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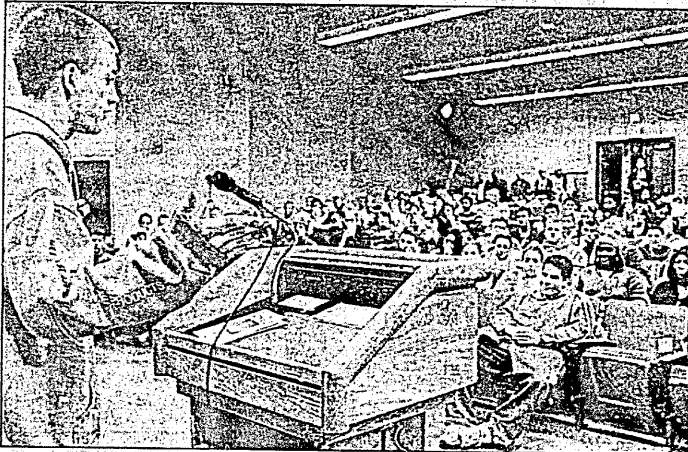
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AMANDA WHITLOCK - Daily Egyptian

Jason McDonald, a sophomore in philosophy, questions the audience's motives behind their attendance to The Forum on Civil Liberties that took place in the Lesar Law Auditorium Wednesday night. He evoked the audience with a short speech, which ended in mixed emotion. "Why are we here?" he prodded, "These forums, they won't make terrorism go away. Discussions are pointless because we're not taking real political action; 99.5 percent of the people here will not take political actions afterwards."

## Forum sparks student debate

Some attend to debate civil liberties, others claim they were forced

Kristina Herndobler  
Daily Egyptian

Controversy was the name of the game at the Student Speakers Forum that took place at Lesar Law Auditorium on Wednesday night to discuss civil liberties.

During the forum that lasted exactly one hour, students were asked to give their views on the given resolution: "In its efforts to stop terrorism, the U.S. government should be allowed to limit the civil liberties normally accorded to its citizens."

After two students opened the forum, one for the resolution, the other against, the podium was open to the floor for debate.

The sides went back and forth, taking turns discussing the issues depending on their position.

But the audience knew what side a person was on before they reached the microphone because the room

was divided into three groups with the right in favor of the resolution, the left against and the middle undecided.

On occasion, people would move from one side of the room to the center, showing that the speaker who had just given his or her take on the issue had swayed their view.

In the end, everyone, even those in the middle of the issue, had to choose a side.

"Unfortunately, there is no door marked 'undecided,' so unless you plan on never leaving the room, you will have to make a decision for or against the resolution," warned a program that was given to attendees.

The line in front of the "against" door remained long after that of the "for" side. When all was said and done, 148 were against giving up their civil liberties in hope of gaining national security, and 98 left willing to give up some of their freedoms in order to have a "safer" country.

But no one left before hearing both sides of the story.

Ben Smith, who spoke in favor of giving up some civil liberties, explained that Singapore, where he

lived for five years, is one "cleanest and safest countries in the world," because they do not have the extended freedoms that Americans enjoy.

"I never knew that people made fun of others until I came to America," he said. "I have lived all over the world, to over 100 different countries, and Americans are the asses of the world."

A woman who spoke out against the resolution after, Smith went to the podium and responded, "I am proud to be an American."

She said she wanted to paint a picture to the audience about "1984," a book by George Orwell that she read that deals with life without civil liberties.

"I would like to say this would never happen to our country, but if you keep limiting civil liberties, our government will become the terrorists."

The debate went on inside the auditorium until the moderator, Richard Tomkins, called time.

Then a different debate took place.

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## Suspect in shooting death surrenders

Greg Cima  
Daily Egyptian

A Carbondale man wanted in connection with a late September shooting death walked into the Carbondale Police Department and turned himself in Monday afternoon.

Reginald L. Cavitt, 21, of 406 Orchard Drive, was wanted on a Jackson County warrant for aggravated discharge of a firearm in connection with the death of Rodney Jones, 12154 Justine St., Chicago. Police said Jones was shot in the arm and back at about 2:40 a.m. Sept. 28 in the 500 block of Lake Heights. He was pronounced dead at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale about one hour later, according to the Jackson County Coroner's Office.

Mark S. Crymes, 23, 1404 N. Wall St., has been charged with Jones' mur-

der, and police believe Cavitt was the owner of the gun used in the shooting. Police determined Jones was shot with a .22-caliber handgun from X-rays of Jones and four bullet casings found at the scene of the shooting. Crymes is charged with murder, armed violence, aggravated discharge of a firearm and trespass.

Police said Cavitt walked into the Carbondale Police Station at about 3:30 p.m. Monday after being wanted for more than three weeks.

Cavitt was taken to the Jackson County Jail in lieu of 10 percent required from \$750,000 bond. His preliminary hearing is at 10 a.m. Nov. 6 at the Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro.

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## Woman charged with aiding to hide murder set free

Carterville case still under investigation

Greg Cima  
Daily Egyptian

A Carterville woman charged with helping her boyfriend hide the body of a 22-year-old John A. Logan student was released from custody Tuesday.

Aisha Pearl Robinson, 23, of Carterville, was charged with concealment of the homicidal death of Ryan D. Strum, of Elk Grove Village. Judge David Wait found there was not probable cause to proceed with a trial at a preliminary hearing Tuesday morning.

Robinson was living with Benjamin Aaron Burns, 29, of Carterville, who is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in Strum's death. Burns is being held on \$1 million bond. His next court appearance is a preliminary hearing Oct. 28 at 1:15 p.m. at the Williamson County Courthouse in Marion.

The Jackson County Sheriff's department said some of Strum's belongings were found in the trailer where Burns and Robinson resided. Police said Strum was staying at the

trailer and the murder is believed to have stemmed from a robbery.

Investigators said it is believed Strum was shot more than once in the trailer in Carterville around Aug. 11 and Burns and Robinson dumped the body in the area near the Mississippi River where it was found Sept. 2.

Strum's body was found by a camper at the bottom of Fountain Bluff, a large rock formation near Route 3 south of Gorham. The body was discovered when the water at the bottom subsided.

Police said the body had considerably decayed because it was weighted down. Carbondale Police provided the Jackson County Sheriff's Office with Strum's missing person report. The body was identified after dental records provided by Strum's family matched the body.

State's Attorney Mike Wepsiec said the ruling is only a temporary setback and will not prevent Robinson from being charged again. He said it remains his theory that Robinson helped conceal the body and the case will be investigated further.

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## Surgeon general to speak at the Student Center Sunday

Jane Hub  
Daily Egyptian

Media and health care professionals will join forces at SIUC to find ways to improve communication to the public.

U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona will give a keynote address for the symposium on "The Media and Health Research: Informing the Public" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Student Center Ballroom B.

The event, sponsored by the Public Policy Institute and Research!America, will ultimately provide better health information to the public by beginning discussion about specific ways to improve communication between the medical and media fields.

Research!America, a not-for-profit public education and advocacy group, has commissioned public opinion polls for 10 years, said Mary Woolley, president of Research!America.

Carmona was named U.S. surgeon general earlier this year before serving as the chairman of the State of Arizona Southern Regional Emergency Medical System. He also taught surgery, public health and family and community medicine at the University of Arizona.

The symposium will also feature other experts and professionals from both fields, including John R. Lumpkin, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, Bruce Japsen, business health care reporter for the Chicago Tribune, and J. Kevin Dorsey, dean and provost of the SIU School of Medicine.

Paul Simon, Public Policy Institute director, and Woolley will make opening remarks at 4:30 p.m., followed by a panel discussion moderated by



Carmona

Jim Hartz, former Today Show host.

Matt Baughman, spokesman for the Public Policy Institute, said the symposium is vitally important to the public because there is a general need for the public to be familiar with health-related issues. He said there is often a misunderstanding of each other's fields, which sometimes results in less information being shared in a helpful way to the public.

Woolley said the symposium's discussion arrives at a right time, citing the recent report of an obesity epidemic as a signal that the media and health care fields need to improve communication.

"We've uncovered that about 70 percent of the public feel the media are not giving enough information to medical research and preventative measures," she said.

Stacie Probst, director of Research!America's science policy, said that in a recent national poll, 79 percent of the public say there is little coverage on preventative research. In 1999, an aggregate poll of

several states revealed that 72 percent thought there was not enough coverage on medical research.

Baughman said Carmona's address offers authoritative insights into how both fields can communicate more efficiently for the public's health interests.

"He brings a wide array of experience to the medical field and he has been responsible for communicating with the media about health issues," Baughman said.

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U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona will speak at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Student Center Ballroom B. The event begins with opening remarks and a panel discussion from 4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. This event is free to the public and is U-card approved.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Bush signs defense bill

WASHINGTON — With strokes of his pen Wednesday, President Bush signed into law a bill he touted as giving the military "every advantage required" to wage an expensive, no-end-in-sight global fight against terror and possibly Saddam Hussein.

Since Sept. 11, Americans have been reminded that the safety of many depends on the courage and skill of a few," Bush said before signing legislation providing a hefty increase in defense spending and financing for military construction projects in 2003.

The bill today says America is determined and resolute to not only defend our freedom but to defend freedom around the world, that we're determined and resolute to answer the call to history and that we will defeat terror," Bush told a Rose Garden audience of mostly uniformed military personnel, along with a handful of lawmakers.

The measure was the first federal spending bill to become law, three weeks after the start of the 2003 budget year.

Lawmakers who were deadlocked over spending decisions and anxious about midterm elections left Capitol Hill last week to campaign. They plan to finish the other 11 required spending bills in a lame-duck session after the Nov. 5 voting.

### Infants dropped into blanket from burning building

ELIZABETH, N.J. — Two infants were dropped safely into a blanket from a second-floor window when a fire Wednesday raced through three apartment buildings in Elizabeth, N.J. Fifty people were left homeless by the blaze, authorities said.

Firefighters battled flames for about four hours in a struggling neighborhood of the city, about 18 miles south of New York City.

A frantic woman trapped with two infants cried for help from a window, catching the attention of neighbors Mary Lowery and Willie Mayweather. They were huddling outside in a beige blanket from Mayweather's bed after escaping the fire, and extended the blanket for the babies.

"He got one end of the blanket and I got the other end and we yelled for the lady to drop the babies out," Lowery said. "I yelled 'Come on, come on! Throw them down! Don't be scared!'"

Lowery said the woman hesitated, fearing the fall might injure the infants, "but then she dropped them one by one."

Both children appeared to be less than a year old and were whisked away by paramedics. They were in good condition and firefighters rescued the trapped woman, authorities said.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Gunmen seize Moscow theater

MOSCOW, Russia — Gunmen identifying themselves as Chechens took several hundred hostages inside a Moscow theater Wednesday night, threatening to kill some of the hostages and telling police they had mined portions of the building.

Several hundred police officers and security officials and numerous emergency vehicles were deployed around the theater. The standoff began about 9:05 p.m. (1:05 CST).

As many as 700 people were estimated to be in the theater. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Witnesses said a large group of armed men stormed the Palace of Culture of the Pushkinovskiy Zavod, fired several shots into the air and refused to let adults leave the theater.

Russian radio broadcast pleas from hostages speaking by cell phones who said that if police storm the theater, the gunmen would kill 10 of the hostages for each hostage-taker killed by police. The gunmen also have told police that they have mined parts of the building.

After the incident began, the gunmen released about 18-20 children. Numerous adults told Russian television they also were able to escape. The gunmen allowed a pregnant woman to leave a few hours later.

### Protest flares in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An unprecedented spark of public protest against Iraqi authorities flared Tuesday as dozens of Iraqis demanding to know the fate of missing relatives gathered outside the Information Ministry to send a message to Saddam Hussein.

The noisy band of protesters Tuesday took ministry and security officials by surprise as they marched to the gates of the Information Ministry, where foreign media are based, to demand information about their relatives.

They dispersed after the sound of an automatic weapon fired into the air nearby, but some returned later with others to continue the protest and register the names of their relatives with the ministry.

A senior Information Ministry official said no one in the vicinity had fired a gun and said the second group was encouraged to come after the first received assurances that Information Minister Mohammad Saeed Sahaf would relay their demands. Sahaf had announced the presidential decree declaring the amnesty.

Iraqis around the ministry seemed stunned by the protest. "This is the first time this has happened," said one.

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Monday's hi/low: 59/37

## CORRECTIONS

Tuesday's editorial on Cherry Street rezoning should have said that no more than two unrelated people will be able to occupy the house.

Tuesday's article "Faculty see necessity of salary increase" should have said the Faculty Association is requesting a 21 percent salary increase during the next three years, which averages to about 7 percent per year.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets these errors.

## TODAY'S CALENDAR

Office of Intramural-Recreational Sports  
Rock Climbing 101 pre-trip meeting  
Recreation Center, Adventure Resource Center  
7 tonight

Speech Communication Office  
Regie Cabico, Solo Performance  
Kleinmau Theater, Communications, 2nd floor  
8 tonight

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# Pulse

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## POLICE REPORTS

### Carbondale

-Gianna M. Hardt, 20, of 402 W. Elm St. and Matthew J. Cannon, 21, Nicholas J. Caiasa, 21, and Joshua M. Meyer, all of 509 S. Rawlings, were arrested and charged with residential burglary at about 2:28 a.m. Tuesday at a residence in the 500 Block of South Rawlings. Police allegedly found four items inside the residence after they were seen removing furniture from a house that appeared to be vacant. Police are still trying to reach the owner of the furniture.

