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Puppy love



DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Several students stopped to play and cuddle with nine puppies for sale outside of Morris Library Monday afternoon. The \$200 Labrador Retriever puppies were popular with students; some even chose to forget their classes for more "puppy cuddle baby talk time." The puppies crawled all over students, chewing on fingers, leaves and backpacks to a chorus of "awwwwws" from those interested in taking one home.

Carterville murder suspect to go on trial

Greg Cima
 Daily Egyptian

The jury trial of a Carterville man charged with the murder of a John A. Logan student will begin Jan. 21.

A Williamson County judge ruled in a preliminary hearing Monday afternoon that there is sufficient evidence to proceed with the trial of Benjamin Aaron Burns, 29, of 906 Pear St., Carterville.

Burns, 29, is charged with two counts of murder in the death of Ryan D. Strum of Elk Grove village. Burns allegedly shot Strum at a trailer in Carterville and dumped the body in a marsh near the Mississippi river at the bottom of Fountain Bluff, a large rock formation near Route 3, south of Gorham.

A preliminary hearing is a court appearance where the prosecution must present part of its case to prove to a judge there is sufficient evidence to show probable cause.

Michael Ryan, a detective with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, was called to testify for the prosecution. He said two campers found Strum's body Sept. 2 face down in about six inches of water, with two cinder blocks chained and padlocked around the neck and left ankle. He said a sleeping bag was also found near the body.

The body had badly decayed, but Ryan said preliminary findings indicated Strum bled to death and two ribs on the right side were fractured. He said further examination revealed a

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Madigan visits Marion

Illinois candidate for Attorney General says prison safety is top priority

Ben Botkin
 Daily Egyptian

Lisa Madigan, the democratic candidate for Illinois attorney general, pledged her support for state prison workers at a Monday press conference, a promise that was backed up by an endorsement from a labor union.

Citing Madigan's opposition to privatization of the prison system, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees endorsed the Chicago senator in her campaign against Joe Birkett, the state's attorney of DuPage County.

"It's not a question of party," said Buddy Maupin, the regional director of AFSCME. "It's a question of principle."

Madigan said she opposes current state efforts to privatize dietary services at prisons.

"Anyone who knows anything about prisons knows that the food production area is the most dangerous part of a prison, where inmate cooks have access to food, fuel and knives," she said. "Dietary employees in our prisons not only prepare food, but provide security both for the employees and inmates."

Greg Wasuleski, a food service supervisor at Vienna Correctional Center with 26 years of experience, agreed.

Food service workers at the Vienna facility cover about 37,000 square feet and serve roughly 1,500 inmates, he said, which makes safety concerns a top priority.

"There's a lot of security in our jobs," he said. Madigan stressed that she wants to protect the prison workers' jobs and ensure the safest services possible at prison facilities — without privatization.

"It's the attorney general's job to protect working families and I plan to do just that," she said.

Additionally, Madigan said she wants to restore the recent budget cuts that have affected prisons, but added that finding the funding is a challenge.

She also noted that Birkett has received contributions from Aramark, the company seeking the contract for dietary services at Illinois prisons.

Aramark contributed \$1,000 to Birkett's campaign in March, and gave another \$300 in June, said Steve Binder, Birkett's press secretary.

Despite the contributions, Binder said Birkett does not favor privatization of prisons because of security and cost concerns, and added that he received the contribution because of his experience as a prosecutor.

"[Aramark] believes the next attorney general should be the most experienced lawyer," Binder said.

Binder said Madigan was attempting to draw attention away from her lack of legal experience with an issue that is germane to the attorney general's duties. Birkett has 21 years of experience as a prosecutor, while Madigan has about four years of experience working for a private firm.

"Lisa Madigan is bringing this up to deflect attention from her lack of experience," Binder said.

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Faculty Association challenges strategic hiring plan

Wendler says he will stick with the plan

Jane Huh
 Daily Egyptian

Just two weeks after announcing the strategic hiring plan announcement, the SIUC administration is already being questioned by some faculty members on how next fall's 28 new hires will improve the University.

The strategic hiring plan relies on the \$2 million generated from next year's tuition revenues to hire 12 senior faculty and 16 tenure-track assistant professors to strengthen nationally recognized programs, and in turn reap

more external funding for SIUC. Kyle Perkins, interim Provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, and John Koropchak, vice chancellor for Research, have both stated that the new hires will improve the overall profile of the University even though all departments did not receive new hires.

"The strategic faculty hiring initiative is in part to address the loss of lines that we've seen in a number of years," he said. "We do hope that this is just a first of a multi-year phase."

However, Faculty Association president Morteza Daneshdoost said about 55 faculty members left the University last year due to retirement or resignations. The new hires will still fall 27 lines short and not make much

of a difference. There are 16 faculty vacancies.

"If we have the same pattern for attrition, we'll have another approximately 55 empty positions next fall," Daneshdoost said. "Assuming that 28 new hires and another 27 not filled, I wonder how you can improve the student-faculty ratio."

Chancellor Walter Wendler said the University lost about \$12 million because of the current budget crisis. During the summer, Wendler said that instead of opting for layoffs, the University would not refill vacant positions.

"The 28 are to fill some of those vacant positions," he said. "There's not enough money to fill all the vacancies."

Walter Wallis, a professor of mathematics, arrived at SIUC in 1985. He said that hiring the 28 faculty lines is a good initiative by itself, but like Daneshdoost, Wallis believes filling the vacancies should be the first priority.

"It's a good idea, provided that they keep up the rest of the faculty," Wallis said. "[The plan is based] not on the need for teaching positions but on this idea of strengthening the better departments."

Daneshdoost said the allotted \$2 million is not enough to hire and retain new hires at the average national salaries.

"We are concerned that this is not the way to improve the situation at SIUC and get us to the top 75 as indi-

cated in the Southern at 150 document," he said.

But besides the \$2 million set aside for the new strategic hires, Koropchak said nearly \$1.2 million in start-up costs from the Illinois Board of Higher Education will provide an incentive for candidates. Start-up costs are additional funding sources to aid faculty with research projects.

"We've gone through the economics of the situation and we believe that we can offer competitive salaries within this \$2 million," Koropchak said. "So, I'm optimistic that we'll be successful in hiring good quality candidates."

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NATIONAL NEWS

FBI: Violent crime up in 2001

WASHINGTON — Murder, rape and every other violent criminal act except aggravated assault rose last year, the FBI said Monday in reporting the first year-to-year increase in overall crime in a decade.

The number of murders increased for the second straight year, following several years of decline, according to the FBI, which compiles its annual survey from crimes reported by 17,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide.

The 15,000 murders represented a 2.5 percent increase over 2000, while forcible rapes were up less than 1 percent and robberies rose 3.7 percent. Aggravated assaults fell by a half-percentage point, reaching its lowest level since 1987.

The FBI did not include the Sept. 11 deaths at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the plane crash in Pennsylvania. These deaths, the FBI said, "are different from the day-to-day crimes reported in this country."

The report listed the total number of Sept. 11 murder victims reported by law enforcement agencies as 3,047. Of those, 2,823 occurred at the World Trade Center, 184 at the Pentagon and 40 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, the FBI reported.

The total number of crimes rose 2.1 percent last year, the first increase from year to year since 1991, the FBI said. But overall crime still is down 10 percent compared with 1997, according to the report.

Two Amish killed, 8 hurt in unrelated buggy accidents

LEON, N.Y. — A horse pulling an Amish buggy in western New York apparently got spooked, sending the buggy into a pond and drowning two children.

On the same day, in central Pennsylvania, a van hit a horse and buggy, injuring seven family members.

In New York, the Miller family, two parents and seven children, were traveling Sunday in Leon, about 40 miles south of Buffalo. Their horse apparently was spooked, and the buggy went off the roadway and into a pond.

A 12-year-old and a four-month-old drowned, Cattaraugus County sheriff's deputies said. Their names were not released.

Six of the other seven family members were examined and released. The mother, Barbara Miller, was admitted to a hospital.

In Hollywood, Pennsylvania, a van plowed into a horse and buggy on a two-lane bridge over the Susquehanna River late Sunday, critically injuring six members of an Amish family, including five children, and seriously injuring a seventh.

All seven were thrown from the buggy and the horse was killed, state police said Monday.

Authorities identified the victims as Ben Ebersol Sr. and Annie Ebersol, 35; and children Andrew, 11; Daniel, 9; John, 7; Sarah, 4; and Ben Jr., 3; all of Anville.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Anger grows over gas tactics

MOSCOW, Russia — Calls are growing in Russia for an investigation into why doctors were not provided an antidote to the gas used during an operation to free hostages held at a Moscow theatre.

Captors demanding an end to the war in Chechnya held about 800 hostages for 58 hours, killing two before Russian forces stormed the building early on Saturday.

Moscow's chief doctor said 115 hostages died from health problems stemming from the "knockout" gas pumped into the building to subdue the Chechen rebels just before the raid.

Alexei Arbatov, head of the Russian parliament's defence committee said, "I blame the authorities for not providing the doctors with antidotes and instructions on how to use them."

"That was certainly a great blunder, and many people are paying for that blunder with their health, and some even with their life," he said.

Because Russian authorities refused to tell doctors what was used, doctors spent the first few hours testing various antidotes before they found something that worked. The situation has angered doctors and the public.

Inspectors want clear Iraq mandate

UNITED NATIONS — The top U.N. weapons inspectors Monday urged a divided Security Council for a clear mandate to disarm Iraq, and the White House said debate has gone on "long enough."

Hans Blix, head of the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspections Commission, and International Atomic Energy Agency Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei met with council members in a closed meeting.

ElBaradei said both men told Security Council members they need unified support before resuming weapons inspections inside Iraq.

"We need explicit authority, good practical arrangements and information from all member states as to how to go and where to go to make sure that Iraq is completely disarmed," he said.

U.S. officials say they want a Security Council vote by the end of the week on a U.S. resolution demanding Iraq comply with previous U.N. mandates and give up weapons of mass destruction, or face the threat of military action.

Other Security Council members, particularly France and Russia, object to any automatic threat of military action. As two of the five permanent members, both have veto power.

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TODAY'S CALENDAR

Campus Shawnee Greens
weekly meeting -
Interfaith Center
5:15 p.m. Today

CORRECTIONS

Friday's article "Whitney hopes to bring green to Springfield" should have said Richard Whitney supports a gradual increase in the minimum wage to \$8 an hour and should have said: The Green Party is what some people consider socialist, he said, but it is the best of that tradition along with human rights and environmental values.

In the graphic with Tuesday's story "SIUC's student leaders support salary increase," Ana Velitchkova's quote should have said, "... I think the student voice is enough, like what USG is doing; it will help and show what the students think about it ..."

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the errors.

POLICE REPORTS

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• A bag containing band equipment was reported stolen between 2:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday from a car parked on the 500 block of South Illinois Avenue. Police said there was no sign of a forced entry. The loss was estimated at \$1,044.

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It's not baseball, but Luechtefeld hopes to win this political game

Former baseball coach hopes to secure third term as state senator

Molly Parker
Daily Egyptian

Editor's note: This story is the first in a two-part series examining candidates for state senator representing the 58th district.

His dream was to play major league baseball, but an injured shoulder in college led him to a 38-year teaching and coaching career. Now retired from Okawville High School, David Luechtefeld has settled himself into the game of politics, running for his third term as state senator on the Republican team.

And while it's not exactly baseball, his last two elections have resembled the competitive spirit of sports, with Luechtefeld winning his first election in a close call against SIUC professor Barb Brown by only 127 votes.

