The women will compete in the Northwestern Invitational.

"The girls have been performing a little tired and a little sore, and

this is the first meet we've shown a little flash of brilliance," Goetz said, "so I think this is gonna be a big confidence booster for them. I think they should perform real well at Northwestern."

"It's up to these kids now. If they go ready to race, who's to say what can happen."

Meanwhile, the men's team will travel to the Purdue Invitational.

"We may not beat Purdue. We may not beat Northwestern. Both of them ranked in the top 20," Walker said.

"But we're gonna be going up against teams like Ohio State, Iowa and Wyoming, so we're preparing for that. We definitely want to race, and I think some of those teams are do-able."

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the Hilltoppers won the national championship last season and at least scheduled a game against a strong I-A team. The Salukis, on the other hand, haven't been to the playoffs since 1983, and defeating such D-II powerhouses as Quincy and Saint Joseph's does not do much for their strength of schedule.

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk has already started the process of improving the Salukis' schedule, doing away with lower-level opponents and attempting to add at least one I-A team.

One possible BCS conference opponent Kowalczyk is looking at is Kansas.

However, due to a scheduling quagmire of their own, the Jayhawks may not want to line up against any I-AA teams.

Of course, as long as it has a respectable non-conference schedule, SIU usually does not have to worry about facing tough competition.

The Salukis play in arguably the toughest league in I-AA, one that routinely gets two or three teams in the playoffs.

This year though, the Gateway can make a strong case for the inclusion of four teams in the postseason.

Northern Iowa, SIU and the two Westerns are all ranked in the top 10 of the Gridiron Power Index, the I-AA version of

the BCS.

Usually a ranking in the top 12 would guarantee a team a spot in the field of 16, but there has been an unwritten rule for a long time that the selection committee does not choose more than three teams from one conference.

The most recent example was last year, when Wofford clearly deserved a shot at the playoffs.

But three teams ahead of the Terriers in the Southern Conference were already selected, and the committee instead chose Northwestern State of the Southland Conference with the final at-large bid.

The powers that may have considered correcting last season's mistake by allowing Western Kentucky into the playoffs. The Hilltoppers' weak schedule gave them a loophole, and now the only way Western will play anymore this season will be if several teams on the bubble fall off this weekend.

SIU fortunately does not have to wonder if it will be playing another game this year. The Salukis' biggest questions are whether they will host a game and who they are going to play.

But if the Dawgs want this season to be the beginning of a new era instead of just another blip in a history of mediocrity, they need to pay attention to what's going on around the nation.

SIU has to remain steadfast in its commitment to playing tougher teams, and it cannot rely on the dominance of the Gateway to help it along during down years.

Maryland's cheerleaders stand by definition of squad as sport

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Knight Ridder/
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(KRT) University of Maryland sophomore Lauren Spatz is an athlete like any other Terrapin sports competitor. She spends four days a week practicing, while another three days are devoted to weight training. She faces the same challenge of juggling sports and academics. She even receives scholarship money from the university to help offset the cost of tuition.

But unlike most athletes who rarely face questions over the legitimacy of their sport, Spatz and her teammates are nagged with that very question all the time. Spatz is a member of the university's competitive cheerleading squad, which recently was named a sport by the school's athletics department.

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not invincible."

If SIU has plans to travel deep into the playoffs, the Salukis will have to devise a defensive scheme to shut down the pass. Three Gateway teams — UNI, Western Kentucky and Western Illinois

With the change, Maryland became the first college in the nation to recognize cheerleading as a sport under Title IX and offer financial scholarships. The decision has raised some eyebrows as to what exactly constitutes a sport and whether cheerleaders fit the description.

Traditionally, cheerleaders have been thought of as a support mechanism for sports teams, not independent athletes themselves. But with the advent of competition, cheerleading becomes the main event.

Maryland still has a more traditional "spiri" squad that cheers on sidelines, but the competitive cheer team was given a higher status in part because their goals are dramatically different from that of traditional cheer squads.

While giving Spatz and her peers the opportunity to compete ignites a debate over the definition

of a sport, it also raises passions about Title IX, the 30-year-old law banning discrimination based on sex. Even though the law's intent was noble, it has become controversial in college athletics.

Title IX critics have claimed that the law is a burden and forces unfair cuts in men's sports just to achieve parity.

By making cheerleading an official scholarship sport, the university remains in compliance with Title IX and also can add additional scholarships for men's sports.

Spatz said she doesn't think Title IX was the main motivation behind the change, but that she is happy to see the entire athletics department grow with the move.

University administrators defended their decision and said Title IX was just one aspect of why making cheerleading a sport makes sense.

