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By Gus Bode

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TODAY
• Apostolic Life Campus Ministry prayer meeting, every Wed., 8 to 9 a.m., Sangamon Room Student Center, Abbie 529-8316.
• Library Affairs finding scholarly articles, 10 to 11 a.m., Java Scent, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library 1030, 453-2818.
• Saluki Rainbow Network meeting, 5:30 p.m., Graduate/Phsy. Prideline 453-5151.
• Animates presents Japanese animation films with English subtitles, every Wed. 6 to 8 p.m., Fanner 1125 Languages Media Center, Jason 536-6355.
• Pi Sigma Epillon meeting, every Wed., 6 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Amanda 531-4198.
• Egyptian Dive Club meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Vollan 111, Arriy 549-0840.
• SIU Cycling Club meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Cantris.
• Cornerstone Christian Fellowship bible study in the books of Hebrews, 6:30 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.
• Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Christian American Bible study, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Ohio River Room Student Center, Karlson 515-6946.
• SIU Chess Club meeting to play chess, 7 to 10 p.m., Women Room Student Center, Jim 453-7709.

UPCOMING
• Special Volunteer Corps needs volunteers for Special Olympics, Apr. 27, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., McDonnell Stadium, 457-2969.
• Library Affairs Power Point, Apr. 27, 10 to 11:15 a.m., Morris Library 1030, 453-2818.
• Student Programming Council marketing committee meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Athlete Room B Student Center, Alisa 536-3193.
• College of Liberal Arts Student Learning Assistance, every through May 11, Mon. and Thurs., 5 to 9 p.m., Wed. 1 to 5 p.m., Fanner 1129, Mary Jane 536-2466.
• SIUC Keds Club meeting, every Thurs., 6 to 8 p.m., Dancers Gym, Todd 353-4002.
• Gamma Beta Phi Society meeting, Apr. 27, 6 p.m., Themos Room Student Center, Shary handle@siu.edu.
• SIUC Swing Club for dancers of all levels, every Thurs., 8 to 10 p.m., Small Gym second floor Davies Gym, 815 students 20 non-students, Ken 536-7022.
• SIU Silling Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room existent Shelby 529-9953.
• Christian Judo/Genesis Club answering life's questions from God's word, Apr. 28, noon, Cupola Room Student Center, Steave 529-4043.
• Library Affairs constructing Web pages, Apr. 28, 10 to 1 p.m., Morris Library 1030, 453-2818.
• French Club meeting, Apr. 28, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Cafe Melange, Anthony 536-3393.
• Russian Table meeting, every Fri., 5 to 7 p.m., Fanner 1125 Languages Media Center, sasha@siu.edu.
• Anatomy films with English subtitles, Apr. 28, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Mugsy McGuire's, Courtney Hood 603-2969.
• Christian Women's Choir, Apr. 28, 6 p.m., Davies Gym, Wilma 529-4043.
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Financial promises of Wallace's appealing
Wallace's guarantees University at least $310,000 profit annually

Keith Rice has been positively received by the USG office Tuesday morning in the USG office building. Rice said he received written permission to present his proposal to the Board of Trustees by Student Government Affairs and enrollment management on Monday. Rice said he wants to make sure current bookstore staff are in the best position to work in the bookstore after the new contract agency.

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Rumi Ponnier, president of the Associated Civil Service Employees, said it makes it difficult for them to work in another position with the university to ensure the best possible position for employees. As the "best position they can be in if they wish to work for the new contract agency."

Both Ponnier, president of the Association of Civil Service Employees, and the organization believe the bookstore's decision since talks of privatization began in September. Job security remains a vital service remaining in question, she said.

"My concern is that they have provided a combined 175 years of service to SIU. Ponnier said. "Although a margin of profit is important, the service that students and faculty have had can't be guaranteed under the new system.

Ponnier and the civil service employee organization plans to pursue impact-bargaining with the University to ensure that current employees are treated fairly when plans to privatize move forward.

Because current civil service staff who work in the bookstore are


Grade requirements eliminate three USG senators
Commissioner confused about one of the decisions

David Ferrier
Daily Egyptian editor

Two University senators and a commissioner have been eliminated from the Student Government because their grades at SIU do not meet the standards.