This is the first time Luechtefeld is not being considered a "target" or vulnerable incumbent candidate by Democrat legislative leaders.

Luechtefeld has been state senator representing the 58th district since he was appointed to the office Sept. 15, 1995, following Ralph Dunn's retirement. Running a "targeted" race means both parties pump

large amounts of money into the campaign, and the 1996 race cost a combined \$1.3 million for a position that pays roughly \$47,000 a year. In 1998, he beat Brown by a more comfortable lead of 6,400 votes.

This year he is challenged by Republican-turned-Democrat Charles Wayne Goforth, who served as a representative from 1985 until he was unseated in 1990. While Democrats this year are banking on securing more Senate seats because they won the right to draw the legislative map, Luechtefeld is expected to have an easy victory.

Either way, this life-long Okawville resident won't slack off on the campaign trail until the final name has been called: His district stretches 110 miles, from Cahokia's northern-most point to Jonesboro in the south.

"You have to act like it's going to be close, because until the votes are in, you never really know for sure," he said.

Luechtefeld has been walking door to door, attending debates and, earlier this month, he took a trip to the Chestnut Café in De Soto, where it's okay to eat with your hat on and a sign on the register reads, "If you are grouchy, irritable or just plain mean there will be a \$10 charge for putting up with you."

He ordered hash browns, toast and ham and after eating, he took a trip around the hometown restaurant to meet his constituents, most of which already knew his name.

"Nice to see you; are we solving problems this morning?" he said to a

group of men eating breakfast before their 8 o'clock day began.

Lawrence Dietz, a local farmer, said Luechtefeld has always been helpful when he has called on the state senator, but he still won't give him a grant for a donut shop he wants to open up down the corner.

"When you ask for the moon, you don't always get the moon," Dietz said.

Luechtefeld enjoys meeting the people of his district, but he doesn't much care for the negative campaigning that has marked his last two races. This one has been a little friendlier, but his favorite part of the job remains helping constituents cut through red tape and get what they need from the state.

"I really don't like campaigning. It's very stressful and a lot of times it's a lot of untrue stuff put out there and they are not a lot of fun for me," he said. "But you have to do them and you have to work at them."

Take a look at Luechtefeld and it's easy to understand why he was a sports star in the pinnacle of his athletic days. Standing 6 foot 7 inches and with size 13 feet, he towers over almost anyone else you put in a room with him.

His large stature was the center of attention at a talk he gave on state government to a group of grade school children at a school near St. Louis. After the children listened patiently through his speech, a third-grader chimed in with a question he'd been itching to ask, though it had little to do with Illinois government.

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David Luechtefeld
Republican party candidate,
58th district state senate

Illinois budget:

Luechtefeld said he does not want to raise taxes if next year's budget is in the red, but he will "never say never" unless it is a moral issue. He voted this year to raise taxes on gambling and cigarettes.

Education funding:

Luechtefeld said education should be funded more equitably by less reliance on property taxes and more reliance on a general tax such as the income tax. He said he would have supported former Gov. Edgar's Ikenberry Report that called for such a swap but realizes the political challenges of getting such a plan through the General Assembly.

Southern Illinois economy:

Luechtefeld was the lead sponsor on Empower Illinois legislation meant to revitalize the coal industry in Southern Illinois. He would like to see an increase in ethanol use as a way to increase the price of corn as a benefit to local farmers.

Higher education:

Facing a tough budget year, Luechtefeld said he understands the need for universities to raise tuition to remain competitive although he said administrators should make sure it remains affordable. He said he would be willing to look at the possibility of line item budgeting.

"Some little guy about third grade jumps up and says, 'Can you dunk a basketball?'" Luechtefeld recalls.

In the height of his athletic career he could but "not anymore, I can tell

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The SIUC Faculty Association

The elected representative of the tenured and tenure-track Faculty

Dear Chancellor Wendler:

There has been much talk about new hires of critical faculty for next year at the same time that vacant positions are being left unfilled. In light of the following facts we have gathered from the Provost's office (as of September 20) I have several questions to ask.

The FACTS:

1. There were 101 active searches approved last year to fill vacant Faculty positions for this year.
2. Only 43 of those positions were filled.
3. There are annually on average 50 to 60 positions that become vacant due to attrition (retirements, resignations, deaths, etc.). Last year there were 59 vacancies.
4. The salaries for these positions are funded by the State based on the previous year's budget. When a person retires, for example, the money earmarked for his salary can be used to pay his replacement(s). If no replacement is found, the university receives the money anyway.
5. The 28 positions that have been earmarked for hiring critical faculty for the next year will be funded, according to your news release, using the money from next year's tuition increases.
6. In the fiscal year 2002 (that ended June 30, 2002) there were 704 tenured and tenure-track Faculty. This year, there are only 688.

Our QUESTIONS

1. What happened to the money funded by the State which was earmarked for the 16 positions (704 - 688) that were not filled? This comes to approximately \$1,000,000 (most were senior faculty).
2. You have announced that unless new funds are found, no other Faculty positions (other than the 28 new positions just announced) will be filled next year. Since we can expect an attrition of 55-60 positions next year, that represents about \$3.3 to 3.5 million of state money appropriated for salaries. Where is this money going?
3. If no more than 28 Faculty positions are filled next year, the number of tenured and tenure-track Faculty will go down even lower than 688. How will this affect the Student/Faculty ratio?
4. The 28 Faculty positions for next year are being given to only a handful of departments that have been targeted as critical. What will happen to the majority of the departments that will not receive permission to fill their vacancies? What will happen to the classes taught in these departments?
5. Now that the decisions about hiring Faculty positions have been taken away from the departments and the colleges and are made by only a few people in Anthony Hall, what will happen to Faculty input and shared governance?
6. The big question raised by all this is, outside of Collective Bargaining, how effective is the faculty's input in matters that are so very critical to the university and its students?

Yours truly,
Mortega Daneshdoost
SIUC Faculty Association President

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Cairo's mysterious LEGACY

Echoes from a Civil War past haunt Cairo's National Guard Armory

STORY BY VALERIE N. DONNALS

Editor's Note:

October brings the most macabre
And we would like to share
A phantom parade, a bearded horseman,
So join us if you dare.
Each week we'll have a cryptic tale
Of gruesome events and vital desire
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And gather 'round the ol' campfire.

Echoes resound, lingering in the empty halls. The clatter of armor, the tramp of marching feet, and the moans of wounded soldiers are nearly audible in the oppressing silence.

A constant chill seeps through the building, surrounding the gothic architecture and placing the two National Guard members occupying the building on edge.

"It can get kind of creepy," said Sgt. Richard Friestad.

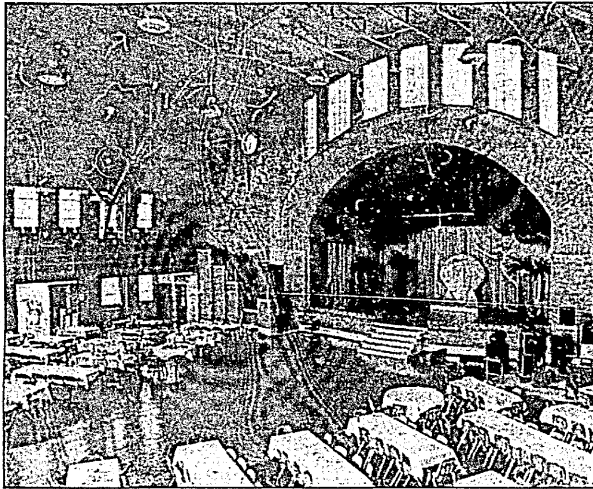
The current armory in Cairo, Ill., is built on the same grounds as the original armory that proved instrumental during the Civil War.

Cairo is remembered as a booming river town with stately mansions, saloons, casinos, riverboats and opera houses. The rebuilding that occurred after the Civil War covered most of the destruction and death that occurred on that hallowed ground.

However, it would seem there are some voices that refuse to be silenced.

"Some of the troops don't like spending the night here because there are a lot of noises in the building and doors closing," said Friestad. "There have been numerous times I have gotten up in the middle of the night because it has sounded like doors have been opened and closed."

He also said the boiler room is a place of sus-



STEVE JAHNKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Decorations fill the grandiose interior of the National Guard Armory in Cairo, Ill., for the Riverboat Days Pageant this September. The current armory was built on the grounds of the original armory that was used during the Civil War. Many that have visited the building believe it is haunted and have heard the sounds of doors being opened and closed.

pense for the troops, who practice at the armory once a month.

"You can hear doors close and strange noises, tappings from the boiler room," he said.

The boiler room is a large room that hosts two entrances to a labyrinth of underground tunnels. The tunnels connect to the sewer, and from there, practically any building in the city can be accessed, Friestad said.

The entrances and tunnels were originally designed for a fall-out shelter in case the city was attacked. They were blocked off when the military took control of the building.

During the Civil War, the armory served as a post that housed soldiers, managed supplies, treated the wounded and buried the dead. Several major battles were launched from Cairo's riverbanks, serving as a strategic point that moved the Union Army into the Confederate states of Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi.

The regiments that were stationed in Cairo were made up almost entirely of recruits and vol-

unteers from southern Illinois. The brave and brash young men were eager to defend their beliefs and their homes from the Confederate troops waiting on both sides of the river to take Cairo.

As a result, thousands of soldiers gave their lives for the cause of their country. Artifacts from their battles are still preserved in back rooms of the armory.

Winding staircases, narrow windows, and hidden rooms are located throughout the building. The high ceilings with original candlelight chandeliers and a giant ballroom give the feel of a history that is not yet gone, a whisper of a lingering past where soldiers fought and died to defend their homes.

As for the current occupants of the armory, they'd prefer to leave the ghost stories to the curious and the superstitious.

"It doesn't really bother me. I'm more worried about the live things than the dead things," Friestad said. "The dead ones can't shoot me."

Reporter Jane Hub contributed to this story.

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Campfire Tales of little Egypt



Jim Ryan rallies during crunch time

Attorney General teams up with former governor Jim Edgar to clean up state

Arin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

In a rally at the Southern Illinois Airport Monday night, Attorney General Jim Ryan announced that if elected for governor, he would appoint former governor Jim Edgar to chair his transition team.

The team's objective would be to restore trust and fiscal stability to Springfield. In a press release, Ryan said Edgar is a leader of unquestioned integrity with experience of leading the state out of fiscal woes.

"The next governor needs to hit the ground running on Wednesday," Edgar said. "The polls are going for Jim Ryan."

The crowd, all decked out in red, white and blue went wild, their screams and cheers of enthusiasm almost deafening in the small lobby of the airport.

"There's no place in the state like Southern Illinois," he said. "You understand politics better than in the wards of Chicago."

Ryan then took the podium and



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jim Ryan presses the flesh with his constituents at the Southern Illinois Airport. Ryan appeared with former Governor Jim Edgar on Monday evening in a last-minute push for votes.

began with saying, "I'd like to say goodbye and thanks for coming," because he was in a hurry. But he didn't leave just then. He spoke about the intense need for change in Springfield.

"I'm going to fight like hell until Nov. 5 to win this election for you and your families," he said.

Kara Dunkel from Makanda was clad in a blue "Jim Ryan for Governor" shirt. She said she came to support Ryan because he is against partial birth abortions.

"Jim has Christian values and he's a family man," she said. "This is what America is about."

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Council hopes to hear public's concerns at tonight's town meeting

Phil Beckman
Daily Egyptian

The Carbondale City Council will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday for the second of its annual neighborhood town meetings.

The meeting will be at the Carbondale Community High School Learning Center, 200 N. Springer St., and will not be televised.

