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SIUC grad hopes her book will inspire others with disabilities.



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Twelve-year-old is youngest SIUC student in two years.

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# Federal mediator to aid union talks

**STANDSTILL:** Faculty contract negotiations stalled over 5 key issues.

**WILLIAM HATFIELD**  
DE POLITICALS EDITOR

A federal mediator will aid in contract negotiations between the SIUC faculty union and the administration because both sides have said negotiations are at a standstill.

On June 30, the SIUC Illinois Education Association/National Education Association, which represents

about 740 tenured and tenure-track faculty, requested federal mediation after the association declared that a deadlock had been reached.

William Capie, associate vice chancellor for Administration, said Richard Kirkpatrick, a mediator from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, will come to SIUC. The service provides mediations for union negotiations for a limited charge.

"He will attempt to get the lines of communication open if they have broken down," Capie said. "He'll

offer a fresh perspective on the issues."

Both Capie and Jim Sullivan, faculty union president and spokesman, have said that one of the areas of disagreement is the role of faculty in University planning and decision making. Sullivan said the faculty union will pursue a greater role of faculty in University affairs.

"There is a profoundly differing philosophy operating here," Sullivan said. "The administration's philosophy has been in the past to make unilateral decisions, and they

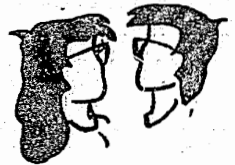
are loathe to give up power which has been ceded to them over the decades.

"We see the vitality of the institution for the future as a significantly increased role of faculty in the decision-making process."

According to the Faculty Association Web page (<http://siuc-faculty-assoc.org>), the impasse was caused by five issues.

• Binding arbitration for pending grievances

## Gus, Bode



Gus says: My girlfriend and I need a mediator.

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# Legislation could end trustee elections

**PROPOSAL:** Bill would give Governor Edgar final authority in choosing student trustee.

**KIRK MOTTRAM**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A proposal by the state to abolish the student trustee election process next year has the SIUC student trustee, Pat Kelly, fuming.

"It's gone from bad to worse," Kelly said. "I might be the last democratically elected student trustee at this school."

Kelly, who was elected in April to represent the SIUC student body on the SIU Board of Trustees, awaits Gov. Jim Edgar's decision, expected later this week, on which selection process to sanction.

Currently, University trustees are elected annually by popular vote. SIU maintains two trustee posts, one at the Carbondale campus and one at Edwardsville. Though neither possess a vote on the Board of Trustees now, the new proposal seeks to change this, granting one SIU student trustee this power.

Tom Livingston, Edgar's chief higher education adviser, said the proposal to eliminate the student trustee election process is one of the many options being considered.

Instead of scheduling elections, the plan establishes an SIU screening committee as its selection mechanism.

The committee, composed of 10 students and 10 administrators chosen by the state, would study submissions from student trustee hopefuls and ultimately, select three or four candidates who are then recommended to Edgar for final evaluation.

Edgar would then appoint the candidate he thinks is the most competent.

"This is greatly disturbing," Kelly said, in reference to the new plan.

He said an important facet of the student trustee system is the democratic process that fosters it.

"Without elections, we're not appointing a candidate who really represents the student population," Kelly said. "We're not getting someone who really understands the issues and can effectively voice students' concerns."

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DOUG LARSON/DAILY EGYPTIAN

**CLOTH:** Najjar Abdul-Musawwir, a recent master of fine arts graduate, appeared at his thesis show, "Garment," Friday at the University Museum in Faner Hall.

# Garments weave message of peace

**TRANQUIL:** Master's exhibition intended to portray contemporary Islamic art in the U.S.

**VASSILIS NEMTSAS**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Through his paintings of people dressed in white garments, Najjar Abdul-Musawwir wants to send a message of peace.

"My art looks peaceful," Abdul-Musawwir said, as the music of flutes filled the air in the University Museum Thursday evening. "The theme of this (painting) exhibition is garment and how it unifies with relationships."

Abdul-Musawwir recently received his master's degree in fine arts from

SIUC. "Garment," his exhibition, will be open to the public until Aug. 2 at the University Museum's north court.

The University Museum is located in the southeast corner of Faner Hall on campus.

His works display peaceful family moments of people dressed in traditional Muslim white garments. Abdul-Musawwir said this exhibition was the first of its kind by a Muslim artist in the United States.

"People who see my art should get a vision of contemporary Islamic art," Abdul-Musawwir said. "I want to see my art in international Islamic art exhibitions for American history."

About 60 people attended Abdul-Musawwir's opening-night reception for the exhibition, which also was his thesis for his master's degree.

Most of the visitors were mesmerized by Abdul-Musawwir's works, some of which were larger than 5 feet by 4 feet.

Joel Feldman, an SIUC art and design professor and member of Abdul-Musawwir's thesis committee, was pleased with the exhibition. He said it reflects Abdul-Musawwir's beliefs and attitudes in a significant way.

"He has a unique perspective," Feldman said. "He is addressing both issues in contemporary art, and at the same time he is addressing profound and controversial issues in the religion of Islam."

The theme of family found in most of the paintings was what impressed

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### Southern Illinois Forecast

**TODAY:**  
Partly cloudy.  
High: 85  
Low: 61

**THURSDAY:**  
Partly cloudy.  
High: 85  
Low: 64

**FRIDAY:**  
Partly cloudy.  
High: 86  
Low: 66

**SATURDAY:**  
Partly cloudy.  
High: 92  
Low: 72

## Calendar

### TODAY

**CALENDAR POLICY**  
The deadline for Calendar items is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission cost and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered or mailed to the Daily Egyptian Newsroom, Communications Building, Room 1247. All calendar items also appear on the DE Web page. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

- SIUC Library Affairs - Digital Imaging for the Web Seminar, 9 to 10 a.m., Morris Library Room 19. Contact Undergraduate desk for details, 453-2818.

- Brown Bag Summer Concert Series - noon to 1 p.m., Town Square Pavilion, Illinois Ave. and Main St., Carbondale.

- SIUC Library Affairs - Introduction to Constructing Home Pages, 6 to 8 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate desk for details, 453-2121.

- Egyptian Aquarium Society meeting - 8 p.m., 2nd floor lounge, East end of Student Center. Contact Scott at 351-9727 for details.

### UPCOMING

- Practice Graduate Record Examination - 1 p.m., Oct. 10. Contact Woody Hall 8204 or 536-3303.

- Discount Massage - Student of massage looking to refine techniques. Contact Tara for an appointment, 529-5029.

- Help End Marijuana Prohibition Club meeting - 2 p.m., every Thursday, Student Center 3rd floor, Activity Room D. Contact Reid for details, 529-4083.

- SIUC Library Affairs - Java Seminar, 2 to 3 p.m., July 31, Morris Library Room 15. Contact Undergraduate desk for details, 453-2818.

- SIUC Library Affairs - Intermediate Web Publishing Seminar, 3 to 4:30 p.m., July 31, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.

- Christian Women's Conference - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 2, New Zion Baptist Church, 803 N. Robert Stalls Ave., Carbondale. Contact 457-7075 for details.

- Women In Song Concert - 6 p.m., Aug. 2, New Zion Baptist Church 803 N. Robert Stalls Ave. Contact Leonor at 457-7075 for details.

- SIUC Ballroom Dance Club Meeting - 7 to 9 p.m., Through July, Davies Gym, \$5 per semester. Contact Linda for details, 893-4029.

- Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting - 7:30 to 9 p.m., every Tuesday at the Newman Catholic Student Center. Contact Tom or Jan at 549-4266 for details.

- SIUC Counseling Services - Support group for gay and bisexual men, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at SIUC. Contact Ric or Alan for details, 453-5371.

