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# USG elections

# Oh Henry! Select Party triumphs in intense race

USG President/Vice President	
743 votes	
331 votes	

SARA BEAN AND DAN CRAFT  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTERS

Select Party Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates Sean Henry and Brian Atchison celebrated a landslide victory over Millennium Party challengers in the Undergraduate Student Government elections Wednesday.

Henry and Atchison beat out presidential hopeful Joe Sanchez and his running-mate Ted Clark by a margin of 412 votes.

"The students came out and spoke today," Henry said. "We won as a party because everybody worked together as a team."

Both parties campaigned heavily throughout the day. However, the smaller Millennium Party was no match for the stronger, larger Select Party, which had about 50 people campaigning on Election Day and 20 candidates for senator seats. The Millennium Party only had nine senators.

"We tried some new and creative approaches," Sanchez said as the results came in. "We just didn't have the numbers we needed."

Several similar issues were seen throughout both campaigns including the abolishment of Select 2000 and improvement of campus technology.

The Select Party campaigned on a platform of Scholarship, Experience, Leadership, Effectiveness, Contact and Teamwork. Sanchez said he wanted to bring a public relations focus to the student government administration.

Experience was one difference between the parties.

This was Henry's second bid for USG

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DEVIN MILLER/Daily Egyptian

Student Trustee candidate Connie Howard (left) watches Election Judge Joshua Spencer count votes during Wednesday's student government elections at the Student Center. Howard lost to challenger, Ben Syfert by a margin of 13 votes.

# Farm boy makes good

## Former Ag senator, SIUC dairy farmer skims past Howard

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An alliance with the Select Party apparently paid off for Student Trustee winner Ben Syfert as hard campaigning and support from Select candidates brought in just enough votes to put Syfert over the top.

Syfert pulled in 582 votes, giving him a narrow margin over challenger Connie Howard's 569 votes.

The results were uncertain until numbers arrived from the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield. Because of computer problems and miscommunication, the Springfield numbers did not arrive until after 9 p.m. The SIUC student trustee also represents the School of Medicine, therefore the students at

Student Trustee Election	
Carbondale Springfield Total	
Ben Syfert	581 1 582
Connie Howard	564 5 569

the Springfield campus vote in the election.

Both candidates ran low-profile campaigns compared to those of the Undergraduate Student Government parties. Syfert was supported by the Select Party, while Howard ran without any party affiliation.

Howard said she was disappointed by the loss but was delighted at the support she received.

"I ran a race by myself, ran against everyone and came darn close," Howard said. "If I had had someone at every poll today, I

would have won the election." Howard currently serves as chief of staff and city affairs commissioner in USG, and is a former senator as well.

Syfert credited his supporters for the narrow victory.

"The people working for me today really made the difference," he said.

Syfert gained experience in statewide educational issues thanks to his background in student government and work with the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He served on the IBHE's Student Advisory Committee and was active in the Student Senate at Lakeland Community College in

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# Students: Select 2000 vamoose, improve technology

BURKE SPEAKER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Students favored the implementation of a proposed \$25 per semester technology fee and overwhelmingly supported the abolishment of Select 2000 in two referendums at the student trustee and Undergraduate Student Government presidential elections Wednesday.

Although both referendums are non-binding — meaning the results do not officially determine the referendum's fate — the technology fee may become reality.

In January, Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger

said she would recommend the technology fee referendum to the Board of Trustees if students supported its implementation in the elections. Argersinger could not be reached for comment Wednesday night.

The technology fee referendum, located on the student trustee ballot, calls for a \$25 fee per semester for improved campus technology.

Undergraduate students voted 647 in favor

Select 2000 Referendum	Technology Fee Referendum	
Yes 983	Undergraduate	Graduate
No 170	Yes 647	Yes 301
	No 565	No 20

of the technology fee while 565 voted against the referendum. Graduate students voted 30

students voted differently on separate technology fee referendums. The graduate student referendum outlines preferences for a technology advisory board.

Students currently do not pay technology fees with their University fees.

SIUC would use the additional technology funding — an estimated \$900,000 — for purposes including upgrading Internet access, adding e-mail stations across campus and increasing the flexibility of computer lab hours.

"yes" and 20 "no." Ed Ford, Graduate and Professional Student Council president-elect, said the low graduate student turnout for the technology referendum was disappointing. "We really didn't publicize this enough for grad students," he said. Graduate students and undergraduate stu-

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**Southern Illinois Forecast**

**TODAY:**  
Showers  
High: 72  
Low: 59

**FRIDAY:**  
Partly cloudy  
High: 81  
Low: 63

**Police Blotter**

**CARBONDALE**

- Menash D. Wilson, 18, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with battery and trespassing at Boomer Hall after Wilson allegedly was involved in an altercation at the residence hall around 3 p.m. Tuesday. Wilson was taken to Jackson County Jail after being unable to post bond.
- A 33-year-old man told University police his book worth about \$20 was stolen from his Foner Hall office around 10:20 a.m. Tuesday. There are no suspects in this incident.
- A 20-year-old man told University police he was hit by a man who stole his neck chain around 2 p.m. Tuesday in Wright Hall. The victim did not require medical attention, police said, and a suspect has been named in the incident.
- A Carbondale man said he came home to find the back door of his apartment in the 300 block of West Main Street pried open Tuesday. He told Carbondale police a video cassette recorder, a credit card and \$30 in cash were missing in the incident. Total loss was estimated at \$230, and police have no suspects.

**Corrections**

Tuesday's article "Officials: Spring Thing a success" should have stated Brian Kaufman was 21 years old and was arrested on a charge of public consumption of alcohol. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

In the Wednesday article "SIUC home of two rare women," Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan., was misspelled. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN Accuracy Desk, 536-3311 extension 228 or 229.

**Calendar**

Calendar area deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, a sponsor and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1119. All calendar items will appear on www.DailyEgyptian.com. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

**TODAY**

- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs assistance with various duties at track and field events, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., McAndrew Stadium, 453-5714.
- Library Affairs introduction to constructing webpages, 10 to noon, Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.
- Campus Blood Drive Donors and Volunteer Workers, 11 to 4 p.m., SIU Student Center, Vvran 457-5258.

- Student Environmental Center and Southern Sustainability Interfaith Earth Day service, noon, in front of Morris Library, Earth Day 3 to 9 p.m., Town Square Pavilion, 549-7387.
- Environmental Studies Program lecture by author and documentary film maker Mr. Robert Perkins title of lecture "Into the Marvicious Facing Fear and Solitude in the Arctic", 1:30 p.m., Life Science III Auditorium, Ingrid 453-4143.
- College Democrats meeting, 5:30 p.m., Student Center Activity Room A, Marco 536-6090.
- Multi-Cultural Programs and Services a discussion with Asians Internationals and Asian Americans, 6 p.m., Student Center Activity Room C and D, Yolunda 453-5714.
- USAF Civil Air Patrol meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Marion A. port, Arnon 942-3991.
- SIU Soaring Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Illinois Room, Shelley

529-0993.

**UPCOMING**

- Library Affairs ProQuest Direct, Apr. 23, 9 to 10 a.m., Power Point, 11 to noon, intermediate Web page construction, 2 to 4 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.
- Campus Blood Drive Donors and Volunteer Workers, Apr. 23, 11 to 4 p.m., SIU Student Center, Vvran 457-5258.
- Communication Across the Curriculum Workshop with special guest Dr. David Jolliffe, "Apr. 23, 1 to 2 p.m., graduate teaching assistants, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., faculty, David 453-6811.
- Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange, 453-5425.
- French Club meeting to allow students to practice their French, every Fri., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Booby's, Gilles 453-5415.
- German Club Stammtisch, Apr. 23, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Booby's, Anne 549-7154.
- Japanese Table informal conversation in English and Japanese, every Fri., 6 to 8 p.m., Melange Cafe, Shinsuke 453-3417.
- Seventh Day Adventist Student Association prophecy seminar, every Fri., 7 to 8:30 p.m., Troy Room Student Center, Laura 549-7188.
- The Groove Merchants concert, Apr. 23, Cousin Andy's Coffee House, 7:30 p.m., suggested donation \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and low income, 529-3533.
- InterVarsity Christian

Fellowship, Apr. 23, 7 p.m., Patrick 549-4284.

