SIUC students receive Amtrak discounts in mail

AN ADVANTAGE:
Kinko's and AMC also offering reduced rates.

Reaffirmed:
Easter holiday strengthens students' religious beliefs.
Southern Illinois Weather

**TODAY:**
Shower and thunderstorms. High: 69
Low: 55

**SATURDAY:**
Partly sunny and cooler. High: 61
Low: 40

**SUNDAY:**
Continued dry. High: 59
Low: 37

**MONDAY:**
Continued dry. High: 59
Low: 37

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**Calendar**

**TODAY:**
- **Graduate School - Developing Scholars Program**, a component of PRAE, March 28 & 29, Student Center. Contact Kato at 457-4533 for fees.
- **UOF**: "Quarterly Drive to ask the flood victims of the Ohio River Valley," March 28, 10-12 noon. Student Center ground floor. Contact Kristi at 336-3381 or at kristi@wku.edu.
- **Disabled Student Recreation** - "Trips to astounding of the Fatherland," every Friday, 3-5 p.m. Contact Kato at 452-1025.
- **Russian Club**, Fridays, 4 to 5 p.m. China House (701 J. W. Alvey Ave.) Contact Sarah at 453-3239.
- **Chinese Club**, March 28, 4-5 p.m. Foster Room. Contact Allen 351-9679.
- **Spanish Club**, March 28, 4 to 6 p.m. Cafe Melting. Contact Harris at 453-5427.
- **French Club**, March 28, 4 to 6 p.m. Cafe Melting. Contact Trisha at 957-5667 or at http://www.profess or.siu.edu/lucy". Contact Richard.
- **Sokol Table**, 1st Annual Fish Fry by Sports Marketing, March 28, 5:30 p.m. Carbondale Elks Club, 250 W. Jackson St. Contact Student Body 457-5999 or at Cafe 549-5847.
- **German Club,, "Staatsman," March 28, 6 p.m. Trub's, Contact Anne at 549-1754.
- **Japanese Club**, every Friday, 3-8 p.m. Hakou, Cafe. Contact Sumiko at 457-6500.
- **Department of Physics: Comet Hole**, March 28, 7 to 8:30 p.m., venue at natives 490. groups of 15 or more should call 453-2643 to schedule a date and time.
- **Phoenix Audubon Society of Southern Illinois: Dale presentation** by Christine Anne, March 28, 7:30 p.m., Charles Knox, 500 W. Main St. Contact Kato at 457-5570.
- **UPCOMING:**
  - **Sokol Volunteer Corps - Hubbell for Humanity**, every Saturday, Student Development Office, 2nd Floor of Student Center, 453-5714.
  - **Children's Alcoholic Network**, Southern Illinois, 5K Walkathon, March 29, 9 a.m. Start and end at Student Center, 453-5714.
  - **Student Council general meeting**, March 29, 4 p.m. Student Center Room 1023. Contact Ann at 549-5192.
  - **Bald Eagle of Peace - 1st Annual Service Seminar**, March 30, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Breakfast at 7 p.m., near Alpha Phi, 459-1754. Contact Ann at 983-2342 or 983-2170 for information.
  - **Abundant Life Ministries**, "Marking on the Daily," multimedia presenta tion/discussion on Biblical prophecy concerning the end of times, March 30, 7 p.m., Morris Library Student Center Room 206. Contact John at 549-1754.
  - **Bald Think Tow & NAACP** Kick Off Cultural Jam, April 1, doors open at 6 p.m., Student Center, Coffman Room 63. Contact Ann at 549-1754.
  - **Sokol Volunteer Corps - Habitat for Humanity**, Sundays, 10 a.m. Contact Kato at 351-1394.
  - **Blood Think Tow & NAACP** Kick Off Cultural Jam, April 1, doors open at 6 p.m., Student Center, Coffman Room 63. Contact Ann at 549-1754.
  - **Sokol Volunteer Corps - Jewish-Po tential** Community, Student Center, 453-5192 for details.
  - **Library Affairs**, Introduction to Creating Home Pages (IHP)** Seminar, March 31, 10 a.m. to Noon, Morris Library Room 1020. Contact the Undergrad/Dept Desk at 457-3810. **Upcoming**
  - **SPC Films** screening event, every Monday, 7:30 p.m. Toy Room in Student Center. Contact Rhonna at 532-3273.
  - **Programs of General Contractors & Home Builders Association meeting**, every other Wednesday, 6 p.m., Student Center. Contact Ron at 529-0274.
- **500 Hula Ball Dance Club meeting, every other Sunday, 2 p.m. Student Center. Contact Ron at 529-0274.
  - **Civil Air Patrol Meeting, every Monday, 7 p.m., Marine Airport. Contact Lyman at 351-8074.
  - **Residence Hall Association**, every Monday, 7 p.m., Student Center. Contact Ron at 529-7791.
  - **Universe Spirituality:** Astrology used as an aid for health & happiness, March 31, 7 p.m. Longfellow Coffee House. Contact Ron at 529-5299.
  - **Jewish-Christin-Muhammadite Fertilization Critical Singer** in the Evolution of Christianity, March 31, 7:00 p.m., St. Andrews Episcopal Church. 402 W. Willard St. Contact Ron at 452-4391.
  - **Southern Baptist Student Ministries**, Free lunches for international students, every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Student Center, Student Center Room 529. Contact Ann at 549-2170 for more information.
  - **Black in Communication Alliance**, free meetings for students interested and majoring in communication fields, every Tuesday, 7 p.m., Illini Room in Student Center. Contact Ron at 457-2495.

