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Saluki Kids Academy kicks off second year

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

Crouched on the bank of Campus Lake, Curtis Lee Gibbs, 11, stared intently at his bobber as it wavered slightly from the fish just underneath the surface, taunting him to reel in too soon.

The bobber darted beneath the surface, and as Gibbs jerked the pole, the hook came flying out of the water, but the fish had already made off with his bait.

It was the third time in a row this particular fish had eluded Gibbs, but as a seasoned fisherman, having fished since he was 7, he was not about to give up. After all, with three fish under his belt, he had already pulled in more than any of the other kids in the Saluki Kids Academy that day.

"I've been very impressed with his abilities," said Paul McKnight, a youth development educator from the University of Illinois. "You can really tell he's an experienced fisherman."

McKnight was in his sixth day at the camp, teaching more than 200 children the basics of casting, baiting and the safety of fishing, as well as mending hundreds of broken lines and fishing bobbers and hooks out of nearby logs, trees and the occasional finger.

However, fishing was only one activity during the two-week camp. The children also participated in units of art, architecture, drama, ceramics, music, aviation, biology and geography.

The camp, funded through private and corporate donations, provided activities for children from low-income families in the fourth through sixth grades.

"Our basic goal is to provide academic and cultural enrichment for children from Southern Illinois communities that originally would not get the chance to come here," said Keith Hillkirk, dean of the College of Education.

McKnight said the camp also serves as a vehicle for youth development, encouraging children to make healthy choices and learn life skills such as ethics, responsibility, respect for wildlife and good decision making.

"A lot of kids are from the two poorest counties in the state — Alexander and Pulaski," McKnight said. "They've got a lot of things going against them, and so we try to give them things [to] do they can enjoy. It is especially important in the summer when they are not in school and could make some bad decisions."

The camp, in its second year, was modeled after a program at Ohio University called Kids on Campus in the hopes of providing permanent outreach to kids, families, and communities, according to Hillkirk.

Several universities and state organizations collaborated to sponsor the camp for the children. Half of the children travel to Shawnee Community College during the second week to attend activities on its campus.

"It is important to introduce them to the university and what it has to offer," Hillkirk said. "Hopefully they will feel a connection and stay in school to go to a community college or university."

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources also played an active role in providing activities for the children. In late May, the department released almost 3,000 bluegill, sunfish, and small catfish into a netted-off section of Campus Lake so they would grow big enough for the children to catch during the camp.

It also provided the fishing rods, reels, bait and tackle used during the daily two-hour fishing expeditions.

It was tackle that was greatly appreciated as Gibbs marched back with an empty line and his hook and bobber surrendered to a fallen log.

"[The fish] took it under the log and snapped my line right off," Gibbs explained as he deftly attached a new bobber to his line. "It sure was a big one though. I'll get him this time."

McKnight said the goal is to have children make fishing a lifetime hobby and involve their family.

"It's an outstanding program," he said. "I'm thrilled they started it, and I hope they continue it."

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Paul McKnight of the University of Illinois shows campers from the Saluki Kids Academy how to bait a hook using nightcrawlers and mealworms. The academy, which ended last week, provided children from low-income families with activities to participate in during the summer.

ACSE attempts to battle layoffs

Members combat frustrations, tackle issues through collective efforts

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

The lighting was faint inside the room, but speakers insured Faier Museum Auditorium assured attendees the outlook is bright.

"I'm satisfied that the civil service employees are integral, and absolutely vital to the University," said President of Civil Service Brooks.

Judy Brown, an Office Specialist Systems II, is just one of more than between 70 members of the Association of Civil Service Employees who recently received layoff notices and gathered Tuesday in hopes of retaining their jobs.

"At first I kind of expected [the notice]," said Brown. "But when I actually saw it, I was in utter shock, and I couldn't believe it happened. You can't understand until you're hit with it what you have to go through."

Brown added that she does not

enjoy the process of bumping, but knew it was essential for putting food on the table and supporting her 21-month-year-old child.

SIUC employees who received a layoff notice July 18 met for an hour at the auditorium Tuesday afternoon. Although the meeting was open to any civil service worker who felt the current layoff situation might eventually affect them, it was geared specifically toward those employees who previously received notices.

Two weeks ago, 82 SIUC employees were presented with layoff notices, which essentially gave them four options: accept the notification, resign, retire or bumping for employees with seniority. In the process of bumping, the employee with the greatest amount of seniority is permitted to shift into the position of the person under them, taking their job, but allowing someone who may have otherwise been out of work to maintain a position on campus.

Those who decided not to accept any of the options have gathered for a meeting prior to Tuesday. Shortly before notices were handed out, 140 members of ACSE came together to discuss their options in case they were laid off. This time they were accompa-

nied by Human Resources Director Kathleen Blackwell and Jennifer Watson. Blackwell and Watson answered audience questions, as well as a list of civil service employee's top inquiries compiled by Pomnier.

First and foremost, a question on many ACSE members' minds was how exactly they're elimination was initially decided upon. This, according to human resources, was a decision reached by the individual head of each department.

They went on to inform those in attendance of several important details if and when the layoffs officially take place, such as whether or not they will collect unemployment, their current salary, and what will happen to their status with SIUC if they turn down an alternative job they are offered.

Immediately after being laid off, employees will have the opportunity to bump employees below them, as a result, taking on that worker's salary. The University will do its best to find jobs for these employees through vacancies already on campus and will offer these positions to the worker, giving them three chances to accept

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SIUC looks forward to fall despite cutbacks

Bertie Taylor
Daily Egyptian

With the University struggling through cutbacks, department reorganization and the threat of layoffs throughout the summer, many have wondered about the shape of things to come this fall.

Adequate staffing and University funding are two areas that have suffered in the wake of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's \$22 million in budget cuts.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler has been at the forefront of many of the schools' strategic countermeasures to the budget crisis, including eliminating high-level positions and redistributing duties among the remaining employees.

The looming threat of layoffs became a reality last week and Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration, said that administration is still working to find alternative options for the civil service employees that have been affected. He said he hopes that when everything filters out they will have found

other positions in the system. "We're certainly anxious about the impact of the layoffs," Wendler said. "It's important to note that we have not reduced faculty positions. We're working to keep academic needs in mind as we move forward."

"That's part of the University's mission and we intend to adhere to that."

Poshard said with all things considered, the University is doing well. "Anytime you sustain \$20 million in cuts, it affects the entire campus," Poshard said. "But I believe administration has done everything it could to mitigate those circumstances."

Poshard named several major projects on campus that continue to move forward despite the budget cuts.

"Our Land Use Plan is progressing and we're getting a new major highway," Poshard said. "The renovations in Altageld continue to be on schedule and that is a major campus endeavor."

"When students come back in the fall, buildings like Lawson will have undergone technological upgrades to

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NATIONAL NEWS

Korean War veterans mark 50th anniversary of armistice signing

PHILADELPHIA — No one ever called them the greatest generation.

For a half-century, veterans of the Korean War have lived with the stigma that they were the first American fighting men not to come home winners. Like everybody else, I guess, I just tried to forget it," recalls Bill Hester, 72, of Mechanistown, Pa., who was wounded in a mortar attack.

The three-year-long Korean War, which dragged to a close on July 27, 1953, has long been viewed as a stalemate at best, an American defeat at worst.

It was a grinding, ugly kind of war, in which U.S. forces did some of their most courageous fighting in retreat. When it ended, the foe was still standing and the battle lines were about where they had started, on the 38th Parallel.

But now, more than a decade after the Cold War's end, historical opinion is turning. Scholars see Korea as the place where the United States first sent the message that it would spend blood including 37,000 lives to stop the spread of communism.

That message, later reinforced in Vietnam, might have deterred aggression on a global scale, including Soviet incursion into Western Europe or Chinese assault on Taiwan.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Purported voice of Saddam mourns sons

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (CNN) — The purported voice of Saddam Hussein mourns his two dead sons and hails them as martyrs on an audiotape broadcast Tuesday by the Arabic-language network Al Arabiya.

On the tape, the speaker said to be Saddam thanks God that his sons had the opportunity to die as they did July 22 during a fierce firefight with U.S. troops in the northern city of Mosul. The tape was released one week after Uday, 39, and Qusay, 37, were killed.

"The souls of great people have been elevated as martyrs and returned to its creator. They are like precious birds in the presence of merciful God," the voice says.

"Our brothers Uday, Qusay and Mustafa, the son of Qusay, have all stood a great fight as believers, in Mosul. After a hard fight against the enemy lasting six full hours, the enemy could not get to them after surrounding them with all its equipment until they fired missiles via airplanes."

The speaker, using the third person, went on to say: "If Saddam Hussein had the option to sacrifice other sons, other than Uday and Qusay, Saddam Hussein would have sacrificed them the same honorable way. It is our duty. It's a duty on every believer. Our freedom and patriotism call upon every believer to sacrifice

"It was a victory." That is the succinct judgment of British scholar John Keegan, one of the world's leading military historians. Retired Temple University professor Russell F. Weigley, foremost historian of the American Army, puts it this way: "The communists, after Korea, never again challenged us with an open military aggression."

Baylor coach: Program is clean, calls payment allegations 'unfair'

WACO, Texas — In a strenuous defense of Baylor's basketball program, head coach Dave Bliss on Monday rejected allegations that his players have received illicit payments or other perks speculation that is "unfair but something we will get through."

Bliss described the Baylor basketball program as clean, solid and comprised of upstanding coaches and players. He said he is cooperating with an investigative panel that the school set up last week to examine possible NCAA violations prompted in part by claims made by relatives and friends of slain Baylor player Patrick Denemy.

"There's no doubt we've taken a tough shot during the course of the last four or five weeks," Bliss said, adding later. "Our program is alive and well. I certainly do not feel our program is out of control."

themselves. We must be of those believers who make history and testify to our bravery."

CNN has not independently confirmed that the voice is Saddam's. If it is his voice, the tape could convince skeptical Iraqis who doubted the U.S. reports that Uday and Qusay were killed, even after the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority permitted the release of photographs and video of the bodies.

Army fights to regain Liberia port

MONROVIA, Liberia — Liberia government troops say they are mounting a heavy counterattack to drive rebels from the second city of Buchanan after its fall dealt a major blow to embattled President Charles Taylor.

