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MARY COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sgt. Benjamin Ragan, of the Illinois National Guard in Marion, helps Cathy Williams' second and third grade class at Giant City School load up the school supplies they donated for children in Afghanistan. Ragan's unit assisted in the collecting of supplies Friday and delivered them to Magic 95 radio station so that Pat Benton could deliver them to Mississippi.

Locals help out Afghan children

Organizations collect supplies for Afghan youth

Kristina Hermdobler
 Daily Egyptian

A glance into Cathy Williams' classroom at Giant City School in Carbondale would reveal a wonderland of excitement to some children. But to others, the half dozen computers, miniature desks, hanging decorations and a child-size library of books simply looks like a place to study.

But Williams' students are learning how lucky they are to have so many fun ways to learn.

Williams, along with teachers all over southern Illinois, talked to her students about children just like them who live in far away lands such as Afghanistan where years of war have left civilians with almost nothing.

After a little inspiration from radio personality Pat Benton, teachers and their students, as well as people all over southern Illinois, are sharing a piece of the American dream with the people of Afghanistan.

Getting Started

All it took was an e-mail from Benton's son, Kelley, to get the Magic School House rolling. Kelley wrote his dad from Afghanistan, where he is serving as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, and asked for his help and getting the Afghan schools equipped for the students who study in them.

Benton didn't hesitate to accept the mission on behalf of his listeners. And after a two-week radio campaign on his morning show, "The Celebration of Life" on Magic 95.1, they pulled through.

On Friday, a U-Haul truck sat in the parking lot of the Zimmer Radio Group in Carterville waiting to be filled up with donated school supplies.

Seven soldiers from the Illinois National Guard in Marion helped get the supplies from donation sites across the region to Benton, who would take them to Jackson, Miss., where they would be loaded on an military plane and sent to Afghanistan.

For one of them, Sgt. Benjamin Ragan, 27, a regular day on the job turned into a game of show and tell.

Ragan, who will be promoted to recruiting officer today, will have an easier job when the students at Giant City Consolidated School get old enough to join the Army. At least that is what they told him when he arrived there in a cargo Humvee.

The students were excited to see Ragan in his uniform and they quickly informed him about the soldier in Iraq whom they "adopted" and send letters to. His picture was on the wall at the front of the classroom.

When Williams asked Ragan to explain why he was there to pick up supplies for the children in Afghanistan, he told them, "The conditions there are different. They

are more or less just writing in the dirt."

After hearing that, the 17 students put on their rain jackets and filled their arms with the supplies the school had collected. They took them outside in the pouring rain and loaded the 27 sacks into the Humvee.

"That thing looks like a Hummer," shouted one boy as he approached the vehicle.

"It is a Hummer," Ragan told him while trying to hold back a chuckle at the boy's excitement.

The rain was coming down hard, so the students ran back into the school building and Ragan secured the supplies and took cover in the front seat of the Humvee where the rain also poured in.

Ragan had more supplies to pick up, so he headed on in the 'leaky Hummer, placing an empty cup between his legs to collect the dripping water. He decided that wasn't enough, so he took cover at a pay-by-the-minute car wash, where he

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West Teleservices closing; 180 without jobs

Katie Davis
 Daily Egyptian

One hundred-eighty students and community members will be without jobs May 9 when West Teleservices Corp. closes its Carbondale location. Employees were delivered pink slips and two week notices Friday.

West, a communications firm headquartered in Omaha, Neb., with 34 locations nationwide, has been in operation for around 17 years. The Carbondale office, which opened in 1998, was the only West

location in Illinois.

West representatives could not be reached for comment this weekend.

Last week, the supervisor for the Carbondale West location denied allegations of the business's closing and refused further comment.

John A. Linchan, executive director of the Carbondale Business Development Corp., said the telemarketing industry is going through a change, due partially to new regulations shifting business overseas.

"West happens to be a leader in the industry, which right now is going through some major changes,"

he said.

"This entire thing is a major business decision West is making corporately."

The Carbondale office has experienced a decline in its business since it peak a few years ago, in which it employed more than 500 people, Linchan said.

Its biggest customer was AT&T's Win Back program, which aimed to regain long distance service customers.

"They were one of the major employers in town, at one time employed a substantial number of

community members," he said.

"I feel bad some many people will be without jobs."

Linchan said he hopes to see West, which has been buying and developing businesses lately, back in Carbondale.

"We have an excellent relationship with West," he said.

"We hope to convince them to use the community and available workforce to their advantage."

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Student found after apparent suicide

25-year-old's body found in Giant City State Park Thursday

Greg Cima
 Daily Egyptian

An SIUC student's body was discovered Thursday morning after what authorities are calling an apparent suicide.

David C. Casiano, 25, 303 West College St., was reportedly found dead by a hunter along Campground Road in Giant City State Park.

Casiano died of asphyxiation after reportedly attaching a hose to his exhaust pipe and feeding it through a window.

Officials at the Jackson County Sheriff's Office were not able to release any information Sunday and said the incident is still under investigation.

Ranise Ruggeri, Casiano's girlfriend for about seven months, said she did not notice anything wrong when he left her home the night before.

"Dave told me he was going to get beer," Ruggeri said. "He left here with a smile on his face. He didn't even give me a kiss goodbye. It was just weird."

Ruggeri said the couple had seen "The String Cheese Incident" earlier in the evening, and they had decided to stay in for the night.

Ruggeri said she was still waiting for him and wondering what was wrong at 4 a.m. She said she knew something was wrong when she drove by his house and did not see his truck.

"The next morning, I went looking for him, and went looking for him, and drove all around, and called police stations," Ruggeri said. "I called hospitals. I went to the hospital in Carbondale. I went to the liquor store to try to look at video surveillance and no one had seen him."

Ruggeri said Casiano was very generous, caring, compassionate and genuine, and the two planned to move into an apartment together this summer.

She said he was very smart and was interested in art, traveling, computer engineering, computer animation and electrical engineering.

"Dave loved to dream," Ruggeri said. "For some reason, every morning, when we would wake up, he would tell me about his dreams. He had the coolest dreams you could ever imagine."

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NATIONAL NEWS

Rumsfeld fired Army secretary Thomas White

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld fired Army Secretary Thomas White, whose tenure as civilian chief of the military's largest service was marked by tensions with his boss, a Pentagon official said Saturday.

A brief Pentagon statement late Friday announcing the resignation, which came from Rumsfeld's office, gave no reason for White's departure. He made no public comment, and Rumsfeld left early Saturday for the Persian Gulf area.

On Saturday, the official, who spoke privately with White, said Rumsfeld had asked him to resign. Speaking on condition of anonymity, the official said no single event or conflict precipitated the firing. Rumsfeld told White he wanted to steer the Army in a new direction.

Army officials said White had no public comment. "Under the circumstances, the most dignified thing to do is to say nothing and accept Secretary Rumsfeld's decision as gracefully as possible," said Charles Krohn, a

spokesman for White. In his brief written statement Friday, Rumsfeld tersely thanked White for his "long and able service to the country." He said White's departure date had not yet been determined, according to the Associated Press.

Heston to step down from NRA post

ORLANDO — Charlton Heston made his last appearance as president of the National Rifle Association on Saturday, shuffling onto the stage before a crowd of 4,000 NRA members but too feeble to give a farewell speech, according to the Associated Press.

The actor, diagnosed with symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, was strong enough to raise an 1866 Winchester rifle over his head and deliver his trademark line, "From my cold, dead hands."

Heston, 78, the public voice of the NRA for five years, was diagnosed last year with symptoms of Alzheimer's, a neurological disease that can lead to dementia.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. soldiers ambushed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Four U.S. soldiers conducting a public-health assessment were wounded Sunday morning when their Humvees were ambushed in downtown Baghdad, a U.S. military spokesman said.

The soldiers, in two Humvees, were stopped in mid-morning traffic when an assailant approached and fired at them from a small-caliber weapon, said Capt. David Connolly, a military spokesman in Baghdad.

One of the soldiers' injuries were serious, he said without elaborating.

He did not know whether the soldiers returned fire or whether the shooter was apprehended.

The soldiers, who were taken to a combat support hospital, were on a public health mission when the attack occurred, Connolly said. Their names were being

withheld pending notification of family.

N. Korea stonewalls South's demands to give up nukes

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea demanded Sunday that North Korea abandon any atomic weapons development, but Northern negotiators in Pyongyang stonewalled the nuclear discussion, calling it a matter between North Korea and the United States.

Chief North Korean delegate Kim Ryong Song refused to confirm a claim made during talks last week with U.S. and Chinese officials in Beijing that North Korea is making nuclear weapons, and instead sought to steer Sunday's Cabinet-level talks toward inter-Korean economic projects, Seoul officials said to the Associated Press.

Washington believes North Korea has one or two atomic bombs and may be trying to make more.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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CORRECTIONS

In Friday's issue of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the page 4 article, "SIU architecture students head to Cuba for the last time," should have identified Cuba as a North American country.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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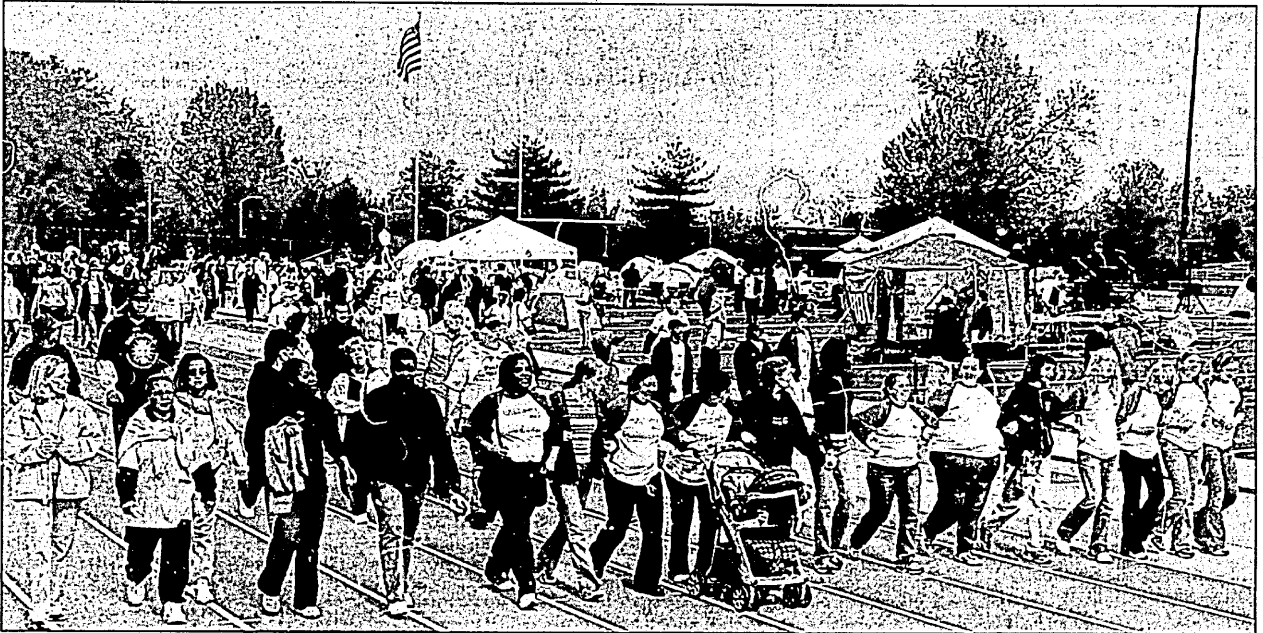
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CALENDAR

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Phetogenesis weekly meeting Communications Building, Room 1122 7 p.m.
Retirement reception for Bernie Gantenbein and Loretta Seibert Wham Building, Room B-21 10 a.m. to noon
Festival of Spirituals sponsored by the School of Music Old Baptist Foundation 7:30 p.m., Monday
Tuesday
Dietary Supplement panel discussion sponsored by Student Programming Council, Student Athletic Trainer's Club and WIDB radio Student Recreation Center, Alumni Lounge 7 p.m.
SIUC Guitar Ensemble \$3 general public, \$2 students, children and senior citizens Old Baptist Foundation Recital Hall 7:30 p.m.
POLICE REPORTS
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Michael Lloyd Delorto, 19, Batavia, was cited with public uniation at 3:18 a.m. Friday at Washington Square. Delorto was issued with a city pay by mail citation.