"The opportunity, I think, is a good one," said Carbondale Mayor Neil Dillard. "People will sometimes be willing to come out in their own neighborhood in a less formal meeting."

Dillard said the purpose of the meeting is to give the public an opportunity to ask questions, make comments or talk about whatever issues are important to them. The heads of the various departments of the city government will also be introduced to the public. Dillard said the council does not have an agenda for the meeting, except to listen to residents' concerns.

Dillard said the meeting will help residents get acquainted with others who share their concerns as well as inform the council and city staff of the public's concerns.

"Everybody has a chance to speak up, if they are willing," Dillard said.

This meeting is specifically for residents of the northwest and southwest neighborhoods, but all Carbondale residents are invited to attend. The meeting for residents of the northeast and southeast neighborhoods usually takes place in January at the Eanna C. Hayes Center, 441 E. Willow St. Originally there were meetings for each quarter of the city, but because attendance was low, the number of meetings was reduced to two a year.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

SIU grad features exhibit at Hickory Lodge

There will be an exhibit by Roger Taylor through Nov. 11 at the Hickory Lodge Gallery, 1115 W. Sycamore St. Roger Taylor graduated from SIU in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts.

Face painting and costume contest on Thursday

There will be face painting and a costume contest from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Student Center Ballrooms B and C. Inter-Greek Council is sponsoring scary stories, games, candy and activities. Student-age children and college students are welcome to the free event. For more information, call Nancy Hanks at 203-2728.

WSIU: Radio stations air documentary on local meth activity

WSIU Radio 91.9, 90.3 and 88.9, the public radio stations of SIUC, will take a closer look at the problem of methamphetamine production and usage in Southern Illinois. There will be a 30-minute documentary scheduled to air today at 5:30 p.m.

Reported and produced by WSIU Radio's Maria Hickey, the documentary will explore why Southern Illinois and other rural areas have become active in meth production and use, and will feature law enforcement officials, retailers, substance abuse treatment professionals, as well as a former meth user.

The WSIU Radio stations are National Public Radio and Public Radio International that provide local and national news coverage, classical music and entertainment programming.

CARBONDALE

Alcohol-free Halloween party at Longbranch Coffeehouse

There will be a Halloween party from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Thursday at Longbranch Coffeehouse. Prizes will be awarded for the most original costume and five DJ will provide R&B, disco, and other music. Admission is \$3 for the alcohol-free event. Longbranch Coffeehouse is located at 100 E. Jackson St.

League of Women Voters sponsor forum tonight

The League of Women Voters of Jackson County is sponsoring a second forum for the candidates of Jackson County Board. It will begin with a reception from 7 to 7:30 p.m. today at the Carbondale Civic Center.

The forum will include candidates from Districts four, five, six and seven. The districts include Carbondale and the surrounding area. The forum will be broadcast live to Mediacom cablevision subscribers in Carbondale on pg access Channel 16 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Noah's Ark Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, offers family atmosphere

The Noah's Ark Trunk or Treat Extravaganza is an evening of games, prizes, treats and surprises in a family atmosphere for children up to 12 years old. The event will feature pony rides, carnival games, and food, and children can register to win prizes. It will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Lakeland Baptist Church, 719 South Giant City Road. For more information, call 529-4906.

Volunteers needed for Pumpkin Patrol

The Carbondale Police Department is looking for volunteers from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday for a Halloween Safety Patrol. The department has sponsored the "Pumpkin Patrol" since 1992. Volunteers wearing orange safety vests and driving vehicles bearing the "Pumpkin Patrol" logo will be patrolling areas in the community where kids go to trick or treat.

The volunteers will identify potential hazards, children and provide a place where children can turn if they feel threatened. If you are interested in being on the "Pumpkin Patrol" contact Dan Reed at 457-3200 ext. 428 or Kim Mathis at 457-3200 ext. 423.

USG will discuss resolution regarding possible war in Iraq

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

Undergraduate Student Government will address the proposed resolution concerning the possibility of war with Iraq during their meeting Wednesday night.

The senate tabled the discussion at its last meeting after the motion to debate failed. The decision angered Senator Mohamed Hassan, causing him to walk out on the proceedings.

The resolution calls for USG to oppose war with Iraq and ask Congress to depend on diplomacy instead of military force to resolve this conflict.

It calls for an immediate end to U.S. bombings over the Iraqi no-fly zone and the dissolution of the Joint Resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq.

The document concludes by asking USG to send the resolution immediately to the appropriate elected officials and leaders.

Peter Norman, a USG senator from the department of Applied Science and Arts, said he is "anticipating debate" at this Wednesday's meeting. He encourages students and members of the community to attend to voice their opinions during the session reserved for public comments.

USG vice president Neil Young is expecting a line of people.

The meeting will also include the election of a senator to fill a vacancy in the College of Education. Two candidates, Zuri Thurman, College of Education and Human Services senator and Jackie Westfall, East Side senator, are running for the position.

A resolution opposing the Illinois tuition tax credit law will also be brought to the table. The resolution opposes the Illinois Tuition Tax Credit Law passed in 1999. The law allows Illinois families enrolling their children in kindergarten through grade 12 to deduct 25 percent of the educational expenses from their taxes up to the amount of \$500.

The deductions are designed to make private schools more available and monetarily feasible.

"It is a clever way of getting vouchers into the system, basically," said Andrew Jackson, the USG senator who wrote the resolution.

The deductions took \$61 million away from state funds last year. USG disagrees with the law, supporting taxpayer's money going to public education.

The bill to fund the God's Love Banquet that failed at the last meeting will also be addressed. The banquet is a free event planned by the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

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Grants help expand recycling program

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Residents will no longer have to sort magazines, news-paper, and colored paper from each other when recycling, thanks to a joint project between three Carbondale recycling businesses.

Aided with grant dollars, the businesses have new equipment and have also expanded services to include a broader area of Carbondale and its surrounding areas.

Southern Recycling Center, Burris Disposal Service and SIUC teamed together to create a recycling center that has the latest, and most functional, equipment, a space large enough to store and sort recyclables, and a vehicle fast enough to reach more areas in less time.

The project, funded by a total of \$400,000 in matching grants from the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and Jackson County Health Department, allowed for the companies to expand.

Andilee Warner, recycling coordinator for SIUC, received \$100,000 in grants that were used to purchase a semi-automated truck. She said that the new truck cuts the time it takes to empty a 90 gallon dumpster from 15 minutes to eight seconds.

"It cut our manpower time in half," she said. "We can speed up and expand on other parts that are kind of removed from campus."

Those places include SIUC's Automotive Technology School in Carterville, the Southern Illinois Airport, and buildings near campus.

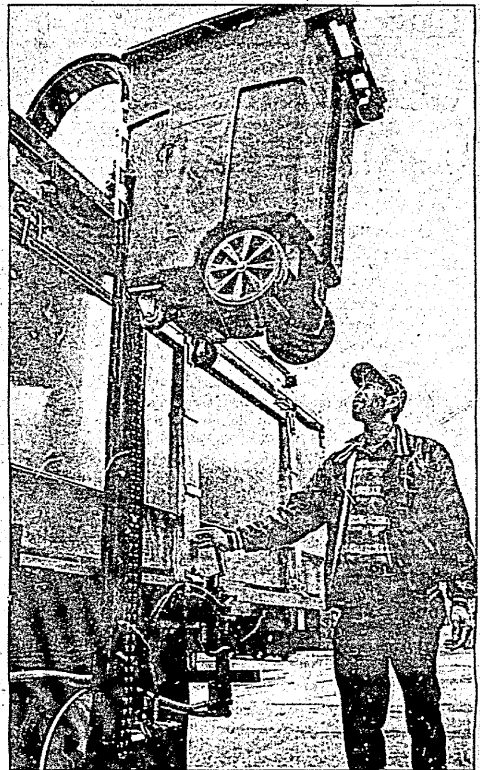
The truck empties its contents at Southern Recycling Center's new facility. With \$200,000 in grant money, Southern Recycling was able to purchase a new building with more space to sort recyclables.

Tasis Karayianis, part-owner of Southern Recycling, said the new building helps speed up and assist in all areas of the recycling process.

"We can handle things more efficiently," he said. "With the new equipment, we have the ability to deal with recyclables in many ways."

Karayianis said the new facility has a drive-through area for people to drop off their recyclables as well as an area with a higher ceiling for the new truck to dump its contents.

"It is faster and more economical and there are more options where [we can] market our paper," he said.



AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tommy Holder, driver for the SIUC recycling program, waits for the new recycling truck to load recyclables at the physical plant Monday morning. According to SIUC's recycling coordinator, Andilee Warner, in the year 1999 52 percent of trash that was thrown into landfills could have been recycled. "With the new truck recycling will be more efficient; according to Holder the new vehicle is "state of the art, as far as recycling is concerned."

One of the new pieces of equipment came from Burris Disposal Services but is housed at Southern Recycling.

With a total of \$100,000 in grants, Burris Disposal was able to purchase a more advanced paper sorter. "This will make recycling paper easier for the companies as well as the community."

Mike Huskey, projects manager for Burris Disposal, said that keep-

ing the sorter at Southern Recycling is beneficial because the rest of the sorting takes place at Southern Recycling.

"It's more efficient to have something in one place rather than duplicating it," he said. "It minimizes the cost."

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BURNS

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bullet hole through the pelvis.

Ryan testified that Strum's mother, Julie Harris, contacted the Carbondale Police Sept. 12 after not hearing from him since Aug. 11. He said Harris told police Strum had moved south to attend John A. Logan Community College and was living in Carterville with a man named Ben.

Harris provided police with dental records, which were compared by a forensic dentist in Evansville, Ind., to the skull of the recovered body and determined to be a match.

Police determined Strum had been living with Burns and went to the home in Carterville, Ryan said. He said Burns was not home and officers questioned Aisha Pearl Robinson, 23, who lived with Burns.

Ryan said Robinson told police she was in the back of the trailer home where the three lived and heard an argument between Strum and Burns and what sounded like four gunshots. She said Burns told her to stay where she was, but she saw Strum curled up on the floor, Ryan said.

Robinson allegedly told officers Burns placed Strum's body in the bathtub, cleaned the area of the shooting, and collected the bullet casings.

Ryan said that, in a second interview, Robinson told officers she went to Wal-Mart in the early morning hours of Aug. 13 and purchased two lengths of chains, a three-pack of padlocks, a sleeping bag, soda, water and Tic-Tacs. She then allegedly told officers the couple acquired the cinder blocks from a location on Pleasant Alley in Carterville.

Ryan said Robinson told officers Burns wrapped the body in the sleeping bag and the couple drove to the Gorham area. She allegedly told police Burns dragged the body down to the water's edge and placed it in the water.

Burns allegedly told officers in a first interview that he came home to find Strum shot. Ryan testified Burns told police he panicked, decided not to

call police and disposed of the body.

Ryan said Burns confessed to shooting Strum in a later interview. Burns allegedly told police he fought with Strum about \$1,500 he said Strum loaned to him for a cannabis-growing operation that had been confiscated by police. Ryan said Burns alleged Robinson was not comfortable with Strum living at the trailer and Burns was going to tell him to leave.

The detective testified Burns told police he had gotten a gun from his father's house and brandished it during the argument. Burns allegedly told police Ryan would not stay seated and moved toward him. Burns allegedly confessed to striking Strum twice with the gun and then shooting him.

During questioning by Burns' attorney, public defender Alex M. Fine, Ryan testified Burns had indicated Strum was a cocaine dealer who had sold to Burns. He said Burns also indicated he previously saw Strum in possession of a gun.