As fighting continued Tuesday, the main rebel faction, Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD), said it had declared a unilateral cease-fire in its battle to capture the capital Monrovia, Reuters reported.

The head of LURD's delegation at peace talks in nearby Ghana said the rebels would withdraw to the port where they would await planned West African peacekeepers.

However, Liberia's top negotiator in Ghana rejected the cease-fire offer, saying rebel fighters must withdraw from the capital Monrovia altogether, Reuters reported.

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Low 62

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Five-day Forecast

Thursday	Partly cloudy	84/64
Friday	Chance of rain	87/64
Saturday	Partly cloudy	86/64
Sunday	Partly cloudy	88/67
Monday	Partly cloudy	85/67

Almanac

Average high: 89
Average low: 68
Tuesday's high: 89

CORRECTIONS

The Tuesday edition of DE Almanac should have read "Lion's Running Back Barry Sanders retires in '99." The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

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BRIEFS

Third Annual Brian DeCrane Memorial Golf Tournament

Registration is underway for the Third Annual Brian DeCrane Memorial Golf Tournament.

The event, which will take place Sept. 13 at Stone Creek Golf Course in Makanda, is designed to raise funds for the Brian DeCrane Memorial Library Fund and technology improvements for the SIUC College of Agricultural Sciences.

The entry fee is \$35 before Sept. 1 and \$50 after Sept. 1. It includes 18 holes of golf and a dinner afterwards.

The tournament is a four-person scramble. Entrants can either create and enter their own team or the organizers can create one.

Mail entry forms to Clinton Wolf, 598 Jennifer Ave., Carmi, IL 62821. Make checks payable to Brian DeCrane Memorial Fund. Be sure to include name, address, phone number and number of players.

Sponsors are also needed to sponsor holes and gifts. For more information regarding sponsorship, contact Barry Beaupre at 618-529-3669 or Clinton Wolf at 618-599-6086.

The sponsors have also reserved a block of 10 rooms at the Hampton Inn in Carbondale. For reservations call 618-549-6900.

Road Closings

College Street from west of the Police Station entrance to Wall Street will be restricted to one lane of traffic. Traffic may be delayed for short periods between Monday, July 28 and Friday, Aug. 1 at 6:00 p.m. Please use alternate routes if possible.

SIUC Police Department earns state, national awards

The SIUC Police Department recently won state and national awards, both of which recognized the force for excellence in public safety.

The campus department was awarded first place in the university police department division of the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge and earned second place in its category for the National Chiefs' Challenge. The force's victory in the state's traffic safety competition automatically qualifies the department to advance to the national contest.

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Carbondale bookstores get ready business

All three bookstores step up efforts to hire new employees

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

Schnucks store manager Tom Eakins knows he cannot delay preparing for what will once again turn Carbondale upside down — the return of SIUC students in the fall semester.

"Now is the time when we start thinking about all the stuff we're going to bring in prior to the students coming," Eakins said. "We have to."

All that "stuff" includes hiring new employees, adding to store inventories, planning promotions and giveaways and, in the case of Saluki Bookstore, trying to book bands to play.

"We'll have a band play for a couple hours every day during rush week," said Chris Ahart, who will take over as manager of Saluki Bookstore on Monday. "We always try to do some wacky stuff to get people to come out."

Ahart said his employees are working as fast as they can to get the store's marketing strategy intact for the start of the fall semester. He said that work includes planning with local radio stations, newspapers and the new student information packet that is given out to students each year.

Saluki Bookstore, which is located on East Grand Avenue across from Finch Penny Pub, will also be offering discounts to incoming freshmen who had reserved textbooks with the store. Ahart said those freshmen will receive coupons for free bumper stickers, \$3 off hats and shirts, and \$10 reduced from a clothing purchase of at least \$50.

710 Book Store, 710 S. Illinois Ave., is also developing promotions for the start of the semester. Store manager Randy Johnson said the store will be giving away items such as calendars, Saluki football schedules and, for the first time, water to parents who accompany their children to the bookstore on the Friday and Saturday before the fall semester begins.

Aside from store promotions and giveaways, Johnson said 710 will try to be as involved with the University's welcoming events as it can.

"We participate in everything we can possibly participate with on campus like the open house at the Rec Center and things of that nature," Johnson said. "We'll also allow student groups to come in and set up stuff on

the sidewalk."

Most Carbondale businesses say sidewalk traffic will be at the highest point of the year during the days revolving around the start of the fall semester. A co-manager at the Wal-Mart Supercenter said the amount of his store's sales from the summer usually double toward the beginning of the semester.

The manager said although Wal-Mart has ordered a little more stock than the store normally carries for the start of the fall semester, the increased business makes it hard for employees to keep certain items on the shelves.

"It's hard just because of the bulkiness of some items like futons," the Wal-Mart manager said. "We have enough, but it's just hard to keep a lot out at one time because they're so big. Small dorm refrigerators and TVs are the same way."

Eakins said commodities like fresh meat, bread and milk are in high demand at Schnucks because, when students get to Carbondale, they don't have fresh food.

"We have a significant increase in business, especially during the first weekend," Eakins said. "It's really across the board because we find that not only the student population comes into town, we just have more people in town. All the businesses gear up with their labor, so there's more people."

Each of Carbondale's bookstores as well as Wal-Mart, Schnucks and Kroger west said an effort is made to hire new employees to combat the new wave of customers. Some businesses like Wal-Mart and 710 fill their labor shortages by hiring temporary employees.

"We normally hire anywhere from 40 to 50 relatively temporary employees to work back-to-school," Johnson said. "Right now, we hire a lot of girls to work registers for the week before, the week of and the week after the fall semester begins."

Jeff Summers, the acting manager of University Bookstore in the Student Center, said his store has been able to buck the hiring trend because of the high number of returning employees.

"I think all our hiring has been done, so I guess we're ready," Summers said. "There are a number of returning students from last semester who are coming back to help us, and I guess

we've brought on about seven."

As for the number of students returning to SIUC, each of the bookstores said it's ready for the challenge.

Ahart said although he has not yet heard any information about the University's fall enrollment figures, Saluki Bookstore will carry more textbooks than last year because of the big response the store got from freshmen reserving their books.

However, Ahart said he wants students to know that his bookstore is catering to more than just the freshman class.

"There's people who've gone to University Bookstore their first year and paid more money for their books and didn't get as much used stuff," Ahart said. "We kind of really deal more with people who are taking upper level classes like the 300s and 400s. We have more used books than anybody else, so they end up coming here."

Ahart said about 60 percent of the store's textbooks are used.

Johnson said 710 was encouraged last year by the increase in freshman enrollment, and he expects that increase to continue.

"We're gearing up for a busy August, and hopefully they'll have an even bigger freshman class than they had last year," Johnson said.

Each of the bookstores said the second or third week of September usually signals a drop-off in textbook sales as classes have already been in session for a few weeks. At that point, the stores tend to focus more on clothing and University apparel.

"We're set with store merchandise," Summers said about University Bookstore. "We've got a lot of great new stuff. There's some very nice Saluki merchandise in here like new shirts, new blankets, new mugs."

Johnson said while 710 does focus more on gift items than textbooks in the latter part of the semester, that trend has lessened in recent years.

"We have to keep a focus on textbooks just about year round now because the University has a lot of classes that start and stop in the middle of the semester," Johnson said. "Plus, I think as people's budgets tighten up, they have a tendency to put things off. So, we try to still have books available for them when they're ready to come in."



ROBERT LYONS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

David Cox, 20, carefully adds textbooks to the waterwell shape that the book display will form at University Bookstore in the Student Center. Cox says that there is a lot happening at the bookstore in preparation for the return of students.

Whenever students come in to buy items, Johnson said the key is making it easy, especially at the start of the semester.

"We just try to make it as easy as possible for them," Johnson said. "We understand there's a lot of stuff going on in the first week, so we try to make

it so they can get in and out as fast as they can."

"The earlier you get your what you need, the less headaches you're going to have."

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University Bookstore prepares for fall semester

Linsey Maughan
Daily Egyptian

For those ending their summer classes, it's the start of a very welcome break. But for those who have been off all summer from courses, the days, hours and minutes until the fall semester begins only slip faster and faster away.

And the University Bookstore is ready. Brand new textbooks rest on the shelves; new t-shirts styles hang on the racks, and the 2003-2004 DawgBook is available.

General Merchandise Manager Sheila Edwards pointed to a shelf full of mini SIU Saluki football helmets.

"This is something that I think is really going

to go good," she says.

The football helmets are among several new items that the University Bookstore has stocked for the fall. There are also decorative plush Saluki signs and push key chains featuring different SIU sports balls, such as basketballs and baseballs. There are also new Auto Windshield Shades, new hat styles and new graphic tees.

The popular DawgBook came in early this year and costs \$3.95. While the agenda page layout is slightly different, the coupons and extensive information included inside remain the same.

"People call, call and call, asking if we have it," Edwards said. "We usually sell out of them."

The range of possibility at the bookstore is wider than ever this year.

"It's getting better, there's more variety," says Stacy Gray, a senior and cashier at the bookstore. "They're getting more stuff that the students want, instead of just bringing in whatever they want."

Kristin Foreman, another cashier at the bookstore who is also a senior, agrees.

"There's a lot more clothes, backpacks and supplies," she said.

The girls listed several items that will make on-campus living easier for those in residence halls, such as ironing boards, soap, hair dye, detergent and shampoo.

Basic necessities are closer now than before. "There's no need to go off campus if you don't have to," Foreman said.

Back in the textbook area, the bookstore staff is abundant and busy organizing for fall.

Tim Naumann, the new text manager of the

store, is in the middle of the textbook action.

"We're getting in the fall books, big time," he said.

He said they have a lot of help trying to get the new and used books out as they come through.

"We're doing our best to make sure that all of the books that are needed are here," he said.

Naumann said that the only problem they've seen is that 18 percent of professors haven't responded in regards to whether or not they are using the same textbook again this year, despite a mid-April deadline.

This is an inconvenience to both the bookstore and the students.

