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CACHE RIVER STATE NATURAL AREA

Endangered

One of the Illinois' most unique natural resources faces closure because of state budget woes

STORY BY MOLLY PARKER & MARK LAMBIRD
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Birds sing their babies a lullaby; a fish breaks the still surface of the water sentencing a dragonfly to its death; a beaver smacks his tail to the surface causing a ripple of water rings to spread across the otherwise still Cache River.

The blue heron struts with dignity along the river's edge, tiptoeing on the water, her neck held high like an ice princess. This is her home. She shares it with the frogs that playfully jump from the riverbank and the schools of crappie, bass, gar and carp that swim just below the surface.

More than 50,000 visitors a year come to hunt, fish and walk nature trails, said Jim Waycullis, site superintendent of the area.



Located within the Cache River State Natural Area is Heron Pond, a shallow wetland dominated by cypress and tupelo trees. Visitors can walk through the ancient pond on a floating boardwalk to get a closer look at the rare and delicate ecosystem.

In 1999 the state broke ground on a site located south of Whitehill on Illinois Route 37 that would house a \$4 million visitor's center. Almost three years later the building is all but finished, but you wouldn't know it by the sign near the entrance that restricts vehicles from entering, the empty flagpole and the center's locked doors.

The 7,500 square foot building, named the Henry N. Barkhausen Wetland Center, is targeted to open this summer.

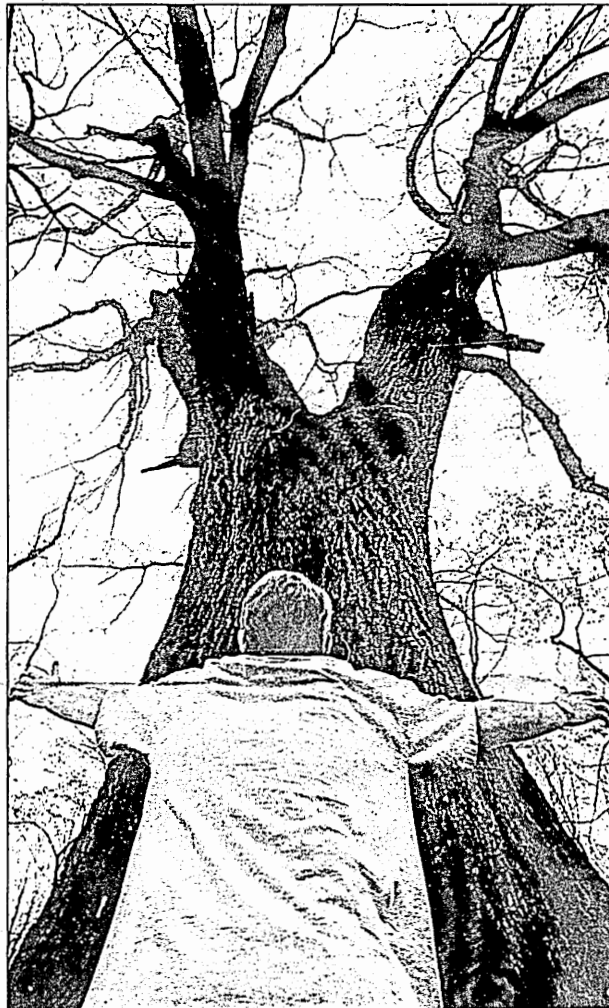
"But with the state budget crunch we may have to delay its opening,"

said Tim Schweizer, a spokesman for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Three employees are charged with upkeep of the state's portion of the Cache River. Two more are needed to run the visitor's center. Gov. George Ryan included those employees in his budget recommendation that he made in February.

But Schweizer said Ryan would likely make a retraction on his recommendation given the \$1 billion hole in the state budget. Even the positions of the current three employees are not secure.

The Cache River appeared on a list of 24 state parks and



The Cache River Natural Area is home to eleven state champion trees, including this Cherrybark Oak that stands 100 feet tall with a trunk circumference of 22 feet 6.5 inches at its base. Located within the Lower Cache is a state champion Bald Cypress that is 34 feet 3 inches at its breast height.

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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 proposal 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 located in a dry county, 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 exhibit 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 SIUC, but Dietz said he has not heard any complaints about unruly behavior at the events.

About five years ago, disaster 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 lots. 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, but 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."

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.

Kansas 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 serum 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 Candice Troke, 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. Troke said it's hard to know to what extent students are

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Cardinal Law must face deposition in abuse case

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - Boston's highest-ranking Roman Catholic leader has been ordered by a judge to submit to questions about his handling of a priest accused of molestation. Judge Lella Kern said Wednesday that Cardinal Bernard Law can be questioned by lawyers for a man who claims Law and the Archdiocese of Boston failed to protect him from being sexually abused by the Rev. Paul Shanley. The deposition was scheduled for June 5.



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Interest rates unlikely to rise in near future

WASHINGTON - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan sent strong signals Wednesday he is in no hurry to raise rates, because inflation is under control and there's still a risk the economic rebound could turn into "a real slip back." Greenspan told Congress' Joint Economic Committee that odds favor a healthy expansion, but that it won't become clear for another two to four months whether the recovery is a solid one.

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U.S. fire kills four Canadians

WASHINGTON - Pentagon officials were trying to determine why a U.S. F-16 pilot was unaware of a training exercise 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 superiors that he was responding to what he believed was enemy fire.

That would all but rule out a rate hike at the Fed's next meeting May 7, and it reduces the odds of an increase at the June 25-26 meeting and possibly even the Aug. 13 meeting. The Fed chairman acknowledged that the Fed's target interest rate, which is at a 40-year low of 1.75 percent, can't stay that low indefinitely without risking inflation. But he said the Fed "should have ample opportunity" to raise rates to ward off an inflationary outbreak "once sustained, solid economic expansion is in view."

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Bush defends Israel's action

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Afghans look to former king to unite nation

KABUL, Afghanistan - Former King Mohammad Zahir Shah, who returned home Thursday after 29 years in exile, will now try to help unite his war-torn country. The return of the frail, 87-year-old former monarch will "add a sense of integrity and national unity" to a country that has witnessed more than 20 years of war, Afghanistan's interim foreign minister, Abdullah Abdullah, said Thursday. Zahir Shah's arrival attracted little public attention. Still, those among the small crowds that welcomed the king were many who pressed hope he will help bring peace and stability to a nation by serving as a symbol Afghans can rally around.



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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. Two were reported dead in initial reports from the scene. Authorities said the pilot of a small Piper plane called in a problem with the landing gear to the Milan's Linate airport at 5:54 p.m., the smaller airport that has a landing strip for private planes. Authorities said the plane was within landing area of the airport when the pilot called in the problem. Then it veered away and hit the skyscraper. "We believe it isn't a terrorist attack," said police Sgt. Vincenzo Curto, at the Carabinieri headquarters in Milan. 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. The plane had taken off from Locarno, Switzerland, 50 miles northwest of Milan, and was heading to Milan's Linate airport, officials said. The Italian news agency ANSA said two were reported dead and that an unspecified number of people were rescued from elevators blocked in the building.

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- A window was broken out of a home at 2:13 a.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of Lincoln Street. The loss estimate is \$500. Police have no suspects.

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- Blue spray paint was painted on the pavement at 2:18 a.m. Thursday in Lot 105. Police have no suspects.

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Items should be delivered to Communications Building Room 247, ext. 533-8244.

No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

corrections

In Wednesday's article, "Saluki Rainbow art show breaks silence," Jason Vaughan was misidentified. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

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The International Student Council votes Wednesday night on a proposal to allow Diana Camargo, a new student attending SIU from Columbia, to run for vice president for Internal Affairs. Members left the Student Center Video Lounge without electing a president.

