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## Blooming:

Determined candidate Flowers hopes to win council seat.

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## Colleges narrow dean searches

COLA down to one candidate, others reviewing semi-finalists

KAREN BLATTER, ASTARIA DILLARD AND KELLY E. HERTLEIN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTERS

One of three dean searches appears to be close to completion, after the initial position has been vacant for more than two years.

The College of Liberal Arts has narrowed the search to one candidate and is in negotiations with the candidate.

The colleges of Engineering and Agriculture have received applications and are completing a list of semi-finalists.

John Jackson, vice chancellor of Academic Affairs and provost, oversees all three searches and hopes to have the positions filled as soon as possible.

"We are making progress and going along in orderly process to find good candidates in all three places," Jackson said.

### COLA

The two-year dean search for COLA is finally coming to a close with one candidate remaining.

Shirley Clay Scott, professor in English and dean of the graduate college at Western Michigan University, was named above four final candidates for the position out of 51 applicants.

Marjorie Morgan, head of the COLA dean search committee, said Scott is being supported by all the main constituencies in the college.

"Negotiations are in process," she said. "We hope it's going to work out."

Morgan does not have a date set for when the position will be filled.

### Engineering

Jackson said the College of Engineering dean search committee has received 26 applications and is working on getting semi-finalists



Caryn McDaniel (right), a junior in photography from Virden, executes one of many yoga postures at a Yoga Sports Club meeting last Tuesday evening. The club meets from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the Martial Arts room of the Recreation Center.

## STRETCHING the mind

STORY BY RHONDA SCIARRA

PHOTOS BY JASON KNISER

Adam Schindler introduced a mantra-based meditation to a circle of passive faces at the conclusion of a Yoga sports club meeting Tuesday.

### YOGA

• The yoga sports club meets from 8 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the Martial Arts room of the Recreation Center.

Using breathing techniques and the translation of a Sanskrit phrase "Baba Nam Kevalam," he instructs the class to close their eyes and relax.

He tells them to inhale concentrating on the words "Love is ..." then to exhale with "... all that exists."

Instead of a structural meeting with officer reports, motions and announcements, the group spends two hours learning yoga postures, body massage and then finishes with meditation exercises.

Schindler, facilitator of the yoga club and former SIUC student, has practiced yoga for five years. He said yoga is a scientific approach to the mind, body and spirit.

"Yoga has a lot of definitions — it encompasses a wide variety of things," he said. "The word itself means reunion."

The practice of yoga has its origins in India in a collection

of hymns and rituals known as the Vedas. The oldest documented reference to the practice of yoga is an artistic portrayal of a man or god meditating in a yoga posture etched in a 4,000-year-old terra cotta seal.

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## Nighttime is the right time to study at Morris Library

TRAVIS MORSE  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The 24-hour access floor implemented in Fall 1998 at Morris Library has been a success, according to library officials.

Jim Fox, associate dean for public and collection development services, said the number of students using the library during extended hours is considerable.

"We've had record numbers for the late-night hours [this semester compared to last]," Fox said. "We've already had six nights with

more than 100 people in the library after the upper floors have closed."

He attributes this number to students having other responsibilities besides school to worry about.

"A lot of people have demanding work schedules that require them to study late at night," Fox said. "The library gives them a place to study outside the home, and it also gives them access to computers and reserve materials."

Carolyn Snyder, dean of Library Affairs, said the success has to do with supplying stu-

dents with an essential need.

"It's successful because we are responding to the priority needs of students by having our resources available when students need it," Snyder said.

Maya J. Carter, a medical student from Palmdale, Calif., agrees having the new hours is extremely helpful to students.

"It's nice to have a reliable place to study late at night," Carter said. "Plus, you have an endless number of resources to use."

Implementing a 24-hour access floor was not an easy task for library officials. There

were several issues that needed to be addressed before the library could open the first floor for 24 hours.

Fox said one of the major issues, along with building new bathrooms, was making sure security measures were in place to ensure safety for users of the library.

A card reader was installed to make sure only students, faculty and staff can use the first floor of the library after the other floors

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**Southwestern Illinois University**

**TODAY:**  
Mostly cloudy  
High: 74  
Low: 52

**Police Blotter**

**UNIVERSITY**

• An 18-year-old SIUC student reportedly backed a golf cart into an unattended truck at 3:35 p.m. Monday in Lot 89. University Police estimated damage in the incident at more than \$300.

**CARBONDALE**

• Two Carbondale Park District vehicles were damaged apparently by a hammer between 7 p.m. March 24 and 6 a.m. Friday causing damage to fenders and doors of the vehicles. Damage to the vehicles parked in the 400 block of West Sunset Drive was estimated at \$1,000. Carbondale Police have no suspects in the incident.

• A Carbondale woman said the faceplate on her in-dash car stereo along with four compact discs were stolen from her vehicle between 2:45 a.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday while it was parked in the 1000 block of South Washington Street. Loss was estimated at \$690. Carbondale Police have no suspects in the incident.

• A Carbondale man told Carbondale Police his vehicle was entered by unknown means while it was parked in the 1000 block of South Washington Street between 5 p.m. Thursday and noon Monday. An Alpine car stereo worth about \$300 was stolen in the incident, and the police have no suspects.

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**TODAY**

• Christian Apologetics Club, noon, Corinth Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.

• IM Sports wrestling meet, Mar. 31 through Apr. 1, 4 to 9 p.m., CTS 5 and 6, 453-1273.

• Rural Development Opportunities Paul Simon will discuss his recent book "Trapped Out: The Coming World Crisis in Water and What We Can Do About It," 5 p.m., College of Agriculture Seminar Room 209, Rogers 453-2421.

• Criminal Justice Association meeting, 5:30 p.m., Browne Auditorium, Erica 549-1706.

• Gamma Beta Phi Society meeting, 6 p.m., Mississippi Room, Erin 549-5527.

• Pi Sigma Epsilon business and professional fraternity meetings, every Wed., 6 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Ami 351-1507.

• Salski Volunteer Corps needs volunteers to assist in hiding eggs, setting up for event, and distributing prizes to youths, 7 to 9 p.m., Grounds of Hickory Lodge, Scrog 549-4222.

• Pre-medical Professions Association an Ophthalmist is speaking, 7 p.m., Life Sciences III 1059, Patrick 529-4882.

• S.P.A.C.E Wizard of Oz/Pink Floyd, 7 to 11 p.m., Student Center Auditorium, admission is \$1, Carlo 453-7160.

• SPC News and Views meeting, every Wed., 7 p.m., Roman Room, Derrick 536-3393.

• Black Affairs Council talent

show, 7 p.m., Student Center Ballroom D, \$1 for admission, Sean 453-2537.

**UPCOMING**

• SIUC and IDOT will be offering free motorcycle rider courses, Apr. 16, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Apr. 17 and 18, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 1-800-642-9589.

• Student Recreation Center university tennis courts lights will not be turned on and an attendant will not be on duty in the evenings, the tentative date for courts being open in the evening is Apr. 1, 453-1284.

• Geology Club meeting, Apr. 1, 5 p.m., Parkinson Room 110, Ryan 529-8136.

• College Democrats City Council candidate Carl Flowers will be speaking, Apr. 1, 5:30 p.m., Student Center Saline Room, Marco 536-6090.

• Black Togetherness Organization April Fool's Day Spades tournament, Apr. 1, 6 p.m., Grannell Lower Level, Rachel 536-5504.

• Veterans Association benefits/future military opportunities information night, Apr. 1, 6:30 p.m., Troy Corinth Room; Student Center, MaryAnn 529-1846.

• Southern Illinois Linux Users Group meeting, Apr. 1, 7 p.m., Life Science III 1053, Mark 529-5760.

• USAF Civil Air Patrol meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Marion Airport, Arron 942-3991.

• Sailing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Illinois Room, Shelley

529-0993.

• Radio/television Department is producing a documentary on the "History of Southern Illinois Radio". Anyone with any information, stories or old tapes of commercials or air checks is requested to contact Professor Johnson at work 453-6901 or at home 985-6209.

• Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange, 453-5425.

• French Club meeting to allow students to practice their French, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Booby's, Gilles 453-5415.

• Hill Foundation 2nd night of Passover Seder, Apr. 1, 6 p.m., Interfaith Center, Betsy 529-7260.

• Japanese Table informal conversation in English and Japanese, every Fri., 6 to 8 p.m., Melange Cafe, Shinsuka 453-3417.

• Seventh Day Adventist Student Association prophecy seminar, every Fri., 7 to 8:30 p.m., Troy Room Student Center, Laura 549-7188.

• Greater Gillespie Temple annual midnight choir/soloist competition musical, Apr. 2, 11:30 p.m., Joan 549-7327.

• Humane Shelter is sponsoring a Pet Fair with live music, a pet psychic, ask a vet, and adoptable animals will be on display, Apr. 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain date Apr. 11, Turley Park, pack a lunch.

