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SIU president named

Six-month search shrouded in secrecy, yields long-time administrator in higher education

KEITH MCGARR
SPECIAL TO THE EGYPTIAN



KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Newly appointed President James E. Walker was greeted by a crowd at the Recreation Center Wednesday. A press conference was held to announce the new president after the BOT made their final vote for Walker.

The mood inside the auditorium was light-hearted and anticipatory among the nearly 100 people waiting to find out who would be named as the new president.

A standing ovation greeted former SIU President James E. Walker when he emerged from behind a screen after he was introduced by SIU Board of Trustees Chairman A.J. VanHoye.

With a deep voice and a commanding presence, Walker alluded briefly to the challenges, placing highly upon his goals and vision for SIU.

"This is a great opportunity for me," Walker said, "I pledge to the board today that we will all work together as a team as we continue to move SIU into greatness."

Walker, who officially takes office Oct. 3, emphasized the importance of finding a permanent chancellor, raising faculty salaries and creating a family-like atmosphere on the Carbondale campus.

"Despite a promise to be visible on all campuses, Walker pledged he would not micromanage either campus. "I'm not coming to be chancellor of the Carbondale or the Edwardsville campus," Walker said.

Walker, who began his career teaching at the SIU-Edwardsville campus, said he recognized that the Edwardsville and Carbondale campuses have separate functions.

"They are two different campuses with two different roles and identities," Walker said.

Walker said Wednesday evening he was pleased with the turnout he received in Carbondale earlier that afternoon.

A beaming Gwenn Walker accompanied her husband of 32 years on stage and later said she was elated over the board's decision. "The Walker's have two grown daughters who were not in attendance.

The future SIU president further elaborated Wednesday evening about concerns about tensions on the Carbondale campus he addressed earlier that day.

"I think any campus that is going to function has to have a family approach," Walker said. "In any family you don't always agree on everything, but you do what is in the best interest of the family."

Others in attendance included state Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro



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Walker's friends say he will be sorely missed and was well-loved in Tennessee.

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Walker leaves nine years of history behind

DAPHNE RETTER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It seems history will be kind to James E. Walker in Tennessee. Although students, faculty and regents at Middle Tennessee State University sometimes lower their voices a level and express regret in reference to their current president, it is only because in October he will be calling himself a Saluki.

But MTSU community members say they have gotten some mileage out of Walker's nine-year tenure: a library, a sta-

dium, a mass communications building, and a business and aerospace building. Enrollment at MTSU, now at 19,000, increased by nearly 20 percent under Walker's leadership.

The SIU Board of Trustees announced Wednesday that Walker will become SIU's permanent president beginning Oct. 1.

Faculty Senate President Kathy Mathis said his charisma for higher education was contagious. She said the MTSU administration created a climate characterized by a running dialogue. Two Wednesdays every month, Walker met with the Faculty

Senate Liaison Committee to touch base on campus issues.

"He is always willing to listen to our concerns and make changes because of them," she said.

MTSU, like SIU, does not measure up to peer institutions in terms of faculty pay, but Walker instituted equity programs to catch MTSU up to comparable southern institutions.

The programs may be in jeopardy because of constraints of the state budget, but Dennis Oneal, an MTSU associate professor in radio-television, said the uni-

versity community knew Walker was serious about increasing faculty salaries.

"If he had the money, he would have paid it," Oneal said.

But Oneal said Walker's influence has largely been a general atmosphere he helped create.

"He's helped us see ourselves as more of a university, as opposed to a college," he said.

Clifford "Bo" Henry, a 15-year regent

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Democrats and Republicans rally around their candidates

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

JASON COKER
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 month, several Southern Illinois residents 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 Republicans gather in Philadelphia to write their party platform and nominate a president and vice president. Two weeks later, during Aug. 14 to 17, Los Angeles will be host to the Democrats as they decide their presidential and vice presidential candidates, as well as create a

party platform.

A frequent guest of Democratic national conventions 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 influences 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."

As a convention veteran, Brown has seen conventions that were embroiled in turmoil like in 1980 when Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., challenged the incumbent President Jimmy Carter. She has also seen positive conventions where things ran smoothly like in 1992 when Bill Clinton was nomi-

inated.

"I've been to some divisive conventions, as well as when the party is very united," Brown said.

This year, Brown is a delegate for Vice President Al Gore, and she said the Democratic National Convention will be stable, focusing on the accomplishments of the past eight years. She said she is unable to foresee which party shall triumph in November. The close race, she said, will lead to a hard fought campaign, which she said will be good for the public because of the attention the competitiveness will generate. Brown said she is certain that no matter which way the election goes, the Midwest will be the key area that determines the next president.

