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Alcohol a part of the college tradition, not just SIUC

Alexa Aguilar  
Daily Egyptian

Although Chancellor Walter Wendler recently suggested that SIUC's campus become alcohol-free, many of the schools that he named as the University's peer institutions have alcohol policies similar to the current one at SIUC.

There is currently no official policy from the chancellor, but he told the Daily Egyptian earlier this week that getting rid of alcohol on campus would send the message that SIUC is trying to shed its party image.

West Virginia University, Texas Tech University, Kansas State University and Auburn University are colleges Wendler would like to compare SIUC to in his long-term plan. With the exception of Texas Tech, which is a dry campus, those universities prohibit alcohol except for special events.

That's the case at SIUC, said Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Dietz has to approve any request for alcohol on campus, and he said the bulk of requests come from either faculty who desire wine and cheese at an elegant or off-campus residents wanting to rent out the Student Center for an event, such as a wedding.

Alcohol is allowed at tailgating parties at SIU, but Dietz said he has not heard any complaints about unruly behavior at the events.

About five years ago, a drunken brawl broke out at a tailgating party at West Virginia University. Mary Collins, special assistant to the vice president for student affairs at WVU, said about 100 people ended up in the emergency room after a drunken brawl broke out in "The Pit," a privately owned lot adjacent to the other parking lot. The president of WVU then decided something had to be done. WVU decided to lease the lot, cover it with gravel and fence it and make it a big University party.

Collins said only administrators showed up to the first two or three events after some time passed, the event caught on. Students over 21 are allowed to bring beer, IDs are checked at the fence and the entire area, now called "The New Pit," is patrolled.

"Students are fans too, and they deserve a place to gather," Collins said.

"And the reality is that it's legal to drink in this country when you are over 21," Collins said. "WVU also has a pub in its student center, a feature of the facility for about 30 years. Collins said thousands pile into the student center on the weekends now that WVU sponsors weekly events that feature free food and entertainment."

Vern Russell, coordinator of the student counseling center at Auburn University, said unlawful use of drinking is prohibited there, but special events and tailgating drinking is allowed.

"I think we have (alcohol) use similar to that across the country," Russell said.

Kanas State University student government president Zac Cook said that without alcohol, many KSU students would find a different place to tailgate. Kansas state law prohibits any alcohol above a certain level on a state campus, but Cook said most beer qualifies.

Beer is also served at the bowling alley on the KSU campus, Cook said.

Texas Tech is located in a dry county, so alcohol use is prohibited on campus. The Lubbock, Texas, school has a huge tailgating crowd at its football games, said Cindie Tooke, assistant director of the Center for Campus Life.

There are food and bands at the event and a turnout of thousands of community members, alumni and students. Tooke said it's hard to know exactly what amount students are consuming.

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Cardinal Law must face deposition in abuse case

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - Boston's highest-ranking Roman Catholic official has been ordered by a judge to submit to questions about his handling of a priest suspected of abuse, Judge Lisa E. Lini said Wednesday that Cardinal Bernard Law can be questioned by lawyers for a civil plaintiff, and the archdiocese of Boston failed to protect him from being sexually assaulted by the Paul Shanley. The deposition was scheduled for June 5.

U.S. fire kills four Canadians

WASHINGTON - Pentagon officials were trying to determine why a U.S. F-16 pilot was unaware of a trailing exces s below him when he dropped a laser-guided bomb Thursday that killed four Canadian soldiers near Kandahar. The pilot, flying in early morning darkness, told his superi ors that he believed his targeting system was functioning but was hit by enemy fire. Conflicting reports indicated he may have initially been denied permission by his U.S. commanders to respond to the perceived threat and sought the 500-pound laser-guided bomb on his own initiative after believing he was in danger of being hit by ground fire. According to the Air Force's rules of engagement, a pilot who believes he is in imminent danger is authorized to defend himself.

Afghans look to former king to unite nation

KABUL, Afghanistan - Former King Mohammad Zahir Shah, who returned home Thursday after 28 years in exile, will now try to help unify his war-torn country. The return of the last, 87-year-old former monarch, will "add a sense of dignity and national unity to a country that has suffered from foreign occupation and internal divisions," said Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah, said Thursday. "It is a return to normalcy," said Abdullah, in a public statement. Still, those among the small crowds that welcomed the king's return were quick to note that he will help bring peace and stability to the nation by serving as a symbol Afghans can rally around.

U.N. envoy: Refugee camp 'horribly beyond belief'

VIENNA: The head of the UN refugee agency said Thursday that a makeshift camp on the outskirts of Jordan has "horribly beyond belief."

"We believe it isn't a terrorist attack," said police Sgt. Vaughan was misidentified. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311 ext. 252.

Bush defends Israel's action

WASHINGTON - President Bush said Thursday that Israeli leaders acted in self-defense when they killed four Canadian soldiers near Kandahar.

Small plane slams into Milan skyscraper

MILAN, Italy: The pilot of a small plane reported trouble to airport authorities moments before crashing Thursday into a 30-story landmark skyscraper that houses the regional government offices.

The weather was clear at the time of the crash, which occurred near the end of the workday and left gaping holes on both sides of the skyscraper.

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Election ends with unexpected outcome

International Student Council prepares for another presidential election

Ivan Thomas

International Student Council President Sidou Hangadoumbo resigned Thursday after Wednesday night's ISC elections were hung and the council failed to reach a majority necessary for the presidential election.

Hangadoumbo attempted to maintain his position in office for the second straight year as he faced off against Anna Vishalekova, a graduate student in foreign languages and literature from Bulgaria.

After the two gave their proposals, another candidate, including University and State Employees

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Evergreen Park to host Earth Day Fair Saturday afternoon

Evergreen Park on Pleasant Hill Road in Carbondale will host an Earth Day Fair with prominent environmental speakers and performances by local bands. The music will be powered by a photovoltaic mobile system is one example of working demonstrations among other solar energy techniques.

The event will include children’s activities, an on-the-water clean-up of the City Reservoir by canoes and information tables on energy efficiency and natural resources. For more information, call the Interfaith Center of 549-7287.

Superintendent of Trail of Tears State Forest to speak on land management

Aden West, biologist and site superintendent for the Trail of Tears State Forest, will speak about his work in land management. He honed his craft of forest management at the Unitarian Fellowship, 301 W. Elm St. in Carbondale.