- Carbondale Lions Club pancake days, Apr. 24 and 25, Sat. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Town Square in downtown Carbondale, tickets can be purchased from any Lions Club member or at the door, adults \$3.50 and children \$2.50.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs assistance in packing food boxes and distributing flyers, 9 to 11 a.m., Apr. 24, Emma Hayes Center, Greg 529-5044, Doc Spackman Memorial Triathlon needs volunteers in various capacities such as registration and record keeping, Apr. 24, 7 to 11 a.m., Campus Lake, Kathy 453-1267.
- INPS Thompson Woods tree planting, please bring gloves, Apr. 24, 8 to 10 a.m., Ag. Greenhouse.
- SIUC Chess Championship, Apr. 24, 9 to 9:30 registration, first round at 9:45 a.m., Mackinaw Room Student Center, \$10 entry fee, Jim 453-7109.
- The Southern Illinois Festival of Irish Music and Dance sponsoring a Book Fair, Apr. 24, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Connie 453-4530.
- School of the Prophets medicinal plants with Cindy Dudek, Apr. 24, Soft Park Communications Garden, Todd 529-5044.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs bowler for American Cancer Society, 5 members per team, Apr. 25, 3 to 5 p.m., Sports Center, Leslie 351-1032.

**Almanac**

**THIS WEEK IN 1979:**

- Movies playing in Carbondale were "Norma Rae," "Deer Hunter," "Same Time, Next Year," "Buck Rodgers" and "Jesus Christ Superstar."
- Soaring prices in live cattle and hogs, as well as high costs for meat in the supermarket, were whetting the appetites of modern day rustlers. "When prices go up, we generally see a bit of an up-trend in the 'small numbers' theft — one or two head," said Kenneth Metcalf, Illinois supervisor for the state's southern 68 counties. Metcalf said it was the same thing. "Where it's valuable, somebody is going to take a crack at it."
- Shryock Auditorium was hosting an evening with John McLaughlin and special guest Larry Coryell for \$6.
- The Beach Boys were coming to Carbondale and were scheduled to appear at the Arena; tickets were \$9.
- "Your Rights if Arrested" was a forum sponsored by Students' Legal Assistance Office Southern Illinois University and The National Lawyer's Guild Southern Illinois Chapter. There were speeches on "Before and After an Arrest" and "City Court and Criminal Misdemeanors."

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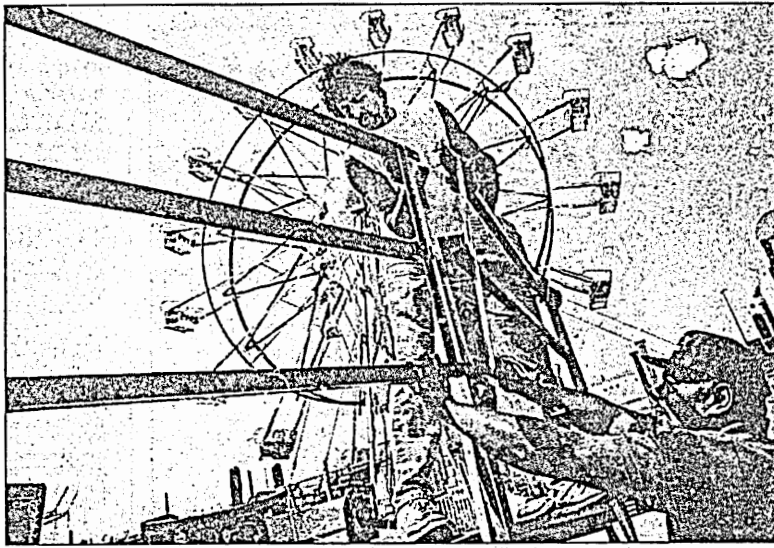
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**CARNIVAL CRAZINESS:**

Sweary Amusements workers Pete Paplomatas (center) and Charles Carr assemble the railing for a "Tilt-T-Whirl" in the parking lot of Kroger's, 1270 E. Main. The carnival began Wednesday and part of the proceeds will be donated to the United Way.

DAVE MILLER/  
Daily Egyptian



## The macabre past of Earth Day's founder

**TAINTED HISTORY:** Self-style guru of the '60s defames years of progress with murder.

ERIN FAFOGLIA  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Beneath the excitement and celebration of Earth Day '99 lies a grim story with a twist of murder and deception.

Ira Einhorn, a self-style guru of the '60s counter-culture, led the first Earth Day celebration in Philadelphia in 1970. He organized and led dozens of Earth Days and in the late '60s and early '70s was a well-known 'hippie' in Philadelphia.

In the early '70s, Einhorn and Helen "Holly" Maddux, a graduate of Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Penn., began dating. On Sept. 11, 1977, Maddux disappeared after ending the relationship with Einhorn.

Maddux had been missing for 18 months when police found her mummified remains in a trunk in Einhorn's west-side Philly Powelton Village

Apartment on March 28, 1979. Police said she had been bludgeoned to death.

Einhorn fled the country in January 1979, shortly before his murder trial was to start. His departure was a betrayal to environmentalists who believed Einhorn stood for peace, love and justice.

After an anonymous caller tip on the television series "Unsolved Mysteries" 16 years later, Einhorn was found on June 13, 1997 and arrested in Champagne-Mouton, a village of France, living under the name Eugene Mallon. He had married a wealthy Swede named Annika Floden.

Einhorn was arrested and convicted of murder in absentia, meaning that although he was not present to stand trial, he was still convicted.

On Dec. 4, 1997 Einhorn was released in France after receiving support from French authorities arguing a violation of human rights, since he had been tried in absentia.

Einhorn's lawyers argued successfully that criminals convicted in absentia should be given a second trial and in response, Pennsylvania passed a law

ensuring fugitive rights in such circumstances.

The event has received worldwide press coverage during the years and has been made into a television movie on NBC, which will air this May.

Despite this grisly aspect of Earth Day, environmentalists are struggling to keep the honor and spirit of Earth Day alive.

"I don't think there's any essential connection between his (Einhorn's) problems and the goals for keeping up the Earth," said Hugh Muldoon, chairman of SIUC environmentalist organization Southern Sustainability and director of University Christian Ministries.

"The press coverage seems like a bogus attempt to commercialize the whole thing and discredit the environmental movement."

Muldoon said "99 percent" of the world's environmentalists are working in good faith toward a common goal of benefiting the Earth.

"It could be an attempt to discredit the actions of environmentalists everywhere because many people are threatened by those who speak out for it," Muldoon said.

Judges have since granted Einhorn freedom pending appeal, and his trial is not

**TRIAL**

• Information pertaining to Einhorn's trial and the murder of Holly Maddux can be obtained at [www.philly.com/packages/einhorn/index.html](http://www.philly.com/packages/einhorn/index.html)

-Rhonda Sciana

**CARBONDALE**

**Police search for suspect in taxi driver robbery**

Carbondale police are searching for a man who reportedly robbed a cab driver early Wednesday morning after asking for a ride to Mt. Vernon.