"It's not clear at all which are the likely winners," Brown said. "But, everyone knows the Midwest will decide the president. Whoever wins in the Midwest will win the presidency."

A newcomer to national conventions is State Rep. Mike

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- Library Affairs, Java Script, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.
- Art in the Garden, Ear Relevant, 12 to 1 p.m. University Museum Sculpture Garden, northwest side of Faner Hall, William 453-5388.
- Library Affairs, Forms with HTML, 2 to 3 p.m. July 27, Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.

UPCOMING

- SIUC and IDOT are offering free motorcycle rider course, August 18-20. Safety Center Building #56, Pre-register at 1-800-642-9589.
- International Student Council, Funtastic Fiesta- a BBQ and ISC information available, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 28, Open Forum located beside Student Center parking lot, John 529-9177.
- Bible Study by Black Student Ministries, 5:30 p.m. July 30, Student Center, Cambria room, Lamel 351-8734.
- Southern Illinois Pagan Alliance, Literary Discussion Group. Meets every

- Mon., regarding the first Mon. of the month. 7 to 9 p.m. Longbranch Coffeehouse. Marcus 529-7197.
- Chi Alpha presents an African American Bible Study, 7 p.m. Every Wed. Student Center's Mississippi Room located on the second floor, Kudzal 549-7088.
- Saluk Volunteer Corp needs volunteers to assist with on-air fundraising for WSIU/WUSI pledge drive. Various times, 8/7 to 8/13. Communication Building, Frances 453-4161 or 800-745-9748.
- Sauluk Volunteer Corps, Volunteers needed to sell tickets for the Science Center, 6 to 8 p.m. August 12, University Mall. Jim 529-5431.

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1978:

- A survey conducted by the Carbondale Federation of University Teachers indicated that the morale of faculty members was low.
- A group of about 40 participants of Carbondale Federation of University Teachers proposed a seven point resolution that demanded a freeze on the salaries of administrators earning more than \$35,000 a year.
- Due to adverse weather conditions that were present, 10 percent of the trees and shrubs on campus died.
- A drug lab, which was capable of producing 24 pounds of amphetamines with a street value of \$500,000, was found in a Carbondale home.
- Camies, a dub near Murphysboro, featured "Amazon River Boys" Friday and Saturday nights with a \$1.00 cover charge.

POLICE BLOTTER

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- An auto burglary was reported to have occurred between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. July 18 in parking lot 1 near Lawson Hall. A purse was stolen from the vehicle. Police have no suspects, and the investigation continues.
- Steven C. Eads, 28, of Evansville, Ind., was involved in a motor vehicle accident at 4:25 Tuesday afternoon in parking lot G by Evergreen Terrace. Eads allegedly failed to yield the right of way to a 28 year old. Eads was cited for driving on a suspended driver's license and operating a vehicle without insurance. No injuries were reported in this accident.
- A Macintosh Performa computer valued at \$1577 was stolen between June 10 and July 10 from Grinnell Hall. Police have no suspects, and the investigation continues.
- A Dell computer valued at \$3443 was stolen from room 4 of Quigley Hall. The theft occurred between 10:00 a.m. July 5 and 6:00 p.m. July 7. Police have no suspects and are continuing to investigate.

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Bost, R-Murphysboro. Bost said he is looking forward to going to Philadelphia.

"Everybody I've talked to says to carry a camera because there's no telling who is going to walk right up beside you," Bost said.

The Republicans have not met in Philadelphia since 1900 when William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt were nominated. Once again, the Republicans hope to nominate the first new president of a new century in the city of brotherly love.

Politics was not Bost's first choice. At different times in his life he was a U.S. Marine, manager of a trucking business and a firefighter who attended the University of Illinois Certified Firefighter II Academy in Urbana-Champaign. He still serves voluntarily with the

Murphysboro Fire Department when possible.

Bost, who has been in various public service roles for many years, entered the political arena about 16 years ago. He has served as a Jackson County commissioner, Murphysboro treasurer and as a township trustee.

"I got involved because I was in a small business and I got upset at local government, so I decided to get involved," Bost said.

The main job of a delegate, Bost said, is to support the nominee by showing a united front. He will go to committee meeting, hear speeches and vote for his candidate, Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Carbondale residents also attending the conventions include Republican Sammie Fark, a Bush delegate and Democrat Diane Meeks, a Gore delegate. Fark and Meeks were unavailable for comment.

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\$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 presented the University with a \$50,000 grant to focus on the commercial aspects of 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 the University's technology throughout the region," said Kim Harber, GTE's regional manager for customer operations.

Harber also said the grant will benefit the University and the Southern Illinois region on many different levels.

Because of the high demand, it will provide an e-commerce concentration curriculum in SIUC'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.

