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Cheney brings tough talk to Heartland

GOP vice-presidential candidate's speech focuses on military issues and prescription drugs for the elderly

KATE MCCANN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — Help is on the way.

This was the repeated slogan on T-shirts and banners for about 500 Republicans frustrated with the Clinton administration and pleading for the GOP to change the way the country works.

Richard and Lynne Cheney were greeted with a hero's welcome as they descended from a 727 emblazoned with an American flag and the "Bush-Cheney" logo during a quick campaign stop at tiny Cape Girardeau Airport Thursday afternoon.

A crew of cheering Republicans, some sporting suits and cowboy hats, whistled and clapped as the GOP Vice-Presidential nominee touted the reign of former President Ronald Reagan and bashed the Clinton-Gore administration.

"We're bound and determined to win Nov. 7 and give this country something they can be proud of once again," Cheney said.

Cheney specifically criticized the Clinton-Gore administration for the current state of the U.S. military during his 20-minute speech and insisted the Republican platform could "return the U.S. military to its former glory."

"Is the military better off today than it was 8 years ago?" the former secretary of defense asked the crowd, which responded with a resounding "no."

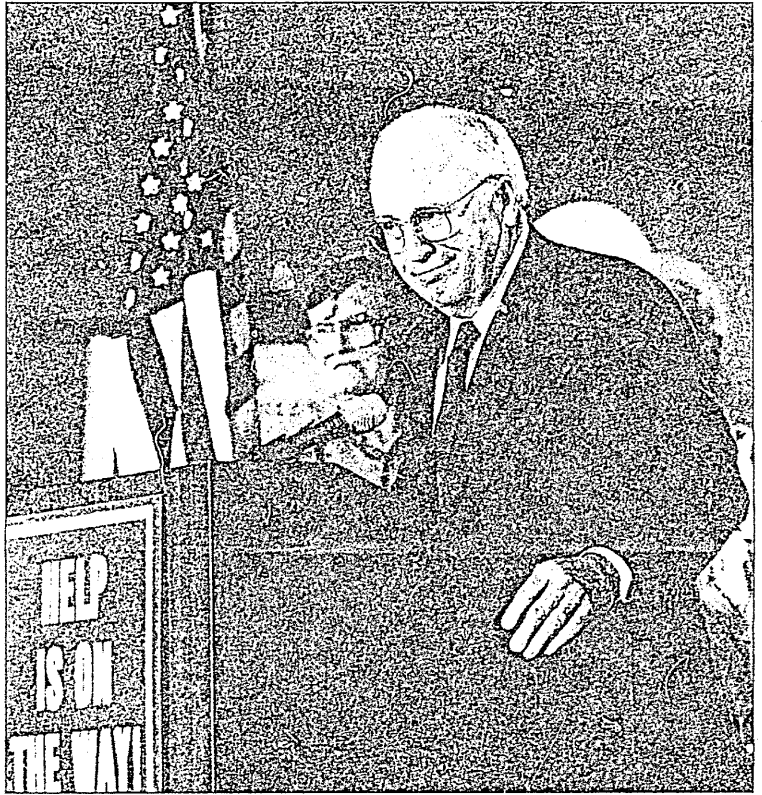
The GOP nominee bolstered Texas Gov. George W. Bush's stance on prescription drugs for seniors, a major focus of campaigning for both Republican and Democratic candidates the past several months.

"We want to fix the Social Security system and guarantee that it will be there, not only for today's retirees but for our kids 30 and 40 years hence," Cheney said, adding the GOP plans to "repair" the Medicare system will allow seniors to choose their own plans, any of which Cheney said will include prescription drug coverage for all seniors.

"We want to get elected, we want your support, we need your help, because it's absolutely essential we get some new leadership in Washington," Cheney thundered at the crowd.

Bill LeGrand, 48, a lifetime Republican and Kelso, Mo. native, arrived with three generations of his family to cheer on their favored candidate.

"We're all strong conservatives," LeGrand said gesturing to his family.



JESSE DRURY — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney speaks at the Cape Girardeau, Mo. airport Thursday afternoon. Cheney spoke to a crowd of about 500 people.

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SIU's financial landscape focus of meeting

SIUC administrators and state officials look at SIU's "Big Picture"

TERRY L. DEAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Funding for the University's capital projects will be the center item of today's "Big Picture Meeting," as SIU's \$350 million budget is presented to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

SIU officials and IBHE representatives will meet at noon in the Student Center Ballrooms to discuss SIU's new budget — approved by the SIU Board of Trustees Sept. 15 — and how the money will be allocated to the three SIU campuses.

SIU interim President Frank Horton will preside over today's meeting, which will include SIUC interim Chancellor John Jackson, Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poehard and representatives from SIU-Edwardsville and the School of Medicine.

IBHE officials will listen to how the University has maintained its financial house in the last year, before a report is sent to IBHE's governing board, which will have the next word on SIU's budget.

SIU's total budget for Fiscal Year 2002, approximately \$349.9 million, includes the operational and capital budgets for SIUC, SIUE and the School of Medicine.

The operational budget for SIU includes funding for faculty and staff salaries, deferred maintenance initiatives and departmental funding allocations.

SIU's capital budget, totaling more than \$55 million, includes infrastructure improvements such as providing handicapped accessibility to campus buildings and other renovation projects on the three campuses.

Horton has made capital projects one of his top priorities since assuming the office last spring, and would like to see some of SIU's needs met before he leaves office next month.

"There's going to be a lot of meat on the table at this meeting, and there's some serious issues related to both of those items," said Horton, referring to SIU's operational and capital budgets.

Some of SIU's capital needs were outlined at the BOT meeting early this month. Renovations to Morris Library, totaling close to \$30 million, is tops on SIU's priority list. Modifications to SIUE's Science Laboratory Building is number two at a cost of around \$33 million.

The budget has also set aside funding to replace the fire alarms in several campus buildings, including Life Science II, Famer Hall, Lesar Law Building and the Public Policy Institute.

Renovations to the Communications Building,

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University embraces video-teleconferencing

Academics aided by "Buck Rogers" technology

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Imagine the future in which a student at SIUC walks into a classroom of students all sitting down and facing a large projection screen, from which the instructor, via video teleconferencing, unfolds a wealth of knowledge.

There is no imagining to it. It is happening now.

In the previous year, a student from Joppy attending SIU through video teleconferencing was able to complete and obtain his electrical engineering degree, according to Carroll Walker, a computer

information specialist at SIUC.