Election ends with unexpected outcome

International Student Council prepares for another presidential election

Ivan Thomas
Daily Egyptian

International Student Council President Saidou Hangadumbo resigned Thursday after Wednesday night's ISC election went sour and forced the council to reschedule the presidential election.

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

After the two gave their proposals, the votes were counted. The winner needed to receive a majority of the 16 votes cast by the presidents of the organizations within ISC. However, there wasn't a majority, and there wouldn't be one for the rest of the night.

After the first set of votes, Velitchkova earned eight votes, Hangadumbo received three, and the remaining five votes were abstained. Hangadumbo decided that he was

going to withdraw from the race after being outnumbered the first time. He convinced himself that he had lost and was willing to hand the presidency to Velitchkova.

"I come from a culture where dignity and honor is very important," Hangadumbo said. "If I say I am going to do something, I will do it. If there is anything I can do to help ISC, I will do it, even if I am not the president."

Even after Hangadumbo's two-minute statement removing himself from the candidacy, there was a second vote, and still there was no change in the final outcome. This time there were seven votes for Velitchkova, one against her and eight abstained votes.

Once again, neither of the candidates received the majority vote, and after a group discussion, the council decided to have the elections on another day.

To the dismay of many, Hangadumbo decided to end his remaining time as president of the council and resigned Thursday because he believes the organization does not have its priorities straight and is only trying to cater to its own needs.

"I think they are choosing the president not really for the interest of the students, just who they like and who they feel comfortable with," he said. "It is not a good environment to work in.

"Most of them didn't even go back to their members and ask them who they wanted. I tried to schedule meetings where the president can go to their members and see what they wanted, but no one did that."

Carla Coppi, the adviser for the council, said there has never been an election such as this one, and it was an unusual night for her and the other members involved.

"I have been the adviser for seven years and been involved with the council for 17 years, and there has never been a time when we were unable to come to a resolve," Coppi said.

Election commissioner John Li believes the decision to set another date for the presidential elections is the best thing to do, rather than forcing the voters to make decisions they don't want to make.

"I am glad people stood up for what they believed in even though it was an inconvenience," Li said.

The new date for the presidential elections is 6:30 p.m. May 1 in the Student Center Ohio Room.

During Wednesday's election, Munima Haque, a graduate student from Bangladesh, was elected vice president for Financial Affairs, and Diana Camargo, a senior in engineering technology from Columbia, was elected vice president for Internal

Affairs.

Because there is going to be a new election for president, other international students may apply for the race.

Argus Tong, a senior in foreign language and trade, will manage ISC affairs until June 30. He has a few concerns for the future of the council, such as getting more international and American students involved, but he said the council will make it through. He also wishes future success for the former president of the council.

"For whatever reason he chose to resign, I wish him the best," Tong said. "He started something at ISC, and I will continue what he started and finish it."

Hangadumbo still intends to contribute to the international community and the students here on campus despite not being as influential.

"I will be involved and continue to fight until students have the right to vote," he said.

Reporter Ivan Thomas can be reached at ithomas@dailyegyptian.com

Application deadline for new candidates is April 29 at 4:30 p.m.
All interested can contact International Student Council for further information

NEWS BRIEFS

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Male and female forestry students chop down competition at regional conclave

About 20 SIUC forestry students will compete against eight different Midwest colleges in the Eastern Illinois Forestry Conclave from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Forest Glen Preserve in Westville Saturday.

Every other year for the past 12 years, the Pioneer Homestead Area of the Forest Glen Preserve has conducted the physically and mentally challenging contests that includes speed chopping, match splitting, buck sawing and cross-cut sawing. The afternoon also includes battles involving forestry trivia and identification for over 100 competitors.

For more information on the free Eastern Illinois Forestry Conclave, call 212-622-2142.

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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, on-the-water clean-up of the City Reservoir by canoe and information tables on energy efficiency and natural resources. For more information, call the Interfaith Center at 549-7387.

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

Adam West, biologist and site superintendent for the Trail of Tears State Forest, will speak about his work in land management in honor of Earth Day at 10:30 a.m. during Sunday's service at the Unitarian Fellowship, 301 W. Elm St. in Carbondale.

West will discuss his journey of faith from his study in ministry to his calling into working with the environment. For more information, call Bill Sasso at 529-2439 or Charles Ruffner at 453-7464.

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Smashing:

High winds blew over a tree and caused damage to a house and car on South Forest Street Thursday. The tree fell in two directions and crews estimate that their work will last through Friday "because everything's mangled together," said Keith Ellis of Ellis Tree Service.

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WILLIAM A. RICE

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 Jeannie Killian, a doctoral student in work force education, 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 assess the heritability of variation in binocular rivalry measurements and explore whether such variation shows genetic anticipation like that associated with bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and several other neurological diseases. Bipolar disorder is commonly known as manic-depressive disorder, a severe psychiatric disorder that causes people to experience alternate highs and lows in their moods.

The procedure for the study takes about 45 minutes, including paperwork. Volunteers wear stereoscopic glasses and sit in front of a computer monitor for 30 minutes, focusing on a circle in the middle of the screen that changes from vertical lines to horizontal lines, then combines the two. The volunteers identify what they see by pressing computer mouse buttons.

Although Killian said the process is not interesting, the pair is offering all volunteers a \$10 gift card to Wal-Mart or Barnes & Noble for participating.

"It's like watching paint dry," Killian said. "If you can watch paint dry, then you can participate in this study."

So far, 327 people have participated in the study, and more volunteers

are needed. Killian said adults of all ages, races, genders and abilities are wanted, especially people with a personal or family history of bipolar disorder.

King's hypothesis is that there will be a slower rate of alternation with people who have bipolar disorder. King and Killian are still in the process of gathering results for the study, which will continue until fall 2002.

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 (NARS). 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 1998 by Pettigrew and Miller at the University of Queensland with a smaller sample of 67 people. That 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 disorder.

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

Reporter Keva Gaston can be reached at kgaston@dailyegyptian.com

To volunteer for the study, contact Jeannie Killian, assistant scientist and recruiter, at 452-1350.

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

James Kuhnhehn
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 decried as an assault on the environment.

The largely partisan vote culminated months of debate and a furious last-ditch effort by Republican drilling supporters to entice Democrats with special interest provisions. Conservation groups countered by making the issue a key test vote on the environment. When the legislative maneuvering 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 passing a stripped down version of energy legislation that lacks both key Republican production measures and Democratic conservation proposals.

The House last summer passed its version of an energy bill that included a provision to drill in 2,000 acres of the 19 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 upbraided 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 significantly, the House and Senate bills would provide between \$14 billion and \$33.5 billion in tax

breaks for producers of renewable energy such as pig and cow manure, for investments in clean-coal technology, and for oil and gas producers and oil refiners. It also would provide tax incentives for Americans who build energy efficient homes or use wind or solar power or fuel cells.

The bill written by the Democrat-controlled Senate tilts 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 overshadowed all 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 applauded the administration for moving forward with an energy plan, but it was a mistake to lead with ANWR or to emphasize ANWR," said Sen. Mike DeWine, an Ohio Republican who voted against the drilling provision.

Democrats and environmentalists rejoiced in their ability to overcome Bush's post-Sept. 11 popularity 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 Senate 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 enlisting support from unions, veterans and pro-Israel groups. Stevens tried to break the Democratic ranks by offering a proposal to use billions of dollars

from ANWR oil drilling leases to bail out ailing steel companies, many of them in heavily Democratic 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 Inupiat Eskimos who live in Alaska's isolated North Slope.