It provides less time for Naumann to find the best deals on necessary texts when it comes to which retailers he orders from, which will inevitably affect how much students pay to rent and buy books.

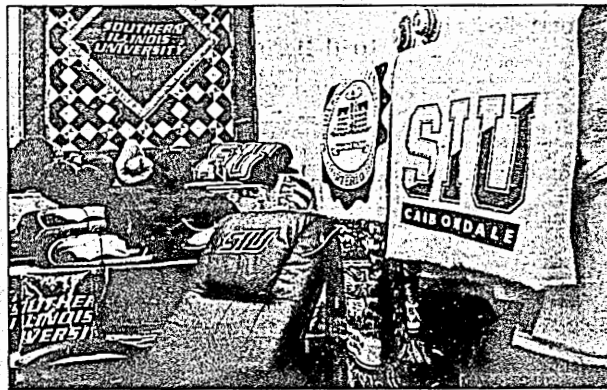
It also places students at a disadvantage when it's time to purchase textbooks and the professor has not specified what they require for the course.

Still, for the most part, things are going well at the University Bookstore.

"We definitely have more books than we've ever had," Naumann said. "We're endeavoring to get more used books, either through buyback or used through wholesalers."

"It's a win-win situation for everybody that way."

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JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

The University Bookstore, located in the Student Center, received new Saluki items for the upcoming fall semester. SIU fans can now get into the school spirit just in time for the start of the new semester.

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The State of Nature

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The brain and the thought process

Southern Illinois is an unusual place. Some people think we are culturally backwards, but I disagree. It's kind of cool to live in a place where mullers are forever in vogue.

Because the important thing to remember is that hairstyles are less important than the spongy organ that pulsates quietly beneath — yes, the brain.

Brains are responsible for everything. Brains have dreamed up the Universe, calculated a distance to the sun and even conceived of miserable things like Power Point presentations. So as you can plainly see, the brain is a pretty special thing in this vast wilderness of space.

At this point, I want to tell you a little story.

A long time ago, men were troll-like and women were equally as hideous. These poor creatures closely resembled apes and had the mental capacity of a dog. But then, miraculously, people were able to think. Why did it happen? And when?

Well, you'll be waiting for a mighty long time to get an answer to that one. Nevertheless, the fact of the matter remains that God (whoops, can I say that?) awoke these pathetic creatures and endowed them with the gift of reason.

Before the Middle Ages expired, people ran about all day like savages armed to the throat with daggers, knives and swords.

They slew each other like animals in a draconian style. But, gradually as the Brain evolved, even the barbarian horde was willing to put down its crude weapons for the sake of diplomacy.

Much later, after the Brain made more advancements, scientists such as Galileo, Newton and Copernicus, whose theories were a revulsion to everybody's brains, emerged. The Copernican theory, or the Heliocentric theory, which held that the Earth revolves around the sun and not the opposite, created quite a stir in the 14th century.

Most peasants, vassals, slaves, peons, lords, clerics and monarchs believed the Earth simply hung, suspended at the center of the Universe, and everything else revolved around an Earth peopled with God's special creatures, because, it was supposed that God designed it so.

Therefore, you can begin to appreciate how science is often seen as corrupting to religious beliefs.

Presently, the Brain appears to have adapted consummately. Things are far advanced now. People no longer wish to fight, but governments still do.

Organization is everything and comfort is King. Sometimes I wonder if people even care to remember the hazy details of our birth in the Universe when their eyes are forever turned to the future.

So, with alarming celerity, the Brain is evolving at a brisker pace than ever. Our knowledge as a people doubles every couple of years, but so do the hazards and perils associated with the growth.

I got into education to join this amazing revolution of thought that is happening everywhere.

I think what we all need is a way to reconcile the past with the present.

So long until next semester, hopefully, unless the DE cuts my column, in which case I'll not return.

Everyone ought to keep on working to solve all of the problems, and to keep on spreading the love, it's only going to help.

The State of Nature appears every other Wednesday. Brain is a senior in education. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



LETTERS

Where is additional pay with additional duties?

In reading the articles in the Southern Illinoisian and Daily Egyptian concerning raises for employees working in the University's media department, I am hopeful for my own situation. Since these several employees received raises for added duties to their job descriptions, I am looking forward to my own raise and raises for several people I know who work in many departments around campus. All of us have taken on additional duties because of resignations and lay-offs and, like me, are doing the jobs of those people.

In my office, where we once had five civil service workers and four student workers, we now have three civil service workers. I do the combined jobs of four people, and the other two civil service workers have combined 2 1/2 positions into their one. I know many other staff workers around campus who have had additional duties placed in their job description from the accumulated lay-offs and restructuring around campus, not to mention the additional duties put upon the departmental secretaries when the new accounting system was adopted.

Those of us in the civil service ranks who received no extra compensation for these piled-on duties are looking forward to our increases to fit in with the policy as stated by SIU spokesman Steve Binder: "The raises are being paid to individuals who will take on more responsibility only because of the additional duties they will now assume."

Cathie Hutcheson
staff clerk, CESL

Supreme Court did its job

I am writing in response to Mr. Thomason's letter on July 16. It seems that Mr. Thomason and many self-proclaimed conservatives are fundamentally ignorant of how the Supreme Court actually works. It is the Court's responsibility to interpret ANY law that is brought before it to see if it passes constitutional muster. States have the right to pass whatever laws they choose, but if they are found to be in contradiction of the U.S. Constitution, then they can be considered invalid.

The argument Mr. Thomason makes is the same one that states used to justify Jim Crow laws and other forms of discrimination (including lynch laws) that oppressed

millions of people. Also, Al Gore did not try to "steal" the 2000 election. It is George W. Bush — (remember 500,000 MORE people voted for Gore) with the collusion of that same Court whose actions are condemned by the Christian right and by systematic voter intimidation and fraud in Florida — who stole it.

By all objective standards, Bush is a usurper who is holding power illegitimately, but I don't hear conservatives condemn the Supreme Court for abrogating their responsibilities in this matter. As per the usual blathering about how not prosecuting gays and lesbians for having sex with whom they choose will lead to legalized incest, pedophilia, etc. is the worst sort of inflammatory rhetoric that the right-wing propagandists use to motivate their following.

Eric Jurgens
graduate student, English

Raises are unfair to employees taking on extra duties

I read Jessica Yorama's article about the SIU raises with mounting scorn for the people trying to justify the raises occurring on campus. Perhaps Molly D'Esposito is correct that the layoffs have nothing to do with the raises, but a raise on any state funds at this time is inappropriate. \$20,000 equals someone's job. How do you justify cutting 82 people and affecting hundreds of others and then turn around and give someone a raise of \$11,000?

The line about giving "appropriate salary for their responsibilities," used by Sue Davis and others to justify the raises, is a laugh to many of us here on campus. Just who do you think is going to absorb the work of the 82 people laid off?

Who do you think is going to do the training after all the bumping is done? How much compensation are you going to give the Office Systems Specialists, Office Systems Assistants, Accounting Techs, Administrative Assistants and many others who are taking on the additional job duties of the 82 people you cut?

If there is money to be had for adding "duties and responsibilities," then I feel it is the "duty and responsibility" of the University to compensate everyone who assumes new "duties and responsibilities."

Bonnie Middleton
account tech III, Forestry Dept.

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Mediacom finally finishes upgrades after two years

Complaints still pour into mayor's office

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

Mediacom has brought cable service to the homes of Carbondale residents since 2001, when it bought out AT&T Broadband and embarked on a \$12.5 million venture to update Southern Illinois systems to the digital age.

Two years later, the project is completed and general service has improved, but some citizens still have some complaints about Mediacom's customer service.

Mediacom representative Randy Hollis attended the Carbondale City Council meeting last week to relate the advances the company had made in its service and to announce the completion of nearly two years worth of upgrades.

While he did deliver his speech, he was also bombarded with complaints by Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole about the level of customer service the company provides.

Cole said he averages about one phone call, one letter or one conversation related to Mediacom service every day, and rarely are they compliments.

"I have not had problems like this before," Cole said Tuesday afternoon.

"He said I was being childish

because he said they didn't have service calls on Sunday when I knew that they did. They said they'd be able to come by two days later between 8 a.m. and noon, and I said I would only be there between 8 and 9 and he said I was being childish."

Hollis admits he still hears a few complaints about the service in Carbondale, but the number has dropped dramatically since the company finished upgrading the system only 45 days ago.

"While the upgrade was going, there was disruption and some problems, so we had a few more complaints," he said.

"But since the first of the year, we have had less than five complaints filed through the city."

Hollis attends the quarterly Carbondale Information and

Telecommunications Commission meeting, where he is presented with both written and verbal complaints from Carbondale residents.

He said that even through the peak of upgrades, his company handled less than 30 written complaints filed through the commission.

"I liken the upgrades to remodeling a house, but that's even a little easier," Hollis said.

"It's not the most fun process, and you find things you didn't know were there, like when you knock down a wall at an old house."

Mediacom added about 15 basic cable channels and 60 digital



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Randy Hollis, spokesman for Mediacom, presents the improvements that the company has made to its service during the City Council meeting on July 22. Mediacom finished upgrading their system 45 days ago.

channels to their lineup, using a considerable amount of fiber optics and expanding the signal to accommodate the increase in channels.

"The process has been disruptive," Hollis said.

"There's no easier way to go about it. But now the upgrades are complete and we, the company and the customers, can start to enjoy the fruits of that labor."

Although Cole said Mediacom has made great strides in terms of the upgrades and the addition of high-speed Internet access, the problems that he continues to hear

involve customer service.

"The city board that deals with complaints works with Mediacom. They do go to the meetings, but people keep complaining," he said.

"They may be nice in taking the complaints, but there are still problems."

Linz Brown, a member of the Telecommunications Commission, which was formed to evaluate Carbondale's cable service provider, said though they have heard some complaints, it has been straightened out.

"We always get some, but

they're mainly service related," he said. "The things we'd like to see improved, they want as well."

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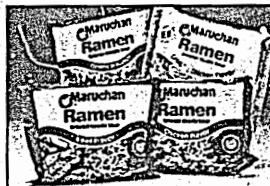
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CULTIVATING relationships

Students learn to share and care while tending summer gardens

story by SHAFIQUR RAHMAN

Khairul Islam, a graduate student in political science from Bangladesh, stopped buying vegetables from grocery stores for the last two weeks as he has abundant supplies from his garden.