During the next year or two, SIUC is considering utilizing some hand-based portable units. In fact, plans are already in the process of testing practical applications right now, according to Walker.

The SIU system could benefit from new portable video teleconferencing equipment, which was used experimentally at the last Faculty Senate meeting, said SIUC interim Chancellor John Jackson.

Jackson said he welcomes the opportunity to use teleconferencing not only in the formal Faculty Senate meetings but also in committee meetings.

Bringing new technology and

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CORRECTION

• Thursday's story "Brenthwood Commons shooting leaves two hospitalized" should have read the shootings occurred Tuesday.

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Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1227. All calendar items also appear on www.dailyegyptian.com. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

TODAY

- Library Affairs PowerPoint, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Research with the Web, 1 to 2 p.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.
- Museum Student Group meeting, 1 p.m., Faner Hall Room 2469, Jason 453-7318.
- Disabled Graduate Student Organization meeting for graduate students only, 2 to 5 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, 549-0887.
- Disabled Graduate Student Organization meeting open to everyone, 3 to 5 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Jeanie 549-0887.
- International Coffee Hour informal socializing, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Interfaith Center, Beth 453-5774.
- Spanish Table meeting, every Fri, 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange.
- Book Signing from Paul Waters, 5 to 8 p.m., New Ages Other Worlds, Tara 529-5029.
- German Club Stammtisch, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Booby's, Anne 549-1754.
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the Illinois Department of Transportation is offering free motorcycle rider courses, today 6 to 9:30 p.m., and Sept. 23 and 24, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 1-800-642-9589.
- Chess Club meeting, 6 to 9 p.m., Lounge Area Student Center, James 549-0496.
- Christians Unlimited meeting, 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Don

529-7900 or 457-7501.

• Darle Deaville and Robin Anderson will perform, 7 p.m., Cousin Andy's Coffee House.

• Southern Illinois Audubon Society meeting with slide presentation on Prehistoric Archeology, 7:30 p.m., First Methodist Church.

• Ananda Marga Yoga Society weekend yoga and meditation classes, 7 p.m., today through noon on Sept. 24, Little Grassy Lake United Methodist Camp, students \$25 others \$40, Ron 457-6024.

UPCOMING

- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs assistance with the Alzheimer's Memory Walk, Sept. 23, 6 a.m. to noon, Campus Walk, Judy 529-2107.
- Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Farmers Market, every Sat., 7 a.m. to noon, Vienna Community Park, 658-7304.
- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music and motion high school marching band competition, Sept. 23, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., McAndrew Stadium, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, Brad 453-2776.
- Southernmost Illinois Tourism is offering Bureau Tour de Shawnee, Sept. 23 and 25, Main St. Golconda, 683-6246, End of Season Archery Shoot, Sept. 23 and 24, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Little Creek Archery Range, 672-4316, Super Bass Tournament, Sept. 23 and 24, Fort Massac State Park Metropolis, 1-800-949-5740.
- Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Farmers Market, every Sat., 3 a.m., Golconda, 683-6246.
- ROCSA and ASAF is sponsoring a Chinese buffet with drama and games, Sept. 23, 5:30 to 9 p.m., Forbidden City Restaurant, \$8 for admission, Andy 529-4035 or Argus 457-6640.
- Sigma Lambda Gamma breast cancer fundraising, Sept. 23, 6 to 8 p.m., La Fiesta Restaurant at Marion Airport.

• Sigma Lambda Gamma BBQ, Sept. 24, noon to 5 p.m., Brush Towers.

• Library Affairs finding full text articles, Sept. 25, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.

• Women's Mid-life Career Development Group screening for new members, every Mon., 4:30 to 6 p.m., 453-3655.

• Student Alumni Council meeting, Sept. 25, 5 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, Brian 549-1796.

• NABSW meeting, Sept. 25, 5 p.m., Quigley Room 7E, Melissa 549-1779.

• Alpha Phi Omega meeting, every Mon., 6 to 7 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Mike 457-4059.

• IRTS meeting, Sept. 25, 6 p.m., Comm Brown Media Lab Room 2216.

• Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is sponsoring a safe sex workshop, Sept. 25, 6 p.m., Illinois Room, a free cancer awareness workshop, Sept. 26, 6 p.m., Ohio Room, debt prevention and credit counseling workshop, Sept. 27, 6 p.m., annual etiquette dinner, Sept. 28, 6 p.m., Old Main Room, unity picnic, Sept. 30, 2 to 5 p.m., east patio of the Student Recreation Center, "AKAxplosion" Step Show 2000, Sept. 30, 7 to 10 p.m., Pulliam Gymnasium, Kary 536-6101.

• Outdoor Adventure Club meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Christy 529-7423.

• SIU Ballroom Dance Club meeting, every Mon., 7 to 8:30 p.m., Davies Gym 2F, students \$15 and non-students \$18 per semester, 351-8855.

• Universal Spirituality Huna: Hawaiian Spirituality presentation, Sept. 25, 7 p.m., Longbranch Coffee House, Tara 529-5029.

• Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Farmers Market, every Tues., 7 a.m. to noon, Anna, 833-6311.

WEATHER



TODAY:
Scattered showers
High: 71
Low: 68



TOMORROW:
Thunderstorms
High: 80
Low: 62

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

• Five SIU keys were taken between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday from the Communications building. The total loss was \$50.

CARBONDALE

• Between 10:19 p.m. and 10:24 p.m. on Sept. 20 someone stole \$509 from the Westown Shell Service, 222 N. Emerald Lane. The case is still under investigation.

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1981:

- The Saluki women's golf team received second place at the Lady Sycamore Invitational in Terre Haute, Ind.
- Jackson County Circuit Court Judge Bill Green denied a request by the Murdale Water District for an injunction of halting hookups of the City of Carbondale to Murdale.
- Pinch Penny Liquors had 6 packs of Stroh's Old Style for \$2.00 and a 24 pack of 12 oz. cans of Old Milwaukee for \$5.99.

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A walk for life

SIUC is home to Memory Walk 2000

SARAH ROBERTS
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Chris Jones has walked along Campus Lake for the last four years in the memory of her mother, who died from Alzheimer's disease a year ago.

The Murphysboro resident and her 10 siblings make up "Rach's Kids," one of the many teams that gather annually at SIUC to raise awareness for the disease through Memory Walk 2000.

"Alzheimer's is a very cruel, cruel way to spend the last remaining days of your life," Jones said. "As long as I'm able, I am going to walk to honor my mother."

The walk, which takes place Saturday at Campus Lake, is the primary fund-raiser sponsored by the Southern Illinois chapter of the National Alzheimer's Association of America.