Around 2:45 a.m., a driver for a Carbondale cab company picked up the customer who asked for a ride to Mt. Vernon, police said. On the way, the suspect asked the driver to stop at an automated teller machine so he could get cash.

The suspect told the driver he forgot his ATM card and needed to go home to get it. The suspect later told the cab driver to stop in the 800 block of East Grand Avenue and give him all the money in the cab.

When the driver handed over an undetermined amount of cash, the suspect demanded the driver leave the area on foot.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot-8 black man who was last seen wearing a red or maroon hooded sweatshirt.

-David Ferrara

**Earth Week '99 Events**

For other events not listed or for more information, call 549-7187.

Interfaith Earth Day Service  
Today

Noon in front of Morris Library

Community Celebration  
Today

3 p.m.-9 p.m.

Town Square Pavilion

SOURCE: Earth Week '99 By Susan Adams Daily Egyptian

## City Council appoints task force for residential leasing

TIM CHAMBERLAIN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Though there was only an acknowledgment of Residential Leasing Task Force efforts at Tuesday's City Council meeting, some parties involved think that progress will come out of task force meetings.

City Councilman Larry Briggs, who was in attendance at the first task force meeting, said that after some initial "sparring," the group was almost on the same level by the end of the meeting. "I think the landlords see the handwriting on the wall that they need to give a little," Briggs said. "And the students realize they'll

need to give a little too."

The Residential Leasing Task Force was appointed by the City Council after a "no" vote was taken on three proposed landlord/tenant ordinances at the March 30 City Council meeting.

The task force was to report their recommendations to the council at Tuesday's meeting but

decided at its initial meeting April 12 that additional time was needed.

Briggs said there was a strong possibility that the task force will be able to work tenant-landlord issues out, sooner rather than later.

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**CARBONDALE**

**Asian Awareness Month discussion tonight at 6**

"Bridging the Gap: A Discussion with International Asians and Asian Americans" is taking place at 6 tonight at the Student Center in Activity Rooms C and D. The event is part of Asian American Awareness Month.

For more information, call 453-5714.

-Nicole A. Cashaw

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**James B. Wilson**

James B. Wilson is a graduating senior in agriculture and has chosen a career at Archer Daniels Midland Company in Elevator Management.

ADM is one of the largest grain and food processing companies in the world. Based in Decatur, Illinois, ADM is continually expanding throughout the United States as well as in China, Europe, Mexico and South America.

James found out about ADM's career opportunities from career services on campus and scheduled an interview with ADM. After completing a two-stage interview process, James was offered a position as a commodities trader. In July, he will begin a 12 month hands-on training program that will expose him to all aspects of ADM Elevator Management.

**ADM is looking forward to having James join our team.**



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## Our Word

### Spring Thing a success that can be built on

It was cold, it was windy, but it was another successful Spring Thing. And now that we've proven we can have a peaceful, entertaining student get together on campus, it's time to make it even better. So with nearly an entire year to plan ahead, we have some suggested additions we'd like to see incorporated into the festivities.

First, as Spring Thing is a mass gathering of students, it's a prime opportunity for RSO involvement. Registered Student Organizations can be used in the planning and promotion process as well as the actual celebration. We have student marketing, public relation and advertising organizations as well as a variety of social and recreation RSOs that can make their talents and interests accessible to the event. More student involvement equals more student enjoyment.

We also think Spring Thing could key into the success of the Pig Out and adopt some of their ideas for organized fun as well as learning from its failures. If people like the offerings of the Pig Out, and it seems they do, then there's no reason similar offerings couldn't be available at Spring Thing for equal enjoyment.

The available eating options might also be expanded. Not everyone wants Subway and Pepsi,

so how about a little more variety in vendors. Get some bagel guys, munchie carts, perhaps some local restaurants with stands to give the attendees more of an option. Including local restaurants would also bring in funding for the event as well as help SIUC/Carbondale relations, and the local establishments will like it because they get to make some money in exchange for a reasonable participation fee.

*"As long as we continue to be responsible, we believe Spring Thing can only get better as our local resources are further utilized."*

On that same note it might be nice to let side acts come in, aka Taste of Chicago, to provide variety in entertainment. To make up for any cost of doing this we could also sell permits to craft vendors such as those that sell their goods occasionally in the Student Center. Not credit card sign-up stations, but more in the vein of the stations set up in the University Mall sometimes, where people sell posters and knick-knacks.

In short, Spring Thing has been great the past couple years, and we've been fortunate to get some great acts to come to our University, but as a campus and community we can all participate and make the event even more enjoyable by expanding and building on the festivities.

As long as we continue to be responsible, we believe Spring Thing can only get better as our local resources are further utilized.

## Superman didn't pick his nose, neither should you

### Egyptian Graffiti

Jay Larson



Egyptian Graffiti appears Thursdays. Jay is a graduate student in Chinese History. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

my fingers at a slasher movie — I'm a sucker for gory details.

With or without your nose, we make it easy to keep our hands busy in the car by putting the steering wheel on the left. Countries all over the world get by with the wheel on the right, but not us.

Then we would have to dig through fast food bags, change tapes, find cigarettes or dial our cell phones with the left hand. Since most of us are right-handed, we prefer to use the less dexterous left hand for minor things like steering.

Of course, this doesn't help people who think that they have to look at the phone rather than the road while they talk. Safety isn't my main gripe against cell phones; though. Most of us are just as

dangerous changing the radio station. I'm philosophically opposed to them because they defeat the whole car thing for us Americans. Where there is a phone, there is no privacy. I like being in my car because no one can find me. When I had a job that required me to carry a cell phone, I kept it under the spare tire in the trunk.

Now some people even have faxes in their cars. The only use for a car fax is to find someone else with a car fax, send them a sheet of paper that reads "honk!" — and rear end them.

Our affection for cars is the source of the parking problems at SIUC. If the waiting list for campus daycare extends until your kids are feeding you strained carrots, you put their names on the list and wait. If parking worked this way there would be an insurance.

Luckily, to be responsible for parking doesn't take the same years of education and commitment as being responsible for daycare. All it takes is a little red truck, a box of jelly donuts and the ability to color inside the lines.

I was hoping to explain the American car attitude in this column, but I have to admit I'm baffled. I don't know why some people are so comfortable in a steel and glass box. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to quit typing — the light just changed.

## Mailbox

### Activist challenges landlord to arm wrestling match

Dear Editor,

At about 4:20 p.m. Friday, April 9, during an interview with Channel 12 KFVS-TV concerning my run for the mayor of Carbondale, the infamous Henry Fisher rudely interrupted me and the news crew. Henry hurled insults and accused me of screwing the students of Southern Illinois University.

This volley of verbal abuse between Henry and myself continued for several minutes. The whole time, in spite of my 2.0 grade point average, I proceeded to give Henry an intellectual thumping.

Therefore, I challenge Henry Fisher to a duel in the form of an arm wrestling contest to be held at PK's at a d.c. and time to be determined.

Why this challenge? Because Henry needs a whoopin'. Why Rob Taylor? Well, who better than the overrated student radical Rob Taylor to take on the infamous Henry Fisher? Is Rob Taylor worthy enough to challenge such a prestigious opponent? Yes! Rob Taylor is the "David" that took on the "Goliaths" of Jim Hart, Don Strom, John Budlick and Neil Dillard.

Henry, I vow to whoop your ass. This past year, I was forced to pay an extra \$40 on my water bill. This was because of leaky faucets in my Henry Fisher house. So, Henry, you buy the beer!

Rob Taylor  
senior, philosophy and  
hotel/restaurant management

### George Clinton interview was a missed opportunity

Dear Editor,

A dissertation of many volumes cannot express the grotesque distortion of journalism the DAILY EGYPTIAN regularly regurgitates. Knowing full well my meager effort to complain will most likely fall on deaf ears, vicarious embarrassment and the literary equivalent of blowing chunks compel me onward.