"We are having fresh vegetables every day. Moreover, we are sharing those with friends and neighbors," Islam said.

Like Islam, dozens of residents of Evergreen Terrace and Southern Hills Family Housing are involved in the gardening this summer. Family Housing coordinated the gardening by preparing the ground located at the corner of McLafferty and Pleasant Hill roads and distributing the plots among the residents.

Jamie K. Corr, Family Housing Community Aide, said that 36 plots were distributed among the residents of Evergreen Terrace and Southern Hills on a first come, first served basis. Some of the 36 plots were not cultivated as a few people gave up, she said.

The family housing started processing the gardens at the beginning of March. "We till lands, fertilize those and assign the plots to the residents," Corr said.

"Usually priority is given to the previous gardeners. Almost half of the people are returning gardeners."

Corr said people usually grow tomatoes, cucumbers, green peppers, zucchini, broccoli and lettuce.

She said people from all over the world take part in the gardening and "everybody has a different style."

"It's like a patchwork quilt," she said.

Corr, who has been involved with the gardening project for 20 years, said residents consider gardening as a peaceful and quiet family activity.

"People make friendships in the garden and they share their products with neighbors," she said.

Yong Huang, a doctoral student in environmental resources and policy from China, is gardening mainly for fun.

He and his wife work two to three days a week in the garden. They are gardening for the first time in their life.

"We used to live in a big city back home and we did not have any space available for gardening," said Huang, who grew cucumbers, green beans, tomatoes and melons



The community garden at the corner of Pleasant Hill and McLafferty has been put together by residents of the Evergreen Terrace and Southern Hills family housing areas. The plots were started in March and many different types of vegetables were grown and shared by the different residents.

in the plot.

"Each time you come here and see vegetables growing. This is a very enjoyable and satisfactory feeling."

Mohammad Deyab, a doctoral student in English from Egypt, is gardening this summer for the third time.

His wife was a student and she completed the doctoral program recently.

The Deyab family does the gardening for a little diversion.

"As a student you become

depressed," Deyab said.

"And gardening is an excellent way for relaxation."

Deyab and his family take their two children while they work in the garden.

"It's like a picnic for the kids," Deyab said.

Sanjay Chowdhury, a graduate student in workforce education, returned to gardening for the second year.

"My wife is an excellent cook and fresh vegetables make her happy," he said.

"These vegetables are good for everybody, particularly for young children,"

He added that gardening is an excellent way of interacting with neighbors and building good relations with them.

"You talk to your fellow gardeners, exchange information and share the vegetables you grow," Chowdhury said.

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Governor signs four-bill package to aid fire departments

Amber Ellis
Daily Egyptian

Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed a four-bill package into law last week that will provide assistance for fire departments across the state.

A task force put together a nine-bill package last year to provide assistance to fire departments across the state. Eight of the nine bills passed the General Assembly and were waiting on the governor's signature.

When Blagojevich signed one of the bills last month, Illinois became the first state to offer a zero-percent interest loan program to fire departments for the purchase of fire trucks. Fire departments can borrow up to \$250,000 and must repay the loan amount within 20 years.

House Bill 116 allows township boards to inflict reasonable penalties on individuals who repeatedly and intentionally set off false fire alarms.

"False alarms are costly to departments," said Rep. Donald Moffitt, R-Galesburg. "And while departments are responding to these [false alarms], it ties them up in unnecessary work and slows down their response time."

Moffitt, a sponsor of the bill, said he wanted to make sure he emphasized one word — intentional. He said that this bill was not designed to prevent anyone who reports a fire in good faith; it is for those individuals who knowingly report false alarms.

"We are sending a message to prosecutors that they now have the tool to go after these people," Moffitt said. "We will not tolerate these acts."

House Bill 117 will create an awareness program that will inform fire departments and fire districts that any purchases that they make will be eligible for sales tax exemptions. The program will also explain how to claim the exemption.

"There are a number of departments, mostly districts, that are still paying the full amount for purchases," Moffitt said. "Hopefully, this awareness program will save money for the

departments and taxpayers."

House Bill 120 allows fire protection districts to charge any non-resident, who doesn't already pay for fire services, to pay for any fire and emergency services received.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, who has worked in fire services, said that the new law would apply to a fire district that responds to a burning car on the highway. If the people who are in the vehicle live outside of the district, local taxpayers should not have to take care of the costs.

The agencies are now able to charge up to \$125 per hour per vehicle and \$35 per hour per firefighter who responds to an assistance call, but are unable to charge for any services that are less than \$50.

"This is a way to generate revenue for the districts," Moffitt said. "It is an expenditure to have the departments go out an assist someone who doesn't pay for services."

House Bill 121 establishes an equipment exchange program for fire departments and fire districts.

"There was a huge money shortage in the state," said Rep. Jim Watson, R-Jacksonville. "So we had to find an alternative to help out."

Watson said that a fire department would sometimes receive an anonymous call telling someone to come out and check the trash at another fire department because that department had just thrown out some equipment.

"This will bring much-needed assets to rural areas," Watson said. "And allow departments to utilize assets more effectively."

Although Blagojevich has signed five of the eight bills that passed the Illinois General Assembly, Moffitt said he is still hopeful that the other three bills will be signed. One of the bills will allow the state fire marshal to make large orders of supplies and equipment to be used by state fire department and fire districts.

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Young smokers playing with fire

Tom Majeski
Knight Ridder Newspapers

ST. PAUL, Minn. (KRT)—Alexis McKinnis began smoking in high school. By the time she quit three years ago, she was smoking between 10 and 20 cigarettes a day. One night about a year ago, she resumed smoking after a two-year hiatus because she wanted to taste a cigarette again.

But this time it's different, McKinnis said. Rather than smoke every day, the 25-year-old Minneapolis resident only smokes three or four cigarettes when she's at a bar, having a few drinks with friends. On rare occasions, she might smoke a cigarette while driving or step outside at home and light up.

"As an occasional smoker, I don't have any of the problems that I had before," McKinnis said. "It's an indulgence now, not an addiction."

The concept of part-time smokers defies the traditional belief that people either smoke or they don't. But a recent survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta found that part-time smokers represent a fast-growing segment of the 23 percent of American adults who smoke. Many of those are young adults, people in their 20s and 30s, who believe a cigarette now and then won't necessarily lead to a lifelong habit.

The trend, which worries anti-tobacco advocates, has not been missed by the tobacco industry. R.J. Reynolds, the company that makes Camels, has introduced a line of flavored cigarettes — vanilla, chocolate mint and citrus, for instance — some say is aimed at consumers who only smoke occasionally, such as following a meal.

Company spokeswoman Ellen Matthews said the Camel Exotic Blends come in tin packs, carry premium prices and are designed for adult Camel smokers who "want a little bit of variety on occasion."

But Randy Segal, owner of Segal Wholesale, a Minneapolis tobacco distributor, said the flavored cigarettes are marketed to college students, primarily women.

"(R.J. Reynolds) won't say that, but that seems to be the target," Segal said.

Segal said the flavored Camels sell a little better in urban areas and are popular at coffee shops and sidewalk cafes. Sales were brisk when the cigarettes were first introduced a year or so ago but have since tapered off a bit, he said.

According to the CDC survey, the percentage of adult smokers changed little between 1996 and 2001. But 38 states and the District of Columbia showed increases in "someday smokers" — people like McKinnis who said they smoked, but not every day.

The biggest gains in part-time smokers were in the District of Columbia (from 26.8 percent in 1996 to 41.2 percent in 2001), Utah (from 16.4 percent to 31.2 percent), Oregon (18.5 percent to 26.8 percent) and North Dakota (from 16.5 percent to 29.2 percent).

The trend toward social smoking concerns anti-tobacco advocates because smoking at any level carries with it potentially deadly health risks. Furthermore, many of these part-time smokers eventually will discover that they have become addicted to nicotine.

"The whole phenomenon does worry me," said Dr. Marc Manley, executive director for the Center for Tobacco Reduction and Health Improvement at Eagan-based Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. "Everyone who becomes addicted does so because it sneaks up on them. There are a lot of people who don't consider themselves smokers because they only smoke on weekends. But many of them will wake up some day and realize that they want a daily cigarette. People are playing with fire when they take risks with nicotine. It's not something you want to be hooked on."

The Blues' Manley said part-time smoking is a phenomenon of teenagers and people in their 20s. "You don't see many 50-year-old social smokers," he said.

In an attempt to counteract the alarming trend, Manley and his colleagues at the Center for Tobacco Reduction and Health Improvement have teamed with the American Cancer Society in an effort to find out what messages resonate with young people. The goal will be to encourage them to face the possibility that they might be addicted to nicotine when they think they are not, he said.

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Southern Illinois lagging in bilingual education

SIU professor works to improve situation

Jenny Wright and Jason Sereno
Special to the Daily Egyptian

Despite the successes of a recent \$1 million grant, Southern Illinois still "suffers from terrible neglect" in bilingual education, an SIUC linguistics professor said Tuesday.

Speaking to a journalism class, Joan Friedenberg said that despite downstate Illinois' recent 90 percent growth in the number of Hispanic school children, little attempt has been made to accommodate those students' English language learning problems through bilingual education.

Her grant established the U.S. Department of Education Bilingual Education Training for All Teachers Program at SIUC.

The five-year objective is to train school teachers to present academic subjects in both English and the students' native language, which in Southern Illinois is primarily Spanish.

Friedenberg said Jackson and Union counties have the greatest need for bilingual education since the Hispanic population has increased 30 and 210 percent, respectively, with the influx of migrant orchard and factory workers from Mexico.

Even with the growth in Limited English Proficiency speakers in their schools, area teachers are inexperienced in bilingual education, Friedenberg said, and often relegate these students to special education classes. She said the problem is that many LEP youngsters lack a full knowledge of their own language, which makes learning English along with their academic subjects too difficult.

Friedenberg said her grant has accomplished much in only two years.