Participants will walk 2.2 miles around Campus Lake. Starting this year, they may bring their dogs along for the event. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m., and the walk begins at 9 a.m. If it rains, the walk will be moved to the Recreation Center.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive and degenerative disease in which abnormal proteins accumulate in and around nerve cells in the brain, causing them to die. Those stricken with the disease experience confusion, memory loss, impaired motor skills and eventually lose all ability to care for themselves.

An estimated 4 million Americans die each year from Alzheimer's, most over the age of 65. The Southern Illinois chapter estimates that there are more than 12,000 individuals, family members and caregivers affected by the disease in its 23-county service area.

Judy Ellet, the local chapter director, said additions to this year's walk, like face painting, balloons, and prizes, are designed to attract a large turnout.

"We worked a lot harder this year to make this walk the most successful yet," Ellet said. "We're offering a lot of new features this year."

The funds raised by Memory Walk will remain in the area and allow the chapter to maintain and improve its services, which include 18 support groups, a help line, scholarships and an educational library.

"The organization is great," Jones said. "It does a wonderful job of reaching people and getting the community involved in an important cause."

SEE WALK OF LIFE, PAGE 5

African-American museum embraces culture and history

Group conducts fund-raiser for museum at Civic Center

ANTONIO YOUNG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For three years, the Southern Illinois Achievers have been determined to open a museum that embraces African-American culture and history.

Corene McDaniel, president of the non-profit organization formed in 1998, is confident she will establish the African-American Museum of Southern Illinois after a little "more hard work and fund raising."

"I know we will do this and hopefully very soon," said McDaniel, former president of the Carbondale Chapter of the NAACP.

The 15-member group, which consists of Carbondale residents and University faculty, began working toward its goal after recognizing various deeds of community leaders, McDaniel said.

"We started thinking that we need to do something for those people that have made contributions," she said. "We need to show our heritage and the contributions by other African-Americans that have been left out of the history books."

The group has allocated funds for the museum through its monthly Soul Food Dinners at the Attucks Community Center, while looking for possible sites throughout Carbondale. The organization aims to have

sufficient funds before deciding on a certain location.

"If one of the places that we're looking at came available tomorrow, we have to be in a position to say we want this," McDaniel said.

The group will conduct a dinner dance called "Eve of Elegance" at 7 tonight at the Carbondale Civic Center to raise funds for the museum. The event will include a silent auction and internationally recognized artist Margaret Burroughs as the keynote speaker.

Burroughs started the DuSable Museum of African-American History and Art in Chicago, one of the nation's premier museums, inside of her home.

"She's a role model for us because she lets us know we can do it also," McDaniel said. "She is very supportive of our program and we're really glad that she was able to come for us."

McDaniel said communities throughout Southern Illinois should have a place to go to learn about African-American culture all year long. The closest black museums are located in St. Louis and Chattanooga, Tenn.

"Black history in February is not enough to let the community, my children and grandchildren know about the contributions made by African-Americans," she said.

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EVE OF ELEGANCE

EVE OF ELEGANCE WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7 TONIGHT AT THE CARBONDALE CIVIC CENTER. TICKETS FOR THE EVENT ARE \$50. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 457-2217.

No death penalty for Forcum

Former SIUC student accused of first-degree murder could face 100-year sentence

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A former SIUC student charged with first-degree murder could face up to 100 years in prison.

Donald E. Forcum is charged with the murder in the June 10 death of SIUC graduate Renee DiCicco. The normal sentence for first-degree murder is 20 to 60 years, but if the crime is found to be exceptionally brutal and heinous, that sentence could be extended up to 100 years.

The trial, which was supposed to start Monday, has been delayed after Jackson County Circuit Judge William G. Schwartz granted the defense's motion for a continuance.

Patricia Gross, the public defender representing Forcum, asked for the continuance so that an independent expert can review DNA results provided to the prosecution earlier this week. The defense's motion stated that at least 30 days would be needed in order to review the report.

Forcum plans to show that he was at home on his way

home from The Cellar, 121 S. Illinois Ave., at the time of the murder.

Forcum is also charged with attempted first degree murder, home invasion and armed violence in connection with the crime. The attempted murder charge stems from an attack on Brett H. Janecke, DiCicco's house guest at the time. Forcum, a one-time roommate of DiCicco, is accused of entering her house shortly before 2 a.m. on June and attacking her and Janecke as they lay sleeping on DiCicco's couch.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Speaker to visit Carbondale library

Myra Stemm Kaha, who heads up conservation and preservation efforts at Morris Library, will speak at 3 p.m. Sunday at Carbondale Public Library, 405 W. Main St.

Kaha will focus on the storage and preservation of family heirlooms including books, wedding dresses and picture albums. Those in attendance are invited to bring two of their own items for comments and suggestions.

The free program is open to all and refreshments will be served. For more information call 457-0354.

MAC to offer free airplane rides

The Minority Aviation Council will participate in the Young Eagles program on Sept. 23. They will be flying children from Carbondale to St. Louis, Mo. Children ages 10-14 who are interested should meet at the Southern Illinois Airport at 8 a.m.

For more information, contact Ted Hupp at 529-2359.

CHAMPAIGN, IL

Champaign newspaper sues University of Illinois Board of Trustees

(U-WIRE) — The Champaign News-Gazette is suing the University of Illinois Board of Trustees, claiming that the board repeatedly violated the Illinois Open Meetings Act by discussing important public matters in closed sessions.

The Professional Impressions Media Group, owner of the News-Gazette, is asking the court to rule that the board did violate the act and enter an order to keep the board from doing it in the future, said Joseph Thornton, the News-Gazette's attorney. If the board violated that court order, it could be held in contempt, he said.

"We want to change the procedure the Board of Trustees uses in closed session and limit their closed sessions because that's public business," said John Foreman, editor and general manager of the News-Gazette, Champaign's afternoon daily newspaper.

The News-Gazette is also seeking monetary reimbursement of attorney's fees. The suit was filed Tuesday in the 7th Judicial Circuit Court.

The Open Meetings Act states that all meetings of public bodies, which includes the Board of Trustees, must be open to the public, except in certain circumstances. Some circumstances include personnel matters, acquisition of property, litigation and campus security.

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The Urge energizes Carbondale music scene

GINNY SKALSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Deemed "a security guard's worst nightmare," The Urge will perform a live concert tonight at Copper Dragon.

To prepare for The Urge's 10th rowdy performance at Copper Dragon, security for the show has been extended.