West will discuss his journey of faith from his study in activism to his current role in land management. For more information, call Bill Sisson at 229-2439 or Charles Runter at 452-7444.

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SIU conducts research on bipolar disorder

Volunteers needed for visual stimulus study, can get $10 gift certificate

Keva Gaston
Daily Egyptian

Thirty minutes in front of a computer could net you a $10 gift certificate while you help research for bipolar disorder.

David King, an associate professor of anatomy in the School of Medicine, and Jeanette Killian, a doctoral student in work from the computer science department, are conducting a research project on how different people respond to a visual stimulus.

The purpose of the study is to measure an aspect of visual perception called binocular rivalry, in which different images are presented to the eyes and compete for conscious attention.

King said this research project will test the hypothesis of existence in binocular rivalry measurements and explore whether such variation shows genetic anticipation like that associated with bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and a number of neurologic diseases.

Bipolar disorder is commonly diagnosed in people with a personal or family history of bipolar disorder.

King's hypothesis is that these will be a slower rate of alternation for people who have bipolar disorder. King and Killian are still in the process of gathering results for the study, which will continue until fall 2003.

In November 2002, King will present the results from the study to the Society for Neuroscience in Orlando, Fla. He will also publish the results in Neuroscience Abstracts, a preliminary publication.

King and Killian started the research project in September 1999 and began seeing subjects in November 1999. The project is sponsored by a grant from the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD). This study is different because King and Killian are looking at a greater variety of people from a wide demographic area.

The original study was done in 1999 by Pentegov and Miller at the University of Queensland with a smaller sample of 47 people. This study indicated that certain variations in binocular rivalry measurement are correlated with bipolar disorder.

Killian hopes this research may lead to improvements in medical diagnosis and care for brain disorders.

"We also hope that participation by many volunteers may promote a broader public understanding of mental illness," King said.

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Senate kills Bush plan to drill for oil in Alaska wildlife refuge

James Kühnhen
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON: Striking at the heart of President Bush's energy policy, the U.S. Senate on Thursday killed an oil-drilling plan for the Alaskan wilderness that advocates said would reduce America's dependence on foreign oil but critics deemed as an assault on the environment.

The lengthy partisan vote ended months of debate and a furious last-ditch effort by Republican drilling supporters to entice Democrats with special interest provisions. Conservation groups countered by pointing out the issue's key vote on the environment.

The legislative maneuver ended, Republicans could muster only 46 votes, denying Bush even a simple majority in favor of his plan.

Thursday's vote, coupled with the Senate's earlier rejection of tougher vehicle mileage standards, means that Congress will likely end up pushing a stripped-down version of energy legislation that lacks both key Republican production measures and Democratic conservation proposals.

The House has passed bills that include a provision to drill in 2.7 million acres of the 15 million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. But the Senate's action left little chance that the measure would survive when the House and Senate energy bills are reconciled.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer upbeat the Senate after the vote, saying members had "missed an opportunity to lead America to greater energy independence."

The energy legislation still contains measures aimed at conserving energy and increasing domestic production of oil and coal. Most importantly, the House and Senate bills would provide between $14 billion and $33.5 billion in tax breaks for producers of renewable energy such as wind and solar manure, for investments in clean coal technology, and for oil producers and oil refineries. It also would provide tax incentives for Americans who build efficient homes or use wind or solar power or fuel cells.

The bill written by the Democrat-controlled Senate Senate Unified toward conservation measures while the Republican House bill has greater benefits for traditional energy producers.

But the proposal to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge overlooked other elements of the bill and became a touchstone in the Bush administration's energy policy. Some Republicans on Thursday faulted the White House for drawing too much attention to an issue that threatened to give Bush a political black eye.

"I applaud the administration for moving forward with an energy plan, but it was a mistake to lead with ANWR or to emphasize ANWR," said Sen. John D. Enzi, R-Wyo., an Ohio Republican who voted against the drilling provision.

Democrats and environmentalists rejoiced in their ability to overcome Bush's post-Sept. 11 popular and declared the environment a defining political issue for this year's congressional elections. Only five of 50 Democrats voted in favor of drilling and eight of 49 Republicans voted against it.

Alaska's two Republican senators, however, vowed to continue pushing the drilling issue, raising the possibility that Sen. Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota would pull the energy bill from consideration.

The two, Sens. Frank Murkowski and Ted Stevens, tried to attract Democratic senators by extending support from unions, veterans and pro-industry groups. Stevens tried twice, and for oil and the Democratic ranks by offering a proposal to use billions of dollars from ANWR oil drilling leases to bail out steel companies, many of them in heavily industrialized states.

But the move backfired when Democrats refused to bite and Republican foes of the bailout voted against it as well. The proposal failed, 64-36.

Stevens has been a fierce advocate for drilling, arguing that it would create thousands of jobs across the country and that it would guarantee work for the thousands of Insipid Eskimos who live in Alaska's isolated North Slope.

At one point during the debate, Stevens angrily accused Senate opponents of lying about the environmental effects of drilling. "If it was back in the old days, I would challenge them to a duel," he fumed.

And Murkowski leveled most of their criticism at environmentalists, who mounted an advertising, letter-writing, door-knocking campaign aimed at every fence-sitting member of the Senate.

But Daschle made sure that the overall energy bill did not contain the Arctic drilling measure, forcing Republicans to offer it as an amendment that would need 60 votes to survive. Daschle also had signaled that he was prepared to withdraw the entire energy bill from consideration if the Republicans prevailed on ANWR.

Leading the lobbying effort in support of drilling, was Arctic Power, an organization financed by the state of Alaska and by oil and gas companies and labor unions. The Teamsters Union, which had aligned with Republicans more often than the rest of the labor movement, also was expected to promote the job-creating potential of new oil leases.

"Well remember who are our friends and who are the thieves," the demolition was not over," said Jerry Flood, the Teamsters top energy official.

To volunteer for the study, contact Jeanette Killian, 217-777-2683 or 217-453-1500.

Smashing:
High winds blew down a tree and caused damage to a house and car on South Forest Street Thursday. The tree fell in two directions and crews estimated that their efforts would last through Friday because everything's mangled together.

Ellis Tree Service.
"Gay style" stereotype is out

Rosanna Mah
Daily Californian (U. California-Berkeley)

BERKELEY, Calif. (U-WIRE) - It is a well-known fact that the world's hottest fashion designers — the likes of Tom Ford, Marc Jacobs and Christian Lacroix — are undeniably wealthy, talented and very much homosexual.