• SPC Travel Evite, Apr. 3, 11 a.m., tickets on sale now at the Student Center Central Ticket Office for \$40 each, Fox Theater, Nicole 536-3393.

**Almanac**

**THIS WEEK IN 1964:**

• Arrangements had been made to allow SIU students to forfeit classes to attend Good Friday religious services.

• Movies playing in Carbondale were "The Legend of Lobo," "Siege of the Saxons," "All the Way Home," "Kill or Cure" and "The Sword in the Stone."

• A boycott of Jacksonville, Fla., businesses that impose restrictions on blacks was started by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The NAACP called for retaliation against "Jim Crow merchants" even as a group of white and black leaders groped for a way out of the city's four-day-old racial crisis. The violence which left one black woman dead and several persons injured showed signs of subsiding, although one gang attack on a white man and a fire bomb incident were reported the day prior to the NAACP's intercession.

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# Flowers hopes to bloom on election day

## Carl R. Flowers

**Birthplace:** St. Louis  
**Age:** 46  
**Family:**  
 • Married - 20 years; wife Linda (reading teacher at Parrish School)  
 • Children - Cameron (13), and Courtney (6)  
**Employment:**  
 • Program Manager at SIUC (Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program, Rehabilitation Institute)  
 • Entrepreneurial Enterprise: Flowers & Associates (CFA) Human Resources Development Consulting Services  
**Years in Carbondale:** 25  
**Organizations/Other offices held:**  
 • American Society for Training and Development (ASTD)  
 • National Rehabilitation Association (NRA)  
 • American Counseling Association (ACA)  
 • St. Francis Xavier Parish  
 • National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); president of local NAACP for two years, vice president of state organization of NAACP for four years  
 • Southern Illinois Center for Independent Living (SICIL) Board of Directors (1988-93)  
 • National Parks and Recreation Association (NPSA)  
 • Tuscan Lodge #44 F&AM  
 • Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity (advisor for undergraduate chapter at SIUC)  
**Leisure activities:**  
 • Tennis, basketball  
 • Spend time with family  
**Education:**  
 • 3-degree graduate of SIUC: Doctorate in Rehabilitation (1993), Master's in Rehabilitation Administration (1975), Bachelors in Journalism (1975).  
**Political Background:**  
 • Elected to Carbondale Park District Board of Commissioners-1995 (Board Vice-President, 1998-99)  
 • Candidate for City Council seat-1989/91  
 • Appointed to the Carbondale Liquor Advisory Board (1991)

By Kristina Danovan / Daily Egyptian

JAY SCHWAB  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

It takes Carbondale City Council candidate Carl Flowers a little longer to give voice to his sentiments than it does for most people, but Flowers' lifelong bouts with stuttering have done nothing to impede his mission to better Carbondale.

"It might take me a little longer to get my points across, but my strengths outweigh that," Flowers said.

"Everyone has some strengths and weaknesses. The major thing I've tried to learn over the years is that I can't let my weaknesses overcome me — I would be a failure if I let my speech impediment hold me back."

Flowers, who arrived in Carbondale as an undergraduate student at SIUC in the early 1970s, has earned three degrees from the University and has called Carbondale home for more than 25 years.

But his first contact with Carbondale left Flowers yearning to phone his parents back in St. Louis to plead for permission to return home.

An African-American who grew up in the inner-city, Flowers rarely encountered people outside his race as a youth. So when Flowers discovered his first roommate to be a non-African-American, "6-foot-3 bearded Vietnam vet," Flowers was understandably apprehensive.

In time, however, the two roommates bonded. And Flowers learned a valuable life lesson that remains with him to this day.

"It taught me a lot about people," Flowers said of the experience. "On the surface, we appeared totally different, but as we started to share life experiences, I learned that people are also [very much] the same."

He credits the experience as part of the reason he seeks to uncover the good in everyone he meets.

Flowers, who unsuccessfully ran for the council in 1989, figures his tolerance would be beneficial in building consensus on the council — a body Flowers said often falls short in its goals because of rifts among council members.



## Carbondale City Elections

*Editor's Note: This is the third of four profiles of the candidates for Carbondale City Council.*

And he should know. At his home, Flowers keeps an archive of council meeting tapes from the past year.

"I retain them so I can be as prepared [on issues] as possible," Flowers explained.

If elected, issues Flowers would push the council to address include landing an anchor store for the floundering

**"We should all challenge ourselves to make a difference — that's why I'm running for City Council."**

— CARL FLOWERS  
 CARBONDALE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE

University Mall, making Carbondale police more visible in the community and attracting more diversified entertainment options to town.

He also intends to make sure the council pays close attention to racial issues in town — a subject he said other candidates may not consider as high of a priority. Flowers suggests conducting a community forum on the topic to provide an opportunity for residents to voice concerns.

Flowers currently works at SIUC as a program manager in the Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program and also operates a small consulting firm.

Although he received the fewest votes of any of the four finalists, Flowers' odds of winning one of the two open seats stand

to benefit from the support of primary candidate the Rev. B.R. Hollins.

Hollins narrowly missed advancing to the general election, and the Rock Hill Baptist Church pastor is now urging his supporters to help elect Flowers. Flowers' wife, Linda, is a member of Hollins' church.

"Carl is a fundamentally fair person who is committed to his wife and children, as well as students," Hollins said. "He is also creative and a very hard-working person."

Hollins' support is surely a welcome sight, but don't expect Flowers to outwardly show much excitement. By and large, Flowers said he keeps his emotions on an even keel. He described himself as an "easygoing type," but that tendency is not a constant.

An avid tennis player, Flowers is fanatical about sports and follows SIUC teams with a fervor to arrest. He also has been a high school basketball official for about 15 years.

There is something other than sports that excites the mild-mannered Flowers — his family.

"Family is the primary thing for me," the father of two said. "Family comes first, and I try to demonstrate that."

Especially during his busy council campaign, keeping family at the top of his agenda can be a daunting task.

Case in point — in February, Flowers was scheduled to appear at a public forum for council candidates. The same night, his son Cameron's basketball team played the championship game of its season.

After much internal debate regarding which event to attend, Flowers participated in the forum, then made a hasty departure to catch the end of Cameron's game.

He arrived just in time to literally watch the final seconds of the contest but rested easier that night knowing he made a concerted effort to be supportive of his son.

For Flowers, overcoming obstacles is a way of life. "I've never been a sidelines type of individual," he said. "We should all challenge ourselves to make a difference — that's why I'm running for city council."

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## Our Word

### Pack plundering symptom of larger problems

There used to be a time when the only wars fought at the University Bookstore were at book-buy-back time, when students would return their textbooks for a paltry sum and an anger-subsiding free pizza coupon. But now there's apparently a new enemy and a new battle being waged at the knapsack check-in station.

In the last two months, seven students have been victimized by this cubby-hole kidnapper. Apparently, these crimes haven't been committed by someone with a burning thirst for the knowledge contained in the lifted books but by a criminal out for the fast, easy profit of returning ill-gotten texts.

Perhaps these acts are committed out of the physical manifestation of one person's outrage at his or her past book return reciprocities, but realistically these crimes are just what University Bookstore Manager Jim Skiersch refers to them as — "part of a much broader problem."

For too many people, ethics is deadlier than Aristotle himself. As a society, the attitude that "it's not wrong if I don't get caught" prevails all too often. People are willing to injure their fellow community members for the sake of personal gratification and profit. An illegal fast buck has taken the place of a hard-earned dollar. And why? Because we just don't care about each other anymore.

The theft of a book bag isn't on the same level as murder or battery, but it does fall into the ranks of the ever-building, always-nagging problem of petty crimes. When you lift someone's knapsack, you're not inflicting physical harm on them, but you are causing them a great inconvenience. Day to day, students carry around more than just texts in their book bags. Someone's all-nighter term paper could be in there or their work clothes, maybe even their heart medicine. But these things don't matter to

a criminal out for a quick profit. Thieves don't concern themselves with what the other person loses — they just want the money, books or whatever else they've stolen.

This whole book bag theft outbreak is reminiscent of a badly played Keystone Cop movie where the thief narrowly escapes the clutches of the law by riding off into the sunset on a squeaky bicycle and the authorities are left scratching their heads. It's sad that students have to take the extra time to put their bags in free lockers instead of having them checked at the door because of University Bookstore cost constraints.

After seven thefts it seems almost ignorant to not put in some sort of added security measure while the thief is on the loose. Steal from me once, shame on you — steal from me twice, shame on me — right? So what reflection does the bookstore have after seven thefts? Maybe the bookstore is making the crime easy, but we shouldn't punish the gullible unless they're in on it to force students into buying numerous copies of textbooks. Realistically, the bookstores only fault comes in trying to cut costs at the peril of trustworthy students who leave their bags at the door. The blame lay with the thief.