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**Corrections**

If readers spot an error in a news article, they can contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 529-1311, extension 223 or 228.

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School’s fish graduate to new pond

BETTER GET A BIGGER TANK: One of the largest fish collections in the Midwest is moving to Life Science III.

TAMERA L. HICKS
DAILY EAGLE REPORTER

A $52,000 grant has funded the move of one of the largest collections in the Midwest: 9,000 reptiles and amphibians, to be moved from Life Science II to Life Science III and a full-time manager to care for it, too, President Ronald Brimley said.

“The collection was jar on top of jar, and some were even cramped into a corner of the same room,” Brimley said.

The National Science Foundation grant, which was received earlier this semester, has allowed the 300,000 specimen collection to be moved from the compact room in Life Science II to a safer and spacious two-room “museum” in the year-old Life Science III building.

In its new location, the species, placed in jars of 70 percent ethanol and 30 percent water, are well protected from contamination of fire, earthquakes and bleeding caused by improper lighting.

“We now have a much higher density and more space to avoid any damage to the species,” said Vinson.

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Students debate holiday

MESSAGE: Easter interpretations differ between religious.

SHARIE GLATZPFER
DAILY EAGLE REPORTER

When he sits in a church service on Easter Sunday, Dave Hookman will be reflecting on more than fuzzy bunnies with twirling noses and baskets of eggs.

For Hookman, a junior in advanced technical studies from Pekin, the true meaning of Easter is represented in the cross.

“It is the day in remembrance that God came down to earth as a man to die for my sins,” he said.

“The cross symbolizes God taking all of our sins and nailing them to the cross to provide the perfect sacrifice acceptable to God.”

“The true meaning of Easter is unclear to a lot of people.”

“A lot of people don’t understand what Easter is all about,” he said.

“They don’t understand that there is a man who died for my sin. ‘I will raise him from the dead,’ he said.”

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

CARBONDALE

Memorial service to be held for Terrance Mitchell

A memorial for Terrance Mitchell will be at 7 tonight at Java Coffee House, 611 S. Illinois Ave.

The memorial is open to anyone wanting to pay their respects to Mitchell, who was murdered in August. Those interested in the memorial will be given the opportunity to send a poem or reminiscence about Mitchell.

Donations will be accepted at the door for the establishment of a scholarship fund in Mitchell’s memory. Those not able to attend who still wish to donate can contact the Illini Student Center at 535-1906.

The following day has tentatively been designated as the dedication of Mitchell’s tombstone at Oakland Cemetery, located north of town off Railroad Street. The dedication will be at about 2 p.m., weather permitting.

CARBONDALE

City budget now available for viewing at library

The City of Carbondale’s proposed budget for fiscal 1998, which begins May 1, 1997, now is available for public viewing at the Carbondale Public Library, 405 W. Main St.

The budget also will be available at City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Ave., beginning Monday.

CARBONDALE

SIUC alumni appointed as new city attorney

M. Paige Smith was named as Carbondale’s new city attorney on Thursday by City Manager Jeff Doherty.

Smith, who served as assistant city attorney since 1995, replaces Sharon Hammer, who resigned in February to accept a position with a Chicago firm.

Smith graduated from the SIUC School of Law and has a degree in administration of justice from SIUC.

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Beginning this evening, cronet Hall-Bopp can be viewed from the observatory on top of the Neckers Building.

Any interested citizens can make a donation to the memorial, which bears the name of Mitchell, to the Necker mom 493 between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Other times and dates to view the budget are Wednesday and April 7, 8:30 p.m., and April 9 and April 11, 8-9:30 p.m.

GARY KNIGHT
DAILY EAGLE REPORTER

Carbondale, new city attorney

As new city attorney for the City of Carbondale, Smith will be responsible for all aspects of legal advice, representation and services for the city of Carbondale.

Smith will be responsible for drafting ordinances and agreements, representing the city in court, negotiating contracts, defending claims and suits, and handling any legal matters that may arise.
Families of bombing victims have no reason to sue feds

No matter how corrupt we believe the government to be, we cannot blame it for everything that goes wrong in this country. I am reasonably sure that not everything is a conspiracy, and chances are that officials are not out to get us.

