Democrats and Republicans rally around their candidates

SIUC lecturer Barb Brown and State Rep. Mike Bost attend national conventions

Jason Ziker  
Daily Egyptian reporter

Southern Illinois natives have a say in who will be the next president of the United States, and some will choose the candidates in the coming weeks.

In the next three years, Southern Illinois students will make the journey to Los Angeles and Philadelphia for the Democratic and Republican national conventions, respectively.

Next week, July 31 to Aug. 4, the Republican ticket in Philadelphia will write their party platform and nominate a president and vice president. Two weeks later, during Aug. 14 to 17, Las Vegas will be host to the Democrats as they decide their presidential and vice presidential candidates, as well as create a party platform.

A platform for the Democratic national convention during the last 20 years is Barb Brown, an SIUC political science lecturer. She has attended every Democratic convention since 1976, except in 1984 when she gave birth to her middle child, Matthew.

Brown said she got involved with politics as an SIUC student when she realized how much the government influenced the everyday lives of the people, and she said getting involved in national party politics is the best way to take part in government.

"I happen to think government affects our lives each and every day," Brown said. "There's no way to influence policy at the national level as being a part of the presidential selection process.

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- Library Affairs, Java Soup, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.
- Art in the Garden, Ear Renalcon, 12 to 1 p.m., University Museum Sculpture Garden, northwest side of Fairer Hall, William 453-5346.
- Library Affairs, Forms with HTML, 2 to p.m., July 17, Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.

UPCOMING:
- SIUC and IDOT are offering free motorcycle rider classes, August 18-20, Safety Center Building #56, Pre-register at 606-642-9266.
- International Student Council, Fiestastic! A BBQ and ISIC information available, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 28, Open Forum located beside Student Center parking lot, John 526-9177.
- Bible Study by Black Student Ministries, 5:30 p.m., Student Center, Cambria room, Lavel 351-8774.
- Southern Illinois Pagan Alliance, Literary Discussion Group, Meets every Monday, sponsored by University Mall Jim 529-5431.

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Mon, regarding the first Mon. of the month. 7 to 9 p.m. Longbranch Coffeehouse, Murphysboro 529-7117.
- Chi Alpha presents an African American Bible Study, 7 p.m. every Thursday, Student Center Historic Building located on the second floor, Kurala 549-7061.
- Saluki Volunteer Corp needs volunteers to assist with on-air fundraisers for WSIU/WUSI pledge drive, various times, 6/7 to 6/15, communication Building, 453-4161 or 600-745-9740.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps, Volunteers needed to sell tickets for the Science Center, 6 to 8 p.m. August 12, University Mall Jim 529-5431.

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Sun sets on Sunset Concerts

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The concerts are planned from May through August and are free to the public.

“We’re not a Tonight Show band,” James said. “We’re more rock.”

The emergence in swing music and dance has been a boon to the Symphonatics’ success, James said. “Kids like to dance, and kids like to dress up,” he said. “Girls have started wearing dresses again, so that’s cool. And guys are wearing suits, too. But it’s too hot for hats at the concert site. We’re having fun and enjoying it.”

James counts “Savoy-era Sinatra” and Muddy Waters among his band’s influences. The Symphonatics are a five-piece ensemble with a lime sax as their homely punchline, with various cars and families in attendance.

“We have 2,000 to 3,000 people at each show — and the amount of fun people have is evidence of the series’ success,” James said.

Locals know the Sunset Concert series for its fresh sounds and fun atmosphere, said Joe C., president of the “Kids on since its inception.”

“We go out and meet with his ballroom dance students to experience the fun,” James said.

The Symphonatics will try to uphold the Sunset Series’ “great” reputation tonight at 7 in Turley Park.

“Our style is like swing with a bit of up and down, and played like rock ‘n’ roll,” James said.

The Symphonatics started playing together four years ago at Henry’s Coffee Shop in Nashville on Thursday night.

“Not a show you can put a price on it for a social activity; it’s always a great way to enjoy the last Sunset Concert for the summer,” James said.

New president well-loved in Tennessee

Walker speaks on his legacy

Walker’s friends say he will be missed

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Walker is a strong advocate for diversity and inclusion in higher education, and he has been a leader in the development of programs to support underrepresented groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Walker’s leadership at the University of Tennessee has been characterized by his commitment to excellence in research and education, and his dedication to serving the needs of the Tennessee community.

Walker is also a devoted family man, and he is the father of three children. His personal life is as impressive as his professional career, and he is an inspiration to all who know him.”

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FUTURE ENGINEERS: Mallory Bell (left) and Miki Belcher build a sand castle at Crab Orchard Lake’s public beach on Wednesday.