And he expects the players to be preparing in the same manner on the practice field.

"I think I will know about how we are doing throughout the week," Kill said. "[Now] the kids are devastated, which they should be. I told them I expect them to be. But the sun will come up tomorrow. It may be cloudy, but it will come up."

— have toyed with the Saluki secondary and exposed a lingering weakness.

So like every other week leading up to a game, though none will be as big as the upcoming playoff game on the weekend of Nov. 29, Kill and his assistants will lock themselves in a little room and do nothing but concentrate on their opponent and ways to beat them.

» CROSS COUNTRY

Saluki teams end season on down notes

Women finish 11th;
men take 14th

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There were both highs and lows this weekend for the SIU cross country teams.

Several runners had personal-record performances, but both teams finished lower than they had hoped at the NCAA Midwest Regionals Saturday in Stillwater, Okla.

The women's squad, led by freshman Britanni Christensen, placed 11th out of 24 teams, while the men, paced by freshman Diarmuid Grant, finished a dismal 14th out of 22 squads.

"It was a disappointing race, but it was also a good learning experience for the freshmen," women's head coach Matt Sparks said. "I think they realized how difficult it is to compete with 200 other people in the race and how important it is to get out early in the race and establish yourself up front, as opposed to trying to gradually move up throughout the race."

The surprise of the meet for the women was Christensen, who covered the six-kilometer course in 22 minutes, 53 seconds to place 48th overall. She was one of three Saluki women who improved their personal-best times in the 6K event.

It was also Christensen's best finish on the team after being SIU's No. 3 runner for much of the year.

Trailing Christensen were Cherylynn Schilling (23:14, 70), Noa Beitler (23:24, 78), Lindsay Wagner (23:27, 82) and Sarah Rinker (23:35, 86).

Both Schilling and Rinker, who struggled last month in their first-ever

Cross Country Midwest Regionals	
Men's Results	Women's Results
1. Oklahoma State 78	1. Nebraska 60
2. Minnesota 89	2. Missouri 63
3. Iowa 129	3. Illinois 105
4. Kansas 136	4. SW Missouri St. 157
5. Loyola (Ill.) 139	5. Kansas 171
14. SIU 367	11. SIU 354
1. Mindaugas Pukstas, Oklahoma St. 30:39	1. Amanda Bales, Missouri 21:18
35. Diarmuid Grant, SIU 32:17	48. Britanni Christensen, SIU 22:53
41. Doron Giat, SIU 32:24	70. Cherylynn Schilling, SIU 23:14
80. Joe Byrne, SIU 33:17	78. Noa Beitler, SIU 23:24
96. Tony LaChiana, SIU 33:44	82. Lindsay Wagner, SIU 23:27
115. Kyle Monroe, SIU 34:25	86. Sarah Rinker, SIU 23:35
122. Hunter Sheldon, SIU 34:52	103. Katie Ringlestein, SIU 23:54

6K event, eclipsed their former top times by at least 16 seconds.

"The times, I'm a little surprised because Saturday nobody really ran to their potential," Sparks said. "There so much more fit now than they were in September. Every one of the girls was capable of running much faster than they did."

"I am a little surprised the times were faster because the course is much hillier and it had rained the whole day before, so it was a pretty muddy course as well."

The team, which had hoped to finish in at least eighth place, was hampered by subpar performances by Noa Beitler and Lindsay Wagner. Sparks noted Beitler had a similar reaction during the race as the rest of the team — getting lost in the pack and becoming frustrated.

"She went out really easy and got behind a lot of people, and I think she

was just stressed out," Sparks said. "She realized she was way too far behind, and that psychological stress led to just physical fatigue."

Nebraska won the event, scoring 60 points. Missouri's Amanda Bales won the race in 21:18, helping her team to a second-place finish.

While the finish was clearly better than the team has posted in years past, Sparks is still not sure of how much progress his group has made.

"That's what I've been trying to figure out all weekend: where do we go for next year?" he said. "Maybe we need some experience running in big meets ... more of a psychological race as opposed to a physical race."

While the women's team did not meet its expectations, the Saluki men did not really know what to expect going into the regional meet.

Missing one of their top runners, the injured Eli Baker, the Salukis chose to

run more of an individual race instead of worrying about the team's finish.

"They were paced by Grant, who had been the squad's No. 4 runner for much of the year. The freshman traversed the 10-kilometer course in 32:17, placing him 35th overall.

"Everybody tried to go for a good time for them, and I think that's what they did," said senior Doron Giat, who placed 41st overall. "I think Diarmuid ran very good, and I ran OK."