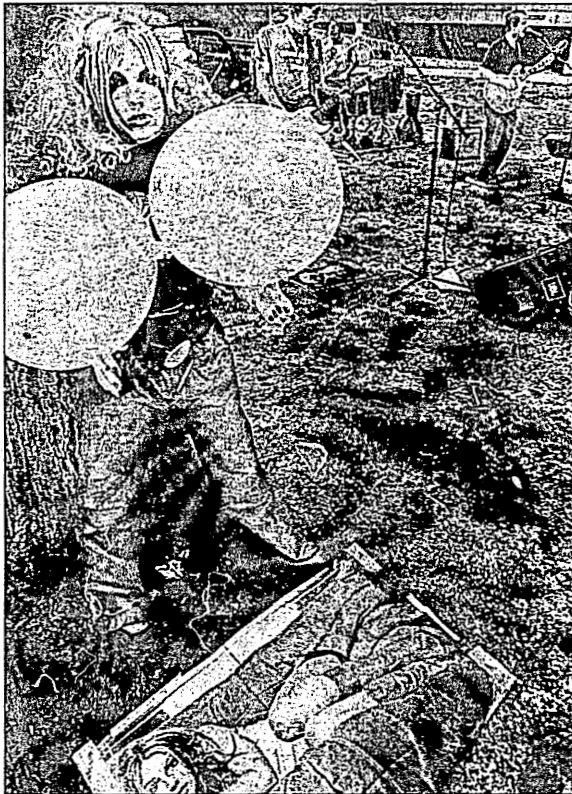
At one point during the debate, Stevens angrily accused Senate opponents of lying about the environmental effects of drilling. "If it was back in the old days, I would challenge them to a duel," he fumed.

He 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 Teamster's union, which has sided with Republicans more often than the rest of the labor movement, was especially active promoting the job-creating potential of new oil leases.

"We'll remember who our friends were and who they weren't, the debate on this is not over," said Jerry Hood, the Teamsters top energy official.



DAILY EGYPTIAN PHOTO - RONDA YEAGER

WIDB student radio station hosts a Britney Spears dart throw to celebrate the station's 32nd anniversary at the Free Forum area outside Faner Hall Thursday. "The Plus," a progressive rock band, also kicked off the event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

'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 show, it's difficult not to conclude that there is a distinct gay men's fashion style as well.

Anyone who has seen popular films such as "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert," "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar" and "The Birdcage" may be quick to assume that perhaps gay men's fashion revolves around bright colored Hawaiian shirts, glitter and sequined clothing.

With the media depicting gay men's fashion as such, this portrayal inevitably translates to a popular stereotype that gay men do carry a distinctive fashion flavor.

But is this concept of gay men's fashion as the advocate of skin-tight clothing and sequins myth or reality?

Herman Chan, a fashion stylist based out of San Francisco who has styled for Sals 5th Avenue and Macy's Passport, vehemently denounces the existence of a distinct gay men's fashion.

"There is no definitive gay men's fashion, and not all gay men have great taste in fashion," Chan said. "It is just too reductionist. Were it true, that would mean I could stroll down a street and correctly identify each gay man because he, let's say, wore a matching slinky tank top and jean cut-off shorts."

It is of no surprise that in present times, style that is expressed by gay or straight men can no longer be defined or justified by one's sexual orientation.

"I don't believe that a man's style has much to do with which orifice he sticks his penis into," Chan said. "Believe it or not, there exists some very stylish straight men, albeit they are num-

bered. Likewise, there are some horrific looking queens out there who need to be quarantined by the fashion police pronto."

Indeed, to state that gay men are fashionable creatures 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 man and woman," said Mike Sam, fashion editor of InStinct, one of the leading publications in the Los Angeles queer community.

Taking a look at fashion trends in the last few decades, the strict demarcations that separate "masculine" and "feminine" styles no longer hold true in the face of a growing androgynous fashion. The fashion world reveals a conflation of gendered styles that was considered impossible in the first half of the 20th century.

Besides, according to Sam, the proliferation of chic is a universal truth.

The gay men of today infuse everything from hip-hop urban styles to European chic to everyday casual wear.

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

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

"At work, I usually dress quite conservatively or preppy. And in school or casual, really it's just khakis. If I am going out clubbing then I might wear whatever depending on the situation. That dictates my wardrobe," Mimnaugh added.

The gay stereotypes of the past once strictly defined by the flamboyant displays of extravagance are long over.

And for those who think that there still exists what is referred to as "gay style," think again for what was once known as gay style has been assimilated into the mass culture under another name — it is now correctly termed as fashion.

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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 undesired 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, those 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 roll.

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 Neely Hall by older students. Champagne in wedding receptions at the Student Center. Wine after the Symphony at Shryock.

These have never made national headlines because of drunken antics. These affairs do not result in car tipping and arrested hooligans. Police rarely, if ever, subdue wild, drunken symphony fans or wedding guests on campus.

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

We appreciate the chancellor's moxie. He is a courageous man who is not afraid to take the heat on controversial stances that he believes will strengthen this University.

That is a good characteristic for a leader to have, but only when coupled with another important element of leadership: understanding who it is you are leading and what they want.

Fans who do not want to take their children to SIUC football games because of obnoxious alcohol-induced students at the events let the chancellor know of their problems. But we believe these people are the minority. It is hard to imagine erasing beer from sporting events and harder still to imagine erasing it from this campus.

If this was the sort of thing 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 at 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

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

give the chancellor a little insight into the pulse of Carbondale. The character of this town and the student body is a little more relaxed than those few voices make it appear.

Wendler also hopes the prohibition will discourage underage 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 introduced to 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 sip 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.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Letter from a Carbondale student

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While pursuing my degree here in Carbondale, I came across a recent statement suggesting that SIUC 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 move wise or silly? The administration says they are "disappointed," but not half as disappointed as we are. Seldom do I pause 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 genuine good will 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 homeowner for which I have the privilege of paying exorbitant Carbondale taxes. My daughter started as an SIUC undergraduate as I started my doctoral program. I struggle to pay for her courses as I continue my own studies. If Mr. Walker needs a place to spend those student and taxpayer dollars, I suggest he start with supporting established programs right here at SIUC.

When you see tuition hikes breaking the backs of average students; when you see administrators not producing a shred of evidence for the need for it; when you see that most faculty are against it and didn't ask for it for pay raises; when you see the postponement of courses needed to finish out degrees; when you see students worrying about assistantship and insurance policies; when you see some of the best and brightest students and professors abandoning ship; when you see students

wondering if they can afford to stay, or even make it through the next day; when you see indiscriminate firings because fair policies are not in place to protect people's livelihoods; when you see that SIUC is top heavy with pay raises for administrators and low on professor and student respect; when you see that morale is low, and that attrition is high; then you will see that you don't need to have an outside firm to help you see what's going on right here under your own nose, Mr. Walker. And, we won't have to pay for another expensive \$300,000 pair of glasses.

I am sorry to see this ugly and unnecessary underbelly: Like Martin Luther King Jr., I cannot sit idly by and remain unconcerned. What affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Those thousands of dollars could pay for graduate assistants who, along with their capable professors, could engage in independent studies (for which all professors should get paid) and Mr. Walker could have his study, save graduate assistantships and boost this institution's image, all at the same time. We need leaders who believe in supporting the talent we already possess. If administrators cannot find creative ways to save our money; then they should not be allowed ridiculous ways to spend our money. There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over, and students and teachers are no longer willing to be plunged into the abyss of despair.