$50,000 grant helps SIUC advance in technology

GTE’s grant brings University an e-commerce program

Andrea Parker
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

An e-commerce program will go into effect, after GTE’s $50,000 grant to the University of Tennessee. The grant is dedicated to the development of an electronic computer technology that will involve the Southern Illinois community as well. The grant, which was considered for a year from a proposal titled, “The GTE - E-Commerce Initiative: Fostering A Community-Based Learning Experience in Southern Illinois,” was officially announced Monday.

“Based on the details that were provided in the proposal, we decided that it would be good to give a grant that would allow them to further their University’s technology through the region,” said Dr. Gary Huber, GTE’s regional manager for customer operations.

Huber also said the grant will benefit the University and the Southern Illinois region on many different levels. Because of the high demand, it is expected that the GTE - E- Commerce program providing the curriculum in GTE’s master of business administration program. It will be offered in conjunction with an international consortium of 15 other business schools representing the “Group of Eight” nations.

Today’s announcement will be the first of it’s kind in the Southern Illinois region, the second program in Illinois and one of the first in the nation. It will include a “Seven Farm E - Laboratory” initiative with GTE, SIUC’s College of Business and Pontes Bridge.

Proctoring the business research park and enabling three e-commerce scholarships — two at the undergraduate level and one at the master’s program — are the results of the grant.

“We don’t stop there,” presenting a lecture/series seminar led by business experts with prior knowledge about the world of e-commerce is another area of the grant founders. The University seeks to integrate both information technology and education components for students, faculty, area businesses and the general public.

The e-commerce project also plans to help local elementary and high schools become more involved with Internet and its influences. "This program will benefit everyone," said Sara Balasram, GTE’s College of Business and Acting administrator, and author of the proposal. "Schools and businesses all will benefit and share a part of the success.”

Harber believes that the program is needed because he stated in “Yes, I am confident that SIUC will advance in technology and take a lead role in e-commerce.”

Huber believes there is no reason why the program would not be successful. He only has a positive view in mind.

“Yes, I am confident that SIUC has put the grant into good use, and it will be a successful project,” he said. “They have put a lot of hard work into it.”

The University’s physical education department, one of the best ways to enjoy yourself and get involved with the University’s physical education department, and St. Louis University are partners in the project.

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The concert series is also part of Carbondale culture now.

“I call this place Disneyland. We get new customers every year. And we have the same rides: Hangout, Finch, the Ferris wheel and Sunsets,” he said. “But it’s always great.”

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What happened to having morals

No, this is not another article about the need for family values; although I do believe in the need for family values. For some peculiar reason I feel the need to begin by saying I am not a judgmental person, however, I do believe in the importance of our morals and beliefs in exchange for misbehavior and lifestyles.

I just attempted to validate my beliefs in an effort not to appear too critical. To be perfectly honest, I am somewhat of a judgmental person. When I hear of people disrespecting others or themselves, my first thought is how can they back the mirror and judgment. I don't think there is anything wrong with saying that I am shocked by someone's behavior, and that I want to live my life when I can respect myself and others will respect me.

Am I suggesting that you need strong morals and convictions before you deserve respect? Yes Practically speaking (a phrase borrowed from one of my law school professors) would you want a child to look at a person as their role model who has no standard to focus their life or who goes through life living for today and disinterested in tomorrow? No, this is an image of irresponsible persons who are not in control of their life nor do they consider about how their decisions affect another person, I find it how we are becoming more interested about behavior of the youth today, yet they are only responding to learned behavior that is displayed by the adults of today. We, as adults, are responsible for the youth in our communities and we should provide positive examples that they will want to adopt.

I am not asking everyone to produce the impossible, just listen to your inner voice. Of course, you are not going to always act in accordance with your inner voice, but the acknowledgment and disappointment that I try to act with the lifestyle that I am trying to live has a tremendous effect on future conduct. It is very important that we all have a different moral and beliefs. There is so much as having the right set of morals as long as you have something to guide your life. Personally, I believe that things are higher being the best guide that you will ever have, and going to church (besides being a moral example) probably don't mean you are living perfectly, but it does make you a little more conscious of your inner voice.

So, what kind of morals should we all have in common? The kind that emphasizes not your own body, I will respect others for the divine, individual that they are, I will be a positive asset to my community, I will not meet life from without trying to get what someone else has, and I will wake up each morning without any regrets.

Having strong morals does not mean you cannot enjoy life it just means that my idea of enjoyment may be different than your idea of enjoyment and that is not only OK, but it should be honored.