Committing a crime and not getting caught becomes a game for a thief, a thrill, the stuff sociologists say charismatic authority is based on. Whatever it is, it's senseless. Book bag thefts are not crimes of necessity, they're crimes of convenience. If you need money, earn it like everybody else getting an education here hopes to do. If you need a thrill, go to Great America. If you want respect or admiration, then do something admirable — teach someone to read instead of taking their books. Respect is earned, not stolen. At SIUC we should all be here to steal the knowledge, not each others' homework.

## Nothing ever happens in this slothful Southern town

I didn't know quite what to expect from Southern Illinois. I visited similar rural areas many times before — places where the hottest hangout spot is the gas station/jiffy mart on the corner of the town square. I had observed the way they live, work, entertain themselves, and I thought I understood this way of life fairly well. But Carbondale proved unique in its operation — it never quite fit into the niche I had created for it in my mind. It still doesn't after four years. And the only thing I can think of that separates it from other similar areas is the great ability of the residents here to appear, at all times, as if they're doing nothing. Carbondale is a shifty town.

There is some unknown element that has slowed this area to a mere crawl. Be it unemployment, lack of entertainment, or 20,000 students in a four-year phase of waiting, it doesn't matter. But when I look around everyone seems to be in some trans-

### From Hell to Breakfast

Carolyn Skaggs



From Hell to Breakfast appears Wednesdays. Carolyn is a senior in visual communications. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

parent form of stop-motion, wandering the streets, not really aware that their legs are actually moving. There's not even anticipation to be said for it, because it doesn't appear that anyone really wants to do anything or cares that they're not. I've heard the weather given as an excuse before. And I can attest that the summers here can be dreadful. During this season, it becomes a mere pilgrimage to go from house to campus, or rather, from house to

liquor store. And in my un-air-conditioned home, I've often gone on all fours up the stairs, as even the smallest amount of activity during the summer is physically draining. Yet this explains very little. This state of latency comes from more than just oppressive temperatures and soggy humidity.

Even when it seems like people may be doing something down here, if you look close enough, they really aren't. It's only a temporary solution to an unsolvable issue. Just a way of filling space or a means by which to fill the dead air that swallows up their lives.

A stoniness ensues. As a result of this stoniness, Carbondale has birthed many a litter of shady inhabitants. Something I didn't catch on to for a while because it's such a habitual practice here to be idle. But when you stop and look around and realize that there are often even large groups of people in this plight of inertia, it

becomes evident how shifty everyone looks.

I'm guilty of it as well. I go back up north and I forget that it's not customary to sit curbside for hours at a time. I tried this once actually in the city. I sat on a bench in the middle of the Loop during the 6 p.m. rush and did nothing. I didn't smoke, I didn't read, I didn't look even mildly interested when a public bus came along. As a result, I received many looks of disdain from the passing businessmen and even from the homeless man who tried to hail a cab for me.

Here, it's just the opposite. My walking pace has slowed in large increments for every year I've been down here.

My movements are more sloth-like every day. And as of late, my once fairly harnessed ambition has been replaced by a nagging feeling every time I have to put forth effort that doesn't agree with my attempt at hedonism.

## Mailbox

### DAILY EGYPTIAN'S coverage appalls reader

Dear Editor,

I am appalled and saddened at the DAILY EGYPTIAN. This is a newspaper that is supposed to be for the students, done by the students. However, it is with a heavy heart to tell you that you once again failed to report the achievements of the students.

During the week of March 4-7, 1999, 30 students that were representing SIU left for Springfield. These students were attending a Model Illinois Government (MIG) event that teaches students what a politician goes through in any given day. While this is a great experience, students are exposed to a lot of stress and pressure. These students meet twice a week during the spring semester to learn the MIG procedures that they are going to use. They did this without getting school credit for it (note: college credit for taking it).

For the second year in a row, SIU has taken home the trophy for first place. Also, two first year delegates received honors as well. Beonica Rupert and John Moreland beats out hundreds of people to be named the best. Rupert won for her abilities to properly balance a budget and get it approved by the governor. Moreland won his award for being the best lobbyist. All three of these achievements were failed to be noticed by the DAILY EGYPTIAN. This is sad since MIG did have two DAILY EGYPTIAN journalists attend this event. MIG has placed SIU on the political map. Please remember that just because this organization is not involved in sports, elections, greets, or scandals, a real student newspaper would report about them.

Ken Johnson  
senior, political science

### Dillard is the wrong choice for business, students

Dear Editor,

Carbondale businesses have an enemy. Carbondale's SIU students have an enemy. Carbondale has an enemy.

Our mayor has chased thousands of students out of town and dozens of Carbondale merchants out of business. That sign that says "Welcome students!" Forget it.

When several downtown merchants met with Mayor Dillard to express out concerns, he said he'd think about it. He told us he was for small businesses. He wasn't.

I had to cut my store in half. I had to add a delivery service. I had to lay people off. My business still suffered. I don't sell liquor.

He wouldn't even let me open a walk-up window to my restaurant.

We aren't welcome here. Mayor Dillard doesn't want us here.

Now, thanks to Mayor Dillard, the mall is in trouble.

New leadership will make sure these problems don't get worse. New leadership will make sure these problems don't happen in the first place. In the April 13th election, let's get a new mayor, and a new leader.

Daniel Ramirez  
Carbondale business owner

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have closed. In addition, extra light was added outdoors to help make the area more secure.

Snyder said the challenges were numerous, but in the end it was all worthwhile.

"The biggest challenge was bringing together everyone needed to make this program work," Snyder said. "There was a lot of planning and work before we could open, but the numbers indicate it has been successful."

In addition to having access to computers and

research materials, renovations are under way to move the browsing room to the first floor. This way people also can look for books for recreational reading during the extended hours.

Fox said the browsing area will include books that have the highest circulation for recreation including current novels, poetry and history books.

It is not clear whether this program will continue to be successful for Morris Library, but Fox is confident it will have lasting appeal.

"The service has been very well-received, and I bet we would have a lot of complaints if it were shut down," Fox said.

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from those.

The search committee will meet later this week and review each candidates file to find the top 10 candidates.

From the semi-finalists three or four will come to campus for further interviews.

This is the second round of dean searches that have gone on in the college. The first round was unsuccessful because there were only four candidates — three turned down SIUC, and SIUC rejected the fourth.

The college has been without a dean since July 1998.

Agriculture

The deadline for naming a dean for the College of Agriculture has been moved back to the end of the semester.

Jan Endres, chairman for the dean search committee, said the deadline was pushed back because advertising was late being published, but Endres hopes to reach a decision as soon as possible.

The closing date for accepting applications is April 1 or until the position is filled.

The search committee is reviewing the 21 applications they have received and hopefully determine finalist for the position, according to Endres.

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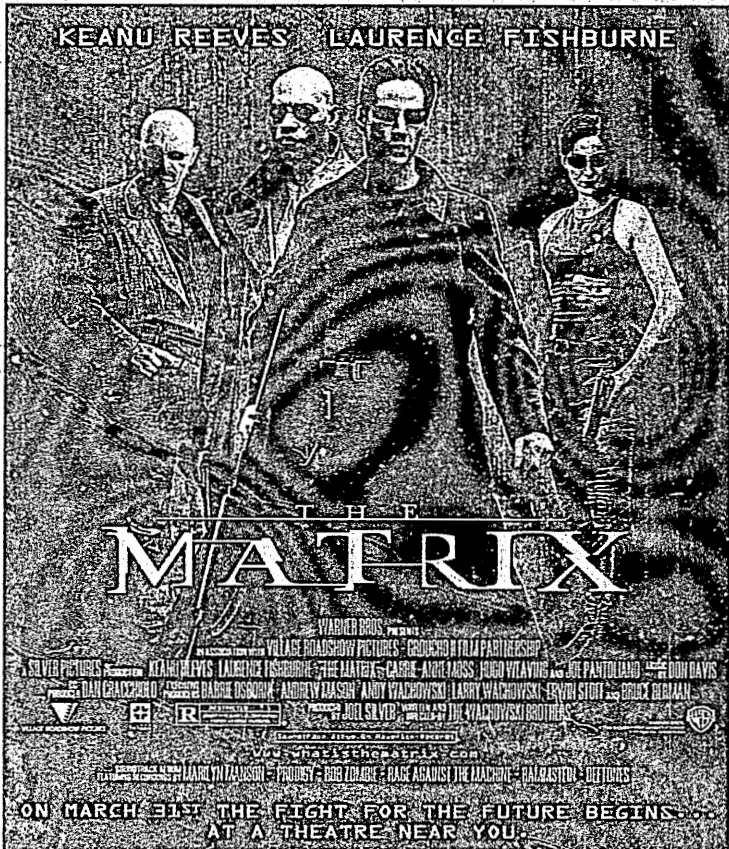
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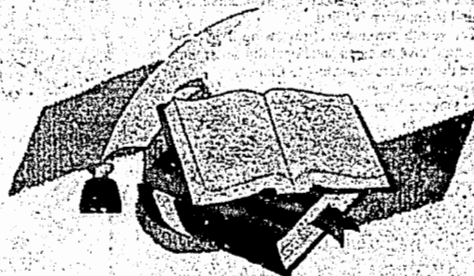
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## HOUSING GUIDE

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See students relax outside Thompson Point on a pier jutting into the water. Photo by Daily Egyptian.