The curriculum will be the first of its kind in the Southern Illinois region, the second program in Illinois and the seventh in the nation. It will include a "Server Farm E-Laboratory" initiative with GTE, SIUC's College of Business and Pontikes Center.

Promoting the business research park and establishing three e-commerce scholarships — two at the undergraduate level and one in the masters program — are also results of the grant.

It doesn't stop there. Presenting a lecture/seminar series led by business experts with prior knowledge about the world of e-commerce is another area the grant fosters.

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 the Internet and its influences.

"This program will benefit everybody," said Siva Balasubramanian, College of Business and Administration graduate school director and author of the proposal. "Schools and businesses all will benefit and share a part of the success."

Balasubramanian believes the program is needed because he stated in the proposal that it is estimated that by the year 2002, business-to-consumer e-commerce will exceed \$80 billion per year and that people need

to be more aware.

This program, considered Phase 1 of the action plan, will be in effect from August through December. And if all goes well during Phase 1, they may receive a \$100,000 grant that will be in effect from January 2001 to December 2001.

During this period, the e-commerce project plans to develop and expand the projects in Phase 1 with more money given in each area.

Harber 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."

Sun sets on Sunset Concerts

Seven-week series ends tonight with swing band Patton James and the Synchronomatics

KELLY DAVENPORT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The party's over.

The sun may never have set on the British empire, but the sun will set on the Sunset Concert Series, as Carbondalians must say farewell tonight to the 22-year-old festival collection until next year.

In the late 1970s, area groups got together to create a program for the masses — something to fill in the hot, empty Southern Illinois nights, said Donald Castle, University program coordinator who has helped organize Sunset Concerts for 13 years.

"We know people count on it for a social activity," Castle said. "And I think the amount of participation — we have 2,000 to 3,000 people at each show — and the amount of fun people have is evidence of the series' success."

Locals know the Sunset Concert series for its fresh sounds and fun atmosphere, said Joe C., president of Sound Core Music, 122 S. Illinois Ave.

"At Sunset, it's not just the same bar band, blah, blah," Joe explained. Joe, who gives his last name only as "C," has been doing sound for the Sunset Series off and on since its inception.

"People come early and leave late — it's always a great festival atmosphere," he said.

The concert series is also part of Carbondale culture now, Joe said.

"I call this place Disneyland. We get new customers every year. And we have the same rides: Hangar, Pinch, the boat regatta and Sunset," he said. "But it's always great."

TONIGHT

• PATTON JAMES & THE SYNCHROMATICS WILL PLAY AT 7 P.M. IN TURLEY PARK. UNDERAGE DRINKING, PETS, GLASS BOTTLES AND KEGS ARE NOT ALLOWED. ADMISSION TO THE CONCERT IS FREE.

Nashville-based swing band Patton James and the Synchronomatics will try to uphold the Sunset Series' "great" reputation tonight at 7 in Turley Park.

"Our style is like lounge music turned up loud and played like rock 'n' roll," James said.

The Synchronomatics started playing together four years ago at Henry's Coffee Shop in Nashville on Sunday afternoons.

"The story has it that everyone's drinking double espressos and so we ended up playing speeded-up swing music," James said.

James evinces "old Vegas-era Sinatra" and Muddy Waters among his band's influences. The Synchronomatics are a five-piece ensemble with a lone sax as their horn section.

"We're not a Tonight Show band," James said. "We're more rock."

The resurgence in swing music and dance has been a boon to the Synchronomatics' 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 old suits, too. But it'll be too hot for felt hats at the concert — we'll be in Hawaiian shirts."

Swing aficionado and SIUC associate professor Pete Carroll plans to meet with his ballroom dance students to enjoy the last Sunset Concert.

Carroll fell in love with swing at age 15. Fifty years later he's still swinging and teaching others, too, as part of the University's physical education department.

"It's one of the best ways to enjoy yourself and get exercise, and it's quite popular among the young people," he said. "I never thought it was out of style, but I'm biased."



RONDA YEAGER — DAILY EGYPTIAN

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

New president well-loved in Tennessee

Walker's friends say he will be missed

ALENA AGUILAR
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

"There is no doubt about it, Southern Illinois' gain is Middle Tennessee State University's loss," said Steve Benefield, a colleague of SIUC's new president, James Walker.

This is the refrain from Murfreesboro, Tenn., community leaders who praise Walker's commitment to the university and community and say he will be dearly missed.

Walker, who was named as the new SIUC president Wednesday and will take office Oct. 1, is currently the president of MTSU. Friends and community leaders said since Walker's arrival in 1991, he has ushered the university onto a path of progress and success, in addition to being a valuable member of the community.

Benefield, president of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce on which Walker served as chairman of the board, said the community-minded Walker has done

unlimited things for MTSU, Murfreesboro and Rutherford County.