"The show involves a lot of slam dancing and mosh pits," said James Karayiannis, general manager and promoter of Copper Dragon and Finch Penny Pub. "I wouldn't say it's violent, but it's very high energy."

Karayiannis has seen The Urge perform 17 times, 10 of which have been at the Copper Dragon, 700 E. Grand Ave.

"Every time they come they put on a better show than they have before," he said.

Often mistaken for a strictly ska band, The Urge provides listeners with a mix of aggressive metal, reggae and punk with shots of ska.

"They're ska-core," Karayiannis described. "It's not

really a definable type of music so you have to combine words to describe it."

The St. Louis-based band attracted listeners with their hits "All Washed Up" and "Brainless" off their "Receiving the Gift of Flavor" CD, released in August 1995. In April 1998, when the single "Jump Right In" hit the air waves, the band went from being just another band in the Midwest to receiving national attention.

The Urge hopes to incorporate new and different sounds from its latest CD, "Too Much Stereo," into the show. According to vocalist Steve Ewing in a Shoutweb.com interview, the show will feature tantalizing musical sounds in the background, different from what The Urge fans may have heard at previous shows.

"This time is gonna be cool because there's a lot of stuff going on in the background musically... you'll see us playing but you'll also hear a lot of little ear candy stuff in the background," Ewing said. "We're definitely going to try to pull everything we did on the record off live. We want you to hear the record live, basically."

Ewing typically gets the on-stage energy started by running around the stage, and it soon leaks into the

crowd. Ewing and bassist Karl Grable began playing together in 1987. They have since been joined by saxophonist Bill Reiter, trombonists Matt Kwiatkowski and Todd Painter, drummer John Pessoni and guitarist Jerry Jost.

"The lead singer gets everyone riled up," Karayiannis said. "They all run around on stage. They play songs that get people fired up."

Karayiannis said The Urge usually lets smaller, local bands open for them, but this time the record label chose two bands to open: Electcrasy and The Sound of Urchin.

"[The Urge] has gotten bigger and bigger but they haven't taken on the ego," Karayiannis said. "They haven't forgot the people along the way. They still come to the Copper Dragon."

TICKETS

TICKETS FOR THE URGE ARE \$14 AND ARE AVAILABLE AT PINCH PENNY LIQUORS. DOORS OPEN AT 8 P.M. AND THE SHOW BEGINS AT 9.

Grrrls mix media, theater to shatter stereotypes

Play mocks the Barbie girl, Powder Puff image while promoting girl power

MARLEEN TROUTT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

If naked Barbies and a generic box of mac and cheese on the flyer for "Grrrls," have not swallowed you into the ticket office - here's a tip: get in on the subversive fun.

"Subvert your gender paradigm," Elizabeth Whitney, writer, compiler and solo performer, shouts squeakily in "Grrrls: A Subversive Performance of Femininity."

Whitney did not create a stereotypical feminist angst rant. Nor a blasé gender-bender.

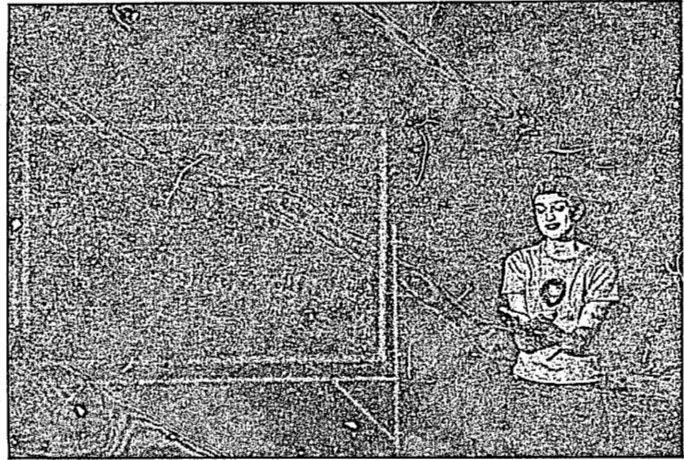
Instead, "Grrrls" is a cheery yet smart autobiography. It unfolds with personal prose, book and poetry selections, slides, video, dance, singing and characters played by Whitney.

The unfortunate and comical ways society forces people to conform to norms of gender and sexuality is the themes. But sobriety takes a back seat to energy and humor in this disarming-of-norms narrative.

Whitney, 28, an adolescent-looking waif, of gentle brown eyes and silver barrettes daintily caressing short brown waves, did not look like the average gender-cynical matriarch. A small, silver star piercing her nose was the only, subtle hint of her radical fire.

"I'm not saying that in order to be subversive, I have to go out and cross-dress," Whitney's ultra-femme, little-girl like voice explained. "I'm comfortable with being feminine. You can occupy a norm and still be critical of the way society hurts people who don't. Gender constructions are restrictive for everyone."

Playing dress-up, she morphs into the humorous characters she has created like a subdued incarnation of Gilda Radner. Her pink prop box, labeled Grrrl Stuff, produces a not-so-ideal Barbie dream date.



JIMMY CHIDESTER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Elizabeth Whitney rehearses Grrrls: subversive performances of femininity presented by the Department of Speech Communication. The show is running at The Kleineau Theatre.

Background slides show breast-exposed, lady-terrorists overtaking sleazy men with machine guns while Whitney ballets in the foreground wearing a pink "Hello Kitty" shirt. Images of cross-dressing women and drag queens flash while the beauty-queen song, "I enjoy being a girl," plays.

She dashes under and over imaginary furniture to the "Power Puff Girls" theme song. She compares the Power Puff Girls to her own production because of the camp appeal.

"They're silly. They're a cartoon, but they still convey an important message," Whitney said. "Girls can be tough crime fighters and still be girly at the same time."

Whitney breathes energy into a compelling monologue from the book "Stone Butch Blues" by transgendered author, Leslie Feinberg. It gives a subversive feminine history of a blue-collar, McCarthy-era lesbian, "Butch Al."

The finely tuned smelting of medium and art, politics and humor make this a rare revelry.

Whitney, a speech communications graduate stu-

dent, has been involved with theater for 18 years. At ten, she had a small role in an opera. This theatrical history explains her mastery of the craft and songbird voice.

Despite the controversial title, Whitney says this isn't a play just for women. In fact, she believes there will be some women who can't relate to it.

"It's not specific to just women's experiences," She said. "There are women who don't identify with femininity at all. There are men who do and there are more categories than just male and female."

Media and text used to analyze pop-culture characters who did subvert the gender paradigm transport this funny, innocent production to a cerebral level.