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STEVE JAHNKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

More than 200 people participated in the 10th annual Relay for Life, an event held each year to raise money to help fight cancer, Friday evening through Saturday morning at McAndrew Stadium. A team of 11 girls (front right), known as the Baldwin Babes, because they live in Baldwin Hall in Thompson Point, participated in the event and helped raise close to \$200 for the cause.

Walk for HOPE

story by
KRISTINA DAILING

10th Annual Relay for Life brings hundreds of people to McAndrew Stadium to raise money for the fight against cancer

The Baldwin Babes and Perkins Pals spent the rainy Friday night under umbrellas, walking the wet track around McAndrew Stadium to help raise money so that one day America might find a cure for cancer.

Like many of the other people at McAndrew Stadium that night, all the members of the two teams had their life touched by cancer in one way or another.

The 10th Annual Jackson County Relay for Life provided the Baldwin Babes and Perkins Pals and several hundreds of others an opportunity to try to help fight against a disease that 58,000 people in Illinois will be diagnosed with this year.

"You feel really helpless when you lose someone to cancer," said Lauren Lesniak, a freshman from Calumet City, and a member of the Baldwin Babes team.

Lesniak, a music education major, lost her grandmother last year to cancer. In March, the family was told she had two

weeks to live. For the next two weeks, she spent time getting to know a grandmother she knew she would lose.

Lesniak carried her grandmother's obituary around with her in her back pocket all night.

"I'll sit out here all night in the rain just for her," Lesniak said. "And if it was nice out, I probably wouldn't think about it so much."

"But this is a serious issue so it shouldn't necessarily be easy to be out here."

The Baldwin Babes team consisted of 11 girls that lived in Baldwin Hall in Thompson Point.

They raised about \$200 in Lentz Dining Hall, selling paper balloons to students and faculty. Other girls went home and asked for donations from friends and family.

Megan Enright, a junior in zoology from Midlothian and resident adviser on the third floor in Baldwin Hall,

lost her stepfather's grandfather on the first day of Spring Break. He had been a part of her life for the past seven years and his death was unexpected and difficult for her.

She said she heard about Relay for Life and wanted to be a part of it.

"It's great to see people out here who care so much about something," Enright said.

Tents, blowup mattresses and folding chairs covered



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Rita Moss, cancer survivor and one of the founding mothers of the Women's Center, stands with Perkins Pals' team members Helene Glikin and Steven St. Julian as they listen to Chancellor Walter Wendler during the opening ceremony of the Relay for Life.

the Astroturf of the stadium while hundreds of people circled the track throughout the night. Some carried yellow roses, showing that they had fought against cancer or were still fighting it.

The event started at 6 p.m. Friday and closing ceremony ended the event at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. SIUC President James Walker, who is receiving treatment for a recurrence of cancer, was expected to be the guest speaker but wasn't able to attend.

At 9:30 p.m., several community members read off the names of people who had either been diagnosed with cancer or died from the disease. Luminaries glowed, revealing tributes to their friends and family touched by cancer.

Members of Perkins Pals, a team of about 15 members, listened for the name of their friend Cindy Perkins that they had lost two years ago to cancer.

Perkins worked at SIU as a housing coordinator of residence Life and many of the teammates of Perkins Pals were friends and co-workers.

"She dedicated her whole life to the students and to other people," Steven St. Julian said. "We do this in honor of her." St. Julian, a director at the Southern Illinois HIV Consortium and longtime

resident of southern Illinois from Makanda, stayed out all night with many of his teammates as a way to fight against the disease.

"We are from all walks of life and we have all been touched by cancer in some way or another," St. Julian said.

The Perkins Pals raised over \$10,000 for the walk and for the second year in a row went platinum.

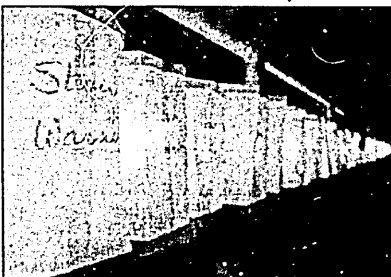
Last year only one other team raised more than \$10,000, making the platinum pin a cherished position among the Perkins Pals team.

They donated money through a Valentine's Day fund-raiser, a drag show, a yard sale, luminary sales, private donations and one member of the team shaving her head.

Helene Glikin, a resident of Carbondale and team captain for Perkins Pals, shaved her head and accepted donations for people to see it. For \$20, she would let people touch her head.

"There's nothing we won't do to raise money to help fight this disease," St. Julian said.

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STEVE JAHNKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Candles inside paper bags lining the entire track of McAndrew Stadium were lit at 9:30 Friday night to honor those who are currently living with cancer or who have died from it.

Regatta is still 'GREAT'

Great Cardboard Boat Regatta still floats after 30 years

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

Two boats sat beside each other at the Campus Lake boat docks. One boat contained a group of focused teenage girls, the other a confident group of teenage males. Both are made of cardboard.

The boat of young men sinks almost immediately. While the girls glide by comfortably. The girls are not in the lead. They do not win the race, but they do complete it, which is more than can be said for the young men.

There is nothing embarrassing about the young men's fate in the race though. In fact, they remain in the water for several minutes, soaking wet, smirking and chatting about their current disposition.

The young men are participants in the Great Cardboard Regatta, an event that originated on the SIUC campus, and has taken place at the University for the past three decades. Students, community members and people from surrounding areas gathered at the Campus Lake boat docks for the races, from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday.

"It's something cheap and inexpensive that anyone can get involved with," said Mike Fleming, a teacher of industrial technology at Carterville High School, who makes the construction of the boat a final project in his class.

"We take it pretty serious, but you take it with a grain of salt at the same time. It's always something that you don't anticipate that goes wrong. We just do our best and



AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

(From Left) Kara Gilbert, Keith Gilbert and Beth Gruny in 'Sea Star' struggle to gain the lead against Paul Botros, James Davis and Mathew Blaise in 'Operation Shark Awe' at The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta at Campus Lake Saturday afternoon. All six children are part of a 6th grade academically talented class taught by Cindi Allen at Carbondale Middle School. The children completed their boats for part of their 4th quarter grade. 'Operation Shark Awe' took the lead to win that heat of the regatta.

learn from our mistakes."

Fleming had several students that took part in the races for younger participants in a day that saw about 25 boats race in a variety of classes. Heats of three to four boats participated in adult and children races that were broken down into classes for paddle and mechanical boats and instant boats constructed that morning.

While the Regatta saw a large, steady crowd throughout the approximately five hours people began venturing to the docks, participants such as Bill Archer can recall a time when the races were a much larger spectacle.

"I'd like to see it grow back to its original size when there were about 200 boats," said Archer, a senior in management information systems from DeSoto, who has been racing since age eight and participating in the Regatta for the past five years with the same boat. "Sink or swim no one has a bad time. It's a tradition and I would hate to see it die."

While Archer's friends enjoyed the sight of watching their friend take first place in the Class II com-

petition, they also saw the event as a great social opportunity for both students and local residents.

"This is one of the first times I've seen people and community members having a good time together," said David Campbell, a senior in management information systems from McNabb. "We have a reputation of not getting along with each other and events like this prove differently."

The Regatta not only saw participants from the community and campus, but also individuals in various age groups who spent the morning and some of the afternoon experiencing the thrill of victory, as well as the agony of defeat.

At the end of the day, the fate of each boat was written, appropriately enough on a large piece of cardboard that featured the times, and names of boats such as the Yellow Submarine, Ghetto Fabulous and the Water Weasels.

The Water Weasel crew took first place in the children's division, receiving ribbons, certificates and a cardboard trophy for their feat. The three members of the crew could not be located for several minutes after the announcement of their victory and seemed more overwhelmed than excited about the attention they were receiving.

Some, however, including a few disgruntled parents, were more concerned with vanity. But according to Kenneth Harris, who has attended the event for several years, the competition is, for the most part is not taken too seriously.

"You'll get a few people who are way too competitive about their kids boats," said Harris, a sophomore in industrial design from Nashville, who along with other coordinator

Larry Bush and other members of the Industrial Design Society of America helped to organize the event this year. "But everybody takes it pretty lightly for the most part. It's just something you get a kick out of. I mean the boats are made from cardboard, right?"

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“It's something cheap and inexpensive that anyone can get involved with.”

— Mike Fleming
teacher, Carterville High School



(Above) Brandon Briggs, winner of the final heat in his class, defends himself and his already sinking boat against Jesse Robinson and David Myers at the annual boat regatta. Robinson and Myers who were close behind Briggs during the race rammed into him all in good fun once they were all past the finish line. (Right) Mike Fleming, a teacher at Carterville High School, helps his students put the finishing touches on his team's class-two boat, 'Yellow Submarine'. Fleming's principles of technology class has raced the past eight years in The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta at Campus Lake. The regatta took place Saturday afternoon.



AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Iran hostage to speak at Law School tonight

Former U.S. Ambassador Bruce Laingen is scheduled to speak at 7:30 tonight in the Law School Auditorium. Laingen was a hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Iran (1979-1981). Admission is free. For more information, contact the Public Policy Institute at 453-4009.

Wind ensemble performs tonight

The SIUC Wind Ensemble will perform at 7:30 tonight at Shryock Auditorium. Cost is \$3 for the general public and \$2 for children, students and senior citizens. Tickets are available only at the Shryock Auditorium Box Office. To charge by phone with Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express, call 453-ARTS from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Guitar ensemble to perform Tuesday

The SIUC Guitar Ensemble is scheduled to perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Old Baptist Foundation Recital Hall. Cost is \$3 for the general public and \$2 for students, children and senior citizens. Tickets are available only at the Shryock Auditorium Box Office. To charge by phone with Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express, call 453-ARTS from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Stress Management workshop to take place Wednesday

There is a Stress Management workshop scheduled from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Kaskaskia and Missouri Rooms in the Student Center. The program is for improved health and performance. Learn relaxation skills to handle stress and anxiety. For more information, call Student Health Programs at 453-3311.

Community pushes for more plays

No McLeod Summer Playhouse planned for this year

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

A southern Illinois theater tradition has remained dormant for the past two years, but some are hoping to revive the McLeod Summer Playhouse and bring it back to the University in 2004.

The McLeod Summer Playhouse, an annual tradition for nearly 40 years, was temporarily suspended because of renovation work during the summers of 2001 and 2002. With the state budget cuts hitting SIUC and other public universities, the summer theater program, which costs roughly \$250,000 a year to run, won't be returning this year.

But community members interested in restoring summer plays in 2004 are already in the early stages of forming a business plan that could make the program feasible. Those hoping to revive the McLeod Summer Playhouse recently met with Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn, who asked them to review the financial aspect of the program.

Although Chancellor Walter Wender and Dunn both came to SIUC within the past two years—after the McLeod Summer Playhouse ceased to operate, both have been receptive about the restoration, said Mike Hanes, a music professor.