None of the readers have ever expected much out of the EGYPTIAN. It's a free paper with nice photos of your friends (complete with their misspelled names in the caption). Although this year has shown a flurry of EGYPTIAN incompetence (anyone remember the Halloween issue?), I must raise protest over the April 19 edition containing the George Clinton article.

What amazed me is the lost opportunity. With a living legend sitting five feet in front of you, reporters Chris Kennedy and Dana Dubriwny acted as if they were gathering information for a Nickelodeon sound bite. My personal favorite is Dubriwny asking Clinton what his favorite color was after he just said that he was colorblind. Or, what about Dubriwny asking him what planet he would be from if he was able to choose. Look out "Cosmopolitan," beware "Variety Fair," the DAILY EGYPTIAN is out for blood!

So, to the EGYPTIAN staff, I'm sure this letter will be dismissed outright. Your over-inflated sense of your journalistic talent does a marvelous job of insulating you from reality. Enjoy it while you can.

Dave Neuberger  
sophomore, philosophy

# Transgendered speaker visits SIUC to explain differences

DANA DUBRIVNY  
STUDENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Debra Davis was born with male sexual organs, wore male clothing and took on the role of dad when playing house — but she always envied the life of a female.

"I was born a little boy, and in church I wore pants and a tie like the rest of the boys," said Davis, media specialist at Southwest High School in Minneapolis. "But the girls got to wear skirts, jackets and bows. I wished I could wear what they wore, but as a child, you want to please mom and dad."

**TRANSGENER:**

Debra Davis will be speaking about transgender issues at 7 tonight in the Lesar Law Auditorium for Gay Awareness Week.

In college, Davis was the president of a fraternity and went on to marry and father two children. After the divorce from her wife five years ago, Davis legally changed her name to a woman's — Debra, the name she carries now.

Davis is the first transgender to successfully transition on the job, working as a librarian and speaking to students in high schools and colleges about the transgender community.

In appreciation of Gay Awareness Week, Davis will serve as the keynote speaker at 7 tonight

in the Lesar Law Auditorium discussing the difference between a transgender person, a transsexual, a cross-dresser and a female impersonator.

When Davis first came out a year and a half ago, her story became the headline story for the local newspapers and broadcast stations, but she granted only one interview.

"I'm not afraid of the media, but I respect the power it has," she said. "I essentially came out of two closets. The staff was supportive, the students were relatively supportive, I got help from the administration, but by that time I was pretty well known as a transgender."

According to Kevin Kurtz, secretary for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Friends, the Registered Student Organization invited Davis to visit SIUC to field the numerous inquiries that have been asked on the GLBF Prideline, the 24-hour phone line dedicated to support the GLBF population.

"We have had a lot of questions about transgender issues, and quite frankly, we didn't have the know-how to handle it," Kurtz said. "In GLBF, transgenders have been associated with finding solace in the gay community, but the bias in the heterosexual community holds true in the homosexual community because of the lack of education."

Kurtz said the underlying problem extends from the negative

image of transgenders portrayed in the media.

"People have associated with transgenders as 'drag queens' which is a totally separate thing," he said. "They see them as these outrageous people like they see on Jerry Springer."

"People think, 'Why would anyone choose to dress like another gender?' But they really feel like they were born to be something else."

Although Davis is divorced from her former wife, they remain in contact, and she continues to engage in intimate relationships.

"In my marriage, I was attracted to her and I am still attracted to women," she said. "My partner happens to be a woman, and she is identified as a lesbian."

When Davis decided to dress as a woman full time, the surrounding support from friends and family eased the transition but she admits transgenders will always be persecuted for who they are.

"I think it is important to know when the time is right when coming out," Davis said. "You have to be careful because there's a time for everyone and everyone will do it different."



Davis

**TASK FORCE**

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"It's a little early to tell, but I think this will move a little bit faster than most people think," he said.

Incoming Graduate and Professional Student Council President Ed Ford said that though there have been improvements in task force discussions, there really has been no "abrupt change" in the meetings.

"Right now, everyone is trying to get their issues and concerns out on the table," Ford said.

"At least we're sitting down and talking with each other. This can really only help in the long run."

Though Ford did not think there would be any recommendations from the task force in time for the May 4 City Council meeting, he did think there would be results to give to the city in the near future.

"This is an issue that is not immediately going to go away,"

Ford said.

"I think we're getting indications from the city that they're looking for some type of action."

Ford acknowledged there was discussion of some kind of group that would allow for conflict resolution in tenant-landlord problems but said there was nothing definite decided on the subject at the last meeting.

"If we could get parties to agree to something like that and to abide by the decision, that would be a step in the right direction," he said.

Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan, who will attend the next task force meeting, said there needs to be a way to register and monitor complaints.

"We need a method of engaging the [property owners] that we have concerns with and a way of logging concerns," Flanagan said.

"I think the landlords know that the students are going to keep coming back with this."

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expected for one to two years.

Before final ruling, Einhorn has plenty of time to go underground once more, said Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham in Newsweek's March 1 article "Does He Stay?"

"He has the money to flee and the wherewithal to flee," Abraham stated in the article. "What does that tell you?"

Wes Ward, a senior in fine arts from Springfield, said the mass media's widespread coverage of the murder and Einhorn's link to Earth Day could produce a negative response.

"It could certainly diminish the credibility of Earth Day, having a bad representative involved," Ward said.

"When the media portrays a negative crime, people respond negatively."

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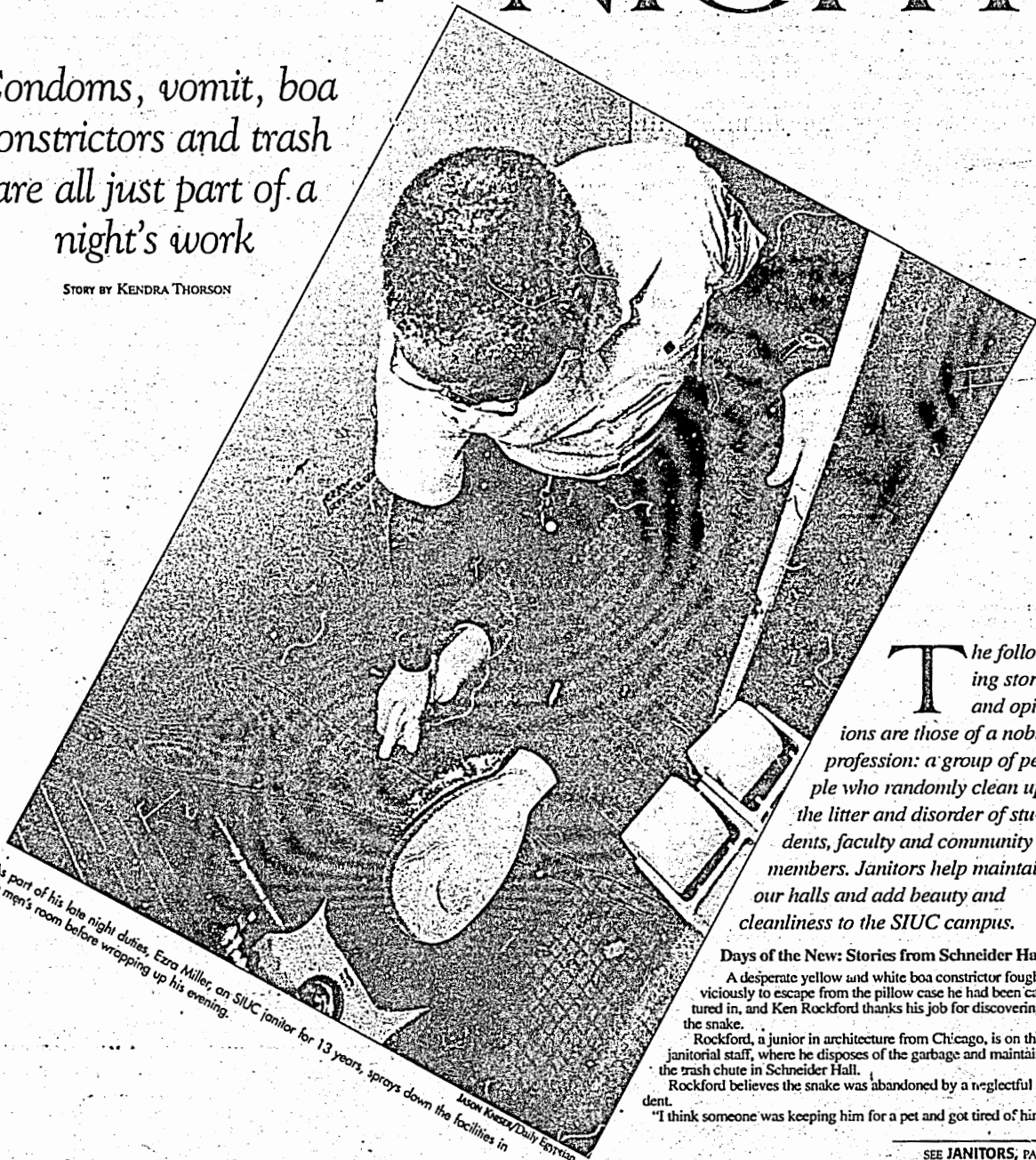
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# A hard day's NIGHT