In the world of fashion, gay men are stereotypically viewed as the quintessential style gurus. And considering the gamut of gay male fashion designers running the shows, it's difficult not to conclude that there is a distinct gay mens' fashion style as well.

Anyone who has seen popular films such as "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert," "The Birdcage," "Above the Law" and "The Boys" may be quick to assume that perhaps gay mens' fashion is reserved almost entirely for those who enjoy a bright and colorful Hawaiian shirt, glitter and sequined clothing. But this is not the case.

"There is no definitive gay mens' fashion, and not all gay men have great taste in fashion," Chan said. "It's just too dichotomous. Where once, that would mean I could stroll down a street and correctly identify each gay man because he, let's say, wore a matching tlinky tank top and jean cut-off wear whatever depending on the situation. That is not the case. But if I was going out clubbing then I might wear something more eye-catching.

I believe it or not, there are some horror looking outfits out there who need to be quarantined by the fashion police pronto."

Indeed, so state that gay men are fashionable creators because of some natural predisposition is not only politically incorrect but also untrue. "I would be willing to say that because of gay male designers, fashion has been able to move forward for both men and women," said Mila Sam, fashion editor of Instinct, one of the leading publications in the Los Angeles queer community.

"In general, I don't think gay men have that must of a different fashion sense from anyone else. Everyone has their own personal style," says Mark Mirrough, a researcher at University of California-Los Angeles' Science and Engineering Library.

"To me, it is quite conservative and preppy. And in school or casual, really it's just jeans and a t-shirt."

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"What is true is that in present times, a gay man's fashion sense can be seen in the plethora of gay men's fashion magazines, and California-Los Angeles' Science and Engineering Library.

"At work, I usually dress quite conservatively. As for preppy. And in school or casual, really it's just jeans and a t-shirt."

Considering the diversity of today's fashion lines, any prevalent style of the moment that is viewed as fashionable is up for debate, queer or straight.

"I don't believe that there exists one particular style that is expressed in gay mens' fashion. The gay stereotypical fashion sense does not exist. Rather, there are many gay men who wear whatever style they want, whether it's preppy or androgynous."
OUR WORD

Alcohol-free campus doesn’t hold water

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler wants this University to be squeaky clean. And that is not necessarily a bad thing.

He’s about as sick of our undeserved party-school image as a man can be, and he is honestly determined to turn that around.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN agrees that his heart is in the right place. But his ideas? Now, along are a different story. Wendler is floating around a proposal to make SIUC alcohol-free, and he hopes to get campus dialogue rolling.

Let’s call it.

The alcohol problems this campus has experienced have occurred off-campus — essentially on one street, on one holiday, one time per year.

Tailgating. Beer-drinking in Netly Hall by older students. Champagne in wedding receptions at the Student Center. Wine after the Symphony at Shawnee.

We have not made national headlines because of drunken antics. These affairs do not result in car tipping and arrested looters. Police rarely, if ever, subtle wild, drunken symphony fans or drunken guests on campus.

These are not the events fueling SIU’s perception problem, so changing them will not fix our image.

We appreciate the chancellor’s mode. He is a courageous man who is taking on one of the most intractable social stances that he believes will strengthen this University.

That is a good characteristic for a leader to have, but understanding the second important element of leadership: understanding who it is you are leading and what they want. 

We don’t want to take their children to SIU football games because of obnoxious alcohol-induced students at the events or the chancellor know of their problems. But we believe these people are the minority. It is hard to imagine anything but sporting events and harder still to imagine erasing it from this campus.

If this was the son of the community wanted, it probably would have happened already. Rather, it seems like something the chancellor and a few others want. 

Carbondale is no more plagued with liquor problems than any other town, except for it that one time of year, and again off campus.

The City Council’s vote against Wendler’s proposal to ban booze at Turley Park Sunset Concerts Tuesday may give the chancellor a little insight into the pulse of Carbondale. The character of this town and the student body is a lot more relaxed than those few voices make it appear.

Wendler also hopes the prohibition will discourage undergraduate students from drinking, but he admits this is wishful thinking. He also does not see how alcohol adds to the University’s mission. And perhaps it doesn’t. But neither does Spring Thing or other concerts at the Arena that are simply part of the social fabric.

College students are not interested in drinking culture as they are to all of life’s responsibilities. Whether they choose to partake in the activity has little to do with whether they can tip one on campus or off. Even if Father Chancellor keeps beer out of the house, students still have to ride that bumpy road to adulthood on their own.

There’s an old saying, “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.”

Chancellor, we need your fearless initiatives and moral courage to fix the things that are broken on this campus. Leave alcohol where it belongs as a personal choice.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don’t believe in quotas. America was founded on a philosophy of individual rights, not group rights.”

— Clarence Thomas

WORLDS OVERHEARD

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

— Sean Reardon

Letter from a Carbondale student

Valerie M. Dunn

While pursuing my degree here in Carbondale, I came across a recent statement suggesting that SIU President James Walker is planning to hire yet another nationally renowned firm to study marketing, and to try to eradicate the party image of this institution. Is this more wise or evil? The administration says they are “listening point” but not half as disappointed as we are. I don’t mean to be in my busy schedule as a single mother and a full-time graduate student to take issue with such foolishness, believing that I have more constructive things to do. But since Mr. Walker is a man of grander goals, I believe, I am willing to make a few suggestions — free of charge.

To begin, after receiving my master’s degree in education from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, I continued taking graduate courses so I could support my daughter after the death of her father. I learned about SIUC while a fellow of the Little Rock Writing Project. The Director of Graduate studies, Director of Writing Studies, the great staff in the English office and the Assistant Dean of the Graduate School facilitated my acceptance through their active recruitment policy for women and minority students.

Fortunately, I was chosen to receive the Graduate Dean’s Fellowship Award and an assistantship for the second year. I am now a resident of Illinois, a voter and a Carbondale homeowne...
Our daily bread

The Femme Factor

By MARLENE TROTT

Just what it is like to be a young woman to be greeted immediately and replenished with handy thoughts.

New sign of vanity seem to be all the rage.

Can be out of some historic and fashion articles, art, literature, current events and inspiring stories of my fellow women more than any other body project.

Can we really be so judging? Perhaps we escaped out of the lail when the culture scientists were wiring our brains to be obsessed with clothes and pleasing manners. If this is true I will be part of a select group of Western women who have been freed from looking at their bodies and self-seducing co-workers.