# Small town values, big time politics

*Editor's Note: This is the first in a three-part series looking at the three men who seek the state representative seat for the 115th district.*

**Molly Parker**  
Daily Egyptian

This story of Mike Bost begins and ends in Murphysboro, a town that gave him his first job as a paperboy and has watched him through grade school, long hair and platform shoes and now his sixth run for state representative.

"I like it here," Bost said, sitting in a barber chair in his wife's beauty salon located behind their house. "It's home. It's family."

Bost was born and raised in Murphysboro and has spent most of his life there, with the exception of a three-year stint in the Marines after high school. He married his high school sweetheart, Tracy, who followed him through the Marines and back.

Tracy, a self-proclaimed political junkie, is more of a politician than he is, Bost said. And she's a big part of the reason he decided to run for office for the first time in February 1984 for the Jackson County Board.

It's a story he's told many times. He was home from the military; sit-

ting on the couch one day, frustrated about the issues of the day.

"My wife told me to get involved or shut up," he said.

If you know Bost, you know he isn't quiet, so he got involved. He has served Southern Illinois in the House since 1995 and is hoping to secure a fifth term. During his first year on Capitol Hill, he was voted most effective freshman legislator, and this year he's hoping to gain one of the 10 leadership positions in the House. Eventually he would like to seek higher office.

Politics at this level isn't exactly what his wife meant when she encouraged him to get involved 18 years ago.

"I just meant get involved locally fixing little things like holes in the alley," Tracy said.

Several local positions, a bitter loss for a House seat in 1992 and four successful elections later, Bost is gearing up for the final two weeks of another run — but who's counting?

"Thirteen days, two hours and 35 minutes until the polls close," he spouted off.

And in case you're wondering, he did cut his hair.

"I told my mother long hair is

always going to be in and I'm always going to have it," he said.

Oh, how things change.

## Hitting the campaign trail

The Republican Bost is facing two opponents in the Nov. 5 election: Green Party candidate Richard Whitney and Democrat Gerald Deering.

As is required after every decadal Census, the legislature traced new lines on the Illinois map to divide the districts. That move expanded the 115th district from 98,000 to 106,000 people and stretches from Union County at its southern-most point to New Baden, 22 miles from St. Louis.

He starts campaigning almost as soon as the last election ends, and it's not easy covering all that ground.

His Chevy truck is evidence of a man who campaigns hard: Bost flyers litter the passenger seat floor board along with wire cutters and gloves for putting up those blue Bost signs that sprinkle the district. A blue suit jacket hangs down the seat.

"You might be a redneck if your legislator drives a pick-up truck," he said in jest with a familiar southern accent.

Running as the incumbent candidate in a district that favors Republicans, Bost is expected to win, but he campaigns like the race will be a photo finish, walking his precincts almost every day and regularly attending parades and fund-raisers to pocket more votes.

"Remember, I lost in 1992, and it's not a real fun time," he said on his way to an open house at the Anna Fire Station that he helped secure funds for, even though Anna is not included in the new district. "That's what keeps you knocking on doors."

On Monday he went to Du Quoin to speak to a class about his job, then to Okawville for a meeting with senior citizens. He ended the night at a chili-cook off to raise money for the Jackson County Republicans.

"He doesn't know it, but we're going to auction him off," said Susie Tebow, chairwoman of the Jackson County Republican Women, two hours before the event.

So how much is a day with Mike

## CARBONDALE



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Republican Profile



**Mike Bost**  
Republican candidate,  
115th district representative

### The Southern Illinois economy:

Bost believes bringing back the coal industry is one way to revitalize the downstate economy. He sponsored Empower Illinois legislation that will bring several new coal companies to the area. He also supports the four-lane expansion of Route 127.

### Education Funding:

Bost said the best way to equalize funding for elementary and secondary schools is to have individual school districts vote to shift from local income taxes to property taxes. For higher education, he does not support line item budgeting but believes the state and universities should do a better job of scrutinizing budgets for waste.

### Illinois Budget:

Bost does not support an increase in taxes to offset the possible \$2 billion shortfall the state could experience next year. He thinks that waste should be eliminated from departments across the state and the interests of the state prioritized.

### SIUC Faculty Negotiations:

Bost said his position in the negotiations is to "be involved in communicating with the administration and faculty in giving my opinion silently and not to cause the waters to be stirred worse." He said the danger of a potential faculty strike could mean less money allocated from the General Assembly because other legislators could use it as an argument to gain more money for universities in their district. He also said it could have a negative effect on enrollment.



STEVE JAHNKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mike Bost and his wife, Tracy, have owned and operated The White House Salon in Murphysboro for the past 10 years. Besides managing a small business and being father of three children, Republican Bost is running for his fifth term to the Illinois House against two challengers, Democrat Gerald Deering and Green Party Candidate Richard Whitney.

DAVID MISSEENHAA - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bost worth? You'll have to keep wondering, because he left for another meeting before he could be sold. The event still raised \$615.

He enjoys campaigning sometimes, but like anything, it gets old. Meeting after event after phone call, it's the little things keep him going.

"There are days I'd like to have a clone," he said. "If I had one of those, I'd never do a parade again."

Looking out the window earlier this month, he was reminded it could always be worse. Five small children were crossing the street, woman in tow.

Seconds later his attention is torn as he waves to an old friend who has an antique shop in Murphysboro.

With his position, Bost gets to know a lot of people, but you could easily conclude that he's been learning this area his entire life.

### A familiar household name

Walk along the quaint streets of Murphysboro and it's hard to find someone who doesn't like Bost and even harder to find someone who

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# Administrator apologizes for problems during Coming Out Week

## Saluki Rainbow Network complains about rock defacing, name-calling

Valerie N. Donnals  
Daily Egyptian

More than 40 people packed into the Thebes Room in the Student Center Wednesday evening for a weekly Saluki Rainbow Network meeting.

The crowd waited patiently for Larry Dietz, the vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, to open discussion about the Saluki Pride rock defacing that occurred during Coming Out Week.

Members from the Saluki Rainbow Network and supporters spent the evening voicing their concerns to the vice chancellor and heard his position on the events during Coming Out Week.

On Wednesday of that week, the Saluki Pride Rocks that had been painted by SRN had been defaced with the word "FAG." Their flag was also ripped off of their car during the Homecoming parade. Several incidents also occurred in which people on campus yelled obscenities, called names and disrupted events during the week.

"I would like to say a heartfelt word of apology on behalf of the University," Dietz said.

The executive board delivered a stack of letters to Dietz expressing their fear to be themselves on campus. He said he received several such letters from students, faculty and the community.

He had been unaware of instances other than the rocks prior to that day. He said "safety and security" are his most important con-

cerns for the students. He then asked for ideas on how to respond to this incident.

Two suggestions put forth by SRN were to start a diversity student services office and create an anti-hate speech doctrine. Under the doctrine, perpetrators of hate speech would be brought to trial and punished, though they were unsure as to what was legally feasible in that respect.

"The issue of the First Amendment comes up very quickly," Dietz said. He explained the case law that requires an individual to be targeted by hate speech before action can be taken.

However, he pointed out that a review process of the conduct code is about to start and encouraged SRN to submit suggestions to reward the statement.

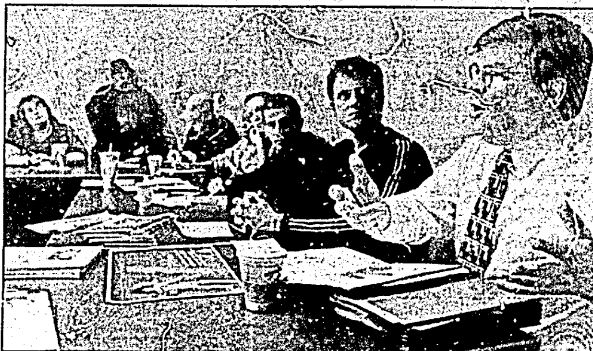
Dietz also offered to work with the group to pursue high-level, highly visible people to visit the campus.

He also cited plans being drawn up for a multicultural center to be built in the Southern at 150 initiative. He suggested they get involved to direct the purpose and funding of the facility, as well as selecting its name.

Other suggestions presented by members were mandatory training for resident assistants and teaching assistants to educate them on being sensitive, supportive and alert them to organizations on campus that help.

Dietz pointed out that only 5,000 students live in the residence halls, and a possible suggestion would be to add a course to the core curriculum to help educate.

Members of the group reported being scared and devastated by the events and unsure how to proceed. An older woman attending the meeting said, "The fear doesn't go away. It takes guts, but you've got to do it. What's the alternative?"



Steve Janner - Daily Egyptian

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz speaks with the Saluki Rainbow Network Wednesday night about the rock defacing during national Coming Out Week. Dietz said he was unaware that the organization experienced other discriminations during the week. He said he would do what he could to help the organization bring more prominent guest speakers to the University.

The group decided the best way to get the perpetrators back is to just keep on with their daily activities and do something restorative and positive.

Paulette Curkin, adviser for SRN, suggested assigning faculty formal responsibilities since most of the participation is volunteered.

She also suggested reinstating the "safe zone" program to be a short-term response to the hate crimes. She said it would provide a clear statement of people on campus who care.

This national program places a pink triangle in the windows of areas and homes across cam-

pus and the community where a person can go for refuge. People would undergo a brief training period to provide support to those in distress.

A faculty member present at the meeting suggested the group go out to the rocks as a group to repaint them in broad daylight.

"If you decide to do that, I would be out there with a paintbrush with you," Dietz said.

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# Students take mock-sobriety tests to learn effects of alcohol

## SIU police help preach responsible drinking as part of Alcohol Awareness Week event

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Everything is blurred. I can barely see my own feet as I try to stand up straight, a task proven difficult as I repeatedly lose my balance and fall to the left.

"Walk nine steps heel to toe," an authoritative voice commands from behind.

Easier said than done.

Each step becomes more and more difficult. My senses have shifted from alignment, and nothing makes sense. My feet seem like they're seven feet away, which I know they're not.

But I continue to walk in front of Mae Smith Hall as part of a mock sobriety test given by the SIU Police Wednesday night.

Stumbling over and over again, the straight line I was trying to accomplish looks more and more like a chain-saw as it jig jags in front of me.

This is a lot harder than I thought it would be.

The goggles I was wearing were designed to obstruct my vision to resemble a specific blood-alcohol level to give the wearer and impression of taking a sobriety test while impaired, yet in a clear state of mind.

"When you drink, the first thing that goes is your judgment," said SIUC Police officer Scott Miller. "The goggles can put things in perspective for an individual when they are in a sober mind."

Aside from the mock sobriety tests in front of Mae Smith and Schneider Halls Wednesday as part of Alcohol

Awareness Week, student volunteers were tailed by SIUC police, pulled over and ultimately "arrested" for drunk driving.

Julie Friedman, a junior in elementary education from Buffalo Grove, did not spend much time preparing for her roles in the simulation, though she tried.

She said she tried to find out what was going to happen, what the test would consist of, but she and the other volunteers were kept in the dark.

"Seeing this allows them [onlookers] to understand the consequences of their actions while in a sober mind," Miller said.

Friedman said the hardest part of her performance was not laughing as a crowd of between 30 and 40 students gathered around her. She did, however, feel the message got across.

"I think some of them really thought I was being arrested," she said. "It was important to let the students know that they can't get away with drinking and driving."

Ken Culton, coordinator for student health programs and SIUC drug and alcohol counselor, said earlier this week that it is important for students to address the risky behaviors involved with consuming alcohol. Programs such as mock sobriety tests provide outlets to make students aware.

"Some students will now think twice about drinking and driving, but not all," Miller said. "It's a good start if we can just reach a few."

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Gus Bode



Gus says:  
Are they supposed to be sober when doing it?

## FORUM

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Possibly, a more heated one.

A group about 10 Speech communications 101 students gathered in the hall, complaining about having to be at the forum in the first place. At the center of the controversy was Jason McDonald, a sophomore from Dallas, Texas, studying philosophy.

McDonald, who spoke out during the forum against the whole thing even taking place, and his classmates said they were forced to attend.

The group claimed that their speech teacher required attendance as a graded activity and that

they were to go, "or fail."

But Jonathan Gray, co-coordinator of the event, said that was untrue.

"We can't require attendance at external events," he said. "It was encouraged in our classes and students were offered extra credit to attend."

As to McDonald's comments that the forum was filled with nothing more than discussion without action, Gray said he did not agree.

"The difference between words and action are very concrete for some," he said. "For the rest of us, it is really blurry."

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## BOST

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doesn't know him or his family.

His relatives have been in the area since its formation. Distant relatives from Somerset, Penn., settled Summerset Township near Murphysboro, and some relative of Bost's has been there ever since.

He's known well in Tippy's, Restaurant, where a neon sign leads to Country Cooking.

"He comes in here and eats all the time," said Kim Tarr, whose family has owned the restaurant for about 35 years.

He's known well by the local newspaper, the Murphysboro American, where Managing Editor John Gojkovich said Bost has "impressed me several times."

The most notable thing, Gojkovich said, was when Bost substituted as a full-time firefighter for a man who had a dying daughter and needed to spend time with his family. He then donated the money he earned to the family for the trips they had to make to the St. Louis hospital. Bost was a full-time firefighter for two years and still serves as a pay-per-call firefighter.