- Motorcycle Rider Course - 6 to 9:30 p.m., Aug. 15, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 16, 17, at SIUC. Contact Skip Starkey at 1-800-642-9589 for details.

- Motorcycle Rider Courses - 6 to 9:30 p.m., Aug. 22; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Aug. 23 and 24, at SIUC. Contact Skip Starkey for details, 1-800-642-9589.

- Kappa Alpha Fraternity dance - Welcoming back students, 10 p.m., August 22, Smilin' Jacks. Contact Chris at 549-6486 or <http://members.oel.com/siunup/chapter.html>.

- Childbirth Classes - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Aug. 30, sponsored by the Jackson County Health Department. To register, call 684-3143, ext. 0.

## Corrections

If readers spot an error in a news article, they can contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, extension 233 or 228.

## Police

### UNIVERSITY

- At 7:55 a.m. Monday, police discovered a window broken out by a thrown brick of 103 Oak Row. Damage was estimated at \$200.

### CARBONDALE

- Police are investigating a residential burglary that occurred between 7 p.m. Thursday and 1 a.m. Friday in the 1000 block of East Park Street.

The suspects entered the victim's trailer by smashing out a window. Once inside, the suspects also took cash, jewelry, a Nintendo game and other items valued at more than \$800.

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## Library Affairs

## SIUC Library Affairs August 1997 Seminar Series

Morris Library will offer a series of seminars on electronic research databases and the World Wide Web. Seminars are open to all and will be held in Morris Library. Registration is strongly recommended. To register, please call 453-2818, send an e-mail message to [ugl@lib.siu.edu](mailto:ugl@lib.siu.edu), or stop by the Undergraduate Library Information Desk.

Most seminars are held in the Technology Demonstration Lab, Room 103D in the Undergraduate Library; other locations in Morris Library are as noted. Enrollment limits are also listed. Items marked with an asterisk [\*] are taught in Instructional Support Services, located in the lower level of the Library.

Date	Times	Topic	Location	Enrollment
8-4 (Monday)	10-11 am	ILLINET Online	103D	16
8-5 (Tuesday)	10-11 am	SilverPlatter Databases	103D	16
8-6 (Wednesday)	1-2 pm	Advanced WWW using Netscape (IBM)	103D	16
8-6 (Wednesday)	3-5 pm	Introduction to Constructing Home Pages (HTML)	103D	8
8-7 (Thursday)	8-10 am	Introduction to Constructing Home Pages (HTML)	103D	8
8-11 (Monday)	1-2 pm	Introduction to Database Searching	103D	16
8-12 (Tuesday)	1-2 pm	ILLINET Online	103D	16
8-12 (Tuesday)	3-5 pm	Introduction to Constructing Home Pages (HTML)	103D	8
8-13 (Wednesday)	1-2 pm	Introduction to WWW using Netscape (IBM)	103D	16
8-14 (Thursday)	3-5 pm	Intermediate Web Publishing (HTML)	103D	8
8-19 (Tuesday)	9-11 am	Introduction to Constructing Home Pages (HTML)	103D	8
8-20 (Wednesday)	10-11 am	Introduction to WWW using Netscape (IBM)	103D	16
8-20 (Wednesday)	10-11 am	Digital Imaging for the Web*	Room 19	16
8-20 (Wednesday)	1-2 pm	Advanced WWW using Netscape (IBM)	103D	16
8-20 (Wednesday)	2-3 pm	Introduction to Asynchronous Learning	103D	16
8-21 (Thursday)	10-11 am	Introduction to Asynchronous Learning	103D	16
8-21 (Thursday)	1-2 pm	Introduction to WWW using Netscape (IBM)	103D	16
8-21 (Thursday)	2-3 pm	Java*	Room 15	15
8-21 (Thursday)	2-3 pm	Digital Imaging for the Web*	Room 19	16
8-22 (Friday)	8-10 am	Introduction to Constructing Home Pages (HTML)	103D	8
8-25 (Monday)	10-11 am	InfoTrac and InfoTrac SearchBank	103D	16
8-26 (Tuesday)	1-3 pm	PowerPoint	103D	8
8-26 (Tuesday)	3-5 pm	Intermediate Web Publishing (HTML)	103D	8
8-27 (Wednesday)	10-11 am	Introduction to WWW using Netscape (IBM)	103D	16
8-27 (Wednesday)	6-8 pm	Introduction to Constructing Home Pages (HTML)	103D	8
8-28 (Thursday)	2-3:30 pm	E-Mail using Eudora (IBM)	103D	16
8-28 (Thursday)	8-10 am	Introduction to Constructing Home Pages (HTML)	103D	8

# Ability overcomes disabilities

**LOCAL WRITER:** Student proves barriers no concern with proper attitude, outlook.

**TAMEKA L. HICKS**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Growing up with low expectations placed on her because she had cerebral palsy helped Beth Swinford grow to accomplish a significant goal in her life.

Completing her book, "Traveling Uphill in a Wheelchair," in February was Swinford's goal to eliminate the pity toward the physically challenged as well as give inspiration to people with disabilities.

"When I was small, people with disabilities weren't expected to achieve anything," Swinford said. "What I want people to know is that people are people. To me, that was my goal."

Swinford, who lives in Herrin, graduated from SIUC with a bachelor's degree in social work in May.

During birth, she acquired cerebral palsy, a condition in which a lack of oxygen to the brain causes damage to the central nervous system. She was two months premature.

Swinford said support from her parents made it easier to live with cerebral palsy, which has confined her to a wheelchair her entire life.

Swinford's father, Don Swinford, published and assisted her with the assembly of the book that took about four months to write. It is available at Swinford and Association in Herrin and Books and Co. in Marion.

As she anticipated graduation, Swinford felt the time had come to share with other what she calls her "gifted life."

"I was lucky to have a great support system like my family," Swinford said. "I was reaching a point in my life where I thought it was the end of an era for me. And I just thought, here's my shot."

Swinford said being different has been diffi-



DOUG LARSON/DAILY EGYPTIAN

**JOB SKILLS:** (right) Beth Swinford, (right) a May graduate in social work and author of "Traveling Uphill in a Wheelchair," discusses work with Chuck Elliot, a personal assistant facilitator, Monday at the Center for Independent Living, 100

cult, but has rewardingly taught her how to accept other people. As she received a variety of letters from her readers, she said the book is not only about disabilities.

"It's for everyone," she said. "I got a lot of letters, everyone from convicts to friends. I think having a difference has helped me see other people's differences."

Since graduation, Swinford has worked with disabled people as a social worker specialist at the Center for Independent Living, 100 Glenview Drive. She enjoys being a personal assistant to people and providing them with skills training.

"I help people with having their choice on how they want to live their own lives," Swinford said. "I think if I didn't have a disability, I still would be a social worker."

Barbara Stotlar, program director for the center, said Swinford's love for the job lights

up the lives of people she works with everyday.

"Beth brings life and humor not only to her work, but to the office and the peers she works with," Stotlar said. "She has a perspective on independent living toward the people she serves, and they are guided to the point where they will take control of their own lives."

Stotlar has not read Swinford's book yet, but has every intention to.

"She has innovative ideas, and the energy and commitment to take those ideas into a logical end of change," Stotlar said.

Writing a book was a way for Swinford to express her strength and how she has taken control of her life by breaking the barriers she experiences each day.

"I live with a physical barrier everyday," she said. "But the biggest barrier is people's attitude. The book teaches patience and tolerance of other people."

# Simon oversees Liberian vote

**NEW LEADER:** After seven years of war and destruction, country votes for peace.

**MIKAL J. HARRIS**  
DE CAMPIUS LIFE EDITOR

In Liberia during the country's elections last week, Paul Simon approached one voter out of hundreds in line at a polling place — voters who had lined up there as early as dawn.