At this time 20 SIUC teaching students are seeking bilingual cer-

tification with four being certified, more than 50 public and private school teachers attended training workshops, and 10 SIUC professors completed workshops to include bilingual techniques in their teacher education courses.

To extend the bilingual education training in Southern Illinois, Friedenberg said she will employ a satellite link to the SIUC-Edwardsville campus this fall so teachers in the East St. Louis area can take the workshops leading to certification.

Illinois is a national leader in bilingual education needs, Friedenberg said.

Children in the state speak nearly 120 different languages, and Illinois has the fifth-largest Spanish-speaking population in the United States. Chicago, which has the bulk of the state's Hispanic population, is better equipped for bilingual education, she said, but

the counties around Carbondale have experienced an even larger percentage growth with no programs in place until her grant.

She said an editorial in the Southern Illinoisian in 2000 prompted her to write a guest column that led to a contact from a Cobden teacher.

They wrote the \$1 million grant, and, after not hearing from the Department of Education, followed with another grant application for \$500,000.

With the help of area congressmen, both grants were approved, but, Friedenberg said, she turned down the second because she could not implement both programs simultaneously.

"I'm thrilled," Friedenberg said of the funding success. "I only wish I would have kept some of the [second] grant money to give out more scholarships."

Friedenberg, who received her Ph.D. as a U.S. Department of Education Bilingual Fellow in educational psychology, explained that bilingual education in the United States dates back to the 1500s when Europeans were attempting to convert Native Americans to Christianity.

Throughout the 1800s, the U.S. melting pot used bilingual education to teach immigrants from hundreds of nations.

Between World War I and II, during the country's isolationist era, foreign language education moved from elementary to secondary schools, and some states even outlawed teaching foreign language.

Friedenberg said what brought the rebirth of bilingual education was the "longest Florida vacation in history," the immigration of Cubans into South Florida in the late 1950s.

Cubans originally believed they would stay only a short time until Fidel Castro was overthrown. That never happened, and the Cuban and American cultures had to coexist.

In 1970 the Supreme Court mandated bilingual programs to help children who could not speak English or speak it well.

"It is important for people to learn English," Friedenberg said, "but also other subjects in a student's native language before they can learn English well enough."

Comments can be sent to editor@siu.edu

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—Joan Friedenberg
professor, linguistics SIUC

Ohio State groups want more to rock vote

Ben Nanamaker
The Lantern (Ohio State U.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio (U-WIRE) — As voter apathy continues to affect American democracy, various organizations are attempting to drum up interest in democracy and educate voters about the importance of well-informed voting.

According to recent Gallup polls, one-third of all Americans are unable to name one Democratic candidate for president.

Only 31 percent of 18- to 20-year-olds eligible to vote did in the 1996 federal elections.

Less than 50 percent of all voters who registered to vote in Ohio's 2002 general election did.

Since the 26th Amendment was passed in 1971, giving 18- to 20-year-olds the right to vote in federal elections, voting among that demographic has never approached that of other age groups.

The highest voter turn-out for 18- to 20-year-olds for presidential elections occurred in the first year after the 26th Amendment was passed, with 48.3 percent of that group voting, according to the Federal Election Commission's Web site.

In contrast, the lowest voting turnout for those aged 65 and above for a presidential election was 62.2 percent in 1972.

Five percent of all Americans eligible to vote in the 1996 federal elections were age 18-20, but those voters composed only 3.21 percent of all voters.

Kelly Studebaker, a senior in communications, watched TV and researched on the Internet before she voted in the 2000 presidential election.

"I think it's important to vote to get your opinions across," she said. "It's only one vote, so it couldn't hurt."

The League of Women Voters of Ohio provides voter guides for state candidates and issues.

Local level organizations, such as the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus, provide voter guides about local issues and candidates.

They also hold nonpartisan forums for candidates and issues on both the local and state levels, said Karen Rainey, the legislative director for the League of Women Voters of Ohio.

Although the organization was originally founded to educate women newly enfranchised by the 19th Amendment, the organization gradually broadened its aim and opened membership to men in the 1970s.

Rainey said informed voting is important because elected officials make a difference in our lives.

"The people that we elect are the people who are making decisions that affect our lives," she said. "We want to know where they stand on the issues."

Another organization that provides voting education is Project Vote Smart.

Project Vote Smart compiles information about candidates regard-

ing their voting records, campaign finances, biographies and performance evaluations from about 100 special interest groups.

They compile data for about 40,000 candidates, from state legislative candidates to presidential hopefuls.

"Project Vote Smart was started in the early '90s as an experiment to see that if this kind of unbiased political information was collected, would anyone care?" Project Vote Smart spokesman Aaron Brock said.

"Would the public try to access it? And they do."

Brock said a lot of the information provided by candidates came primarily from spin doctors and publicists, and that "many candidates choose to stick with hot topic, single issue soundbites."

"There's not a lot of real information out there," he said.

"When most people get information, they get it in the form of soundbites from radio and television. And these soundbites really don't contain much information."

Rainey said that the 2000 presidential election was a perfect example of how every vote counts.

"I think that the 2000 election brought home the importance of everyone's vote," she said.

A local example of voting's importance would be a school levy.

"For example, a school levy passes or fails with a margin of just a few votes, when the outcome could have been different if more people participated," Rainey said.

Studebaker said being educated before voting is important.

"I think it's very important because if you don't know what you're voting about, why are you there?" she said.

Texas A&M 'Battalion' student paper protests department's demise

Plans to discontinue Aggie journalism department by August 2004 proceed

Robert Alexander
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) — The Battalion, Texas A&M University's student newspaper, ran an almost completely blank editorial page Monday as a protest of Texas A&M President Bob Gates' insistence on closing the Aggie journalism department.

The top of the page read, "THE TEXAS A&M ADMINISTRATION'S VISION OF JOURNALISM." The bottom of the page read, "SAVE AGGIE JOURNALISM. LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. WWW.SAVETHEJOURNALISM.COM."

"We're trying to make a statement that closing the journalism department here would in a way represent all that white space," said Battalion editor True Brown, an agricultural journalism senior.

The journalism department is scheduled to be terminated in fall 2004, pending approval from A&M's Board of Regents.

Brown said removing the journalism department makes a statement about the administration's

dedication to journalism and journalism students.

"It's gonna put me and everyone else in journalism at a tremendous disadvantage," said Brown, who added that some industry representatives have indicated that the measure would cause them to stop hiring Aggie graduates.

The Battalion is also collecting signatures for a petition, which became popular following Monday's blank page, to save the department, but journalism professor Douglas Starr is not optimistic.

"No matter what is being done, it's not going to succeed in the way they want it to succeed," he said.

Starr is a member of the Committee to Affect Change in Journalism at A&M, whose task is to decide how to reorganize resources from the doomed department.

Faculty and staff of the journalism department, he said, would be shifted to other departments. Professors would teach classes in those departments, reducing the number of journalism classes they could offer.

The last class of journalism students started school this summer and numbers only 55.

The move to dismantle the department is a mistake, Starr said, but he considers it a final decision.

"The dean has told us that it's in the works right now, that Aug. 31, 2004 is the last day that we'll be a department," he said.



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Right side up: Conservative students meet in Washington

Beth Gillin
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WASHINGTON (KRT) — They came to hear words of wisdom from "Ferris Bueller" scene stealer Ben Stein, funkadelic music promoter Reginald Jones, bomb-throwing bombshell Ann Coulter, and the impossible-to-squelch G. Gordon Liddy, among others.

They came to tour Capitol Hill, hear a lecture on "the failures of feminism," and hang out with others of their kind.

The 187 high school and college students who attended the 25th Annual National Conservative Student Conference last week are on the cutting edge of a trend.

College students today are more conservative than their parents, numerous studies have shown, on matters of sex, drugs, war and taxes — and getting more so. But the trend hasn't caught up with college curricula and faculties. It's not easy being a right-leaning pupil in a left-leaning classroom.

To hear the conference attendees tell it, liberal orthodoxy in the halls of learning is enforced with a rigidity reminiscent of China under Mao.

"Most professors are liberal. They try to preach to you, and it's hard to disagree with them because your grade is on the line," said Lisa Stewart, 20, a junior at Bentley College, a business school outside Boston.

The curriculum is "biased to the left" at the High School of the Arts in conservative Orange County, said Ruthie Bornstein, 15. "There's not enough about American history, but you have to learn about Islam and women's studies to pass

the Advanced Placement test." To sharpen their minds and learn to argue their viewpoints, the activists — admitted after submitting a resume and an essay along with \$375 — have converged at a student center at George Washington University.

On July 21, they heard former World Wrestling Federation champion Warrior tell them to trust logic over feelings and to battle "the armies of hammerheads" who espouse moral relativism.

"Those who think make the world work. Not those who feel," said Warrior, his bulk encased in a black suit, his wrist tattoos peeking out from white shirt cuffs.

His speech was called, "There's a Conservative Chip on My Shoulder — Go Ahead, Try to Knock it Off!" Needless to say, no one did.

"We offer activist training for students who are battling to get their ideas out," said conference director Melissa Moskala.

"It isn't easy for them. Students have been dragged before campus judicial committees for their beliefs. Some have been failed in courses for disagreeing with teachers."

Hayley Skousen, 17, a senior at Irvington High School, moved to New York from a Christian prep school in Florida and was "shocked at the way teachers bash people like Rush Limbaugh and Ronald Reagan, with jokes and slurs and sarcastic remarks."

She tries to speak up in class "to let students know there's another side," Skousen said.

The conference, she hopes, will "help me better articulate my views."

Catherine Carre, 19, a junior at Pennsylvania State University,

recalled how she got an F on an English essay when she wrote an argument against affirmative action in college admissions.

The Masterman High School graduate said she was able to raise her grade by persuading her professor to let her rewrite the paper.

This time, she incorporated his pro-affirmative action views as well.

The lesson she learned, Carre said, was "to keep my mouth shut unless I know what the professor likes."

Carre, who has volunteered in Philadelphia for Republican mayoral candidate Sam Katz and interned for Democratic Councilman Angel Ortiz — "a great guy, although I joke that he's to the left of Stalin" — helped organize a troop-support rally on campus, she said. Flyers promoting the event were torn down.

"Stuff like that happens all the time," Carre said.