Imagine what would happen if we, in a show of solidarity, decided to boycott a semester in protest over these exorbitant tuition hikes, arrogant administrative pay raises and run-away spending policies? Imagine what would happen if we decided to vote with our checkbooks and refused to send in that extra 20 percent tuition increase? Power is only granted by the consent of the governed. Remember, students are the lifeblood of this University and of this town. We don't have an image problem as much as we have an imagination problem. Let us all hope the cataracts of disservice will dissolve and that the myopia of misguidance will give way to a more humane vision of SIUC's future. The wise know that attractiveness comes from the inside. Word-of-mouth advertising from satisfied students and professors is your best form of advertising, Mr. Walker, and that doesn't cost a dime.

Valerie is a graduate student in education. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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

Clarence Thomas

WORDS OVERHEARD

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

Sean Hanlon
a senior in administration of justice,
on Chancellor Wendler's idea to make SIUC an alcohol-free campus

COLUMNISTS

Our daily bread

Author's note: This column was inspired by the records of an SIUC English graduate student. Thankfully, Jamie, you bring these issues into the classroom and thus reward our students with your cultural insight like so many other incredible women at this University.



The Femme Factor

BY MARLEEN TROUTT
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Grocery store checkout lines are scary places. Above the Tic Tacs and the nick nacks, sits possibly the greatest insult to femininity evident in our culture. The crude compilation of air-brushed beauties beckons the onlooker from the mythical worlds where the wind is always seductively blowing their hair, but not enough to mess it up. Sometimes they are celebrities. These are mags like "People" and "Ladies Home Journal." Most times they are models. These are magazines like "Cosmo." And most of these are aimed at the demographic where you'll find me.

But there are many marketing flaws afoot. That is why when I'm standing there, I dream of "Time" and "News" and "Harpers" and "Newsweek" and "Columbia Journalism Review" and "The Economist" and "The Progressive."

"God," I plead, "If I have to stand here in shopping purgatory for 20 minutes, just give me something worthwhile to feed my natural, feminine curiosity." I would probably enjoy looking at half-naked women under most circumstances. Undeniably, our bodies were shaped by some divine hand that understood contour, depth, stroke and color better than we.

We are magnificent in our feminine aspect. That is why I find the one, glorified body shape so disenchanting. That is why I find airbrushing so insulting. But, these images are not the most insulting elements. The articles accompanying them are a disturbing testament to what entices the modern female consumer.

"How to keep him begging for more"
"10 days to the perfect bod"
"How to trick him into loving you"
Did it ever occur to an editor that I might not be looking to seduce anyone right now? What if I already have the perfect body and sleep with everyone? What then? Do I get some sort of award or incentive? The Nobel Prize for Striking Thighs, perhaps?

Unfortunately for the sales division, I have some heftier goals in mind than mastering the art of oral sex. In the book, "The Body Project: An Intimate History of American Girls," Joan Jacobs Brumberg remarks that many of her students at Cornell University believe they are liberated in comparison to the Victorian woman — bound by corsets, never daring to utter the word vagina. That is, if they even knew the word existed.

But this scholar points out that females in our society now are lacking in liberty in a different fashion. Our "body projects" become our obsession within years of being born. Beauty, of course, has always been prized. But for Victorian women, there were more important things. They were to be more concerned with spiritual growth and the arts. Signs of vanity in

young women were to be quashed immediately and replaced with header thoughts.

Now signs of vanity seem to be all that's left. Can I be one of some bizarre elite that still prizes art, literature, current events and inspiring stories of my fellow humans more than my own body project? Can we really be such anomalies? Perhaps we escaped out of the lab when the culture scientists were wiring our brains to be obsessed with calories and selecting males. If this is true — if I am part of only a select group of Western women who have more on their minds than sculpting their bodies — I seducing co-workers — I think we deserve a separate supermarket, where we don't have to mingle with the lower element.

But I just can't seem to believe it. I have more faith in womankind than that. There must be thousands, even millions, of us shopping around, not giving a hoot about what men find sexy these days.

What about what I find sexy in a man? I can just imagine some rich rag guessing what hunk would make me plop down two bucks for the thrill of keeping the insipid thing.

He would probably look like the male version of Miss Windy Weather. Ken would be buff and tan and his buns would flex obnoxiously under bikini briefs. He would be standing by some overpriced car, and "looking at me like he "wanted to take me for a ride."

And he would make me want to puke. Even if my male ideal stood enticing me from the cover, I probably still wouldn't buy it. Unless, of course, it had a really interesting article about the American prejudice against country folk, or a quirky short story about the birth of Hitler, or a history of alcohol and its social significance.

But I suppose the supermarket checkout lane will always be a place of degradation. With our cold cash, women have told the world that we are content to be idle sex kittens, more concerned with waxing off our body hair than salvaging humanity or contributing to the arts.

And I guess enlightened reading will always have to be looked for, not easily provided, as we shuffle past all the sex and vanity to pay for our daily bread.

The Femme Factor appears every other Friday. Marleen is a senior in journalism. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



The best column ever



The Way I See It

BY MATT BRENNAN
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From outside Kellogg Hall on a swarm and sunny Tuesday afternoon.

That's right. I procrastinated on a column. It's sunny, it's warm and the birds are singing. I refuse to work inside. So, I brought my notebook out to the picnic table behind Kellogg Hall. In order to write a column you need a subject, and some columnists go to some strange measures to do this. So, I have compiled a list of things I will not do to take up space.

I will not rap in this column. I find it challenging to read a column composed of lyrics. It just does not seem like the right medium for that. I'll save that half of my brain for my poetry class. I will not be sending "a shout out to all of my friends." The word "shout out" sends a firm suggestion that whoever uses it really has nothing to say. I'd like to believe I became a columnist because I have something to say. The expression is stupid.

I will not discuss the chancellor's proposed alcohol ban at SIU because let's face it, like it or not the students will drink. All an alcohol ban would do is force students to become a little more creative. I will not discuss the downloading of any pictures over the Internet. Right now I am outside, and the weather is warm. I do not need to rush to my computer to have those types of thoughts.

I will not discuss the shaky start to the Cubs baseball season. I have no doubt things will turn around at some point. Fred McGriff will go to Alex Gonzalez, and find out what the secret of offense is in the switch from the American League to the National League. And pending the

return of Moises Alou, the Cubs "power three" will begin to hit the ball.

I will not make any predictions. I learned this lesson with my Super Bowl column, predicting a Rams blowout that never happened. Several baseball experts have picked the St. Louis Cardinals as national league representatives in the World Series. God, I hope they are wrong. Forecasting a Cubs trip to the World Series would probably land me in a mental institution.

I will not discuss the conflict between Israel and Palestine for the simple reason that both sides are right. Leaders on both sides of this conflict need to be thrown into a concealed room, not so they can negotiate but so that the rest of the world can lose the key. This matter is also an excellent subject for a book, not a column.

There. Discussing the stuff I will not do is easier than I thought. Next time I guess I'll have to figure out just what it is I will do.

The Way I See It appears every other Friday. Matt is a senior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Issues of church, state and homosexuality misconstrued in article

DEAR EDITOR:

As I was reading Tuesday's DAILY EGYPTIAN, I saw a statement in the Gay Rights Bill article that caught my eye. Brian Bledsoe made a comment on how the government stereotypes gays by saying "there is supposed to be separation between religion and state." He is implying that the government is influenced by religion. If I remember correctly, the Constitution offers "separation" of church and state, not "opposition" of church and state.

Many people believe that because it is a biblical law, it shouldn't be enforced in America. But what about murder? Theft? Adultery? Those are all biblical laws. Should they be disregarded as tokens of religion? Also, many people condemn Christians for their biblical teaching against homosexuality? But what about Jews and Muslims? The last time I checked, they opposed it just as much as Christians do. Ultimately, concerns with homosexuality are no more religious than views on

murder. It's about deciding what is needed for a healthy environment.