I think we deserve a separate superhuman, whom we don't have to relate with the lower element.

I just can't seem to believe it. I have more sight in my mind than that. There are thousands, millions of stories, not giving a hoot about what I think and what I want.

What about what I see? I can just imagine some girl making a guess of what would make me play, dance, love for the thrill of the satisfied thing.

If I can't really like the look of the mask version. Miss Winifred West. Kim would be half fun and him would be half obviously under the bar of lobster.

He would be standing by some overpriced car, and looking at me like he wanted me to take him to a ride. And he would make me want to show some.

Even if my male ideal exists, make me fear from the case, I probably would have fun with the truth, because there is really interesting about the American prejudice against country folk; it's a matter of style, the idea of the hit of, so he is suffering from the thrill of the satisfied thing. I will not make any predictions. I will not make any predictions.

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All of these are equally disturbing. I do not support War only means thousands of innocent deaths, economic disparity and depletion and...in the end, all of these are equally disturbing. I will not make any predictions.

Letters

Issues of church, state and homosexuality misconstrued in article

Dear Editor:

As I was reading Tuesday's DAILY EGYPTIAN, I saw the Letters to the Editor column that caught my eye. Brian Bogart made a comment on the government's new gay policy by saying "Gay is supposed to be a separation between religion and state." He then said, "It is combative and is a battle against status quo..."

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Randy Keen

sympathetic, minority education

Letters on war on terrorism really a war on peaceful resolutions

Dear Editor:

I attended the peace march for Palestine in Chicago on April 6. Five thousand people from different ethnic groups and forming many children, joined this march. I am an Muslim or Arab, however, I joined this march to support peace. I do not agree with the war on terrorism. There are thousands of deaths of innocent civilians in Afghanistan and Palestine, or Israeli onslaughts from violent emotions. All of these are equally disturbing.

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Chase Taylor raises his hand to answer a question during his school's field trip to the Purdy Schoolhouse at John A. Logan College Wednesday.

Twenty-two Buncombe Grade School students trade in the comforts of their classrooms to spend a day in an authentic one-room schoolhouse. Although the children quickly adapted to the old-fashioned environment, it was still evident that...

Time changes everything

Students at Buncombe Grade School aren’t used to calculating their math with chalk and slates. They’ve never had to walk outside to use the bathroom, and they aren’t too good at potato sack racing.

They’re students of a modern time, when most schools are stocked with computers, hundreds of library books and countless other resources. A time when prepackaged pizzas and nachos make a good lunch, and swing sets and basketball are the recess activities of choice.

But on Wednesday, 22 first through fourth graders left the comforts of their modern classrooms and packed into the Purdy One-Room Schoolhouse on the John A. Logan College campus to recreate the academic experience of times past.

Each year, the JALC Museum invites area grade schools to the authentic schoolhouse, which is tucked away in the woods on the northeast side of campus. Volunteer teachers lure students back to the late 19th century in a day-long school session at the Purdy School, which was the Perry County schoolhouse from 1860 to 1931. The one-room schoolhouse then served as a community center from 1931 to 1981 before being donated and moved to the JALC campus in 1983.

The schoolhouse is a time capsule. Buncombe students were anxious to open it. They traded in their homeroom teachers for Jean Jones, a retired teacher from Carterville, who pieced together a curriculum that students from the late 1800s and early 1900s may have followed.

The students filled the three rows of old-fashioned desks and eyed the room with marvel. Two faded drawings of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington hang above the blackboard.
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where a handmade map of Southern Illinois counties is taped, and kerosene lanterns align the walls.

"It seems the same, but not really the same," fourth-grader Dylan Kramp said.

Buncombe Grade School is located in a rural setting about five miles south of Goreville. Only about 60 students attend the school, leaving several of the classrooms combined. Kindergartners, first and second graders normally spend part of the day in the same classroom, as do the third and fourth graders.

So most of the students quickly adjusted to sharing a one-room classroom, but many of them were struck with how strict Ms. Jones was. They purple skirt and long-sleeved oxford just like they wear in their new setting. and muddled about their new setting. and muddled about their new setting.

But before the girls could finish their conversation, Ms. Jones chimed in to remind the class that it was almost time for recess. She explained that they were going to try "old-fashioned games," including having a potato sack race.

"If you need to go to the bathroom, there they are, outside, just like they were in the old days," Ms. Jones said, as she pointed out the window to the portable toilet sitting among the trees.

A buzz began circling around the classroom, and students started fidgeting a little bit more than usual. We're supposed to go see outside! We're going to do what with potato sacks?

The children were dismissed now by now and were soon outdoors investigating the strings tied to coffee cans that were to be used as stilts. As students clasped ground on top of the cans, these boys seized the potato sacks and began hopping haphazardly before they each crashed to the ground.

The students were quite aware of the differences and similarities around them. Third graders Samantha, Dori and Taylor Hoffmann have grown up down the road from each other. Their brothers are also friends, so the girls spend a lot of time together. On Wednesday, Taylor sat behind Samantha, and the pair whispered about their new setting.

"The classroom is a lot bigger," Samantha said. "The desks are different," Taylor added.

"There's no air conditioning at our school either," Samantha continued. "There's no air conditioning at our school either," Ms. Jones chimed in.

"Chase Taylor gives up on and begins to notice his set of make-shift stilts outside the school. Many of the students could not get the hang of their new toys and were falling down in the grass.

The children see the outing as Purdy School as a field trip, or a lesson in prairie life. As Ms. Jones emerged from the schoolhouse in her flowing, purple skirt and long-sleeved oxford, just like they wear in their new setting. and muddled about their new setting.

"If there are 30 cows in a pasture, how many feet are on the ground? Miss Jones asked.

Within seconds, Dylan's hand shot up. As he answered "240," a collective sigh of disappointment filled the room.

"That's what I was going to say," one girl whispered.

Near the end of the arithmetic lesson, one girl turned around in her desk, looking for her homeroom teacher. She picked up the egg that serves as an eraser for her slate and insisted on a boy near the front of the class who was wearing his new clothes, sending a small cloud of chalk dust into the air.

As the day drew to a close, the children began feeling more comfortable in the one-room schoolhouse setting. Although writing with quill ink pens and reading out of McGuffy Readers (copyright 1879) isn't what they would expect on a typical school day, the children soon demonstrated that, in the end, kids will just be kids.