Fine also asked if Burns indicated Strum made forward motions and he may have been under the influence of drugs at the time of the shooting. Ryan confirmed Burns had told police Strum had stepped forward after Burns told him not to and Strum was allegedly using some substance the night before the shooting.

Fine also questioned whether Burns' familiarity with Sgt. Robert Burns, of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, could have influenced his decision to confess instead of asking for a lawyer. He said Sgt. Burns had known the defendant's father, a retired police officer, and as a result, knew the defendant. Ryan said the defendant had been advised of his Miranda rights and chose to speak.

Burns entered a plea of not guilty. He will have a status hearing Dec. 16, where the court determines if the case is ready for trial. His final pre-trial appearance is Jan. 13. His jury trial begins Jan. 21. Reporter

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Two U. Arizona nursing professors, one other shot dead, shooter kills self

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TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) — Two University of Arizona nursing instructors were shot this morning when a former student entered their classroom and began shooting, university police officials said.

The shooter, whose name is being withheld, killed himself after releasing the students from the room, UAPD Com. Brian Seastone said.

A fourth person was also killed, though the name of the individual is also being withheld.

At approximately 8:40 a.m. the shooter entered the classroom during exams and singled out the pro-

fessors, said Melvin Thornhill, whose wife was in the class and called him shortly afterward.

Thornhill said his wife — Mabel Alvarez-Thornhill — told him the shooter was a former student who had taken nursing classes with her in past semesters.

Thornhill said the former student was disgruntled due to academic ineligibility.

"He had some issues last semester that kept him from completing his classes," Thornhill said.

"It didn't even click right away that he wasn't even in that class."

Upon entering the room, Thornhill said the shooter approached one of the instructors and said, "It might not matter to you but it matters to me," referring

to his academic status.

He then fired three shots, killing the first instructor.

Then, to the second instructor he shouted, "Make your peace with God," Thornhill said.

He said the shooter had additional ammunition with him, but was unsure of what type of weapon was used in the shooting.

"There were about 30 people in the classroom," Thornhill said.

All motorists are being directed to avoid Speedway Boulevard due to traffic backup.

The College of Nursing, Pharmacy, the Basic Science Building and Life Sciences North are closed this morning while police continue to search for other victims and possible explosives.

THEIR WORD

Get your results here

Steven Hill and Rob Richie
Knight Ridder/ Tribune News Service

On Nov. 5 Americans will elect our national legislature. With a looming war against Iraq, soaring budget deficit and razor-thin division between the major parties in both the U.S. House and Senate, this promises to be one of the most momentous congressional elections in memory.

Yet, to a startling extent, the fix already is in. We can safely make two troubling predictions about Election Day.

First, barely a third of adults will participate — the lowest national election turnout in the world among longtime democracies. Most Americans simply have tuned out congressional elections. Turnout in primaries this year was 17 percent of adults.

Second, more than 95 percent of incumbents will again cruise to victory, usually by huge margins. In fact, our Center for Voting and Democracy has predicted the results in 76 percent of U.S. House races without relying on a shred of information about the quality of challengers and incumbents' voting record, constituent service and campaign financing.

Not only that, but we have predicted their victory margins. Applying our method to House elections from 1996 to 2002, our predictions were 99.8 percent accurate.

This year we project 332 winners for 435 seats, including 195 candidates winning by landslide margins of at least 20 percent, and an additional 100 by comfortable margins of at least 10 percent. Most of the remaining districts won't be competitive either, due to weak challengers. To find out your likely representative, visit www.fairvote.org.

We make our predictions so confidently because of a simple fact: most districts tilt clearly toward one major party. While such partisan imbalance can be inescapable, as lonely Massachusetts Republicans and Utah Democrats will attest, it often comes courtesy of the redistricting process.

In redistricting, incumbents and party leaders have the God-like power to draw their own district lines so as to decide in advance which party will win most elections. Once district lines are set, most congressional and state legislative races become predictably cozy snoozers. Voters become bunkered down in safe, one-party districts where their only viable choice is to ratify the candidate — usually the incumbent — of the party that dominates their district.

While we think of ours as a two-party system, in fact, most voters' frame of reference for legislative races is that of a one-party system. This fact directly undercuts voter enthusiasm and public debate about issues. The sad fact is that if you care about which party controls the House, the odds are that it will be more effective for you to donate money to a candidate in a competitive race halfway across the nation than vote yourself.

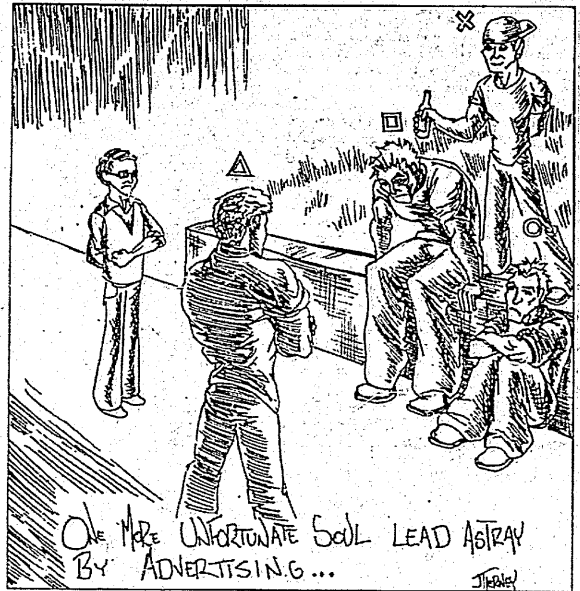
Most districts tilt clearly toward one major party

It's little wonder that so many lose interest. Our votes count for too little, whether cast on the latest touchscreen machines or antiquated punchcards.

To improve voter choice, we should start by following Iowa's model and take the redistricting process out of incumbents' hands. In fact, Congress historically has set national redistricting standards and could do so again with a mere statute. But we won't bring equality, choice and power to voters unless we join most other modern democracies in reforming "winner take all" elections so that like-minded voters have a fair chance to win representation even when part of a political minority; i.e., their particular area.

In the meantime, place your bets. It's easy money when the fix is in.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Sniper fear affects animals

Jason Baker
Knight Ridder/ Tribune News Service

The fear is lifting in the Washington area. The snipers who allegedly gunned down 13 people, killing 10, in the last month are behind bars. As authorities sort out the prosecution, we should remember the victims — all of the innocent men, women and children who were just going about their lives — filling their cars with gas, cutting grass, stepping onto a bus or walking to school.

Imagine the fear. Not knowing where or when the shooter would strike again. People were afraid to step outdoors and newspapers warned shoppers to walk in a zigzag pattern across parking lots and not to linger in open spaces. One of my colleagues who lives in that area was out early one morning last week and was stopped by a little boy who was so terrified that he begged her — a complete stranger — to walk him to school.

Talking to her, I began to realize that these people are now experiencing what many innocent animals feel every single day of their lives: constant, unrelenting fear. Fear that they will be suddenly singled out and beaten or killed.

Animals who are hunted live in a constant state of alertness or alarm, forever having to "zigzag" their way through life in case a person with a net or gun or spear sneaks up on them.

Animals in laboratories also experience this "hyper-alertness," which results in constant strain on the nerves. Because if you look at it from an animal's point of view, this is what experimentation is all about. Not science or medicine or knowledge. It's about pain and deprivation.

About someone deciding that they must feel pain and death today. Recent studies have shown that

this strain affects the nervous system and the immune system, and that it shortens animals' lifespans, making results of tests on the animals faulty at best.

So, too, animals in circuses and traveling shows never know when the "sniper" will strike. They already endure being forced to live as they never would, away from family and all others of their own kind; locked in cages or confined by chains, carted from place to place. The fear of the whip and the club is their constant companion. They would never perform tricks if they didn't fear they would be punished severely for refusing.

Animals we see every day know this fear, too. Stray dogs are met with a kick or an curse. Cattle going to slaughter see their fellow beings dying slowly in a pool of blood.

We can do something about the "snipers" in our midst so as to relieve the sum total of fear in our community. We can insist that animals who mean no harm, who, like the people now terrified of being hurt and killed, are not tormented or beaten but afforded the opportunity to live peacefully in the world. We can do our best to make sure they are greeted with gentleness rather than violence.

We can teach our children the social value, too, of never supporting industries that harm animals like circuses and roadside zoos; choose healthy vegetarian food over meat, and "pleather" or cotton over leather, and avoid products that are tested on animals. If each of us makes a few changes, we can touch the lives of many and make our neighborhoods refugees not target ranges.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We blame fate for other accidents, but we feel personally responsible when we make a hole in one.”

The Optimist

WORDS OVERHEARD

“It was boring out there. I was so bored. Seriously, that was the most boring game of volleyball I've ever played in my life.”

Tina Cain
senior outside litter
on Saturday's victory against Drake

COLUMNISTS

Who can we really trust?

Trust. N. - 1) Firm reliance on the integrity, ability or character of a person or thing. 2) Custody; care. 3) Something committed into the care of another; charge.

When I was little I hated watching the news; it was so boring, but I did so because I had no choice. That's what my mother felt like watching, so that's what we watched.

These days I hate watching the news just as much, but still I continue to do so. This time it's not because I am forced to, but because I have a need to know what's going on in the world in which I live.

The reason why I hate watching the news has changed somewhat. It's no longer as boring as it is depressing with all the talk of death.

It seems sex and violence sell in the news as well. I look at the state of the world, and I wonder how many generations of life will be able to walk on what's left of the earth before it is completely obliterated.

With all that's going on, we have to put our trust in George W. Bush and our government

best interests at heart. It seems to me that junior Bush is seeking absolute power, and nobody seems to care because of a war that really shouldn't be at play in the first place.

I mean, junior Bush is so bent on war that he can talk of nothing else. When asked about the economy, his solution is for us to wait it out. I guess he thinks by waiting, it will magically get better.

You know, we have other things that we should be thinking about, such as Saddam Hussein harboring nuclear weaponry. Well, his wouldn't be the first country considering this country spends more money on military and defense than medicine, education and any other public service that would better us as people.

But, of course, we wouldn't use our nuclear weapons, we are just creating them; for the sheer joy of it. Junior Bush is just talking of war for profit and maybe population control, but none of



The Power of Words

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the lives that are going to be wasted are his or anybody he is connected to.

The people who are going to die will be poor and/or black. I have seen enough of life to understand what he would be getting himself into by joining the military if he should decide to join.

This is why the mandatory signing age for the draft is 18 and not 25 or 30. Before I get any more hate e-mail telling me I'm unpatriotic or pessimistic, think about the fact that you are just as expendable as I, for you have not the monetary value behind your name to keep you safe. It's unlikely you will ever catch a guy like William Gates Jr. or Dick Cheney III in the active military during any war, because at that point their parents would have something to lose and the war would then no longer be feasible.

I'm not trying to say that Bill Gates is in support of the war. The truth is, I don't know, but I do know he has enough money to keep his kids from going to war and doing possible jail time if necessary.

What I am saying is that I would put my trust in a man like Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr. or William Wallace (for those of you who don't know, Malcolm X and M.L.K. Jr. were civil rights activists, and William Wallace was a freedom fighter in 14th century Scotland, all of them martyrs) because I knew they were fighting for me since they were fighting with me.

I don't put my trust in people who want war at the expense of the very people they claim to be aiming to protect.

The Power of Words appears every Tuesday.

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Take time to relax and enjoy season change

"How hard is it to get into a good mood?"

-Say Anything
As the season begins to change and the weather cools down, it seems like people are changing as well. Things are picking up in our lives and we don't find time to settle down and enjoy life, of course, our priorities change so we tend to put things off or quit unfinished projects.