Even so, or perhaps as a result, conservative groups are growing on campuses. While College Democrats of America has disappeared altogether from 20 states, its chapters dwindling from 500 in 1992 to fewer than 300 now, the College Republican National Committee has 1,148 campus chapters, and its membership has tripled since 1999.

The student conservatives here, however, are not all die-hard Republicans.

Stewart, from Bentley College, said she's "against government control, but mixed on ethical issues like gun control and abortion. I'm usually a Republican, but would change if I liked someone better."

"I don't affiliate with either

party," said Rob Maury, 26, a senior at Barton College in North Carolina, who plans to start his own business. He came to the conference, he said, as an antidote to the "rampant anti-intellectualism, in popular culture" and "people who get their politics from MTV."

Daniella Alves, 21, said she agrees with the Republican party on "almost all issues" — except its failure to embrace environmentalism and animal rights. She'd like to help change that, said the sophomore social science major from Miami-Dade Community College.

"The only thing that makes a difference is people who view things through the lens of possibility," Alves said earnestly, sounding more New Age than Newt.

Studies have shown that campus conservatives are increasingly female and middle class. They admire Ronald Reagan and are more patriotic since 9/11.

They oppose speech codes, set-aside student government seats for racial minorities and for lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender groups, and what they see as political correctness.

Increasingly, they are for school prayer and the public funding of church groups and against abortion, a recent study by University of California Berkeley and University of Alabama professors found.

More of them are hawks than doves, the Harvard University Institute of Politics reported in May, noting that support for the war in Iraq outpaces opposition 66 percent to 30 percent.

The Harvard study also found that 61 percent of college students like the way President Bush is doing his job.

They aren't into casual sex, according to the UCLA Higher Education Research Institute, which has been surveying incoming freshmen since 1966. Only 42 percent of freshman approve of it, down from 51 percent in 1987.

Where do these attitudes come from?

The questionnaires students returned at the conference showed that most attendees learned conservatism from their parents, Young America's Foundation president Ron Robinson told them July 21.

So it was with Jennifer Richardson, 20, a junior at the "very liberal" Madison branch of the University of Wisconsin, where she is studying Middle East geography and Arabic.

Raised by a liberal mother and a conservative father, Richardson, who aspires to be a U.S. senator, said she picked her father's philosophy because "it made the most sense to me."

The task of conservative activists, YAF president Robinson told them, is not to convert fellow students but to "awaken them to the fact that they already are conservative."

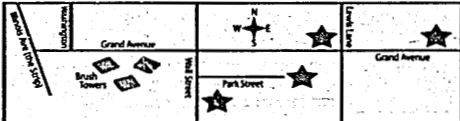
"Conservatives want to run their own lives," Robinson said.

"Liberals want to run other people's lives and spend other people's money."

That message resonated with North Penn High School junior Ryan DuBois, 16, of North Wales, who came to mingle with "like-minded individuals."

DuBois, braces on his teeth and flip-flops on his feet, said he plans to return to Montgomery County, Pa., to establish a Young Republicans club.

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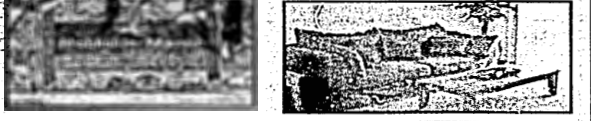
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Studies suggest ecstasy linked to memory loss

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (U-WIRE) — Pulsing music. Flashing lights. Twisting bodies. Rave.

For many people, these things equal a good time. For those using the club drug Ecstasy, it could mean losing their memory.

An article written by Ohio State University Associate Professor Stephen Koesters, doctor of internal medicine and pediatrics, compiled results of current studies stating Ecstasy use could lead to memory loss.

"We know that Ecstasy kills nerve cells, and we're not sure what all that means; but we have a concern that 10 to 20 years from now there will be some major damage to memory," Koesters said.

Since human research is hard to conduct, most of the studies in Koesters' article are based on animal subjects.

"In every study, all the animals have had some damage from Ecstasy," Koesters said. "In one experiment, a primate was given four doses

of Ecstasy in four days. Six years later, when the primate died, the autopsy showed that it still had damage to its nerve cells.

Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) — Ecstasy's scientific name — is a mood-altering drug, which affects the serotonin levels in the body. Serotonin is a chemical produced by nerve cells that regulates mood and anxiety.

"It causes a flood effect in the brain by releasing the serotonin, but somewhere in the process it kills the cells too," Koesters said. "It may be that the drug pushes the nerve cell so hard that it exhausts itself and it just dies."

Information about how much damage Ecstasy causes is hard to obtain since there is no way to do research on the drug's use. Many of the reported hospital cases also showed that Ecstasy users were usually using other drugs as well.

"There is not any safe dose," Koesters said. "A lot of people don't have side-effects and then keep doing it. A couple of doses or even one large dose could be enough to cause serious damage."

To date, there is not a cure for the damage Ecstasy causes.

"Brain cells either don't heal well or not at all," Koesters said. "Some grow back but may have abnormal connections and this damage could be permanent."

Koesters said if people were educated about the long-term effects Ecstasy has on the brain, they would not use it.

"Simply telling a student 'no,' doesn't hurt, but it doesn't always work. But if you truly make an effort to teach people, to let them know the effects — that it definitely damages brain cells — people will at least take note of it," Koesters said.

TracyCat, a senior in comparative studies and a user of Ecstasy disagrees.

TracyCat said she knows about the depletion in serotonin levels that Ecstasy use can cause. In conjunction with Ecstasy, TracyCat smokes weed with friends and knows about potential memory loss problems.

"You get old, you lose your brain anyway; you can't keep yourself healthy forever," she said.

TracyCat will often feel the effects the next day where she will feel lazy and want to sleep — it's a reaction she has come to expect.

Even after experiencing the after effects,

TracyCat said she would love to do Ecstasy again.

"TracyCat isn't the only casual user of Ecstasy, said Julie Joseph, a Columbus police detective. Ecstasy use in Ohio has increased in the last five years, but has been stabilizing.

"We haven't done any raids of raves," Joseph said. "Ecstasy use is very hard to police, but we've noticed that most of the use isn't at just raves, it's gone mainstream."

Stacey Frohnaphel Hasson, chief of communication and training at the State Drug Program, said the results of the 2002 PRIDE Survey were the first recorded numbers of Ecstasy use among high schoolers.

"In Ohio the results reported 3.1 percent of eighth graders, 6.4 percent of tenth graders and 8.9 percent of twelfth graders had tried Ecstasy," Frohnaphel Hasson said. "Ohio is right along with the national average."

"We have no studies that show what the usage is like among college students, but there is a good chance that if they've used it by twelfth grade or age 21, there will be more users," Frohnaphel Hasson said.

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the job offered by the University. Following these opportunities is the decision as to whether the worker will receive unemployment, which is determined by the state of Illinois.

There will be another meeting for those coping with recent layoffs. The meeting will take place Thursday in the same location from noon to 1:30 p.m. and will consist of a 90-minute presentation by licensed clinical counselor and doctoral candidate, Debra Pender.

The presentation will be titled "Coping with Uncertainty; Dealing with Unplanned Changes in Life."

Despite meetings meant to deal with the anxiety and frustrations of being laid off, Pommier said she is confident the situation will end in a fairly positive light for Brown and other potentially displaced employees.

"I met with Chancellor [Walter] Wendler and he seemed truly troubled by the situation," said Pommier, who added that elimination of these ACESE positions would only account for \$570,000. "We need these employees so we can be better prepared to serve students when the semester begins."

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some of the best modern technology. Even our phone system here at the University will be upgraded to be a more efficient and technologically advanced system."

Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn said that during budget allocation procedures the academic side of things was left as intact as possible to stay in line with the University's mission.

"As challenging as these times have been for our current and incoming students, this institution represents the next four or five years of their lives," Dunn said.

"We must continue to provide them with the best resources available."

Dunn said he was proud of all the departments and chairs for their efforts to resolve the budget issues while keeping the needs of the students at the forefront.

Poshard said the University would maintain full course schedules in the fall.

"Students should arrive in the fall expecting a good year," Wendler said. "The lines may be a little longer, but our faculty and staff are going to do their best, as they always do."

Poshard encouraged the University community to acknowledge the progress still happening,

despite the recent layoffs.

"This university has weathered a terrible storm, but if you look around you will still see an incredible number of very positive things going on," Poshard said. "I'm excited to see it all happening."

Despite the rollercoaster ride the budget cuts have forced the University to take, Poshard said students and employees have reason to look forward to the fall semester.

"The school is turning a corner and I think the students coming out in the fall are in for four of the best years of their lives."

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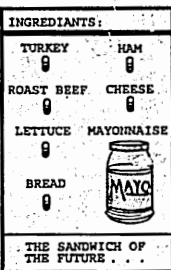
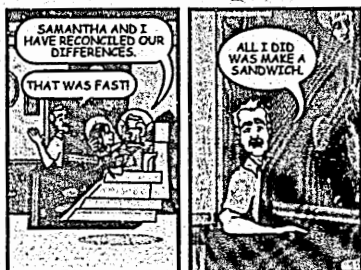
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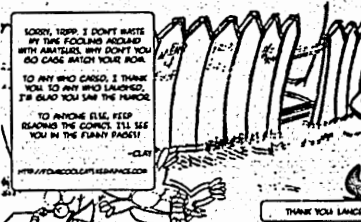
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On this Date In History..

1971 - SIU employees consider strike in protest over parking fees.

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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black
Today's Birthday (July 30). Start out August with a mighty shove. Push yourself in the right direction. A loved one believes in you, but you'll still have to keep a close eye on expenses. Follow through and achieve one of your heart's desires.