Simon, a former U.S. senator and SIUC professor who monitored Thursday's elections, was surveying citizens of the West African country on election morning. He was heartened by a short, but nonverbal conversation with the particular voter he approached.

"I would ask people why they were voting, and most of them said, 'We want peace,'" Simon said. "I asked one man why he was voting that morning, and he simply pointed at the baby cradled in his arms."

"People generally want to move away from

the war."

The aftershocks of Liberia's seven-year civil war hastened about 90 percent of the country's citizens to the polls. Out of a field of 12 candidates, 49-year-old Charles Taylor was chosen as Liberia's new leader. Taylor won 75.3 percent of the vote, with runner-up Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf garnering 9.6 percent.

Taylor, a former guerrilla warlord, started the country's civil war in December 1989. The elections were the climax of a peace process that has brought calm to the newly democratic country. More than 150,000 people were killed during Liberia's civil war and transitional government upheaval.

Simon monitored the elections of Africa's oldest republic along with former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and President Soglo of Benin. Earlier in the summer, Simon also observed the elections in Croatia.

As one of more than 500 international observers, Simon said he spoke with Taylor after the election.

"We just candidly said, 'You have to do what you can to bring this country together,'"

Simon said. "He was very receptive to our concern."

"One out of 12 people in Liberia were killed in that war and one out of three were affected otherwise. There was not a building in Monrovia that was not scarred by the war. The country has gone through a lot."

However, Simon said voters persevered in their efforts to organize a fair election although municipal power and utilities are scarce in the war-torn country.

"People were very conscientious during the election," he said. "They even counted votes by candlelight because there was no electricity. I have to say that the election in Liberia was very well-run."

The Liberian election was one without expensive political advertising campaigns. For all practical purposes, Simon said television does not exist in Liberia. He said radios do exist, but newspapers are not read because of the country's high illiteracy rate.

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# City, campus seek to improve image

**TEAMWORK:** Improving publics' perception vital to increasing enrollment.

**ALICE JOHNSON**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Carbondale and SIUC need to promote a more positive image upon which the media can focus, some participants of the Communiiversity project say.

At a Communiiversity project meeting Tuesday, Undergraduate President David Vingren said the University and city should cooperate to improve the image of SIUC.

"We want to work with the media to pro-

mote a better SIUC and a better Carbondale and stop focusing on negative things that happen, and one of those ways is to not give them anything negative to write about," Vingren said. "We want to keep Halloween out of the media as much as possible."

Communiiversity is a joint venture created by student government officials and City Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan to improve relations between students, city officials, SIUC administrators and residents.

Items discussed at the meeting included making students feel more welcome at SIUC and creating better promotion for Carbondale and the University.

About 30 people attended the meeting, whereas about 65 attended the first meeting.

Flanagan said she was not disappointed by the drop in attendance.

"We have to go to a small group," Flanagan said. "In a large group we spin our wheels. We want to bring a smaller amount of people together to really run with the ball, that have the interest in specific areas and to do the leg-work."

"A lot of people want to help out and participate but don't have the time."

However, Councilman Larry Briggs said one possible reason for the drop in attendance could be that interest in Communiiversity project is waning.

"It's like every meeting here — interest dies off," Briggs said. "It's time to quit writing on the walls. It's time to get on down the road."

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## Southern Illinois

### CARBONDALE

**Suspect arrested in auto and business burglaries**

Carbondale Police have charged a local man with the July 22 burglary of Westown Shell, 222 N. Emerald Lane, and four auto burglaries.

After identifying Jesse Lafayette, 20, as a possible suspect, officers went to his residence at 709 S. Wall St. on Thursday.

Police said the Lafayette, who is also known as Christopher House, jumped from a second-floor balcony and ran from officers. Following a short foot chase, police apprehended Lafayette, and he was found to be wanted on warrants for cannabis trafficking out of Champaign County and for failure to appear in court in Iroquois County on a charge of driving under the influence.

Police have recovered property from the business and auto burglaries.

Additional property also has been recovered, possibly from additional burglaries in the Carbondale area. Anyone who has been the victim of an auto burglary within the past month who has not made a report can call Det. Mark Goddard or Officer Jeff Vaughn at 457-3200.

## Nation

### COLUMBIA, MO.

**Flavors that never quite caught on with public**

Most ice cream connoisseurs don't know what they're missing.

But Robert Marshall knows. He has seen and tasted varieties of ice cream that many of us could, or should, only imagine.

Marshall, a food scientist at the University of Missouri in Columbia, is one of America's leading ice cream researchers. One of the two campus facilities he operates is the Arbuckle Ice Cream Laboratory, where small teams of researchers investigate practical issues such as an ice cream's "scoopability."

Recently, at the special request of another faculty member, Marshall whipped up a batch of garlic ice cream. He says, "It was pretty good at first taste, but then you carried around this garlic aftertaste. She tried the ice cream on 50 volunteers, and she says it was a hit. I have a little trouble believing that."

Marshall also tells the story of another ice cream flavor, tested elsewhere, that quickly went by the wayside chili con carne. He says, "Maybe that would sell in South Texas, but not here."

### ORLANDO, FLA.

**Students hope to invent next fast-food sensation**

Long ago, some very clever people were inspired to invent the food we love to munch: Twinkies, Mozzarella cheese sticks, Snickers bars. Microwaveable burritos.

Teams of college students recently tested their own designing abilities by entering their ideas for yummy, unique morsels in a nationwide food product competition held in Orlando, Fla.

A team from the Midwest invented a meat product made with steak from Nebraska cattle. A group of California students created an organic drink with an herbal extract. And the New York team came up with a more sophisticated version of the Twinkie — a crepe with a shelf life.

In the end, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln food science team grabbed top honors in the contest, sponsored by the Institute of Food Technologists. The team's invention, "Nebraska Twist Steak," is a pinwheel of marinated beef and pork cubes flavored with lemon-pepper seasoning.

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**Stop(light) wasting time**

We humans are an amazing lot. We have sent members of our own species to walk upon the lunar surface. We have doubled our average life expectancy in a few generations. We can now speak with someone across the world instantaneously with the aid of communications satellites.

And, according to researchers in the field, male pattern baldness may be nonexistent in the years shortly following the turn of the century.

It seems that every day, humans figure out something else. Science and technology — and I write this as an individual who took a class titled “Hi-fi Lasers and Audio Equipment” with the hope that I’d

be able to build my own laser gun — is growing by leaps and bounds. So, sometimes I find myself becoming excruciatingly optimistic about the future of our world.

And then I drive up to a stoplight with four red lights.

**FOUR FREAKING RED LIGHTS!**

No one is going ANYWHERE! We’re all just SITTING there, spitting carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, the air conditioning literally laughing at us, with these bizarre expressions on our faces that convey unspoken messages such as “Is the green light broken?” or “Maybe the traffic laws have changed and I’m supposed to be looking for SHADES of red to tell me what to do?” or even “I wonder what would happen if I just drove right there into the intersection. Would I get arrested? I wouldn’t get hit because everyone else is just sitting here along with me. They’re certainly not going anywhere. Maybe I should be the red-light rebel.”

It isn’t so much the red lights that bother me.

Red lights mean stop, and sometimes, in our society, we need to stop. We have to take turns, we have to be cordial, we have to be patient.

What bothers me is when I am not only stopped, but so is everyone else. We all are physically not going anywhere at the same time. We are wasting time, truly the most valuable commodity for those of us burdened with the reality of a finite existence.

One day I came to a stoplight, right here in town, and I think you know the stoplight I’m referring to, and I, for some strange reason, counted how many sec-

onds I noticed that no one could legally go anywhere.

Not even the little green “You can turn left, as if that’s the direction you really want to go” arrow. Nothing.

Three seconds. Seriously. Three seconds. Now, three seconds doesn’t seem like a great deal of time to the individual, and it really isn’t, but this isn’t an individual problem. This is a collective problem.