Make your life happen, stop 'can't waiting'

At the age of 10, I can recall anxiously looking forward to an upcoming Disney World vacation, and I told my mother that “I can't wait to get to Florida where I could start having fun.” Like considered my comment and eventually realized that I shouldn't say such things, as that sort of behavior would result in my waking up at the age of 67 the morning having “can't waiting” my life away. I contemplated my advice, my little troublesome, Jody-knowing my thinking abilities working overtime, and quickly understood that what she said terrified me to no end. I vowed never to “can't waiting” for anything ever again. In retrospect, it was probably the worst advice my mother ever gave me, providing you disregard the inherent truth behind her “Cows hate playing dodgeball with hard, heavy rocks" speech. Growing up on a farm, you learn to entertain yourself. And run very quickly.

Of course, it's a difficult task, not waiting for life to happen, especially in our Westernized, homogenized civilization. Life seems to be designed as a series of events. A procreation mentality; an invisible joust from point A to Point B then to point C. Trippingly, it's also ingrained from the get-go.


"It seems to know this way. It's nauseating that we're expected to think this way."

A favorite movie of mine is "Dazed and Confused." Along with the film's inherent announced facet ("About these high school girls.") it's also swimming around in authentic cosmic significance. For example, the movie is a group of recently graduated eighth graders bemoaning their hormonally driven frustrations — find light at the end of the tunnel with the (flawed) theory that simply by being in high school this problem would disappear. Of course, a few scenes later we find a high school kid suffering from a similar fate, assuming that college will rescue him from his predicament. An adult viewer provides the joke's underlying punch line, however, with the semi-ironic understanding that this aspect of humanity is never easily taken care of. A relationship and life, in general, is difficult at 13, 18, 29, and 62. You never arrive at some magic point in which you can rest-assured that all is figured out. The individual I see as the film's spiritual protagonist, Matthew McConaughey's character, offers very simple but very profound advice. "Just keep livin', man. "I-V-N-Y".

Though I don't suggest we follow this character's lead entirely, (he's in his mid-20s with 10 professional aspirations to go with his high school girlfriend), he seems to have figured at least something out. Which is...uh...

Himm. Something about seizing the moment or enjoying the now. Every day, live your life in a different way. No, that's not it. As hell, I don't know. Who am I kidding? I don't know a thing about anything. Everybody's running around this University like they know everything. No one knows anything. Never at all. I certainly don't know what the hell is going on, and I'm painfully no one else does either. I'm not that one that never more than five minutes away from utter chaos and complete anarchy at any given time. Give me 60 seconds on the same date and that is not only OK, but it should be honored.
In Cheney, Bush has experienced, loyal vice presidential candidate

BOB KEMPNER

AUSTIN, Texas — Dick Cheney is the consummate co-pilot. Having played Man Friday to every Republican president over the last quarter-century, from Richard Nixon to Ronald Reagan, he knows how to serve those who are serving as their co-pilots.

He is calm and competent, ambitious but affable, an insider used to partnering with power. And, most importantly to the man who will serve next, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Cheney truly is a loyal conservative who will make his boss’ ambitions his own and expertly shift the blame and blamelessness to achieve them.

But the main reason Cheney has been a super choice, he comes in with a wonderful mix and blend of perspectives," said Donald Rumsfeld, who brought Cheney to the Nixon White House in 1969. Cheney, his wife at his side, stood "Bush Tuesday" in Austin and, in an understated style Americans will get to know over the next three months, he made a very strong, very personal argument for Lynne and Mike.

Richard Bruce Cheney, 59, was born in Nebraska and raised in Washington, D.C. He never had a well-laid plan than it was a series of familial twists, often dictated by others who recognized his potential and sought to direct it for mutual advantage.

The man with no military experience was called on to run the Pentagon and the Persian Gulf war. The junior member of Congress was voted the GOP’s No. 2 leadership spot in the House. The man with little experience was brought in to run Halliburton Co. of Dallas, a global oil engineering and construction firm.

So it was no shock to Americans that Cheney, the man who found a way to get a vice president for Bush, would be the one to win the job himself.

Cheney is many ways complements the Texas governor. He brings deep understanding of the workings of the White House, where, at age 34, he served as chief of staff to President Gerald Ford; and the halls of Congress, where he represented Wyoming from 1979 to 1989.

He also plays a key role on issues like national security and energy policy — two areas in which Bush has little or no experience.

Cheney is decidedly conservative. He has a built a reputation as a man who can work with the warring factions in his own party as well as with Democrats.

"He never lets ego get in the way of solving a problem," said Ken Adelman, who once knew Cheney since they worked together on an anti-poverty program in the Nixon White House.