With the pressures of school and work in front of us, we rush to get things done regardless of the effort we put into our everyday tasks. In the midst of the fall season, the weather is affecting our behavior and how we act around each other.

Skies of gray above us inevitably create mood swings, and suddenly we're all different people. Depression begins to kick in, not because of the transition of season, but rather the passing of time.

Pretty soon what was once autumn will be winter; then spring and finally summer. The hunt for work continues with each passing season and believe me, it doesn't get any easier.

With all these stresses, it's hard to get into a good mood; nothing seems to cheer us up. Well, sometimes you just have to look closer and pay attention to your surroundings and maybe things will get better for you.

Instead of having a bad day because it's raining, have a good day because of the fresh smelling air. Do something spontaneous or maybe out of the ordinary that fills a gap in your schedule but doesn't entirely screw it up.

A lot of people will tell you that you need to step back and enjoy life, well, try the opposite — step forward and see if you can enjoy life even more. Indulge yourself in a great conversation with someone.

The other night I was having a wonderful discussion with a girl about nothing; we talked about nothing and everything all in one night. It was sort of like a Seinfeld episode, where the conversation had no meaning but it definitely



Check Please!

BY BILL KELLY
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pointed some funny things out about life that we don't normally think about.

After all, life is filled with millions of little things that perhaps don't mean as much as some of the bigger events that have taken place, but they all add up in the end.

The little things are most important because they're very idiosyncratic and happen quite often. Take the time to notice these idiosyncrasies, because you'll end up laughing about them later.

During a conversation with someone, pay attention to the transitions in topic; make a mental note every time this happens so you won't be lost wondering how you moved from talking about sea food to talking about people who don't turn their cell phones off in the movie theater.

To get into a good mood, you really don't have to force it upon yourself. Call up a friend and grab a cup of coffee or take them out to dinner and enjoy each other's company. Talk about the things that make you happy and forget about your troubles for the time being.

Finally, get outside and enjoy the transitional part of the fall season before it's gone. You can spend this time alone or with someone; either way, you'll enjoy it and hopefully be in a good mood.

And so I said to the waiter, "Can I get the check please?"

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LETTERS

New faculty doesn't add up

DEAR EDITOR:

Your article on Oct. 18 reported the good news that the administration has decided to hire 28 new faculty members. What is not reported, however, is the bad news about 50 faculty members leaving SIUC last year. Thus, hiring only 28 faculty means the number of faculty on campus will continue to decrease, not increase.

In addition, I am troubled by the distribution of the 28 faculty lines, which will be filled next year. These lines are not intended to replace faculty who have left, but instead have been allocated to a few of SIUC's stronger departments in order to further enhance their reputations. This means the departments that are already perceived by the administration as not being strong — that is most of the departments on campus — are destined to become weaker. Even those departments allowed to search for new faculty are only filling some of the faculty lines that have been lost previously. We were told that the money gained from the tuition increase would be spent to benefit all of our students, but the allocation of these funds toward... (is in only a select

number of programs does not serve the interests of all students.

Janet M. Fuller
assistant professor, linguistics department

Think before you vote

DEAR EDITOR:

According to political watchdogs, the closest and hottest Illinois race is for attorney general. Many voters are cynical of politicians, and for good reason, but we have a window of opportunity this Nov. 5 to elect an honorable man of solid principle and integrity — Joe Birkett.

His opponent, Lisa Madigan, has no experience whatsoever, and what she does have is her radical positions. Her public voting record in Springfield is even to the left of Hillary Clinton. Madigan voted against notifying parents of their minor daughter's abortion and against Internet filters in schools to protect innocent children's access to illegal obscenity. She halted the passage of the Illinois Born Alive legislation, which abortion advocates Clinton and Ted Kennedy passed into federal law. This bill would have simply recognized that a child born alive was a human being.

Joe, in contrast, advocates individual responsibility, traditional family values and, being a law enforcer, supports stronger laws aimed at protecting the innocent and putting away the bad guys. Birkett has a long record of prosecuting criminals, and contrary to his opponent's commercials, he was the one who ordered the DNA test in the Rolando Cruz case, which eventually exonerated him. Joe Birkett is pro-life and pro-family. On Nov. 5, I strongly urge you to vote for Birkett for Illinois attorney general.

Kathy Valente
Lansing

Mass marketing is wrong

DEAR EDITOR:

Kudos to Lenie Adolphson for writing what has needed to be said in a public forum for a long time (Jesus' words on a billboard, Oct. 7). I am not a Christian, though I was raised to be. I am, however, a believer in the teachings of Jesus. Jesus was an insightful human being with words of wisdom for the ignorant, love for the hateful and warning for those who chose to defile the beauty of our world or the sanctity of the human spirit.

Jesus was a radical activist and a socialist. One need not read too far into the New Testament to see the selfless work Jesus did for ALL creatures of this world — not for his personal gain (except, of course, his desire to fulfill his spiritual calling), but for the greater good. He was not a capitalist; if he were, the money changers would have gotten tax breaks to trade in the temple, the blind would have gotten a bill they couldn't possibly afford, and the meek would have been fertilizer instead of fertilizer of the earth. Jesus was not a supporter of republic democracy; for he said people answer to a higher power, one that is not here on earth (that idea is similar to animistic beliefs in that spirit is "inside" all things and is therefore intangible) and was murdered for his defiance of authority. People were equals in the eyes of Jesus, and as Lenie said, Jesus loved and respected all people, not just those like him. Following the teachings of Jesus does not require religion, spirituality does not require religion, compassion and equality do not require religion, but these things can be found there if people would take the time to seek them out rather than exploiting the sacred quest for spiritual growth for the perpetuation of their own agenda.

Neal Young
junior, political science, vice president, USG

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Straight-shooters unite for new weekly billiards league

Success of program draws pool players to Student Center
Bowling & Billiards for games, tournaments on Thursdays

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

When Craig Schwabauer and Bowling and Billiards manager Bill Null developed the idea of a weekly pool league, they were not certain how students would respond or even if they would respond at all.

But within days, 16 people quickly helped them to confirm the fact that they had a good idea. Costing about \$100, students could sign up for a new pool league, providing SIUC students not only with the opportunity to compete, but the chance to learn as well.

Every Thursday for the past five weeks, these individuals have gathered in the Student Center's Bowling and Billiards for not only for the challenge, but also to learn from each other.

Because participants in the league are all on different levels, the tournament is based on a handicap system where more experienced players must win more games.

"It's a good chance for people to see what the tournament experience is really like," said Schwabauer, who works with Special Programs and Center Events. "It also helps to teach the lesser players strategy."

Edward Gardner, one of many participants who comes out during the week to practice for the competition, said that while he is not the best player in the tournament, he was happy with the opportunity to learn from superior players.

"[The tournament] is a good way to compete with your people on friendly terms," said Gardner, a senior in biological sciences from Chicago. "It's also a chance to get constant tips from better players. I've definitely learned more about how to control the balls when hitting from different angles."

Last week, Bowling and Billiards sponsored a doubles tournament, won by league participants Chris Moore and Eric Anderson. The tournament, which gave less experienced players the opportunity to team up with more experienced players, is one of many ideas sponsors have developed.

According to Schwabauer, in addition to the pool league they plan to re-establish next semester, Bowling and Billiards hopes to introduce a triathlon. In this competition, students would have the chance to demonstrate their talents not only in pool, but in darts and bowling as well.

Null said the league has helped not only its participants, but also Bowling and Billiards as a whole.

"Some of the participants have bought other equipment from us," said Null who said pool is a sport that has always been in his heart. "We're also starting to get more regulars."

As far as the pool league is concerned, Null said that the success of the league's first year has encouraged them to make the league a semester event and a bigger event.

"The tournament has gone very well; better than we expected, in fact," Null said. "We want to make [the pool league] bigger, but not so we can't handle it."

While only the top three players will receive trophies, all participants receive high-quality pool cues, as well as a valuable learning experience.

This way, as Schwabauer points out, "When the tournament is over, even if they haven't improved greatly, at least they'll look like they can play."

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BOWLING AND BILLIARDS Pool League Shooters of the Week

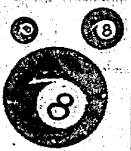
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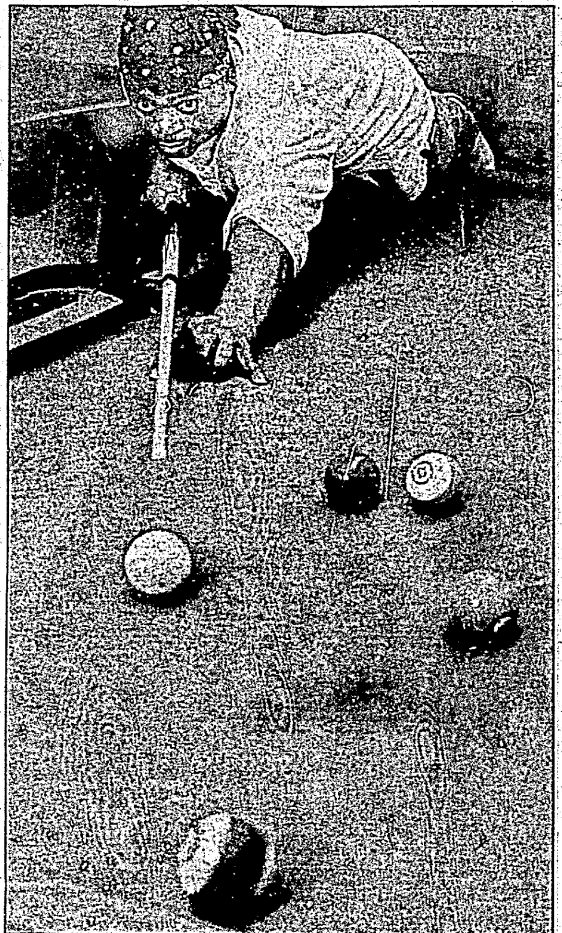
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Robert Johnson leans in for a shot at the Student Center Bowling & Billiards area Monday. Johnson will compete in the pool tournament there Wednesday.

Berkeley to vote on whether to allow only fair-trade, organic coffee sales

Sandra Gonzales
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BERKELEY, Calif. (KRT) — In ever-so-progressive Berkeley, yet another hot political debate is simmering. This one is over coffee, no less.

And, if it's up to lawyer Rick Young, Berkeley voters will take their cup of brew: fair-trade, organic and shade-grown.

Young is on a mission to have all brewed coffee sold in Berkeley be politically correct by sponsoring a November ballot measure that would make it the only city in the country to restrict the sale of coffee to those standards.

"If it's a question of giving up a few coffee choices in order to protect the environment and cut down on the exploitation of workers, that's a trade-off I'm willing to make," said Young, who wrote the initiative and collected the 3,000 signatures to put it on the city's Nov. 5 ballot. "People should be responsible for their purchases."

Young and other proponents point to the plight of the small, coffee family farmer — most in developing countries, from Ethiopia to Nicaragua, who use the more environmentally traditional methods of growing coffee. Many of them are in poverty and on the verge of losing their land, they argue, while big agribusiness is clearing rainforests, planting fields of coffee directly under the sun and applying chemicals to the coffee.

"It's a social and economic disaster in the coffee industry," Young said, adding that at most it likely would only

cost the consumer a few more pennies a cup. "It just seems to me if there's a product that causes a lot of problems, we should be using the alternative."

With the proposed law, all coffee sold would be fair-trade certified, meaning an importer must meet stringent environmental international standards.