Therefore — and I write this as a person who once took a math class where one of the objectives was teaching us how to figure out the probability of pulling a red marble out of a jar with one

red marble and some pickles — I did some calculations. So, we have three wasted seconds where no one can legally move. If we figure that there are on average 10 non-moving vehicles at each stoplight, we now have 30 collectively wasted seconds.

Now if we figure that there is one red light every two minutes, we have 30 collectively wasted seconds every two minutes, or 15 collectively wasted minutes an hour.

That comes to six collectively wasted hours each 24-hour period. In other words, one fourth of the collective time spent at that stop light is legally being wasted doing nothing. That’s three months each year, legally wasted.

Not individually wasted, mind you, but collectively.

Now we need to remember that despite American rhetoric about rugged individualism, most of the great accomplishments come about by a synergy of individual talents.

Three seconds per person is no big deal, to that individual person. However, if my calculations are correct (which I sincerely, in retrospect, doubt), then that means that three months out of the year, collectively, are being wasted at that one stop light. That is a hell of a burden on the world.

This is a problem, and it needs to be looked into. Not by me, though.

This is a time-wasting problem, thus there is only one true institution that is qualified to look into it. I am, of course, referring to the Wasted Time Department, located on the fourth floor of Woody Hall, right next to the Department of Wacky Funding Ideology.

“We are wasting time, truly the most valuable commodity for those of us burdened with the reality of a finite existence.”



Josh Robison

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**Our Word**

**Self-serving**

Tow truck owners deserve no say in towing cap

A GROUP OF TOWING COMPANY OWNERS, landlords and city officials, in an attempt to pinpoint reasonable towing fees, have rammed through an inane proposal to the City Council capping non-consensual tows at \$65.

Currently, charges average \$50 for non-dolly tows and \$75 for tows that must utilize a dolly. As you can see, our friends at local towing yards, at rental agencies and at City Hall have saved the victims of non-consensual tows a whopping \$10.

WHO ARE THEY FOOLING? THESE COSTS still are exorbitantly too high. The problem can be spelled out in simple terms: conflict of interest.

At a meeting July 24, tow truck owners, landlords and city officials discussed a \$40 limit proposed by city staff three weeks earlier.

Interestingly, some of the same groups that profit from the business were called in to discuss how much they need for operating costs and what rates are fair and reasonable. You think they might say anything below \$50 is “way too low for the expenses we had.” You’re right. The owner of Larry’s Towing expressed this concern. Who would have thought?

Tow truck owners and landlords have bullied their way through negotiations and have reached a settlement that allows for the towing enterprise to remain profitable. What these negotiations demonstrate is that towing interests are seemingly untouchable.

WHAT IS MOST UNNERVING ABOUT THE issue is that prior to the \$65 agreement, city officials released a tentative figure of \$40. Since then, the total has increased by more than 50 percent.

Most tows in Carbondale, according to towing companies, cost between \$50 and \$60. Does City Hall really believe towing companies are going to cap their profits by reducing their fees? Of course not. Thus, when students, faculty and other Carbondale residents are left with no transportation after running into Dairy Queen or Kinko’s Kopies and mistakenly parking in the danger zone, they might have to fork over more than what was previously demanded.

This evaluation group, purporting to be concerned, has no intention of really changing anything. Its members have concocted a scheme wherein they look good by reducing maximum towing fees and everybody thinks they’re saviors, while the average towee suffers.

VOTERS BEWARE, WHEN, COME ELECTION season, councilmembers and city officials seeking reelection use the issue in selling their campaigns. They have changed nothing, except possibly a naive public’s perception that progress and change are underway.

Student leaders need to reject this so-called cap and aggressively lobby against this proposal. USG President Dave Vingren should be commended for injecting student concerns and factual information concerning the towing process into the negotiations, but he cannot stand around feeling “uncomfortable” with the results. He, in coordination with his colleagues, needs to procure the spirit of Elliott Ness and avenge the financial injustices people have suffered at the hands of Carbondale’s towing companies.

BY THE SAME TOKEN, THE CITY COUNCIL must take the time to analyze all of the information and hear everyone’s concerns. Councilmembers must consider what really is fair and not just what tow truck owners think is fair.

“Our Word” represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

# Distance learning offers convenience

**INTERACT:** Program offers instruction to those unable to attend community college.

**HEATHER YATES**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

More SIUC courses are being offered through the SIUC distance learning program than ever before since the program's beginning in 1994.

**DISTANCE**

•The cost per credit hour for fall semester is \$45 for undergraduates and \$90 for graduate students.

•Anyone wishing to register for a distance learning class should contact Heidi Greer, distance learning coordinator, at 453-1018.

Jerry Hosteller, assistant professor for Library Affairs, said that in spring 1995, only two courses were offered for 13 students. In spring 1997, three courses were offered for 64 students. In fall 1997, 12 courses will be offered.

Frederic Reneau, a professor of workforce education and development, prefers teaching in a normal classroom.

"Teaching is not that different

using distance learning, but nothing can compare to having actual students present in the classroom," Reneau said.

Distance learning provides students with the opportunity to interact with an instructor via a live broadcast. The program allows SIUC instructors to teach students of other Illinois schools.

It also allows students who are unable to attend classes at their community college campus to register and attend classes at SIUC.

A faculty member is able to teach off-campus students from television screens situated about a room in Morris Library, and much like a real classroom students, can ask questions of the instructor.

Reneau, who likely will be teaching a multimedia development course (WD501) in the fall, has taught several classes using SIUC's distance learning program since its development.

"The College of Education decided to offer the courses so that students could take graduate and undergraduate classes they might otherwise not be able to," Reneau said. "Distance learning provides more convenience for students. In the past, I've had some students drive two hours or more both ways to take a class on campus.

"This is a waste of time, and expensive. By the time of arrival, the student is already worn out."

Reneau said that teaching stu-

dents using distance learning is different from normal teaching because an instructor must use fax machines and prepare materials for a student at the remote location.

Reneau and other faculty members using distance learning teach from Morris Library, which houses the Regional Center for Distance Learning and Multimedia Development.

This center provides group seminars, individual assistance and an equipped facility for SIUC and other teaching faculty who wish to develop multimedia products for distance learning, classroom and individual use.

Carolyn Snyder, dean of Library Affairs, said SIUC college faculty and deans decide which classes to offer, and that the library acts only as a support system in the decisions.

The School of Social Work is sponsoring its first distance learning course in the fall.

"We are experimenting with the program at this stage to acquaint the faculty and students with distance learning," said Martin Tracey, director of the School of Social Work. "Eventually we would like to work with the (Social Work) Department at SIUE and schools in the Mississippi River Delta."

Hosteller said other SIUC departments also are continuing to use distance learning.

"The Department of Rehabilitation is very active in the

program," Hosteller said. "SIUC's Medical School in Springfield is using the program to hold weekend classes".

Some institutions that use distance learning are John A. Logan Community College, Rend Lake College, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Choate Mental Health Center, Shawnee Community College, Du Quoin High School, Cairo High School and Southeastern Community College.

Stephen Yarbrough, director of continuing education, said the Illinois Board of Higher Education allocated \$15 million statewide a year for five years for a total of \$75 million to fund the program.

So far, the program has received \$45 million of the grant.

Yarbrough said the only known problems with the system have been in scheduling. He said increased usage has made it difficult to accommodate all people who want to use the program.

Hosteller said there are about 400 interactive classrooms statewide.

Snyder said students engaged in distance learning can receive financial aid from the school they are attending.

"We have made significant progress in the area of financial aid," Snyder said. "Students enrolled in an SIUC distance learning course at another institution, such as John A. Logan, can receive financial aid from there."

# Chief Illiniwek opposed

REUTERS

URBANA, Ill. — The chairman of a human rights watchdog group is taking a public stance against the University of Illinois mascot.