Whitney manages a politically charged, disdained subject in a charming way. The audience is not being preached at. They are her discovery playmates.

Whitney has birthed an ingenious mode of camp, ranking with Mystery Science Theater. To those who fashion themselves intellectuals, critical analysts of society or alternatives, pass the word along.

Teaching life lessons under the big top

MARLEEN TROUTT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As part of the Russian American Kids Circus performing Saturday at Shryock Auditorium, Slava Bokhman has learned a lot of mature lessons.

"Enjoy your life and let each opportunity become a successful dream," said the half-Brooklyn, half-Russian, accented voice of 17-year-old Bokhman. "If there's anybody out there who has a dream, they should work really hard for it and they're going to accomplish it 100 percent."

This theme of working hard to achieve goals bubbles confidently from the lips of the circus youth, ranging in ages two to 17.

Bokhman found out a year ago that he is a part of a family tradition. His great-grandfather performed in the Moscow circus, much like his coaches and the principal founder of the organization, Alex Berenchtin.

Berenchtin, his wife Regina and her mother accomplished the shared fantasy of bringing old-world technique

from the Moscow circus to youth in America.

"Building self-esteem no matter who they become, teamwork, self-discipline, coordination, concentration, focus and I could go on and on," said Regina Berenchtin, describing the character-building experience.

These children did not have to run far from their New York homes to join the circus. The New Way Circus Center started with a dream and a hefty loan, but now it enjoys several corporate and government sponsors as well as donations. It is recognized for the positive way it has influenced children in the community.

Bokhman jokes that he is different from other teenagers because he can do a somersault without breaking his head, but really he believes his tenacity and strong sense of self have kept him from the pitfalls of adolescence.

"Some teenagers have a different opinion of life," Bokhman said. "They smoke and use drugs. They are killing themselves, but when you get a hobby you're never going to come to that."

"It builds up in you this strong ability to do what you

want to do. You're going to see there is a point to life. There is a point to being someone. You can make history. You can become history."

The children practice free for three hours a day, thanks to scholarships, and get paid for performances.

Berenchtin, like the children, is not through dreaming. She's planning a children's musical circus center that would combine art with acrobatics.

Cari Herod, 24, an SIUC graduate student working as the assistant publicity agent for Shryock, said children who have disabilities are among those to participate.

"The idea is to help these kids overcome their fear and any challenges they may be facing," Herod said. "It helps them carry that discipline and determination into their everyday life."

During a performance, metallic figures flower into positions that could crack bones like a nutcracker. The talented

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products to SIUC is important to helping departments budget or plan for better technology, said Dave Bohl, deputy director of Information Technology/Telecommunications.

"We're going to take this to the next level," Bohl said.

With its intent for academic applications, SIUC also works with the community colleges and the high schools.

Walker said that in Southern Illinois there are more than 40 classrooms that utilize this technology. There are more than 200 equipped classrooms throughout the whole state.

"It's especially important for the

medical school," Jackson said. "It kills most of the day to have to come to Carbondale for a three or four-hour meeting."

The SIU School of Medicine in Springfield has representation on the Faculty Senate and on a number of committees related to SIU, but Jackson said it can be a problem for those representatives to come to Carbondale.

With the affect of technology on SIU, whether internally with the Administrative Information System or externally through a statewide push for information technology through the universities, Jackson said SIU needs to explore the options of doing more research and teaching collaboration.

"You get more out of a faculty member's time and experience if you can extend that faculty member through electronic means," Jackson said.

CIRCUS

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youth jovially flip in sparkly, spangled garb. Even the audience is invited to join in. Volunteers spill over the stage, trying to balance on large globes after the children tiptoe them with practiced ease.

The last performance was at Epocot Center as part of the Disney World Millennium Celebration. Besides performing live, the children have appeared on the Bill Cosby Show and various commercials.

Other young people have asked Bokhman, who has been in the circus since its birth six years ago, how he manages acrobatics, juggling, spinning plates and unicycling.

"We're not special," he tells the interested youth.

"We're just like you. We go to school. We have homework. We don't like school, but we like this. You can't imagine this. It's like a really big excitement for me. It became my whole teen-age life."

Marina Shekhtman, 15, who joined the compa-

ny three years ago, said she just likes how it feels to walk the tight-rope tubes.

"It's like you're on top of the world," Shekhtman said.

Yelena Ostrovskaya, 13, started at New Way six years ago to study gymnastics. It wasn't long before she juggled and tube-walked her way into the professional side of the circus school. She says her fun experience came about after a lot of hard work, but has given her a confidence that has spilled over.

"I'm not afraid to give speeches in class anymore," Ostrovskaya said. "I see I can accomplish more in my life. I don't have to be like everyone else. I can do something better."

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International soccer tournament promotes unity

CODELL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Song Gao sits quietly in the back of the room as the managers from 11 different soccer teams debate the structure of a tournament schedule.

When Gao stands up and says his team will even the contest with a 12th team, the seemingly terminated argument continues on another matter.

To most, these coaches discussing the tournament at a managers' meeting Wednesday would seem to be mortal enemies. However, they will be competing with respect and camaraderie when they take part in the International Student Council Soccer Cup starting this Sunday.

"We get in here, and it seems like we don't like each other but we do," said Lindzie Ledbetter, coach of the United States Victory team. "It's just that competitive nature between all of us."

The teams begin competing Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The teams will carry the flags representing their country or countries out onto the grounds of Stehr Field behind Pulliam Hall. After the ceremony several games will be played that day.

The teams in the tournament are divided into three pools with four teams in each section. The top two of each division will advance to the quarter finals, and the two teams with the best record from the bottom six teams will also advance. After the eight teams have advanced, the tournament will break down like a standard playoff bracket.

Most of the teams in the tournament represent countries or international student organizations. However, one team chose to cover a wider spectrum. Gao, a graduate student in workforce education and development from Fushun City, China, entered his international team, which he co-manages with Julian Pujol-Rey, at the last minute. This team is formed from players from various countries including China, France, the United States and Kenya.

"One international team is necessary to represent what SIU is as an international University," said Pujol-Rey, a graduate student in business from Lille, France.

When the tournament has concluded, the players from the triumphant team will receive medals and the team itself is awarded a trophy. Other awards are passed out including trophies that honor most valuable player and best sportsmanship.

As he rested during a practice, Kunal Shah, a senior in engineering from Baroda, India, said he wants the Indian Student Association team to put up a good fight but the tournament has more importance than competition.