However, this is precisely what a group affected by the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City seems to believe, as they file claims against the government for the event.

This group of 34 individuals — most of whom are relatives of those killed in the bombing — decided to file claims against the federal government for $25 million dollars per claim.

The group alleges that the government — having previous knowledge of talk of the bombing — did not take precautionary measures to ensure the safety of those involved.

Such routine procedures include banning parking near the building or blocking the surrounding streets. Tears came to my eyes when the bombing story originally was covered, and I cried when Garth Brooks sang “The Change” with clips from the bombing in the background in an award ceremony in 1996, but I seriously do not think the incident solicited the government. I do understand the government’s side of it: If it was known that there was talk of terrorism, the area could have been evacuated, but what would that have done?

First, that would have created a state of panic. Locals would have been trying to get out, all using the same roadways and causing accidents, possibly killing even more than were in the bombing.

In a state of panic, the area involved leaves itself more susceptible to other acts of terrorism and riots. And when those left came back, the entire town very well could have been engulfed in flames.

Also, unless the conversation reported by overhead gave specific details as to when, where and how the bombing was going to take place, the government would have had to take those measures every day.

They would have had to close down the Murrah building, putting the people employed there out of work.

Then, every day that the building was not bombarded, partly because of the precautions taken, partly just because it would deflect the point of the terrorists bombing an empty building, the people who were out of work would become very upset and probably sue the government for the money lost in this shutdown.

Not to mention that if the terrorists were that determined, putting up barricades only would have delayed the inevitable.

As soon as the area was proclaimed safe, and parking and use of the streets were re-established, the terrorists would have infiltrated the area anyway and finished the job.

How long would the government have been expected to say there before being absolutely sure that there was no future danger? Next, and also very obvious, is this question: Every time there is a mention of a bombing, are extreme protection measures (those aside from procedural investigations) expected to be taken?

How ridiculous would it be if every time there was a hint of terrorism all the local towns were evacuated? Kids would be calling in bomb threats every day to avoid going to school, and it would be all too easy for arsonsists to strike over the entire country by putting us in a state of panic.

While it is understandable they shut from their losses, they are grabbing at straws for people to blame for the incident. It is unnecessary to say this because the quantity of the little money it is for personal gain.

We need to unite as a country to take a stand against terrorism instead of single handedly trying to undermine the government, thereby making us more susceptible to more terrorism.

Endorsement

Flanagan, Briggs, Budslick clear choices to serve SIUC students

SIX CANDIDATES STAND BEFORE US IN Tuesday’s Carbondale City Council election, and three can be selected. Incumbent Margaret Flanagan and newcomers Larry Briggs and John Budslick should be those three candidates.

All three candidates come from a wide range of backgrounds, but they share common visions for SIUC students and the community — we should be equal and not separate.

ALTHOUGH THE OTHER CANDIDATES HAVE similar views on bringing the University population and community together, these three candidates visualize Carbondale’s future through both the eyes of students and residents.

Flanagan, how declining enrollment at SIUC has affected Carbondale, and they see the consequences of keeping with the status quo: a deterioration of the city and the loss of revenue.

ACCORDING TO A CARBONDALE CHAMBER of Commerce report, the average SIUC student spends $8,000 per year in Carbondale.

The loss of 3,000 students, such as that between fall 1992 and fall 1996, could translate into a $24 million loss of funds in the city.

Carbondale would not be what it is today without the help of the University and its students, and that fact is sometimes hard for residents to accept.

But these three candidates seem willing to embrace and learn from diverse ideas — including those of students — for a better community.

SOME STUDENTS WANT TO STAY IN THE area, but good-paying jobs are hard to find in Carbondale.

Job development is one issue all three candidates have unique experience and background is that could stimulate Carbondale’s job market.

Budslick is a businesswoman and property owner by trade, while Flanagan and Briggs are from the University and professional settings.

All three could bring fresh ideas to city government and influence what Carbondale is: a place where diverse populations grow and thrive on each other.

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THESE CANDIDATES ARE NOT PERFECT.

Budslick, former owner of Six Bar and Billiards, 517 S. Illinois Ave., has a vested interest in lowering the bar-entry age to 21 because his sons now own the business. Flanagan, in her last term, has become the political chameleon on the council.

She voted to raise the bar-entry age to 21 in 1995, but now, during her re-election campaign, she says she would consider lowering it.

THE OTHER THREE CANDIDATES — EDEN Thorne and incumbents John Yow and Loyd Sumner — are respectable and good citizens, but unfortunately they are the same people in different forms. They represent the more religious, conservative right in the community that sometimes views the students as pests rather than assets.

The clear choices for SIUC students are Flanagan, Budslick and Briggs.