Randy Keen
sophomore, secondary education

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 backgrounds and age groups, including many children, joined this march. I am not Muslim or Arabic, however, I joined this march to support peace. I do not agree with the recent social bandwagon for supporting war against terrorism. "War against terrorism" is a convenient excuse to attack nations which have different religions, ethnicities, or political systems. It is just another war created by people of power and wealth who want to further advance their economic and political control over other nations. As a result, many innocent people have been killed and considered collateral damage.

heroes, or terrorists.

I disagree with the idea that war or any type of violent action is the necessary justice for crimes committed. Please consider this, with any type of violence, it is almost impossible to predict the outcome. Think about the tragedy of Sept. 11, and the subsequent thousands of deaths of innocent civilians in Afghanistan, Palestine, or Israel resulting from violent retaliations. All of these are equally disturbing. I do not support war. War only creates thousands (if not millions) of innocent deaths, economic disparity and desperation and hatred among people.

Humans create war, therefore, we are the ones who are obligated to end this cycle of mass destruction. I hope the human race will soon end this cycle of violence with either military or terrorist actions. Compassionate understanding of the differences between countries, cultures and religions is the first step for humans peacefully sharing this world, and peace is only possible when individuals start respecting each other regardless of our race, religion, or economic hierarchy.

Yuki Kobiyama
graduate student, plant biology

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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

STORY BY GINNY SKALSKI PHOTOS BY WILLIAM A. RICE



Jean Jones, a retired school teacher from Carterville, steps out of the schoolhouse and laughs as she watches her students for the day playing old-fashioned games during recess.

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 1951. The one-room schoolhouse then served as a community center from 1951 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. 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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Candace Shipley concentrates as she holds tracing paper to the window in order to copy a map of some Southern Illinois counties.



Dana Stewart sticks her tongue out and laughs at Lake Norris as he turns around in class.

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where a handmade map of Southern Illinois counties is taped, and kerosene lanterns align the wall.

"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 couldn't talk during class, they could only exit their seats from the right side and whenever they entered the building, boys and girls had to get into separate lines.

"They're very used to having to keep themselves busy while the teacher teaches," said Patty Bundren, who teaches third and fourth grade in Buncombe. "They're just so used to things being right there and ready to go. Maybe they'll realize how it was then and how it was a lot different."

The students were quite aware of the differences and similarities around them. Third graders Samantha Daum 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 said.

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 play "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 toilets 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 pee outside? We're going to do what with potato sacks?

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



Chase Taylor gives up on and begins to swing 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 to Purdy School as a field trip, not a lesson in prairie life. As Ms. Jones emerged from the schoolhouse in her flowing, purple skirt and long-sleeved checkered shirt, she rang a bell signaling the children to come back inside.

Back in the classroom, the students received a crash course in arithmetic, a subject most of them have never heard of before. Ms. Jones informed them that it's just another word for math, and soon the children were scribbling arithmetic problems on slates.

"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 "120," a collective sigh of disappointment filled the room.

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

Near the end of the arithmetic lesson, one girl turned around in her desk, looking for her homeroom teacher. She picked up the rag that serves as an eraser for her slate and tatted on a boy near the front of the class who was smacking his eraser cloth, 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 McGuffey 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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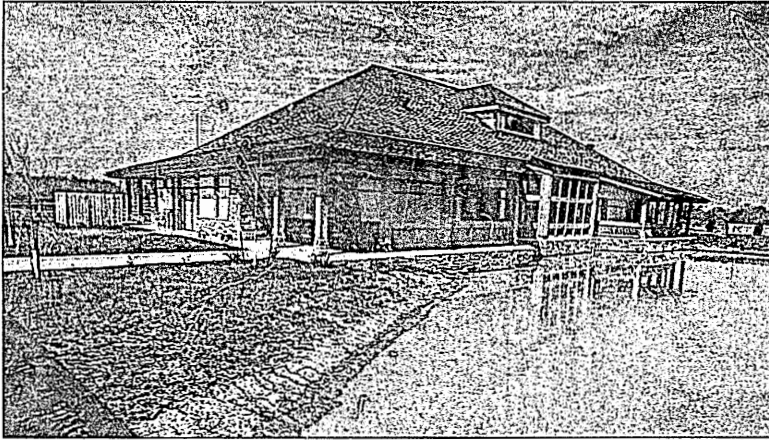
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The \$4 million Henry N. Barkhausen Wetland Center is scheduled to open this summer. But with state budget cuts the 7,500 square foot center, located south of Whitehill on Illinois Route 37, may have to remain vacant for a while longer.



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natural areas the state is considering to close or downsize. 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 cedar shake shingles and stone walls — as much the look of nature that something manmade could be. Schweizer said he did not know when the facility would open, finally allowing swamp visitors to set on the church-like pew inside a glass room overlooking a miniature man-made wetland that reaches underneath the front porch and boardwalk.

Humans are merely visitors in these 3,395 acres of true 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.

You enter a slender ship and it jostles with your shifting weight. The paddle enters the water and pushes against the murky liquid, to one side, then the other, the quiet rhythm becomes part of nature.

Every stroke of the paddle breaks the duckweed-covered water, leaving a tea-colored path between the waves. The yellow sun lingering just above the horizon fades burning orange.

In the twilight stands the Cache River giant — a 73-foot tall state champion bald cypress boasting like a king its 35-foot crown.

Even if the natural area is closed, Schweizer said IDNR is committed to protecting the natural area although he said they did not have a plan for how this would be done. The Cache River is one of only 17 in the United States to be designated as a Ramsar Site, a wetland of international significance.

The state first purchased land for the site in 1969 and has expanded its ownership to 14,078

acres of wetland in the past three decades. The federal government and the Nature Conservancy also own portions of the wetland.

Before settlers moved to Southern Illinois, Wayculls said the wetlands covered more than a quarter of a million acres. Only 5 percent of the wetland remains after a drainage ditch was cut in 1915 to nurture the land for farming and logging. The ditch caused more than 30,000 acres of drainage and separated the Cache River into upper and lower segments.

There are more than 21 miles of designated foot trails within the Cache River State Natural Area. A floating boardwalk, Todd Fink-Heron Pond Trail, extends to the middle of Heron Pond's cypress swamp where cypress and tupelo trees, some more than 1,000 years old, stand straight like army generals above the water.

The river, which runs for 110 miles, was featured in National Geographic in October 1992.

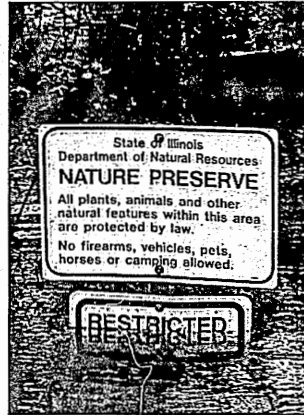
The Cache River is looking to expand its acreage and fill in the holes of its ownership. Schweizer said they only purchase from "willing sellers." That plan will also likely be put on hold given the state's dismal financial situation.

The area attracts people from nearby and worlds away and is also a popular sight for research by SIUC students and professors.

The area has also long been a source for educational opportunities for schools in Southern Illinois. Jeff Bremer, a teacher at the Vienna elementary school, will take his 8th grade class this spring to where the wild things roam and the big bald cypress trees grow.

One such cypress tree has braved more than 1,000 years in the Cache River, surviving farmers and lumberjacks, settlers, tourists and eighth graders. It's made its quiet home among the blue heron, bald eagles, deep base-croaking frogs and more than 100 endangered plant and animal species. You might say this tree has had a good 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



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.

a step back in time to an area that has been relatively undisturbed for more than 1,000 years. Whatever the state decides to do with the Cache River, this bald cypress will wear its crown among equals.