Benefield has witnessed Walker's efforts in bringing international companies, such as Nissan of North America and Hewlett-Packard to Rutherford County.

"From a professional standpoint, your University has made an excellent decision in hiring a person who epitomizes the word professional," Benefield said.

Walker's community involvement also includes the Boy Scouts of America, where he has served for two years as president of the Middle Tennessee Council, representing 45,000 scouts.

Murfreesboro attorney Aubrey Harwell said when Walker served as president he spent an enormous amount of one-on-one time with the Boy Scouts.

"He is a delightful, warm and caring human being," Harwell said. "He is a fundamental fiber of our community."

Clayton McWhorter, president of the Middle Tennessee Council, said

Walker's dedication was beyond the call of duty as most presidents only serve one year because the council is so large.


"He was an absolutely wonderful leader of scouts," McWhorter said. "I have a great deal of respect for him. You're getting a first-class person and a first-class family."

Walker is also committed to his wife, Gwenn, and two daughters, Jamell and Jabrina. When asked by the presidential search committee what his greatest accomplishment was, Walker responded his daughters.


Charles Myant, president of First Tennessee Bank in Rutherford County, and his wife Judy are close friends of the Walkers. When their daughter became engaged, the Walkers helped organize a banquet for her in their MTSU President's House. Charles said it was very gracious of them to do so.

"They are both so giving," Judy said. "It just breaks my heart to see them go."

SIUC President
James E. Walker



Education:
1960-1963
Undergraduate -
Alabama State University
1966-1967
Master's
Atlanta University
1969-1972
Doctorate
Penn State University
1974-1975
Post-Doctoral fellowship in higher education
University of Alabama



Employment:
President of Middle Tennessee State University
Provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Northern Colorado
Dean of College of Education at California State University
Chair of the Dept. of Specialized Educational Development at Illinois State University
Assistant Superintendent at Bryce Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Assistant Professor at SIUC-Edwardsville

Honors and Awards:
February 1999
Secretary of the 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee
Received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Middle Tennessee University
March 1999
Presented with the Apollo Award
May 1999
Selected as a finalist for the presidency of the University of Tennessee
January 2000
Elected chairman of the Boy Scouts of America in Middle Tennessee
Present
Chair of the NCAA Division I Athletics Certification Committee

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What happened to having morals

No, this is not another article about the need for family values; although I do think they are extremely important. For some peculiar reason I feel the need to begin by saying I am not a judgmental person; however, I do believe that we have abandoned many of our morals and beliefs in exchange for unwise choices and lifestyles.

I find it troublesome that 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 look in the mirror and love their reflection. 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 where 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

Conscious Thinking

LORI HARRIS



Conscious Thinking usually appears Tuesdays. Lori is a third year law student. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

speaking (a phrase borrowed from one of my law school professors) would you want a child to look to 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 a sign of irresponsible persons who are not in control of their life nor are they concerned about how their decisions may impact another person. I find it ironic how we are constantly complaining about the 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 acquire.

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 did not act in sync with the lifestyle that I am trying to live has a tremendous effect on future conduct. I am perfectly aware that we all have different morals and beliefs. There is no such thing as having the right set of morals as long as you have something to guide your life. Personally, I believe that a higher being is the best guide that you will ever have, and going to church (mosque, synagogue, or temple) certainly does not mean you are living perfectly, but it does make you a lit-

MAILBOX

Newer isn't always better

DEAR EDITOR,
I was saddened to read that you only dedicated a few sentences to Jim Skierski's role in the history of the bookstore. As your writer was clear to point out, the "old" bookstore wasn't the most futuristic in design and maybe it didn't feature the free Internet hook-up that students now will be blessed with I suppose, but it did have what I feel seems to be missing more and more these days — a small hometown feel and great service to the SIUC community.

I don't claim to understand the economics or politics involved in the decision for new management (not do I want to), but I for one will miss Jim and his loyal crew (many from my hometown of Sparta). He supported many student, alumni and recruitment events, even when it wasn't necessarily in his budget. He also supported alumni discounts wholeheartedly. Jim ran the bookstore like a Saluki first. His workers were his family; they followed his example and I must admit, I always looked forward to going to the bookstore where it seemed as though everyone went out of their way to help you.

It's sad, but I guess that's business these days. Loyalty always seems to lose out to profit these days — its the success story of Wal-Mart and exactly the same reason why all the small town businesses in Southern Illinois are failing these days. Crush the little guy for bigger bucks.

Brent Smith (the manager of the new bookstore) at least was accurate in your story when he said referring to the bookstore, "Basically, everything in here will be replaced."

I guess that went for people too. I'm sure it will pay off on paper, don't get me wrong, but what a huge loss for the SIUC community. What a shame.