Shah's reasoning for competing in the tournament for the second time has little to do with winning. While the competition will be fierce and the games will be intense, the main focus of the tournament is just so the players can get out on the field and play the game they love.

"It gives me a sense of belonging to the school," Shah said.

Alumni host 23rd Annual SIU Day

Faculty and students head to Wrigley Field for Cubs vs. Cardinals game

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Some SIU alumni, faculty and students are packing up and heading for Chicago this weekend to prepare for the excitement of Saturday's Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals game. There, they will celebrate the 23rd Annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field.

Greg Scott, assistant director of public relations for SIU's Alumni Association, is one of those people who is ready to head to Wrigley and cheer on his favorite baseball team — the postseason-bound Cardinals.

Scott plans to wear the team's jersey and matching cap to show his devotion, but hopes he won't get ambushed by Cubs fans.

"I always love to attend this event because it's always good and a pretty close game," Scott said.

While hollering, and anticipating a victory from the Cardinals, Scott will be involved in another activity — laughing and mingling with other alumni and faculty. Scott said this is why the Association has had the event for 23 years.

"Besides Homecoming, this is the largest gathering of SIU alumni," Scott said. "Sometimes this is the only time I get a chance

to see the people who I went to school with."

But before they set foot into the stadium, alumni, faculty, students and friends will gather across the street at the Cubby Bear Lounge, owned by SIU alumnus George Lokas.

They will have a pre-game gathering at the lounge at noon.

Chris Durkis, a 12-year SIU alumnus, said the festive multi-level sports bar and restaurant is one of the hottest spots to be before the game.

"I have seen bands that range from Jonny Cash to the Tom Tem Club," he said.

Durkis, who works for the Windy City Saluki Alumni Club, said the annual event does not just reach out to SIU alumni, but it also tries to reach all of Chicagoland.

Remy Billups, coordinator of the SIU Day and a Cubs fan, is also thrilled about the event. He said the reason for his involvement in the program is because he had a fabulous time at the event in past years. He has been coordinating the event for the past five years and expects this one to be among the best.

"When I first started, we had 500 hundred tickets to sell. Now 1500 tickets are being sold," Billups said.

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CHENEY

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"We're pro-life, I'm an NRA member, and I believe in our second-amendment rights."

LeGrand said he enjoyed Cheney's speech because it was "short on glitz ... and glitz doesn't run the country."

Not every person was in support of Cheney's arrival. Before his plane landed, protesters from the

Service Employees Union Local 101 and the Secretary of State were ushered from the property.

One protester was dressed like a life-sized rat, and was accompanied by signs carried by members of local labor unions which read "Rats love poverty, people don't," and "Only rats deny health care to children."

The secretary of state's office, as well as the labor unions, both passed out literature before the event chastising Bush for the Texas minimum wage, which is only \$3.35 an hour. Federal minimum wage is \$5.15.

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Neckers Building and the Southern Hills family housing complexes are also on the University's wish list.

Jackson said today's meeting is an important presentation to the state's coordinating board concerning SIU's budget. He said what happens from here will

have a positive effect for the entire institution.

"It starts the dialogue about how funds are to be allocated among the three campuses, but it also stresses that what we are doing meets the needs of state, and that we've spent the money wisely," Jackson said.

In addition to SIU, the IBHE is meeting with other universities around the state. Last year's "Big Picture meeting" took place on the Edwardsville campus.

MUSEUM

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The museum will feature biographies, art exhibits and photos of well-known blacks in the Southern Illinois area. Willie Archie Jones, Carbondale's first black city councilman, and Dick Gregory, a civil rights activist, comedian and SIU Hall of Fame track star, will be among those to be recognized.

Tony Williams, a senior in political science from Chicago, argued that the museum should have been built many years ago because of the famous black SIU alumni and community members.

"This school has been here forever and there's nothing here that's afro-centric, although there are a lot of African-American students," Williams said. "I think it is a great idea to bring it down here so that the people of Southern Illinois can have some type of diversity."

John Holmes, a member of Southern Illinois Achievers, said the museum will teach black history and help erase the stereotypical images of athletes as athletes and entertainers.

"They need to know the people who marched for civil rights in the 1960s or those involved in a boycott of a local store, insisting that it hire black people," said Holmes, an instructor for Black American Studies at SIUC. "It's important for young people to know there are successful blacks who are not Michael Jordans or Oprah Winfreys."

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Shoe by Chris Cassatt and Gary Brookins

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- Have drone
- Pocket-watch accessory
- Board
- Pension \$
- Profound dread
- Cyclonic wind
- Becoming set
- Holds and supports, precisely
- African shrub
- Address Ryan
- Stone or glass
- Mental picture
- Label
- Alternative to ready?
- Legendary tale
- Toy-cube inventor
- Brute
- Medicinal applicator
- Gray and Moran
- Lemon drink
- Ranks agreement

DOWN

- Winter feber
- Others
- African nation
- Profuse
- Car gear; abbot
- Fast
- Telescan man
- Romp
- Monotonous
- monologue
- Who releases medicine, perhaps
- Take in air
- Sill in bed
- Harpoon vehicle
- NATO cousin
- Low, Jr.
- Shard
- Hot lunch
- Network of "Nova"
- Sound shocked
- Help on a heist
- Process flour
- Dickens' Heep
- Cleveland language
- Seven Finns, aka ...
- Possessing
- 7 & so forth
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- Classical guitars
- Vendor's goal
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- Sportful of medicine, perhaps
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- Saul's successor
- Edible mushroom
- Has lunch
- No: home
- Sound shocked
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- Paddies
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- 12-step program
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Uthoff performs continuous balancing act

SIU women's golfer adjusts to new role as team captain

JAVIER SERNA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Some people have great balance. SIU women's golfer Liz Uthoff has been "balanced" in the past, and will likely help the senior with her responsibility as team captain. When Uthoff was nine years old, interest in gymnastics landed her spot in a circus act where balance is essential.

She traveled all over the nation, including New York, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and South Carolina



MINNSOOK PARK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Uthoff serves as the team captain for the women's golf team and leads the Salukis in scoring.

with the St. Louis-based company, Circus of Flora.

Until she was 13, Uthoff performed an act known as the Russian Bar. It involved two men holding a one and a half inch bar horizontally. Uthoff, balanced herself in the center of the pole.

"They would throw me up in the air, and I flipped and landed back on the pole," Uthoff said.

Being in a circus for five years also allowed her to develop an interest in horseback riding and animals in general. She performed in horseback competition while in elementary school, so it isn't surprising that she is an animal science major.