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- Room and board cost is \$1,869 per semester
- Any Campus ID Card balance at the end of each semester will be returned

Source: University Housing  
By Bobbi Sham art, Daily Egyptian

## Campus residents enjoy convenience

RHONDA SCIARRA  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

From her room in Pierce Hall, Carrie Milnor has everything she needs within easy reach. Most of her classes are within a five-minute walk from her room, and she does not have to worry about buying or preparing meals.

Overall, her life is a little less hectic. "I like being so close to classes and everything," she said.

"All of your meals are cooked, and you do not have to worry about paying rent every month."

Steve Kirk, assistant director of housing in charge of residence life, said convenience and social opportunities are two large advantages of living on campus.

"It is convenient in one sense because you are already on campus and close to classes," he said.

"In another sense, being around other students and being able to develop a circle of friends is easier."

According to Kirk, living in the residence halls eliminates stress that students living off-campus

experience. "You don't have to go shopping for food, cook all of your meals or worry about housekeeping," he said.

"You can really focus on your studies because you're not worried about other things."

On-campus housing for single students is organized into three living areas: Brush Towers, Thompson Point and University Park.

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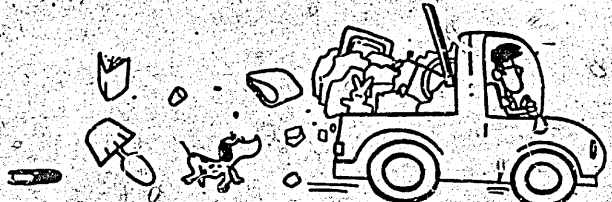
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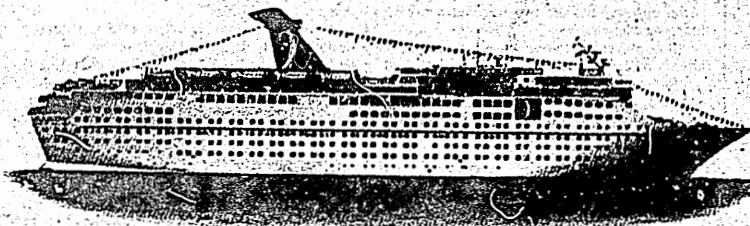
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# Students weigh pros and cons of off-campus living

ERIN FAFOGLIA  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Spring fever brings excitement not only for summer break, but for three-month countdown to dorm-life freedom for freshmen and sophomores.

Sure, the residence halls were a great opportunity for meeting new people, walking in herds to house parties and ordering from a variety of delivery food spots, but the time has come to reach a new level of independence.

The biggest decision for many students in the transition to off-campus living is choosing among houses, apartments or mobile homes.

Jocelyn Davie, a junior in history from Chicago, has had three residential living experiences during her time at SIUC. Her year at the residence halls provided her with the obligatory bad roommate experience.

"I couldn't stand the dorms, but I guess living there your freshman year is a good experience, because it teaches you a lot," Davie said. "You're only 18, and you don't really know what's going on."

Davie lived in sophomore-approved housing off-campus her second year at SIUC.

"I think they should rethink the sophomore-approved housing because it's just a form of constraint in attempt of better student grades," Davie said.

"It doesn't make a difference where you live, because you're

going to do what you want to regardless of the sophomore-approved housing RA's."

Davie has lived in an apartment for two years and is planning on living there next year.

She said apartment living is the best experience she has had with residences at SIUC.

"I highly recommend living off

**"I highly recommend living off campus. I like the freedom of it, and there's a peacefulness to it because you have your own space."**

— JOCELYN DAVIE  
JUNIOR IN HISTORY FROM CHICAGO

campus," Davie said.

"I like the freedom of it, and there's a peacefulness to it because you have your own space."

Jordan Bell, a junior in finance from Palatine, presently lives in a house, but also had a better experience living in an apartment complex.

"Apartments are better because they're nicer and newer," Bell said. "The houses here are old and falling apart."

Compared to Bell's dorm life at

Schneider Hall, the best aspect of his off-campus life is the independence.

"It's better than living on campus because the food doesn't reek, and you can bring booze into your house," Bell said.

Another con to house-living are utility bills and old plumbing, said Mike Zeman, a senior in management from Wilmette.

"Houses are good if you like having brown water because of the old plumbing," Zeman said. "The utilities aren't included so most houses here are highway robbery."

On the other hand, a perk of house life is the absence of dorm food, Zeman said.

"At least when you live off campus there's no starch-filled slop," Zeman said.

Another option for off-campus housing is mobile home living. James Looker, a sophomore in education from Beardstown, purchased a mobile home for \$6,000 when he first moved down to Carbondale.

"Mobile homes are so much cheaper than apartments or houses," Looker said.

"I won't have anything to pay for four years."

Looker's home is in Crab Orchard Lake Mobile Home Park, 1343 S. County Line Rd., and he said he enjoys the seclusion and surroundings of the area.

"In town, you don't usually have a big yard, but here they are really spaced out," Looker said.

Milnor, a freshman in physiology from Decatur, has taken full advantage of everything that on-campus housing has to offer and plans on returning to Thompson Point next year.

Her position as treasurer for the Residence Hall Association and her involvement in Pierce Hall Council have given her more opportunities to meet new people.

"I have made good friends within my hall," she said.

"It is even easier when you are in an organization where all of the halls come together."

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room also including meals.

Kirk said the all-inclusive rates for an on-campus room eliminate the hassles often associated with off-campus living.

"You do not have to worry about the rent bill, the utility bill and water bill every month," he said.

"Those things are already taken care of."

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**"You do not have to worry about the rent bill, the utility bill and water bill every month."**

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# Students shape housing issues

DAN CRAFT  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Student government, local landlords and the Carbondale City Council all have been instrumental in changes that characterized landlord/tenant relations during the last year.

City council members are considering three proposed ordinances about the areas of 24-hour entry notice, agent identification and conspicuous display of fees.

These ordinances, originally proposed by the Graduate and Professional Student Council, and three other ordinances, were not acted upon when first presented to the city council Feb. 16.

The three ordinances were returned to the agenda by Councilman John Budsllick, who expressed concern that the matter had been dropped by the city in spite of the Feb. 16 council recommendation that a task force on the matter be formed. Such a task force has yet to be implemented.

These ordinances are the final outcome of efforts during the past year to improve the quality of rental housing on the part of the PSC and Undergraduate Student government. Both organizations have been in communication with local landlords and city officials throughout the year in attempting to improve conditions.

But local landlords have posed additional regulation of leasing, claiming that current codes are sufficient and that the majority of problems lie with only a few landlords.

Because these landlords have ready shown a disregard for city codes, many landlords argue any new regulation would be ineffective and would restrict only landlords who already comply with these rules.

The three ordinances being considered by the City Council are all at remain of GPSC's original

## Ordinances Proposed by GPSC

1. Landlords must give 24 hours notice before entering property for repairs, inspections or display purposes. Entry is only permitted during reasonable hours, which are presumed to be between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
2. Landlords cannot demand or accept checks post-dated by more than 30 days.
3. Landlords must disclose the name, address and phone number of (a) the owner or manager of the property, and (b) any authorized agent.
4. Landlords must notify the tenant of any code violation at the property within the last 12 months, and tenants must be notified before the termination of a utility. Repairs of under \$500 may be made by the tenant at the landlord's expense if the landlord is notified ahead of time.
5. All fees or service charges must be conspicuously displayed in the rental agreement.
6. Late fees on rental payments may not exceed \$6 per day, and the amount must be conspicuously displayed in the rental agreement.

The above ordinances were discussed by the City Council Feb. 16. These ordinances currently are being reconsidered by the council.

Source: City Council Agenda

By Jason Adams/Daily Egyptian

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## Ordinances Proposed by Landlords

1. Prohibit kegs without a legal City of Carbondale and State of Illinois liquor license.
2. Establish city prosecution of all bounced rental payment checks.
3. Impose a fine against all tenants possessing a pet in a rental dwelling without written permission.
4. City should not issue pet licenses to owners of pets in rental dwellings who do not have written permission from property owners.
5. Hold tenant fully responsible for the tenant's water and sewer bill and hold property owner harmless for the bill.
6. Allow property owners to withhold security deposits and/or any prepaid rents until tenant has provided proof of payment of all bills.
7. Prohibit drugs and under-age drinking and hold tenants liable.
8. Mandate that all rental units be maintained in a clean habitable manner by tenants.
9. Prohibit the use of candles and smoking except with written permission.
10. Require each tenant to show proof of bodily injury property damage insurance with limits of less than \$300,000 per occurrence.
11. Require that all S.U. dorms and apartments in the City be covered under the same ordinances as the privately owned rental units.
12. Allow any ordinance to be waived by mutual agreement between property owner and tenant.