Jenna Henderson Smith
alumna, 1996

tle more conscious of your inner voice.

So, what kind of morals should we all have in common? The kind that emphasize I will not abuse my body, I will respect others for the divine individual that they are, I will be a positive asset to my community, I will try to gain all I can from life without trying to get what someone else has, and I will wake up each morning without any regrets regarding my actions. Having strong morals does not mean you cannot enjoy life it just means that my idea of enjoyment may be a little different than others 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!" She considered my comment and casually explained that I shouldn't say such things, as that sort of behavior would result in my waking up at the age of 65 one morning having "can't waiting" my life away. I contemplated her advice, my little pubescent, Jedi-honed thinking abilities working overtime, and quickly understood that what she said horrified me to no end. I vowed never to "can't wait" for anything ever again. In retrospect, it was probably the wisest advice my mother ever gave me, providing you disregard the inherent truth behind her "Cows hate playing dogeball 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 progression mentality; an invisible jaunt from point A to point B then to point C. Tragically, it's also ingrained from the get-go.

First word, First tooth, First step. Going to kindergarten, first little

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It's bizarre that we think 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 amusement factor ("Thing about these high school girls ...") it's also swimming around in authentic cosmic significance. For example, the movie's 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-amused 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 arrived at some magic point in your existence where everything is figured out. The individual I see as the film's spiritual protagonist, Matthew McWhatever's character, offers very simple but very profound advice. "Just keep livin', man. L-I-V-I-N-I!"

Though I don't suggest we follow this character's lead entirely, (he's in his mid-20s with no professional aspirations trying to pick up high school girls), he seems to have figured out at least something out. Which is ... uh ...
Hmm. Something about seizing the moment or enjoying the now. Every day, live your life in a different way? No, that's not it.

Ah 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 crap. We're all lost. I certainly don't know what the hell is going on, and I'm fairly confident no one else does either. I'm also pretty sure we're never more than five minutes away from utter chaos and complete anarchy at any given time, give or take 60 seconds.

I've been driving around with only my bright headlights working for months now because no mechanic seems to know how to fix the damn things. It's like a conspiracy to get me killed via road rage or something. I haven't had an authentic relationship with a member of the opposite sex for a year now and to top it all off, two weeks ago some one shoved a corn cob into my toilet, and now I have to replace the ruined carpet. No one should take advice from me. No one should take advice from anybody. We're all a bunch of freakin' idiots.

Well, enough of all that. I'm going to go grab a beer.

(Hey Kids! Thanks for reading today's column! Be sure to turn in next week when Jojo, here, wraps up the summer by griping about various things that bother him in a witty and certainly sarcastic tone. Hopefully, he will be back on his medication.)

PRESIDENT

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and Mayor Neil Dillard. Dillard said he anticipates Walker's official arrival. "We welcome him into the community and we think he is certainly going to like Carbondale, Edwardsville and Southern Illinois," he said.

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement said he was looking forward to the stability the new president would bring. McCurry, who came into contact with Walker when he was an educator in Tennessee, said he had only heard complimentary comments about him.

Michael Murray, director of corporate and foundation relations, also said he was eager for the stability the new president would bring. "It's a good day for the University," Murray said.

Faculty and administrators were not the only ones celebrating Wednesday.

Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Archer said Walker was his favorite candidate when he interviewed the three finalists. Archer was one of 12 members of the Advisory Committee to the Presidential Search.

Archer said he felt Walker was the most student and family-oriented of the candidates.

"As a student, I look forward to having him as a president," Archer said. "Hopefully this will close the gap between the administration and the students."

Board Chairman A.D. VanMeter repeatedly reiterated that Walker's record of stability at past universities will benefit SIU.

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

Walker has served as president of MTSU since 1991.

Although Walker was found to be the most qualified candidate by the SIU board, he came in second place last year when he applied for the position as president at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Walker later joked at a press conference that he thought they made the wrong choice.

Interim President Frank Horton will remain in office through August and late September.

When he becomes president, Walker will receive \$225,000 a year plus \$25,000 for retirement annuities and \$27,500 for a housing allowance. With faculty approval he will receive appointment as a tenured professor.

Walker has earned degrees from the University of Alabama, Pennsylvania State University, Atlanta

University, and Alabama State University. Before he served as President of MTSU, Walker was provost and vice president of Academic Affairs for four years at the University of Northern Colorado. Prior to that, Walker was dean of the School of Education at California State University at Hayward.

In late 1970s, Walker was chairman of the Department of Specialized Educational Development at Illinois State University.

During the fledgling era of his career, Walker started out as an assistant professor at SIUE in 1972.

"Now I've made a full circle," Walker said. "Twenty-eight years later, and I'm back home."