"What we hope to do is look for sources of revenue that will help to support it," he said. "My sense of our meeting with Dr. Dunn was very positive."

Previously, the administration was able to pay for the program, but tougher economic

times have taken that away, said Tim Fink, an associate professor of music.

Typical ways of raising funds include corporate gifts, grant money and private donors, Fink said, adding that the supporters' desires were well-received by administrators.

In the past, the McLeod Summer Playhouse provided the University with a place to train students studying theater and music, Hanes said.

The theater program offered shows that had appeared on Broadway, with repeats of popular plays such as "Oklahoma!" and "The Music Man," Hanes said.

Through the combination of music and theater, the summer program brought together the music and theater departments while providing a good learning tool for students, he said.

"You need that kind of experience," Hanes said.

But the move to bring back the McLeod Summer Playhouse is not dominated by a small group of theater and music lovers. Close to 2,000 signatures have been placed on petitions in support of restoring the summer program.

Jerry O'Malley, who graduated from SIUC in 1967 with his master's degree in theater, is a community member who hasn't given up hope.

"If there is anything, it would be next year," he said. "We'd have to start small. We haven't written it off completely."

Dunn said it's not his desire to see quality programs fall by the wayside to tough budgetary problems.

"There are many, many good things that are needed—that are desirable," he said. "We all take a great deal of sadness in that, but that's the unfortunate reality."

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Gus Bode



Gus says:
I love the theater...
I'm a player myself.

Murder suspect contradicts witnesses

Verdict should be in today

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

Taffia Cunningham, a former SIUC student on trial for murder, gave testimony Friday that contradicted other witness statements.

Cunningham, 25, testified that she was not an active participant in the robbery attempt that led to her brother's death. She is charged with murder, armed violence and home invasion while armed with a firearm. A person can be tried for murder in Illinois if they are found responsible for a death during commission of a forcible felony.

Cunningham, her brother Tyree, Donald Druid, Karen Smith and Jahneria Singletary allegedly conspired to rob Prentice Washington, 21, of money and crack cocaine. Washington testified Tuesday he shot and killed Tyree when he entered Washington's apartment with a shotgun.

Despite admitting she did not show Tyree the campus, introduce him to professors or tell faculty members about his visit, Cunningham testified she believed Tyree's visit from North Carolina was to see SIUC.

Cunningham also testified Friday the robbery attempt came less than a month after a 10-minute conversation with Singletary and Blair Tibbs of dislikes about Washington that was "blown way out of proportion." She said Singletary was pregnant with Washington's child at the time and was mad because he did not return her efforts to be together.

Singletary allegedly helped Washington hide his .38-caliber handgun and a section of carpet from his apartment. Police believe Tibbs and Singletary threw the .38-caliber handgun in Campus Lake sometime after the shooting.

Cunningham said she only saw her brother for a short amount of time before traveling to Murphysboro, and in that time she said they did

not speak of the robbery, despite previous statements claiming she talked about the robbery and brought walkie-talkies and a handgun.

She said she only accompanied the group on the trip to Washington's home because she was concerned they would "do something stupid."

Cunningham testified she argued against her brother robbing Washington. She said once he allegedly held Candace Johnson, Washington's new girlfriend, at gunpoint and began moving toward Washington's residence, Tyree told Cunningham to leave and pushed her down.

Cunningham said she heard three shots and watched her brother's body drop. She also said she watched her brother, still struggling, being carried by Washington and being placed in a maroon car, despite testimony from several witnesses stating the Tyree was dead and was placed in the white car.

She allegedly said in her first interviews her brother closed the door to Washington's apartment behind him, but she testified Friday it was open and she watched her brother's body drop after being shot.

During cross-examination from Jackson County State's Attorney Michael Wepsiec, she denied remembering statements she allegedly made to police the day after the shooting that indicate she admitted involvement in the planning and execution of the robbery attempt that were inconsistent with her testimony.

Druid was sentenced to six years in prison for home invasion with a firearm, Smith has negotiated a plea agreement for 30 months probation for burglary, and Singletary, a former SIUC student, will be in federal court Monday for charges of conspiracy to distribute narcotics. Singletary is still charged with murder, armed violence and home invasion armed with a firearm.

The trial is expected to go to the jury for a verdict early this afternoon.

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OUR WORD

Bless the bikes for safety

It was a beautiful day for a bike ride. It was a beautiful day to bless the bikes. More than 3,300 motorcyclists and bicyclists went to Bald Knob Cross Sunday, jump starting the biking sea-son with a reminder of safety.

There's nothing like the feeling of the wind in your hair, and the freedom that comes with sunshine, the open road and riding a motorcycle at 65 miles per hour. But there's also nothing like the possible injuries that can come from motorcycle riding, especially for those without training.

Southern Illinois is a great place to ride. With hills and green everywhere, it's tempting to hit the open road for a day on a bike. Illinois is one of four states that do not have mandatory helmet laws, making it an option for riders.

Of course, it's your head. According to the Illinois Secretary of State's office, in 2001, helmets saved the lives of 674 Illinois motorcyclists, and could have saved 444 more. Motorcycle helmets are estimated to be 29 percent effective in preventing fatal injuries and 67 percent effective in preventing brain injuries.

Summer is the time when people are out doing things. From motorcyclists to bicyclists to pedestrians to hikers and other forms of recreation, people are out, about and doing. Safety should always be a concern. Sunday's bike rally at Bald Knob is an event that's been taking place for 11 years, and people who attend do so because it's a little different than the usual biker party. With no alcohol and a family atmosphere, the festival focuses on the links formed among those who ride.

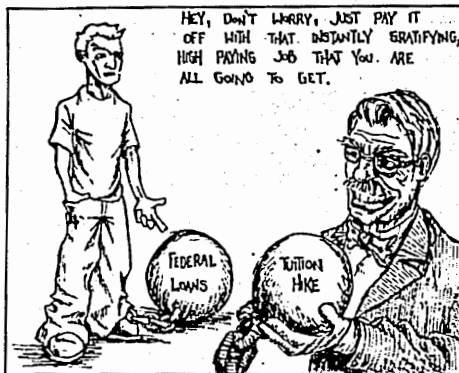
Bless those who respect the road and all types of people riding, walking or biking on it.

Even if you're a car driver, awareness of motorcyclists is what can make a difference. SIUC even offers a free weekend motorcycle rider program that teaches people to ride safely. According to its web page, "non-motorcyclists can benefit from these courses by learning on a first-hand basis what a motorcyclist experiences and the necessity for developing respect for all vehicles on the highway."

So bless those who started this rally, bless those who attend and acknowledge that although the hobby can be risky, there are ways to make it safer. Bless those who respect the road and respect all types of people riding, walking or biking on it.

With that in mind, those beautiful biking days won't be marred by ugly biking accidents.

For more information about the SIU motorcycle rider program, visit www.siu.edu/~cycle/.



JAMES TIERNEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

GUEST COLUMNIST

Saving the economy

Justin Hill
The Battalion (Texas A & M)

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (U-WIRE) — Americans have finally stood up against President George W. Bush's failed revival of trickle-down economic. Last week, the Senate denied Bush his plutocrat-tilted tax plan for a scaled down version aimed at immediate economic stimulus.

Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board Alan Greenspan, in speaking out against the dividend tax cut, could have delivered the prophetic kiss of death in early February when he doubted the stimulative effects of Bush's dividend tax elimination, according to CNNMoney. Americans and some courageous congressmen on both sides of the aisle have joined Greenspan in declaring that a time of war, nation building and ballooning deficits is not the time to push a large, questionable and heavily slanted tax cut on the United States.

Bush came into office with a stalled economy, and claimed to hold the key to its revival with his \$1.8 trillion tax cut. Granted, Bush inherited the tail end of a slightly inflated economic boom, but the current state of the economy is inexcusable.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, since Bush took office, unemployment has risen 43 percent, 2.7 million people have become unemployed with 2.4 million coming from the private sector and the Clinton legacy 4.2 percent unemployment rate has gone up to 5.8 percent. Bush is actually the only president to post an average monthly job loss since the Bureau began keeping statistics in 1939. No longer can he pin the blame on Clinton. His tax cuts have been in place for more than two years, and America is still in an economic recession.

Since jobs do not wholly represent the health of the economy, one might look at the stock market since more than half of the United States is now invested. The Wall Street Journal reported that investors have lost \$2.2 trillion since Bush's inauguration and the Dow, S&P 500 and Nasdaq have all fallen more than 15 percent. Along with jobs and the stock market being in the toilet, America's federal deficit is in the red for the first time since 1997 while the Bush administration condescendingly refers to Rubinomics as baseless and ineffective.

Bush has proven many things since taking office. He has proven that he is not as adept as many believed. He proved he could console and lead the country after a tragedy. He has shown great political skill and has easily installed many aspects of his agenda for the United States, all with a closely divided Congress. Currently, he

is proving that he can proceed down a road of foreign policy that is divisive and exploratory at best. He has also proven he cannot responsibly steer the economy into growth and progress.

Former President George Bush earned a superior resume and a longer list of accomplishments than his son throughout his career but found out quickly that a failing economy is the albatross on the neck of a floundering president. Bush used his pseudo-mandate of election in 2000 to push his massive tax cuts, which were overwhelmingly tilted to the hyper-rich to avoid a one-term presidency. Those tax cuts have put Americans deeper in debt and economic stimulation is still unseen.

The current White House has proven its incompetence in maintaining a healthy economy and has chosen to pursue an agenda to help its donors and corporations it is in cahoots with. The talk of short-term stimulus has obviously not been the practical aim of the administration. The reduction of the burden on the working class has been overlooked. It has chosen to focus tax adjustments on the upper brackets of the U.S. progressive tax system while overlooking the most regressive tax in the United States, the payroll tax.

The Bush economic plan centers on corporate welfare, tax rebates to the richest 1 percent of Americans and corporate investor incentives in a blurred quest for economic stimulation. Bush is still advocating what his father referred to as "voodoo economics." One could argue that it succeeded under Reagan, although the wealth distribution under Reagan was so skewed it resembled the early 1900s wealth stratification.

Furthermore, Bush is reigning in a new era of corporate excesses by allowing the corporate and industry executives to completely govern themselves. Corporations are given discretion over their polluting and pollution controls, labor unions have stricter financial disclosure rules than corporations such as Enron and America's energy plan now includes controlling the oil resources of other countries in "trust."

U.S. priorities have faded and America's direction is sketchy. No matter what ideology one claims, the United States is in dire need of an economic jumpstart that confronts corporate crime, workers rights and the environment. So far this administration has succeeded in elobaking the issues most Americans hold paramount in war and a constant state of fear. It might be time for the administration to swallow its pride and start tackling the burgeoning deficit and disappearing middle class because its tax cuts have proven they are not the paths to economic prosperity.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you have imagined!”

Henry David Thoreau

WORDS OVERHEARD

“As brothers we ought to be brothers to each other, willing to tell each other our weaknesses, and then being able to help each other.”

James Scales
of University Career Services
on overcoming the hurdles black men face in today's world

COLUMNISTS

Exporting southern Illinois

The sun glistened off the water as my paddle splashed and pulled the canoe speedily along the surface. The wind whipped through my hair, and I could feel the warmth of the sun on my back. I looked around and saw others enjoying similar pursuits: fishermen, boaters, people relaxing in the beautiful southern Illinois afternoon. What an exquisite image, this lake, these people, evoking a simple joy for life. All acted out in the shadow of death. This is not any ordinary lake; this is Crab Orchard Lake in the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, home to General Dynamics.