"When I asked him why he did it, he said, 'firefighters take care of their own,'" Gojkovich said.

He also worked 10 years in the family business, Bost Trucking Services.

Sarah Doem, who taught Bost in seventh grade math, said he was a good student and she's not surprised he's gone on to become a successful politician.

And of course, Bost is well known at the beauty salon, where customer Marilyn Meisenheimer of Jonesboro said she was one of the lucky ones not to be cut from the newly drawn district.

Despite all the attention, it's his family that keeps him going. From politician to "pa," which his new grandson calls him, he does the best he can to spend time with them.

"I don't think you ever get as much time with your family as you'd like," he said.

It's all part of the job.

"He's probably at more school activities than some fathers," said Barb Troutman, who has worked with his wife for eight years.

## All in the family

While his truck is the politician's version of a paramedic with an emergency kit, a closer look reveals evidence of a proud family man.

A picture of his new grandson in the bathtub hangs from a 4-H strap on the rear view mirror, and one of his soon-to-be 14-year-old daughter is near the radio.

Consider this your warning. If you ask him about 18-month-old Spencer Michael Weldon Fred, he'll pull out his wallet and make you look at all the pictures and hear countless stories about how he calls him "pa" and grabs for his cell phone when he visits.

With Bost busy in Springfield, Tracy holds down the fort when he is away working in her beauty shop.

"It's the center of the balance — they always know where I'm at," she said.

Bost was 19 and she was 17 when they were married, and together they own the White House Beauty Salon, where he does the books and she cuts the hair.

"If either one of us tried to do the other, it would mess up the business," he said, adding that it's been 16 years since anyone but Tracy has cut his hair.

The shop is often a place where political talk transpires because she "loves politics."

"The first day of beauty school, they say don't talk about politics or religion," she said. "Boy, would my instructor would be proud."

And so, as Bost and his wife prepare for yet another political event that night, the story ends in Murphysboro where it began.

"We'll probably be here our whole life," he said.

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# Morris Library to offer first 'Honest Abe' book sale

Friends of Morris to open ongoing book sale

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Next Thursday, the Friends of Morris Library will launch an experimental book sale.

Morris will have a book sale during regular library hours that requires customers to be honest — since clerks will not be on hand to keep an eye on the sales.

While the books will have set prices, Crissy Stuegia, constituency development director, said that those taking a book should make a voluntary donation and leave money in a locked box.

Stuegia emphasized that the book sale is an experiment.

"If we find that we do have problems or people aren't receptive, then we may have to stop the project," she said.

Nancy Esling, president of the Friends of Morris Library and Saluki spirit coordinator, believes the students will practice the honor system, but acknowledges that the experiment would end if those rules are not followed.

If all goes well, the book sale will continue indefinitely, Esling said.

"To continually add books to the sale shelves, we must see that the spirit of the 'Honest Abe' sale is being met, meaning that books must be paid for," she said.

"I believe in our student population, and believe that our idea of the sale will work."

Because of the asbestos removal project, there is less room for books that the Friends store for their upcoming annual book sale in spring.

"This year, there is extra incentive to sell more books due to space issues at the library," Esling said.



"While we still plan to have the book sale event on a scheduled day, certain books that may be of particular interest to students are being selected for sale at the 'Honest Abe' area. This is a clear over-stuffed storage area and hopefully benefit students with books of their interest and in their price range."

Prior to the Thursday unveiling, the cheerleaders will be featured at 10:30 a.m. in the browsing room reading spooky stories to pre-school children.

Children are encouraged to come in their Halloween costumes.

Stuegia said she and other librarians are looking forward to seeing the children parade in their costumes during the day.

Esling said the event will be fun for both the children and the cheerleaders.

"There is a program called 'Just Read!' that Saluki athletes are a part of, and the cheerleaders enjoy going when they are able," she said.

"This gives my students an additional opportunity to spend time with children; they really like it."

Captain Tim Mattke, a senior in landscape horticulture from Milwaukee, Wis., said he is excited about reading to the children.

"Going out in the public and getting the cheerleaders' name out there is good, but when you go out and do things for kids and you see them smile and are happy, it's just an extra boost," he said.

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The Honest Abe book sale ceremony will take place on the first floor of Morris Library Oct. 31 at 11:30 a.m. Prior to the ceremony program for young children will include readings of spooky stories at 10:30 in the browsing room.

# Livin' it up past 65

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At Senior Adult Services in Carbondale, Caroline and John Hooker, volunteers for "Meals on Wheels," walk into the side entrance of the building at Tuesday morning.

They grab their two huge, blue and red bins filled with an abundance of hot and cold meals, milk, dessert and bread for their daily delivery to immobilized seniors anticipating their noon lunch.

"The people we visit are so pleased," Caroline commented.

While the building is having some minor problems including the deterioration of the roof and the lengthy construction a new parking lot, those problems are insignificant compared to the people they are serving.

The agency's main problem is the indefinite need for volunteers, especially with the "Meals on Wheels" program.

"Meals on Wheels," otherwise known as Older Americans Act Nutrition Program, is probably the agency's central service. Those considered for the program must be older than 60, unable to shop, unable to plan and prepare a balanced meal and unable to participate in the Congregate Meal program.

At about noon Monday through Friday, one hot meal and one cold meal are delivered. Along with it, milk, dessert and bread are provided. Each driver is supplied with a sheet explaining special specifications. For example, diabetics need sugar-free dessert.

On Fridays, some are provided with extra meals to carry them through the weekend, and the same occurs in the winter in case of a snowstorm or icy roads. All meals are approved by a registered dietician and have to meet at least one-third of the required daily allowance for nutrition.

One exceptional thing about the program is the trust and concern that goes into making sure seniors receive the care they need. If a meal is delivered and the deliverer is unable to make contact with the recipient, Social Services is contacted and a member will check on the person to make sure they are uninjured and that there



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Donna Hunt of Carbondale and Aikiko Matsuda, an SIU psychology student, deliver Mary Baird a warm lunch Wednesday morning as part of the "Meals on Wheels" program. Matsuda and Hunt volunteer weekly for Senior Adult Services in Carbondale, assisting with the meal program and the adult daycare.

has not been a more serious cause for the absence.

First United Methodist, First Christian, First Presbyterian, First Baptist and St. Francis churches in Carbondale and Immanuel Lutheran, St. Andrews, United Methodist and First Baptist churches in Murphysboro all participate in the program.

Each church is assigned a home delivery coordinator. Only two routes receive pay, while the rest are strictly volunteers. Most of the volunteers are seniors themselves or retirees.

Some volunteers plan arrangements with their job to take a delivery run on their lunch break, which is an amazing gesture. The program celebrated its 30th anniversary in March 2002.

"Meals on Wheels" is only one program that is a part of Senior Adult Services, which was incorporated as a private not-for-profit corporation in April 1969. It provides services, programs and activities for those over 60 in both Jackson and Union Counties.

The agency's location is at the former Springmore Elementary School, located on the corner of Springer and Pecan streets. With the building vacant, the city offered it to Senior Adult Services.

"We were able to purchase it from the city for a dollar," said Patrick Laws, social services coordinator.

The main role of Social Services is door-to-door canvassing around the community, taking referrals to

help people become involved with the services the agency offers. Laws job is to recognize if seniors qualify for either outreach services or in-office assistance.

"We serve over 1,000 people that we make contact with," Laws said.

Social Services provides assistance with filing Circuit Breaker Program forms, Homestead Exemption and assistance with Medicare, Medicaid and other insurance providers.

All programs, except Elderserve, are based on donations. Elderserve, an adult day service, is an enjoyable substitute to institutionalization and gives caregivers a reprieve. It is based on income and insurance of the person, but in the case of private pay, the charge is around \$6 per hour.

It is an excellent service for seniors who want or need socialization. Crafts, puzzles, ceramics, bowling and "movie day" are only a few of the activities they participate in. This helps to stimulate the mind as well as the body.

The Intergenerational Program is a way for seniors to interact with children. Rainbow's End, a daycare at SIU, visits the Senior Adult Services Center, usually every Wednesday. Seniors are paired up with the children and partake in joint activities.

Portal to portal transportation is available for seniors within Carbondale. With funds provided by the city of Carbondale, seniors are able to ride to the center for free with a suggested donation of 50 cents a ride.

"Swingin' Seniors," a group of seniors who play instruments, assembled a band. They perform sporadically at the Center.

The thrift store inside accepts donations and is open to the public. If a person is incapable of paying and is in desperate need of clothing, no one will be turned away. It will be provided for them.

A volunteer's help will not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Every year in April, the center plans a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner with door prizes, and it is always based on a theme. Last April, a patriotic theme was expressed, and a Luau was the theme the year before.

There are currently routes in Carbondale and Murphysboro that do not have coverage and are in need of assistance for the "Meals on Wheels" program. It is a great way to receive community service hours, and it looks good on a resume, but the most satisfaction a volunteer receives is the fulfillment of helping out those in need.

"It's more than just a meal," says Cheryl Smith, Volunteer Coordinator. "Most people live alone, and your face might be the only one they see all day."

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Those interested in volunteering can contact Cheryl Smith, volunteer coordinator, at 457-4151.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CARBONDALE

#### Carbondale man charged with battery

A Carbondale man was arrested after allegedly assaulting an ex-girlfriend and breaking out the windows of her car Tuesday evening.

Jeremy Brown, 31, was arrested at his mother's house, located at 310 Burke St., at about 9:15 p.m. after the incident at Tan Tara Mobile Home Park, 2535 New Era Rd. in Murphysboro. The Jackson County Police said officers responded after receiving several 911 calls from residents of the trailer court.

Police said the 21-year-old woman had minor injuries and did not need treatment. All of the windows of her car were broken out, and damage is estimated to be several thousand dollars.

#### Education association hosts meeting

The Carbondale Community Education Association, Inc. will meet from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday in room 103 of the Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Ave.

The Association is a community group that discusses events and projects of the community. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### Animal Control seeks help in finding criminal dog

The Carbondale Animal Control Office is asking for assistance in locating a dog that bit a Carbondale resident Tuesday.

The dog is described as a young male tan pit

bull mix, and it was last seen at 2 a.m. Wednesday in the area of Wood Road and Route 1.

The dog does not have a collar. If the dog is seen, please contact Animal Control Officer Cindy Nelson at 457-3200 ext. 424.

#### Elementary School unveils new additions

Carbondale Elementary School District 95 dedicated a new addition to the 1950's-era Thomas School on Tuesday night.

The size of the facility was nearly doubled in size, from 25,000 square feet to 45,000 square feet.

The project provided 12 new classrooms, a multipurpose room, and a library/ computer room with 12 new computers.

### ON CAMPUS

#### Comedy act at Student Center

Comedian Romont Harris will perform at 9:30 tonight in the Big Muddy Room in the Student Center. Admission is free and the performance will last about one hour. The Big Muddy Room is located in the basement of the Student Center near the south entrance.

#### Fall Fat Tire Festival this weekend

SIU Cycling is sponsoring its Second Annual Fall Fat Tire Festival on Saturday and Sunday. The festival includes Trail Care Crew seminars, a Log Pull, obstacle course and others events. The event is free of charge at the Lake Glendale Recreation Area.

## OUR WORD

# Take the help and run with it

In yet another twist in the seemingly endless labor talks between the faculty and administration, we are pleased to see that both sides have finally agreed on one thing: a federal mediator.

It is our hope that both groups will take advantage of this opportunity Friday to make some headway and speed up the negotiation process.

Negotiations have been stalled since Oct. 4, when the Faculty Association called for a federal mediation of labor discussions after the University's administration described their requested salary increases as unrealistic.

After 28 meetings since February, adding up to about 200 hours of labor talks, it is our feeling that it is time to get the job done.

While they have reached tentative agreements covering issues of discipline, dismissal, non-reappointment, sabbatical leaves and grievance procedures, there are still about 75 issues remaining.

The issue of highest contention is obviously salary increases. Other issues not resolved include workload and working conditions, tenure and promotion, safety and health, faculty support and travel.

We don't deny that the faculty association and administration are stuck between a rock and a hard place — the rock being budget shortages and the hard place being the needs of both sides. But for the betterment of this University, a compromise needs to be reached.

The Faculty Association has said they would like a contract by Halloween to counter any potentially negative media coverage with something positive.

The more bickering and the longer negotiations go on, the deeper the wedge is driven. As pillars of this University, part of the job of administration and faculty is to work together.

We are pleased to see that both groups finally agreed on one thing

damage to the University's image than some drunk student tearing down a sign on Halloween. Structural problems within a University are far scarier to potential students than vandalism that occurred one time off campus.

While we don't stray from our original opinion that now is not the time for increased salaries — in light of layoffs in other departments and the general budgetary problems — we do think an agreement is long overdue. For the general well being of this University, we encourage both to use this mediation opportunity to the fullest and come up with a contract soon.



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## GUEST COLUMNIST

# Some clues to 'why they hate us'

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BOSTON (KRT) — We have seen the future, and it is not pretty. We saw it clearly through the media-soaked eyes of more than 1,200 teen-agers in 12 countries all across the world in our recent survey on "The Next Generation's Image of Americans."

With rare exception, they held uniformly negative perceptions — not only of our government but of all Americans. It would take some triggering incident and the presence of messianic militant groups to turn their negative perceptions into violence directed our way, but the scary potential could become bloody reality when these global teens come of age.