"I would love to work at one of the larger feed companies or even at a ranch," Uthoff said.

The same balance she utilized as a circus performer has benefited her golf game and role as team captain. The responsibilities of team captain involve more than checking the weather, designating the team's tournament uniform and directing a huddle every time the team steps onto a course for tournament play.

The team captain must pose as assistant coach to motivate players to give their best.

"I tell them things that will boost their confidence," Uthoff said. "I don't want to tell them things that will put too much pressure on them."

Still, Uthoff won't hold back things that need to be said, and this,

she thinks, is the hardest part of being captain.

"We're one big family, and it's really hard to separate being a leader and being a team captain from being a friend and a sister," Uthoff said. "I think everybody understands that some things are in my duty as captain. Sometimes I might come down hard, but I think they understand it."

Uthoff is only in her second month as captain, and has seemingly gained much respect from her teammates.

"She's a very motivating type of person," teammate Kendra Hood said. "She definitely has a lot of respect from the team."

"She's always bringing out things that are positive," teammate Jennifer Shutt said.

Along with gaining the acceptance of her team, she has led the team in scoring in the Salukis first two tournaments this season.

Uthoff was exposed to golf by her father when she was only five years old, and competitive blood has flown through her game since an early age. She performed in her first national golf tournament at the age of 14.

"I don't know if you consider golf an adrenaline sport, but I think it is," Uthoff said.

SIU swimming hosts the University of Kansas for lake swim

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU men's and women's swimming teams start their season Saturday when the University of Kansas comes to town to compete in an event like no other in the nation.

The event is an open water meet at the Touch of Nature Beach One.

"It's a great opportunity. It's the only intercollegiate open water meet in the country," said SIU women's head coach Goezl. "Kansas and ourselves have been doing it since the mid to late '80s, it's been going 15-plus years."

Men's head coach Rick Walker said he has grown to love these annual outings with Kansas, and even though he hopes his swimmers do well, it is more of a training meet for both IU and Kansas.

He also said this meet does a good job of showing the swimmers you can be a respectful rival.

"Their athletes come here and stay

with our athletes in their dorm rooms and then when we go there the next year, we stay with their athletes and the coaches stay with the staff," Walker said. "It's a way for us to show our athletes that the sport doesn't have to be just about somebody coming in, you get mad at them, you try to beat them and then you leave. It can be about having a healthy competition, a healthy rivalry."

The coaches are not the only ones who are looking forward to getting the season under way.

"All of us are very anxious to start up," said senior Daniela Muniz. "Even though most people don't like swimming in the lake, I think we're ready to start. We've been training hard so far."

Not only are the swimmers ready to start; they are ready to continue the success they've had in the past.

"We expect to do well. We've been training for about three weeks now," said junior Matt Munz. "It's always a fun meet to go out and try to swim out in the open water."

Munz also said it's hard to have too

many expectations when partaking in a lake swim, since training usually takes place in the pool.

But the Salukis are not complete strangers to lake swimming.

"It's something that you don't really ever get totally ready for. It's unlike any other competition you can ever have, but we've trained in the lake, probably six to 10 times or something like that," Goezl said. "It's our home lake, for what that means, our kids are used to it. We got a good group, they're young, but they're excited and half of it is being excited."

Goezl added that the lake swim is definitely something worth seeing. "It's pretty cool, it's a unique event," Goezl said. "You need to be there. Come one, come all."

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nya. "Obviously, we have more resources than they do, but we're very


respectful of their situation."

More resources usually result in bigger and better athletes, but 290-pound Saluki defensive lineman LaMarcus Spillers — a I-A transfer from the University of New Mexico —

has been waiting for this trip the whole season.

"This is our biggest challenge yet," Spillers said. "A lot of people are underestimating the Salukis ... and hopefully we'll catch them by surprise."


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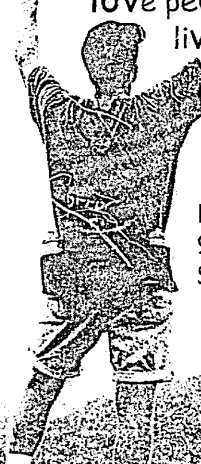
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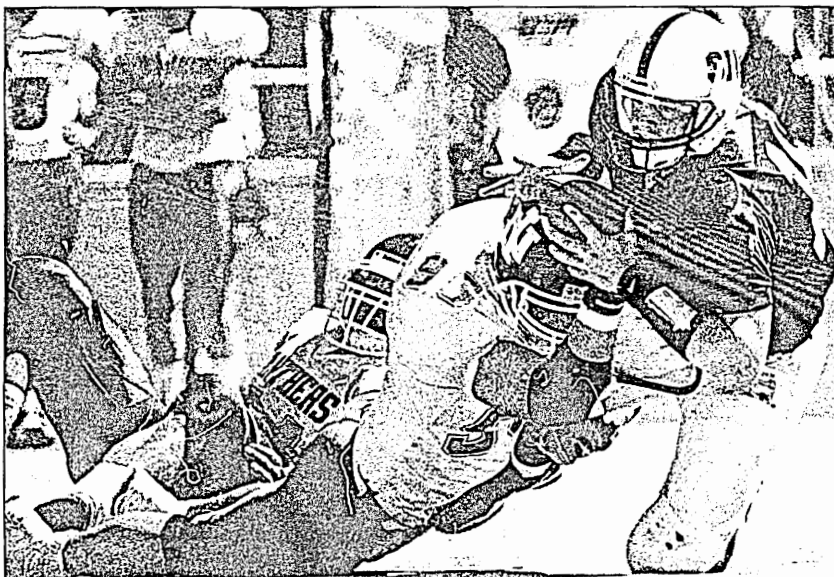
SIU men's and women's swimming teams play host to University of Kansas.

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Stepping up to the big boys



TED SCHURTER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU senior quarterback Sherard Poteete will need strong protection from his offensive line when the Salukis take on the University of Kansas of the Big 12 this weekend. Saturday's game, which kicks off at 6 p.m., marks SIU's first I-A opponent in five years.

SIU travels to University of Kansas for first Division I-A challenge in five years

ANDY EGENSEN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ready or not, the game is here.

The SIU football team will go up against the University of Kansas, its first Division I-A opponent in five years, Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence, Kan.

Size disadvantages typically spell trouble for I-AA teams in these type of games, and the SIU-Kansas matchup appears to be no different. KU's roster lists six members who weigh 300 pounds or more, many of them linemen. The Salukis have just two.