Shrouded in barbed wire, on a series of sprawling campuses, lies one of southern Illinois' largest employers; a factory of one of the largest munitions manufacturers in the country. But this General Dynamics plant doesn't simply manufacture the traditional implements of murder and mass destruction; it also makes depleted uranium (DU) tank shells. The US military loves the DU tank shell — a weapon that literally burns a hole through armored vehicles. The weapon, after all, is very effective.

Whenever there is a buck to be made off of human suffering, jackals like the General Dynamics Corp. will be there.

The US military is desperate to confute the evidence that DU is related to Gulf War Syndrome, and some of the nearly 100,000 Gulf War veterans who are suffering reoccurring illness, cancer, and even death (4,500 dead since the end of the war). The military is quick to point out that DU is not "highly radioactive" — hence the word "depleted."

Yet if a soldier or Iraqi (in whose country the United States used over 300 tons of DU weapons during the 1st Gulf War) breathes the particles in, they collect on the lungs and can do serious damage. Doctors have found that DU may cause cancer, leukemia, and chromosomal abnormalities that may lead to birth defects. Even more disturbing is the fact that studies by the UN have found that DU can continue to contaminate water and air for years after their use.

Yet the military refuses to give up these weapons, even though they may be killing their own soldiers. Perhaps this is because they have found the perfect weapon, not just militarily, but economically. You see, the United States has plenty of DU sitting



Free Thought Forum

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around, because it is the by-product made when uranium is enriched to make nuclear weapons. You can't just leave DU lying around, as it stays radioactive for over 4 billion years. So the military has found a use for all that radioactive waste, a use that even allows the army to kill more efficiently.

And here is where General Dynamics and southern Illinois come in. Whenever there is a buck to be made off of human suffering, jackals like the General Dynamics Corporation will be there to sup on the bloated carcass of the US war machine. And there is plenty of profit to be made. Just this past January, Southern Illinois' General Dynamics plant received an \$18.36 million contract to produce more of these vile weapons. These purveyors of death and poison bring their trade right here, to southern Illinois, and then export it. The poisons made here spread out throughout the globe, bringing death and destruction to the people of Iraq, Kosovo, Bosnia, and to the American soldiers who fire their weapons at them.

Eighteen million dollars is a lot of money to bring to Southern Illinois. Yet it is undoubtedly not enough to cover the glut of suffering that weapons manufactured here cause throughout the world. The sickness and disease that soldiers who have been exposed to DU often suffer, the sickness that they pass on to their children, is manufactured not fifteen minutes away from us here in Carbondale.

Hidicous birth defects have become a part of the hospitals of Iraq. And as long as General Dynamics is a part of southern Illinois, southern Illinois will remain a part of this outrage. So when an 18-year-old soldier is ordered to investigate a tank that has recently been disabled by a DU tank shell in Iraq or when an Iraqi child plays amongst the wreckage, he gets a strong whiff of southern Illinois — and that whiff just might last him, and his children, a lifetime.

Free Thought Forum appears Mondays.
Marc is a junior in history. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

The answers to all of life's questions

Answering my Inbox: Thanks for the Letters!

Dear Mike,
What's up with Chicago baseball fans? These faeries are turning our pastime into a Jerry Springer show. Attacking umpires and throwing cell phones, that's not Chicago baseball...

Chj-townie: As everyone knows, Chicago baseball is not about whether you win or lose — it's about how much beer you can drink. But some of these new guys aren't binging to forget the 100 years of non-championship misery...big mistake. I think any fan caught illegally taking the field should be castrated and crucified naked upside-down outside of Wrigley and U.S. Cellular Field, so that the happy drunks can point and ridicule as they stumble their way to their vehicles. Makes good dinner table conversation later on, too.

Dear Mike,
I've been getting a lot of these pop-up advertisements on my computer for these male enhancement pills. I figure a guy like you has probably tested out the market — got any suggestions for me?

Short Stick: Yeah, those Whale-in-a-Week's can add three inches in your sleep. Problem is when you wake up, you're back to normal.

Dear Mike,
Hey man, you seen 'The Real Cancun' yet? Figur since you were a cinema major and all, you've seen it and could maybe rate it for me. Thanks.

MTV excrement: I "Figur" when the so-called cast finds unusual bumps in unwanted areas, they'll at least have the movie for reference. Honestly I've only seen the previews, but I'll give it a negative eight million stars anyway — which surpasses Mariah Carey's Glitter as the most painful experience of all time.

Dear Mike,
You know nothing about politics,



Bayshore Drive

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and your pseudo-reality bits are old. I pray to God I don't end up like you. Nice hair by the way, you tool. I'm just writing to tell you what a shame it is to know you still get an allowance from your parents. That's so sad. HAHAAHAH!

Friend of A Friend Who Told You I Was Getting An Allowance: Ya had to tell everyone didn't ya, Matt, you orange shirt wearing prepucel! Hey, I make \$600 a year, and that's TAX-FREE, Mike!

Dear Mike,
I've read your articles from the beginning, and it sounds to me you're one of those arrogant I'm-Better-Than-You types who "thinks" they're funny. Well you're not, and you're disgracing all the other columnists who discuss real issues. I'd just like to know how you landed the job, because it surely wasn't for talent. By the way, I have two young daughters who think you're cute. They're both on drugs. Thanks.

Mother Christmas Story Fudger: I asked the editor if I could write, and she said yes. She probably wasn't expecting 'Whale-in-a-Week' material, so more than likely I'll be canned at the end of the semester. Hey tell your daughters I said hi, and tell them I'm going to be a professional bowler one day. (Chicks dig bowlers...)

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Men want sex, free drinks, Tommy Rector

Kevin Cobb
Daily News (Ball State U.)

MUNCIE, Ind. — While women have recently been busy celebrating Women's Week, reclaiming their vaginas through the Vagina Monologues and seeing movies like "What A Girl Wants," men have had to take a back seat.

Some may argue that men can celebrate their manhood every day. They point out the fact that our university bears the name of a man's anatomy. They also argue that the entire campus is centered around the largest phallic symbol in East Central Indiana.

Well, they can have their school name and bell tower because that's not what men want. I've spent the past few days talking to men to

find out what they do want. Here is the list:

Sex: Turns out the guys who said they based their relationships mostly on sex were currently single. The guys who said they based their relationships on qualities like personality, compatibility and shared common interests already had girlfriends. Usually, their girlfriends were within hearing range.

The "look": Guys want to look cool without having the appearance of trying to look cool. It's complicated to explain if you don't understand, so on to the next item on the list.

Simplicity: Guys like to keep things simple. To the women — if you go to class all night out with the J. Lo sunglasses and 4-inch strappy sandals, more power to you. But do your feet and your dad's credit card a favor and return

the unnecessary items. As my friend Nicole says, "It's one thing to wear the J. Lo glasses, it's another thing to think you are J. Lo."

Me time: When guys are in their 'zone,' nothing else matters. Approaching guys while watching television, sleeping or other personal moments is highly advised against. If you do happen to approach a guy while he is in his 'zone' and you're talking to him, chances are he's not really listening.

Naturalness: If hair is growing there and it's on a guy, let it be. Some guys don't want to pluck, wax, shave or use some other hair removal process.

They are aware of ways to remove the hair, and some feel it's a way of removing their manliness.

Tommy Rector: The men [and women]

of the BSU community want a voice on the Muncie City Council. Students want someone they can relate to and easily approach, and Tommy Rector is their guy.

To be approached: Ladies, pay attention. If you see a guy you are attracted to, approach him, extend your hand and introduce yourself. If you're in one of Muncie's fine bar establishments, go ahead and buy him a drink. You'll make quite the impression and he'll be bragging to all of his friends for days.

Final thought: When you come across a guy named Peter, Dick or Johnson, be nice to him. You have no idea the ridicule he has gone through.

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As Norfstar, a sophomore in philosophy, throws down some rhymes Saturday at the Brush Towers Festival Fern Jones, a freshman in political science and her best friend's sister, Courtini Shields, four, both of Chicago, jump in and dance.

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Free stylers, free food draw dorm dwellers out for festival Saturday

Smell of charcoal, boom of bass signal Brush Towers Festival

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

It was not just another Saturday afternoon for the residents of Brush Towers. The sun was beaming down and there wasn't a cloud in the sky, but something set this day apart.

Many student residents, such as sophomore Craig Kurk, rolled out of bed after noon, still reeling from the night before. What made this Saturday sleep-in ritual different could be heard and seen outdoors.

At noon, rap music bounced off Schneider and Mae Smith halls and alerted their residents that something was going on outside.

Upon further inspection, they could see a stage set up on the grass adjacent to Brush Towers. People were falling around on a red and blue inflatable boxing ring, complete with oversized gloves. Others tried their luck on a nearby Velcro wall or on a bungee run set up on another giant, inflatable surface.

But what attracted Kurk was the smell of charcoal smoke emanating from under a white tent. The line for food grew longer all afternoon. The collective smell of grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, bratwurst and Italian sausage was too enticing to ignore.

"I'm hung over and I need some free food," Kurk said. "I'd like to check out the ladies, too."

The annual Brush Towers Festival was held Saturday afternoon. The event was co-sponsored by the councils of Mae Smith and Schneider halls. Each hall council put in more than \$2,000 apiece to provide an afternoon of fun for residents.

"The semester's been hectic, so we just want to give everyone one afternoon of fun away from the stress," Brush Towers Executive Board member Katie Small said.

The festival, which was free and open to the community, also gave prospective performers the chance to show off their talents behind the microphone. Free-style rapping, singing and poetry provided entertainment for much of the afternoon. Anyone

brave enough to come onstage could sign up.

SIUC students Anthony Bowers and Jenae Williams, a singing duet, were two of the many performers on stage Saturday afternoon. Bowers said he hadn't heard of the festival until after it started.

"This just kind of happened spontaneously," Bowers said. "I just happened to be passing through and I wanted to check it out."

Williams said she was honored to be a part of the festivities, especially in front of her fellow students.

"It's a great opportunity to bring people together," Williams said. "To have a chance to perform in front of people from your campus is great."

The festival also awarded another unique opportunity for Brush Towers residents. Student resident advisers literally put themselves in the line of fire as part of the "Pie an R.A." exhibit. Residents got the chance to throw cream pies in the faces of resident advisers from Mae Smith and Schneider halls.

Karan Lala, 16th floor resident adviser at Schneider Hall, was covered in whipped cream that was becoming stickier in the hot sun. He said the pie throwing made him discover a personal revelation.

"I've never tasted so good in my life," Lala said. "That's probably a good thing, but I think I'll be taking a long, long shower after this is all over."

Niquita Lee, a sophomore living in Mae Smith Hall, said she had a score to settle with 15th floor resident adviser Chad Beights.

"He deserved it because Chad is mean," Lee said. "Well, they're not really mean, but they deserve it anyway. They know we love them."

The annual festival was a welcome departure from a normal Saturday afternoon for freshman Glen King. King, who signed up for the free-style rap contest, said he is grateful to the hall councils for putting the event together.

"This is just my first year here, but it's a really nice atmosphere," King said. "It's good to see something positive that involves the students and the community. I'll have to come back next year."

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Wind ensemble performs tonight

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

When Michael Hanes first looked through the score for "Hymn for the Lost and Living," he was impressed. The first time he heard it, he was moved.

Composed a year ago by New Yorker Eric Ewazen, "Hymn for the Lost and Living" serves as a tribute to the people of New York City and the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001.

"I know that the country is just now very patriotic — we are recovering and reacting to the event even still," said Hanes, an SIUC music professor. "The audience can really respond to it."

"Hymn for the Lost and Living," is one of a short program of songs for the University Wind Ensemble's spring concert, which begins at 7:30 tonight in Shryock Auditorium.

The 50-member ensemble has been preparing since its selection at the beginning of the semester. Hanes said that it is the top concert made up

of some of the best woodwind players at the University.