The news befuddled at least one of those affected.

Centered at his Noy Hall residence and at the USG office Tuesday afternoon, Government Affairs Commissioner Wiley Reynolds said he was unaware that he would not be able to attend the senate's final meeting as a commissioner. A student government member who has a cumulative 2.25 grade point average to remain active.

Bar Reynolds, who has been in SIU for more than two years, said he had no plans of returning to student government in the fall because he is scheduled to graduate in August.

USG President Steve Henry said he notified the student's president in letters mailed last week.

Reynolds said he received a mass e-mail Monday from Henry inviting him to a meeting last week. He said he did not mail to mention anything about removing student from government and had plans to attend the senate's final student government meeting today.

"As far as I know, I'm fine," Reynolds said. "Either [Henry] is being extremely unprofessional or I don't know. It's a surprise."

Ponnier was removed from the student government during the 1999 spring semester for inadequate grades. He later reentered and said his
USG: there's nowhere to go but up

If hitting rock bottom was what Undergraduate Student Government was waiting for to fix problems, it may be about time to get out the tools. Accusations have come from all directions. Little has been confirmed so far, other than USG's poor organization, a confusing and sometimes conflicting code of conduct and an overabundance of rules.

The USG election seemed marked for doom from the beginning, when Interim Party presidential candidate Bob Taylor was denied the ability to run. Student Affairs based a new and unusual way to calculate his grade point average. This added a new twist to an already unclear policy in the USG constitution that states two different GPA standards for USG officers.

Then, University Housing asked Southern Party presidential candidate Bill Archer to resign from his position as a resident assistant. Archer said the move was in reaction to a viscous rumor started by another candidate. Monday, 13 newly-elected PLU Party senators were disqualified from taking office because the party neglected to turn in a list of their expenditures by the deadline.

Since last week, allegations of fraud and misconduct in the USG election have been passed around like chicken pox at a day care. Remarkably, Ted Clark has come to mean something for his party twice, claiming he was investigating a rumor that others were doing so for less noble purposes.

Even without including the controversies that ensued earlier this semester, USG appears to be in crisis. These issues are questionable in the singular, but absolutely atrocious in this volume.

Hopefully, this will be the end of it. Maybe the lack of qualifications of the 13 PLU U.S. Senate is a sign that USG is up and getting serious. They may not always use the right policies, but at least they are trying.

If USG is to return to any level of responsibility, every single student involved has to take responsibility for themselves and for this flailing organization.

Reflections on Earth Day: a great experience for those who showed up

Last week one of my supervisors at work told me, "why don't you ever write about anything uplifting? Make people smile." Well, I kind of felt like a jerk after that, so here goes...

As I begin to write, Sunday, April 22, 2000, the 30th anniversary of Earth Day, is coming to an end. Ah, what a beautiful day it was. The sun was shining so bright, everyone had nice days. The sun was shining and everyone was in a good mood. I was at a park and enjoyed the sunshine.

Children climbed the playground equipment and their laughter was heard throughout the day. There were tables with great information and representatives for about 15 different local groups. I learned about the mosquito parasites being sprayed on the town of Cape Coral. I learned that there are more cold front flower power plants in Illinois than I ever thought. I learned about the huge numbers of uranium bombs put together as a time bomb in Pakistan. And I learned about the Lenz.

The energy on Earth Day was beautiful and true. To see so many people in our community working together toward a common goal and celebrating the miracle of life on Earth was astounding. I wonder if I have ever seen so many people in one place in such a good mood. Southern Sustainability was there along with: The Greens Party, the auxiliary branch of the Coast Guard, Peace Again wildlife rehabilitation, Student Environmental Center, Showers for Southern Illinois Audubon Society, Sierra Club, Advanced Energy Systems and many, many more. There was a tree-planting ceremony, story telling, and speakers like Mark Donham and Dan Stine, Blue Afternoon and believer Carter and Connery. Shared all of this, all of this was governed by none other than — you guessed it — THE SUN!!