Source: City Council Agenda

By Jason Adams/Daily Egyptian

submission to the council, which at one time filled 20 pages and would have rewritten a large portion of the city housing code.

This proposal, which was rejected by city officials before getting to the City Council last November, combined aspects of housing codes from other Illinois cities, including Champaign, Evanston, Mount Carroll and Chicago.

But while GPSC characterized the proposal as comprehensive, others, including City Councilman Skip Briggs, referred to the proposal as a "glue job."

Following rejection of the 20-page proposal, GPSC drafted ordinances for six points they considered most important. It was these six the City Council declined to act upon in February.

The council also dropped 12

ordinances that had been proposed by a group of local landlords at the Feb. 16 meeting. Among other things, the landlords had sought to ban kegs within city limits; prohibit pets, smoking and candles in rental units without owner permission; and hold tenants, rather than landlords, liable for all utility bills.

GPSC Law School Representative Terry Dodds, who wrote the original proposal along with GPSC President Michael Speck and has been GPSC's point man on the issue throughout the year, said nearly everyone he has spoken with has expressed concern over the current conditions in Carbondale.

Dodds pointed to the results of a survey he conducted last October. Both GPSC and USG have agreed with Dodds' assertion that the survey shows a large portion of Carbondale renters are dissatisfied with their landlord. Local landlords have disagreed, calling the survey biased and incomplete.

The recommendation of landlords, which was mirrored by the City Council in February, was to improve conditions through education of prospective renters by the University, possibly through student government, and through a voluntary mediation program, also run by the University, in which landlords would enroll. Landlords would be offered incentives of some sort to participate in the program.

Other ideas that have been considered include a log of complaints that prospective tenants can view and a system for filing grievances. Landlords are also afforded the chance to reply to any complaints in the log.

The log has been in place in the USG office since the beginning of the fall semester. USG President Jackie Smith has said that although the log is an excellent tool, it has not been utilized to its fullest extent because few students are aware of its existence.

Students can also check on the reputation of their landlords at the Jackson County Courthouse by viewing court records of cases in which the landlord was involved.

USG had also looked into the possibility of a standardized lease for Carbondale during the 1997-1998 school year, but the lease was never approved by the City Council, and it is unclear whether the proposal made it even that far.

Look for landlord/tenant issues to continue into next year as student leaders and local activists continue to pursue the matter.

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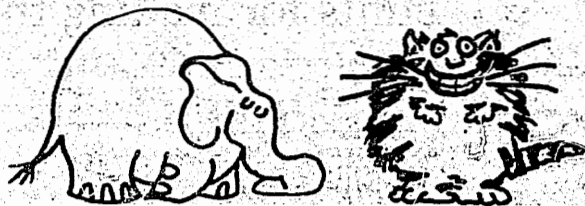
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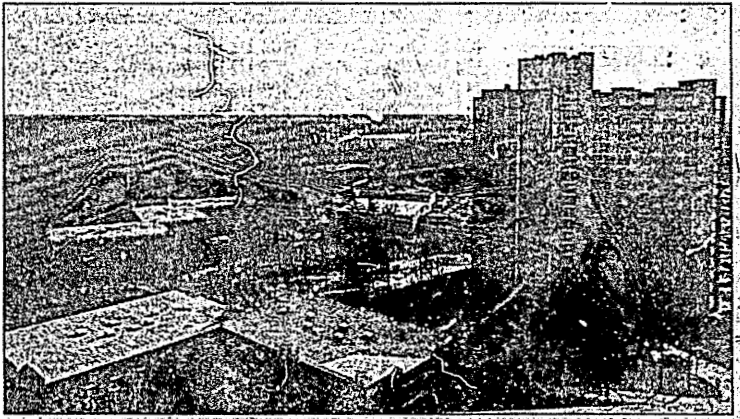
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## Handle leases with care

DAVID FERRARA  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Look early, read carefully and choose your roommates wisely.

Those are words Steve Rogers, an attorney for Student Legal Services, would like students to heed when preparing to move off-campus, attempting to decipher leases.

"If they're starting to look now, they're already starting late," he said. "Most leases begin in early March."

Tenants have certain legal rights, according to the SIUC Student Legal Assistance Office, that could be looked over if the lease is not read thoroughly, Rogers said.

Tenants have the right to:

- not be discriminated against because of race, sex, handicap or because they have children;
- not be intruded upon by the landlord;
- get a decent place to live in exchange for rent paid;

receive all the protection of the law before being forced to leave.

Rogers noted there are quality landlords, even though students may think some are out to get students. He advises students to ask someone who currently lives at a

*"If the landlord won't give you a copy of the lease to read over before you sign, walk away. Don't sign it."*

— STEVE ROGERS  
ATTORNEY FOR  
STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES

residence they want to rent how consistent the landlord is with the lease.

Students should ask questions such as, "Would you rent from this

guy again?" and "Why or why not?"

Students also should be aware that joint and several leases are the most common in Carbondale. Such leases allocate payment to each tenant on a lease.

"The landlord can sue everyone who is on the lease," he said. "Be careful who you pick for a lease."

Anyone interested in subleasing during the summer because they are going away should also know that the tenant cannot be held responsible and could sue the person whose name is on the lease. An easy way to avoid problems with sublessors, Rogers said, is to review potential tenants.

"Be careful of who you sublet to," he said.

Students having trouble getting a copy of their lease to read before they sign, should waste the effort, Rogers said.

"If the landlord won't give you a copy of the lease to read over before you sign, walk away," he said. "Don't sign it."

## Hints for making the move easier

DAILY EGYPTIAN STAFF REPORT

You're finished with final exams, and you've already found the perfect apartment for the next semester. How can you make your move as simple and convenient as possible? Moving companies and realtors offer these tips.

### Before you move:

- Fill out change-of-address cards as early as possible. These are available at either of the Carbondale post offices — 1301 E. Main St. or 2001 W. Main St. — and will help ensure your mail is successfully routed to your new address. Change of address cards should be sent to friends, family, banks, insurance companies, credit card companies, utility companies, doctors, dentists, government agencies and the University.
- Select one room of your current home as a "packing room" and pack up a few things each day before the big move.
- Consider going in with friends and neighbors to have a garage sale before you move. This is a good way to make extra money, and you will get rid of things you own that you no longer need or that are taking up space.
- Back up all files from your personal computer onto floppy disks before moving your computer and printer.
- Keep a utility log to check ser-

vice-transfer dates. If you are moving locally, leave the power and water on at your old address a few extra days so you can go back and clean after you move out.

### Packing:

- Put together a survival box before you move that contains things such as scissors, tape, hammer and nails, bandages, bottled water, markers, cleaning supplies and paper towels.
- Use wardrobe boxes when you move. These boxes make it easy for you to move clothes directly from your closet, and there is room on the bottom of the box for shoes, throw pillows and linens.
- Pack items that you know you will need immediately — towels, sheets, toiletries, tissues and a change of clothes — in your clothes hamper or a designated dresser drawer on moving day so that you will be able to lay your hands on them.
- Lamp shades can be particularly troublesome to transport. Wrap them separately with clean, nonprinted packing paper. Then put two or three in a large box so they will stay clean and won't get crushed during the move.
- Mark each box with its contents and destination room, which will allow you and your moving helpers to know where each box belongs at your new home.
- To prevent small items from being lost or mistakenly thrown out

with the packing paper, wrap them in brightly-colored tissue paper before placing them in the box.

- Use only unprinted newspaper paper to wrap items. Regular newspapers are messy and can soil your belongings.
- Use clean cartons designed for moving. Boxes obtained from grocery or liquor stores are not always clean and the odd sizes can be difficult to transport.

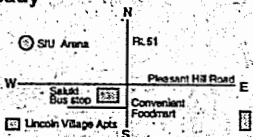
### The big day:

- Move on a weekday if you can because banks, utility company offices and government offices are open. You will likely need to contact at least one of these offices during your move-in.
- If you are moving a washing machine, put plastic bags around the hoses of the machine and secure them with rubber bands to prevent leakage in transit.
- Load house plants last and unload them first.
- If you have pets, consider boarding them with a friend on moving day. Animals can become confused and frightened during a move.
- Defrost your refrigerator and freezer.
- Double-check closets, cupboards, attic, basement and garage for any left-behind items.
- Make sure you have placed legal, medical and insurance records in a safe place during the move.

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# Students find food hard to swallow

**YUM YUCK:** Patrons of dining halls give mixed reactions to dormitory food.

JAMES FULLER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Within the boundaries of the SIUC campus, a plethora of dining options are available to students, including three separate dining halls and a variety of late-night options.