Todd Revoldt, a lecturer in the School of Music, will also perform a 20-minute saxophone solo, "Concerto for Alto Sax and Band," by Paul Creston.

The Concerto, which Hanes said is one of the most difficult pieces for a saxophone player, is rarely presented because of the technical and musical demands it places on both the soloist and the band.

"The band's part is almost as challenging as the sax's," Hanes said. "But then again, they like a challenge."

Revoldt said he first played the Concerto, which is a standard repertoire piece, eight years ago, and he found it incredibly challenging. Years later, he said he finds it easier to perform, though the Concerto still has its difficult moments.

"There are a few difficult spots," he said. "But putting together a Concerto with a sax solo and band,

and making it sound good — that's extremely difficult."

The concert will also feature "Crosley March" by Henry Fillmore, "Carnival of the Animals," by Camille Saint-Saens, and Charles Rochester Young's "A Child's Embrace." The program also features brief performances by student woodwind and

Tickets for the University Wind Ensemble are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Proceeds go toward SIUC music scholarships.

brass quintets.

Matthew Graziano, a junior in music performance from Lockport who plays saxophone with the group, said the Hymn will be among the highlights, as will "Carnival of the Animals," which includes six movements, five of which represent animals.

"It's a pretty diverse program," he said. "If you don't like something, wait and you'll find something you do."

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Experts say war ending sooner than expected

Caroline Gabsewics
Daily Collegian (Penn State U.)

(U-WIRE) The war is ending, and troops and reporters are coming home. But some didn't think Saddam Hussein's regime would have fallen so quickly.

"[The war] went remarkably fast given the size of the opposing army and their initial resistance," said D. Scott Bennett, associate professor of political science at Pennsylvania State University.

Bennett and Allen C. Stam, an associate professor in government at Dartmouth College, worked on a research report called "Predicting the duration of the 2003 Gulf War."

"It was an extremely quick victory in historical terms," Bennett said. "I was a little surprised because we guessed about three months at the most, but one month was our best-

case scenario."

Bennett and Stam analyzed how long wars have lasted in the past and compared wars and their durations since 1816.

"The average war lasted about 17 months, and this one lasted less than a month," Bennett said.

"The rebuilding process, however, is expected to last longer.

During the rebuilding process of Germany and Japan after World War II, the United States was there for more than five years, he said.

"We might need to be there a little longer than that this time," he said, adding that when the U.S. is in Iraq, it is being pulled in two different directions.

"The U.S. is stuck in a dilemma to do the job right," Bennett said. "We need to be there a long time, and the people in Iraq and in the general region want us gone. ... We are jug-

gling diplomacy and rebuilding."

Daniel Miltenberger, the battalion executive officer of the ROTC program at Penn State, said he expected the war to end quickly.

"Having been in the Army for 23 years and fought in the first [war with Iraq], I know the type of training that they had and the capabilities of the American armed forces," he said.

The United States had the capabilities to stop Hussein's regime and "it became apparent to the Iraqi army that we are an unstoppable force," Miltenberger said. "We had a mission to accomplish and we accomplished it."

Erika Spohrer, an active protestor, doesn't think the war is coming to an end.

"Truthfully, I don't think the United States war has ended. The aggression that we showed is a continued aggression," she said.

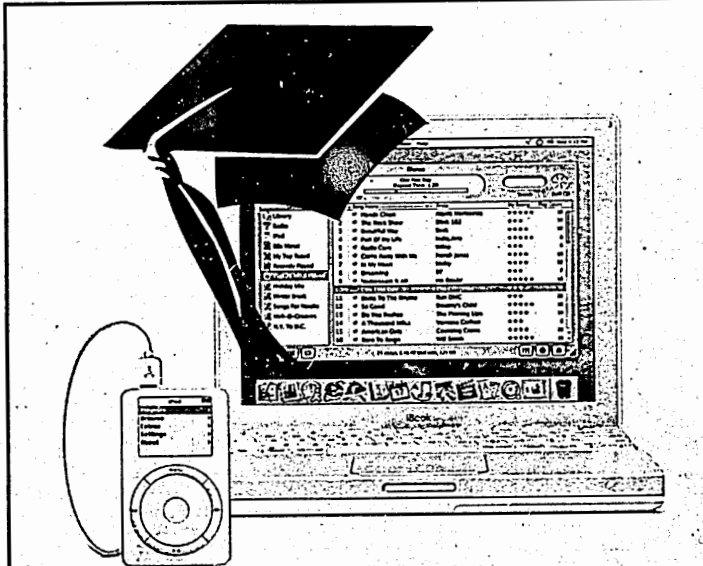


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tried to stop the leaky holes with trash bags.

Between the car wash and the next stop, Ragan lost his way and had to go ask for directions at a gas station in Murphysboro. On his way back to the Hummer, he was approached by a woman who said she was from Aurora. She needed \$3.50 she told him, enough to get a calling card to contact someone who could help her buy enough gas to get her to the jail where her daughter was being held.

Ragan gave the woman \$1, not much, he said, but all he could spare considering his wife is due to have their first child any day now.

So, with his cell phone by his side and a new set of directions, Ragan made his way to Caruthers School for his next collection.

Eight-year-old Brooke Reeves was first in line to make a donation of the 5 folders, paper, markers, crayons, scissors and two bottles of glue that she and her grandpa bought at Wal-Mart.

"My papa told me that even if they just got one pencil, they would like that," Reeves said, admitting that she doesn't get too excited over a pencil because she has lots of them. Still, Reeves said she believes and hopes the Afghan children will enjoy the supplies she picked out for them.

The rest of the students in Shirley Kriener's second grade class gathered around Ragan. The students told him that they, too, have relatives in the military. One girl, Cheyenne, 9, waved her hand up, waiting to be called on.

"Have you been in a war?" she asked. "So you mean you got shot before?"

"No, I've never been in a war and haven't been shot either," Ragan replied.

"Oh, good!" Cheyenne said.

Other student asked why he wears "dog tags," and while he took them off and showed his identification tags to the students, another student asked what happens when someone dies.



MARY COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sgt. Ragan explains his Humvee to the children at Giant City School after loading up their donated school supplies. Ragan drove his leaky Humvee in the rain for several hours Saturday collecting supplies.

"We try not to let anyone die," Ragan reassured the students.

He told them they were doing a wonderful thing for the children in Afghanistan by sharing some of their gifts and he carried their five boxes of donations to the Hummer.

At Winkler School in Carbondale, Paula Siefert and her Tri-county Choices classroom also wanted to make a donation to the "Magic School House. Siefert said the students were very responsive to the idea. Some of her students are from low-income homes, but they still quick to open up their own pencil boxes and make a donation. Siefert said kids don't know how lucky they are.

Siefert turned to her own children for things to donate and said she was amazed by the extra things they had.

"It is hard for kids to even get it through their heads what it is to have nothing," she said. "These kids are disappointed if they have a pencil without pictures on it."

Overwhelming deliveries

By the time Ragan dropped off the supplies at Zimmer, the Humvee was almost filled. And three other Humvees full of supplies added to the collection.

Donations delivered to the radio station added to the collection, including several brightly colored backpacks

donated by Richard Bortz, a professor in the Workforce Education and Development Department at SIUC.

"I am not against this war," Bortz said. "In fact, I am pro-war, but you don't just let kids go."

But Bortz said the biggest problem he sees with the Magic School House is that not every child will enjoy the donations, because no matter how much is donated, it won't be enough.

"The down side is some kids aren't going to get anything," he said. "It is like Christmas time and one kid not getting a present."

But that is no excuse for not giving, he said. In fact, he said he wanted to give money, but figured that "no Afghan bad guys would take knapsacks."

By the time Benton pulled out of the parking lot and was on his way to Mississippi, the U-Haul was "absolutely packed full" with supplies, said Benton's wife, Linda.

What little room that was left was stuffed with enrollments from the Southern Illinoisan's pressroom.

As Linda watched Benton and their son, Loring, 26, pack the truck to the brim with supplies, she said she wasn't a bit surprised by the outcome of the campaign.

"I knew he would get it done," she said. "That is just the way he is."

Linda knew Pat could get people motivated, but she wasn't sure just how much his listeners would give.

"I had no idea what to expect," Linda said. "But we are amazed all the time at the people in southern Illinois. If you come out with a need and let them know, they are going to give and keep giving."

Benton agrees. "I think if we would have been more organized, knowing the people of southern Illinois, we would have filled a semi," Benton said.

But even a U-Haul filled with supplies, made for a hike in sales at local stores. A clerk at Carbondale

Big Lots said she saw a huge increase in the sales of school supplies, which she credited to the Magic School House.

"The people who had the least gave the most," Benton said. "Maybe that is because they themselves remember a time when they didn't have anything at all."

Benton called the collection of thousands of dollars in supplies incredible, and a happy ending to a difficult project.

Benton said getting southern Illinoisans to donate supplies was the easy part, but the logistics of the project were a little more complicated.

"It was a real effort to get the message from Afghanistan to me to Mississippi and back again," he said.

"Yeah, it is, pretty much," Benton replied.

Future Efforts

But despite all the work and confusion involved in a project like the Magic School House, Benton is already planning similar projects.

Benton said he wants to help get shoes to the people in Afghanistan before their winter, which he said is as brutal as any winter in Illinois. Then he wants to head a collection for the recovering people of Iraq.

"The way to win people's heart are through things like this," Benton said. "I just love peace."

Benton said the best promotion of peace from this effort is the fact that American soldiers in Afghanistan, including Kelley, will deliver all the supplies, most of which will go to women's schools that are just getting started.

"I am not comfortable with taking credit for this," Benton said. "The soldiers will get all the credit and that is most important."

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MARY COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Pat Benton, a radio personality of 95.1FM, Magic 95, and his son Loring pack school supplies to send to children in Afghanistan into a 16-foot U-Haul truck Friday afternoon. By mid-day the truck was two-thirds full and by the end of the day it was packed.

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Bush has advantages his father lacked in '92

Ron Hutcheson
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — President Bush has followed his father's path for most of his life, but now he has a chance to break the pattern by winning a second term in the White House.

After the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime, one line of instant analysis held that Bush could suffer the same political fate as his dad: riding high in polls after winning a war with Iraq, only to lose re-election because voters were unhappy with a weak economy.

This President Bush is hardly a shoo-in, but he has several advantages that elder Bush lacked in 1992.

Bush enters his re-election campaign backed by a unified Republican Party, a highly disciplined political team and realistic expectations of a record-breaking campaign bankroll. Also unlike his father, he doesn't have the baggage of a broken promise on tax cuts, he doesn't have to worry about a Republican challenger from the right such as Pat Buchanan and he doesn't have an ornery Ross Perot threatening to run as an independent.

In 1992, Perot spent about \$50 million in the campaign's closing weeks bashing the elder Bush's economic stewardship.

And this time, unlike 1992, the war isn't really over. Continuing problems in post-war Iraq and the ever-present threat of terrorism mean that voters are likely to focus on domestic issues and national security concerns. That's bad news for America but good news for Bush politically, because voters give him high marks as commander in chief.

Republicans hope to leverage that advantage by holding their convention in New York in September 2004, less than two weeks before the third anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center. That offers Bush a prime-time opportunity to remind voters of his leadership when the nation was shaken after 9-11.

However, no one, including Bush's political advisers, doubts that a bad economy could torpedo Bush's re-election. As bad as things were in 1992, the country gained more than 2 million jobs while the elder Bush was in the White House. History shows that the economy was actually well on its way to recovery by Election Day 1992, although it didn't seem that way at the time.

Under the current President Bush, the economy has lost more than 2 million jobs, an average of more than 73,000 a month.