The University, Jan Zijlstra, an assistant professor in mathematics, said Walker continually expanded university programs and enrollment, without overfilling classes.

"It has been very tempting to make bigger class sizes, but he always withstood it," he said. "A class might be canceled, but there would be no more students per class."

Henry said SIU is fortunate to have a president he considers a visionary, a diplomat and a man who knows how to delegate.

"He's a take-charge individual," he said. "You'll think he's three or four people."

FRIENDS

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Charles and Walker often play golf together at Stone River Country Club, where Walker is a member.

"Neither of us play very well, however," Charles said with a laugh.

Walker is a sports fan and has been diligent in supporting MTSU athletic events, Charles added that Walker often received standing ovations from MTSU basketball fans.

"He has a great sense of humor and is extremely down-to-earth," Charles said. "I'm going to miss seeing a good friend ... he's a fine man."

Father Wyatt Funk, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church where the Walkers have regularly attended services, said the parish will miss the Walkers.

"He and his wife are very love-

ly people — 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 inquirers that he was a father checking out the campus for his daughter. After his undercover appearance, Walker accepted the MTSU 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 his away."

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for Tennessee higher education, voted to hire Walker nine years ago. Now, Henry said few could deny that vote yielded a good decision for MTSU.

"He was one of our best presidents," he said. "I just felt really comfortable as a board member, knowing he was at MTSU."

That comfort extended to the students too, according to Student Government Association President John Marshall. He said Walker seemed to enjoy working 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," he said. "He's a friend."

When Walker took office at MTSU, the football team was in Division I-AA and the stadium was far past its prime — a scenario SIUC is currently grappling 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 athletics has not been at the detriment of the academic needs of

In Cheney, Bush has experienced, loyal vice presidential candidate

BOB KEMPER
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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 George Bush, Cheney knows well how to serve those who are serving the country.

He is calm and competent, ambitious but affable, an insider used to playing a supporting role. And, most importantly to the man he will serve next, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Cheney is a fiercely loyal conservative who will make his boss' ambitions his own and expertly shift the levers of power in Washington to achieve them.

"It's just a superb choice. He comes in with a wonderful mix and blend of perspectives," said Donald Rumsfeld, who first brought Cheney to the Nixon White House in 1969. Cheney, his wife at his side, stood with Bush Tuesday in Austin and, in an understated style Americans will get to know over the next three months, said, "This is obviously a very special moment for Lynne and me."

Richard Bruce Cheney, 59, was born in Nebraska and raised in Wyoming, but is very much a creature of Washington, D.C., a town he arrived in right out of school. His life's path has been less a well-laid plan than it was a series of fateful 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

elevated to the GOP's No. 2 leadership spot in the House. The man with little business experience was brought in to run Halliburton Co. of Dallas, a global oil engineering and construction firm.

So it was no shock to associates that Cheney, the man asked to find a vice president for Bush, would in the end win the job himself.

Cheney in many ways complements the Texas governor. He brings a deep understanding of the workings of Washington, both in 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 brings a certain gravitas on issues like national security and foreign policy — two areas in which Bush has little or no experience.

Cheney is decidedly conservative. Yet he has 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 has known 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 acceptable to conservatives who told Bush they would not support a GOP ticket that included an abortion rights supporter.

Cheney also voted against virtually all gun-control measures, includ-

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CLEAN & nice, 2 bdrm, \$400-\$480/mo, quiet area, a/c, w/d, hookup, yr lease, no pets, 529-2535.

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M'BORO, VERY NICE, 2 BDRM, c/a, pet-friendly, 10 min to SIU, 687-1774 or 684-5584.

NEAR CRAB CRCHARD Lake, 2 bdrm, water/trash incl, \$300/mo, no pets, 549-7400.

DESOTO, SUPER NICE, 2 bdrm, patio, garage, a/c, all the amenities, \$500/mo, 549-4959.

BRECKENRIDGE APTS 2 bdrm, unfurn, no pets, display 1 mile S of Arena on 51, call 457-4387 or 457-7870.

COUNTRY DUPLEX, ON 2 acres, 1 bdrm, cathedral ceiling, brick patio, patio in kitchen, super nice, \$375/mo, water/heat incl, 549-3973.

1 BDRM DUPLEX, \$245, furn, gas, water, trash, lawn, ideal for 1, clean, newly remod, near Logan/SIU, no pets, 529-3674/534-4795.

C'DALE DUP, 2 bdrm, a/c, w/d, no pets, \$450/mo, call (812) 442-6002.

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1 BED- 207 W Oak
 2 BED- 324, 324 1/2 W Walnut
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NICE 2 BDRM house on Cedar Creek Rd, 4 mi S of C'dale, near Cedar Lake, pet sitting for cats required as part of rent, mature, responsible, grad or professional only, avail late Aug/early Sep, no dogs, 217-522-2763.