“Our Word” represents a causeusus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.
Mailbox

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Hope my idea can be included in one of your next series and get across to the SIUC administrators. Thanks for your time.

Wei Lee
Assistant professor, SIUC School of Law Library

Smoking should be personal choice, not government issue

Dear Editor,

Telling people what to do. What type of society or government do we live in when the leaders of this country can control the individual aspects of one's life?

I believe the best way to control anyone is to wear a helmet or my seat belt. It is not the government's role to control what people can or cannot smoke.

It is a personal decision affecting no one but the individual. Perhaps, one could be arguing to myself: "What about second-hand smoke?"

If people rallying against second-hand smoke could use my exceptionally high tax dollars stemming from my purchase of cigarettes to light industry-based policy, I believe that everybody would find it much easier to breathe.

Correct me if I am wrong, but I believe that the pollution created by these factories far outweighs the pollution caused by a dwindling number of smokers.

Another issue: Why does the U.S. government get involved with the advertising methods used by tobacco and for that matter alcohol companies?

The main argument that they portray is that the advertising is geared towards children and therefore causes them to get the wrong impression about smoking and drinking before they are mature enough to make an informed decision.

Again, correct me if I am wrong, but is it the nation's responsibility to inform children what dangers of smoking and drinking they should be aware of?

Parents do not have to monitor their children's activities because they believe that everybody would find it much easier to smoke.

I don't blame bad parenting on all the faults of the world, but I believe that some can do a lot better than they currently are.

This is an outside opinion of course as I am without children and I may find it a lot more difficult than I am saying now, but if everyone could discipline their children and have them find out what these dangers are that we have already learned (other from our own parents or by experience) and if our government has no business interfering with the raising of America's children.

Jason E. Todd
Professor, automotive technology

Joining Southern Poverty Law Center action against 'World Church'

Dear Editor,

Given the recent publicity affecting the center of my interest, I'd like to mention another possible advocate: The Southern Poverty Law Center.

This not-for-profit organization works through legal and educational activism against hate groups in our country. Founded by Alabama lawyer Morris Dees in 1971, the center has set aside interests in hate crimes against groups on several fronts.

Through its Teaching Tolerance program, the center provides classroom materials free of charge to teachers in local schools.

These materials give teachers creative ways to introduce their students to other cultures and races, and ways to discuss issues of prejudice and racial hatred.

The center also has begun a Militia Task Force, whose mission is to combat the activities of white supremacist, paramilitary groups.

But the center may be best known for its Klanwatch project, which monitors hate crimes around the nation, and has represented victims of discrimination and bias motivated crimes for the last 25 years.

Morris Dees, who is the chief trial counsel for the center, is known for his spectacular victories in civil lawsuits against organized hate groups.

According to a recent interview in Trial: Journal of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the center's success is due to the families of murder victims, driving the Klan of America and the California-based Aryan Resistance of Jewish入户l (ABJ) in June 1977.

You can receive more information about the center by writing to the World Church of the Creator for several years.

Its members have been known to join support the center, and the center offers scholarships to young professionals interested in pursuing racial justice as a career path.

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Annie Jairey
Professor, environmental law

Director, University College Curriculum

Experience, qualifications make Simon asset to SIUC

Dear Editor,

Howard criticizes the fact that former U.S. Senator Paul Simon teaches at SIUC.

Apparently Mr. Howard is unaware that good journalists get the facts before they write.

Mr. Howard says that Simon teaches introductory courses that easily could have been covered by existing faculty. I, a former student of the School of Journalism, Simon teaches JRN 495, an advanced writing course which he also advises and undergraduate and graduate students are eligible.

The fact that Simon has written 16 books and was the nation's youngest newspaper editor and publisher at the age of 19 gives him unique capabilities and experiences that he shares with our students.

Mr. Howard also says that Simon had limited teaching experience. The fact is that Simon started the Public Affairs Reporting program at Sangamon State University (now the University of Illinois at Springfield) and also taught at Harvard University. Again, Simon is uniquely qualified.

The School of Journalism is delighted to have Simon as an integral member of our faculty.

Donald Jagenheimer
Director, SIUC School of Journalism

Foreign students need incentives

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Crowds always enjoy a Saluki women's basketball game. The Murphysboro Lady Devils basketball team does a great job doing their role supporting the team and loudly cheering during the game.

ON YOUR FEET: Photos by Carolyn Vyborny

SHOWING THEIR SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY: Senior guard Katie McClendon (left) and senior center Tiffany Spencer autograph posters of the team for loyal fans after each home game.

AGONY: Saluki women's basketball team always puts on a good fight, but when crunch time comes emotions always can be felt on the bench.

LOOKING TO THE HOOP: Sophomore Forward O'Desha Proctor goes up strong to the hoop during a home game against Creighton.