*Condoms, vomit, boa constrictors and trash are all just part of a night's work*

STORY BY KENDRA THORSON



As part of his late night duties, Ezra Miller, an SIUC janitor for 13 years, sprays down the facilities in the men's room before wrapping up his evening.

The following stories and opinions are those of a noble profession: a group of people who randomly clean up the litter and disorder of students, faculty and community members. Janitors help maintain our halls and add beauty and cleanliness to the SIUC campus.

### Days of the New: Stories from Schneider Hall

A desperate yellow and white boa constrictor fought viciously to escape from the pillow case he had been captured in, and Ken Rockford thanks his job for discovering the snake.

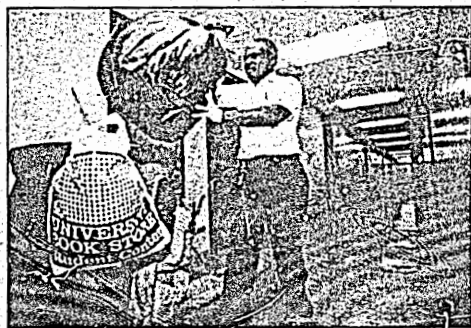
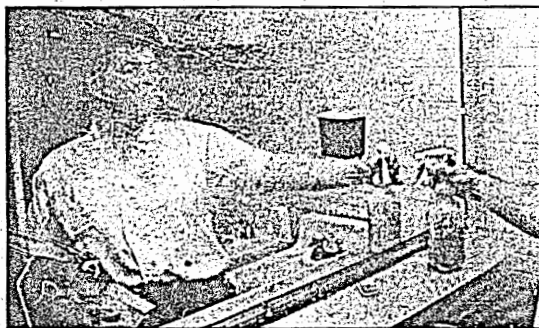
Rockford, a junior in architecture from Chicago, is on the janitorial staff, where he disposes of the garbage and maintains the trash chute in Schneider Hall.

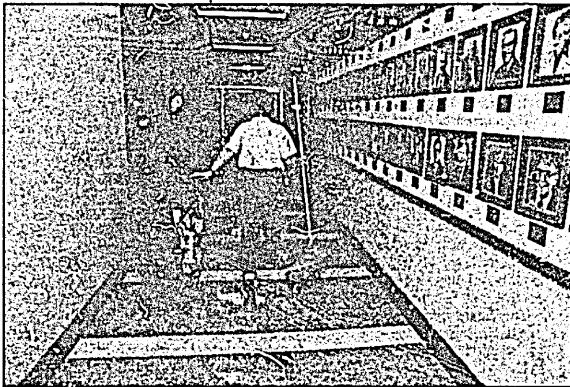
Rockford believes the snake was abandoned by a neglectful student. "I think someone was keeping him for a pet and got tired of him."

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(Immediate right) Bobbie Chaney, an SIUC janitor for 10 years, cleans the mirrors in the women's restroom in the Communications Building.

Chaney enjoys her work because of the people, those she works with and the generations of students she watches pass through the halls. (Far right) Late at night in an empty hallway in the Life Science II building, Miller empties the trash from the day's passersby.





At the end of the evening, Chaney slowly walks through the clean hallway to return her supplies to the storage room. Chaney has found the experience satisfying and said it has allowed her to live comfortably as a single mother.

JESSICA ZAMORA / Daily Egyptian

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Rockford said. "They just threw him down the trash chute." Rockford's experience with the creepy crawler was not his only less-than-sanitary encounter. Rockford said the elevators are left in shambles after weekend nights.

"It looks like sometimes they have parties in the elevators," he said.

Crystal Dossie, a senior in electrical engineering from Chicago, arrives at Schneider Hall at 8 a.m. to clean up the disorder left from the weekend.

Dossie took the job of a janitor because of the hours of her personal schedule.

Dossie remembers the aftermath of Super Bowl weekend when she cleaned a mess of condoms, garbage and vomit from the previous night.

She said the excess garbage depends on the gender living on the floor. She finds coed and boys' floors require the most attention.

Because she is a student worker, Dossie believes students feel

they can be careless with their messes.

"As far as my level (a student worker) they just see another student," she said. "People think picking up their mess is my job."

Dossie said the maintenance of the towers is imperative to the students' well-being.

"I can't imagine if the dorms were not maintained," she said. "Those people would live in filth."

**Speaking From Experience**

When Bobbie Chaney was 7 years old, she remembers her father taking her 9-year-old brother to basketball practice. After she saw a member of the janitorial staff pushing a dust mop, she believed she never wanted to get involved in the custodial profession because it looked like hard work.

Twenty years later, Chaney, a Carbondale resident, celebrates her 10th year as an SIUC janitor.

Chaney, who is a single parent, believes this is one of the best jobs she could have to support her family. She said her position is important to her personally for financial stability, but the people around her are the true essence of

the job. "I enjoy my job because of the people around me, not just my co-workers," she said. "I get to see generations of students go through SIUC. That is interesting to me."

Chaney said janitors are important for everything from mopping the floors to supplying toilet paper for the bathrooms.

"If we weren't around you wouldn't have any toilet paper to wipe with — now tell me janitors aren't important," she said with a laugh. "We are the backbone of making SIUC more appealing to visitors, students and faculty."

Chaney sometimes feels unappreciated in the work place and society because people believe her job is to clean up after careless people.

"Sometimes I think janitors act as glorified maids when we are professional people," she said. "We put pride into our work — it has to be gratifying to make us want to come into work day after day."

Ezra Miller, an SIUC janitor of 13 years from Carbondale, said the diversity of his job, benefits and high paying atmosphere make his job worthwhile.

Miller works the 4 p.m. to midnight shift in the Life Science II building. Miller has been in service for schools and the country his entire life.

Miller previously worked as a janitor in the high rises in Chicago and as a postal clerk. In 1986, he moved to Carbondale for the laid back atmosphere.