When the days events were coming to a close, the person who organized it worked every day (and probably night too) for the last few months. Andler Worner, was given a token of appreciation, a plaque naming her as Earth Queen. There were many day eyes for that one. After some inspiring and motivating words by Hugh Maldon, a huge human circle was formed with neighbors and strangers hand in hand, and the Southern Illinois West African Drum Ensemble brought a perfect day in the park to a close.

As much as I would like to stay positive, I must also be honest. I was disappointed by the lack of Earth Action Week coverage seen in the Daily EAGLE;

The ugly realities of the American prison system

Dear Editor:

To the interesting discussion sparked by Julie Hugel [April 15, Daily Eagle], I would add the following observations.

First, even if prison is not a major industry, the prison system has developed and the state and federal government are partly responsible for the number of prisoners in this country.

Second, the prison system has and is still causing serious problems for the communities in which prisons are located. Any discussion of the prison system cannot be viewed as a discussion without discussing the impact on local communities.

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I was chosen from a very strong pool of candidates and my experience in capital campaigns was a fact. It is pretty clear when you're talking to me to see my passions and what I do.

Robert McGraw

反映出地球日：一个伟大体验给那些表现出来的人

上周，我的一个同事告诉我，"为什么你从不写一些积极向上、让人心情愉悦的文章呢？这会让人们开心的。"嗯，我想我得改变一下了，这样就更接近于事实了。

现在，4月22日，地球日的纪念日，是一个充满欢乐和庆祝的一天。这是一个让所有人都感到高兴的日子，太阳在天空中高高挂起，大家都穿着轻便的衣服。

儿童们在公园里玩耍，他们的欢声笑语在空气中回荡。为了庆祝地球日，我们收集了关于伊利诺伊州的一些冷知识。我了解到，蚊子传播的疾病被喷洒在了卡德湖地区。我了解到，伊利诺伊州有更多温暖的花被种植在了印第安纳州。我了解到，曾经在一个地方有许多人聚集在一起。南方可持续生活在其中，与绿色党合作，这是一份由海岸警卫队的和平小组和和平组织提供的宣传册。大家都笑着，笑着，笑着……
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**Resolution passes to terminate Provost search**

Senators want permanent chancellor and president in place before provost

**KATE McCANN & BRITT SCOTT**

DAILY TARGA REPORTER

Faculty Senate passed a third resolution 14-4,6, requesting to halt the provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs search Tuesday, despite two previous failed attempts to stop the search.

Faculty Senate is asking interim Chancellor John Jackson to terminate the search until a permanent chancellor is named, although three finalists for the provost position have already been selected and interviewed. Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Margaret Winters is one of the three finalists.

Mary Lamb, Budget Committee chairwoman, is concerned that the candidates were not chosen from a strong enough or large enough national pool.

However, Lamb and other representatives are more concerned that the "selection process" of the University will effect our candidate pool and the ability of the candidate chosen to perform adequately.

"A provost hired now would have to begin under a very dark shadow," Lamb said.

Jackson, who had not seen the resolution as of Tuesday, gave his assurance he will "take into consideration the Faculty Senate's view on this matter." This is the third time in five months the Senate has attempted to pass a similar resolution.

Max Yen, Faculty Senate president, said selecting the provost after a permanent chancellor is in place would be logical.

"[Through selecting the two highest administrative positions first], you could give a chance for the president and the chancellor to understand the process and to develop an opinion on who would be a good team member," Yen said. "[If a provost was selected now], he or she could then determine if they are able to work with the person or not."

**MAK YEN**

Faculty Senate president

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Daniel Chaven, a faculty senator who did not attend Tuesday's meeting, echoed similar sentiments as Lamb and Yen.

"It's kind of silly to have a top level administrator like a provost under a lame-duck chancellor," Chaven said.

Chaven predicts the third resolution passed will be unsuccessful in the first two, but hopes it will bring attention to the issue.

"Jackson will probably ignore it because he thinks he has his own little agenda, but it will get his attention," Chaven said.

Lamb said she hopes the resolution will still be somewhat effective.

"If you believe in any kind of shared government, this resolution should hold a great deal of weight," Lamb said. "Jackson may not give attention to the resolution and that could be dangerous.

Jackson, who rejected the first two resolutions, hopes to have a permanent provost in place by the end of the semester.