GET OUT OF MY WAY: Practice during the season is not done for anything and practice does make perfect. Freshman forward Meredith Jackson proves this by doing a perfect drive to the basket during a home game against a Creighton opponent.

Team Everyone Achieves More
personnel here, she said. "When they came they liked it and brought family, friends and relatives, and it just really escalated. So our relationships in Malaysia have been strong for many, many years.

Vinson said SIU is attempting to find if campuses in Malaysia and Shanghai are economically feasible.

"We are not moving as fast as they (Golden Plus) would like because we care from the business world," Vinson said. "But we came from the university world, so we have to very careful that we have the right resources and that we can really deliver.

Vinson said the campuses would teach intensive English and other core curriculum courses and aid students from Malaysia or Shanghai in transferring to SIU. She said the campuses would function much like the camps in Nakajo, Japan.

Robert Jensen, College of Liberal Arts interim dean, said because three-fourths of the core curriculum is taught by COLA, the college has been involved with the planning of the foreign campuses.

"While SIUC is a land-locked university, we are trying very hard to do something more than just a regional university," Jensen said. "Capitalism is booming all over the place in these countries, and it is tactically smart for SIU to be a part of it.

There would be some differences between the campuses in Malaysia and Shanghai.

"Malaysian students have a much higher comfort level with the English language," Jensen said. "It would be different in Shanghai because our students probably wouldn't have as much casual English or English in the classroom than in Malaysia.

Even though Chinese and Malaysian campuses would operate like Nakajo, planners do not anticipate the same financial problems that plagued Nakajo.

"Once you burn, you really learn a lot of lessons," Vinson said. "We are just so much more aware now about keeping abreast of student needs as they change." Although the faltering economy caused decreases in enrollment at Nakajo, Jensen said the problems would not necessarily happen at other international campuses.

"The important thing is we have succeeded in maintaining a campus in Japan where 20 or more public universities have failed," Jensen said. "Sure, we had problems, but that doesn't mean we should just stop trying to have an international presence.

Jensen said adding campuses would not cost taxpayers money.

"Campuses in Malaysia and Shanghai would be self-supporting through tuition dollars or through their governments' funding," Jensen said.

Chancellor Donald Beggs said the University will continue to examine a partnership with a Chinese entity to see if SIU can offer the courses in the countries.

"This is how we've started other international campuses," Beggs said. "We are very serious about this, because this has the potential for a positive international experience.

While $4 for a movie ticket in Chicago is less expensive than the regular price of $7, Amtrak tickets in Carbondale are still $2.75 with a student ID.

Last semester, Student Advantage offered the cards to USG for $50,000, but USG representatives said they were too expensive. After Student Advantage renegotiated with Amtrak, the railroad company agreed to pay the full amount. STA paid for the distribution of the cards, so no SIUC student money was spent.

"Amtrak agreed they would pay for the bulk purchase," said David Lantado, Student Advantage vice president for operations and finance.

"They felt it would increase usage, and they wanted the students to know they were looking out for them.

A round-trip Amtrak ticket from Carbondale to Chicago costs between $79 and $140, and a round-trip ticket from Carbondale to Champaign costs $54 to $74. With a 15-percent discount, tickets so Chicago would cost from $56.15 to $119, and tickets to Champaign would be $45.90 to $62.90.

Some students say they would be more likely to use Amtrak more often if they could get a discount.

"If it were cheaper it would be nice," said Sarah Hixson, a junior in psychology from Ithampton Hills. "I could go home or the weekends.

"I think I would like to use Amtrak more often if they could get a discount," said Jessica Fry, a freshman from St. Albert, who is a member of the track team.

"Some things tend to get outdated," James said. "I would use it to visit my family in Champaign.

Amtrak spokesman Mary Anne Reynolds said the decision to pay for the cards supports current and potential rail customers.

"It's a win-win situation for both students and Amtrak," she said. "Students can enjoy a discount on rail travel, and we're introduced to rail travel, they will remain loyal customers.

Next year, Student Advantage will try to find sponsors to pay for the cards, so students can again have them for free.

"We will probably talk to Amtrak again," Lantado said. "We might see if USG could pay half of the cost or something next year, but they are not obligated to do anything. We just want the students to be able to get these savings for free.

The Yearly Fee Allocation Request Packets are available at the Undergraduate Student Government Office, Student Center, 3rd floor

The Yearly Fee Allocation Request Packets will be accepted until Thursday, April 17th

These packets are your Registered Student Organization's chance to receive funding for next school year.

Allocation Request Packets MUST BE TYPED
Van Rossum does not do things his own way all of the time. The military taught him to work together with people as a team.

"The organization of a project is the most enjoyable part," he said.

"You can participate in people thinking things out and talking them through is good, but after the decision is made everyone needs to support the decision.