Miller's favorite part of his job is the people he meets. He particularly enjoys working in the Communications Building because of the theater majors and their care-free attitudes.

"My people were the theater people," Miller said. "Those were my guys — they were always a lot of fun to talk to."

Miller said when the night gets lengthy, he sometimes uses the tools of the janitorial staff to keep him entertained.

"Some nights get a little long," he said. "To break the monotony you can grab a buffer. You can never go wrong with a buffer, the floor always need buffing."

Miller said he is not respected by the faculty and students as much as he should be — he expects some common courtesy from those around him.

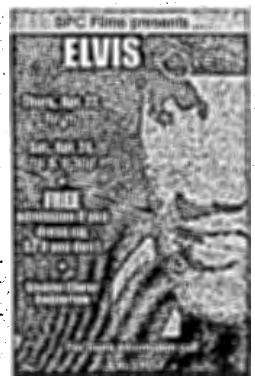
"I think the respect issue could definitely be better," he said. "I don't expect you to invite me to your house, but a hello would be nice."

"I'm not some guy that just drifted in here, I am the guy you see every day cleaning up your messes."

According to Miller, some people "sieve janitors are less intelligent than the average employee and often are blamed for taking misplaced belongings.

"A lot of people have the misconception of the intelligence of the janitor, and the janitor-took-it syndrome," he said.

"I think people feel like anyone could do it — you could just grab a guy off the street. It is not like that anymore, people are just replaying the illiterate days of the past."



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But while the technology fee did not pass by a large margin, the Select 2000 referendum, which appeared on USG presidential election ballots, passed by soaring margins.

Though non-binding, supporters plan to utilize with this support. Students voted 983 for the abolishment of Select 2000 and 170 against its demise in the referendum.

The program intends to maintain alcohol-free housing for sororities and fraternities, improve community service work for Greeks and set higher standards in academics.

Sean Henry, USG president-elect, said the students have shown the chancellor that Select 2000 should be abolished.

"The referendum proves to the administration that we don't want Select 2000," Henry said.

"With the backing of the students, which we've never had before, we have a solid voice to approach Chancellor Argersinger."

**USG**  
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President. Last year, Henry ran with SIUC student Greg Akers on the Saluki Party. Henry and Akers lost to Progress Party candidates Kristie Ayres and Jackie Smith by a margin of 171 votes.

Prior to his presidential bid, Henry served as a University Park senator.

Achison has served as USG vice president since Jan. 20 when Smith took over as president, following Ayres' resignation. Prior to that, Achison served as a College of Agriculture senator and chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee.

Sanchez, a senior in speech communication, joined USG two months ago as the public relations commissioner. Clark, a sophomore in biological sciences, has served as an East Side senator for two years.

"Lack of campaign experience killed us," Clark said. "Numbers and organization were the fatal factor."

Clark said he would like to work with the Select administration and will seek a senate seat in the fall.

Henry, meanwhile, said he plans to start working on his administration's issues immediately.

"We are going to do our best to represent the students and make good on our campaign promises," Henry said.

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Mattoon before coming to SIUC.

He currently serves as a senator from the College of Agriculture in USG and is the chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee. He is also a student worker at the SIU Dairy Center.

Syfert will replace current Student Trustee Mike Ruta. Ruta will step down as trustee at the next board meeting May 13 in East St. Louis.

The student trustee has all the responsibilities of a regular Board of Trustee member and may vote on all board matters except faculty tenure and matters that may be considered a conflict of interest.

The Board oversees budget and policy matters for the University.

"I think this will be a good experience for myself

and for students here in Carbonale," Syfert said. "I think I know the issues, and I have what I need to work them out."

Syfert could receive the binding vote depending on the choice of Gov. George Ryan. Former Gov. Jim Edgar passed legislation last year that gave a single binding vote to student trustees.

In the case of universities with more than one campus and more than one student trustee, like SIU, the governor selects one of the student trustees to have the binding vote. This decision is based on a number of factors, including experience.

Syfert said higher state funding and improved relations between the trustees and student government would be priorities in his tenure.

"I want to get the Board to become a better advocate for SIU," Syfert said.

Howard said she will graduate in May rather than pursue another degree. She plans to take a job at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

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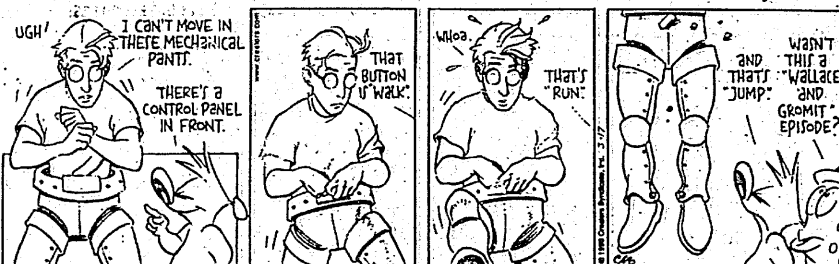


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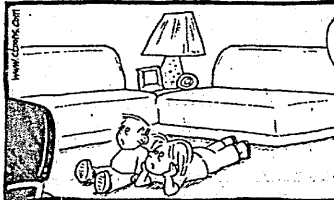


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# Viefhaus makes history

Sophomore center fielder breaks school's all-time and single-season home run record, but the Salukis have their five-game winning streak snapped

COREY CUSICK  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC sophomore center fielder Marta Viefhaus broke the school all-time home run record as well as the single-season record with a solo shot in the third inning of game two of a doubleheader Wednesday night against the University of Missouri.

The Salukis (33-15, 7-1) split the doubleheader with Salukis 315 header with the No. 26-ranked Tigers, losing the first game 3-1 but regrouping to win the second 6-5 Wednesday in Edwardsville.

Viefhaus, who hit her ninth home run of the season and the 17th of her career, surpassed former Saluki standouts Jamie Schutteck ('94-'97) and Colleen Holloway ('90-'93) on the all-time list.

The homer also broke her own single season record, which she set last season.

"Marta had a great day today," Saluki head coach Kay Brechtelsbauer said after Viefhaus's combined two game 5-for-7 performance. "Not just with the home run, but with all the hits she had today."

"She's starting to get a little more consistent with the bat — she's got quite a future ahead of her."

In game two, the Tigers (32-16) pounced on junior pitcher Carisa Winters (13-8) early, scoring three runs in the first inning, but the Salukis came back to score two runs in the second inning to come

within one.

In the record-breaking third inning, sophomore pitcher/designated hitter Eria Stremsterfer, who had her career-high 16-game hitting streak snapped, reached on a fielder's choice, followed by a two-run homer from junior second baseman Lori Greiner, her seventh on the year.

The next batter, Viefhaus, hit her record-breaking shot to put the Salukis ahead 5-3.

The Salukis scored what proved to be the game-winning run in the top of the fifth after two costly throwing errors by the Tigers, scoring Viefhaus, who singled and stole second prior to the errors.

The Tigers responded with two runs in the bottom half of the fifth on three consecutive hits off Winters, two singles and a double to trim the lead to 6-5.

In the bottom of the seventh, Winters, who struck out nine in the win, worked out of a jam after hitting the first Tiger batter, who later stole second.

Winters, however, forced the next two batters to fly out to center, and the last out came via a groundout to second.

"The important thing is that they took a 3-0 lead in that second

game and we didn't let down or give up," Brechtelsbauer said. "(Carisa) got behind some batters. Sometimes she was sharp and at other times she struggled, but she fought until the end."

In game one, the Salukis jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning behind senior infielder/outfielder Jaymie Cowell's seventh home run of the season.

The Tigers quickly responded, however, scoring two runs (one unearned) in the bottom half of the inning on a two-out single by Shawna Robinson off Stremsterfer (15-7), who picked up the loss.