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drinking on the sly, but the area is strictly patrolled.

The university has had to deal with some alcohol-related altercations and still has to focus on 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 since 1991, but the final clampdown came after a raucous homecoming tailgating party in 2000, said Fran 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 an alcohol-free event 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 students and alumni boycotted the event by spreading their tailgating all over campus.

Ostray was amplified 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 alcohol-free policy said it would place more stress on the bars. However, Cohen said the university has monitored the situation closely and there has been no increase.

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

As of now, no proposal at SIU has been made. Wendler said he would like to see campus dialogue and feedback to judge if going dry is the right thing for SIUC.

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, and it is foolish not to include them."

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U.S. pilot kills four Canadian troops, wounds eight with errant bomb

Drew Brown
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — 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-fire exercise 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 al-Qaida base known as Turnak Farms, just south of the American-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 exercise on the ground below, radioed in that they were taking fire and released the bomb, officials said. It remains unclear if the pilot received permission to bomb, one official said. Normally, a pilot must receive clearance, but would not need permission if he felt in 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 January. The battalion had been used during the second half of Operation Anaconda to flush Taliban and al Qaida guerrillas out of the Shah-e-Kot mountains, said Maj. Bryan Hillyerty, 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 would form its own board of inquiry, but that both sides had agreed to

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Gen. Raymond Henault
chief, Canadian Defense Staff

conduct a joint investigation.

Gen. Raymond Henault, chief of the Canadian Defense Staff, said the area was frequently used for live-fire exercises by all coalition forces, and that the Canadian exercise had taken place with proper coordination with the American chain of command at Kandahar airfield. Both officials said the investigation would review all aspects of the incident, including communication between ground and air forces.

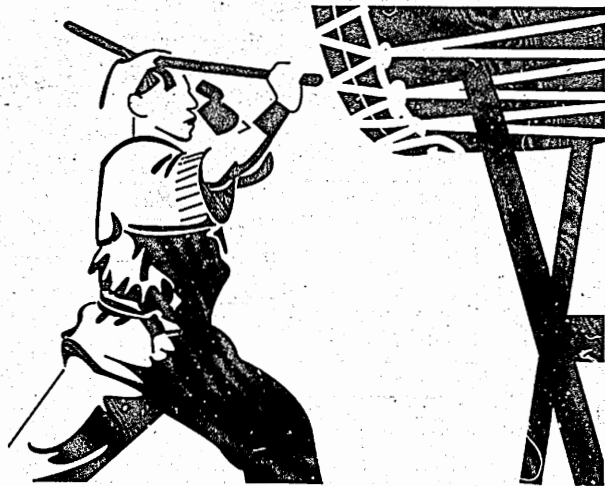
"Whether or not the pilot had the authorization to drop or not is something that will come out in the fullness of the investigation," Henault said. "But I do remind you that any pilot, any individual who's operating in that theater of operations, whether land force member or air crew member, has the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

A second Pentagon official, also 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 and 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.

The deaths Thursday were the first Canadian casualties in the war and the country's first combat deaths since the 1950-1953 Korean War.



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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.

Schwarzenegger and The Rock

Chris Hewitt
Knight Ridder Newspapers

As if five bombs in a row isn't bad enough, now Arnold Schwarzenegger has to contend with a younger, better muscleman.

I'm not suggesting that I'm dying to see The Rock's Hamlet anytime soon, but in his first starring role, he is already a more resourceful performer than Schwarzenegger has ever been. Unlike Schwarzenegger (who made his major movie breakthrough in "Conan, the Barbarian," which is similar to "The Scorpion King"), The Rock is capable of finding the music in dialogue, of expressing a range of emotion and of using his charisma to flesh out an underwritten role.

Most wrestler/actors have tried to find their movie niche in adventure films, and this grappler hasn't fallen far from the tree. "Scorpion" is all action, more like an obstacle course than a movie as The Rock, in the title role, defeats a variety of enemies while defending his scantily clothed, heavily masked people from a despot.

It's a bicepular performance (there may be more close-ups of The Rock's leglike arms than his face), and it's fun because The Rock clearly has a sense of humor. The energetic "Scorpion" isn't a great movie - there's no sense of style and little suspense - but it does suggest that a certain ex-wrestler might want to consider that political career he has hinted at after all.

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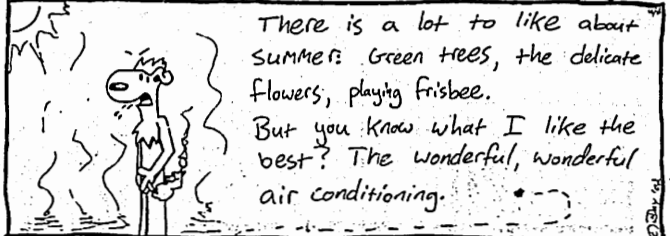
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Daily Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (April 19). The answer is "yes." The question? It's probably in your head right now. If it has to do with home, family, a woman or real estate, you're on the right track. Hold that thought, and follow through on it. Letter write it down.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 5 - Need to spend the whole day home in bed? Well, OK, but no running around doing housework or errands. You can take a book or two with you, but that's all.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - You've adapted to the pressure you've been under. You may be thinking, "what pressure?" You're stronger now, so get ready to launch a new project next week.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Your planning will pay off. You can stretch your resources to get all the most important stuff. It's not easy, but you can do it. Ask Taurus - your Cancer for advice.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - The situation is still delicate. You can't rely on luck alone. The ball is in your court. No more talking about it. Win the game.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Are you still pondering? A person who sometimes orders you around can give you some good advice now. Invite comments.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - You may not get quite as much as you'd like for your recent endeavors, but otherwise life looks great. Money isn't everything.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 7 - You're witty and quick. You may be tempted to show how wise you are by making jokes at another's expense. You and your friends might find it funny, but an older, influential person won't.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're naturally pragmatic, but don't let the past inhibit the future. Love finds a way.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - You're lucky, but it's also good to be practical. That's why you should make sure you have enough insurance and savings.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Do you have something special planned for this evening? If not, get on the phone. Someone you care about very much would love to spend time with you. Set it up!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - OK, now you really have to get serious! It's Friday! Are all your assignments done? Have you goofed away the entire week? You're so cute, you'll almost get away with it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Have you set aside some time tonight for yourself and someone else? This doesn't have to be a sweetheart, but it could be. A puppy or a good friend would also work - as long as it's someone you can play with.



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by Herri Arnold and Mike J. Girton

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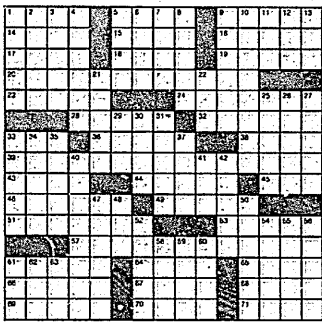
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Answers tomorrow

Jumbles: CLEFT, SOLAD, PEPIN, PORTNY
Answers: PUT A STOP TO IT!