CARBONDALE, 4 MI S Old 51, 2 & 3 bdrm, no pets, \$300-\$350/mo plus deposit, 457-5002.

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3 BDRM, W/D, a/c, quiet, newly remodeled, no pets, call 687-3509 after 6 pm.

C'DALE 4 BDRM, c/a, w/d, d/w, across from Schnuck's, no pets, \$450/mo, avail Aug 15, call 687-3509 after 6.

SMALL 2 BDRM house, newly remodeled, ideal for couple or grad student, call 984-2317 after 3pm.

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Hoop dreams

Former Saluki star Rashad Tucker shoots for the NBA

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SPORTS EDITOR

Rashad Tucker does not want to settle for playing basketball overseas anymore — he wants the National Basketball Association.

After two years of playing basketball in Belgium and Greece, Tucker, a former standout forward on the SIU men's basketball team, said he wants to take his game to a league where all basketball players dream to be — the NBA.

"The NBA is the only thing in my mind all the time," said the 6-foot-7-inch Carbondale native. "I know I belong there, so now I must try to get there."

Tucker's experiences with basketball started his senior year in high school, where his playing days with Saluki standout and ex-NBA player Troy Hudson began. It was in the 1993-94 season at Carbondale Community High School that the talented duo led the Terriers to a 28-4 season. Tucker averaged 18.5 points a game, while Hudson averaged 23.1 points per game.

After graduating high school in 1994, Tucker and Hudson went their separate ways — Hudson chose the University of Missouri, while Tucker attended Lincoln Community College in Lincoln.

After only one season at Lincoln, Tucker transferred to Southeastern Community College in West Burlington, Iowa, and quickly became one of the nation's top junior college standouts. He turned down several offers from major colleges to

come back to his hometown to play basketball for the Salukis and with Hudson, who transferred to SIU after only one year at Missouri.

The Carbondale duo were finally reunited in the 1996-97 season, but the fun lasted only one season. After Tucker's first year as a Saluki, averaging 15.1 points and 8.7 rebounds a game, Hudson, who still had one year left of eligibility, opted to forego his senior year at SIU and entered the 1997 NBA draft.

That left Tucker, along with talented guard Shane Hawkins, as the only two seniors for the Salukis in the 1997-98 season. In Tucker's final season, he led SIU in scoring at 15.8 points a game and guided the Salukis to a 14-16 record under former head coach Rich Herrin.

Tucker recorded the first triple-double in Missouri Valley Conference Tournament history that season in the opening round of the Valley tournament.

Even though Tucker's numbers were solid, he was not satisfied with the two years he spent at SIU.

"I think my last two years were not as good as they should have been," Tucker said. "It was fun, I learned a lot, but it did not go the way it should have."

Current Saluki senior guard and ex-teammate Abel Schrader recalls his playing days with Tucker.

"He dominated the game," Schrader said. "It was a good experience for me as a freshman coming in. He's a good player, and he taught me a lot of things.

I definitely saw him being able to play ball after SIU."

Tucker may have not been ready for the NBA immediately after SIU, but he was perfect for playing basketball overseas. In the 1998-99 season, he played in the Belgium League where he "tore up the league" in scoring by averaging a league-high 22 points a game and earning MVP honors in the All-Star game.

Tucker spent the past year in the Greece League, where he led the league in scoring again, averaging 18 points a game.

"It turned out real good for me — I can't complain," Tucker said about his experience playing overseas. "I did not start playing basketball until my last year in high school, so I felt lucky making \$300,000 a year. The only thing that was different for me is that it was not the NBA."

Tucker thinks his shot at the NBA is close. He was supposed to fly to Detroit Tuesday to practice with the Detroit Pistons, but his right hand split open, leaving him no choice but to cancel the trip. He said his luck and timing has not been that great.

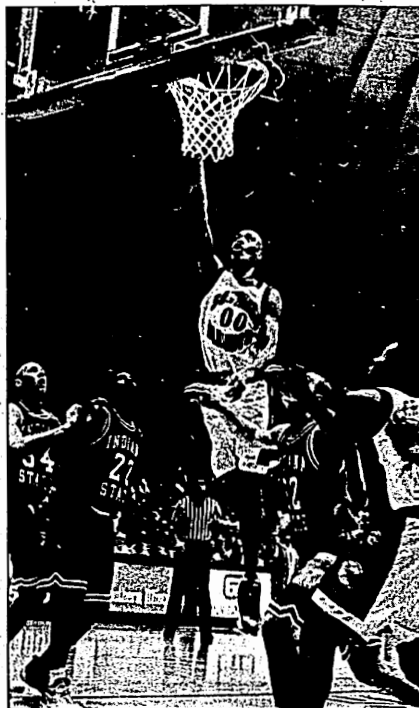
However, he is confident his time will come.