Small farmers included in the International Fair Trade Register are guaranteed a minimum "fair trade price" of \$1.26 a pound and credit against future sales, according to the Oakland-based TransFair USA, the country's only certification organization in the U.S.

Their label certifies that the farmers belong to democratically-run cooperatives that have direct market access instead of being forced to sell through middlemen at prices that do not even cover their production costs.

Berkeley's proposed new law also would require all coffee be organic or shade-grown. Organic coffee is grown without using any pesticides, herbicides and fungicides, many of which are banned in the U.S. Shade-grown or bird friendly coffee is grown on traditional coffee plantations under the canopy of forest trees.

Any business vendor who violates the ordinance would be guilty of a misdemeanor, fined \$100 or face up to six months in jail, or both. Needless to say, the ordinance has some coffee drinkers and business owners a little concerned.

Opponents point out that many coffee shops already offer organic, fair-trade and shade-grown coffee. They argue that the ordinance would deny

consumers the freedom to make their own choice, drive up the cost of coffee and punish those farmers and workers who cannot afford to become officially certified.

"It's stupid. It's absurd. People are trying to exercise too much political control over everything. I should have the right to buy whatever I want to drink," said David Snipper, 66, a longtime Berkeley resident as he drank coffee at University Avenue cafe.

The measure would adversely affect about 350 establishments.

"If coffee can be restricted, do we have politically correct chocolate, beef, vegetables ... there's just no end to it," DeClerq said.

Fair trade coffee has long been embraced by environmentalists from Global Exchange — which led a campaign that pressured Starbucks to sell fair-trade certified coffee — to Rep. Pete Stark who introduced a house resolution last summer urging the federal government to limit coffee purchases to fair trade.

About 70 percent of the world's coffee is grown by small farmers, and statistics indicate that 80 percent of this country drinks coffee. Currently, the market price for coffee is at a low of about 50 cents.

"Coffee is one of the best examples of how consumers can really have an effect throughout the world with the purchases they make in their daily lives," Lewis said. Of the \$18 billion industry, about one percent of the coffee sold in the U.S. is fair trade certified, she said.

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Psychology study helps smokers kick bad habit

Program has 90 percent success rate and provides financial incentives

Carrie Roderick
Daily Egyptian

Smokers who lack the motivation to break their habit can participate in a study to help them quit and receive counseling and financial incentives.

David Gilbert, a professor in the School of Psychology and director of the Integrative Neuroscience Laboratory Smoking Lab, is conducting his third psychology study on the effects of nicotine and helping people quit.

The study Gilbert is conducting includes both men and women and provides financial incentives for participating. The participants must quit for 45 days and can earn \$500 to \$620. Participants also receive behavioral counseling.

This double-blind study focuses on the parts of the brain that are influenced by the nicotine patch and psychological effects of the nicotine patch. Participants use either a nicotine patch or a placebo patch. Both of the patches look identical and are from the same company. The study has 40 percent of the group on the nicotine patch and another 40 percent using the placebo patch. The remaining 20 percent consists of the delayed-quit participants.

The study looks at how people respond to emotional stimuli before and after they quit smoking. People say smoking helps them cope with negative moods and emotional states. Participants look at images on a computer while having their brain

waves measured to see if the patch is helping them cope with the stimuli.

Participants had their blood samples collected to verify that they have quit and to study genotyping. The study also considers family history to see if participants have a predisposition to smoke.

Ninety percent of the participants are successfully completing the program, Gilbert said.

"There's a number of people that I see around the campus. Almost every week I'll see several people who went through the program and are still smoking-abstinent," he said. "By the end of this year, we're expecting to have a 160 completers who are successful."

This is the fifth year of the NIDA Three or Patch Plus program. The next nine months will be the last opportunity for people to participate and try to quit smoking. Most smokers will qualify.

The first study Gilbert conducted 12 years ago was smaller and only included males. The study consisted of two groups, one that immediately quit smoking and the other that was delayed. The study evaluated brain waves and moods across time with men while they were quitting smoking.

The results for this study were published in 1998 and 1999. Gilbert found that people who have a tendency to get depressed and suffer from depression have more negative responses after quitting.

A National Institute on Drug Abuse grant made the studies possible. After Gilbert's first study, he received another grant from NIDA four years later to study women. The second study elaborated on the first study and measured female hormones, brain waves, moods and abilities to concentrate by monitoring

participants while they performed computer tasks. He found that females in the study had similar results to their male counterparts.

Gilbert, the author of "Smoking: Individual Differences, Psychopathology and Emotion," plans to submit a proposal to NIDA next summer for an additional study including Zyan, and he hopes to begin work on the study next year in January.

Norka Rabinovich, assistant director for the Integrative Neuroscience Laboratory Smoking Lab and a past smoker, knows people can quit through the program.

"It's a structured program where you don't run into quitting; you walk into this process and it's something that you have a group of people that are dedicated to make it happen, to help you succeed," she said.

Gilbert said people who relapse when trying to quit smoking are more prone to depression and also have more stress in their lives. Stress is one of the things that causes people to go back to smoking, and smokers who quit the habit say they lose their ability to concentrate.

"Most people benefit because it gives them lots of reasons to remain smoke-free," Rabinovich said. "This gives people the opportunity, a starting place from which they can get used to the behaviors of not smoking, which is a whole series that you have to be aware of to help yourself do the behaviors you're used to doing."

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People interested in joining the program can call 455-3561

U.N. inspectors tentatively endorse U.S. resolution

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Knight Ridder Newspapers

UNITED NATIONS (KRT) — Two top weapons inspectors told the United Nations Security Council on Monday that a draft U.S. resolution on confronting Iraq would allow a strong disarmament inspections, although they said some points need to be clarified.

The briefing from Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei seemed to bolster efforts to push the U.S. resolution through the divided 15-nation council as it begins what is expected to be a final week of intense negotiations. Several diplomats on the council had said they would weigh the inspectors' views in deciding how to vote.

After the meeting, U.S. and British co-sponsors of the draft resolution seemed full of renewed enthusiasm. Though the pace of further U.N. negotiations remains uncertain after six weeks of talks, U.S. officials said they hope for a vote later this week.

Blix, the chief U.N. weapons inspector, and ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, gave the U.S. proposal support. Colombian Ambassador Alfonso Valdiveaso, a council member who favors a resolution, said Blix and ElBaradei agreed with the U.S. draft "on almost everything."

Blix and ElBaradei told reporters that if the Security Council is unified behind a final resolution, that would give them greater chances of success.

"We have stressed, both of us, that just as important as clarity in the text and clarity in the mandate is the readiness of the council to uphold the resolution and the prerogatives of the inspectors, that there be no sort of fatigue in the maintenance, because then our authority will go down," Blix said.

They added that the threat of consequences for Iraqi obstruction was likely to encourage greater cooperation

from Iraq. But both men stressed that they did not want to be put in the position of deciding when Iraq had crossed the line of noncompliance.

"We will report objectively ... and it will be for the council to determine whether something is in a material breach and if it wants to give it consequences," Blix said. "We have seen it sometimes suggested that we hold peace and war in our hands. We decline that statement. Our job is to report. And the decision as to whether there is war or peace is a reaction that is for the council and for its members."

According to several diplomats, Blix and ElBaradei raised a handful of specific points in the resolution's text.

Two fundamental points in the draft — a stringent weapons-inspections regime and the threat of serious consequences for non-compliance — have sparked sharp criticism from several Security Council members, most notably France, Russia and China. All three, like the United States and Britain, are permanent, veto-bearing members. Though none has said it would veto the U.S.-UK draft, Russia and France last week informally circulated their own, less-restrictive ideas about a new Iraq resolution.

The Russian position has been all but dismissed as too loose to be effective. But some council diplomats have said the French paper may serve as a bridge toward a broader agreement.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell met with his British, French and Russian counterparts in recent days.

"We think we're making progress. We think we've narrowed down the differences to a few key issues," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday in Washington. "I think there's general agreement in the council that there needs to be a strong resolution; that the stronger the resolution, the more chance we can get some sort of compliance from the Iraqis. We've made progress, but we're not there yet."

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Her son, William, was also wearing a blue Ryan shirt and was toting a "God Bless America" sign. When asked about Jim Ryan and politics, the 8-year-old could only muster a smile and a cheery, "I don't know."

"It's a honest answer," his mom said.

Sarah Doerr, 71, from Murphysboro was busy taking questions from fellow Republicans about the origin of her sweat-shirt.

"I made this when Edgar was running for governor," said Doerr of her blue sweatshirt revealing an elephant embossed with silver puff-paint. "I had it hanging in the closet. I had forgotten about it until now. I decided to wear it to support Jim Ryan."

Doerr said she supports Ryan because he's not making promises about everything to everybody just to get votes.

"He's a man of highest integrity," she said. "He's good, honest and sincere."

Despite all the positive energy churning through the crowd, Ryan had to deal with some negative tactics in the field. When asked about the accusations of failing to investigate the license for bribes scandal, Ryan said it's a ridiculous argument.

Gus Bode



Gus says:
Now which Jim is running for governor?

only one who can solve the problems in Springfield."

Chris Field from Carrier Mills attended the rally to do one thing.

"I just came to shake hands with the next governor of Illinois," he said.

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LUECHTEFELD

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you that."

After graduating from Okawville High School, he went to St. Louis University on a baseball and basketball scholarship. He went back to his high school in September 1962 to become a teacher and coach. During that time, he went to school during nights and weekends at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to earn his master's degree.

Donna Kraus was a student of Luechtefeld's and then came back to be a teacher at Okawville High School as his colleague. She said he was a big part of the reason she returned to teaching and he was also an inspiration to her sons.

"Both of my boys had him as a varsity coach in basketball," he said. "He was an excellent role model. He would discipline but he was a very good role model. My kids are now in teaching."

Although his hope of playing professional baseball was cut short by a shoulder injury his junior year of college, he kept his interest in athletics. He was head basketball coach at Okawville High School for 38 years, baseball coach for 28 years and athletic director for 33 years. He is now retired.

Luechtefeld and his wife, Flo, have four children who have all graduated from college and moved out of the house. The couple met at a wedding of a friend of Flo's and a cousin of his and were married in 1964. She is also a retired Okawville High School teacher and the two taught together for some 25 years. She taught math and he taught American government, history, American problems and a psychology class.

Flo enjoys the political life and



AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

State Sen. David Luechtefeld greets constituents at the Chestnut Café in De Soto earlier this month. Luechtefeld is running for his third term to the state senate in the 58th district.

said it has opened her eyes to what government officials do.

"It's been really interesting, very educational and I think it makes you respect people who do this kind of job an awfully lot," she said.

He's not quite sure when or from whom he gleaned his liking for public policy, although he finally concluded it was likely his father that sparked that interest.

"He talked to a lot of people, always talked government and I think that probably was the reason I was interested," Luechtefeld said.

Luechtefeld is the only career teacher in the Senate and was endorsed in late September by three arms of an education alliance that rarely agree.

"Any time that a teacher's organization, administrative organization and school board agree on anything it's an unusual situation," Ruth Pommier, president of the Association of Civil Service Employees, said at the press conference announcing the educational

"You have to act like it's going to be close, because until the votes are in, you never really know for sure."

David Luechtefeld state senator, 58th district

organization's support.

Luechtefeld has made education one of his top priorities in the Senate and said he is glad he waited until later in his life to pursue a political career. He's ready for the election to be over, because although it's not exactly baseball, he's hoping to hit a home run for the 58th district.