"If the economy tanks next year, he very well could meet the same fate (as his father)," Pitney said.

That's why Bush talks constantly about the economy now — to avoid his father's mistake of appearing indifferent to the problems of average Americans. Almost every chance he gets, Bush touts his tax-cut plan as the best way to help unemployed workers.

Whether his plan actually would help the economy is another question; the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office concluded last month that its economic impact might be positive or negative, but either way, it would

be small.

Bush's anti-tax message also reassures conservative activists who were infuriated in 1990 when the elder Bush broke his "no new taxes" pledge by including higher revenues in a massive deficit-reduction compromise with Congress.

Republican operatives also express confidence that Bush will have the campaign operation and the cash to drive home his themes. Many Republican activists date the elder Bush's political trouble to the death of campaign strategist Lee

Atwater in March 1991 and the half-hearted effort by Bush's campaign chairman, James Baker.

Even Black, a key player in the 1992 campaign, acknowledges that the effort suffered from disunity. While the elder Bush relied on Atwater, this Bush relies on Karl Rove, who brings a focused discipline to the re-election effort.

"Karl's doing exactly what they need to do, literally state by state. When we have difficulties, he's going to be looking around with the patch kit, and he's going to be slapping patches on," said W. Dennis Stephens, a Republican lobbyist with White House ties.

Black, the veteran Republican operative, lists one other advantage that this Bush will have over his father: He won't have to run against Bill Clinton.

"Clinton turned out to be the greatest Democratic campaigner in a generation," Black said. "They may come up with a good candidate, but I don't think they'll come up with another Clinton."

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— James Black
Bush's campaign chairman

Supplies remain scarce in Iraq

Ronald Paul Larson
Knight Ridder/
Tribune News Service

TALLIL AIR BASE, near Nasiriyah, Iraq (KRT) — As Operation Iraqi Freedom enters the occupation and reconstruction phase, the concerns of Army planners shift from the "beans and bullets" necessary to win a war, to the gravel and pipe necessary to build peace after the war.

Before the war Capt. Nathan Hancock of the 36th Engineer Group said, "They weren't going to suck up shipping and air cargo space for sewer pipes."

Now, they may need to.

Sgt. Maj. Julio Sanchez said, "We have the people. We have the equipment. We have the technology. But we don't have the BOM (Bill of Materials — a list of materials needed to do a job).

"We can do the earthwork," Sanchez said, but noted that any time rock, wood, nails, pipes, pumps, generators, tents or air conditioners are needed, it is more of a problem.

"The procurement process takes some time," he said. "Finding the supply, that is the biggest thing. If you have to ship it from the states it takes two months."

Hancock said units are trying to "fill the gap" quickly by signing contracts on a case-by-case basis, but this is difficult if there are no supplies available.

Sanchez said, "We can't go into Nasiriyah and go to Ace Hardware or Home Depot. The little system they had in place doesn't exist anymore. They closed up shop and left." Most supplies will have to be brought in from Kuwait, he said.

The difficulties of language and law further aggravate the problem

of not having supplies in place or access to Home Depots. There are few "contracting officers" in Iraq and Hancock said the Army is limited on translators.

The 36th Engineer Group, for example, must find sources of gravel and acquire the contracts for them.

It has recently signed a contract for gravel at a nearby quarry and is responsible for making sure it is delivered to the site of a new Logistical Support Area.

At Umm Qasr, work continues on the prison camps, and builders also suffer the same difficulties in securing materials. The first camp, though, is finished except for the permanent security lighting.

1st Lt. Shane Shipman said the second camp is about "one-third done." There are approximately 7,000 Iraqi enemy prisoners of war being held there, he said.

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504 S. Ash #5
507 S. Ash #1 - 15
508 S. Ash #3
509 S. Ash #1 - 24
504 S. Beveridge
602 N. Carico
403 W. Elm #2
403 W. Elm #3
718 S. Forest #1

507 1/2 S. Hays
509 1/2 S. Hays
402 1/2 E. Hester
703 S. Illinois #101
612 S. Logan
612 1/2 S. Logan
507 1/2 W. Main #B
507 W. Main #2
400 W. Oak #3
202 N. Poplar #2
202 N. Poplar #3
301 N. Springer #2
414 W. Sycamore #E
414 W. Sycamore #W
406 S. University #1
406 S. University #3
334 W. Walnut #1
334 W. Walnut #2
602 W. Walnut

TWO Bedrooms

504 S. Ash #2
502 S. Beveridge #2
602 N. Carico
306 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #2
404 W. Cherry Court
406 W. Cherry Court
407 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Cherry Court
409 W. Cherry Court
310 W. College #1
310 W. College #2
310 W. College #3
113 S. Forest
500 W. Freeman #1
500 W. Freeman #5
500 W. Freeman #6
507 1/2 S. Hays
410 E. Hester
703 W. High #E
703 W. High #W
703 S. Illinois #203
612 S. Logan

TWO Bed Cont'd

507 1/2 W. Main B
906 W. McD Jncl
300 W. Mill #4
405 E. Mill
400 W. Oak #3
501 W. Oak
505 N. Oakland
511 N. Oakland
1305 E. Park
301 N. Springer #2
613 W. Sycamore
404 1/2 S. University
503 S. University #2
820 W. Walnut #1 & #2

THREE Bedrooms

410 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #2
514 S. Ash #1
514 S. Ash #3
507 S. Beveridge #1
507 S. Beveridge #2
508 S. Beveridge
509 S. Beveridge #3
513 S. Beveridge #1
513 S. Beveridge #4
406 W. Cherry Court

THREE Bed Cont'd

407 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Cherry Court
409 W. Cherry Court
400 W. College #3
409 W. College #3
501 W. College #1
501 W. College #2
501 W. College #3
503 W. College #1
503 W. College #3
301 Crestview
305 E. Crestview
104 S. Forest
113 S. Forest
109 Glenclw
500 S. Hays
509 S. Hays
511 S. Hays
513 S. Hays
402 E. Hester
610 S. Logan
614 S. Logan
400 W. Oak #1
400 W. Oak #2

THREE Bed Cont'd

501 W. Oak
505 N. Oakland
1305 E. Park
913 W. Sycamore
404 W. Walnut
504 W. Walnut
820 W. Walnut #1
820 W. Walnut #2

FOUR Bedrooms

508 S. Ash #1
508 S. Beveridge
710 W. College
301 Crestview
305 Crestview
104 S. Forest
113 S. Forest
500 S. Hays
509 S. Hays
513 S. Hays
402 E. Hester
610 S. Logan
614 S. Logan
400 W. Oak #2
404 W. Walnut
820 W. Walnut #1

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NEW 2 BDRM, 2 car garage on Oakland between Mill & Freeman, 2 master suites w/whirlpool tubs, w/d, d/w, \$1000, cats considered, avail Aug, alpharentals@aol.com, www.alpharentals.net, 457-8194.

NICE 2 BDRM, great for grads, professionals or married, \$440 to \$505+ dep, yr lease, no pets, 529-2535.

TOWNHOUSES
 306 W College, 3 bdrms, c/a, furn/urnfurn, summer/fall leases, 549-4808 (8am-7pm) No pets

Duplexes

1 BDRM DUPLEX, gas heat, c/a, furn or unfurn, avail now, \$330/mo, 401 W Kennicott, 457-7337.

1 bdrm, quiet area, carport & storage, no pets, avail now, \$300/mo, 549-7400.

2 BDRM UNFURN DUP, small pets ok, water ind, Cambria area, avail Aug \$375/mo, call 457-5631.

2 BDRM, 1 1/2 bath, w/d, d/w, fenced patio, unfurn, no pets, near underpass and rec, \$530/mo, female pref, deposit & reference, 606 S Logan, discount for 1 yr contract, call 203-0654.

213 EMERALD LN, 2 bdrm, wts, big back yd, avail May or Aug, no pets, \$475/mo, 529-3989.

3 LG BDRM, luxury apt, c/a, w/d, direct tv, furn, appl, near Unity Point School, Cedar Lake Area, for more info phone 529-3564, \$625.

BRECKENRIDGE APTS 2350 S IL, 2 bdrm, unfurn, w/d hookup, no pets display 457-4387 or 457-7870.

C'DALE CEDAR LAKE area, newer 2 bdrm, vaulted ceiling, deck, w/d hookup, NO PETS, June/Aug \$475/mo, 457-7036.

C'DALE, 1 1/2 mi S, good location, 2 bdrm, all appl, carpet, no pets, exc cond, \$450/mo, 985-2229.

C'DALE, CLEAN 2 Bdrm, all appl, avail May, a/c, storage area, porch area, \$450/ mo, call 967-7413.

C'DALE, VERY NICE 2 bdrm, lg yd w/patio, 2 mi S Rt 51, no pets, avail July 15, \$450/ mo, 457-5632.

C'DALE, VERY NICE 2 bdrm, Cedar lake area, quiet, private, w/d, patio, June 1, \$525/mo, 893-2726.

COUNTRY DUPLEX, 1 bdrm, patio, remodeled, heat & water incl, \$375/ mo, 549-3973 cell 303-3973.

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2 & 3 bdrm houses to rent in Aug, for more information call 618-549-2090.

2 & 3 BDRM, nice & quiet area, c/a, w/d, no dogs, avail May & Aug, call 549-0081.

2 BDRM HOUSE, furn, near SIU, ample parking, nice yard, 457-4422.

2 BDRM HOUSES, \$375-450/mo, on SIU bus route, no pets, call 549-4471.

2 BDRM, 1 bath, very clean, lg yard, no pets, close to SIU, \$600/mo, call for an appt 549-9231.

2 BDRM, AIR, w/d, close to campus, avail Aug, 805 W Walnut, call 457-3308, Bam - noon.

2 BDRM, CLOSE to campus, c/a, w/d, avail Aug 15th, 705 W Walnut, call 457-3308 Bam-noon.

2 BDRM, FENCED yd, deck, quiet neighborhood, w/d, \$500/ mo, 1 pet ok, ref req, avail Aug 1, 687-2475.

2/3 BDRM, E College, beam ceiling, remodeled, hardwoodflrs, near SIU, no pets, \$490/ mo, 549-3973/303-3973.

3 & 4 BDRM, extra large rooms, walk to campus, 2 baths, c/a, w/d, no pets, 549-4808 (9am-7pm).

416 W SYCAMORE, 2 bdrm, w/d, a/c, avail now, \$525/mo 529-3513.

913 W PECAN, 4 bdrm, w/d hookup, c/a, screened-in back porch, \$560/ mo, avail June 2, 529-3513.

APT, HOUSES, & trailers Fall '03 fisting avail, 104 N Almond or call 201-6191.

APTS, HOUSES & trailers, close to SIU, 1, 2, 3 & 4 bdrm, no pets, Bryant Rentals 529-1820 or 529-3581.

AVAIL FALL, 4 BLOCKS to campus, 3 bdrm, well kept, a/c, w/d, no pets, lease, 529-7516 or 684-5917.

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BIG HOUSE, 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, garage, great family rental, all appl + w/d, avail now \$850/mo, 529-4000.

C'DALE 2 BDRM? very lg house & yard, garage & shed, avail now, 510 S Logan, \$450/mo, 687-2475.

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DE Newsroom Job Listings for Summer and Fall 2003

The Daily Egyptian is accepting applications for the following newsroom positions for the summer 2003 semester and fall 2003 semester. All summer jobs require Monday-Friday regular work schedules (except where indicated), and fall jobs will also require some Sundays with flexibility to work additional hours and other days as needed. All applicants must be in good academic standing. For summer and fall employment, all applicants must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours.