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natural areas the state is considering to close or close definitive. Until that decision is made, the state is halting construction projects at these sites.

That decision could be likened to the fictional Swamp Monster, keeping people from the massive stone building with eerie slate shingles and stone walls — as much the look of nature that something manmade could be. Schweitzer said he did not know when the facility would open, finally allowing swamp visitors to see the giant-like tree inside a glass room overlooking a miniature man-made wetland that reaches underneath the front porch and boardwalk.

Humans are merely visitors in these 3,954 acres of pure southern swamp. The Cache River, about one hour south of Carbondale, is the home of more than 100 endangered plant and animal species and is the most northern wetland in Illinois. The natural area attracts people from Southern Illinois and around the world including school groups, researchers and tourists.

Heavy rainfall over the weekend left the lower Cache boardwalk under water, keeping visitors from walking through the area. The natural area attracts people from Southern Illinois and around the world including school groups, researchers and tourists.

The $4 million wetland center is scheduled to open this summer. But with state budget cuts the 7,500 square foot center, located south of what is now Illinois Route 37, may have to remain vacant for a while longer.

The 1,000 years in the Cache River, surviving farmers, lumberjacks, settlers, tourists and eight-gallon cypress trees. Some might say this tree has had a long life — a long life marked by the scars of lightning strikes and limbs that have been tattered and blown by the occasional storm. Like the cypress, the Cache River provides

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drinking on the slip, but the area is strictly policed.

The university has had to deal with some alcohol-related altercations and this has to do with alcohol education and prevention.

"Does a dry campus dry up the alcohol problems?" Troke said. "My gosh, no. It's the age group."

The University of Rhode Island isn't one of SIUC's peer institutions, but it has one of the more stringent alcohol policies in the country. Students over 21 are allowed to drink in the privacy of their rooms, but no student is allowed to drink anywhere publicly, including at tailgating parties.

Rhode Island has been making the shift to a dry campus in 1991, but the final clambake came after a raucous homecoming tailgating party in 2000, said Fern Cohen, dean of students.

"The tradition was long, the crowds were huge," said Cohen.

In 2000, there were several student injuries and the campus decided then it was time to prohibit all alcohol. At homecoming 2001, the university-sponsored alcohol-free party with free food and music. There was only one problem. The stands at the game were full, but Cohen said no one came to tailgate. She said the best way to accomplish that was by spreading their tailgating all over campus.

"Curbs were installed by the fact that Kingston, where the university is located, doesn't have any bars, and students must make a seven-mile trip to the nearest one. Detractors of the all alcohol-free policy said it would place more stress on the bars. However, Cohen said the university has maintained the tradition, closely and there has been no increase.

She also said enrollment has increased at URI, while administrators there were initially wary that the new policy would scare students away.

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Collins, from WVU, said no matter what change a university makes, students should be included in the dialogue.

"Students need to be involved," she said. "They are the ones that know the reality of the college experience. It is foolish not to include them."

Reporter Allen Aguilar can be reached at nagui@dailyEgyptian.com
U.S. pilot kills four Canadian troops, wounds eight with errant bomb

by Drew Brown

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (AP) - The pilot of an American F-16 fighter jet thought he was under attack from ground fire when he dropped a 500-pound laser-guided bomb on a group of Canadian soldiers conducting a live-bombing mission in Afghanistan, killing four soldiers and wounding eight, Pentagon officials said Thursday.

"He reported being under fire from the ground," said a senior defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The jet was one of two Air National Guard F-16s that were on patrol over a training area at a former U.S. military base near Kandahar, Afghanistan, just south of a U.S.-led coalition base at Kandahar airport when the incident occurred about 1:55 a.m. Thursday local Afghan time.

One of the pilots, apparently spotting tracer fire from the Canadian group, reported to his ground controllers that he was under attack from ground fire, the official said. It remains unclear if the pilot received permission to bomb, the official said.

Normally, a pilot must receive clearance and would not need permission if he feels immediate danger.

"In an instance like this of self-defense, he has the right to drop on his own authority," the official said.

Among the wounded, two suffered life-threatening injuries but were in stable condition, Canadian officials said.

About 100 members of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group were conducting fire and maneuver exercises on foot when the bomb struck. No American forces were involved in the exercise.

The 800-man battle group has been in Afghanistan since late December, 2001.

The battalion had been on a two-week break before they went back to work in mid-January. The battalion was on patrol during the second half of Operation Anaconda in east Talibah and al Qaeda guerrillas out of the Shahr-e-Kord mountains, said Maj. Bryan Hinehan, a U.S. military spokesman at Bagram air base, near Kabul.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld promised an investigation. Canadian Defense Minister Arthur Eggleton said in Ottawa that Canada's first Canadian casualties in the war and the country's first combat deaths since the 1950-1953 Korean War.

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"Whether or not the pilot had the authorization to drop or not is something that will come out in the fullness of the investigation," Hainault said. "But I do remind you that any pilot, any individual who's operating in that theater of operations, whether lead force member or aircrew member, has the right of self-defense, and that is what Boeing overrides anything else in this circumstance, which is a code.

A second Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, cautioned that the investigation was in preliminary stages and that information was sketchy.

A total of 41 American and coalition soldiers have died in Afghanistan or the surrounding region since the war began six months ago, according to U.S. Central Command, which has responsibility for running the war. Seven of them have died in "friendly fire" incidents, including the four Canadians.

On Dec. 5, three Americans and nine Afghans were killed, and more than three dozen others were wounded when an American B-52 accidentally bombed a Special Forces team supporting anti-Taliban fighters north of Kandahar.

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Maintenance Of Tall Grass And Weeds

The Carbondale City Code declares weeds and grass over six (6) inches in height to be a nuisance, and requires their removal. The provisions of the City Code, pertaining to moving tall weeds and grass, do not apply to properties zoned "Forestry" or "Agriculture" and used for agricultural purposes, as long as a 20-ft perimeter on the property is kept mowed in compliance with the City Code.

Owners and tenants are reminded that they are also required to keep any adjoining public right-of-way mowed to the edge of the street pavement or alley.

Most property owners and tenants comply with the City Code standards for the maintenance of tall grass and weeds. However, there are some people who are not as considerate of their neighbors and the community, and will not mow their property until the City posts their property in violation of the tall grass and weed ordinance. Therefore, all properties that are found to be in violation of the high grass and weed ordinance will be allowed one placarding by the City without a citation being issued. Should the City be required to placard the same property in violation of the tall grass and weed ordinance two (2) or more times during the growth season, the City will issue a COURT CITATION to the OWNER and OCCUPANT after each placarding of the property during the balance of the growth season.