The constant threats of terrorism and security measures will likely continue for decades. This conclusion is based on the decidedly negative attitudes of middle-class high schoolers from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, South Korea, Mexico, China, Spain, Taiwan, the Dominican Republic, Pakistan, Nigeria, Italy and Argentina. Only in Argentina were the students' views basically favorable.

While it varied from one country to another, these youngsters think they know a lot about us. They are convinced, for example, that we are violent, materialistic and want to dominate other people. They generally believe that we do not respect people unlike us, are not generous, are not concerned about the poor, that we lack strong family values and are not peaceful. They also believe many of us engage in criminal activities and that many American women are sexually immoral.

What could anyone admire or respect about the people they perceive us to be?

As TV brings us street demonstrations, angry mobs raising their fists at us and burning our flag, keep in mind that these actions are based on shared convictions that Americans are people who deserve to be harmed. When such negative attitudes are common in a country, more youngsters become potential recruits for those who see us as an enemy needing punishment. Any action that inflicts harm on these despised Americans is part of the curriculum. This is particularly true wherever messianic religious groups are convinced that we are the infidel, bent on harming their sacred religion, their country and its culture.

Where do such views come from? For one thing, many people know the United States is the most powerful country on earth, with military and economic might that greatly exceeds

any other. This can cause envy, dislike, resentment and even hatred, and it leads easily to assumptions that our pre-eminence has come by exploiting them and their traditional ways of life.

As American ideas, values, goods and entertainment enter various countries, they often are seen by leaders as corrupting the youth (and threatening their own power). Americans become cultural imperialists bent on displacing traditional ways of life with foreign values, practices, ideas and goods.

Teen-agers get their flawed views of Americans from many sources and most lack access to accurate information. Few have visited here, and their parents, school and religious leaders spend little time correcting their distorted impressions of us — many indeed reinforce the distortions. Not surprisingly, much of what forms their beliefs and attitudes comes from American popular culture in all its familiar forms — movies, TV programs and music. These are easily available and enjoyed greatly all over the world, even if forbidden by their governments, readily obtained on the street, often in pirated versions. Virtually all families except the desperately poor have, or have access to, a television, radio, CD player, VCR and even a DVD player.

And as with teen-agers everywhere, they do not avidly follow the news. If they did, they would see a lot of "infotainment" stories about crime, sex and corruption (staples of journalists since mass newspapers began).

Popular entertainment producers and distributors worldwide seek maximum profits, and their products must appeal to the largest possible audience — which means the young people in any society, whose tastes and interests are the focus entertainment products.

What we are producing and increasingly portraying as main features of American life is what the older generation does not want: graphic sex, violent action and filthy language.

The flow of such entertainment products will not cease. Indeed, to increase profits and remain competitive, producers and distributors will spew increasingly flawed depictions of Americans, in turn providing a source for even more distorted beliefs. Moreover, the inevitable global U.S. military presence will create opportunities for other negative incidents, providing religious extremists bent on harming us infidels with added grist for recruiting young people to do their bidding.

Margaret and Melvin's views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Work is the refuge of people who have nothing better to do.”

Oscar Wilde  
writer

## WORDS OVERHEARD

“I think I love this sport so much that I can't give it up. Sports has always been my life. It's my release to the real world, and it's the one thing I can honestly say I love.”

Kristie Kenner  
senior, outside hitter

COLUMNIST

# An itchy and scratchy moment

I'm about to lose my mind. Two weeks ago my skin, previously always supple, smooth and resilient, was somehow exchanged for the skin of an itchy old derelict. It all-out stopped producing its own moisture, leaving me in a dry, abraded hell of constant applications of lotion and furious scratching.

I went to Health Services. The steroid shots and pills were nice, but the itching didn't go away. When the doctor decided all I needed were more allergy pills (when all the pills before had done nothing), I decided to stop going to the doctor.

I went home to see my mom. A long-time dry skin sufferer herself, mom has the hook-up where moisturizers are concerned. I left with a sack full of lotions, creams and unguents, not to mention some hydrocortisone plus with 12 moisturizers and aloe vera.

Between applications of all the goo and constantly logging a humidifier with me from room to room, I thought I was set. And a couple of days later, yes — my skin isn't dry anymore. The old bum came and took it back, and returned my peachy princess skin. There's only one problem: He forgot to take the itch with him.

## The steroid shots and pills were nice, but the itching didn't go away

My doctor and my mother asked me the same question: Have you changed any products recently? I haven't. Soap, shampoo, deodorant — all was the same as it had been before. The only change was that of detergent, and after many trials and careful observation, I'm almost positive it's not the detergent, plus, I changed back to the old detergent anyway. No effect.

I'm really at a loss. I'm allergic to a lot of stuff, but it always hits me in the sinuses. I've never had any sort of reaction like this. There are a lot of common allergen in my environment to try and pin this on — cats, dogs or even cigarettes. I'm almost positive it's not the animals; after all, I've been around them for years with no effects like this. Plus, as with the detergent, I've been observing carefully and they don't seem to have anything to do with it, either. This is all to the good, because I'm not sure I could give up my animals — but this condition is enough to make me consider it.



## Show Me the Dummy

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As for the cigarettes, one roommate smokes them hand-rolled and the other straight out of a package. The hand-rolled kind has never bothered me, but I've been noticing an increased respiratory sensitivity to most packaged cigarettes lately. They smell different from hand-rolled, once you're used to them; the chemical odor is appallingly in-your-face. I don't really think that's the problem, but it's the only possibility I can think of right now. If that turns out to be what's bothering my skin, unlikely as it is, it may come down to me avoiding a lot of social situations.

Most of the time, I'm fine. At least three times a day, however, I suddenly begin to itch all over. Moisturizing used to relieve that, but not anymore. Instead, I am left in a near-animal state, unable to think coherently as I devote all my will to scratching and then not scratching again. Two hours later the attack is over, and I'm mildly itchy again and counting down to the next hellish episode.

This has progressed to the point of absurdity. I've cut off all my nails to stop myself from making it worse, and that alone was almost enough to kill me, since I finally managed to grow my nails out after a lifetime of biting. For me to have done this, sacrificed my hard-won nails to the cause of my skin — you've got to know things are serious.

I'm going to see a dermatologist soon, my sister's dermatologist as a matter of fact. And by the way, if you happen to have a class with me, I just want you to know one thing: I'm not contagious. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go back to concentrating on not scratching.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

# North Korea should not have been trusted

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The Oracle (U. South Florida)

TAMPA, Fla. (U-WIRE) — North Korea lied to us. In exchange for two light-water reactors and 500,000 tons of fuel per year until the reactors are completed, all they had to do was not develop nuclear weapons.

But since they didn't think we would meet a 2003 deadline to have the reactors completed, they decided to violate the agreement. So, really, it was our fault. Does anybody really believe they came to this conclusion just now? They started as soon as the reactors were unwrapped (and while they had the delightful "new reactor smell").

This is why diplomacy does not work on dictatorships. With North Korea, we had an agreement and we upheld our end of it. Kim Jung III decided it wasn't fast enough for him. At least our government was prompt in shutting the proverbial barn door long after the horse was gone. Both the United States and North Korea have abandoned the agreement, but I doubt we're getting the reactors back.

What I'm saying is, an agreement like this is useless. Basically we had North Korea's word it would stop its nuclear weapons program. Does anybody really think Saddam Hussein is any more credible? Hussein can't even stick to a simple verbal agreement to let in inspectors.

The situation with North Korea demonstrates why we should take away Iraq's capability to manufacture nuclear weapons as quickly as possible and in whatever way necessary. Saddam Hussein has used gas in the past. I doubt he would hesitate to use nuclear weapons if he had them.

In 1988, he gassed about 25,000 Kurds, according to MSNBC. Saddam did the same to the Iraqis during their extended spat. Even during the Gulf War, he repeatedly hit Israel with

missiles. Imagine the situation if Iraq had nuclear capabilities and medium range missiles.

North Korea and Iraq are different. Action should be taken against North Korea. There is a summit of Asian Pacific nations being held in (where else?) Mexico this week, so hopefully some ideas will come out of there. My personal suggestion is a set of really draconian sanctions in addition to the ones already in place.

Under the terms of the 1994 treaty, North Korea was required to allow inspections to verify they weren't developing weapons. They never allowed the inspections. Sound familiar? What do you think Hussein has been doing during the lull in inspections? I bet he hasn't been pulling Super Mario Sunshine.

Some of you are probably itching to point out that America is the only country that has ever used nuclear weapons. That's true. They were used to avert an invasion that could have cost

thousands, maybe millions of lives. Using nuclear weapons is not something that we take lightly in America. We are aware of the consequences of using them, as opposed to someone like Hussein, who does not care what the consequences are.

We kept our eyes closed when it came to North Korea, and now they have nuclear capabilities. Iraq is trying to keep us out so they can do the same. It's clear that we never fully trusted North Korea, since they were members of Bush's "Axis of Evil," but we still stood by and trusted they would abide by our agreement. We cannot let them do that to the region and the world.

The fewer rogue countries, which both of these are, that have weapons of mass destruction, the better. There is still a chance that we can stop Iraq before their nuclear program is complete.

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## LETTERS

### Landlords hold responsibility

DEAR EDITOR:

I appreciate your editorial addressing the rezoning of the south side of the 600 to 800 blocks of Cherry Street (Our Word Oct. 22). I must, however, take issue with your statement, "Students are being blamed [for the condition of the houses]."

Let me be clear: Students are not the problem. Landlords are. Those of us who live in Carbondale's historic neighborhood, who seek the rezoning, have never seen our neighbors as the primary problem. We chose to live in the neighborhood not only because of its amenities — the comfortable old houses, the ability to walk to work, the closeness to various services — but also because we like living among the people we work with and for. We are, however, dismayed by the continual decline of the housing stock in the older parts of Carbondale and by the general appearance of the central city.

What were once mostly modest but solid and attractive homes have been converted into room-

ing houses that have not been maintained. I hear students complain repeatedly about substandard and dangerous housing and about landlords who fail to make needed repairs. Some landlords have a reputation of not returning damage deposits, which gives renters no incentive to maintain the property. I was shocked at the city hearing last week to hear several of the landlords argue that if their houses are rezoned they will have to rent them to Section 8 families, whom they accused of bringing crack and guns into the neighborhoods in which they live. I have not heard the "race card" played so explicitly in many years. Ironically, there were the same landlords who said they were "good landlords" who maintained their places. If that were the case, one would think they could attract the kind of tenants who live in the family-owned rentals on the north side of the 700 and 800 blocks of Cherry Street. Students have as strong an interest as homeowners in improving the older sections of Carbondale. If Carbondale looked like most college towns, rather than a dilapidated slum, parents would be more willing to send their children here, faculty and staff at the University would

choose to live in town rather than abandon the city, and students would have decent housing to rent.

Jane Adams  
Cherry Street block captain, West Central Carbondale  
Neighborhood Association

### More information needed for better responses

DEAR EDITOR:

Being an alumni of SIU, I often like to break up my day by reading the DE online; however, today I was disgusted. The Kristina Herndobler article titled, "Students Condemn Possibility of War during Teach-In" would have been better titled, "Uninformed students misled by irresponsible faculty." Leland Stauber should be ashamed for making comments saying democrats who voted for President Bush's resolution did so because they are worried about losing their position. I challenge you, Leland, to name in print one democrat whose motivation on voting for a war resolution was only personal political power. The fact you are teaching SIU students and, in my opin-

ion, probably misleading them disgusts me. Valerie Steith states that she doesn't feel like she lives in a democracy. Maybe we should start a fund and send her to Iraq where she can cover herself from head to toe and live in fear of being killed for speaking out against the current regime. Ashley Dallas asks the same when she says, "I am supposed to be proud of a government that bombs Red Cross buildings and schools?" Where did you get your information from, Ashley? Have you ever talked to one of the many veterans at SIU and asked them about the lengths the American military goes through to avoid innocent civilian deaths? I'll tell you it's a lot more than the current Iraqi government did when it launched a SCUD missile into a civilian area of Israel. This Iraqi government also killed many Kurdish civilians in northern Iraq, including women and children. You should thank God you live under a government that protects you and your family so you can attend a wonderful school like SIU. Next time you write an article, Kristina, try and find some people with a little credibility to interview.

Ben Bakke  
Arlington Heights, SIU alum

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## Escape from ECSTASY

As the number of college students using this drug rises, so do the questions about its long-term effects.

STORY BY KRISTINA DAILING

**D**anielle did a bad roll of ecstasy and after an hour and a half, her skin burned when people touched her.

The undecided freshman from St. Louis did it as an experiment just to see what it was like but ended up getting a pill that did not make her have the desired effect that comes with ecstasy.

"I couldn't understand why my cousin took the same stuff and her eyes were rolled back in her head and my skin was burning," said Danielle, who would not give her last name.

Like Danielle, other college students are beginning to experiment with this "club" drug. Ecstasy is cheaper than most drugs and easier to conceal, but the long-term effects of the drug are less known.

### What is MDMA?

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, MDMA is a synthetic, psychosative drug with both stimulant (amphetamine-like) and hallucinogenic (LSD-like) properties. Street names for MDMA include ecstasy, Adam, XTC, hug, beans and love drug.

It is not addictive in its own right but it can enhance the effects of other chemicals in the system.