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 9 - You've got everything you need to make life work, and then some. Of course, you're a perfectionist, but that's not a fault. Keep fine-tuning!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - You should be starting to see results, though there's still a lot to be done. The foundation you're building takes time, but you'll be secure when it's finished.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - You're looking good and feeling confident, but don't forget to take things on step at a time. You'll make better use of your resources if you set priorities first.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - Blow off a little steam, but don't get too outrageous. There's a change predicted for around the first of August. Don't set it off early.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 10 - Your enthusiasm is infectious. Now, back up your claims with facts. For the next few days you'll get the chance to fund your latest vision.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - Don't bother to second-guess whatever's already been done. Assess where you are now and what you've got, and keep plugging from here.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - New information that you discover, perhaps by way of a friend, needs to be held in confidence. For all you know, you may not have gotten the straight scoop.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - A friend is interested in finding out what you're doing. It's not a good idea to explain your scheme yet. He or she could unintentionally mess it up.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 9 - You admire the people ahead of you. Do something you can do for you, set him or her in inhibitions aside, but don't neglect safety precautions.

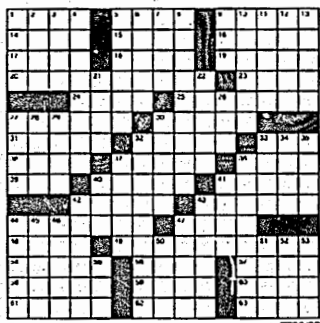
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - With a little more wheeling and dealing, you'll be ready to stand pat. Finish up all the business you've started so that you can relax for a while.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - You can be in charge of quality control, and making sure everybody stays within the budget. Otherwise, keep a low profile. Let others draw the attention.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - If you don't have time to explain, have somebody else do it for you. Sign on or bet on all the details, then get back to what you were doing.

Crossword

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25 Guces
27 Mescall of "Roseanne"
30 Sorenstam or Garbo
31 Man of labies
32 Merchandise
33 Bikini part
36 Small songbird
37 Satchel Paige's given name
38 Block up
39 Silent movement
40 Form beads
41 Figure of speech
42 Lachrymose
43 Expressive
44 Cleveland pros
47 Rustic building
48 Ripped
49 Expert in religion
54 Elch
56 Wait for the green
57 Vision word
58 Horned doe
59 Decree
60 Sgt. and col.
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62 Handy heroine
63 Bl-smelling
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3 Gully or not gully
4 Subalomic particle
5 Make harmonious
- 6 Andrea, the director of Genoa
7 Achve one
8 Cleansing and Health resort
9 Diatribe
10 Ecole attended
11 Word with oil or pool
12 Medley meals
13 Wisecrack
21 Run-down
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27 Manned grass?
28 Dynamic leader?
29 Second-hand
30 Regretful
32 Transmiss on controller
33 United voting group
34 Weapon in Cue
35 Ripened
37 Emulated Piza's tower
38 Covering
- 40 Veggie sphere
41 Corrida victim
42 Fiddle
43 Car-parkers
44 Lid entri st
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NCAA examining coaches' behavior, extracurricular activities

Pete Spittler
Daily Egyptian

After reports of alcoholism, gambling and other inappropriate activities, the NCAA is closely examining the behavior of its coaches.

A string of incidents came to light after Iowa State basketball coach Larry Eustachy was fired in May for his actions during a student party on Jan. 22. The 47-year-old coach was photographed holding a beer can and kissing female students on the cheek.

Alabama football coach Mike Price was fired on May 3 before coaching a single game. While on a trip to Florida for a golf tournament, Price allegedly spent hundreds of dollars at a strip club.

The following morning, a woman ordered about \$1,000 worth of room service and charged it to Price's hotel bill.

With all the media attention that comes with coaching at the college level, some coaches tend to focus on themselves and not their team.

"There are two types of coaches, ones that are in it for themselves and ones that are in it for the kids," SIU football head coach Jerry Kill said. "I'm in it for the kids."

Even gambling among friends and neighbors is enough to warrant disciplinary action, which is the case for Washington football coach Rick Neuheisel.

Neuheisel was fired in June for participating in a high-stakes NCAA basketball

tournament gambling pool. Neuheisel claims that a school e-mail gave him permission to participate in the betting pool, in which he has won more than \$12,000 in two years.

Neuheisel was entering the second year of a six-year contract worth more than \$3 million before being fired.

"It is big business," SIU men's basketball head coach Matt Painter said. "A lot of people are saying men's coaches are overpaid by earning \$2 million overall."

Painter, who is taking over the head coaching reins from the departed Bruce Weber, will coach his first game at the helm starting this fall.

First-year coaches tend to be examined closely, especially if the program has been successful, like

SIU men's basketball.

"When I look at the characteristics I want in a coach, Matt has all those," SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said. "In four or five years I hope we start worrying about losing Matt to a Big Ten program."

Being able to carry that success over a number of years is a testament to a coach's ability, both on the field and off.

"Anybody can win on a short-term basis, but in order to do it right you have to win on a long-term basis," Kill said. "The rewards are high and so are the risks."

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defeating Iowa State and Hartford on their way to the championship game against Illinois.

Despite a 75-72 heart-breaking loss at the hands of the Fighting Illini, then ranked No. 2 in the country, the tournament set the stage for the Salukis' miracle run through the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament.

"The bottom line is, [the Las Vegas Invitational] got us in the NCAA tournament," Watson said. "That gave us three more wins, and it gave us a quality game against Illinois. Without that tournament, we don't make it to the NCAA tournament let alone the Sweet 16. "It was what got us over the hump."

Watson anticipates the Salukis participating in an exempted tournament every year from here on out.

Because the tournament supplies a cer-

tain percentage of each team's expenses, the exempted tournaments are affordable for even the most financially strapped athletic departments. Things tend to work out from the academic standpoint as well, since the tournaments generally take place during Thanksgiving or Christmas break when classes are not in session.

The Salukis also enjoy the chance to travel to sites they normally wouldn't play.

"What we really like is that it gives you a chance to go to different places. Maybe you get to go to Hawaii or maybe you get to go to Alaska," Watson said. "But mainly it gives you the chance to play teams that you wouldn't normally get an opportunity to play, especially on a neutral court."

"Now the playing field is a little more level."

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seasons. But all this does not mean SIU football cannot be great once again.

Last season appeared to be the year the Salukis were going to make known the fact they are not only still around, but that they are gunning for another playoff run.

Through the first seven games of the year, the Salukis were 4-3 with victories over top-ranked teams Western Illinois and Northern Iowa. The win over the hated Leathernecks was SIU's first since the championship season.

The two victories put SIU into the national ranking at No. 25 and had the team at the top of the Gateway standings.

Then things fell apart and SIU lost its final five games, capped by a 48-16 drubbing at the hands of Western Kentucky.

Several factors played into SIU's demise, but none was more crucial than injuries.

During the course of the season, the Salukis lost two All-American caliber running backs in Tom Koutsos and Muhammad Abdulqadir, a quality wide receiver in Kellen Allen and other valuable role players including safety Justin George and kicker Craig Coffin.

Those players are now healthy and with another year of experience for younger players such as Alexis Moreland, Lionel Williams, Joel Sambursky and Mark Philipp, the Salukis appear poised to return to their glory days.

Hopefully, Lady Luck will decide to smile once again on the Salukis.

She already gave us a healthy Koutsos and Abdulqadir.

Now maybe another memorable playoff run will be in the cards as well.

Jens is a senior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Leaders as of press time NL League Leaders

HOME RUNS		
Player	Team	HR
B. Bonds	SF	33
J. Edmonds	STL	29
J. Lopez	ATL	29
M. Lowell	FLA	29
R. Sexson	MIL	29

BATTING AVERAGE		
Player	Team	AVG
A. Pujols	STL	.375
T. Helton	COL	.347
J. Guillen	CIN	.337
E. Renteria	STL	.335
B. Bonds	SF	.330

RBI		
Player	Team	RBI
P. Wilson	COL	102
A. Pujols	STL	97
M. Lowell	FLA	87
T. Helton	COL	85
G. Sheffield	ATL	83

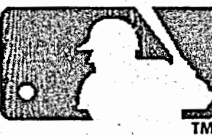
National League

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	57	48	.543	-
St. Louis	55	51	.519	2.5
Chicago	52	52	.500	4.5
Pittsburgh	48	55	.466	8
Cincinnati	47	58	.448	10
Milwaukee	42	63	.400	15

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	69	36	.657	-
Philadelphia	57	47	.548	11.5
Florida	58	49	.542	12
Montreal	54	53	.505	16
New York	43	62	.410	26

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	67	38	.638	-
Arizona	56	51	.523	12
Los Angeles	54	50	.519	12.5
Colorado	55	53	.509	13.5
San Diego	40	66	.377	27.5

Standings as of press time



MLB

American League

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB
Kansas City	57	46	.553	-
Chicago	54	51	.514	4
Minnesota	51	53	.490	6.5
Cleveland	44	61	.419	14
Detroit	28	75	.272	29

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	63	40	.612	-
Boston	62	42	.596	1.5
Toronto	54	51	.514	10
Baltimore	49	53	.480	13.5
Tampa Bay	37	66	.359	26

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	63	42	.600	-
Oakland	60	45	.571	3
Anaheim	52	52	.500	10.5
Texas	43	62	.410	20

TRIVIA ANSWER: Leroy Robert 'Satchel' Paige, the greatest pitcher of the Negro Leagues, said this famous quote. Paige, who was kept out of the Majors until he was 42 years old, was inducted to the Hall of Fame in 1971.

Leaders as of press time AL League Leaders

HOME RUNS		
Player	Team	HR
C. Delgado	TOR	30
J. Giambi	NYJ	29
V. Wells	TOR	28
B. Boone	SEA	27
F. Thomas	CHI	25

BATTING AVERAGE		
Player	Team	AVG
I. Suzuki	SEA	.340
B. Mueller	BOS	.327
M. Bradley	CLE	.326
M. Ramirez	BOS	.325
M. Young	TEX	.325

RBI		
Player	Team	RBI
C. Delgado	TOR	105
V. Wells	TOR	94
G. Anderson	ANA	86
B. Boone	SEA	83
J. Giambi	NYJ	80

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Men's basketball prepares for 10-day European trip

Team will play six games in Finland, Sweden

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

Beginning Monday, the SIU men's basketball team will play six games in eight days during its trip to Sweden and Finland.

The Salukis will use the trip to get adjusted to new roles and a new head coach. Matt Painter, who replaced Bruce Weber in May, will get his first chance to serve at the helm for the Dawgs. The returning players will be able to get used to playing without the inside-outside combination of Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman, the team's top two scorers last season.