The City will pursue prosecution of the weed and grass citations as it does with other court citations for City ordinance violations. It is not the intent of the City to issue citations but to encourage owners and occupants to comply with the City Code.

Should you have questions relative to the revisions of the tall grass and weed enforcement program, please contact Building and Neighborhood Services Division, 549-5302, ext. 237.
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**Dormant Life**

by Shane Pangburn

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**Daily Horoscopes**

by Linda C. Stack

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**JULY 30TH, 2002**

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Today is a 5. Today is a 5. You may be thinking about whether or not to do something more or less important. If you're not sure, then go for it. You can always change your mind later.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**

Today is an 8. You're thinking too much about the pressure you've been under. You may be thinking: what pressure? You're stronger now and you're ready to launch a new project next week.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

Today is a 4. You can stretch your resources to get all the most important stuff. It's not easy, but you can do it. Ask friends or family for advice when you need it.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**

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**JULY 31ST, 2002**

**Scorpio (October 24 - November 22)**

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**AUGUST 2ND, 2002**

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22)**

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**AUGUST 3RD, 2002**

**Libra (September 23 - October 22)**

Today is an 8. You're strong enough now to have something special planned for this evening. If not, call in the small talk and do something simple.

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**AUGUST 4TH, 2002**

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)**

Today is a 6. Today is a 6. You're strong enough now to have something special planned for this evening. If not, call in the small talk and do something simple.

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**AUGUST 5TH, 2002**

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)**

Today is an 8. You're strong enough now to have something special planned for this evening. If not, call in the small talk and do something simple.

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**AUGUST 6TH, 2002**

**Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)**

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**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**

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**AUGUST 9TH, 2002**

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**

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**AUGUST 10TH, 2002**

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

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**AUGUST 11TH, 2002**

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**

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**AUGUST 12TH, 2002**

**Scorpio (October 24 - November 22)**

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**AUGUST 13TH, 2002**

**Leo (July 23 - August 22)**

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**AUGUST 14TH, 2002**

**Libra (September 23 - October 22)**

Today is an 8. You're strong enough now to have something special planned for this evening. If not, call in the small talk and do something simple.

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**AUGUST 15TH, 2002**

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)**

Today is a 6. Today is a 6. You're strong enough now to have something special planned for this evening. If not, call in the small talk and do something simple.

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**AUGUST 16TH, 2002**

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)**

Today is an 8. You're strong enough now to have something special planned for this evening. If not, call in the small talk and do something simple.

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**AUGUST 17TH, 2002**

**Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)**

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**AUGUST 18TH, 2002**

**Pisces (February 19 - March 20)**

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**AUGUST 19TH, 2002**

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**

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**AUGUST 20TH, 2002**

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**

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**AUGUST 21ST, 2002**

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

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**AUGUST 22ND, 2002**

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**AUGUST 23RD, 2002**

**Scorpio (October 24 - November 22)**

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**AUGUST 24TH, 2002**

**Leo (July 23 - August 22)**

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**AUGUST 25TH, 2002**

**Libra (September 23 - October 22)**

Today is an 8. You're strong enough now to have something special planned for this evening. If not, call in the small talk and do something simple.

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**AUGUST 26TH, 2002**

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)**

Today is a 6. Today is a 6. You're strong enough now to have something special planned for this evening. If not, call in the small talk and do something simple.

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**AUGUST 27TH, 2002**

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)**

Today is an 8. You still have something special planned for this evening. If not, call in the small talk and do something simple.

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**AUGUST 28TH, 2002**

**Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)**

Today is a 7. You're talking a lot this morning about the pressure you've been under. You can stretch your resources to get all the most important stuff. It's not easy, but you can do it. Ask friends or family for advice when you need it.

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**AUGUST 29TH, 2002**

**Pisces (February 19 - March 20)**

Today is a 7. You're talking a lot this morning about the pressure you've been under. You can stretch your resources to get all the most important stuff. It's not easy, but you can do it. Ask friends or family for advice when you need it.
Crossword

ACROSS
1. Sergeant (5)
2. Shoes on floor (5)
3. Back story (7)
4. Elbow (5)
5. Desert (5)
6. On the ice (5)
7. Balsam fir (5)
8. Allergic to (5)
9. Angel of the PL (5)
10. Got down to (5)
11. Desert bloom (5)
12. Paintbrush (5)
13. Wear cloth (5)
14. Spiral (5)
15. M.I.T grad (5)
16. Hoard (5)
17. China (5)
18. Tater Tots (5)
19. Chitin, in Greek (5)
20. Make mad (5)
21. Get your coat (5)
22. Slap down (5)
23. Ballyhoo (5)
24. Friendly (5)
25. Bunch of legs (5)
26. Sidled up (5)
27. Brand (5)
28. Game, game (5)
29. Geometric shape (5)
30. Work hard (5)
31. Bring upon (5)
32. Knot again (5)
33. Beside (5)
34. Adjacent (5)
35. Affect (5)
36. French priest (5)
37. Theater antechamber (5)
38. Permit to (5)
39. Second president (5)
40. Regal topper (5)
41. Inferior fruit (5)
42. Academy frosh (5)
43. Composure (5)
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46. Theater audience (5)
47. In poor health (5)
48. The crows (5)
49. Something to think about (5)
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51. Regent (5)
52. Uncut (5)
53. Somethin to think about (5)
54. Clase (5)
55. Wildebeests (5)
56. Flowback (5)
57. Palash (5)
58. Ungenerally (5)
59. The crows (5)
60. Something to think about (5)

DOWN
1. Walk down the aisle (10)
2. Walk down the aisle (10)
3. Storytelling uncle (10)
4. Pulsaquite (10)
5. Jig and jive a little (10)
6. J.E.P. (10)
7. DJ, e.g. (10)
8. Follow (10)
9. Purr (10)
10. Maintenance worker (10)
11. Split up (10)
12. Ether after ana (10)
13. Window look (10)
14. Showers (10)
15. All arms and legs (10)
16. Pub game (10)
17. Dow Jones (10)
18. Work hard (10)
19. Bring again (10)
20. Keep on (10)
21. Face (10)
22. The down (10)
23. Home (10)
24. Female (10)
25. Number (10)
26. Permit to (10)
27. Second (10)
28. Crystalsayers (10)
29. The down (10)
30. Something to think about (10)
31. Close (10)
32. Windows (10)
33. Watch over (10)
34. Fresh (10)
35. Affect (10)
36. French priest (10)
37. Theater audience (10)
38. Permit to (10)
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Solutions

Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

AND THE WEST AFRICAN BLUE FOOTED PIGEON ATTRACTS HIS FATE BY...
SHOWING OFF ITS VIBRANT, POLKA-DOTTED FEATHERS
OH, INTERESTING STRATEGY!
I SEE YOU'RE STILL GETTING HARD-TO-ADVICE FROM THE NATURE CHANNEL.