But from the student perspective, many on-campus Salukis are tired of consuming meals they believe are barely worthy of their university mascot namesake.

From Brush Towers to Thompson Point, residents are fed up with their dining options.

"I don't even eat there," said Kara Menge, a freshman in physiology and pre-optometry from Beardstown.

"It's horrible. The food is high in cholesterol and fattening."

Menge resides at Thompson Point where the main eating venue is Lentz Dining Hall, but her comments were echoed all the way to Brush Towers where residents quench their hunger at Grinnell Dining Hall.

"The food is as good as it gets for serving as many kids as they do I guess," said Mickey Delos Santos, a freshman in athletic training from Chicago and a resident of Schneider Hall.

"It's horrible, but you can't

expect restaurant food."  
Horror tales of dining hall abuse didn't end at the food, however.

One student experienced "embarrassing" physical and verbal abuse in addition to her quality of food complaints.

Anna Gaffney, a freshman in pre-med from LeRoy, said a serv-

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— MICKEY DELOS  
FRESHMAN IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

er actually hit her when she tried to take some food before the "appropriate time."

"Between breakfast and lunch, if you try to eat the food before they remove the plastic, they yell at you, and one server actually hit my hand with a spatula," Gaffney said.

Gaffney also is a member of her Residence Hall Council. During the council's last meeting, members, in cooperation with their head resident, established a list of recommendations for residence hall dining, ranging from

specific likes and dislikes, to ideas for improvement.

A few hall councils and students close to residence hall dining workings admitted to recently hearing rumors of a "big change" in cafeteria management.

Peggy Corley, assistant director of housing for Residence Hall Dining, said she hasn't heard these rumors, nor does she know of any upcoming "big changes."

Corley said Residence Hall Dining conducts food committee hearings where officials get a better perception of what particulars students like and what they want to see changed, such as unclean tables and condiments not being refilled.

Dining Hall menus rotate in a cyclical pattern and recycle every five weeks to provide more variety in eating options.

Corley said menu content is based a lot on student preference and requests while simultaneously trying to balance the need to provide nutritious meals.

When a student comes to her and is unsatisfied with the quality of food, Corley said she asks them for specifics.

"Usually it's not. I don't like anything," Corley said. "I try to personalize."

Meanwhile, on-campus residents tough it out in the cafeterias.

"The food is somewhat alright," said Brad Hooten, a junior in hotel management from Windsor.

"It's not great by any means, but it's edible."

# Students need to be aware of ordinances

**TICKET FREE:** Noise, garbage and lawn care the cause of most Carbondale violations.

TIM CHAMBERLAIN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

There are a number of city housing ordinances that students should pay special attention to if they are renting in Carbondale. With a little common sense, city tickets for housing violations can be easily avoided.

Some of the most common violations, according to Building and Neighborhood Services Director Morris McDaniel, are noise, garbage and lawn mowing violations.

Here are some things to remember to avoid city fees and fines.

There may be quiet hours or time restrictions on noise written into a lease agreement.

Be sure to check the lease first to see what kind of noise restrictions your landlord may have.

The easiest way to avoid noise problems with the city is to use common sense.

Know your neighbors and try to keep noise at a minimum. If a noise citation is issued, the fine will be \$100 if it is a pay-by-mail citation or from \$50 to \$750 if the action goes to court.

Individual circumstances will determine whether the action will go to court.

The city also requires that lawns be kept clean and free of garbage.

Responsibility for this often falls on the occupants of the residence.

As long as occasional garbage



is cleaned up there should be no problems, but repeat offenders may be issued a court citation that can carry fines of \$50 and up.

City code requires that weeds  
"If students approach renting in a responsible manner they should have no problems whatsoever."

— MORRIS MCDANIEL  
BUILDING AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIRECTOR

and grass are to be under six inches in height.

Failure to mow the yard could result in the city mowing the lawn and charging a fee.

Currently, the minimum fine by the city is \$75, and if the city comes in to mow, occupants will be charged \$58 if their lot is under 8,000 square feet.

Be sure to check the lease agreement to see who is responsible for keeping the lawn mowed.

The landlord may take care of it, but some leases require the renter to mow the lawn.

McDaniel said checking these types of things out ahead of time will keep students from being surprised by city fees.

"If students approach renting in a responsible manner," McDaniel said, "they should have no problems whatsoever."

Being familiar with their lease agreement and planning ahead for things like lawn mowing can help students avoid unnecessary fines and fees from the city.

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# A room with a view



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# Students find advantages in mobile homes

DAILY EGYPTIAN STAFF REPORT

Ron Pinkus says his search for housing in Carbondale ended happily once he discovered the affordability of living in a mobile home.

He also discovered that living in a mobile home had one of his favorite perks of living in a house.

"I've lived in a house and an apartment, and this was much cheaper," Pinkus, a recent SIUC graduate from Chicago, said. "I really wanted a house again, and I found that a mobile home was the closest thing to a house because of the front yard."

Carbondale offers about 16 mobile home parks for students to choose from when looking for off-campus places to reside. Mike Peterman, co-owner of Bel-Aire Mobile Homes, 900 E. Park St., said SIUC students can receive more advantages living in a mobile home than living in houses or apartments.

"Mobile homes are more efficient than some of these older houses and apartments," he said. "There is more space for the amount you pay for rent."

According to Peterman, renting a two-bedroom mobile home at his park may cost \$200 while a similar apartment might run between \$300 to \$350.

Pinkus says his landlord offers convenient maintenance for his mobile homes' surrounding area as well as its inside.

"I never have a problem getting things fixed here," he said. "Just last week I had a broken water pump and it was fixed the next day."

For Tiffany Slankard, a psychology major from Clay City, the

inexpensive cost and relative ease of mobile home living prompted her to eventually buy a mobile home.

"Since I own the home, my roommate and I just pay for utilities and lot rent," she said. "When I sell it, I will probably get all my money back if not more."

Slankard said mobile homes provide the privacy of houses for

those, like Pinkus, who do not want to opt for living in apartments. She agrees that for SIUC students, mobile home living is worth checking out.

"Since we don't share the walls with anyone and we have our own lot," she said, "we can grill out in the summer with the neighbors. It has worked out really nicely for us."

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# Beware of the evil college housing cycle

It's one of the most time-consuming, gut-wrenching, nerve-racking decisions college students deal with today. It causes us to scour newspapers, spend hours on the phone, interrogate our friends about compatibility and speculate endlessly about the coming year.

It is the great housing dilemma. Where do I live? Apartment? Big, five bedroom house? Small house? Who do I live with? Friends? Strangers? By myself?

I have dealt with these questions for four years, and thanks to my inability to decide on a major, I'll probably have to deal with it next year, too. And then there's graduate school — another housing nightmare. Let me share with you some experiences over the last three years and six abodes.

1. The dorms. You are shipped away from your home, possibly for the first time, and thrust in a hall of 27 guys, all of whom are around your age, with one R.A. who is some ancient, 22-year-old senior. What do you do? You party so much that classes seem to be getting in the way of your social life. Every night, someone 'is' drinking, smoking, or doing a drug you never knew existed. You think, "communal living

isn't so bad." Then the R.A.s start cracking down, grades begin to slip, and friends tell you they might not be coming back the second semester because when their parents see their grades... The University decides that the only way you can be con-

on a quiet floor!" After the original horror wears off you realize that just means you have to go somewhere else to party. "That's all right," you think, "I was getting tired of finding strange people passed out in my bed."

3. The big house. After a semester, you come to the conclusion that the stillness of the quiet floor is driving you certifiably insane, so you gather three frat boys who lived in the first hall and rent a four-bedroom house, complete with a large living room, dining room, and even a kitchen. "Hey," you think, "that's cool, no more dorm food for me. I can cook my own food now." Two weeks later you notice you're eating at Wendy's every night, your jeans are, shrinking, and you have no money to party with because eating out is expensive and there are bills to pay. Soon you've turned into your dad, going bananas every time someone leaves a light on when they walk out of a room. Plus, even though you think you missed the wild, crazy days of the old floor, you find yourself in the house that never sleeps, with nowhere to hide. The house is labeled a national disaster area because no one will clean it.

## Flatulence in Litany

Christopher Kennedy



Flatulence in Litany appears Fridays. Chris is a senior in creative writing. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the Daily Egyptian.

trolled is by kicking all 27 guys off the floor. You're proud that this is the first time in University history that they've ever kicked out a whole floor.