The Tigers added an insurance run in the fourth inning on an RBI double by Erin Erickson to push the lead to 3-1.

The Salukis had many chances to score in the late innings, but failed to take advantage of their opportunities.

In the fourth inning, Viefhaus hit a one-out single, only to be left stranded at second.

In the sixth, Stremsterfer hit an infield single with one out, but Greiner grounded into an inning-ending double play.

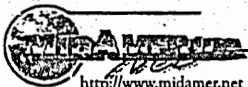
In the seventh inning it was much of the same for the Salukis. Viefhaus led the inning off with a double, only to be left stranded there after Missouri pitcher Christy Caccavo (11-5) struck out senior infielder Nikki Beard and Cowell and forced junior shortstop Jamie Campbell to pop out to the catcher in the end game.

"We had some opportunities, but we just couldn't get it done," Brechtelsbauer said.

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# Texas set to invade Penn

KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

PHILADELPHIA — Memo to Louisiana State University's women's track team and all collegiate sprint relay teams arriving Tuesday for the 105th Penn Relays Carnival: Texas is coming to chase history.

The Longhorns are after a sweep of the four Championship of America sprint relays, a feat that has been achieved just once at the University of Pennsylvania's Franklin Field oval.

The only other? Texas in 1989. "We're going to load it up as best we can," said Texas coach Bev Kearney.

Texas captured two of the four events (4 x 100, 4 x 200, 4 x 400 and sprint medley) last year, with rival LSU nipping the Longhorns by .06 seconds in the 4 x 100 and George Mason pulling an upset in the sprint medley.

Two of LSU's sprint headliners,

Myra Combs and Peta-Gaye Dowdie, along with former Simon Gratz star Joyce Bates, a sophomore hurdle sensation, are back to anchor the Tigers' Texas challenge.

George Mason returns three members of the defending sprint medley champion.

Kearney will mix and match her Texas sprinters from a deep group that includes 100-meter dash contenders LaKeisha Backus and Nanceen Perry, freshman LaKeesha White, Suziann Reid, former William Penn High star Angel Patterson, and veteran anchor Liz Diaz.

Texas is fresh from an eye-popping showcase at its Texas Relays two weeks ago, during which it defeated LSU by a half-second in the 4 x 100 with the fastest time ever run (42.9) in the event outside of the NCAA championship meet.

Kearney's team also broke its collegiate 4 x 200 record, going

1:30.93.

As if that weren't enough, the Longhorns also posted the fastest 4 x 400 ever run outside an NCAA championship meet, 3:28.48. Florida, South Carolina, Georgetown and Alabama also could factor into the sprint relay picture.

"It's going to be very hard to win all four, but it's our goal to win them all," Kearney said. "I think the chance exists. For me to say it's impossible would be dishonest, because I really think it's possible."

"It's going" to be difficult because there's so much room for error and the competition is so great. But I'm one that always wants to try to do something that no one else has done before."

Texas will have targets on its back from the minute it lands in Philly, with the rivalry with LSU expected to be one of the weekend's best storylines.

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TRU SCHWELZ/Daily Egyptian

Salukis shortstop Joe Meeks dives after a ground ball off a Murray State player's bat Tuesday afternoon at Abe Martin Field.

## Backup catcher Ben Arbeiter preserves the victory with a two-run homer in the ninth as the Salukis end their nine-game losing streak

MIKE BJORKLUND  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — SIUC catcher Ben Arbeiter feels right at home every time he plays at Capaha Park, and it showed Wednesday afternoon.

Playing several games in the ballpark at Cape Central High School in Cape Girardeau, Mo., Arbeiter's pinch-hit two-run home run in the ninth inning gave the Salukis a 14-11 cushion they never relinquished.

The Salukis defeated Southeast Missouri State University by that same score to end a nine-game losing streak.

"I played a lot of ballgames here," Arbeiter said. "I haven't hit that many home runs here — that was probably the fourth home run. But I love this place, it's just like home."

The victory for the Salukis was their second in 12 games and first in 10. It also improves them to 23-16 on the season.

The Salukis win, however, could have easily turned into defeat after giving up eight home runs.

"You look at the score sheet

and you see that the team you beat hit eight home runs and something's not right," SIUC coach Dan Callahan said. "You don't win games where you give up eight home runs. But our offense did a tremendous job."

Junior second baseman Steve Ruggeri broke out of a recent slump with a 4-for-5 performance at the plate. Ruggeri scored four runs, had one RBI and stole a base.

"The past couple of games I have been swinging the bat OK — the hits haven't come, but I felt pretty comfortable," Ruggeri said. "But today was awesome. It was a great way to come out, and we needed this win big time."

The Salukis jumped out early against SEMO (17-21) to a 2-0 first-inning lead, extending it to 3-1 in the third on a double to center field by senior Joe Schley, with Ruggeri scoring from first base.

But in the fourth inning, senior pitcher Jason Frasor unraveled at the seams. He allowed back-to-back-to-back home runs.

Frasor only lasted 3 2/3 innings, allowing four runs with six strikeouts and just two walks.

From there, the two teams played seesaw. Combined, they scored 15 runs in the span of four innings. Freshman Luke Nelson (3-0), who made his lucky 13th appearance, earned the win in relief of Frasor. Nelson allowed two runs in 2 1/3 innings.

However, the Salukis allowed SEMO to battle back in the eighth inning. The Indians scored five runs off of senior Brad Heuring and freshman Jake Alley.

Alley recovered to shut down the Indians to preserve the victory.

"This was the most brutal stretch we've had since I've been here," Ruggeri said. "But we all stuck together. Nobody got down on anybody else and we kept battling. Hopefully, we will carry this momentum into this weekend and come back with four wins from Bradley."

Schley (2-for-4, HR), Scott Boyd (2-for-4), Jeff Stanek (2-for-2, three RBIs) and Nelson (3-for-5) led the Salukis 16-hit attack.

"It's been so long since we've won, it was almost like we forgot how," Callahan said. "But finding a way to win and doing as good of a job as we did on offense today is huge. Hopefully, it will give us a little more momentum as far as going into this weekend."

bright."

Other Saluki finishers included: junior Andrea Walker (11th), sophomore Elizabeth Uthoff (20th), senior Jami Zimmerman (21st), senior Renee Myers (36th) and senior Jane Starkweather (40th).

"We'd run a stretch of five or six pars and then a triple bogey," Daugherty said. "Then we'd get a couple of birdies and then a double bogey. We just didn't get too good of a run and keep it there."

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said. "I'm very disappointed at being fourth. If you're not first, you want to be second. If you're not second, you want to be third."

Southwest Missouri State University, Illinois State University, Creighton University and the University of Evansville finished fifth through eighth, respectively.

Freshman Alison Hiller was the top Saluki finisher, firing a 239 for a three-way tie in fifth place. The Atlanta native was awarded All-Conference honors for her stellar play throughout the season.

"What more can you say about Alison," Daugherty said. "She's had a great freshman year. She has single-handedly elevated our program because everybody had played better. Our future for the next three years with Alison on board is really

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the guys who haven't been out there before," he said. "It can really throw you through to some good times."

The prestigious meet has high entry standards, so the women's and men's teams will be unable to take their entire teams to Drake this weekend.

DeNoon is sending his top throwers, sophomores Tawnjai Ames and Caryn Poliquin, to a meet at Murray State University. They were accepted by Drake in some events, but DeNoon wants them to get more reps as the season's end draws near.

"Our throwers were not able to get into all the events, and one of the biggest problems we've had this season is some of our kids haven't had the chance to compete," DeNoon said.