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COMICS

Crossword

by Brian Eliot Holloway

IF YOU SEE THESE SQUIRRELS, DON'T APPROACH THEM AS IF THEY WERE ORDINARY, WELL-ADJUSTED SQUIRRELS.

No Apparent Reason

Jeff MacNelly's Shoe

by Chris Cassatt and Gary Brookins

I SAW A CROW LAST NIGHT ABOUT ONE MIDDLE-AGED RANGER BATTLE WITH CHEST PAINS.
WHAT WAS IT CALLED?

Helen, Sweetheart of the Internet

by Peter Zale

SO HOW'S THE BELL AND LAB GATE FOUNDATION?
DON'T RING UP THE PAST BALL.
WE SUGGEST YOU WERE.
WE SUGGEST YOU WERE.
OH, YEAH.
I JUST UNINTENTIONALLY ASSIGNED IT EVERYONE.
GETTING THERE.

Mixed Media

by Jack Ohman

CURIOS GEORGE SPEARS
IMPECCABLE GEORGE
FURIOUS GEORGE
HILADIOUS GEORGE

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Salukis ready to take on Evansville

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

As the SIU baseball team prepares to take on Evansville this weekend, the overall winning sentiment on the team is that this could be a make-or-break weekend for the Salukis.

The Diamond Dogs are sitting at 7-9 in the Missouri Valley Conference and believe they need to take at least three of four from the Purple Aces if they want to have a good shot at making it to the conference tournament in May.

The Salukis, 19-14 overall, split their first three MVC series and managed only one win against Southwest Missouri State last weekend. SIU could use a couple of wins against Evansville to gain some momentum for the home stretch of the Valley schedule.

"If we're going to be an upper division team, you don't play, you don't lose those three out of four," head coach Dan Callahan said. "We're just starting to win three out of four, you've got to get every somebody.

SIU is currently riding a two-game winning streak after wins over SHU and Southern Illinois State and looks to build on that momentum when it takes on the Purple Aces (12-20, 3-9 MVC). Callahan, however, wants to make sure his squad does not look past Evansville.

Callahan wants his team to show the same sort of enthusiasm and consistency displayed in its last couple of games.

"We've got a bit more consistent lineup than we have been," Callahan said. "If we can play like we did in Game 4 against Southern Illinois State and play like we did Wednesday against SEMO, I like our chances.

Callahan said Evansville is similar to most of the teams in the MVC in that it has a couple of good pitchers and a few strong batters in its lineup, and can certainly hold its own against the Salukis.

"It's one of those if you're going to be an upper division team, you don't split," Callahan said. "If you go with the hammer like that, I expect them to be next weekend, I don't know if I'll ever happen. Talk is cheap.

Men's team gets the week off

The men's track and field team will not be competing in the 44th Annual Mt. SAC Relays as originally scheduled this weekend. The Salukis were given an off week and will take the time to prepare for the Drake Relays next weekend.

TENNIS

Women to wrap up season at Indiana State

The Salukis' tennis team will host their final home series of the season. Play begins today, Friday, and wraps up Saturday, April 13. The Salukis will be looking to finish their season with only three players against Indiana State.

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THE IAW field, located across from the Recreation Center, is not as up to par as the women's softball team, which uses it for games and practice. Without any lighting and with the use ofouthouses behind the field, the girls have to use the Recreation Center to change into their gear for games.

"I don't think the administration has any money, so if SIU can't afford it, it will still be a problem," Guenther said. "It's just a testament to the girls on the teams that they've been able to get the players to work and play on those fields.

In fact, SIU has had just three losses in the last 26 years.

The consistent level of success the Salukis have enjoyed at their sub-par field is probably a testament to the quality of coaches and players SIU has been able to find, despite obvious remaining handicaps.

That history is something Guenther is proud to be a part of, and even though she won't be able to be part of the new era of Saluki softball, closing out the old one is just fine with her.

"I think there's a lot of tradition on this field, and if I can't end up playing on the new field, I think the next best thing we can do is use what we've got on the field that we've been playing on since I don't know when," she said.

Track and Field

Women head to Indiana State

The women's track and field team competes in its outdoor meet this season today and tomorrow at the unseeded 2002 Pacesetter Invitational at host Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Salukis will be competing in several events, beginning today, with the hammer throw and javelin at 5 p.m. Saturday with relay races.

"We've been working harder than ever, and I feel good about our performances," SIU head coach Connie Price-Smith said.

Baseball schedule to participate in the event are Marian University, Bell State University, Eastern Illinois University, Valparaiso University and a group of unattached athletes known as the Indiana hawks.

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Coachless SIU golf prepares for conference tournament

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The SIU women's golf team is taking a rather unorthodox approach in preparing for this weekend's Missouri Valley Conference tournament.

They are practicing less — and doing it without a coach.

Head coach Diane Doughtery will be in Daytona, Fla., until Friday attempting to qualify for the Senior LPGA, leaving team captains Alison Hiller and Kendra Hood to hold down the fort until the tournament begins with Saturday's practice round in Normal.

Hiller and Hood have been leading a light practice this week for the Salukis, much less than one would expect from a team trying to reclaim the conference title that was relinquished to Southeast Missouri State last year.

The captains are allowing individual players to work on what they feel needs improvement, with a little help from the coaches at Hickory Ridge and golf coach Lynn Noyes.

"This week, since the coach has been out of town, we've just gone out and played nine holes," Hood said. "After that, we're on our own.

Players are allowed to practice as little or as much as they want on anything they want, if they choose to practice at all, despite facing the end of the season without a regional berth if they lose the tournament.

According to Hood, practice is centered as a measure of a successful golfer, so lack of practice will not hurt the Saluki cause. It may even help.