In a letter addressed to the U.I. Board of Trustees, Morton Winston, a 1978 U.I. graduate and chairman of Amnesty International USA, said that Chief Illiniwek made him ashamed to be an alumnus. Winston said he was prompted to write the letter to board Chairwoman Susan Gravenhorst after viewing the film "In Whose Honor?" on public television July 15.

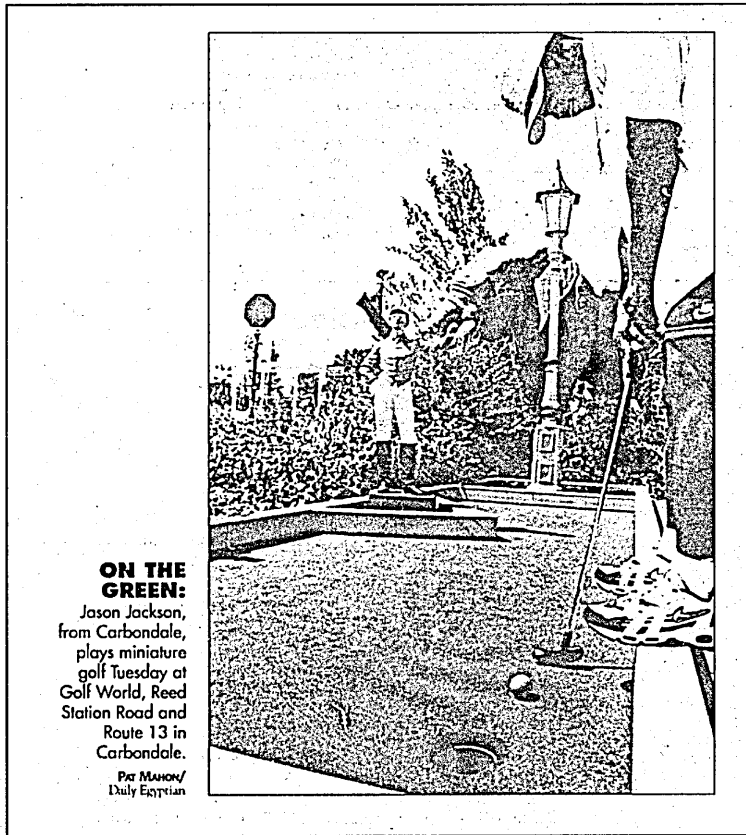
Winston wrote, "The callous and insensitive attitudes that prevail is keeping Chief Illiniwek alive. This is not a trivial issue, but really represents a kind of human rights violation."

"In Whose Honor?" was produced by U.I. alumnus Jay Rosenstein and also prompted Sports Illustrated and The Los Angeles Times to call for the discontinuation of the Chief. Gravenhorst appears in the film and defends Illiniwek, saying the mascot comports himself with such dignity and solemnity that he should not be considered offensive.

Winston said the U.I. can choose another mascot.

He wrote, "Have a contest. Pick an animal or some culturally neutral symbol. Show some moral leadership so that the professional sports teams that also dishonor American Indians by debasing their cultural symbols will one day follow suit."

In the past, schools such as Stanford University, Marquette University and St. John's University of New York have scrapped American Indian mascots.



**ON THE GREEN:**

Jason Jackson, from Carbondale, plays miniature golf Tuesday at Golf World, Reed Station Road and Route 13 in Carbondale.

Pat Mahon/  
Daily Egyptian

**GARMENT**

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Tariq A Khaaliq, a visitor at the exhibition from Rockford.

"I'm a family-oriented person," A Khaaliq said. "I've seen lots of his (Abdul-Musawwir's) work so far, but this is the most impressive. I'm impressed by the size, color and family scenes."

Dori Dozza, a visitor at the

exhibition from Chicago, said she was fascinated by Abdul-Musawwir's work because she finds learning about the Muslim religion interesting.

"It's helpful in learning the philosophy of what can and can't be portrayed," Dozza said. "What he's painted is very enlightening."

Abdul-Musawwir said his greatest enjoyment would be pleasing his guests and his family

with his work.

"My family has been by my side in all those years, in good and bad moments," Abdul-Musawwir said.

Besides the need to please, however, Abdul-Musawwir's art is as vital as oxygen.

"Art allows my spiritual impulse to awake my intellectual impulse," Abdul-Musawwir said. "Anytime I awaken, I feel good. I love intellect."

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# Twelve-year-old audits summer CS 212 class



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**PRODIGY:** Mbonda Siewe, a 12-year-old from Carbondale, works at a computer Tuesday during his CS 212 "Introduction to Business Computing" lab. Siewe is the youngest student to attend SIUC in the past two years.

**EARLY START:** Student finds SIUC classes more interesting than his junior high classes.

MELISSA JAKUBOWSKI  
DE MANAGING EDITOR

As the hand of the clock clicks to noon, the students in "Intro to Business Computing" pile out the door while Mbonda Siewe stays behind to chat with his professor.

Unintimidated by his professor, 12-year-old Mbonda questions him about the technical aspects of his assignment with the ease of a college student.

Mbonda, a student at Unity Point School, 5234 U.S. Highway 51, is the only student under the age of 13 to attend SIUC in the past two years.

As he nears the successful completion of his first college class, he has demonstrated to academia that he has what it takes to survive in a college setting.

"It's not much different from regular school," he said.

In half the time it usually takes for a college freshman, Mbonda has mastered Saluki Express, conquered Faner Hall and has built a rapport with his professor — all before even entering eighth grade. Mbonda enrolled in CS 212 on the advice of computer science lecturer Namdar Mogharreban. Mogharreban taught a computer camp that Mbonda attended in 1994 and Mbonda's parents were hoping the camp would be offered again.

However, Mogharreban canceled the camp this summer because the flat rate for the camp had risen and he was going to have to charge more per student. So, he suggested Mbonda audit the class.

"The camp attracted a lot of kids who had experience," Mogharreban said. "Mbonda did not stand out because of experience but because he is a smart, dedicated boy."

"I wouldn't make it a matter of routine (enrolling young students), but he is exceptional because he is extra dedicated."

CS 212 deals with computer applications such as word processing, spreadsheets and database management. Mogharreban was concerned that some of the literary material might be difficult for Mbonda because of its mature content, but Mbonda has grasped all the concepts.

"He said he spends at least two to three hours a night on homework," Mogharreban said.

Mogharreban also was concerned about how his other students would react to having a 12-year-old sitting in on class.

"He sits right in front where everyone can see him, but no one has come in or said anything about it," he said. "They don't roll their eyes when he talks or anything."

Mogharreban hopes that Mbonda has a positive influence on his peers.

"He's not quiet," Mogharreban said. "He asks questions and when I ask questions to engage the class, he tries to answer them."

Although he is unsure if he will enroll in any other college classes, Mbonda has not had any real problems adjusting.

"It's a lot better," he said. "The class is about things that are coming up. The flow of the class is faster (than junior high classes)."

But Christina Siewe, Mbonda's mother and an academic adviser for the College of Education, said Mbonda seems more interested in his summer class than any of his regular school classes.

"He's even doing better," she said. "In elementary school I'd have to say, 'You have to do your homework,' but now he comes home and says, 'I am going to do homework.'"

To enroll in class, Mbonda had to get references from school teachers and Unity Point's superintendent and final approval from John Jackson, University provost and vice chancellor of Academic Affairs.

Christina said she was glad the University had such a tight policy.

"The process was for his own well-being," she said. "It could be a good experience or bad experience. It could damper his further education experience."

Yomasu Siewe, Mbonda's father, said they did not enroll Mbonda in the class to accumulate college courses, but to support Mbonda's interests.

"Let him learn it, and he can come back and teach us," he said.