"I think this is normal (for Grant) because he came in from overseas, and everything was different for him. Right now he's getting used to everything."

Giat, who finished his final collegiate cross country race in 32:24, was followed by Joe Byrne (33:17, 80), Tony LaChiana (33:44, 96) and Kyle Monroe (34:25, 115).

Byrne was SIU's top runner for most of the season, but he had trouble Saturday with the extended distance.

He had said prior to the meet that he was not looking forward to running two extra kilometers.

"[Byrne] felt very good, so he tried to run with the front guys," Giat said. "But it's 10K, and it's hard to hold a [five-minute mile] pace all the way. He didn't finish like he expected; he had a very good season."

While Giat will not be back next year, he said the team has a strong enough nucleus that it should once again be able to compete for the league title.

Although Giat's cross country career is finished, he still has the indoor and outdoor track campaigns to look forward to.

The Saluki men and women distance runners will have a week off before returning to practice Dec. 1. They begin indoor track season Jan. 12 at the Fast Start Open in the Recreation Center.

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Salukis look to regroup

SIU hopes positives can come from Saturday's 43-40 loss at Northern Iowa

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There are funerals that carry more life than the scene in the corridor outside the SIU locker room Saturday at the UNI Dome shortly after the Salukis lost a 43-40 heart-breaker against Northern Iowa.

No words were spoken. Not even whispers. The only audible sounds were wails, sighs and whimpers. The red bloodshot eyes of the players told the story of just how much that loss hurt, of how SIU was just four points from recording the first-ever undefeated season in Gateway history.

"We were picked sixth in the conference, and where our program has been the last 20 years, you certainly don't want to go in the tank because you lost by three points," SIU head coach Jerry Kill said.

The real story was through the doors at the end of the corridor, where mom and dad, brothers and sisters and other admirers waited to give hugs and congratulations for a miraculous 10-1 regular season — one that will feature No. 5 SIU in the playoffs for the first time since the national championship season of 1983.

"We hope we can learn from some things," Kill said. "We are in a bit of shock right now. We are still conference champions. We still have a lot to be proud of."

Kill said he plans to give the Salukis a few days off from practice to nurse any injuries that may have been sustained from playing on the callous artificial turf of the UNI Dome.

"They played hard, and we got beat up," Kill said. "If we got out of [UNI] without any major injuries, it is a miracle. The turf is very different to play on."

After that, it is business as usual. This week's practices will be scheduled and executed just like all the practices that preceded the loss.

"We just go back to the drawing board and learn from our mistakes," junior Alexis Moreland said. "I wouldn't say this was a wake-up call, but this is the Gateway Conference. None of these are easy wins."

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Salukis come up short as season winds down

SIU drops heartbreaker to Evansville 3-1, finishes season this weekend

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The SIU football team was not the only one to have a game come down to the final second this past weekend; the volleyball team was also involved in a shootout and, like the football team, came up just short.

The Salukis traveled to Evansville, Ind., to face the Purple Aces in a battle of bottom dwellers in the Missouri Valley Conference and left with a

3-1 heartbreaking loss.

The match came down to a high-scoring game four in which the game was extended beyond the regulation 30 points.

In the end, the Purple Aces prevailed 41-39.

"It was a crazy game; it was just side out after side out after side out, and it was unfortunate that it ended the way it did," SIU head coach Sonya Locke said.

The unfortunate ending was a ball-handling call made by the official that gave Evansville the victory. Locke said even Evansville head coach Mike Swan thought the call was one that should not have been made.

The loss dropped the Salukis' record to 7-21 overall and 3-13 in MVC play. With just two games remaining this weekend against Drake and

Creighton, SIU will fall just short of its goal of double-digit wins.

Locke chose not to harp much on the call as she felt, while unfortunate, it was not the reason behind the loss.

The real reason was something simple.

"Missed opportunities," Locke said with a look of despair in her eyes.

In a season full of losing, Friday night's match against Evansville seemed to be a winnable game.

The Purple Aces entered the night with a 6-21 overall record and a 1-14 mark in the Valley, including a 3-2 defeat at SIU earlier in the season.

Evansville was also riding a seven-match losing streak and was 0-7 at home against MVC foes. But it was not to be.