MDMA is taken orally, usually in a tablet or capsule form, and its effects last about four to six hours.

The tablets are often times marked with corporate logos to distinguish the potency of the drug.

### Know the facts.

Ken Culton, coordinator for the Alcohol and Drug Program at the Wellness Center, said that ecstasy is not more of a problem on the SIUC campus compared to other college campuses.

"It is being used in the dorms, used in the bars, and it can be bought for as little as \$20," Culton said.

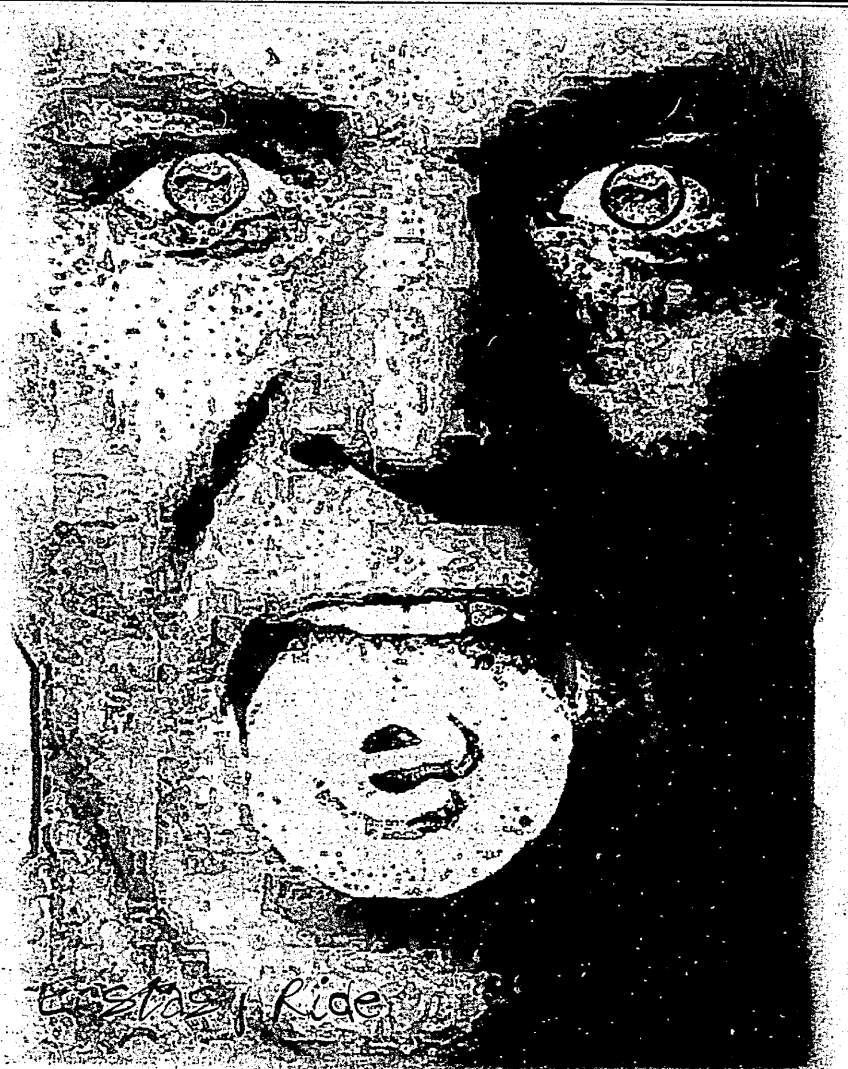
He said if a student wants to engage in the behavior they have the opportunity at any school.

But Culton said that the biggest worry about ecstasy is that the chemical make-up is unknown. It is a newer drug so it is still untested scientifically.

"People are buying it from people who don't have their best interest in mind," Culton said. "They are taking something into their body that is an unknown."

He also said that scientists are still unsure of the long-term effects the drug may have on a person.

Culton also said because the chemical make-up is unknown, people may not know how they will respond to the drug.



Ecstasy Ride

JOHN MISKINIS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

"The sequence of events starts out where you are in control but eventually you relinquish control," Culton said.

One of his recent clients is still dealing emotionally and scholastically with the effects that ecstasy had on her life.

The SIUC sophomore from a Chicago suburb was a good student who was just having a good time out at a bar on the Strip. One of her friends gave her ecstasy, but she just put it in her purse.

Later someone approached her and asked if she had any ecstasy to sell. She sold the person her one tablet and was arrested by the undercover agent she sold it to and is now a convicted felon.

Culton said that this is similar to about 15 scenarios that he has dealt with over the past two years.

"It's a problem because too many people take it and the situation they end

up in is the last place they thought," Culton said. "People don't think they will get arrested or hurt from it."

A special agent for the Southern Illinois Drug Enforcement Agency, who chose not to reveal his name because of his undercover responsibilities, said that he does see ecstasy in the community and he does feel it is becoming more of a problem.

"It's getting more and more popular," said the agent. "And we are not necessarily just finding it at bars and house parties."

### Effects of MDMA

The desired effects for most people who take ecstasy are euphoria, empathy, heightened energy, increased trust and emotional warmth.

Physical symptoms include muscle tension, involuntary teeth clenching, nausea, blurred vision, rapid eye movement, faintness, chills and sweating.

Brain imaging research in humans also indicates that MDMA causes injury to the brain, affecting neurons that use the chemical serotonin to communicate with other neurons. The serotonin system plays a direct role in regulating mood, aggression, sexual activity, sleep and sensitivity to pain.

Psychological difficulties, including confusion, depression, sleep problems, drug craving, severe anxiety, and paranoia occur during and sometimes weeks after taking MDMA.

It increases heart rate and blood pressure, a special risk for people with circulatory or heart disease.

Also, there is evidence that people who develop a rash that looks like acne after using MDMA may be risking severe side effects, including liver damage, if they continue to use the drug.

Research links MDMA use to long-term damage to those parts of the brain critical to thought and memory. One study, in primates, showed that exposure to MDMA for four days caused brain damage that was evident six to seven years later.

In addition, in high doses it can cause a sharp increase in body temperature, (malignant hyperthermia) leading to muscle breakdown and kidney and cardiovascular system failure.

### After the fact

Danielle has tried ecstasy since her first bad experience. She said that she has friends who do it and she has an ex-boyfriend who overdosed on it.

She only does it once in a while if it is there and if it is cheap enough, but she knows there are people out there who do it a lot and do not know when to stop.

"If you want to find people who are out there doing it, they are out there," Danielle said. "You just have to look in the right spot."

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## THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF ecstasy

Effects Sought vs. Unwanted Effects

euphoria	nausea
empathy	dizziness
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# Graduate School dean speaks with GPSC on Southern at 150

## USG resolutions also discussed

Valerie N. Donnals  
Daily Egyptian

The strategic faculty hires initiative for Southern at 150 topped the agenda Tuesday night at a Graduate and Professional Student Council meeting.

While the organization discussed an Undergraduate Student Government resolution about hate crimes and the Fine Arts Fee debate, no conclusions were reached on those issues because of prolonged discussion of Southern at 150.

John Koropchak, vice chancellor for Research at SIU and dean of the Graduate School, spoke to the representatives about the ongoing hiring process to fill 28 faculty positions for next fall.

Koropchak has a proposal to raise the stipends offered for teaching assistantships in hopes of increasing the state money available for those positions by 10 percent next year. The stipends, averaging \$11,000, are below those offered at SIU's peer institutions.

The \$1.2 million proposal is included as top priority in the campus grant request to the state.

Koropchak said the hiring initiative for Southern at 150 has two focal areas: the faculty who drive the research and the graduate students who do the research. His goal is to increase the graduate student popula-

tion to 6,000, an increase of about 1,200 students.

"There is a tremendous opportunity for the campus in a lot of respects," said Koropchak. SIUC can attract potentially strong faculty because of the "terrible" fiscal states of universities across the country, Koropchak said.

He stressed the need for senior hires and hopes to hire eight times as many faculty members to reach the objectives of Southern at 150.

"Southern at 150 is not a plan but more like a mission statement," he said. "They are being more aggressive in their search for new faculty."

Instead of simply placing an advertisement, he said they are sending letters, calling and visiting potential additions.

The tuition increases and donations from alumni are planned to fund the new positions. GPSC representative Eric Oshel then questioned if perhaps the University should focus more long-term.

"It has been my impression that students are alienated from the University by the tuition increase," said Oshel.

He said that the tuition increases might cause the students to be less willing to donate to the University as alumni.

Koropchak responded by saying that SIU has the lowest tuition of all the research universities in Illinois and many non-research facilities as well.

He said there has been a policy here of not raising tuition for a decade or more, and nothing has been

done to allow for inflation.

"The increase would not have needed to be so substantial if we had made smaller increases over the years," he said.

A resolution passed by USG concerning recent hate crimes was also discussed during the meeting.

The resolution was passed concerning the events that occurred during Coming Out Week. It condemns the actions, stating they create "an atmosphere of intolerance that is unacceptable to the safety and social well being of members of our University community," as well as requiring the perpetrators to be "punished to the full extent of the law."

Several members of GPSC stated that they had problems with the resolution, calling several sections "vague."

Various proposals and motions were made regarding what would be done with the resolution. The council agreed that their main goal was to

show support for the Saluki Rainbow Network, but they could not agree among themselves the best way to accomplish that goal.

Finally, Elise Shalda, the vice president of Graduate School Affairs, motioned for the executive board to write a more accurate resolution regarding diversity and condemning hate speech. The motion passed with one dissension and three abstentions.

A motion also passed to support USG's efforts in three resolutions concerning the enforcement, sanctions, jurisdiction and vagueness of the Student Conduct Code.

GPSC president Amy Sileven reported on her meeting with Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, to discuss the printing of schedules and grade reports.

The printing of three class schedules each year costs \$25,000, plus \$11,000 to pay a faculty member to compile the class lists. She said she doubts they will begin printing them

anytime soon.

SalukiNet has been upgraded to make it easier to navigate, but the software does not allow students to compare classes across departments, said Sileven.

She also said Dietz will look into the possibility of creating these forms in pdf format so they can be printed, as well as allowing students one official transcript per semester for job and insurance purposes.

Sileven also reported that the Fine Arts Activity Fee operating papers are still in contention. She said that they had received preliminary reports from the faculty's legal council, which stated the students had no rights in the matter.

However, Dietz has agreed to discuss the papers clause by clause, and Sileven holds hopes that he will continue the negotiations.

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## Community college enrollment increases

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**NORMAL, ILL. (U-WIRE)** — Recently released data from the Illinois Community College Board shows a record level of statewide enrollment this fall at community colleges.

According to Steve Morse, director for marketing/public relations and legislative liaison for the Illinois Community College Board, the current fall enrollment is 355,753 students, the largest amount since the record set in 1992.

Morse added the full-time equivalent enrollment, found by dividing the total number of credit hours by 15, is at a record high of 193,500.

Morse added, not only is enrollment larger than usual, but those who are enrolled are taking more classes.

"We are up 9 percent from the previous fall," Dean of Student Services for Heartland Community College Fred Peterson said.

Heartland has experienced growth every semester during the 11 years it has been in existence, Peterson said.

According to Morse, there are three main reasons why enrollment at Illinois' community colleges has increased, one being the recent decline of the economy.

"A decrease in the economy has historically caused more people to desire a higher education," Morse said.

A large portion of students enrolled in community colleges consists of people returning to school from the workforce, Morse said.

Colleges have also been using better recruiting efforts, according to Morse.

These efforts have increased the

number of students who choose to attend community colleges immediately following completion of high school.

Sophomore theatre education major Laura Patera said she chose to attend ISU in order to get a head start on her education.

"I didn't want to be behind when I got to ISU. With my major, theater education, you start with major classes right away, and so if I had attended a community college first it would have set me back," Patera said.

According to Morse, the rising cost of education may be the reason behind increased enrollment at community colleges.

"My boyfriend went to a community college after high school because he didn't know what he wanted to major in and he didn't want to waste his parents' money," Patera said.

According to Morse, the average cost to attend a community college, as a full time student taking at least 15 credit hours is about \$50 per credit hour.

This estimate is significantly less than what students pay to attend large universities, not including money spent on room and board, he added.

"Cost is a major factor, probably the number-one factor," Peterson said.

According to Peterson there are many students who are enrolled in classes at both ISU and Heartland Community College.

Courses are oftentimes more accessible at community colleges, so students will take a class at a community college if it is not offered or unavailable at the university they are attending, Peterson said.

Community colleges such as Heartland, which are located close to large universities, are unique in this aspect, he added.

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# NYU students spend night in jail after sit-in

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**NEW YORK (U-WIRE)** — Eleven New York University students were released from jail Tuesday, one day after being arrested for breaking in a guided tour and staging a protest in the United Nations General Assembly chamber against U.N. policy toward Iraq.

The students were among 19 activists arrested Monday during simultaneous demonstrations inside the U.N. building and outside the U.S. Mission building across the street.

The activists represented the group "No Blood for Oil," which members described as a coalition against the planned invasion of Iraq.

At about 10 a.m. Monday, 11 students from NYU and two from Fordham University entered the U.N. headquarters on a private guided tour, said Luis Manriquez, a Tisch School of the Arts sophomore who was arrested.

When the tour reached the General Assembly, the group ducked under ropes and away from the tour guide, stopping in the balcony section. The students locked arms and began chanting their demands of the U.N., Manriquez said. The assembly was in recess at the time.