"Everybody sees themselves as autonomous, but we are part of the whole University. Sometimes people need to be reminded of that."

But sometimes Van Rossum does too much and gets too involved.

"Nothing, he cares too much."

Becque said. "Sometimes it is hard for him to turn off his job." In this work there is a lot of second guessing. "Did I say the right thing and give the right advice? He probably spends a lot of time at home processing that."

For Van Rossum the task of being involved in student's lives is more than just doing his job. He said he is not motivated by what people think of him, but is motivated to make the education experience at SIUC the best for students.

His position at the University is to educate and to provide a service to the community," he said. "Seeing students, I see that they build on their skills because that is what they are here for."

Although the tree in the Pulliam Hall courtyard will stay in Carbondale, the ideas inspired by Klass will travel across state lines.

"If Nebraska is where I will be working with diversity issues," Van Rossum said. "I want to create a dialogue between students and faculty and work in bringing students together because there is not enough discussion."

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Latin-American community concerned by lack of unity

OPEN CHANNELS:
Groups meet for first time to discuss issues that divide them.

TRAVIS AUN
DAILY EGYPTEAN REPORTER

Cliea Pineda sat and listened to a panel discussion on Latin-American issues and experienced something for the first time since her arrival in the United States: Latino groups on campus conversing about their differences.

"I am so happy, because for so long there has been a lack of communication," she said.

"We have so many things in common. We have the same history, music. There are so many things to unite us but we still keep apart," Pineda, an SIUC alumna with a Ph.D. in education from Colombia, is a member of the Latin American Student Association. She and about 25 people listened to the discussion Wednesday night in the Student Center.

Multicultural Programs and Services sponsored the seven-member panel, which consisted of students and faculty from Latin backgrounds.

The panel discussed why Latin-American groups on campus have been divided into domestic and international and how to create better communication among the organizations.

Panel member Jaime Arcanze, a second-year MBA student from Colombia and vice president of the Latin American Student Association, said the various Latin organizations face different problems.

That is why there are different Latin groups including the Latin American Student Association, a group for Latinos not native to the United States; and the Hispanic Student Council, a group for Hispanics who are from the United States.

"The two communities face different types of issues," Arcanze said.

"For instance, some complain that the Latin American Student Association did not get involved in the fight against Proposition 187 in California," she said.

"But when there is a plan to raise international tuition, an issue that concerns a lot, you don't hear Hispanics complaining," Arcanze said.

Another barrier for the two groups is language because the members of the Latin American Student Association have no knowledge of the language. In my culture, in Colombia, we speak Spanish," Arcanze said. "It is something I feel is part of me."

Even though some in the Hispanic Student Council do not speak Spanish, Antonia Gutierrez, a senior in Spanish from Chicago, said the roots of the people in both groups are the same no matter where they come from, and both groups should get along.

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God truly does love them." John Scarano, director of the Newman Catholic Student Center, 715 S. Washington Ave., said it is the goal of the Christian ministries on campus to bring the message of Easter to University students.

"Easter is the most holy event in the life of a Christian," Scarano said. "For all Christian students, it is the basic gospel message of John 3:16, 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...'."

The University Christian Ministries, an outreach to students with different faith backgrounds located at the 913 S. Illinois Ave., has a weekly Sunday dinner.

On Easter, students often ask questions about the Easter holiday and what it means to the Christian students.

"Jewish students ask about the symbolism of Easter and what it's about," said Karen Knudt, University Christian Ministries pastor. "It's wonderful to hear them talk about family traditions. It's a good religious education.

Another student ministry will highlight an Easter celebration with students of other nations as well as other religious backgrounds.

The Easter service for the Chi Alpha and Calvary Campus, 111 S. Poplar St., will take place in the Newman Catholic Student Center with the theme "Celebrate Easter with the Nations of the World."

The service will include worship songs in different languages, international students dressed in traditional clothing, a choir, drama and missionary speaker.

Even though Jesus' death and resurrection occurred 2,000 years ago, Robert Gray, senior pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 700 S. University Ave., and Student Center, said the message of Easter is relevant to students today.

"I think (the cross) symbolizes Christ's power over everything that goes wrong in life," he said. "It shows the depth to which God would go to prove to everyone that He's always with us and guides us when He's really dark or overwhelming. A reason doesn't have to despair.

"Easter should be a kick-off for something that goes all year round for remembering what Christ has done for us on the cross: to give us eternal life and to be reconciled to God."

Knodt agreed, saying the emphasis of Easter should be on how what Christ did on the cross changes the lives of Christians today.

"It should not only be to worship but to live life as radically as (Jesus) lived—to boldly love people," she said.

"It's wonderful to hear them talk about the life of a Christian," Scarano said. "It's bringing Easter to them instead of them just coming to a church service," he said.