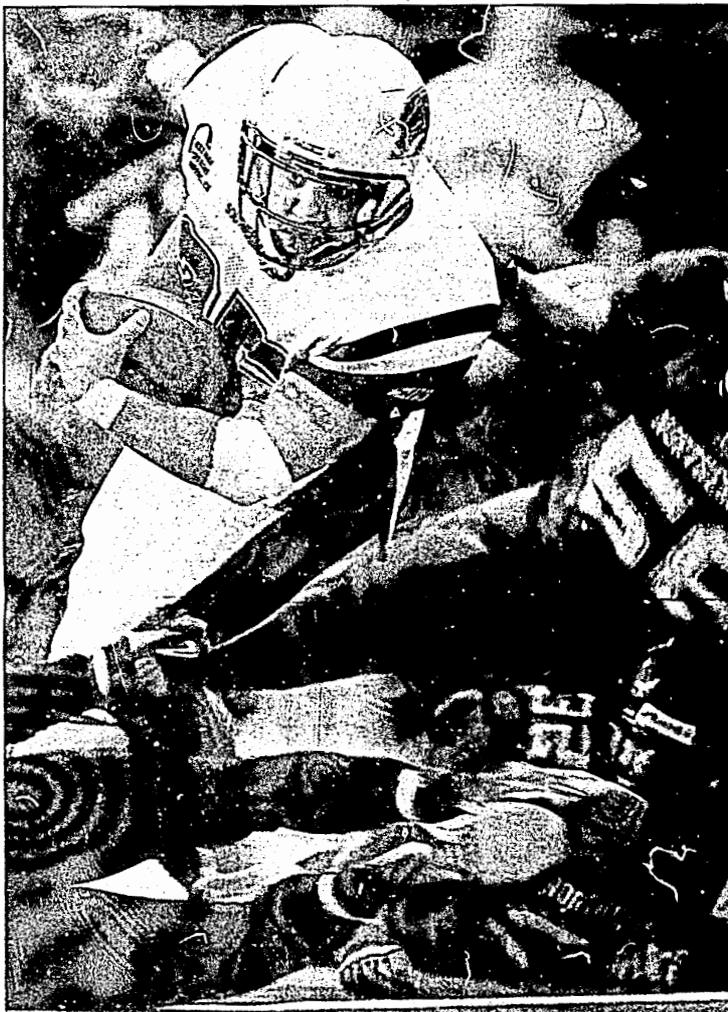
"The rollercoaster that we've pretty much played on all season showed up again," Locke said.

The Salukis held the Purple Aces to just a .108 hitting percentage and beat them in kills 67-54, but they were not able to come out on top where it counted.

SIU was on the short end of identical 30-24 scores in games one and two before dominating the Purple Aces 30-12 in the third game. The inconsistency then resurfaced in the 41-39 marathon.

"I'm not taking anything away from Evansville; I would never do that," Locke said.

"At this point in the season, I guess I just expected us to be a lot more consistent than that."



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SIU running back Brandon Robinson makes his way through Panther defenders during Saturday's game at Northern Iowa. The Salukis will not play this weekend, and they will be getting prepared for the first round of the playoffs.

The loss was too hard fought to be a wake-up call. The Salukis came out ready to play and pumped up, but in the second half, there was no answer for Northern's combi-

nation of quarterback Tom Petric and receiver Eddie Galles. Shaken would more accurately depict the aftermath of the loss.

"We are feeling pretty bad;

maybe this will wake us a little bit," senior fullback Brandon Robinson said. "It showed we are

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» COMMENTARY



Objects in mirror are closer than they appear

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A lesson learned

Prior to the beginning of the season, I predicted that not only would Northern Iowa have the toughest schedule in the Gateway Conference, but also that SIU could quite possibly finish second in the league.

Looking back now, only two words come to mind — "pure" and "genius."

Of course, I skimmed through my old column I couldn't help but notice that I said Youngstown would have the easiest schedule in the conference and was thus the favorite to win the title. Yeah, that's the same dominant Penguin squad that finished 5-7 on the year.

As I caught all my various misfires among my predictions, there was one thing that caught my eye. I, as well as just about every I-AA football expert, commented on the fact that Western Kentucky had a rather easy non-conference schedule.

The Hilltoppers played cross-state rival Eastern Kentucky, I-A power Auburn and two Division II pariahs. It was obvious that if Western slipped up at all in the Gateway, its non-conference slate was not going to bail it out.

Now, as the final weekend of the I-AA regular season approaches, the 8-3 Hilltoppers are praying that no upsets occur and that the selection decides to be lenient on them.

The Salukis and the rest of the league should hopefully learn a lesson from what has befallen Western Kentucky — stop playing Division II teams.

Had SIU not been able to rally late against Western Kentucky and Western Illinois, the Salukis would be in the same boat as the Hilltoppers — 8-3 and needing a lot of help to earn an at-large bid to the postseason.

The difference between SIU and Western Kentucky is that

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