The protesters called for the U.N. to lift economic sanctions from Iraq, reject any proposed invasion of the country and renounce what they called the new U.S. policy of "anticipatory self-defense."

The sit-in lasted four to five minutes before the demonstrators were removed by U.N. security officials, Manriquez said.

They were held at the U.N. complex for about two hours before being arrested by the New York Police Department for criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct.

Manriquez said the students were not surprised by their arrest.

"We were all prepared to go to jail, and we went to jail," he said.

Demonstrators spent two weeks organizing the sit-in, said Max Uhlenbeck, a College of Arts

and Science senior who was also arrested.

"Everything went as planned," he said.

The students inside the U.N. were detained overnight and released Tuesday afternoon.

Although some of the students arrested are members of the NYU Peace Coalition, Manriquez said Monday's action was not a club-sponsored protest.

"There was no involvement with NYU," he said. "We just happen to go there."

Six other activists were arrested outside U.N. headquarters Monday, where they held banners and protested in front of the U.S. Mission building. They were released later that night and were charged with only minor infractions.

Monday's demonstration was the third such protest of U.S. policy involving NYU students in the past two weeks.

On Oct. 9, eight NYU students charged the stage of MTV's "Total Request Live" to protest a possible war with Iraq.

The next day, five NYU students made an appointment with Sen. Hillary Clinton and refused to leave her office for nine hours after her aides said she would not pledge to vote against military action in Iraq.

Although the students who protested in Clinton's office said NYU officials threatened them with academic repercussions, Uhlenbeck said none of the students arrested Monday had been contacted by the university.

NYU officials contacted the parents of students protesting in Clinton's office after the Secret Service said the students were in danger of being arrested.

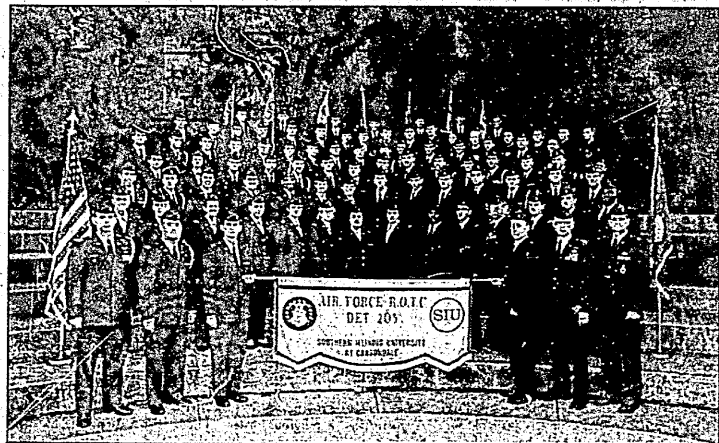
University officials said they were acting out of concern for the students' well-being.

Some students now worry about identifying themselves as NYU students, Uhlenbeck said, but they were not deterred from carrying out the U.N. sit-in.

"They've pretty much realized that it's none of NYU's business," Uhlenbeck said of student activists.

Still, he added, "They're being cautious."

# Into the wild blue yonder



LESTER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Air Force ROTC cadets from Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri State Universities gathered on the SIUC campus Tuesday. The cadets are members of Detachment 205, which is commanded by Col. Phillip C. Miller, United States Air Force. The cadets take courses both for their major and for their ROTC curriculum. Upon graduation they are then commissioned as second lieutenants.

# Sniper shootings spread fear in D.C. area

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**PROVO, Utah (U-WIRE)** — Kisha Wilson's mother used to go on morning walks before she went to work at 6 a.m. Now, the 50-year-old woman is afraid to go outside because she feels like she's being hunted.

"She was basically living in fear," said Wilson, 25, a junior from Ft. Washington, Md. "Now it has turned into anger. Your daily routine is ruined because of some crazy guy."

The sniper shooting has made Virginia and Maryland residents scared and cautious of outside routines. Brigham Young University sophomore Kristin Romeril, 19, recently visited Fairfax, Va., and described it as surreal.

"You try to do the things you need to do, but you don't want to over expose yourself because in the back of your mind you remember this is a sniper out there," said the psychology major from Calgary.

Romeril said many residents would drive around parking lots for a while just to wait for a closer spot to the store so they wouldn't be outside as much.

Many residents have also gone out of their way to go to gas stations away from wooded or highway areas as well as avoid or minimize going there.

"It is like people in this community are being held hostage by this crazy person," said Marcia Jackson, a resident of Ashburn, Va.

Her son, Darren Jackson, 17, a freshman majoring in international relations, said he has a sense of fear because most of the shootings have been in public places, and he has three younger siblings in school.

A nonprofit organization, Guardian Angels, decided to help alleviate some fear by helping pump gas for residents.

"We can't find sniper because that is a job for the police, but we wanted to get involved another way," said John Ayala, Guardian Angels D.C. metro regional director.

If a person is afraid to go outside to fill gas in their car, Guardian Angel volunteers help pump gas and take money inside to the cashier. Ayala said the Guardian Angel organization is providing the service because they want to promote a message that people don't need to be afraid.

"Everyone knows he's out there, but people have to still go to work," said

sophomore Daniel Jackson, 20, who is living at home now in Ashburn. "There is only so much people can alter their lives to avoid (the sniper). But schools are taking the brunt of it. They suffered the biggest disruption because they are concerned about the students."

Many Virginia and Maryland high schools have canceled field trips, homecoming dances, and outdoor sports games as a security precaution for the students.

"We move any activity we can indoors, otherwise it's canceled," said Barbara Mitchell, secretary to superintendent of the Falls Church City School District. She added they don't know how long they would hold the decision, but it is being reviewed everyday in case the sniper situation lightens.

Outdoor activities, such as football games, have been canceled, postponed or held at undisclosed locations to minimize students being outside.

Paul Rezniter, a spokesman for the Fairfax County School District, along with many other Virginia school districts, is not releasing new information to the media because they are afraid it would give the sniper ideas and compromise the safety of the students.

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# Catholic pre-wedding class has a new attitude on sex

Pre-Cana talks about the importance of sexual intimacy in a marriage

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Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO (KRT) — Jamie Lendway and his fiancée Agnes Glod had been living together for more than a year when they registered for Pre-Cana, the marriage preparation course required by the Catholic Church. But knowing that the church considers it living in sin, they wrote down separate addresses on the registration form.

They were shocked to learn that they did not have to pretend, because Pre-Cana had booklets and course pages devoted entirely to Catholic couples who live together before marriage. And a special course is available for engaged couples who already have children together.

"I was surprised that they brought up sexual intimacy and that it's an important part of being a married couple," said Lendway, 26, who was married in July. "I went to a pretty

strict Catholic high school, and we never talked about anything like that."

As the church works to rebuild trust after a crisis over sexual abuse committed by priests, many Catholics, psychologists and church leaders are hoping that a possible positive outcome of the tragedy is more openness about the church's teachings about sexuality.

Instead of focusing on what Catholics shouldn't do when it comes to sex, the church needs to address how sexuality plays a crucial role throughout life, they say.

"One of the problems with the church is that as soon as you talk about sex, you hear the other 's' word — sin," said Rev. Jim Thompson, prior of the St. John Stone Friary in Chicago and a hospital chaplain. "It's essential that we begin talking about sexuality responsibly, especially with young people."

The crisis will "force people, ready or not, to talk about sexuality," said Rev. Jerome Knies, vicar provincial for the Midwest Augustinians, a religious order. "There isn't much room for innocence like there had been."

The Pre-Cana course offered by the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago doesn't condone pre-marital sex but acknowledges that roughly half the couples who attend live

together, a strategy that was adopted about two years ago, according to course coordinators.

Now, the archdiocese is strongly encouraging another premarital program that includes open questions about sex. In FOCCUS (short for Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study), couples take an inventory of key marital topics, such as finance, religious values, sexuality and intimacy.

Among the statements couples are asked to evaluate is: "I think I will feel uncomfortable being nude in front of my marriage partner."

The Catholic Church can only benefit from a more open attitude about sex, some researchers say.

"Sexuality is an integral part of being human," said Howard Ruppel, chancellor of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco. "It makes sense for bishops and priests to explore what they need to know about sex."

The institute has begun recruiting about 20 priests, nuns and clergy from other denominations who are interested in getting a master's degree in public health and human sexuality. So far, the institute has accepted five students, and Ruppel hopes more clergy will consider the program.

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Rev. Jim Thompson  
prior of St. John Stone Friary, Chicago

ignore sex," said Ruppel, who spent a year in the seminary after graduating from St. Procopius College in Lisle, Ill.

At Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, which trains men for priesthood in religious orders, administrators are scouring their courses and policies to make sure they adequately prepare priests for a post-crisis ministry.

The Rev. Don Senior, president, said the board of trustees, including representatives from some 25 religious orders, are examining on policies and practices related to the crisis.

"We'll be asking in each case, is this enough?" Senior said.

The rebuilding of trust in the Catholic Church will take time, he added. "Will this lead us to a more healthy discussion of sex? I hope so."

# U. Maryland group protests against Middle East violence

Members of Women in Black stand in vigil each Friday

Jessica Billingsley  
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COLLEGE PARK, Md. (U-WIRE) — Each Friday, the Women in Black stand in a single row in front of the University of Maryland's Stamp Student Union.

The group's members — both men and women — quietly stand near the front entrance to the union, breaking their silence only to answer occasional questions from passers-by.

Dressed in black, they hold signs with messages like "We condemn acts of violence against civilian populations," and "We refuse to be enemies."

This vigil, like others organized by Women in Black, is a non-violent protest of military mobilization in Israel. Through exhibitions of solidarity between Palestinians and

Jews, Women in Black said they hope to call for an end to the violence in Israel and Palestine.

The international Women in Black peace movement was born in Israel in January 1988, founded by a small group of Israeli women. Once a week, at the same hour, the women stood at a busy intersection dressed in black clothing, holding a sign that read "Stop the Occupation."

In a matter of months, the idea spread throughout Israel, eventually including participation by men. "Solidarity vigils" sprang up in Australia, Canada, across Europe and in the United States. Today, Women in Black groups around the world protest a wide range of issues dealing with violence locally and internationally.

Still, the core of the movement remains focused on searching for an end to violence in the Middle East, and it is this issue that the College Park chapter of Women in Black has chosen to concentrate on.

But it is not their concern for this issue that sets the Women in

Black apart from other peace activists. The Women in Black movement at the university was born when its "founding mothers," Sarah Braunstien, Temima Fruchter, Michelle Kay, Aviva Kutnick, Karri Plotin and Ariel Vegosen, recognized the need for an impartial peace forum.

"It really stemmed out of a need to express our feelings on the conflict in Israel and Palestine," said Vegosen, a senior journalism major.

The group does not formally recruit members, hold meetings or elect officers.

In its search for middle ground, Women in Black stress that the movement is not about solving the conflict.

"We don't have a solution," said Braunstien, a sophomore English and women's studies major. "It's about ending human rights violations."

Members describe Women in Black as a mechanism by which people can stand for peace and human rights. Participants symbolically define the core values of the movement: They remain non-violent and silent to allow people to

make their own decisions about issues and at the same time wear black in mourning for victims of violence.

The university branch of the Women in Black movement does not align itself with a political party, nor does it support candidates or specific issues.

While Vegosen and Braunstien acknowledge that some members belong to other groups, they said they believe the singular focus of Women in Black makes it more powerful since members can be united in the struggle for peace while holding varying personal beliefs.

But member Sarah Kronos, a sophomore environmental science major, admits affiliations can be "difficult to separate."

Members agreed the organization's success is hard to measure. Vegosen said the movement's campus presence has certainly served to educate the community and even bring in new members.

"Seeing women — and men — dressed in black, being powerful,

"It really stemmed out of a need to express our feelings on the conflict in Israel and Palestine."

Ariel Vegosen  
senior, journalism

makes people think," Braunstien said.

Members said the group has made a much larger impact worldwide, where people in other countries have more power to resist situations and activists have a greater effect on politics than in the United States. The ground-breaking significance of people of different backgrounds uniting for the cause of peace creates an impact in Israel, members said.

While individuals have personal reasons for participating in the movement, they said they are united in one goal. "We want to show people [what is happening in Israel] to raise awareness," Vegosen said.

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# Voter apathy may be bigger national obstacle than Saddam

Michael Tackett  
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WASHINGTON (KRT) — In this midterm election season, the table is set with the most durable issues in American politics — war and the economy — squarely in front of voters. Fresh concerns about terrorism in the U.S. and possible military intervention in Iraq dominate the airwaves. Daily reminders of a sluggish economy, layoffs, corporate bankruptcies and plummeting 401(k) accounts fill the headlines.

And voters seem to be rolling over to go back to sleep.

As Republicans and Democrats wrestle for control of Congress — the GOP needing a net gain of just one seat in the Senate and the Democrats just a half dozen in the House — they are confronting an electorate that is seemingly unmoved, at least politically, in the face of monumentally important issues.

John Sweeney, president of the AFL-CIO, the nation's largest labor organization, said the issue that union officials fear most in this election is apathy, even in times when union workers, most of whom voted against President Bush in 2000, are financially strapped and worried about their futures.

"People vote when they are mad," said Steve Rosenthal, the AFL-CIO's political director. "They don't necessarily vote when they are anxious."