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**Of Course I Did, Her Mom.**

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**No, That's Ok.**

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The NCAA has deemed that a new Pepsi commercial starring Shaquille O’Neal of the Los Angeles Lakers, who wears a yellow basketball jersey resembling his Laker jersey, is not fit to be shown during CBS’ coverage of the Final Four.

“We have a policy about the appearance of active pros in ads because of the telecast rights in which the pro athlete is participating,” NCAA promotions director Alfred White said from Indianapolis. Said White: “We felt like this ad promoted Shaq more than it promoted Pepsi. And while the jersey he was wearing did not have Lakers on them, it was gold with the No. 34 on it.”

CBS spokeswoman Leslie Ann Werner said that the NCAA contractually has the right to set the rules governing the content of commercials shown during its championships.

Along with Drake, the Salukis will meet St. Louis University (1-15), who they thrashed 10-0 March 21 at the Salukis Invitational. St. Louis’ pitching will match up with Western Illinois University (0-9-1), who handed the Salukis a 2-1 defeat March 2 at the Southern Classic.

Freshman shortstop Lori Greiner hopes the team will see WIU in the championship bracket Saturday.

Since last time we played them (WIU) we have all pulled together,” she said. “We are looking forward to a rematch. We will show them what we are made of. The last time we folded over. We had a couple bad innings, and we are working on eliminating those bad innings.”

“Since St. Louis is ready to improve upon its previous loss to WIU. We were flat the first time we played them (WIU)’” she said. “We wouldn’t want to play them again. We didn’t play badly, but we just weren’t sharp.”

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Haislone said, “I don’t think I could do it. I have my own approach to hitting. Obviously it works for him and if it works for him great.”

The key to making it all work is concentration, which Benson takes to heart.

“I’ll imagine myself putting on my batting gloves, my helmet and taking up the bat,” Benson said. “I even try to feel the grass beneath my feet, trying to make everything as real as possible.”

Benson’s mental approach began last winter at a program in Los Angeles called The Jager Baseball Academy, which emphasizes a Flat Eastern approach to baseball, as well as life.

“I thought it would be a good thing,” Benson said. “I’m really interested in the mental aspect of the game. I think I’m gaining the rewards from it.”

Indeed he is.

In 65 at bats this season, Benson has collected 22 hits and has a team-high 23 RBIs to his credit, which he attributes to his deep mental focus. During the visualization process, Benson creates a mental bucket’s box and concentrates on hitting certain pitches and laying down bunt hits.

“When I take that exaggerated deep breath, my mind won’t know the difference between what is real and what I am visualizing,” Benson said. “When I’m visualizing, I am taking an extra 20 secs in my mind in an ideal environment.”

“Tell you what I am going to do. I’ll do the same thing before I step into the box.”

Yet Benson is quick to point out that his mental exercises are the talk of the clubhouse at times and are subject to ridicule.

“Though the may nauseate Benson at times, his dedication to his mental approach is highly appreciated.”

“He is a rare breed — that’s for sure,” Jones said slyly. “I don’t know if I have ever met anyone like him, but whatever works for him is what it takes. We knew when he came here in the first place that he was a little bit weird, but we did not know he was going to hit as good as he is hitting now.”

Neither did Benson before he put off his new found approach, which carried him over before everyone else.”

“Before the game starts you’ll find me wandering down to the bullpen and getting away from everyone to focus.”

Like Gallatin, Jones can’t find any faults with what Benson has produced thus far, just as long as he continues to do it.

“If he was hitting .200 or something like that and doing these things I would question why he does it,” Jones said. “But the way he is hitting, how can you say anything?”

No one has to say anything; the stats say it all is needed.
Out of hibernation

RETURN TO THE COURT:
Saluki tennis squad shakes off cobwebs and heads to first match since March 1.

BRAD WEBER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Junior Molly Card will walk in for her first match Friday against the University of Arkansas-Little Rock not knowing what to expect after being absent from the game for three weeks.

Card, along with the rest of the SIUC women's tennis team, will play their first matches Friday since March 1. Card said it might take the team a few games to get going, but the team should not be sluggish.

"I think our team is well prepared," she said. "We've had good weather for the past month, and the layoff has us ready to go."

Besides Arkansas-Little Rock and Salukis also will face the University of Memphis in three matches.

Coach Judy Auld is looking forward to getting back into the swing of things after the three-week layoff.

"We want to play like we did in New Orleans before the break," she said.

"It's a matter of getting our mental game back and to gain our focus again," Card said.

The Salukis, who are 2-4 on the season, are looking to improve upon their record. Card said the previous matches the team has played will give the team an edge during competition.

"If this were our first match, we would be slow," she said. "But since we have been playing it's going to help tremendously."

Junior Helen Johnson said the team worked very hard during the break to improve on mechanics, which were not present earlier in the season.