2. The Dorm, Part II. So, you move across campus, with the same roommate you didn't get along with the first semester. As you walk down your new hall, you don't see any broken bottles, puddles of vomit, or even a torn down bulletin board. It's a foreign landscape. "Oh my God," you realize, "they put me

4. The interim. The lease runs out, and there's no way you are signing on for another year, so you scramble to find somewhere to live before you, and your belongings, are on the street. A friend, who still lives with his parents, says he has a spare room. You jump at the chance. Living with other people's parents is not nearly as bad as living with your own, but let's face it—they're still parents. The upside is that there's always food and beer in the fridge, someone is willing to cook for you, and the TV actually has cable...with movie channels! Free entertainment! An added bonus is that the parents pay the bills and let you stay for free until you can find another place.

5. The apartment. So you and your best, female friend decide to get a place together. You find a small, two-bedroom apartment, with varnished hardwood floors, in a quiet neighborhood. She loves the place; you could care less where you live. The rent isn't too bad, so you move in. You both work a lot, so it's almost like living alone. You think that since you're living with a girl she'll keep the place clean. Then you wake up and realize it's the '90s. You get used to guys mysteriously emerging from your roommate's room in the morning, and sharing breakfast with them while she's in the shower. The apartment is the first time you've felt like you've had a home since you left it. It's pretty much hassle free (except for the landlord who's infatuated with your roommate and continually shows up without warning), and the two of you never argue. You can sit in a room for an hour, never say a word to each other, and not feel uncomfortable. All of a sudden you feel like an old married couple. This utopia comes to an end when you get the strange urge to switch schools and move 1,200 miles away.

6. The small house. You go to a new school where you know no one. You meet a nice couple who has an extra room in their house. You move in without hesitating. You find out that they have a family: a large dog and two cats (one of which uses your new bed as a litter box), but things are looking good. You feel comfortable watching TV with a dog curled around your feet and a cat on your lap. You think you might've found "home" again. And then you realize you might have to do this all over again next year.

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**TRIPLETS:** Three person rooms gain in popularity over the years due to roominess.

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Unlike students living in typical suite-style rooms in Steagall Hall, roommates Dan DeBartolo, Mark Hartman and Paul Koverdan say they are fortunate to live in the three-person room at the end of the hall.

At the end of the floors in the residence halls of Thompson Point, up to three students occupy two rooms containing two sinks, a bathroom and multiple closets.

The three roommates in Steagall Hall have turned the front room into a living area complete with couches, an entertainment system and refrigerator, while their beds and a computer occupy the back room.

"Seven or eight people can hang out in our room and watch television comfortably," DeBartolo said. "We have more than enough room."

Teri Schaefer, coordinator of residence hall life for Thompson Point, said these three-person rooms are increasingly popular among students who continue to live on-campus.

"People who get into a three-person room usually sign-up for that room the following year," Schaefer said.

According to Schaefer, the rooms were built to avoid wasting space at the end of the halls.

Schaefer said the rooms first housed four students but were unpopular. In the early 1990s policy changed, and three people were assigned the rooms.

Schaefer said living in the rooms can be a positive experience.

"The room is beneficial, especially for three people who have become close friends," Schaefer said. "They can have their own little environment."

According to Dorothy Schemonia, acting supervisor of contracts for University Housing, each of the 56 available three-person rooms are filled already for the 1999-2000 school year.

DeBartolo, a senior in radio and television from Niles, chose to live in the three-person rooms with Hartman after living off-campus last year.

"I am graduating in May, and I moved back on campus because it was the best deal for my money," DeBartolo said. "The three-person room adds to it."

Hartman, a sophomore in electrical engineering from Peoria, lived in the same room last year with two people he did not know.

"One of my roommates kept the whole back room to himself," Hartman said. "It was hard to adjust with three different personalities."

DeBartolo and Hartman were fortunate to be placed with Koverdan, a friend DeBartolo knew from high school.

"One more personality to deal with is hard, especially if it is someone who has a hard time getting along with people," DeBartolo said. "We all seem to mesh well, and it has turned out to be a great situation."

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**YOGA**  
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Yoga can be divided into four distinct types — bhakti yoga (the path through love), jnana yoga (the path through knowledge), karma yoga (the path through work) and astanga yoga (the path through physical exercise).

Astanga, meaning the "eight-limbed yoga," is the type of yoga Schindler incorporates into the class.

Hatha, one of the branches of Astanga yoga, is "the use of the body to reach a state of calm tranquillity in the mind."

Schindler leads the group in a series of hatha yoga postures with names like the fish, the cobra and the shoulderstand.

Yoga postures are gentle stretching positions created to help balance the mind and body. They rejuvenate glands, the brain, the spine and internal organs.

Schindler said he has used about 50 postures this year with the club, but there are more than half a million postures in existence worldwide.

"As many ways as you can twist and turn your body, that's a yoga posture," he said.

Schindler said that with the use of hatha yoga postures, glands in the body are affected through the application and removal of pressure on those points.

"The shoulderstand, for example, puts gentle pressures on the pituitary and pineal glands," he said. "It has an affect on serotonin and melatonin levels in the body resulting in a more relaxed feeling."

In the shoulderstand, participants raise their legs and bodies above their head and shoulders using their hands as support on their hips. Like most postures, the position is held for several seconds and then repeated.

After 45 minutes of hatha postures, participants engage in body massage techniques consisting of self-massages and group back massages.

The class explores bhakti yoga, meaning devotion, in the 10 to 15 minutes of meditation at the end of each class.

Schindler said that with a mantra-based meditation,

the goal is to have hundreds of thoughts run through a mediator's mind.

"Eventually your focus is on this mantra or ideation, and you merge into this thought," he said. "When you meditate on this peaceful idea you become a more loving and compassionate person."

He said meditation helps people get past certain obstacles over which they have no control.

"Meditation helps you go beyond yourself and get in touch with your deeper self," he said. "Most of the people that come have never meditated before — this is an easy one for them to learn."

According to Schindler, the path of kharma yoga is accomplished through volunteer work with the Red Cross blood drives. Kharma in Sanskrit means "action or service."

"We always try to do some sort of selfless service," he said. "It gives you a positive feeling that has an effect on your mind and body."

Outside of the two yoga sessions a week, members of the club meet to cook vegetarian dinners, meditate together, go to movies and socialize on a different basis. Some members of the group live in what Schindler calls the "yoga house."

"The club is becoming more social," Schindler said. "The group of us this year is intimate and learning more about each other."

When Rachel Lieber, a sophomore in photography from Carbondale, first experienced yoga it changed her nightlife routine.

"I didn't feel like I needed to go out to a bar," Lieber said. "After I came home I didn't need to drink — it's weird."

For Caryn McDaniel, a junior in photography from Virden, attending yoga sessions since the start of this semester has influenced her mind and body.

"It improves flexibility, expands your airways, feels good and is relaxing," she said. "Yoga is one of those things that you get out what you put into it."

Schindler said the numerous benefits of yoga include strengthening of muscles, a boost of the immune system and an increase in flexibility. He said that through yoga he has found within himself peace and tranquility.

"For me, yoga is a way of life," he said.

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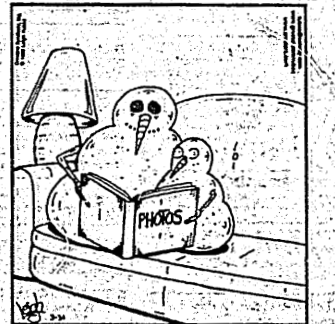
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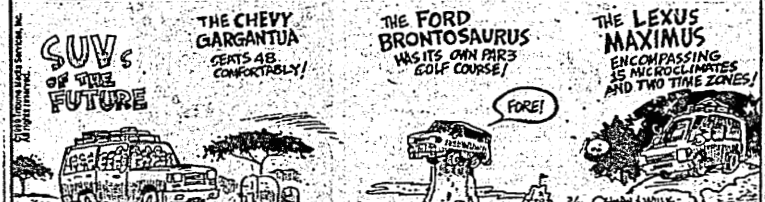
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## JONES

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The Yanks drafted Jones with the 26th pick in the 1997 amateur draft.

After hitting 300 at "low" Class A Oneonta last season, Jones has little doubt he can make the big show if he puts his mind to it.

"My first season (.241 at Oneonta in '96) was a little bit questionable, and I started to wonder if I have what it takes," he said. "But after last year, now I know I can do it, it's just a matter of putting in the extra work."

Currently, the Yankees list their top prospect in the entire organization as another first baseman, 20-year-old Nick Johnson. While this may be perceived as bad news, the world of professional baseball requires little loyalty to a single team.

"The Yankees are involved in every trade possible, so I'm not concerned with just making the Yankees," Jones said. "I never know what's going to happen —

maybe I'll get moved, or maybe he'll go someplace.

"I'm just trying to have a good season. I'm just trying to make it." SIUC coach Dan Callahan expressed a similar projection for Jones' future.

"If you do well in pro baseball, there's one of two things that can happen," Callahan said. "You continue to climb the ladder or you get traded."

Jones only wants to continue his auspicious habits of last season, although he certainly isn't going to rest on his laurels.

"It's very easy to get by with the minimum," Jones said of his work habits. "You have to do extra to get to the next level."