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Los Angeles

USC won’t block students’ access to music website

The University of Southern California says it won’t join other schools in blocking students’ access to the popular Napster Internet site, which lets people swap music.

The university made the announcement Friday in response to a lawsuit filed by the heavy metal band Metallica, which named USC, Yale University and Indiana University as defendants, accusing the schools of encouraging students to pirate copyrighted music.

The university lawyer, Carol Mauch, said the Napster site contains some applications “which are clearly legal, such as the chat rooms focused on various styles of music.”

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Chicago

Students involved in national dialogue with web

Students wanting to have a say about national public policy and to organize like-minded students from across the country into grassroots movements can get started by visiting GenerationNet.org, a prize-winning Web site launched Monday and led by a Yale University business school student.

Users can post issues they want others to contemplate, or anonymously cast votes for topics already listed on the site. GenerationNet’s staff will monitor issues getting the most responses and, on an annual basis, call registered members to determine which two to three issues the organization will develop aggressive national campaigns to support.

GenerationNet workers will give young people step-by-step instructions on how to do everything from recruiting volunteers to planning rallies sure to get media attention, said Executive Director Peter Schurman, who’s getting a master’s business degree in nonprofit management from Yale.

“The average person has opinions but doesn’t feel empowered to make a difference,” Schurman said. “We want everyone to know that they can get in politicians’ ears and send a clear message that if they want to look good to young constituents and be re-elected, they need to make serious commitments to the issues young people have chosen.

The site has been funded initially by three grants. It also won the $10,000 Social Entrepreneurship Prize from the Yale Entrepreneurship Society last month.

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Black history museum looking for a place to call home

Community activists put their efforts toward building a museum to honor black history

Terry L. Dean
Daily Egyptian reporter

A group of local residents would like to see a greater emphasis placed on positive images of African-Americans, and are working to create a place in Southern Illinois where those images can be seen by everyone.

A Carbondale community group called Southern Illinois Achievers has been working for the last two years to establish an African-American Museum of Southern Illinois. The 18-member organization includes Carbondale residents and SIUC faculty.

The interest began in 1997 after the community received a need to increase the number of must-see Black historical sites in town.

Comme McDaid, president of the Southern Illinois Achievers, has led the effort to help promote the achievements of blacks that might otherwise be ignored.

"It is the legacy after seeing that we must have people who have made contributions to the community, said McDaid, a former president of the Carbondale Chapter of the NAACP.

Some of those people include local black leaders, such as William Archie Jones, Carbondale's first black city councilman, and Erma Hayes Center founder Norell Haynes, among other local black leaders, McDaid said.

There are more than 130 museums dedicated to African-American history in the United States, according to the U.S. State Department. The African-American Museum of Southern Illinois would be the first in the region.

The museum is also expected to house art and other artifacts related to Black history, but exhibits on positive African-American role models would be its primary focus.

"I think this museum will add quite a bit to broaden people's perspective of the many achievements we have made to society," said Nigar Abdul-Mumaw, a SIUC member and SIUC tenure in Arts and Design.

The group has yet to find a permanent location, and instead has rented on local churches and schools to exhibit some of the items they hope to one day house in the museum.

One major aspect of Southern Illinois' museum would be a greater emphasis on influential African-Americans who are not well-known to the public, but whose achievements are just as important, said Carolin Harvey, SIU Tammy editor.

"We're not necessarily focusing on those people who will end up in history books, because most of us will not. But all of us have an influence on black kids, and the lives of all people," Harvey said.

The group plans on having several fundraisers, including a dinner this Sunday at the Erma Hayes Center. SIUC Black alumni was a February in part of Black History Month. The fundraiser was attended by local community leaders including Mayor Velie Dillard.

With the support of SIUC and other community organizations, including the Bank of Carbondale and the Carbondale Chamber of the NAACP, the group think it is close to achieving its goal, but securing a permanent location is still a work in progress.

The group has made good everything from existing buildings to vacant land sites in Southern Illinois. SIU estimates a monthly operational cost of $2000 for a full-time working staff. All of SIUC members are parents, and see the museum as a way to keep Black history in the consciousness of many kids, said McDaid.