"It would have been nice to play," she said. "But because we weren't able to play, we used the practice time to focus on areas which we haven't done well in."

Johnson said the high level of competition Friday and Saturday in Memphis, Tenn., is going to prepare the Salukis for their conference matches, which begin April 1 against Illinois State University in Normal.

"We're playing against some really tough competition Friday," she said.

"With so many good teams there, it can only help us get better," Auld said. "The key to this week is for the team to regain their confidence it had before the break."

"When you have such a long layoff, you want to gain your confidence back," she said. "This team likes to play matches, so getting the confidence back shouldn't be a problem."

Johnson said the potential for the team is there, it is just a matter of playing.

"I think if we do well this week, then will be prepared for the MVC tournament," she said. "I'm just glad to get back into match play."

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SIUC VOLLEYBALL

Spikers ink middle blocker

SIUC volleyball coach Sonya Locke has announced that Molly Mocker has signed a national letter of intent to play for the Salukis next fall.

Mocker, a native of Eden, was a four-year letterwinner at Hartburg-Ehren High School and helped her team to a 3-4-1 record last season, including a regional and sectional championship. Mocker, a 6-foot-1-inch middle blocker, earned all-state and all-area honors her senior year, setting the school record for most kills and blocks as a career.

SIUC GOLF

Golfers open spring season

SIUC's men's golf team opens its spring season with the Smoky's Golf Classic at Southwest Missouri State University beginning Monday.

The tournament runs through Tuesday for the Salukis, who will compete against 17 other teams. Four Missouri Valley Conference opponents are included in this year's field. Creighton University, Illinois State University, the University of Northern Iowa and host Southwest Missouri State.

Other non-conference foes include the University of Central Oklahoma, Iowa State University, Kansas State University and St. Louis University.

SIUC TENNIS

Men start conference season

The Saluki men's tennis team opens play today in the Missouri Valley Conference season with matches at Illinois State University.

SIUC, which is 3-5 this spring, takes on the Redbirds at 3 p.m., followed by matches Saturday against Drake University at 9 a.m. and Wichita State University at 3 p.m.

The Salukis are led freshmen Randy de Guzman, who carries a 4-4 record in singles play into the tournament. Teammates Juan Carlos England and de Guzman have a 3-2 record in doubles play this spring.

SIUC TRACK

Men's team takes on Purdue

The SIUC men's track and field and will take its 11-member team when it travels to Purdue University for the Purdue Invitational today and Saturday.

Saluki coach Bill Cornell said several team members wanted the event this weekend. He said he and his group are the fastest in the Big Path, excluding the Big Ten. Included in that group is Orlando McKeel and Sam Stovin, who are in 200-meter dash; and Neil Hancock, Eric Velicca and John Wilson in the 400-meter dash.

The Salukis are likely to face a group that are runners Matt McClelland and Charlie Stiel and Peter Jurecek, Rodney White and Jonathan Sweeney in field events.

SIUC VOLLEYBALL

ART OF BATTING:

Brad Benson, Saluki catcher and top hitter takes a fresh approach to the game.

Brad Benson's approach toward hitting may be a little unorthodox, but Saluki baseball coach Dan Callahan wishes he had more players like Benson.

Benson, SIUC's premier catcher and hitting guru, hones his skills at the plate through meditation, the art of mental visualization.

At least three times a week Benson, a junior, sits on the floor of his apartment blocking out everything around him. Each of Benson's meditation sessions consists of visualizing a variety of pitches to help him concentrate in a real-game situation.

"I do Yoga twice a week, and that helps for mental clarity, that flow that you need to play," Benson said. "I usually visualize once a day and meditate once a day a on.

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SEE THE BALL, BE THE BALL:

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Baseball on a higher plane

SIUC SOFTBALL REMATCH:

SIUC hopes to repeat victory over Drake at Western Illinois Invite.

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The Western Illinois Invitational will be a rematch of sorts for the SIUC softball team.

Drake University.

The Salukis (5-10) already have faced four of the five teams at the invitational, which will be in Jacksonville today and Saturday. But the biggest competitor for SIUC will be Missouri Valley Conference foe Drake University (12-6), which the Salukis will meet at 11 today.

"We played Drake our fourth game of the year in Tallahassee (at the Florida State Invitational March 16)" coach Kay Brechnich said. "After the first couple of innings, it was our game. They are a very good ball club. We have to be sharp and make some offensive plays we didn't make in Tallahassee."

The game SIUC played against Drake in Tallahassee resulted in a 6-5 loss and a tie for fifth place in the invitational.

Freshman infielder Jamie Campbell said the team is ready for its opening-round contest against the Lady Bulldogs.

"We are really pumped and really excited," Campbell said. "We want to get them (Drake) back. There is tension between the two teams. All we are talking about is

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Tennis:

Dawgs travel to Memphis, Tenn., for first matches since March 1.