Kansas (1-1) also has 13 more players that bring 280 pounds of meat or more to the table, while SIU has eight. SIU football head coach Jan Quarless was concerned with his wide receivers' confidence levels during prac-

tice Wednesday, questioning whether they would be intimidated.

But 146-pound sophomore wide receiver Steron Davidson said intimidation shouldn't pose a problem Saturday.

"I feel that we are talented enough to beat this team," Davidson said. "We are small, but we aren't too small. We are fast and quick and I really think we can beat them."

The Salukis (1-2, 1-0 Gateway Conference) will need that added optimism before they make the eight-hour trip Friday afternoon. And there is no one more confident than sophomore running back Tom Koutsos, who the Salukis have been riding hard the last two games.

"You ain't alive if you're not up for this game, your blood is not pumping," Koutsos said. "So I don't think anyone

is worried about getting up for this game."

Koutsos has already gained 431 yards in the first three contests of the season, and the offense is improving after senior quarterback Sherard Poteete returned to form in SIU's recent win over the University of Northern Iowa after a couple of rough starts.

But Quarless wants to see a better performance from his wide receivers.

"There is nothing you can do. I can't change it so they just have to respond," Quarless said. "They have to decide that they want to play football."

It also took Kansas some time to respond in the early season. The Jayhawks dropped a 31-17 home opener to Southern Methodist University before rebounding with a 23-20 victory against the University of Alabama-

Birmingham.

In an attempt to become more competitive, Quarless added 11 I-A transfers to SIU's roster this season. The last Division I-A opponent the Salukis faced was Arkansas State University in 1995. SIU lost 14-9.

The Salukis will receive a \$250,000 game purse for playing the Jayhawks, but KU head coach Terry Allen said both teams will get something from the deal.

"Being a Division I-AA coach for so many years, I think it's a great thing

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SALUKIS

(1-2, 1-0)



JAYHAWKS

(1-1)

Memorial Stadium

Saturday, 6pm.

Media Coverage: "Big Dawg" 95.1 FM WXL

Last Meeting: 1997, SIU lost 16-15

All-Time Series Record (first meeting 1986):

SIU trails 0-2

About Saluki Head Coach Jan Quarless:

Coach Q is a former KU assistant, serving as the offensive line coach from 1986-87. He was on the sidelines of both KU victories over SIU in '86 and '87. His offensive line was nicknamed "The Union" because of their strong bond.

About Jayhawk Head Coach Terry Allen:

Fourth year KU coach Terry Allen is in his 12th season overall with a career mark of 90-47 and is 15-21 at KU. Allen was 7-1 against SIU as the head coach at Northern Iowa. Allen boasts an impressive 62-10 career mark at home.

The Word on the Salukis:

SIU is coming off its first win of the season, a 34-14 victory against Northern Iowa, who was ranked No. 16 at the time. Saturday's contest is the first game versus a Division I-A opponent since 1995. The Salukis will be greatly out-sized in this matchup, so we'll see how they respond.

Players to Watch:

#10 QB - Sherard Poteete
#24 RB - Tom Koutsos
#1 WR - Brian Hamlett
#39 LB - Teddy Simms
#9 LB - Bart Scott
#8 DB - Andre King

The Word on the Jayhawks:

Like SIU, KU is coming off its first victory of the season, a 23-20 win against Alabama-Birmingham, on a 50-yard fourth-quarter field goal by kicker Joe Garcia. Kansas lost their season opener 31-17 to Southern Methodist.

Players to Watch:

#4 QB - Dylon Smith
#22 RB - David Winbush
#9 WR - Termaine Fulton
#98 LB - Algie Atkinson
#95 DE - Ervin Holloman
#45 LB - Victor Bullock

Gameday Notes: Kansas leads the series 2-0, winning the last meeting 16-15 led by KU quarterback and SIU assistant coach Kevin Verdugo in '87 and also defeated SIU 35-23 in '86.

Bottom Line: Kansas is 10-0 in its last 10 games versus Division I-AA opponents, but the team closest to beating the Jayhawks was SIU, who lost by one point. The Salukis will have to play some inspired ball and not be intimidated by Kansas' size if they are going to stop that streak.

for both situations," said Allen, who has spent the majority of his coaching career at the University of Northern

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A trip down memory lane for three Saluki coaches

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN

There's no yellow brick road leading the way, but three Saluki coaches return to Kansas Saturday.

The last time SIU played the University of Kansas 13 seasons ago, an unheralded freshman quarterback spoiled the Salukis attempt of a major upset with a one-yard touchdown plunge with just over a minute left in the game.

The late score gave the Jayhawks a narrow 16-15 victory in Lawrence, Kan.

Kevin Verdugo will remember that Oct. 3 day for the rest of his life. It was his first collegiate start and it was the second of his two touchdown runs that sealed the Jayhawks victory. Verdugo will click his heels and grace the KU

sidelines once again Saturday, but this time, he'll don the Maroon and White rather than the Crimson and Blue.

Verdugo, now the Saluki quarterback coach, is just one of three Saluki coaches with ties to the Kansas program.

Saluki head coach Jan Quarless was the offensive line coach from 1986-87 for KU, and it was his line, referred to as "The Union," that led the path for Verdugo to score that winning touchdown the last time these two teams met in 1987.

The Salukis will be heavy underdogs Saturday, but Verdugo is holding out hope that history will repeat itself and the Salukis can give the Jayhawks a tough game.

"It's kind of ironic, it was also the fourth game of the season," said Verdugo, as Saturday marks the fourth game of the season for SIU.

"It's kind of weird, it brings funny feelings. I just hope this time we're on the better end of the stick."

Quarless said his line was nicknamed "The Union" because of its commitment to the team and its camaraderie.

"It was just a bunch of guys that wanted to play together, they stood together and stayed strong," Quarless said.

Quarless' running backs coach, Tommy Liggins, also served as an assistant at KU from '83-85 as the running backs coach there.

Liggins said he can remember when Verdugo used to come to KU camps as a prep. Now the two work together as vital components to the Saluki offensive regime.

And while Liggins is eager to return to Lawrence, he wouldn't call it home. "We travel around a lot in this profession

because you don't know what's going to happen from one moment to the next," Liggins said.

"But while I was there we really had a good time and had some exciting football games."

But Liggins is more anxious to visit former colleagues and kids he recruited or coached while at KU.

"I had phone calls from some of them that would like to see us before or after the game," Liggins said. "It'll be nice to see them again."

Gus Bode



Gus says:
Q, you're not in Kansas anymore.