Crossword

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- Star
 - Blocks of paper
 - Small little cat
 - Eldest Baldwin
 - Overlook
 - Blood passage
 - City on the Tiber
 - Sluggo Sammy
 - Wall painting
 - Atmospheric crashes
 - Arafat of the PLO
 - Got down to prey
 - Desert blooms
 - Spanish fleet
 - Worm with
 - Singer Apple
 - MIT grad
 - Heatable bedding
 - Terror in Oz
 - Greased
 - Glutton meas.
 - Whole
 - Make road
 - Self-indulgent spree
 - Acts down in the dumps
 - Charlie Watts or Ron Wood
 - Nudge
 - British PM Anthony
 - Author of "The Immortalist"
 - "Don Juan" poet
 - Courting gent
 - Addict
 - Rays
 - Supports for glasses
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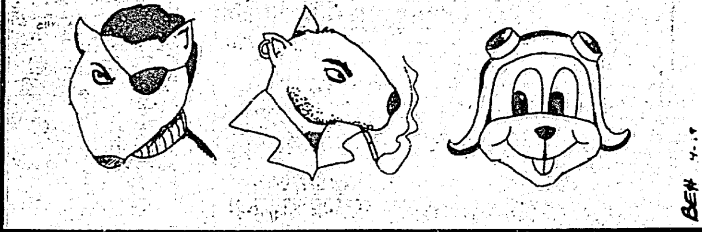
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 - Story-telling uncle
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 - Model's position
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 - LP, e.g.

- Solutions**
- Follow menacingly
 - Park vacationer
 - Maintenance worker
 - Sit up
 - Letter after zeta
 - Friend
 - Window leak
 - Santa, CA
 - AB arms and legs
 - Sit/d
 - Pub game
 - Geom. shape
 - Work hard
 - Bring upon oneself!
 - Knot again
 - Beside
 - Ahead
 - French priest
 - Theater antechamber
 - Permit to
 - Second president
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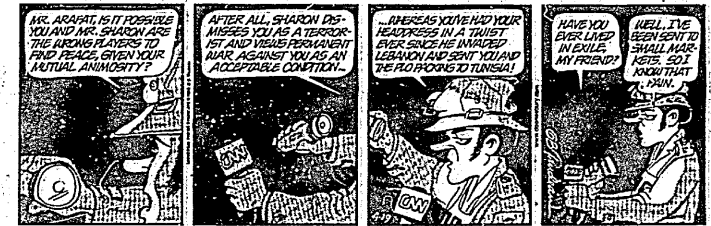
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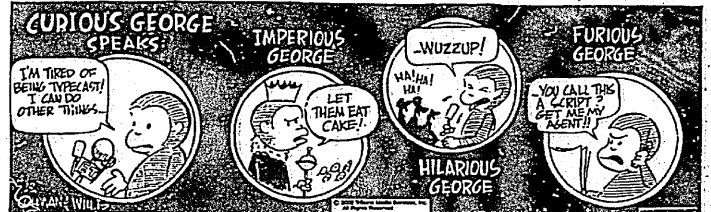
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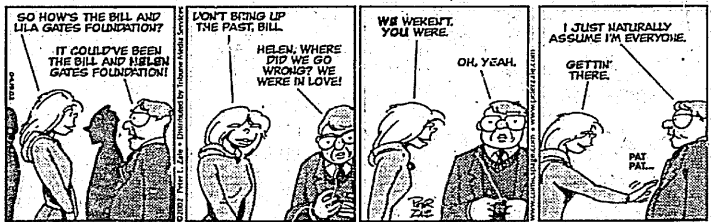
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Salukis ready to take on Evansville

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

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

The Diamond Dawgs 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 homestretch of the Valley schedule.

"If we're going to be an upper division team, you don't split, you don't lose three out of four," head coach Dan Callahan said. "You've got to start winning three out of four, you've got to sweep somebody."

SIU is presently riding a two-game winning streak after wins over SMS and Southeast Missouri 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 it displayed in its last couple of games.

"We've got to be a little bit more consistent ballclub than we have been," Callahan said. "If we can play like we did in Game 4 against Southwest 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 hitters in its lineup, and can certainly hold its own against the Salukis.

"It's one of those things that regardless of where they are and we are, we're still going to have to play," Callahan said.

Evansville has two of the Valley's top players in Andy Rohleder and Steve Obenchain. Rohleder is among the league leaders in hitting (.396), home runs (9), runs batted in (36) and runs scored (31). Obenchain leads MVC pitchers in earned run average (1.86), strike-



DAILY EGYPTIAN FILE PHOTO

Junior catcher Toby Barnett drives a pitch during a game against Bradley earlier in the season. The Salukis host Evansville this weekend.

outs (56) and saves (6). Callahan believes this weekend is the perfect time to finally prove to the rest of the league that SIU is a contender.

"I keep thinking one of these days we're going to break out," Callahan said. "I don't know if it's going to be this weekend, I don't know if it's going to be next weekend, I don't know if it'll ever happen. Talk is cheap."

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The baseball team will host Evansville this weekend in a four-game series at Abe Martin Field. Friday's game starts at 3 p.m., Saturday's doubleheader begins at noon and Sunday's finale starts at 1 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

TRACK AND FIELD

week in Des Moines, Iowa.

Women head to Indiana State

The women's track and field team will be competing in its third outdoor meet this season today and tomorrow at the unscored 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 concluding at 5 p.m. Saturday with relay races.

"The girls have been working harder than ever, and I feel good about their performances," SIU head coach Connie Price-Smith said.

Other schools scheduled to participate in the event are Marquette University, Ball State University, Eastern Illinois University, Valparaiso University and a group of unattached athletes known as the Indiana Invaders.

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

TENNIS

Women to wrap up season at Indiana State

The SIU women's tennis team will drive to Terre Haute, Ind., today to finish its season with only three players against Indiana State.

The match will be a loss, even if SIU wins all three matches. The team is playing one last match at senior Enka Ochoa's request.

The team will forfeit Saturday and Sunday's matches at Bradley and Illinois State, as well as the Missouri Valley Conference tournament.

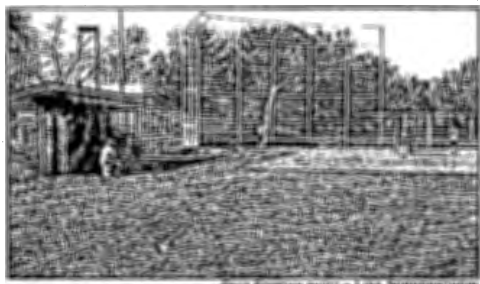
The Salukis will finish the season 1-8 in the MVC, and 1-19 overall.

Men to host three matches

The SIU men's tennis team (3-9, 1-5 MVC) will host its last three Missouri Valley Conference opponents before participating in the conference tournament next weekend.

The Salukis will host powerhouse Indiana State at 6 tonight, followed by Illinois State and Bradley at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday.

SIU is tied for eighth in the MVC.



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 public facilities but the two outhouses behind the field, the girls have to use the Recreation Center to change into their gear for games.

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breaking of the new field. The new field will be built where the practice field currently sits, closer to Brush Towers.

The new softball field comes as a result of a Title IX complaint filed against SIU in September 2000, which alleged discrimination against female student-athletes in regard to athletic facilities. The complaint compared Abe Martin Field, the home of the baseball team, which has a clubhouse, dressing rooms and a bathroom, to IAW which has none of the above.

Even though Guenther won't be able to play on the new field, she said it will still be exciting to witness the beginning of a new era of SIU softball.

"I wish they had the stadium a couple of years ago because it would've been nice to play on a state-of-the-art field, but groundbreaking is just turning over a new leaf and going from the same way we've been doing things to bigger and better things," Guenther said. "It'll be exciting once it's built and everything, and I just wish I could be here to experience it."

Just because a new era will be starting doesn't mean the old one won't be memorable. Despite the poor facilities, the Salukis have been able to thrive at IAW throughout the years.

Since the University began competing in softball in 1968, the pro-

gram has a mark of 734-482-3.