Introduced to computers in preschool, Mbonda hopes to further his work with more graphic design and possibly get a job creating video games. But with his knowledge, his parents just hope that he can help them out with their computer at home.

"I'll ask him to show me something on the computer," Christina said, "and he'll say, 'Mom, don't you know that.'"

## TRUSTEE

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"We're going to end up getting some kid who just wants to put a feather in their cap. They (the state) need to come down from their ivory tower."

Livingston said Edgar is concerned with the elimination of elections and understands student frustration, but said the new system is more consistent with current board selection policy.

"It's a trade-off," Livingston said. "If student trustees want to sit at the table with the board, they need to accept the way they'll be getting there is the same way other voting members get there."

Livingston said non-student trustees are appointed by the governor.

"A more rigorous process might be needed," he said. "You're going to have to go through the same scrutiny that other members go through."

Livingston said the major justification for the new proposal is the need for an instrument to curb student trustee election lobbying efforts.

He said it is possible for outside (of the board) interests to bankroll trustee cam-

paigns, courting candidates sympathetic to their causes.

"The board has a very important role on campus," Livingston said. "If a faculty union, for example, decided to finance a campaign, this might be a very disruptive activity and might warrant the need for a safeguard mechanism."

"One interest group overwhelming the Board of Trustees — nothing would get done."

Kelly agreed with this analysis, calling this function "the only good thing about the committee."

Livingston said the selection committee is only a proposal and would have to take the form of an amendment if enacted.

It would amend the bill currently on the Edgar's desk that calls for popular elections of student trustees, with a final state appointment.

Both SIUC and SIUE would elect their trustees and Edgar would select the voting trustee among the two.

Livingston said a decision must be reached soon.

"The bill drops Aug. 3," Livingston said. "We have to do something before Friday."

## DEADLOCK

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• Association representation on committees including search and screening committees for administrative positions

• The recognition of the association as a constituency group

• The association position that all program changes affecting faculty are mandatory subjects of bargaining

• Interim salary raises.

Capie said he will not discuss individual issues until a formal impasse is declared.

He said the administration has joined the request that federal mediation is necessary.

"We haven't progressed as rapidly as we thought we should," Capie said. "We need interchange that is helpful and productive."

Capie said he does not consider the breakdown in communications as a formal

impasse because a formal impasse could be followed by a strike.

"There is a legal connotation when one side or the other declares an impasse," he said. "We've been very careful not to use the term impasse."

Sullivan said the deadlock could be described as an impasse but that a strike will not follow.

"This is in no way a harbinger of a strike," Sullivan said.

"We have a number of avenues of recourse that we as an association can turn to and will turn to if necessary."

Capie said the deadlock in the interim agreement was declared after the administration presented a counter-proposal that the faculty union found unacceptable. An interim agreement details how to deal with sensitive issues.

"It is a mechanism which deals with those issues before a full agreement is reached," Capie said.

Negotiations began in

March. Sullivan and Capie have said the length of negotiations is indefinite.

Capie said using mediation services is a common practice and that the University has used such services before in negotiations with civil service unions.

"They have been very helpful," he said. "The parties get focused, and it allows a person not with the University to evaluate those issues."

Sullivan said he is guardedly optimistic about the upcoming negotiations.

"The mediator will bring a professional format to our process here and try to nudge it along," he said.

Capie said he, too, remains optimistic.

"Part of the reason for where we are now is that this is still a first contract," he said. "This is an indication of what we will have to go through for a full contract."

"No one said this will be easy."

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# Egyptian militants call for end of violence

**TRUCE:** Rebels ready to raise white flag in effort to topple military-backed regime.

WASHINGTON POST

CAIRO—Six years after launching a violent campaign to topple the military-backed government of President Hosni Mubarak, Islamic militants in Egypt are gasping for breath, hounded by security forces, bereft of popular support and now, it seems, ready to raise a white flag.

Founders of the Islamic Group, Egypt's main militant organization, issued a statement July 5 calling on their followers to cease all military operations and refrain from inciting violence against the Egyptian government.

Given the splintered nature of the militant group, it is unclear whether members will respect the declaration by the six leaders, who are serving life terms for their part in the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat. One important factor is whether the truce will be endorsed by the group's spiritual leader, Sheik Omar Abdul Rahman,

who is serving a prison term in New York after being convicted on terrorism charges in connection with the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

Government spokesmen have dismissed the militants' declaration as a sign of weakness and a tactical maneuver aimed at winning breathing space to allow the organization to regroup. They say they will continue security operations aimed at eradicating the militants, who have largely been contained within several rural provinces in the Nile Valley south of Cairo.

Nevertheless, the militants' state-

ment has been widely interpreted as a potential turning point in an armed conflict that has killed more than 1,000 people and raised fears about the stability of an important ally of the West and a key mediator in the Middle East peace process. Among the dead have been police, Christians, secular intellectuals and foreign tourists, including 18 Greek visitors gunned down outside Cairo's Europa Hotel last April.

Montasser Zayat, a lawyer who is close to the group's leadership and functions as its spokesman here, said in an interview Sunday night that the Islamic Group leaders

decided to call for a truce after concluding they could no longer achieve their goal of creating an Islamic state through violence.

He said the declaration also reflects the group's desire to present a united front with the government in confronting Israel, its new respect for Mubarak's "nationalism" and a commitment to pursuing political ends by peaceful means.

"We're not working with the government; we're not apologizing to the government, but you could say it's a truce," Zayat said. "It's impossible to face Israel when our own side is divided."

## COMMUNITY

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Vingren said finals week may have prompted the decreased turnout.

The meeting, which lasted two hours, was divided into three discussion groups to discuss city and University relations.

One group of students, citizens and city officials discussed promoting Carbondale through the media and creating more interaction between community residents and the University.

Ed Ford, Graduate and Professional Student vice president, suggested that forms of punishment students undergo for such crimes as vandalism need modification.

"Last fall the Halloween problem, those people that were

apprehended doing whatever, how did that really help to kick them out?" Ford asked.

Ford offered ideas to create a better relationship between students, police and landlords.

"Maybe someone who throws a brick in a business should go and work for that person for a couple hours," Ford said. "Have someone ride around with police."

"Landlords, maybe let them go and stay a couple nights with one of their tenants."

Jeff Doherty, Carbondale city manager, said the University needs more positive media coverage.

"We do all too much to focus on the negative," Doherty said. "The 50 to 100 kids causing trouble on South Illinois Avenue painted a black brush on all the University."

"We dwell too much on that and not the positive."

## SIMON

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He said Liberia's media was limited in general because of the extensive damage suffered by equipment and offices during the civil war.

But in the midst of the turmoil, Simon said he was unafraid to visit the country in spite of warnings from the U.S. State Department.

"I've been to Liberia twice before, and each time there was a different sense in the air," he said.

"What was different this time was that people were not living

in fear. I felt just as safe in Monrovia as I did in Carbondale."

As an example of that newfound safety after the election, the authoritarian Taylor offered friendship to former enemies at a press conference. Simon said Liberia, a country founded in 1847 by former African-American slaves, is well on its way toward healing and progress.

"It seems as if bad news is all that makes the news — here as well as in Africa," he said. "Over half of the countries in Africa are democratic now, and that's a good sign. Liberia is going to move ahead."

# Once-aligned tycoons in Russia fighting over fruits of privatization

**INFIGHTING:** Powerful industrialists taking on the government they helped put in place.

WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW—When President Boris Yeltsin ran for re-election last year, Russia's powerful new industrialists pooled their resources and used their clout to help him beat the Communist opposition. Now those same tycoons are feuding bitterly with one another — and some have angrily turned on the government they helped install.

At issue is the partial privatization of one of Russia's most coveted government-owned assets, the Svyazinvest telecommunications company. Losers in the bidding are crying foul. The winners say it's just sour grapes.