Or, as Andrew Kohut, director of the nonpartisan Pew Research Center, described the national political climate: "High anxiety, low anger."

It is not that Americans are not

paying attention to the events around them. Numerous national surveys have indicated that they are paying great attention to the prospect of war with Iraq, which presumably would help Republicans because voters historically have trusted them more on issues of foreign affairs.

But they are also saying that it is the economy that they will be thinking of when they go into the voting booth, which should help Democrats.

Yet so far, neither side seems to be benefiting from either issue. The nation does not appear eager to cast blame.

In the near-term, this would be good news for President Bush. Since 1934 the party that holds the White House has lost an average of 27 congressional seats in a president's first term, a point made recently by the president's top pollster, Matthew Dowd. Dowd's memo on the subject to GOP national chairman Marc Racicot was also conveniently sent by mass e-mail to the media, with Republicans clearly trying to construct a set of low expectations.

The party that holds the White House typically loses seats in the first midterm, because the popularity that led to the president's election two years earlier also swept in others on the president's coattails.

Many of those same beneficiaries are routinely swept out two years later when the president, is not on the ballot. Bush, who didn't even win the popular vote, had no coattails in 2000.

Another reason that the president's party usually loses seats is that the president is rarely as popular halfway into a first term as he was

66 People vote when they are mad. They don't necessarily vote when they are anxious. 99

Steve Rosenthal  
political director, AFL-CIO

on Election Day.

In this cycle, Bush's favor with voters has grown dramatically since the Sept. 11 attacks. And the president has dominated the agenda with talk about the war on terrorism in ways that have limited the national discussion of issues like the economy.

"Certainly if 9/11 had not happened and the economy was acting the way it is, the administration would have been really worried about losing control of Congress," Kohut said.

"Democratic issues have been lost in the fog of other events. Had we not had an impending war or the attacks, the privatization of Social Security and lack of a prescription drug benefit would have been bigger issues."

What's more, members of both parties have helped oversee congressional redistricting that has ensured, in a decidedly bipartisan way, that incumbents are very likely to win reelection. Out of 435 seats, only a few dozen are considered truly competitive.

The war has not so far rebounded to the benefit of Republicans and the economy has not rebounded to the benefit of Democrats.

In fact, Democrats have largely chosen to ignore the war on terrorism and conflict with Iraq in favor

of trying to frame the election around the issues of a prescription drug benefit for seniors, opposition to Bush's proposal to partially privatize Social Security and pension security.

Another powerful reason for the lack of electoral energy is that the two political parties have done an adroit job of mimicking each other in ways that lead voters to think there is little difference between them.

Republicans in particular have defused some signature Democratic issues by supporting paler GOP alternatives.

Each party, in other words, is practicing the politics of "Me Too."

"That has been in the last four years a dramatic and somewhat successful change in strategy by the Republicans," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

"In the Gingrich era, they never gave ground on extreme positions and it started taking its toll and they started losing Republican women."

"The new gang said 'We are going to play this differently. We are not going to announce that we are against something. In fact we are going to put forth [our own bill] that is consistent with our view of the world.'"

Now, Durbin said Republicans talk of supporting a prescription drug benefit, when "in the old days they would have said it was socialized medicine." Republicans, he said, have also eroded Democratic support on education largely because of Bush's "No Child Left Behind Act."

Democrats also have played their own version of "Me Too."

Sen. Jean Carnahan, D-Mo., has

made much of her support of hunters and sports shooters during her down-to-the-wire race against former Republican congressman Jim Talent.

This march toward a mushy middle probably hurts the Democrats more than the Republicans in this climate. Chris Lehane, a Democratic strategist in California and former spokesman for Al Gore's campaign in 2000, believes his party has missed an opportunity to transform the election into a referendum on the economy by avoiding taking on such issues such as the Bush tax cut.

"Democrats cannot have a national conversation about the economy until they address the 1,000-pound elephant in the room, the Bush tax cut," Lehane said. "You really can't punch through with the public until you say something interesting enough to draw their attention."

That's particularly true, he said, in a news environment dominated by the Washington-area sniper and Iraq.

Curtis Gans, an expert on voter turnout who is director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, said it does not appear that the Sept. 11 attacks, war with Iraq or a troubled economy will staunch the trend toward civic indifference.

Three weeks out, he sees the chance for, at most, only a modest increase in voting from the 1998 midterm elections.

"Patriotism doesn't translate into political involvement," Gans said. "We were asked to return to normalcy, to buy stocks, buy consumer goods and give to charity. That doesn't translate into involvement."

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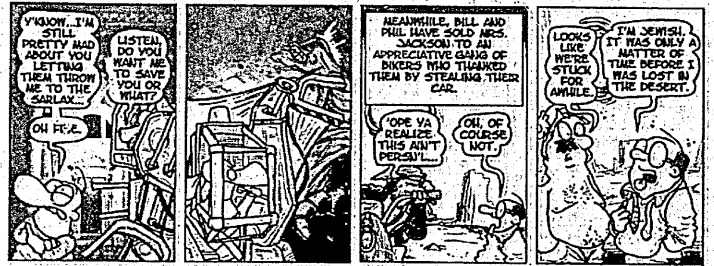
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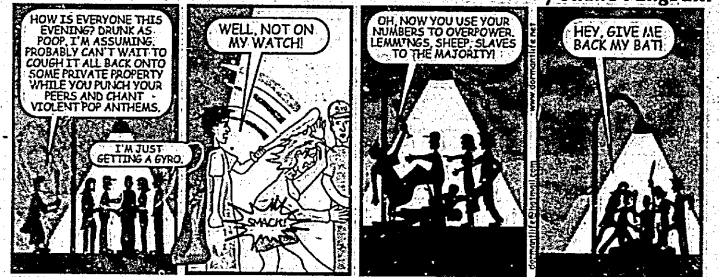
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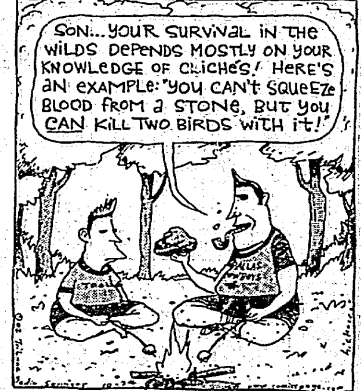
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Daily Horoscope

**By Linda C. Black**

**Today's Birthday (Oct. 24):** Looks like you could really whip your place into shape this year. Follow through on ideas you've had for quite a while. Fantasize beyond your means. What you can't afford to buy, you can find or make some other way.

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 7 - Harness that energy for which you're so famous. Exercise discipline. The more you learn now, the more you'll accomplish. Study!

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Today is a 6 - Don't get too exuberant yet. There's still work to be done. But, as you're starting to suspect, the rewards could be great. Put in the extra effort.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21):** Today is an 8 - You're full of helpful comments again, but don't be too eager to share them. Others will listen more readily if you wait until they ask.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22):** Today is a 3 - You're pretty good at arranging for things to happen the way you want. A couple of phone calls should do the trick, setting up a deal they can't refuse.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Today is a 7 - Friends offer lots of advice whether they're asked or not. Some of it might actually help solve a domestic problem. It's worth a try.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21):** Today is a 7 - Better give a challenging assignment your full attention. You've recently thought of several new ways to spend your money, so you'd better make sure it keeps coming in.

**Libra (Sept. 22-Oct 22):** Today is an 8 - Fancy theories won't get you far. Practical experience is what you need. Use it to reach out and try something bold. Take a calculated risk.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Today is a 6 - Security is a state of mind that doesn't require money. The former might even help create the latter. Go into negotiations with a sense of abundance.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Today is a 6 - Even if you're worried, or if you're being nagged, don't give up. Don't try to do it all, either. You must learn to delegate. You're a great communicator, so it'll be easy.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Today is a 5 - Your workload is increasing, but an influential friend will be a big help. All you have to do is ask. It shouldn't cost you too much.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Today is a 7 - You're still strong, and you'll get the chance to prove it. Continue to gather information, but dispense it on a need-to-know basis. Retain your advantage.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** Today is a 7 - Domestic activities demand your attention, and it's about time. Straighten things up and make other improvements, because this weekend is a great time for a party.

**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Horri Arnold and Miss Argliston

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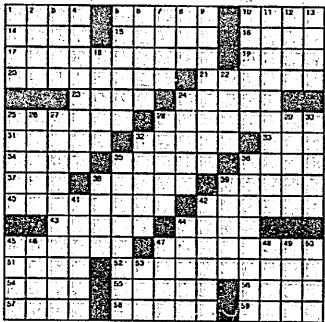
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Yesterday's Jumbles: SWISH - IMBUE - SEAMAN - FACING  
Answer: What the pollster listened to while he practiced - "SWING" MUSIC



**Crossword**

- ACROSS**  
 1 Colorful horse  
 5 Sneezing  
 6 Sweaty  
 10 Precipitation  
 14 A single time  
 15 Glean - Wendell  
 16 Boundary  
 17 Australian parakeet  
 19 Exultantly  
 20 Solid green  
 21 Blacksmiths  
 23 Kennedy and Williams  
 24 Woody spine  
 25 Pick-me-ups  
 28 "Love Songs" poet  
 31 Schnoz  
 32 ... de manthe  
 33 Vegas lead-in  
 34 Envelope abbr.  
 35 Snivel  
 36 Plug prongs  
 37 Snitch  
 38 Strep  
 39 Nanny  
 40 Illegal patches  
 42 Glossy fabric  
 43 Whod conclusion  
 44 Finger sad man  
 45 Errand  
 47 Tholopins  
 51 Pretest-singer  
 52 Beach game  
 54 Urinary kid  
 55 Ms. DeGeneres  
 56 Fencer's tool  
 57 Amount  
 58 Paper units  
 59 Ownership document
- DOWN**  
 1 Dressing gown  
 2 Bunch  
 3 "Back in Black" rockers  
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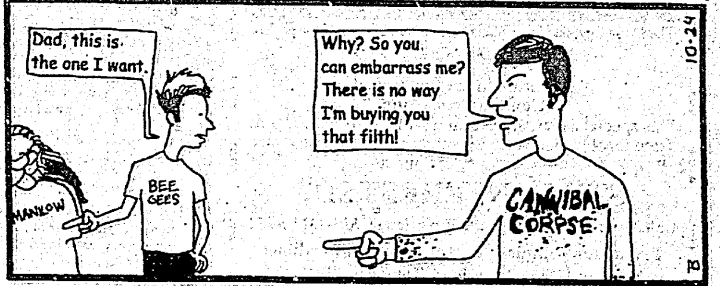
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**Solutions**

- 10 Best score ever  
 11 Epinephrine  
 12 Frankenstein's collar  
 13 Current events  
 18 Put up  
 22 Firefighter's sprayer  
 24 Adolescents  
 25 Winter Palace  
 27 Firefighter's home  
 28 Shambles  
 29 Cynist  
 30 Armstrong  
 32 German city  
 32 Combination of tones  
 35 Every time that  
 36 Knie final  
 37 Knie final preparations  
 38 Editorial directive  
 39 Linger  
 41 Chalm and prosa  
 42 Warning devices  
 44 Oregon's capital  
 45 Loving tennis  
 46 Shots  
 46 Light beige  
 47 Earthenware crock  
 48 Part of Batman's garb  
 49 "Revolutions of the Viaducts" painter  
 50 Huskies' pull  
 53 Bullfight cheer

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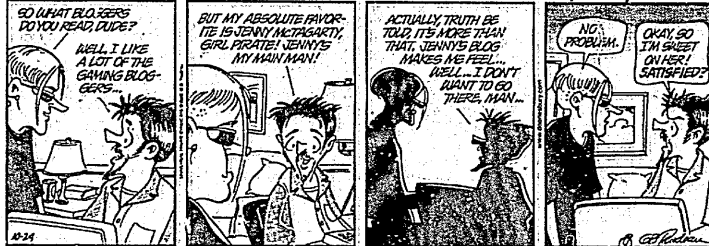
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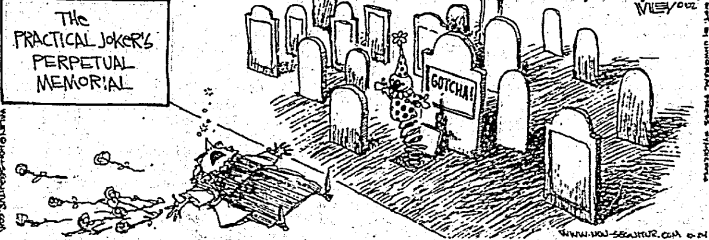
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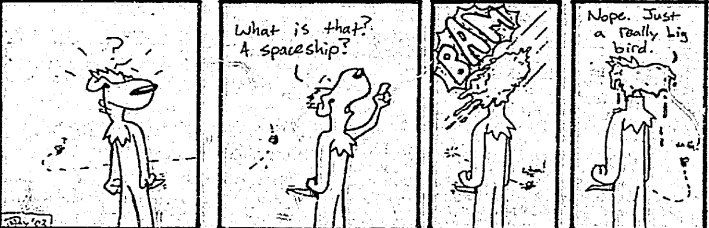
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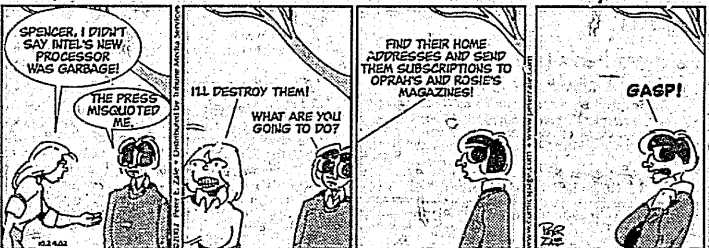
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## George Oxinos: the quiet guy with a funny accent

# 1

*George Oxinos is a senior on the SIU men's swimming team. Born in Nicosia, Cyprus, Oxinos was a member of the Cyprian national team and has medalled three times in the Games of the Small States of Europe. He recently took time out to speak with Christopher Morrill of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.*

**DAILY EGYPTIAN:** How does your personality differ from when you are with your friends and when you're at a meet?

**George Oxinos:** They are completely different things. At a meet, I have to be focused. You have to know all the steps of the race. You have to know how you are going to start, how you're going to finish. I'm pretty nervous for races. That helps me to keep awake. When I'm out with my friends, I'm more outgoing. I don't have anything in my mind. I'm not nervous at all. I'm really quiet before my races. I don't like talking to people a lot. It's just different situations, I guess.