"Sure, getting less practice help more. Some people practice too much, become nervous, and play worse," Hood said. "The amount of hours someone practices doesn't determine whether they're a better player than another person. You don't lose your golf swing overnight.

"Because in most play, the team does not feel pressure to overreach itself in practice. The Salukis placed second last week at the Illini Spring Classic and won the Saluki Invitational before that."

Hiller, the team's best player, won the individual title in both tournaments and was named the MVC Women's Golfer of the Week for the third time Wednesday.

SIU's conference was further bolstered by a meat poll picking the Salukis to win the conference.

The poll, released Monday by the conference office, has SIU (44 points) edging Northern Iowa (43 points) and Bradley (35 points).

"It means a lot, knowing that they still have not lost to this season," Hood said. "If you know Coach like I know her, you know she's a competitor and she plays to win." Hood said. "I believe she will qualify."

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Senior Alison Hiller shapers her golf skills at Hickory Ridge Thursday afternoon in preparation for the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, beginning Sunday in Normal, Ill.

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they'll have to suffer the consequences just like they would anywhere else in the country. So what's the problem?

Oh, excuse me, I forgot. Our precious image. Wendler is so gung-ho on this SIU image that it seems like he's trying to change it. So banning alcohol is a perfect quick fix, right?

Is that supposed to show we're serious about our education or that we're a bunch of kids that still need to be told what's past time for us? Oh, it's just a way to make everyone forget about that 19-person rioting like thing as someone in one of my classes suggested?

Wendler, what are you saying about us? Do you believe we can act responsibly? Do you just take us for a bunch of drunken douches? Do you care that little about SIU Athletics? No, not like SIU is even considered a party school anymore.

So if there is some legal age and want to drink and socialize before a game, that's our decision. The last time I checked in the mirror I was a grown man. I'm accountable for my own actions. You shouldn't have to intervene with my personal life. He should have bigger issues to worry about.

Maybe when Wendler builds his Universe in the students he wants, which doesn't appeal to us, all the wealthy, uptight, pooh-pooh-genders who stay away from anything that sounds remotely fun will satisfy his "Time is precious" philosophy like.

Sounds like some real good times are ahead for that group. As for me, it's Friday, and this kid's going to go have a drink.

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Salukis bid farewell to native field

Weekend series against Creighton Bluejays marks final days of IAW Fields

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Daily Egyptian

The days of having to cover the meet to the Recreation Center or braving the port-a-potties lining the right field wall just to use the rest room are about to be finished for the Salukis softball team.

This weekend’s series against Creighton, which starts with noon doubleheader Sunday, will mark the final time a regular season game will ever be played at IAW Fields. Beginning next season, the Salukis will play their home games at their newly acquired new stadium.

The most obvious facts with the Salukis’ current facility is the lack of a dressing room. Players must dress for the games at home or in their cars because there is nowhere for them to change.

Another thing missing is a stadium.

Currently, the outfitted field is lined with portable toilet, the alternative to walking across the street to use the facilities at the Recreation Center.

SIU head coach Kerri Blaylock said she is extremely happy to finally have a new stadium because her players and the fans deserve better facilities.

“My 83-year-old grandma, I think she misses the ‘ Dressing room wall. She walks the long distance to go to the bathroom, and by the time she gets back, the game half over, Blaylock said jokingly.

Dress IAW being the only home the Salukis have known, they are more than ready to say goodbye.

“I’m not really sad about it,” sophomore pitcher Hayley Viefhaus said. “They’ve been telling us we’re getting a new stadium for so long, and now it’s finally our time to get one.”

The first steps in the actual building of the new stadium will take place Sunday as the finale to the annual Spring Game, starting at 1 p.m.

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Those youngsters will be counseled by returners on beyond their years if the Salukis want to improve on last season’s 1-10-1 mark.

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What Kill obviously wants to see more improvements from his team on Sunday, he also wants his players to have fun and just enjoy themselves.

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Michael Brenner contributed to this story.

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Football looks to end practice on high note

Salukis ready for annual Spring Game

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Papa Wendler, we just want to come out and play

Chancellor Wendler, get a grip. Loosen up. Think logically. Speak soberly, but now and then it’s fine to have some common sense. Better yet, pour yourself a strong drink. It sounds like you need one.

Because your latest rash proposal, making the SIU campus smoke-free, is just plain ridiculous. And while I don’t necessarily agree with Wendler’s idea of prohibiting alcohol at SIU facilities for ceremonial purposes, such as the Sweetheart Dance, Greek Row function and the over-21 Neely Hall, what really irritates me is his greedy push to have athletic teams, students, faculty and staff contribut toward a Saluki game without tailgating.

What a sad day that would be. Oh sure, you could still tailgate I guess. I can picture it now. Everyone could sit there and talk about how nice the weather is, the grade they got on that research paper, who’s doing the game, what George Washington’s daughters are up to or who will win the next Celebrity Boxing match.

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But it’s more than that. It’s the atmosphere. It’s the people. It’s the noise. It’s the maroon and white. In short, it’s the fun.

When reflecting on the college experience, I’m not going to look back and talk to any friends about that Math class we had together. But that Homecoming tailgate might be a little more memorable.

Tailgating is a time to come together in a social setting, mingle among friends and fellow students, watch fathers and sons play catch and show support for your team. And yes, there will be some drinking. What kind of university bans alcohol at tailgates? What type of “image” does that create? That just makes us want to lose.

A large part of a school’s image is student behavior. And what kind of image does it exhibit when only 200 people show up at a football game?

Alcohol and sporting events, especially football, go together like the Robin Roberts and a monster crust. So if SIU Saluki wants to catch a few good wins before the game, I think he’s earned that privilege as a paying member of this University or a resident of Southern Illinois.

And if you don’t want to be around the drinking, sit somewhere else. If you don’t want your children to come like some people do at athletic events, explain to them that they can’t see that language. It’s called parenting.

When I was little, I remember going to games and hearing all kinds of crude comments, but I knew I wasn’t supposed to say them.

I haven’t seen anything disturbing at an SIU tailgate before, other than big-bellied men with their shirts off. But I haven’t seen any fights. I can’t recall any children being introduced to anything they haven’t seen before on TV or at home. All I’ve seen is people backing, enjoying themselves and Superfan) rummaging through the trunk he’s earned that privilege as a paying member of this University or a resident of Southern Illinois. Now and then it’s fine to have some common sense. Better yet, pour yourself a strong drink. It sounds like you need one.

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