Merits of the various positions aside, the rift sheds light on the evident focal point of political struggle in contemporary Russia. If policies here a year ago was perceived as a battle between Communists and Yeltsin's economic reformers, it now seems to be a battle among big business groups known here as clans — all nominally Yeltsin supporters — in pursuit of government property.

Vast resources and potentially valuable businesses still owned by the government are at stake, with oil fields and telecommunications franchises potentially among the most profitable. During the Svyazinvest

sale, the competition has been on full display.

"Our politics is simply based on a clash of economic interests. This latest controversy is about a war of clans within the party in power. They may or may not still be friends of Yeltsin, but they are certainly not friends of each other," said Andrei Piontovsky, an analyst at the Institute for Strategic Studies here.

The uproar began late last week, when the Yeltsin government announced that an investment group headed by Russia's Uneximbank had won a 25 percent stake in Svyazinvest. The winning bid was about \$1.9 billion. Uneximbank officials said the group included not only Germany's Deutsche Bank but also U.S. financier George Soros, who provided about half the money.

Uneximbank is headed by Vladimir Potanin, a former deputy prime minister in the Yeltsin government. Its holdings include an oil company and a share in Izvestia, Russia's most influential newspaper — most of the economic clans control media outlets, which they use to get Yeltsin's ear and attack their enemies.

The group's bid was about \$700 million above the minimum asking price; the government touted the sum as a sign that the deal was well handled.

Rivals to Potanin did not see it that way. On Saturday, ORT television broadcast a 20-minute attack on the deal. The government controls 51 percent of ORT stock, but Boris Berzovsky, an automobile and oil magnate and a top official in

Yeltsin's government, also is a major shareholder.

ORT's leading newscaster, Sergei Dorenko, alleged that Uneximbank's group will do nothing to improve Russian communications because the consortium includes "seasoned speculators who have never in a moment been professionally involved in telecommunications."

Dorenko said Potanin was unfairly favored by top privatization official Alfred Kokh. Dorenko offered no corroboration for his allegations.

Some observers regarded the attack as merely a warning shot in advance of an even bigger contest between Berzovsky and Potanin: a bid for some of the last big Russian oil companies.

Meanwhile, the Sevodnya newspaper, owned by media and banking tycoon Vladimir Gusinsky, published an article on Monday headlined "The Money Stank." The article suggests that Uneximbank's winning bid may have been bolstered by money that government prosecutors claim was embezzled in a jet airplane sale scam.

Gusinsky's NTV television station also attacked the sale. NTV newscasters spoke darkly of the "doubtful" source of Soros's money.

The Russian press said Gusinsky was among the losing bidders for Svyazinvest. The group included Russia's Alfa Bank, Spain's Telefonica de Espana telecommunications company and the First Boston investment banking firm, government officials said.

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# Late Redskins owner leaves tangled will

**PUZZLING:** Lawyers dumbfounded by late changes in instructions for dividing estate.

WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON—The last will and testament of Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke—with its eight codicils, seven executors and three different instructions about what his son and widow would get from the estate—is a messy document that could make it difficult for Cooke's family to maintain control of the football team, according to lawyers who have studied it.

"It's the most bizarre will I've ever seen," said George Albright, a trusts and estates lawyer at Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge in

Washington and former chairman of the Virginia State Bar's trusts and estates board of governors. Visible behind the dry legal text of the will is a portrait of a mercurial man who, until the very end of his life, kept changing his mind about those closest to him.

Among the questions that are puzzling lawyers: Why did Cooke choose to leave the bulk of his money and his prized football team to the foundation, instead of to his son, John Kent Cooke? Why did he cut his widow, Marlene, out of the will only weeks before he died? And why did he delete the names of others who were included in earlier versions of the will?

Interviews with dozens of people who knew and worked for Cooke, as well as with lawyers who did not, shed some light on this unusual will and the difficult

man who shaped it. These interviews suggest that Cooke, like many another will writer, may have assumed that he would have more time to change his mind, to tinker yet again with the details of his final testament.

The biggest problem with the will—affecting the ability of John Kent Cooke to buy the team—is the challenge being mounted by Jack Kent Cooke's widow, Marlene Ramallo Cooke.

If she can prove in court that the premarital agreement she signed with Cooke in 1995 is unenforceable, under Virginia law she would receive one-third of the estate. If the agreement is enforceable, she would receive whatever amount was specified in that contract, the details of which still are secret. If the agreement is valid but she breached it, she gets nothing.

## Son unlikely to afford team

WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON—John Kent Cooke says he wants to buy the team; his father ran with such panache until his death last April, along with the new stadium outside Washington that will bear Jack Kent Cooke's name.

But bankers and sports financiers familiar with the Redskins' finances say they believe it will be nearly impossible for Cooke to buy the team and the stadium without help from other investors.

John Cooke's problem, simply put, is that the team is likely to be worth far more—one recent esti-

mate by FinancialWorld magazine placed its value at \$200 million—than he can raise on his own. Experts say the stadium is probably worth an additional \$200 million.

He would not provide details about how he would accomplish the purchase of the team and stadium; but said he did not think it would be necessary to take on other investors.

The stadium is a monument to Jack Kent Cooke's dreams for the team. He had worked on getting the stadium built for a decade, and when construction began he'd dipped into his own deep pockets to pay for it.

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"I sometimes don't get home in time to watch the news at night and I might miss something good about one of my favorite players or teams," Taylor said.

Jamil Ashley, a sophomore in education from Calumet City, is a big fan of football and likes to keep up with the news happening in the NFL.

"The Web site I found had stuff about both conferences," Ashley said. "There are even personal home pages for some players and coaches so that you can even e-mail them back."

Ashley said he sent an e-mail message to Phoenix Suns basketball player Charles Barkley, who has not answered him back yet. "I only sent the message about two weeks ago, and I'm sure he has a lot of fan messages to read," Ashley said.

For some people who are not sure exactly where the information they need can be found, there are several Web search engines that can help narrow the search.

There are search engines such as Yahoo (www.yahoo.com), AltaVista (www.Alta-Vista.com) and WebCrawler (www.webcrawler.com). These search

engines help narrow the search for a specific topic. They all have a header for sports that can be further divided for a specific sport.

Derrick Premphe, a junior in engineering from Bolingbrook, said that by using WebCrawler, he can locate various sites for the teams in which he is interested.

"I was able to locate the home page for the NBA and Chicago Bulls using WebCrawler," Premphe said. "It had next season's scheduling and broadcasting information."

In addition to team information, there also are personal home pages for individual players and coaches.

"On the NBA's Web site I found 'The Official Dennis Rodman Home Page' and several other home pages for some of my favorite players like Shaquille O'Neal and Anfernee Hardaway," Premphe said.

The Web sites are also useful for more than just looking at information.

"I used some of the information I got off the Internet for a paper I had to write for an English class last semester," Taylor said. "I also got an e-mail address for someone who had tickets to a Bulls' game who couldn't go and sold them to me."

# Basketball is no foreign matter for English WNBA standout

ECLECTIC PERSONA:

Player speaks Spanish, Italian, interested in Asia, loves 'The Simpsons.'

WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK—Playing in a league founded on the surging popularity of women's basketball in this country, Andrea Congreaves comes from a place where women's basketball is nearly unheard of: England. Congreaves, a forward with the WNBA's Charlotte Sting, is one of 14 foreign players who have been brought in to bolster play in the new league, and she has become one of its most eclectic personalities.

She speaks bits of Italian and Spanish, picked up during her time as a professional player in Europe. She was an outstanding college player in the United States, a Kodak all-American her senior season. She wants to learn about Asia and visit the Great Wall of China. And she loves "The Simpsons."

"I'm a little different, I guess," Congreaves said. "But this is where all the great players are. There are a lot of countries represented here, so why not mine?"