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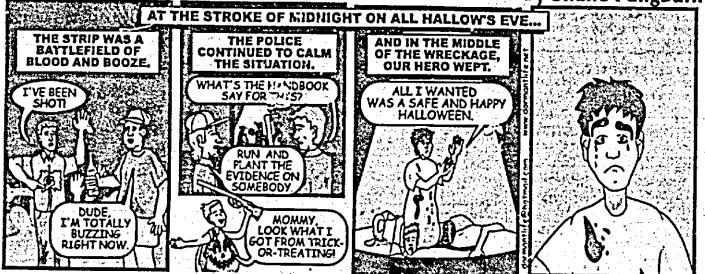


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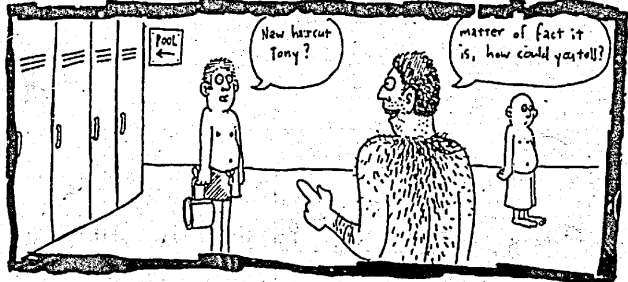
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By Linda C. Black
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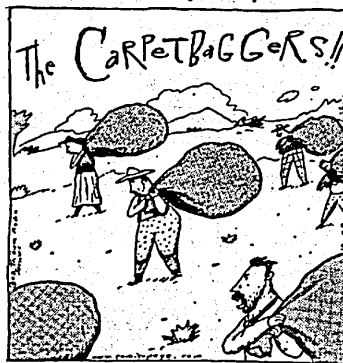
Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Be patient with someone you love very much. Include his or her concerns in your planning. You don't want to do something silly or wrong. You never would hear the end of it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Keep it up, even if feelings get hurt. Feelings are important, of course, but they shouldn't be the deciding factor. Apologize, then get back to the facts.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You're testing some of your limits. This is good. It's a sign of expansion. You're getting too big for a box that used to be quite cozy. Prepare to step out.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - There's not enough money to do what you want. So what else is new? This isn't forever; it's just a delay. It's also motivation.

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - You can do a favor. Ask around. Somebody's getting really upset, failing at a task you could do easily. Offer your services and make a friend for life.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - You may notice that it's more difficult to get what you're going after. You may have to make do with something you've already have. This could eventually work to your benefit.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - It sure would be fun to face off and do wild, crazy things, but it wouldn't be smart. You may have already figured that out. Stand firm.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - If anybody can figure out how to manage the system, it's you. You can put away plenty for the future by using creativity and imagination now.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - It's OK if somebody doesn't agree with you, as long as your objectives are achieved. That's also what's best for the whole group, of course.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Things aren't going smoothly, but don't be dismayed. The delays aren't really your fault. Seems like everyone has one more thing to say. Wait until they get it all worked out.

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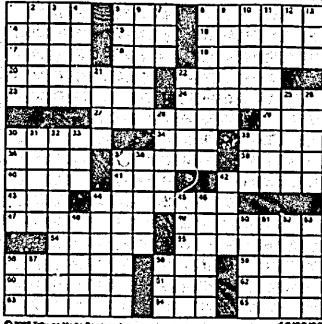
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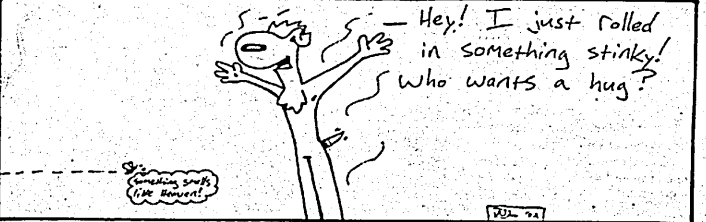
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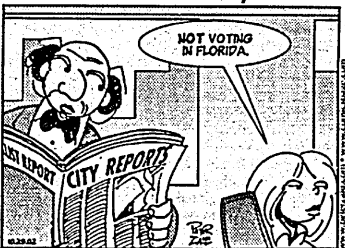
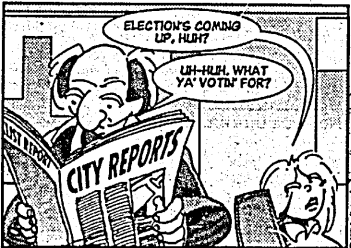
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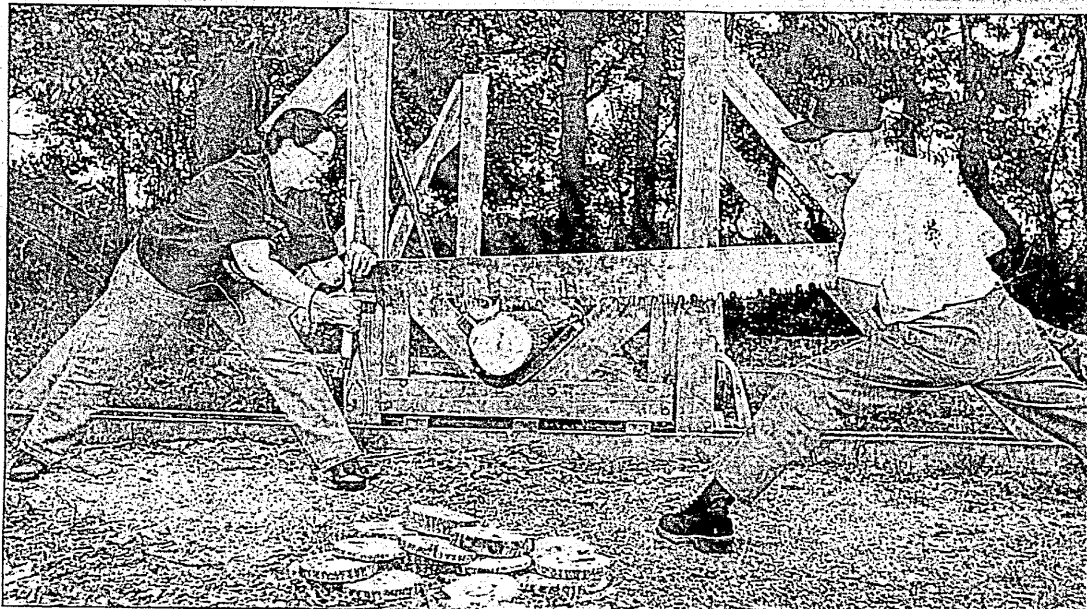
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Lisa Mitchell and Dave Jones work a two-person saw at an SIU Conclave Club practice last Monday. Members of the SIU Conclave Club just returned this weekend from a competition in Kentucky. ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

They're lumberjacks and they're okay

Sleeping all night and working all day has led the SIU Conclave Club to 11 straight championships

STORY BY CHRISTOPHER MORRICAL

He stood on the log with his feet spread apart so his metal-covered boots touched the ends of the piece of wood.

Half of his mouth curled into a smile as he raised his hand-ax into the air and brought it down with authority into the center of the log, otherwise known as a cant.

Violent chopping continued until the center of the wood was reached. He spun around and started on the opposite side, driving the sharpened metal into the log.

The ax continued slamming into the cant until it split in half, sending the woodsman to the ground.

This is what it is like to compete in the speed chop in the Midwestern Forester's Conclave.

The SIU Conclave Club traveled to Alberta Mich., to defend its Midwestern championship Oct. 12 at Michigan Tech. It was successful,

winning for the 11th straight year. The team has been champion 15 times since 1983.

This year's event included Southeastern Illinois College, Ohio State, Iowa State, Purdue, Missouri, Minnesota, Michigan Tech and Illinois State University.

SIU Conclave captain Ben Snyder said the reason Southern Illinois has been so successful is because of the amount of time the team spends practicing. The team members start a month before the event.

SIU is known for its domination of the physical events, a fact that held true again this year as the team

took first place in 12 out of the 16 events. In fact, its only weakness was in the non-physical events such as wood identification, compass and traverse and the tobacco spit, though club member Steve Nelson earned a second place finish in tobacco spitting.

"In recent years, we've broadened ourselves as a team to all events," said Chris Rokosh, who earned first place finishes in the jack/jack log roll and the jack/jack bucksaw.

"In the past, we struggled against the academia teams. We're a pretty well-rounded team that can pick up points in any of the events."

Champions are awarded a tree-cookie trophy with a list of all previous winners imprinted on it, much like the NHL's Stanley Cup. It is on display in the Agriculture Building here at SIU.



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SIU Conclave Club captain Ben Snyder works his half of a two-person saw during practice.

He stood next to the stump holding the 30-inch ax vertically in the air.

On the stump was a match that would soon be nearly chopped to bits.

Whack! The ax was brought down, nearly touching the match.

A judge walked over to the stump and pulled out a comb. The ax was rolled out of the way and the comb was placed between the match and the knick in the wood. Three comb teeth distance. Three points. The lowest score would win.

Again the ax is raised into the air and brought down onto the log.

The judge returned to the stump. Two comb teeth. Two points.

The judge backed away as the ax was raised a third and final time. Down it came, making a direct strike on the match. The match catches fire. Minus one point.

SIU has been given the honor of playing host to next year's Midwestern Forester's Conclave Championship in October. The last time SIU held the event was in 1997.

The club is forming a committee to sign sponsors and decide where in Southern Illinois the event should be held.

In addition to the usual events, SIU is required to come up with an additional special event. This mystery event can be anything from a relay race to tug-of-war. Usually, there isn't enough time for these events, but they do count when they are used.

The club has decided that only the committee should know what the special event will be, so that there is no advantage given.

"The other teams are going to want to beat us on our own home turf since we have such a long winning tradition," Snyder said. "We get along with the other teams, so it's not just about the competition."

Two stakes stood vertically out of the ground, directly horizontal from another set of stakes.

Two men stood at each end, but one of them had four four-foot long pulp sticks in his possession. They were about to play Jack Pulp Toss.

Time began as the first man grabbed the 15-pound pulp and tossed it through the air, attempting to make it land between the two stakes in the opposite pit. Two pulps landed inside the stakes, two points.

After all four were thrown, the second man grabbed the pulps and pulled them through the stakes. Now it was his turn.

He grabbed the first pulp and hurled it toward the posts.

Pulps flew through the air for the next several minutes until 24 points



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Chris Rokosh practices his speed chop at a Conclave Club practice. Physical events such as the speed chop have kept the Midwestern Conclave Title at SIU for the last 11 years.

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First place.

Three Gateway teams ranked in top 25

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

In this week's polls, three teams from the Gateway Conference are ranked in both the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and the Sports Network Division I-AA Poll.

In the coaches poll, Western Illinois (7-1) is ranked No. 8, Western Kentucky (6-3) is ranked No. 21 and Illinois State (5-3) is ranked No. 25. Northern Iowa and Youngstown State dropped out of the top 25 but are still receiving votes.

In the Sports Network poll, Western Illinois and Illinois State have the same ranking while Western Kentucky is at No. 23. UNI and Youngstown are also receiving votes.

Ranked Gateway teams to face off

When Illinois State travels to take on Western Kentucky this upcoming Saturday, it will mark the 41st time in Gateway history that two ranked conference teams will face each other.

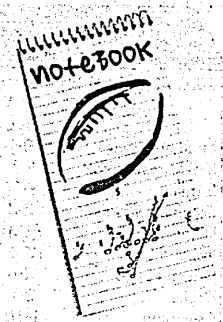
The most recent matchup of ranked teams occurred last Saturday when No. 23 Youngstown State traveled to No. 8 Western Illinois. The Leathernecks shut out the Penguins 19-0, which knocked them out of the top 25.