Reporters

- Report and write stories for daily paper; responsible for covering assigned specific beat.
- Knowledge of journalistic writing style preferred; strong spelling, grammar skills required.
- Average 20 hours a week.
- Daytime 3-4 hour time block required.
- Writing and editing exam required of all applicants.

Photographers

- Shoot news and feature photos for daily paper.
- Must possess own camera equipment.
- Must be able to shoot and process 35mm black-and-white film. Knowledge of photojournalism and digital processing preferred.
- Flexible 3-4 hour daily time block, including weekends
- Photocopies of 5-10 photos that you have taken should accompany your application. Portfolios are welcome, but we cannot guarantee that they will be returned.

Copy Editors/Page Designers

- Responsible for page design and layout of daily paper, including headline writing.
- Monday-Thursday evening work block during the summer. Sunday-Thursday evening work block required for fall.
- Must be detail-oriented and able to work quickly and efficiently under deadline pressure.
- Strong knowledge of spelling, grammar and word usage required. Knowledge of journalistic writing preferred.
- Desktop publishing with Pagemaker, QuarkXPress or InDesign preferred.

Newsroom Graphic Designer

- Produce illustrations, charts, graphs and other graphics for DE stories and special sections.
- 20 hours a week, late afternoon-evening work schedule, other times as needed.
- Knowledge of graphics software, such as Adobe Illustrator, preferable.
- Photocopies of about 5 examples of your work should accompany your application.

Columnists

- Write one general-interest column per week for the DE. Human interest-type column relating to student life and student interests preferred.
- Schedule flexible but must be able to meet a deadline.
- At least two sample columns should accompany your application.

Cartoonist

- Script and illustrate daily comic strip or panel.
- Schedule flexible but must be able to meet a deadline.
- At least one week of sample comics should accompany your application.

Macintosh Support

- Sunday - Thurs 6 - 10 work block
- InDesign & Photoshop knowledge preferred
- Network experience preferred

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C'DALE AREA, SPACIOUS 2 & 3 bdrm homes, w/d, carpet, free mow & trash, mod c/a & deck, no pets, call 684-4145 or 684-6862.

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C'DALE, 2 4 bdrm homes, all appl, close to shopping, avail May & Aug, 5740r mo, call 967-7413.

BRAND NEW FOR sale, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, country setting, close to SIU, w/d & all appl, 2 car garage, fenced yd, lawn & trash service, 9575r mo, call Jim 687-1738.

TOP C'DALE LOCATIONS, 2, 3, 4, & 5 bdrm homes, all have w/d, & free mow, some c/a, deck, extra bath, lots available, no pets, call 684-4145 or 684-6862.

C'DALE, 2 BDRM, 1 mi N campus, w/d, clean, quiet, some pets ok, fenced dog yard, yr lease, ref req, avail May, 5575, 559-0201, 12-5pm.

C'DALE, 3 BDRM, basemc, c/a, w/d, hook up, water & trash incl, avail now, 9575/mo, 687-2475.

C'DALE, 3 BDRM, large yard, w/d, hook up, 5525/mo, avail May, 417 S Washington, 687-2475.

C'DALE, 3 BDRM, quiet area, lg yd, pets ok, w/d, hook up, avail Aug, 716 N McKinley, 5500r mo, 687-2475.

COUNTRY SETTING, 2 bdrm, carpet, gas appl, c/a, pets ok, \$450/mo, after 5pm call 684-5214 or 521-0258, avail now.

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NEW 2 BDRM, one car garage attached, w/d, dishwasher, avail Aug, 5675/mo, 985-2496 or 303-3122.

NEW RENTAL LIST avail on front porch of office, 508 W Oak, Bryant Rentals, 529-3581 or 529-1820.

NICE LARGE 2 & 3 bdrms, avail May, 911 W Pecan, yard, a/c, 1 1/2 bath, 529-3581 or 529-1820.

NICE, UNFURN, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, den, w/d, hook-up, big yard, 5590r/mo + dep, yr lease, 529-2535.

PRIVATE COUNTRY SETTING, 3 bdrm, extra, nice, c/a, 2 bath, w/d, 2 decks, no pets 549-4808 (9am-7pm)

SMALL COTTAGE, \$235, 2 bdrm home, \$260, 2 mi S, no pets, 1 person for each, 457-7685.

SUMMER / FALL 2003
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319, 321, 324, 406, W Walnut
305 W College, 103 S Forest.
501 S Hays
3 bdrm- 310, 313, 610 W Cherry
405 S Ash, 321 W Walnut
106 S Forest, 306 W College
2 bdrm- 305 W College
406, 324, 319 W Walnut
649-4808 (9 am-7pm) No Pets
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2 BDRM, UNFURN trailer, \$285/mo, pets ok, no a/c, 457-5631.

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3 BDRM, 2 bath, quiet neighborhood, for couple or grad students, will be avail Aug 1, 687-9543 after 5.

5 MI FROM SIU, country setting, \$325/mo, utd incl, avail now, 985-3923.

AVAIL NOW, 12X65, 2 bdrm, furn, on shaded lot, close to rec center, no pets, ref req, 457-7639.

CARBONDALE, 2 BDRM, located in quiet park, \$185-\$475/mo, call 529-2432 or 684-2663.

C'DALE BEL-AIRE, NOW renting for summer, fall, spring, extra nice, 1 2,3 bdrm units, 2 bks from SIU, \$200-\$265r mo, new urbs avail, no pets, Mon - Fri 9-5, 529-1422.

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C'DALE, 1 BDRM, \$250/mo, 2 bdrm \$250-\$400/mo, water, gas, lawn & trash incl, no pets, 800-293-4407.

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LIKE NEW 2 YEAR old 1 bdrm, 2 bks from campus, extra nice & clean, w/d, d/w, furn, c/a, \$50 sq ft, \$375, hurry just a few to close from, no pets, 529-1422.

MALIBU VILLAGE 28 3 bdrm, \$175-\$450, water, sewer & trash incl, cable ready, application & ref req, call 529-4300.

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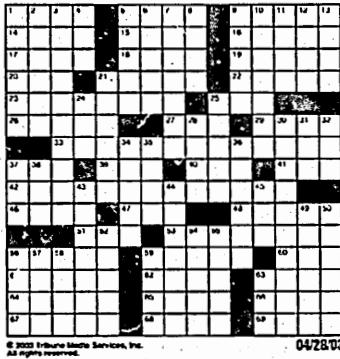
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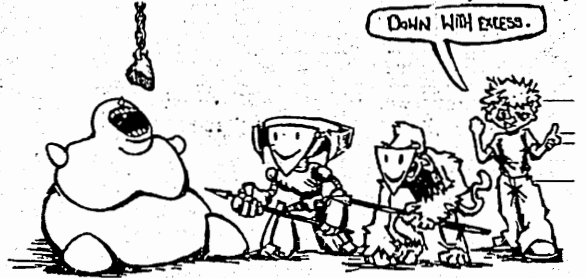
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Shaw remains uncommitted

Reports of Centralia star coming to SIU are false for now

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

Despite a report in Friday's Chicago Sun-Times indicating Centralia High School phenom Matt Shaw had verbally committed to the SIU men's basketball program, Shaw's coach Chuck Lane said this is not true.

"He has not committed," Lane

said. "He is still very interested in SIU, but I don't know where that report's coming from. He hasn't made any decisions, yet."

Shaw is a 6-foot-7, 210-pound junior. He averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds per game last season. The Centralia Orphans compete in the South Seven Conference and are rivals with former Saluki star Kent Williams' Mount Vernon Rams.

According to hoopmasters.com, Shaw is being recruited by a host of schools including several from the Missouri Valley Conference, Virginia, Wisconsin and Marquette.

Several recruiting databases list Shaw as a top 12 prospect in Illinois

in the class of 2004.

In 2002, he averaged nearly 14 points per game in the super-sectional and state tournament games as his team finished third in the state.

Centralia athletic director and assistant basketball coach Roger Stieg said Shaw's biggest strength is his work ethic.

"He's a real good player," Stieg said. "He's a junior, and he's gonna get bigger and stronger. He works real hard. Whoever gets him is gonna have a real gem."

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includes SIU's top two hurlers, and Amy Harre and Renee Mueller. Both were equally as dominant.

Harre got her 20th win in game one en route to the 22nd shutout of her career, which moved her into third on the SIU career lists. Mueller threw a nine-inning shut-out in the second game while picking up her 12th win to complete the doubleheader sweep.

The Salukis were not able to complete the series sweep because the Redbirds' bats finally awoke Sunday: Illinois State scored three runs in the

fifth inning as the Redbirds took a 4-0 lead.

SIU scored a run in the top of the seventh, but it was not enough as Illinois State came away with the win.

Redbird third baseman Tricia Gaither hit a home run during the victory, marking just the fourth long ball surrendered by SIU all season.

The win kept the Redbirds in the drivers seat in the MVC by half a game. Illinois State has played one more conference game than SIU due to the Salukis having numerous games cancelled due to weather.

Both teams have one remaining series before the MVC Championships

with SIU playing third place Wichita State, while the Redbirds face eighth place Drake next weekend.

Blaylock said she told her team following the game that if they do not come out and play with the same intensity against the 35-17 Shockers, then all their previous work was for naught.

"I told them it was great we came out to do a job and we did it, but we have to think about next weekend," Blaylock said. "We still have one more series."

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coach) Judy's [Auld] 30th season.

"I definitely want to win next season for my sister."

Even though the squad had the safety blanket of just worrying about the future, the team was heavily focused in its effort versus Drake.

But they got the Bulldogs on the wrong day.

"We were totally focused on Drake. We went to the court to play for the room," Blanco said. "Drake seriously played their best tennis. I went and watched the other matches and we were fighting, but [Drake] was too good on Friday."

Freshman Zoya Honarmand was the lone Saluki to tally a victory against Drake with her 6-3, 6-1 walloping of Marie Mainil.

The Salukis entered the MVC championships with a 5-4 conference record and were tied with Drake for fourth place during the regular season

in the conference. Suffice to say, they thought it would not have concluded in such a lopsided score.

The season ended at 8-15 overall.

"I really thought it was going to be a very close match. I thought it could have been won by either team," Auld said. "But [Drake] came out and won the match. The expectation was for the girls to go out and play really good tennis and they did. But we fell a little bit short of what we thought would have happened."

In the midst of the scramble to move the matches to the inside due to inclement weather, Drake's experience in handling bizarre situations may have been the X-factor. SIU has zero seniors on the squad.

"I think Drake had the experience of playing in this situation and maybe had more maturity," Auld said.

"Two of the teams that weren't playing well and started practicing on the open courts and that was a distraction. That experience they had really helped out."

With the 2003 spring season in the

books, the players' minds now can be consumed with improving to fill those expectations of next year. The players have even gone as far to ask Auld if they can start hitting balls this week and skip any layoff.

"It sounds kind of funny, but [Sunday] I sat in church and I'm really thankful because this is a really good opportunity," Maria Blanco said.

Why not be excited?

The Salukis are returning honorable mention All-Conference selection Alejandra Blanco and everyone else, including Karl Stark who sat out the spring season with an injury. Freshman Zuzana Palovic will try time to rest her leg injury and Tana Trapani will be able to regain her old form.

"I think it has potential," Auld said. "Next year they have to take their game to next level. We need everybody to come back healthy. But this was a good team even this year."

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SIU had help, though.

Indiana State's all-conference No. 1 player Vedran Vidovic was out with an injury, causing regular-No. 2 player Henry Choi to be pushed up to No. 1.

But Choi did not have much trouble getting by SIU's No. 1 player Peter Bong in a 6-1, 6-0 thrashing.

In the first round, the Salukis did some thwarting of their own after walloping Creighton 6-0.