"As our children's children come along, they will forget about some of the people who have made a great contribution if we do not have something here to promote them," she said.
Anytime you make a significant change like this, people are going to be somewhat insecure about this, and I’m sure everyone is wondering that the changes will be. I think it will be exciting for everyone on campus.

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**Mother Goose and Grimm**

**by Mike Peters**

I love riding with the wind against my face...

I just wish she wouldn't drive so fast.

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**Doonesbury**

**by Garry Trudeau**

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Dr. Quucken: I've been introduced to my new voice.

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**Mixed Media**

**by Jack Ohman**

Prehistoric Malapropisms:

I've been looking for a good malapropism.

That's tinierder!

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**Comic Striptease**

**by Jason Adams**

So what did all the guys say when you told them we were going on a date?

They didn't believe me. Why do you ask?

Because they're all sitting at that table over there.

We had to see it for ourselves, big man.

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**Shoot Me Now**

**by James Kerr**

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Southwest Missouri State's Jessica Pehl (228) stuck into first place overall with her round three score of 76—the only score to break 80 in the tournament—and take medalist honors.

Sophomore Alison Hillier led SIU with a three-round total of 262 that placed her in seventh individually. Sophomore Andrea Toner (263) finished in a tie for eighth place and senior co-captain Andrea Walker (266) took 11th place.

Junior Liz Shoff (187) tied for first place and sophomore Jennifer Shutt (269), who scored the team's lowest individual score of 83 Tuesday, landed the 16th spot.

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Salukis still hunting

Softball begins final week of regular season in home doubleheader
Cory Cwisniewski

Easter may be over, but there is still a hunt going on.

Entering the final week of the regular season, there is still much to be decided in the Missouri Valley Conference softball standings. Eight of 10 conference teams are still in the hunt for the Valley crown.

The Salukis are accustomed to fighting for one of the top spots in the Valley standings at this time of the year, but find themselves in eighth place.

Today's opponent, Indiana State University (16-27, 7-5 MVC), was picked dead last in the preseason and has six Valley contests remaining.

Blaylock wants her team to continue their season, there is still much to be done.

Entering the final week of the regular season since 1995, is led by a pair of freshmen - outfielder Sarah Lemond (.333 avg.) and hitter Jason RainClan (.302 withBI 15 RbIs, and 15 home runs. He is currently hitting .302 with 15 RBIs, and two home runs. He is currently hitting .302 with 15 RBIs, and two home runs.

Now that Friella has the ball back, Blaylock still has regular season ambitions in sight.

"I would rather not talk about [the standings], but with the Internet nowadays, one kilo is smart enough to get it on and figure it out," Blaylock said.

"My take on it is that if we don't get the job done, then we probably don't deserve to be there anyway, so we're just going out to play the game. I'm not thinking about other teams, I'm thinking about us."

CYCLE

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Friella has broken out of a slump in the last 11 games by hitting .327 with 11 RBIs and two home runs. He is currently hitting .302 with 15 RBIs, and two home runs.

His cycle-completing home run took an interesting path after Friella hit a deep foul out with two bases loaded that was destined for a place among Friella's proudest possessions.

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Lynne's brother's classmate, who is a travel guide in Rome...

Lynne, who doesn't speak Italian.

Luckily, the guy's dad is a professor at SIUC and called Coach the next morning to let Friella know they had the ball.

Now that Friella has the ball back, we can focus more on the goal of getting himself among the potent power hitters in the Saluki lineup.

Jason RainClan, another freshman SIU outfielder and Friella's suite mate, was given his friend's dedication was rewarded.

"You think of his follow-through, which sometimes guys cheat on," RainClan said. "You don't see 'Em doing that too much."

That's why it's good to see good things happen to those who work hard because they deserve it.

With hard work, the better the odds of creating happy breaks in sports. And fortunately for Friella, he maneuvered the ball in a big time reminder of one of baseball's rarest accomplishments.

"That was probably more of a memorable story," Friella said. "What are the odds of one, hitting for cycle, and two, losing the ball and getting it back."

"The memory is that I've never done it before, and I'll never forget it - I know that."

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SIU was able to win with its team balance. While no 7 golfers finished in the top 16, individually, none placed any worse than 26th in the 46-place field. First of SIU's six players finished in the top 16.

The memory that was lost and found

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