Of those wins, 633 came under the supervision of former coach Kay Brechtelsbauer, who was in charge until three years ago, when Blaylock took over. In her three seasons, Blaylock has already added 101 wins for her own to the Saluki legacy.

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

The level of consistent 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 reel in, despite obvious recruiting 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 is to close it out on the field that we've been playing on since I don't know when," she said.

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The Saluki women welcome Creighton to IAW Fields for their final home series of the season. Play begins with a doubleheader Saturday at noon and concludes with a single game on Sunday, also at noon.

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Coachless SIU golf prepares for conference tournament

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

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 Daugherty 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 lighter than one would expect from a team trying to reclaim the conference title it relinquished to Southwest Missouri State last year.

The captains are allowing individual players to work on what they feel needs improvement, with a little help from the course pro at Hickory Ridge and men's golf coach Leroy Newton.

"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 their season without a regional berth if they lose the tournament.

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

"Sometimes getting less practice helps more. Some people practice too much, burn themselves out 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 of its recent play, the team does not feel pressure to overexert 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 confidence was further elevated by a recent poll picking the Salukis to win the conference.

The poll, released Monday by the conference office, has SIU (44 points) edging Northern Iowa (42 points), and chief rival Bradley placing third (35 points).

"It means a lot, knowing that many people favor us, but I know there's a lot of other good teams in our conference," junior Jennifer Shurt said.

One of those teams is Northern Iowa, who SIU has not played. The team was a bit shocked that the Panthers earned more votes than Bradley, who they have not lost to this season.

Though they have not played Northern Iowa, the Salukis are not worried about them, or any other team. Hiller said mentality is crucial to a conference victory.

"It's do or die, this is it," Hiller said, stressing the importance of what could be the last match of her collegiate career. "This is what will get us to the next level, so if we're not confident, we might as well not go."

If Hiller is worried about team expectations, her co-captain is not. Hood stopped just short of guaranteeing the Salukis will win.

"We're very confident," Hood said. "We know that if we play our best, and all the other teams play their best, we definitely have the best chance of winning."

Hood said the same about her coach, who she expects will come home carrying a Senior LPGA card.

"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 sharpens her golf skills at Hickory Ridge Golf Course 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 about SIU's image that it seems he'll try anything 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 when it's past our bedtime? (Or is it just a ploy to make everyone forget about that 18-percent tuition hike thing as someone in one of my classes suggested?)

Wendler, what are you saying about us? Do you not believe we can act responsibly? Do you just take us for a bunch of drunken delinquents? Do you care that little about SIU Athletics? It's not like SIU is even considered a party school anymore.

So if we're of 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. Papa Wendler shouldn't have to intervene with my personal life. He should have bigger issues to tackle.

Maybe when Wendler builds his University with the students he wants, which doesn't appear to be us, all the wealthy, upright goody-goodies who shy away from anything that sounds remotely fun will satisfy his "image" of what college should be 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

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

The days of having to cross the street to go the Recreation Center or braving the porta-potties lining the right field wall just to use the rest room are about to be finished for the SIU softball team and its fans.

This weekend's series against Creighton, which starts with a noon doubleheader Saturday, will mark the final time a regular season game will ever be played at IAW Fields. Beginning next season, the Salukis will play in their long-awaited new stadium.

The most obvious fault 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 restrooms. Currently, the outfield wall is lined with portable toilets, the main 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 simple services.

"My 80-year-old grandma, I think she misses like three innings because she walks to the Rec to go to the bathroom, and by the time she gets back, the game's half over," Blaylock said jokingly.

Despite 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 third baseman Haley Viehhaus said. "They've been telling us we're getting [a new stadium] for so long, and now to know that it's finally coming is really exciting. We deserve it I think. We've all been working hard ... 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 a series of events.

Immediately after the end of Sunday's game, which also begins at noon, the Salukis will honor the team's four seniors — Karrie Fortman, Jen Guenther, Elissa Hopkins and Tahira Saafir.

That will be followed by Blaylock being awarded the game ball from her 100th career victory by SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk.

Once that is done, it will be time for the ground

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Joel Sambursky, a redshirt freshman quarterback, gets instructions from Saluki football head coach Jerry Kill at practice on Wednesday. The team is preparing for its Spring Game, which is at 1 p.m. Saturday at McAndrew Stadium.

Football looks to end practice on high note

Salukis ready for annual Spring Game

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It has been five months since the SIU football team took the field at McAndrew Stadium to play in front of the hometown fans.

This Saturday, the Salukis will return to their home for the annual Spring Game, starting at 1 p.m.

The scrimmage marks the final practice of the spring for the Salukis, and the coaching staff is approaching it as just that.

SIU head coach Jerry Kill said his young team needs every second of practice it can get, and that is how he is going to view Saturday's scrimmage.

"It's another day that gives us an opportunity to get better, and with such a young team, that's what we have to do," Kill said.

"We want to use all 15 practices we're allowed, and that gives us a chance to do some things, but we're still in the teaching stages, and even though we'll scrimmage, we'll be doing a lot of talking and teaching and trying to get better in certain things."

Senior-to-be Tom Koutsos thinks the practices have paid off so far for the young Saluki squad, and he is ready to take the field and show how much the team has changed during the offseason.

"I think we've all improved," Koutsos said. "We've become more of a team this spring, and everyone's gelled together a little bit better than last year, and I think it's a lot tighter knit group than we were last year."

Helping the team become closer is the fact that the players have had more time to adjust to each other.

The Salukis featured several freshmen playing key roles last season and expect to have even

more in the lineup this season.

Those youngsters will be counted on to play beyond their years if the Salukis are to improve on last season's 1-10 mark.

"One thing that Coach Kill said at the beginning of the year, and I don't think a lot of people think this is true, but he said none of you guys are freshmen anymore. Get that out of your minds," senior-to-be Jeff Morton said. "You're not freshmen, you're not sophomores, you're not juniors. All of you are seniors."

Kill isn't afraid of throwing freshmen and sophomores into prominent roles, provided they can handle it and help deliver some wins for the Salukis.

The key thing is listening to what the coaches have to say and putting in the work they tell you to.

"If you keep working and working hard and doing what you're supposed to do, you're

going to get better," Kill said. "I think both sides of the ball have played well at times, and the kids are trying to do what we ask them to do and that's all we can ask right now."

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

"The biggest thing we want to do is to get out of there with no injuries and good execution on both sides of the ball and finish up with a smile on our face and get some confidence going into the fall," he said.

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The SIU football team will have its annual Spring Game at 1 p.m. Saturday at McAndrew Stadium.

Papa Wendler, we just want to come out and play

Chancellor Wendler, get a grip. Loosen up. Think logically. Speak shrewdly. Please, show that you 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 alcohol-free, is just asinine.

While I don't necessarily agree with Wendler's idea of prohibiting alcohol at SIU facilities for recreational purposes, such as the Student Center, Greek Row functions and the over-21 Neely Hall,

what really irritates me is his apathy toward our athletic teams, students, faculty and the community.

A football 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 driving the gang to church on Sunday, what George W's daughters are up to or who will win the next Celebrity Boxing match.

School, politics, religion, gossip. Yuck. The special thing about tailgating is getting away from all that crap that stresses us out during the week. It's a well-needed refuge from everyday life that we don't get too often.

But it's even 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



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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 look worse.

A large part of a school's image is athletics. 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 Rolan Roberts and a monster dunk. So if Joe Saluki wants to crack a few cold ones before the game, I think he's earned that privilege as a paying member of this University or as 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 curse like some people do at athletic events, explain to them that they can't use 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 kicking back, enjoying themselves and Superfan, rummaging through the crowd at 100 miles a minute.

And if somebody does act up to the point that they're causing a disturbance,

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