That win's impressiveness becomes multiplied when the fact SIU barely squeaked by the Bluejays: 4-3 back on April 6 is added to the equation.

"I was a bit surprised we shut them out," said Remigio, who shut out his Bluejays opponent Evan Kimura 6-0, 6-0. "Peter [Bong] played very well and he has been struggling, but beat the guy that beat him last time."

"We played above our talent level that game."

Bong's revenge did not come easy though. He and Kevin Otto were waged in a nip-and-tuck battle before Bong won the match 6-6, 6-0, 10-7.

Savior, an MVC honorable mention selection, also climbed a notch higher in the SIU all-time career wins list to 18th place with 50 wins after he dominated Vinny Meens 6-2, 6-1.

For Savior and Remigio, SIU's two departing seniors, the ending is

bittersweet after SIU started the season off to a 3-2 start.

"I have very mixed emotions," Remigio said. I am happy to get done with all of this, but I will miss traveling and the guys. We were disappointed with the season, but I gave my best to this school."

With such a young squad, SIU might finally be atop that hill.

"[First-place] will be open for anyone," Remigio said. "Indiana State is losing everyone, so it is open. I would say next year's team could range from first to fourth."

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BASEBALL

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The second game of Sunday's doubleheader did not go as well as the first three games.

Sophomore Eric Haberer (1-2) came out of the bullpen and gave up three runs on three hits to take the 4-2 loss.

Freshman Nathan Emrick

hit his first Saluki homerun, and Frisella hit his second of the day to give SIU a brief 2-1 lead. The home run tied Frisella for fifth on the SIU career home run list with former Salukis Tim Kratochvil and Brad Benson.

"We just didn't come out and play this weekend," Alley said.

"The good thing that is going to help us is we've got two weekends left and we're still right in it and

we're playing absolutely horrible baseball.

"Strap it on for eight more."

The Salukis will face Illinois at Abe Martin Field Tuesday in a game against former Saluki coach Richard "Ich" Jones. The game is scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

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Salukis enter Missouri Valley championships as fifth seed

SIU men's golf wraps up season in Quad Cities

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

The SIU men's golf team will try to shake off poor showings both in last week's tournament and in last year's Missouri Valley Conference Championships in this year's version of the MVC championship.

The Salukis, who finished second and first in two tournaments prior to last week's sixth-place showing at the Greg Palmer Eagle Classic, said finishing ahead of only one Division I school last week will not discourage them in the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, which take place today and tomorrow in the Quad Cities.

"I don't think it will be a big deal," reigning MVC Golfer of the Week Dustin Stewart said. "If anything, it's just gonna make us practice even harder."

The conditions at that tournament could be blamed for SIU's showing. Due to frequent rains, the course went unmowed and fairway grasses were four to five inches in length.

At last season's MVC champi-

onships, two SIU golfers fell ill as the Salukis tallied a disappointing seventh-place finish.

The Salukis were picked to finish fifth in the MVC championships mainly due to struggles early in the season, but a fifth-place finish would be disappointing for a team that has shown it can play well in those two early-April tournaments.

"With our early showing, it's fair, but I think we're going to be disappointed if we finish fifth or above fifth," head coach Leroy Newton said. "I think if we put it all together and the kids play just their golf game — they don't have to do anything spectacular — we could fool some people."

Standing between the Salukis and a championship is Wichita State, the team picked to take home the crown. Four of the conference's five best stroke averages belong to

Shocker golfers.

"They'll be the best team we've played all year," Grant Goltz said. "They're pretty stout."

With Stewart's fifth-place finish last week, SIU has four golfers that could give the Shockers some competition.

"Me and Josh (Wheeler) had a pretty solid spring and (Tim) Hoss is playing good," Goltz said. "Throw Stewart in there, and you got four guys playing about as good as they can. I'll roll the dice on that."

The Shockers could be in for a scare if SIU can return to its early April form and forget its past failures.

"We got guys right now with confidence," Goltz said. "The only thing in our way is ourselves."

"We're going to be disappointed if we finish fifth or above fifth. I think if we put it all together and the kids play just their golf game — they don't have to do anything spectacular — we could fool some people."

— Leroy Newton
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Sophomore Saluki golfer Roger Welch of Benedict Maryland practices his putt Thursday afternoon at Crab Orchard Golf Club. Welch and the team will be starting the Missouri Valley Conference Championships this morning in Silvis.

Alley loses for first time in MVC, Dawgs move into second

The SIU baseball team stepped up to earn a split after Alley's game one loss

Christopher Morriscal
Daily Egyptian

It was the chance of the season.

A Sunday doubleheader sweep would have put the SIU baseball team in first place, but instead they had to settle for second.

The Salukis could only muster one win Sunday and had to settle for a four-game split of the series at Evansville — a split that cost them first place.

With MVC leaders Wichita State and Southwest Missouri State taking on teams with inferior records, the Salukis knew they

were going to have to keep pace.

Instead, the Shockers and Bears both lost their series and a game four win would have moved the Salukis into first place by a half game. At one point during the series finale, the Dawgs were actually tied for first, but could not hold on to it.

"All you hear is we're still in the hunt," SIU ace pitcher Jake Alley said. "We're playing horrible and we're still in the hunt. I guess that's a good thing, but I'm tired of saying, 'We're still in this.'"

"I don't want to be in it anymore. I want to be in first place. I want to be the top team in the conference. We just have to find a way to get over the hump. We're right there and we just have to start playing when we have to."

Alley (5-2) pitched eight innings and allowed only two runs on five hits with 10 strikeouts and took the 2-0 loss against Aces starting pitcher Michael Greenhouse in the

series opener.

Greenhouse (2-5) was masterful in his performance. He no-hit the Salukis through seven innings before finishing the game with only one hit allowed.

The loss was Alley's first in conference play.

SIU head baseball coach Dan Callahan was just as upset as Alley was about the series outcome.

"We're in a position to make a run and we leave Evansville with a split," Callahan said. "We might as well have phoned it in and saved the money, but we'll get back after it next week."

"I keep thinking one of these weeks we'll really bust out on offense. We only saw it in one game and we probably only swung the bats well enough to win one game. We're probably lucky we got out of there with the split."

After Alley took the tough loss, the rest of the Salukis stepped up and pounded out a season-high 20 hits in game two.

The Salukis' (23-19, 14-9 MVC) offensive explosion brought 20 runs across the plate in a 20-6 shellacking of Evansville (21-24, 10-14 MVC) pitching.


Bryan Rueger (5-1) picked up the win in game two and a rare game-three win by Tyler Norrick, who was a surprise starter after Callahan declined to name a game three or four rotation.

Norrick (2-0) got the 2-1 win after going seven innings and allowed no runs. It was the freshman's first start of his career.

The Dawgs won in extra innings with a two-run home run by senior outfielder Sal Frisella. It was his first since March 22 and was his 23 of his SIU career.

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Salukis leave their mark

SIU softball team takes two of three from Illinois State

Jens Deju
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It was a matchup of the top two teams in the Missouri Valley Conference, and the Salukis were more than ready for the challenge.

The SIU softball team took two out of three games from Illinois State this weekend at the Redbird Softball Complex and cut the chase for first place to just half a game heading into the final weekend.

SIU head coach Kerri Blaylock said prior to the start of the series that the games were going to be low-scoring battles, and she could not have been more on the money.

The Salukis swept a double-header Saturday by identical 1-0 scores, but fell in the final game 4-1 as the Redbirds (27-20, 18-5 MVC) prevented the series sweep and stayed in first place.

Despite falling in the final game, Saluki players were left satisfied with the way the weekend turned out.

"We were real happy with the way things went and we had a real good day [Saturday] and I thought

we played the best we could [Sunday]," said junior shortstop Jenny Doehring. "We really battled and pulled out two."

Saturday was a sensational day for the Salukis (34-9, 17-5 MVC) that featured two shutouts and two dramatic game-winning home runs.

The first game was scoreless going into the top of the seventh inning when freshman infielder Katie Louis launched her 11th home run of the season to give the Salukis a 1-0 lead.

Louis' 11 home runs is a new SIU single season record breaking a tie at 10 with former standout Marja Viehhaus. She also extended her freshman mark she broke earlier in the year.

The second game was scoreless going into the bottom of the ninth inning when Doehring hit a walk-off home run to give the Salukis another 1-0 victory.

Doehring said she only remembers hitting one other walk-off home run, but that was during summer ball.

She added that she had never been a part of two games such as the two teams played Saturday.

"I've been a part of games where things like that have happened, but not back to back and especially not against a good team like Illinois State," Doehring said.

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— Jenny Doehring
Junior, Saluki softball

The shot was her sixth of the season and the 40th of the year by SIU.

Blaylock said to be able to knock off the Redbirds the Salukis needed to pull off these close games — in large part because of Illinois State's dominating senior pitcher Audra Rast.

"That's what I thought would need to happen for us to be successful, to keep the games low scoring and then give ourselves a chance at the end because Rast is such a good pitcher," Blaylock said.

For the weekend, Rast threw a total of 22.1 innings and struck out 41 Salukis while allowing just three runs. Despite this, she still took two losses to see her record fall to 18-11.

Blaylock said she considers Rast to be one of the top pitchers in the MVC, but the elite group she is in

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Freshman first baseman Katie Louis stretches for the out in the Salukis three-game series versus Illinois State this weekend. Louis hit her eleventh home run in the seventh inning of game one, setting a single-season record for Saluki softball. The Salukis took two of three games from the first-place Redbirds in Normal.

Saluki tennis teams lose in quarterfinals of MVC's

Women's tennis falls to Drake

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The members of the SIU women's tennis squad sulked with tears fresh in their eyes as they sat in the locker room after being handled 4-1 by Drake in the quarterfinals of the Missouri Valley Conference outdoor championship.

It was not supposed to end in this fashion for the Salukis, who were considered one of the hotter teams going into the MVC championships.

"We were really disappointed to lose," freshman Maria Blanco said. "I was really disappointed because maybe nobody knows how hard we really worked this season. Everybody

was very sad and teary."

Prior to the MVC championships, the team collectively made the decision to practice for an extra hour in hope it will aid in their crusade as the dark horse in the MVC.

This swirled through their heads, and after the team began to talk in the locker room, their moods shifted to a cheerful tone.

"We were saying how each team had its time to shine like with [SIU] volleyball this year," Blanco said. "They had a very tough [2001] year a not having enough people to compete at the MVC [championships]. This year we had injuries again, but next year it is my sister's [Alejandra] last year and it is [SIU]

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Men's tennis falls to Indiana State

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The Indiana State men's tennis team has been reigning as the king of the hill in the Missouri Valley Conference for nearly four years.

In its attempt to dethrone a team that has won 55-straight MVC matches, the SIU men's tennis team got pushed off the hill.

The top-seeded Sycamores shut out the eighth-seeded Salukis 4-0 in the quarterfinal round of the MVC tournament.

The loss ended the Salukis' season at 5-9 overall and 2-8 in conference play.

But SIU head coach Missy Jeffrey insisted it was much closer than the lopsided score would

suggest because of the fact that once the match is decided, the rest of the games are forfeited.

Had that not been the case, the end result could have been as close as 4-3.

"It wasn't as bad as it appeared," Jeffrey said.

Freshman standout Bojan Ilievski was leading Ionut Hurduc 7-5, 3-2 and fellow freshman Tomas Gonzales was up 6-2, 2-1 on Dalibor Mahajlovic. Senior Alon Savidor lost his first set by just 7-6 before it was called.

"We played well against them," said senior Gian Carlo Remigio. "It was one of the best performances this season. I think we could have pulled off an upset. We had a chance to do it."

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