Born in Carshalton, England, Congreaves, 27, didn't discover basketball until she was 15. Her father, Oscar, was a track and field official, and while Congreaves attended the Carshalton High School for Girls, she ran, threw the javelin and competed in the high jump.

She was a natural athlete, but made better by the training ethic her father preached. There were no corners cut. He disqualified her twice in a track meet—once for passing the baton illegally in a relay, once for fouling in the long jump.

"He was harder on me than anyone else," Congreaves said. "But that gave me independence."

Taking up basketball required resolve. It was something new and fun, something she said was "less boring than track," but also something few others were doing. She played for a club team, the Crystal Palace Juniors, that was coached by one of England's best players, Paul Stimpson. Carol Paris, a female player from England, was her role model.

"No one's ever heard of her over here" in the United States, Congreaves said. "But she was my idol. She was it. She had the game. I used to love watching her, because at that time, women's basketball

was something you never heard of. She was all there was."

Congreaves developed her talent enough to get a chance to bring it across the pond. Her workout regimen wasn't much different from what it is now: a morning session of 1 1/2 hours of shooting and an afternoon session of drills, scrimmages and two hours of weightlifting.

At a youth tournament in Helsinki, Congreaves' play was noticed by a coach from Mercer College in Macon, Ga. But it took some work to persuade Congreaves to come to America.

The concept of getting a scholarship to play basketball was strange enough. The prospect of being a professional basketball player was beyond comprehension. So at Mercer she studied, and to this day, she says graduating was her finest moment.

But there were other fine moments at Mercer, where she averaged 24.3 points and 10.7 rebounds for her four seasons.

Averaging 33 and 31 points, respectively, her junior and senior years, Congreaves was good enough to have her No. 3 jersey retired and receive offers from European pro teams. She wears No. 3 now in honor of Mercer.

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**NFL**

**Jaguars reward Brunell**

The Jacksonville Jaguars signed quarterback Mark Brunell to a five-year contract worth a reported \$30.5 million on Tuesday.

Brunell, who led the NFL with 4,367 yards passing, quarterbacked the Jaguars to the 1996 AFC Championship Game in only the team's second year of existence.

**Chiefs release veteran defensive lineman**

The Kansas City Chiefs released 10-year veteran defensive lineman Dan Saleaumua on Tuesday.

Saleaumua, who had 46 tackles in 15 starts last season, refused to take a pay cut to allow the team to sign some of its draft picks.

He was scheduled to make \$1.7 million this season.

**NBA**

**Nets sign top draft pick**

The New Jersey Nets signed forward Keith Van Horn to a three-year contract on Monday.

Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Van Horn, the second overall pick in the NBA draft, originally was selected by the Philadelphia 76ers, but traded to the Nets in eight-player deal.

The 6-foot-9 forward was a first-team All-American as a senior at the University of Utah and is the all-time leading scorer in the Western Athletic Conference.

**Raptors signs head coach to three-year contract**

The Toronto Raptors signed head coach Darrell Walker to a three-year contract on Tuesday.

Walker will start his second season with the Raptors after leading the team to a 30-52 record.

The Raptors finished in last place in the Central Division in 1996.

**MLB**

**Dodgers activate Ismael**

The Los Angeles Dodgers activated pitcher Ismael Valdes from the 15-day disabled list on Monday.

He had been sidelined since July 5 after straining his left hamstring while running out a ground ball in a game against San Diego.

Valdes improved his record to 6-9 after a 4-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday.

**Marlins activate outfielder**

The Florida Marlins activated outfielder Devon White from the disabled list on Monday.

White, who had been sidelined since June 8 with a pulled left calf muscle, went 0-for-4 in Monday's game against Cincinnati.

He is hitting .257 with five RBIs and five stolen bases in 25 games.

**Yankees send pitcher Irapu to AAA team in Columbus**

The New York Yankees sent pitcher Hideki Irapu to their Class AAA team in Columbus on Tuesday.

The Japanese-born pitcher has a 2-2 record with a 7.97 ERA. He has given up 18 earned runs in 20 1/3 innings.

Irapu will first head to the Yankees' training complex in Tampa before going to Columbus to start Friday night for the Clippers.



JEREMY CLARK/Special to the Daily Egyptian

**LIFE SAVERS:** SIUC lifeguards, (top left) Jon Andreas, Valerie Graham, Chad Hankins, Lee Yarger, (bottom left) Eric Balch, and Becky Shafer placed third at the 1997 American Red Cross Lifeguard Competition in St. Louis on Sunday.

**SIUC lifeguards finish third**

**MURKY WATER:** Despite tournament officials' inability to explain events, team still demonstrates its competence.

TRAVIS AKIN  
DE SPORTS EDITOR

Five SIUC lifeguards may not have impressed anyone with their knowledge of lifeguard competition events at last weekend's tournament, but they did leave a lasting impression of their lifeguard skills.

Chad Hankins, an SIUC lifeguard and captain of the team, said it took some time to learn what to do in the events because the team had never competed before.

"There was one event they had to explain to us two different times," Hankins, a junior in aviation management from Galesburg, said. "It seemed to take forever for them to explain it so that everyone understood."

Despite unfamiliarity with the events, the lifeguards at SIUC scored enough points (69) to finish in a third-place tie with Bi-State Pool Management at the 1997 American Red Cross Lifeguard Competition in St. Louis Sunday.

The group is in the process of becoming a Registered Student Organization and used the tournament as a way to help the club get start-

ed. About 40 lifeguards will be apart of the club when the organization is established in the fall.

The tournament in St. Louis consisted of six teams competing in five events. Each team provided one person to act as a victim for the competition.

SIUC scored a 100 percent on the spinal injury management, earning 50 points.

Part of the competition in the other four events was to complete different types of rescues in the best times. Some of the events included timed rescue tube relays and rescuing victims completely submerged under 13 feet of water.

The teams who finished in the first three places received 10, eight and six points respectively. Three points awarded to teams that finished fourth, fifth and sixth place as well.

Jon Andrews, a junior in zoology from Spring Valley, said the SIUC team did not score well in the timed events because the members were not used to timed events.

"Most of our scoring came from the spinal injury management (the only event not timed)," Andrews said. "We didn't know what else to practice for."

But scoring 100 percent on the spinal injury management is something Leland Yarger, the aquatic graduate assistant, said takes the most skill to do.

Yarger said the fact that the team was able to do so well in that event shows the competence of the lifeguards at SIUC. He said the lifeguards have to be able to do so many things because of the facilities at SIUC.

The pool in the Recreation Center alone can be a challenge.

"You have to be able to go down 16 feet, grab them and use your legs to get back up," Yarger said.

But it is not just the pool the lifeguards have to overcome.

Paul Fawcett, coordinator of aquatics and sports clubs, said dealing with Campus Lake, the pool at Pulliam Hall and the Recreation Center requires many different skills.

"You have to be able to swim in open water," Fawcett said. "Then you have to go out to the boat docks and rescue someone in a capsized canoe."

He said the lifeguards are required to swim 500 yards twice a week. Fawcett said the job may be demanding, but he is glad to see the students are enthusiastic about being lifeguards and have taken the initiative to enter competition on their own.

"We have a rarity here at SIUC because we have a high portion of extremely competent and well-trained lifeguards," Fawcett said. "It is not a great-paying job. That says something about them because they have wanted to stay and do the job."

**Students hit the Web for sports buzz**

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Instead of heading for a newspaper stand to check the sports stats, Jermaine Taylor would rather hit Web sites on the Internet for his daily dose of sports information.

"I have had a lot of papers and computer work to do for my summer courses," Taylor, a sophomore in physical education from Chicago, said. "So instead of trying to get a newspaper every day, I can look at some of the newspaper Web sites and get the same information."

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