Last weekend, the whole team lost an entire weekend of competition to rain, forcing DeNoon to make a decision who would go to Drake and compete in limited events.

"We're not putting a great amount of influence team-wise in Drake this year, but we're hoping for some top individual performances," DeNoon said.

The Salukis will send four relay teams, along with junior high-jump and triple-jump specialist Felicia Hill. Junior Joy Cutrano, the Missouri Valley Conference leader in the 3,000-meter run, will participate, as will fellow distance runner Jenny Monaco in the 10,000-meter run.

The men's team will take all athletes who were accepted by the meet, and 14 Salukis will head to Drake. Junior Loren King improves his 400-meter hurdles time just about every week, while senior

Peter Juszzyk is ranked 12th nationally in the javelin.

Four relay teams also will compete.

This is the third-straight week that the men's team will face top-flight competition, having squared off with No. 1 University of Arkansas just last week.

"It's the same as the other meets. We want another week of competition where we can get some top times," Cornell said.

Cornell would like to see Parks and his twin brother, Jeremy, push through to qualify for the NCAA meet this weekend in the steeplechase and 10,000-meter run, respectively.

Junior Allen Lakomiak begins competing in the two-day decathlon event today.

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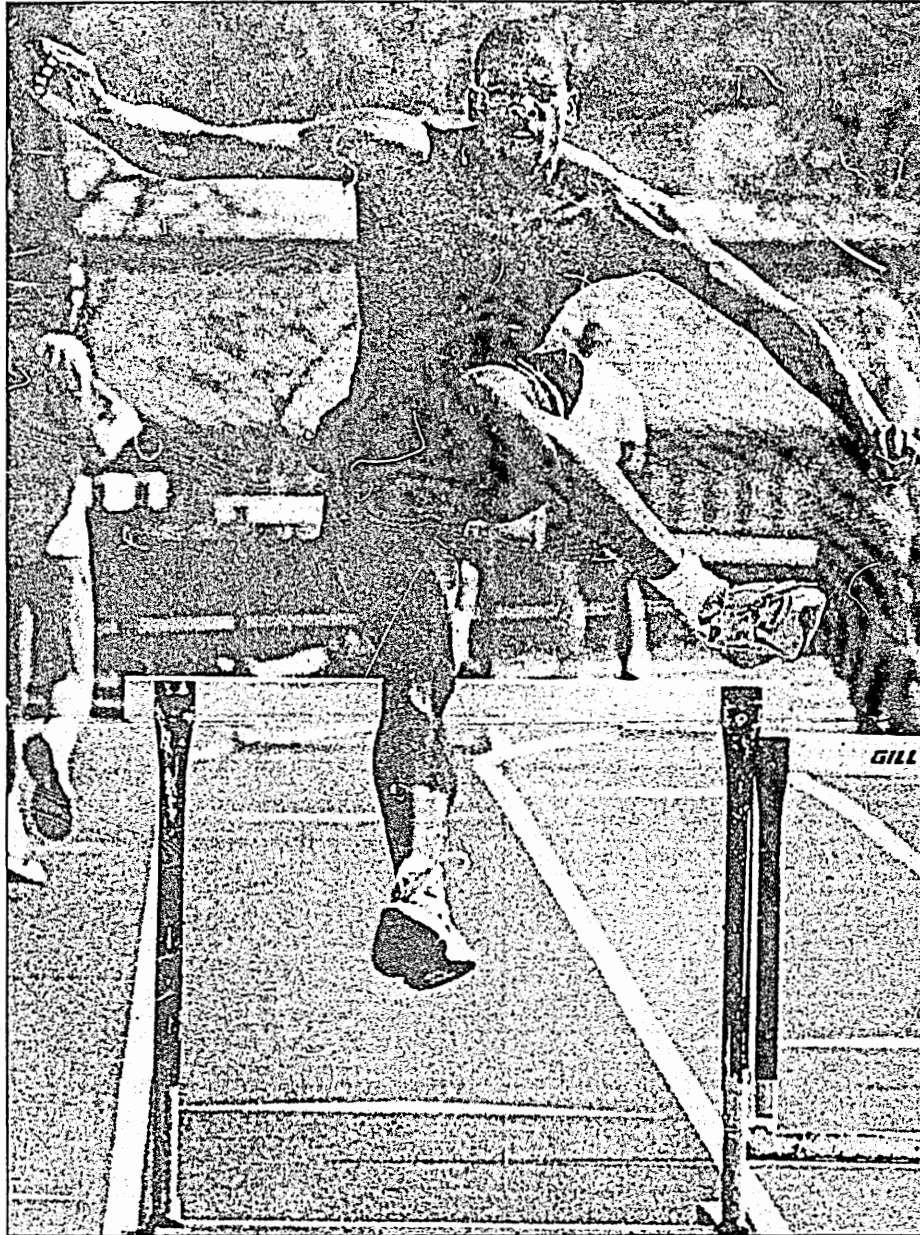
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Erin Stromster



DEVIN MILLER/Daily Egyptian

Junior Loren King practices the 400-meter hurdles Wednesday at McAndrew Stadium in anticipation of the 90th-annual Drake Relays this weekend in Des Moines, Iowa.

# Seeking the Highest PLATFORM

Track and field teams set to compete in one of the biggest events in college sports

ROB ALLIN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The chance to compete in front of 18,000 fans doesn't come along very often for track and field athletes.

This weekend, several SIUC athletes will participate in the 90th-annual Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa — one of the biggest spectacles in college sports.

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Unless they go to the Olympics, it's safe to say the Salukis will never have the track and field universe revolving around them again.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to compete in front of thousands of people," women's coach Don DeNoon said. "It will hold a good memory (in the athlete's minds for the rest of their lives."

SIUC senior distance runner Joseph Parks is going to his third Drake Relays. He said the best thing about the crowd is they're just track fans — they don't seem to care who wins.

"When you get down there on the track and see the thousands of fans it's a real boost," he said. "All the fans are great; they yell for you no matter where you're from."

Men's coach Bill Cornell hopes the crowd will push the four relay teams he is sending. "(The crowd) is so exhilarating, especially for

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# TaeBo no help for women's golf team

Salukis fail to defend their title, finish fourth behind Bradley, Wichita State and Northern Iowa

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TaeBo knows conditioning. TaeBo knows strength. But TaeBo doesn't know Bradley.

All season long the SIUC women's golf team used Billy Blanks' training method to prepare for the rugged Weaver Ridge golf course in Peoria, the site of the 1999 Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

The Salukis were well-conditioned, but it would have taken a

whole lot more than an infomercial to prep them for the play of Bradley University.

The Braves shot an incredible three-round total of 952 — 13 strokes ahead of the nearest competitor — to take home their first Missouri Valley Conference title, spoiling SIUC's bid to become repeat champs in the process.

"We were strong and conditioned," said SIUC golf coach Diane Daugherty, whose team finished fourth with a score of 981 after going in as the pre-tourney favorite. "On the

only 36-hole day we were the only team on that day to break 320.

"Bradley was extremely surprising. I think there is such a thing as home-court advantage, but my goodness I was stunned."

Three of the top four finishers were Braves, including freshman medalist Kelly Dillon (233). Dillon shot an unbelievable 69 on a par-72 course in the first round, which featured a hole-in-one.

"The statistics on getting a hole-in-one are almost like winning the lottery," Daugherty said. "It's like one

in a million, so you know things are going your way."

Wichita State University (965) and the University of Northern Iowa (967) did its best to keep up, finishing second and third, respectively.

The Salukis, which defeated both Bradley and Northern Iowa in the Saluki Invitational March 28, felt their kind fortunes ran out.

"We ran out of good breaks at our conference tournament," Daugherty

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