But the games are only one of the positive aspects of the trip.

"The biggest benefit is we get to practice 10 days before we go on the trip, and it gives some guys who have changed their roles an opportunity to really move into those roles, specifically guys like Brad [Korn] and Bryan Turner and Sylvester [Willis] and Josh Warren," assistant coach Rodney Watson said.

"These are guys that came off the bench last year, and now they're going to play a much more prominent role."

Only returning players are permitted to go on the trip, and junior guard Stetson Hairston will sit out due to a disciplinary action handed down by Painter.

The Salukis will depart from St. Louis late Saturday morning and, three flights later, they'll arrive in Helsinki during the mid-morning local time.

Local basketball clubs will provide most of the competition for the team, and the first game will be against Pussihukat Basketball Club. According to the club's website, Pussihukat means "basket wolves."

That will be the first of four games in Sweden, with the last two coming in Finland. The teams will be virtually unknown to SIU.

"You never know what you're gonna get, and that's not so much what's important," Watson said. "The games themselves are important. What's most important is what we do and how we carry ourselves and what we do as a team."

The last such trip for the Salukis came in 1998, when Bruce Weber, then entering his first year as head coach, took his team to the Dominican Republic. There is a

different purpose behind this trip, though.

"What's a little bit different about our situation now as opposed to then is the guys that are returning know coach Painter's personality and they certainly know mine and Shane Hawkins," Watson said.

"But it's giving them a chance to be around Coach [Jack] Owens and Coach [Paul] Lusk. They know the system, it's more of their individual roles in the system."

In addition to learning their roles, the Salukis will also have a chance to learn about the two Nordic countries they'll be visiting. An overnight cruise will provide the transportation from Finland to Sweden.

"We've got games nearly every day, but we'll have a chance to go into Helsinki and see what that city's about," Watson said. "We'll have a chance to be in Stockholm, see what that's about. That's an important part of it."

"It's mainly just basketball and a little bit of sightseeing, certainly that's part of the reason why you take the trip."

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SPORTS FLASH

Women's basketball hires two assistants

SIU women's basketball coach Lori Opp recently filled out her coaching staff when she added Maureen Smith and Zareth Gray for the upcoming season.

Smith comes to SIU from Central Florida, where she spent the last four seasons as an assistant coach. At UCF, Smith helped lead her team to a 19-11 record and an Atlantic Sun Conference championship.

Prior to coaching for the Golden Knights, Smith, a Blairstown, N.J., native, served as an assistant at Bradley. She also spent time at Elmhurst College, a Division III school in the Chicago area. Smith played collegiately at Florida International, where she was a two-year starter.

Smith also coached at Cedar Crest College and East Stroudsburg, where she earned a master's degree in education.

Gray spent the last two seasons as an

assistant coach at Wichita State until head coach Daryl Smith was released in March.

A player at Michigan State and professionally overseas, Gray has also coached at Eastern Illinois. She worked with post players at Wichita and Eastern Illinois. Gray also coached at Ball State, where she earned a graduate degree in athletic administration.

Gray attended high school in northern California. Smith and Gray replace Alex Wellmaker and Tricia Floyd, who resigned in April.

Bergen has solid showing in Barcelona

SIU sophomore swimmer Briley Bergen closed out a summer of intense training with a respectable finish at the 10th FINA World Championships of Aquatics in Barcelona, Spain.

The nine-time U.S. Open Water

national champion placed 16th in the 10K with a time of 2:05:23.2 and eighth in the 25K with a time of 5:39:12.3, earning five points for the U.S.

Valli Viola of Italy, who also won the 5K race, placed first in the 10K with a time of 1:59:49.9, and three-time world champion Edith Van Dijk of the Netherlands placed first in the 25K with a time of 5:35:43.5.

Bergen's prior best finish at the World Championships was in 2001 in Japan, when she finished sixth in the 25K.

Calling all Saluki fans

The sports staff of the DAILY EGYPTIAN wants to hear from you. This fall we will once again be running a sports opinion section on Wednesdays, and we need you to send in your comments and opinions regarding Saluki Athletics and college sports in general. Please send letters to the sports editor to sports@dailyegyptian.com.

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THE END

This is the last Daily Egyptian of the summer. The next issue will be out on August 18th, 2003.



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For further information regarding this coverage, please refer to the "2002/2003 Extended Medical Care Benefit Plan Brochure" or visit the SHP web page at www.siu.edu/~shp. The Student Medical Benefit Office (student insurance) is located at Room 118, Kesnar Hall or can be reached via phone at 453-4413.



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MLB Trivia
 'I ain't never had a job. I just played baseball.'
 What former Negro League and Major League star said this?
 See answer, page 11

Judge overturns NCAA's two-in-four rule

Basketball teams can now compete in exempted tournaments every season

Adam Soebbing
 Daily Egyptian

Thanks to an Ohio federal judge's ruling, elite NCAA basketball programs can no longer run and hide from the schedules of successful mid-major programs.

Ruling in favor of the numerous sports tour organizers who filed suit, Judge Edmund A. Sargus overturned the NCAA's 2-in-4 rule, which went into effect prior to the 2000-2001 season and prevented college basketball teams from participating in more than two exempted tournaments in a four-year period.

"The court is cognizant of the fact that the NCAA occupies the unique position of standard-setter in the market of Division I men's basketball," Sargus wrote in his ruling.

"Nevertheless, this rule does not allow the NCAA to act in a manner that restrains competition in a manner that is anticompetitive, unless the NCAA can demonstrate an offsetting beneficial effect."

Exempted tournaments, such as the Maui Invitational and the Great Alaska Shootout, are classified as tournaments that count as only one game against a team's NCAA limit of 28 contests per year.

Related rules that still stand are that a team can participate in only one exempted tournament per season, and a team cannot participate in an exempted tournament in the same season that it goes on a foreign tour.

As far as SIU is concerned, the ruling will have a major impact on its scheduling and future NCAA hopes.

"It's critical for us because scheduling becomes harder and harder for teams in the MVC, especially if you do well because no one wants to play you," Saluki assistant basketball coach Rodney Watson said. "It was amazing how tough it was for us to complete our schedule this year."

"It's critical for us because scheduling becomes harder and harder for teams in the MVC, especially if you do well because no one wants to play you."

— Rodney Watson
 assistant coach, SIU basketball

"The exempt tournaments give us an opportunity to play a team with a very outstanding RPI and play them on a neutral court."

The Salukis know first-hand how exempted tournaments can turn a good season into a great one for mid-majors.

During their memorable 2001-2002 Sweet 16 season, the Salukis competed in the Las Vegas Invitational in Las Vegas.

Following a first-round victory over Saint Louis, 69-64, the Salukis took advantage of the neutral court and an unsuspecting field by

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COMMENTARY



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BY JENS DEJU
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SIU football, 20 years later

Upon receiving the 2003 Football Media Guide Tuesday afternoon, I was reminded of the greatest moment in SIU history.

On the inside there is a full-page layout commemorating the 20-year anniversary of the 1983 championship squad.

One Saluki player has a smile on his face while pointing his index finger high toward the heavens.

In the background is the quarterback jumping over the line reminiscent of the memorable play involving Bart Starr during the famed Ice Bowl.

The Gateway Conference 2003 media guide also has a picture of the championship team.

This one is on the cover along with shots of the other national championship teams from the Gateway including last year's Western Kentucky squad and the Youngstown State teams in 1991, 1993, 1994 and 1997.

In the recent years of sub-par SIU football teams, the 1983 championship team is something definitely worth remembering.

The Salukis went 13-1 that season with the lone loss coming in the season finale at the hands of Wichita State, which no longer has a football team.

Other than the lapse against the Shockers, the Salukis were simply dominant that season.

Four of SIU's 10 regular season wins were by 30 or more points. Seven of them were by at least two scores.

Included in these games were a 32-point win over Western Illinois, a 49-point victory over Southeast Missouri State, a 41-point beating of Northern Iowa and a 38-point win over New Mexico State.

Once the playoffs started, the Salukis were even better.

In their three playoff wins SIU outscored their opponents by a combined score of 89-21.

The Salukis won their first two battles by identical 23-7 scores over Indiana State and Nevada-Reno before simply annihilating Western Carolina in the championship game 43-7.

Some of SIU's current students were not even alive back when this team was rearing through the Division I-AA ranks like William Perry through a buffet line, but that does not mean they also cannot enjoy the squad's greatness.

Since 1983, the Salukis have had just two winning seasons, going 7-4 in both 1986 and 1991. SIU has also had a winning conference record just twice, going 4-2 those same

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YINDI CHEN - DAILY EGYPTIAN

More golf courses, but fewer golfers

Carbondale area golf courses attempt to draw in new golfers to reverse growing trend

Ethan Erickson
 Daily Egyptian

The recent boom in building golf courses in the area and the nation might lead you to believe there are more golfers, but this is not necessarily true.

National statistics indicate that there are 33 percent more golf courses now than in 1990, but the number of golfers slipped by one million to 27.7 million during that time.

The Carbondale area hasn't been immune to the trend. Hickory Ridge Golf Course, which is owned by the City of Carbondale, was built in 1993 at a cost of \$3.2 million, and the city will be paying for it until 2014. A clubhouse is currently scheduled to be built in time for the Missouri Valley Conference women's golf championships next spring.

Privately owned Stone Creek Golf Club in Makanda is in its fourth year of operation.

These two courses doubled the number of 18-hole golf courses within 10 miles of Carbondale from two to four.

Stone Creek isn't just dependent on golf, though. It has homes on the premises and a clubhouse restaurant that draws in diners who aren't there to play golf.

Crab Orchard Golf Club in Carterville, a course that dates back to 1959, employs numerous community outreach programs to draw in golfers.

"We're very involved in the grow-the-game initiative. We do a lot with junior golf. We do a lot with beginner golf," Director of Competition Sarah Haas said. "We work with John A. Logan College, providing adult education classes for them. We have our own junior program."

Drawing in new golfers is crucial, especially after a National Golf Association study found that the total rounds played dropped by 3 percent from 2001 to 2002.

The lower Midwest, the area containing Illinois, felt a 5.5 percent drop.

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