For Jones, "extra" means attending optional hitting times aside from the regular spring training day, which lasts from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All the work is essential to keep the dream of big-league baseball, which can flicker away in an instant, alive and well.

"In the minor leagues you can't have a bad year," he said. "If I were to have a bad season and someone

below me has a very good season, I get passed by."

In pro baseball, "passed by" basically translates to "we hope you're ready for the real world."

Jones played first base for SIUC in 1996 and '97, capturing all-Missouri Valley Conference honors in '96 and bopping 21 career home runs, good for seventh on the Salukis' all-time list.

Jones certainly has his supporters back in Carbondale.

"As a coaching staff, we sure pull for him to have success," Callahan said. "He's stayed in contact with us, and we've stayed in contact with him."

The SIUC ties to Jones also remain strong since his younger brother, Anthony, began playing first base for the Salukis this season.

Aaron also received his engineering degree from SIUC in December, setting a positive example for all student-athletes.

"There's a sense of loyalty," Callahan said. "I think, for the most part, he had a positive experience here."

it, and that was the most satisfying thing," Hairston said.

This spring, Hairston batted .185 with 1 home run and 6 RBIs while competing for the second base spot.

But after Monday's game against the St. Louis Cardinals, Hairston was optioned to the Triple-A Rochester ballclub.

"I think he's made remarkable progress," said Tom Trebelhorn, minor league coordinator of instruction for the Baltimore Orioles. "His progress is a testament to his skills and his genetics."

"His versatility between second base and shortstop will be important for him in Rochester. He needs to just come in and play hard."

Even with the demotion, Callahan knows Hairston's attitude will never change.

"One thing about Jerry is that he never is lacking in confidence," Callahan said. "And when you start climbing the ladder in pro ball, that doesn't hurt you. In Jerry's mind he should be in the big leagues."

One thing Hairston is not complaining about is his whereabouts. Playing with the Baltimore Orioles and the "Oriole Way," Hairston is just happy to be there.

"The Orioles have a rich tradition of not only winning, but having hard-nosed, hard-working players," Hairston said. "We've had Frank Robinson, Brooks Robinson, the Ironman (Ripken), and just to be a part of that is something. I'm really starting to enjoy the 'Oriole Way' because it's nothing but class and the fans in Baltimore are tremendous."

However, SIUC always will be in Hairston's heart in pursuit of his major league dreams.

"Besides getting a good education, it's a fun school to go to," Hairston said. "Everyone was really friendly, and I really enjoyed my time there. I'm so fortunate to go to college because I really got a chance to learn about myself, and I really got a chance to not only grow as a ballplayer but as an individual."

## HAIRSTON

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Callahan is amazed.

"That's one of the most meteoric ascents I've ever seen," Callahan said. "He went from SIU to the big leagues in 16 months, and that's not a typical minor league climb right there. He defied the odds."

On September 11, 1998 — after being called up from the Bowie Bay Sox, Baltimore's Double-A team — Hairston's place on the lineup card that evening said it all.

"I really took a moment to myself," Hairston said. "I got a chance to look out at beautiful Camden Yards, and I'm looking around and I see Cal Ripken (Jr.). I see Rafael Palmeiro, and I really shouldn't say this, but I couldn't believe it."

It didn't take long for Hairston to get over his initial feelings.

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# Saluki Sports

Upcoming: Softball team takes on Eastern Illinois  
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## Making their mark

With a record of 20-4, Salukis jump to the 38th rank in Baseball Weekly/ESPN poll.

MIKE BJORKLUND  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Say goodbye to being unknown and hello to national recognition.

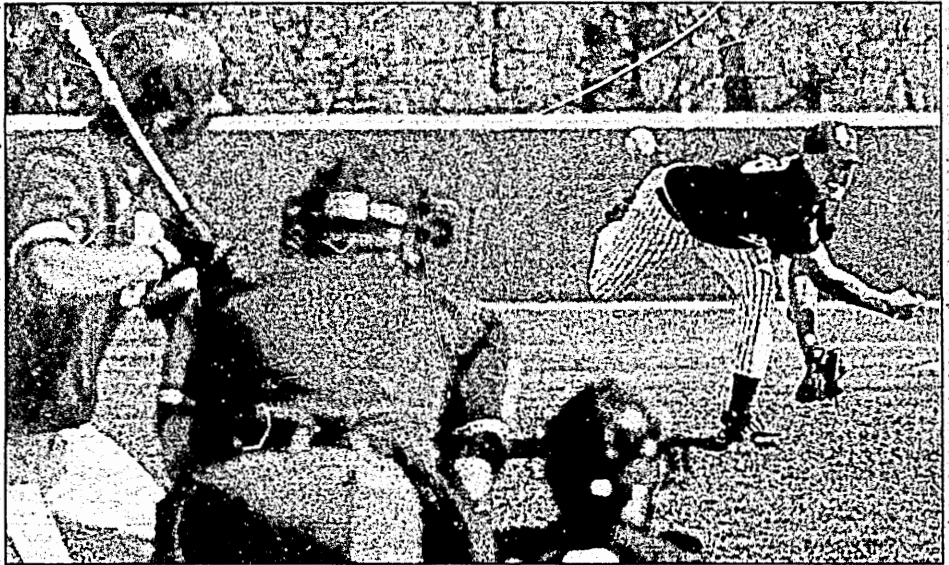
That's what the SIUC baseball team has jumped to after its 20-4 start — its best start since 1990.

The latest Baseball Weekly/ESPN Top 25 poll has the Salukis ranked 38th in the country, receiving 10 votes on the ballot.

Other Missouri Valley Conference teams ranked are the No. 13 Wichita State University and No. 46 Southwest Missouri State University, who face the Salukis this weekend at Abe Martin Field.

"We're either mature enough or well-enough aware how tough this conference is to begin with," Saluki coach Dan Callahan said. "We'd be terribly remittent if we approach this Southwest Missouri series because we got some votes that anything is going to change."

Before the Salukis can even think about facing the Bears, they



JASON KOEHLER/Daily Egyptian

The Saluki baseball team will take on Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., today at 6:05 p.m. The Salukis' record now stands at 20-4, and SIUC is ranked 38th in the nation.

must contend with Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., tonight at 6:30.

The Governors are 15-9 and 5-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference this season. The team finished well below .500 with a 23-32 mark in 1998.

This season has been different for APSU, as they have loaded themselves with powerful bashers in outfielder Pat O'Sullivan (.362 avg., 7 HR, 31 RBI) and catcher Lance Wampler (.347, 7 HR, 23 RBI).

Both are capable of doing

damage against a solid SIUC pitching staff (3.14 ERA).

In their two meetings last season in Carbondale, the teams split their results by close 6-4, 6-5 scores.

The Salukis own a 16-9 all-time mark against the Governors and will entertain them May 4 at Abe Martin Field.

"They're usually pretty good games," Callahan said. "Our approach to this being a night game won't change anything."

The Salukis, heavy hitters themselves, are batting .348 as a

team. They have been able to build a modest seven-game winning streak in the process because of timely hitting from juniors right fielder Marty Worsley (.446, 2 HR, 26 RBI), second baseman Steve Ruggeri (.376, 9 stolen bases) and Scott Boyd (.337, 2 HR, 37 RBI).

"It's nice to see him provide a little power — he's been driving in runs," Callahan said of Boyd. "We've seen him do that in batting practice on several occasions. He's got some pop right-handed, and he has some pop left-

handed."

SIUC will throw senior Adam Biggs (5-2, 1.74 ERA) against Austin Peay. With warm weather expected in Clarksville, Callahan believes the milder air benefits the pitchers most.

"I know most pitchers, not all pitchers, if they had a preference would be to pitch when it's a little warmer," Callahan said. "It's a little easier to get loose and stay loose. I've got a lot of admiration for some of our pitchers because of some of the weather they have been forced to pitch in."

## Trying to play their way into the big leagues

Jerry Hairston Jr. hopes for another chance in the major leagues after short appearance with Baltimore

MIKE BJORKLUND  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Finding yourself at second base in front of 50,000 fans in Baltimore can be a humbling experience — just ask Jerry Hairston Jr.

The former Saluki infielder, who left SIUC after being draft-

ed by the Baltimore Orioles in 1997, found himself in that exact spot last season.

Hairston made the jump to the pros just 16 months after wearing a Saluki uniform, something by which SIUC coach Dan

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Hairston Jr.



Jones

Aaron Jones' progress in the farm system could land him a spot on the Yankees' lineup card soon.

ROB ALLIN  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Look out, major league baseball. Yet another Saluki is scratching at the door.

Aaron Jones is making steady progress in his bid to join ex-teammate Jerry Hairston Jr., not to mention established ex-Saluki

stars Steve Finley and Sean Bergman, in a major-league uniform.

This season, he moves up another notch to Advanced Class A ball in the world champion New York Yankees' farm system.

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