"I consider him a conservative with a human face," Adelman said. "He was never a hard-edged conservative."

While in Congress, Cheney staunchly opposed abortion rights, even in cases of rape and incest, making him unacceptable to conservatives who told Bush they would not support a candidate that included abortion rights supporters.

Cheney also voted against virtually all gun-control measures, including legislation that would have banned armor-piercing bullets, the "killer bullet," and only 20 other lawmakers voted against that bill.

He's a job hunter; he's not a job jumper. That's the kind of person Bush wants, someone who was happy with what he was doing and had done it to perfection.

Donald Trump, mayor of Columbus,

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for Tennessee higher education, voted to hire Walker last June. Now, MTSU President B. Philip Harrison said that vote yielded a good decision for MTSU.

"He was one of our best presidents," Harrison said. "I just felt really comfortable working with him and really knew him." He added, "He's at MTSU now.

That comfort extended to the students. Student Government Association President John Marshall. Said Walker inspired him. "I’ve been with the students, always making time in his schedule for a meeting if he was asked.

"Dr. Walker has always been a team player and someone who has never been an adversary," said Harrison. "He’s a first-rate colleague."

When Walker took office at MTSU, the football team was in Division I-AA and the stadium was far past its prime — a scenario that Walker is extremely familiar with. Now, MTSU’s team is in Division I-A and playing its home games in a newly renovated stadium, which seats 31,000 people.

Professors say the attention paid to athletes has not been at the detriment of the academic needs of the campus. "We are your friends, people that we are happy to call as friends," Funk said.

Former Tennessee State Rep. John Bragg recently joked with Walker telling him that because he used up all his jokes for Tennessee, he is moving to Illinois for new audiences.

Bragg also told the story of Walker’s first appearance at MTSU. Before Walker was hired as president, he walked around campus dressed as a student for three days wanting to get a feel of the campus. He remained anonymous and told inspectors that he was a father checking out the campus for his daughter. After his undercover appearance, Walker accepted the position.

Now that Walker is moving on, Bragg said SIU is getting "one of the greatest."

"It’s going to hurt us to lose him," he said, "but I recognized that as good as he is, somebody would come to take him away."
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Coach Quarless refreshed for next season

Anthony Quarless
Daily Egyptian Reporter

SIU head football coach Anthony Quarless did something he rarely does last week — he took a vacation. Quarless took five days off to visit his mother in his home state of Michigan, the first vacation he has taken since he came to SIU in 1997.

“I went to see my mom so she would know I was doing. She was really happy about it,” Quarless said. “It’s the first vacation that I’ve taken five straight days off...primarily to see my mom and get back to see the people I cherish so much.”

While the trip was much-needed, Quarless has the difficult task of assembling his club for the upcoming season, just a mere month away.

“I would have liked to have four more weeks after I came back, but I feel that we are on the right track,” Quarless said. “At the end of the spring, our goal was to have everyone back healthy and ready to go.”

The season begins Aug. 31 at Murray State University, a team that reached the NCAA tournament last season and will be tough for the Salukis.

The Salukis, who begin the season Aug. 31 at Murray State University, may be this year’s most pleasant surprise in the Gateway Conference. Quarless, entering his fourth season, brings three new defensive players from the University of Florida to help defensive coordinator Steve Zatkos, who finished near the bottom in the nation in points allowed last season.

The Salukis have a positive attitude to get the outcome we want — which is winning,” said senior offensive lineman Jared Jones.

That goal may not be nearly as difficult as it has been in the past with games versus Drake University and Southeast Missouri State University at home and an opener against Murray State University at Murry.

Quarless is focusing his off-season time on doing prep work for the first three games against Murray, Drake, and at the University of Northern Iowa. Last year, the Salukis began the season 3-0 before a serious slump when they lost five consecutive games, three of which came by seven points or less.

“It would be nice to start seeing the school win,” Quarless said. “I’d just like to see Salukis put themselves in that position, but I think it’s going to take some time, and it’s going to take a greater commitment from a lot of resources.”

SIU Sports Hall of Fame to induct ‘67 NIT team, six others

Erik Gross
Daily Egyptian Reporter

The SIU Sports Hall of Fame will induct six teams and one individual into the Hall of Fame this fall.

The six teams are the 1967 basketball team, which won the National Invitation Tournament, the 1966 baseball team, which won the Carnation Tournament, the 1965 football team, which won the Gateway Conference, the 1964 football team, which won the Gateway Conference, and the 1963 football team, which won the Gateway Conference.

The individual to be inducted is former Saluki star Alphonso Tucker, who played basketball at SIU from 1963 to 1966.

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