**DE:** How do you prepare before each meet?

**GO:** The night before, I think about the races. I picture myself before the race, going through the whole race, picturing myself going through it. Every single step of it. I have swum the races so many times, I pretty much know how I'm going to feel in every moment of the race. I know I'm

going to get tired. I have to keep going. I have to keep my stroke. As far as meals, it's the usual stuff. Pasta and rice. Nothing special.

**DE:** What got you started in swimming?

**GO:** My dad. I live on an island. We're surrounded by sea. I grew up somewhere where the sea is the main thing to go and do. My dad liked to go underwater fishing. We had a boat and he wanted me to start going with him, so I started swimming for that reason. After that, I became interested in it, and started competing and here I am.

**DE:** What was the experience like being in the 1997 Games of the Small States of Europe?

**GO:** It was awesome. Cyprus is a small country. It's called the Small States Olympics. The smaller countries of Europe participate so it's not like Cyprus playing against the United States or France. We go to countries that are equal to us. It's very competitive. Everybody is really pumped about the meet. Our major opponent is Iceland. We're big rivals. We always compete with them for first place. We're somewhere where we can be recognized. If you go to the Olympics, Cyprus is just a small island and most people don't even know where it is, but there, we're a major part of the Games, a major power. We're one of the best countries. It was a great experience.

**DE:** You're a senior now. Is there more pressure to step up?

**GO:** There is a little more pressure. You have to show the new freshmen,

coming in what the swim team is all about and how to work as a group. You have to be a leader sometimes. We've been here for four years. We've been through a lot. We know Coach [Rick] Walker better. We have to try and help them get used to the environment and get used to practice. Try to act like a teammate. The swim team is a big family. We always work together and we always support each other. It doesn't matter if you're a freshman or a senior. The seniors have the extra responsibility to help. There are only a few seniors so it also goes to the junior class.

**DE:** I want to get away from swimming. Where in Carbondale do you like to hang out?

**GO:** We always have our swim team parties every weekend where we all get together and have a good time. My favorite place to go is Pinch Penny.

**DE:** How does Carbondale compare with Nicosia, Cyprus?

**GO:** It's a lot different. Nicosia is the capital of Cyprus. It's a much bigger town than Carbondale. Carbondale is a student town. Everything is toward student life. I don't want to compare Nicosia to any big cities here in the United States because it isn't anywhere near as big. It's an ordinary town. People go to work. There's no major schools around there. This is a lot different. So many young people in one place has never happened to me. It's a school town. It's awesome.

**DE:** You're probably asked a lot about Cyprus. What do you tell them?

**GO:** When I first got here, most people didn't know where Cyprus was. They were like, 'So you're from Greece?' And I was like 'Yeah, I'm from Greece.' Cyprus is an island by Greece and we speak Greek. We're an independent island. I tell them it's a beautiful island in the Mediterranean Sea. It's nice. The weather is nice. They're like, 'Why did you come to Carbondale?' I just say that I was recruited. I love it, though.

**DE:** What do you think about the U.S.?

**GO:** It's pretty much what I expected it to be. As I told you before, I come

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Class: Senior  
Hometown: Nicosia, Cyprus  
Major: Physiology  
Event: IM/Breast  
Height: 6-3

Stat: Cyprian national record holder in the 200 and the 400

HARRY WILLIAMS-DAILY EGYPTIAN

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# THURSDAY SALUKI SPORTS

SCHEDULE  
COLLEGE

BYU at Colorado St. 8:45 p.m.  
N.C. St. at Clemson, 6:45 p.m.  
N. Western St. at Nicholls St.  
7 p.m.

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SIU junior wide receiver Cipriano Montes balances school, football and family life

## Family MAN

STORY BY JENS DEJU

A newborn's parents are accustomed to having to wake up at all hours of the night to care for their youngsters and ensure that all their needs are met.

However, not all parents are also balancing a full class schedule in addition to being a college football player. Welcome to Cipriano Montes' world.

The junior wide receiver from Los Angeles is unlike most members of the young SIU football team.

The most obvious difference is that he is 26 years old while most of the team is composed of 18- and 19-year-olds.

Another is that he is married and has two children.

Montes and his wife Kiana have been married four months and are raising 1-month-old "Little Cip" and 8-year-old Aje.

Fellow wide receiver Courtney Abbott said he has become good friends with Montes and has all the respect in the world for how he deals with all the responsibilities he has to cope with.

"He handles himself real well with everything he's got to deal with," Abbott said. "Whenever he first had the baby, he said he was up every 45 minutes having to check with the baby and then coming to practice ... I mean, that's something I know I couldn't handle right now."

Another situation Montes had to deal with was an injury that caused him to sit out earlier in the season. He went down with a torn hamstring, and while it is not completely healed, he is back on the field and contributing to the Salukis.

Montes said it was the first time he has ever been injured and it was a really hard pill for him to swallow.

"It was the worst experience of my life," Montes said. "I've always played and always been on the field. Being on the sidelines, it was hurting me. But thanks to the good Lord, there's

no way in the world I should be playing right now with a torn hamstring."

He credits SIU head athletic trainer Ed Thompson and the rest of the Salukis' training staff with getting him back on the field and said he wouldn't be playing if it wasn't for them.

"It feels great to be out here in front of the crowd again and back to doing what I love," Montes said.

After having to sit out, Montes has come on strong as of late. He has reeled in five catches for 85 yards the past two games and is starting to establish himself as one of the Salukis top receivers.

His teammates couldn't be happier for him.

"It was really good to see him get some catches in, especially coming off of an injury," said freshman quarterback Joel Sambunsky. "He kind of felt that he wasn't contributing for a while, and now he's contributing and doing a good job for us. I think it's really big for him and our team."

Making Montes' recent success even more improbable is the fact that he didn't play football in high school.

While at West Covina High School, the only sports he played were one year of basketball as a freshman and one year of baseball as a sophomore.

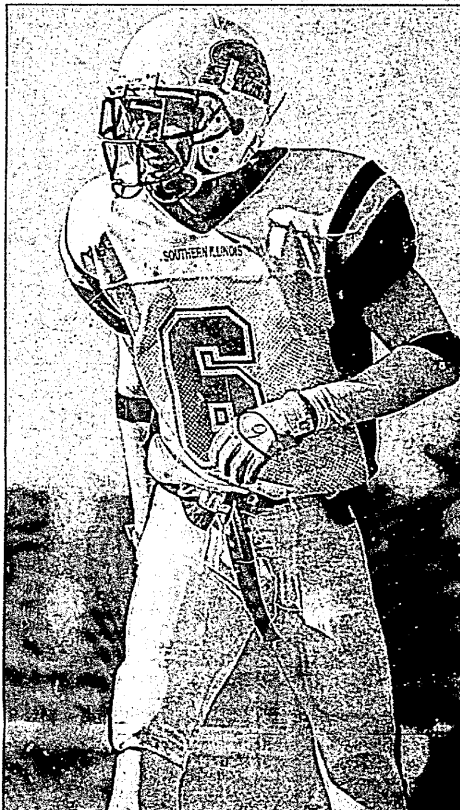
The reason such a talented athlete didn't play more sports is simple.

"I had a son in high school, so therefore I took care of my responsibilities, raising him first, raising him right," Montes said referring to Aje.

After his son got older, Montes decided to chase his dream and try to join a college football team.

"I've always wanted to play," Montes said. "I played Pop Warner and stuff like that, so I figured what the heck. I'm going to go to junior college and get started."

Montes attended East Los Angeles College, where he went on to earn Honorable Mention All-Western State Mountain Division



WILLIAM A. RICE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Cipriano Montes lines up on the line of scrimmage before a play Saturday at Illinois State. Montes is balancing his Saluki football career, being a student and having a wife and two children.

Conference last season before coming to the Midwest and SIU.

He said it was the family atmosphere around the Saluki program, combined with the calmness of Carbondale, that made him decide to leave California.

"When I came out here on my recruiting trip, I liked the coaches and the staff," Montes said. "They all seemed like a real close family, so that's what brought me here. I liked the environment, too: nice and

peaceful away from the Los Angeles area."

Montes seems to have found a home here with the Salukis far away from his native California and said all the things he's had to deal with in his life have helped shape him into the man he is today.

"It's hard, but that's what's making me stronger."

Reporter Jens Deju can be reached at jdeju@dailyegyptian.com

## COMMENTARY



Michael Brenner

## A therapy session for the coach

Following a confusing run-in with a flock of redbirds, Kerry Jill stormed into the office of his friendly neighborhood psychologist, Kopf Shrinker.

He sat down on the couch, removed his maroon hat and scratched his head.

"My team is suffering from hypothermia," Jill said.

"Do you mean schizophrenia?" Shrinker replied, hoping Jill's problem was one he would be able to fix.

"Something like that," Jill said. "They can't seem to figure out who they are. One week they're happy-go-lucky, the next they are depressed. One week they look intelligent, but the next week they seem like they are missing chromosomes. There is no consistency."

Shrinker remained silent. Not for dramatic effect, but because he was a little cum.

Following a long pause, Jill reached into a bag he brought with him and pulled out a football.

He tossed it Shrinker and said, "Does this feel slippery? Does it seem to have any degenerative qualities and if so, is it possible for them to change week to week?"

Shrinker, sensing a metaphor that was not there, replied, "Do you want it to?"

Jill stared at Shrinker the way a journalism major would stare at a calculus problem.

"Huh?" Jill said. "Do you want it to change?" Shrinker reiterated.

"Of course not!" Jill barked back. "It seems to change, and that's the problem!"

Shrinker calmly leaned back in his chair. His mind was churning with all he had learned while earning his psychology degree at prestigious Bunko University in Abu Dhabi.

Suddenly, his eyes lit up. "Perhaps it wants to stop changing, but you have not provided a stable environment for it to thrive in."

Again, Jill looked at Shrinker the way a gym teacher looks at a valedictorian.

"It's a football! It cannot change, but it seems to sometimes!"

"Well, of course it will not change with an attitude like that, Mr. Jill," Shrinker replied.

Jill again looked at Shrinker the way a Chicagoan looks at a thin crust pizza.

He was angry as well. Dr. Shrinker's time was not cheap.

Jill's blood began to boil and was on the verge of evaporating.

"This is an inanimate object, you gastropod!" Jill screamed, knowing he was mad because he had no idea what a gastropod was. "It will remain unchanged. I want you to solve my players' schizophrenia!"

"Perhaps if you let me talk to the ball alone ..." Shrinker began to say

## Swimming teams looking for first wins of the season

The SIU swimming teams face stiff competition Saturday in Champaign

Christopher Morriscal  
Daily Egyptian

Illinois may be a Big 10 school, but it will have to prove itself against the Missouri Valley Conference champions.

The SIU men's and women's swimming and diving teams will travel to the University of Illinois in Champaign to compete in the Illinois Invite Saturday.

The event will be the first of the season for the men and the second for the women.

Kansas came to Carbondale Sept. 27, but since Kansas doesn't have a men's swimming team, the Saluki men competed in an intrasquad meet.

Besides Illinois, SIU will be fac-

ing Michigan State and Missouri this weekend.

SIU has never competed against Michigan State, but the Salukis and Missouri have had a long history with each other.

"Missouri, on paper, looks a little bit stronger than we are," said SIU men's head coach Rick Walker. "We're going to be fighting pretty hard to make it a close meet. Michigan State looks like we're going to have a pretty good dual meet with."

There are only four seniors and nine juniors to go with five sophomores and seven freshmen on the team, making for a lot of inexperience.

Walker said that he expects the underclassmen to rise to the occasion and expects the upperclassmen to go about it as business as usual.

There will be plenty of butterflies in the stomachs of the freshmen and sophomores when they take to Illinois' IMP pool for their first collegiate swim.



LESER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Derek Helvey, 20, a junior in radio-television from Bartlett, practices in preparation for the swim team's meet this weekend against the University of Illinois. Helvey competes in the 400 IM and the distance freestyle.

"I'll be a little bit nervous," said sophomore Adam Gangl, "but probably not as nervous as I was for my freshman year last year."

Freshman Jason Sigler said he will be feeling anxious as he heads to his

first meet.

"You want to do your best for the coach," Sigler said, "and do the best for yourself and your team at the

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