"If you are good, people are going to know about you," Tucker said. "You have all kinds of people watching you. You never know who is watching you play."

In the meantime, the 25-year-old has been spending his summer in Carbondale working out and playing basketball at the Recreation Center with players like ex-teammate and former Saluki forward Derrick Tilmon.

Tilmon, who was Tucker's teammate in the 1997-98 season, said Tucker's success after his days as a Saluki have not affected his attitude on or off the court.

"He's still the same old



DAILY EGYPTIAN FILE PHOTO

Former Saluki guard Rashad Tucker enjoyed a successful two year career at SIU averaging 15.8 points per game in his senior year. Tucker, a Carbondale native spent the last two years playing basketball overseas in Belgium and Greece leading the leagues in scoring both years. He is working towards a career in the NBA.

Tucker, Tilmon said. "Not much has really changed. He's always been a really cool guy."

Off the court, the main reason Tucker stayed in Carbondale was because of his 4-year-old son, Jahran, and because he will always like the town he was born and raised in.

"I would not be in the position I am in if it wasn't for Carbondale," Tucker said. "This is where I started playing basketball."

As far as the upcoming bas-

ketball season, Tucker knows exactly what he wants. However, if the NBA does not work out for him this year, he can always go back to the type of basketball he has been familiar with for the past two years.

However, one place he will not settle for is the Continental Basketball Association — or anything less, for that matter.

"I don't want the CBA," Tucker said. "The NBA or overseas is the only thing I am going to settle for."



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Titans

The Tennessee Titans and Pro Bowl wide receiver Carl Pickens have agreed to terms on a five-year contract.

Wells

David Wells pitched a 5-hit, 11 strikeout complete game as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Cleveland Indians.

Trade

Former Phillie Phanatic Curt Schilling was traded to the Diamondbacks in exchange for four other players.

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Coach Quarless refreshed for next season

Salukis may be best kept secret in the Gateway

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DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIU head football coach Jan 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 mother to see how she was doing," Quarless said. "It's the first time 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 nice, 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 all right," Quarless said. "I feel that I'm anxious to get the season going."

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 a defense that finished near the bottom in the nation in points allowed last season.

But Quarless thinks the program is making gradual improvements from the

past couple of years.

"I think my major concern is commitment," Quarless said. "Because people are going to say, 'Hey, he's been there for four years, is he going to stay there?' and all those kinds of things that we've already heard this past recruiting season."

Quarless said commitment is needed from a variety of different places to provide the resources in putting a quality product on the field.

This year may be SIU's best chance to produce a winning season since 1991 when the Salukis finished 7-4.

"We have to have a positive attitude to get the outcome we want — which is winning," said senior offensive lineman Jarrod Joiner.

That goal may not be nearly as diffi-

cult 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 on the road.

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

"It would be nice to start seeing the school win," Quarless said. "I'd just like to see Southern put themselves in that position, but I think it's going to take more 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

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Headline: SIU Sports Hall of Fame to induct 1967 NIT team, six others.

The SIU Sports Hall of Fame will induct the 1967 men's basketball team, which won the National Invitation Tournament, making it the first time a team has been inducted since its existence.

Six other individuals will also be inducted at the annual banquet before the Saluki home football opener Sept. 9. The six individuals include Marcus Timmons, former

men's basketball player from 1992 to 1996 and Mark Newman, a former baseball player and coach at SIU.

Former SIU men's basketball coach Rich Herrin and Fred Huff, current sports information director for the men's program, will also be inducted.

Wayne Williams and Dick Gregory, both SIU "athletes of the year" in the mid-1950s round out the six inductees.

Timmons, who now plays professional basketball in Australia, scored 1,434 points during his four-year career placing him in the top 10 scorers in Saluki history.

Newman played at SIU from 1973 to 1976 and went on to become an assistant coach at SIU before taking a head coaching position at Old Dominion. Currently, Newman serves as the vice president and director of baseball operations for the New York Yankees.

Williams was a standout player in both football and baseball and went on to a coaching career at the high school and college level. He advanced to the administrative level in the athletic departments at the University of Illinois and SIU.

Herrin was the men's basketball coach

from 1985 to 1998. Herrin led the Salukis to the NCAA tournament three straight seasons in the mid-1990s and advanced to post-season play seven consecutive years. He ended his 13-year career with a record of 225-174, the second most wins of any coach at SIU.

Huff has been the longest full-time staff member in men's athletics at SIU and will enter his 35th year this fall. He also spent 10 years as an assistant athletic director.

Gregory was one of SIU's early track and cross country stars and set a record in the 880-yard run in 1953 and 1954.