Western Illinois kicker earns national honor

Western Illinois place-kicker Justin Langan was named the Sports Network's National Division I-AA Special Teams Player of the Week for his four-field goal effort in the 19-0 shutout over Youngstown State this past weekend.

Langan connected on field goals of 50, 53, 34 and 31 yards. He set several school records in the process with four field goals in a single game, two kicks of over 50 yards and hit his 10th consecutive field goal.

His 53-yarder also set the record for the longest field goal ever at



Hanson Field.

Grumbling State quarterback Bruce Eugene was named the Offensive Player of the Week and Richmond defensive tackle Steve Boyer was the Defensive Player of the Week.

Two in a row for Souza

Illinois State quarterback Mike Souza was named the Gateway Conference Offensive Player of the Week for the second straight week. He won it last week for his effort in the 35-14 victory over the Salukis.

Souza completed 13 of 33 passes for 184 yards and a career-high three touchdowns in leading Illinois State to 21 fourth-quarter points in its 31-20 win over Northern Iowa.

The Gateway record for consecutive Offensive Player of the Week awards is four, set earlier this season by SIU running back Muhammad Abdulquadir.

Salukis finally block a kick

In Saturday's 38-28 loss at Southwest Missouri State, the Salukis blocked their first two punts of the season.

While they haven't been able to get to the kicker this year, last season SIU totaled nine blocked kicks -

seven punts, one field goal and one extra point attempt.

The two blocks against SMS were by Alexis Moreland and Jeff Morton.

Mays sets sights on 3,000, again

Youngstown State running back P.J. Mays will try for the third consecutive week to reach the 3,000-yard mark in Saturday's game against SIU.

He stands at 2,983 yards-rushing for his career, which means he needs just 17 yards against a Saluki run defense that allows an average of 170.8 yards a game.

For the season Mays has rushed for 406 yards on 98 carries with two touchdowns.

Penguins looking for 11th consecutive homecoming win

Youngstown State heads into Saturday's game against SIU looking to extend its homecoming winning streak to 11 games.

The last time the Penguins lost a homecoming game at Stambaugh Stadium was 1991 when they lost to Liberty. Youngstown State is 17-3 in homecoming games at the stadium, including a 34-21 victory over the Salukis in 1998.

The last time the Salukis traveled to Youngstown, Ohio, they upset the then-No. 2 ranked Penguins 21-20 during the 2000 season.

Illinois State's Golson keeps streak alive

In Saturday's win over Northern Iowa, Illinois State wide receiver Vito Golson caught three passes to extend his school record for consecutive games with a reception to 26.

For the season Golson has 32 receptions for 533 yards and four touchdowns.

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A rosy outlook for Iowa after big win

Todd Brommelkamp
The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — The only smell inside Iowa's locker room was an eclectic mix of musty equipment and assorted colognes, but wide receiver C. J. Jones conceptualized a sweeter, much more pleasant odor.

"I'm smelling the roses," he said. Jones may have been quick to intimate a trip to the Rose Bowl and Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz may not have appreciated the reference, but Jones and his teammates said more about a possible trip to Pasadena in January on the field than they could have in any interview.

Iowa's 34-9 romp over No. 8 Michigan on Oct. 26 inside the hallowed walls of Michigan Stadium had the look of a Big Ten championship-caliber performance.

"If you're in the Big Ten Conference, it sure helps to beat Michigan," said Ferentz after the Hawkeyes improved to 8-1 overall and 5-0 in Big Ten play.

The Hawkeyes didn't just beat the Wolverines — they humiliated them by handing them their worst home loss since 1967, a performance worthy of Iowa's jump to No. 9 in this week's edition of the AP poll.

Iowa's new ranking is its highest since the week of Dec. 1, 1991, when the Hawkeyes were No. 7 in the nation.

A victory over Michigan certainly isn't a guarantee of a berth in the Rose Bowl, but if history is any indication for the Hawkeyes, it goes a long way. Iowa's last three visits to Pasadena — in 1990, 1985, and 1981 — all came during seasons in which the Hawkeyes defeated the Wolverines.

"[Beating Michigan] gives you a better chance to get there because they're typically in the race and they always have something to say about it, but there's so much football ahead for our team," Ferentz said. "We're not a talented enough team to even think about things like that."

Ohio State also keeps Iowa's bowl picture from becoming too rosy at the moment. The Buckeyes are the only other Big Ten team besides Iowa which remains undefeated in conference play; Ohio State also went unblemished during its non-conference schedule. If both teams run the table and Ohio State doesn't finish in the top two spots of the Bowl Championship Series rankings, the Buckeyes would likely claim the coveted berth.

The Buckeyes play No. 23 Minnesota this week while the Hawkeyes host rival Wisconsin in Kinnick Stadium.

"We have more challenges in front of us," Ferentz said. "But we played a good football game today."

171 total yards of offensive output in front of 111,496 people in Ann Arbor, including representatives from the Fiesta Bowl, which will serve as this season's national championship game, the Capital One Bowl (formerly the Citrus Bowl) which has the second choice of Big Ten bowl-eligible teams, and the Rose Bowl.

"Nobody gave us anything coming in to this game," said defensive tackle Colin Cole, who recorded four stops including three for a loss in the victory.

While Iowa may not have gotten much respect prior to the game, Cole and his teammates can rest assured they will get plenty of attention from their remaining three opponents, all of whom would love to derail Iowa's Rose Bowl hopes.

That includes Wisconsin, who despite a slow start in the conference, will be up for its heated rivals this weekend.

"Right now we're smelling Badgers," Cole said.

Cole's level-headed approach exemplifies what Ferentz would like the Hawkeyes' mentality to be during the waning weeks of Big Ten play, but perhaps his olfactory nerves were damaged against the Wolverines.

"Right now it's smelling real good and it's looking real good," Jones said. "I just hope we get [to the Rose Bowl]."

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Third place or bust

SIU volleyball all but clinches tournament birth, eyes third seed

Michael Brenner
 Daily Egyptian

The magic number is one. With a win or an Indiana State loss, the SIU volleyball team will clinch a berth in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. So, for the first time since 1998, when the Salukis last made an appearance at conference, the Dawgs are talking about where they will be in the tournament, not whether they will be in it.

"I don't think there was ever any doubt in our mind that we were going to make it," said junior setter Britten Follett. "Now it's just what seed are we going to be. We're pushing for third."

By thrashing Creighton and Drake last weekend, the Salukis (18-7, 9-4

MVC) are only one-half game behind Bradley (16-6, 9-3) for third place in the conference and will have a chance to leapfrog the Braves when they travel Friday to Peoria.

"It's huge," said senior outside hitter Kristie Kemner of the two victories. "We want to end up third in the conference, and these two wins are a step in the right direction. A game from Bradley can pretty much seal that."

Third place is coveted by SIU not only because the No. 3 seed does not need to play the No. 1 seed until the final, but also because of the preferential treatment higher seeds receive at the conference tournament.

According to head coach Sonya Locke, higher seeds play at better times than lower seeds, receive more time between matches and are allowed to practice later in the day.

Because of this, not to mention that she hates relying on what other teams may do, the Salukis will not let up because they are a shoe-in for the conference tournament.

"We want to keep winning and

ensure our own destiny and not have to wait on someone else to do something," Locke said.

To ensure its own destiny, SIU needs to defeat Bradley, and to defeat the Braves the Salukis said they will need to play much better than they did during last weekend's trouncing of the Bluejays and Bulldogs.

SIU outsourced their opponents 180-133, hit .315 to their opponents .125 and made them look like they had weights attached to their feet, but they know they will have to play better this weekend to win at Northern Iowa and Bradley.

"If we play like this against Northern Iowa and Bradley, it's going to be 30-2," said senior outside hitter Tara Gains after Saturday's match against Drake.

The Salukis were sucked into the slow-paced and sometimes lethargic play of Creighton and especially Drake during the weekend and will have to adjust to a faster-paced and more-skillful team.

Locke said this will not be a problem. She is confident her team will step



2002 Missouri Valley Conference Volleyball Standings

	MVC	Overall
Northern Iowa	10-1	20-2
SW Missouri State	9-1	15-4
Bradley	9-2	16-5
Southern Illinois	7-4	16-7
Illinois State	7-4	10-8
Indiana State	5-6	11-9
Wichita State	4-6	11-11
Drake	2-9	4-19
Creighton	1-10	1-17
Evansville	0-11	3-21

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"We have a few more things to sharpen up, but we've definitely picked up the tempo of our game," Follett said. "And Northern Iowa and Bradley are going to be seeing a better team than they saw in the first round."

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up when it needs to.

"Our kids step up when they need to step up," Locke said. "When the tempo is crisp, we're ready for that. We get bogged down when it isn't so crisp like [Friday and Saturday night]."

Follett said her team will be prepared for this weekend's run at third place and added that intensity will not be a problem.

Salukis search for the end of the rainbow



Sophomore Stefanie Pate practices her drive Thursday evening at Hickory Ridge Golf Course. The SIU women's golf team left Saturday for the Rainbow Golf Invitational in Honolulu. This is an annual trip for the Salukis, who placed 14th at last year's event.

SIU women's golf team heads to Hawaii for Rainbow Golf Invitational

Christopher Morrill
 Daily Egyptian

Aloha! People travel to Hawaii everyday to experience the sunshine, surf and culture of the island paradise. Most are on vacation, some are on their honeymoon, and a few go to golf.

The SIU women's golf team flew to Hawaii from St. Louis Saturday to compete in Tuesday's Rainbow Golf Invitational in Honolulu.

The Salukis will face their toughest competition of the season with West Coast schools UCLA, Long Beach State, Northern Arizona and the defending tournament champion New Mexico making the trip across the Pacific Ocean.

Tough or not, the Salukis intend to have fun; after all, it is Hawaii.

"What a fabulous experience," said head coach Diane Daugherty. "We're not going to put expectations on it. Every outing we're getting better."

This will be the fourth and final tournament for the women this fall. The team has yet to win a competition, finishing as high as second at the Illinois State Redbird Classic, third at the Northern Iowa Panther Fall Classic and a lowly 11th at the Lady Northern in Iowa City, Iowa.

At last fall's Rainbow Invitational, the Salukis finished 14th out of 19 teams.

The women's golf schedule includes 36 holes on Tuesday and another 18 on Wednesday.

The middle-of-the-week tournament means the women will be missing a lot of classes, but Daugherty said that the SIU professors have been understanding about the situation.

Last year, the invitational was played during fall break, so the Dawgs didn't miss any classes.

The women are able to afford going to Hawaii because of the Tres Hombres/Michelob Light Scramble the team hosts every year. The fundraiser made \$46,000 last year.

This week, the forecast for Hawaii is 87 degrees and sunny. With the combination of great weather and tropical atmosphere, there is no doubt the women will be spending time away from the golf course.

Although shopping and tourism are in the plans, the women intend to spend a lot of time at the beach and in the water. They will be snorkeling at Hanalei Bay — the best place on the island for snorkeling, according to junior Megan Tarrolly, who also made the trip to Hawaii last year.

"I thought I would be afraid," Tarrolly said of swimming so close to the fish, "but I tried to touch them and it was fun."

Sophomore Stefanie Pate is making her first trip to Hawaii with the Salukis but has been snorkeling before. She is taking a more serious approach to the trip.

"This is a trip to go out and have fun," Pate said, "but there is also a job to go to."

Daugherty wants to win the tournament but is also aware that the situation warrants the fun of a Hawaiian vacation.

"Somebody has to do it," Daugherty said, "and I'm glad it's me."

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