Exhibit gives firsthand accounts of Civil War

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Students and community members now have the chance to see the Civil War through the eyes of those who lived it.

"Civil War 150: Exploring the World and Its Meaning Through the Eyes of Those That Lived It" is a traveling exhibit consisting of letters and other artifacts from soldiers and family members, and shows a first-person view of the war.

The exhibit will be open from April 29 to May 16 at Morris Library's Hall of Presidents and Chancellors. It is free to all students and community members.

Aaron Lisec, specialist of library affairs, said the university was given a grant for the exhibit from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, along with $1,000 to spend promoting and developing public events.

Lisec said the Special Collections Research Center in Morris Library has its own collection of letters from soldiers and family members from southern Illinois who both fought in the Civil War and were affected by the trying times. This exhibit will be displayed along with the traveling show.

The Civil War is one of the most researched wars in American history because it was the biggest event to happen in the country since the American Revolution, he said.

"It tore the country apart for four years, it cost a huge number of lives," he said. "Something like 700,000 people died in the Civil War, and if you compare it to the population of that time, if we had a similar event now it would be millions of people."

Lisec said studies of the war continue to help people understand what it was like to live and fight through the conflict.

Ray J. Carr, an associate professor and chair of the history department, said the war was a pivotal event in American history and the research it gets is well deserved.

"Anybody who really wants to understand America today needs to understand why that was such a critical issue at the time," she said. "And why those issues really have not been settled even since the Civil War."

Lisec said some of the after-effects of the traumatic war are still being dealt with more than 100 years later.

"Every time you see a confederate flag on a pickup truck or hear a song about it, we're still reverberating and we are still being dealt with more than 100 years later."

"It is important for students to come to the event and learn from first-hand accounts what the time period was like."

"History can be hard to relate to. It can be hard to imagine what people went through," he said. "But when you read a letter from a soldier who talks about one of his friends being killed right next to him and expresses his feelings about that, then we can relate to what that must have felt like."

The exhibit also shows the amount of work the wives had to put in to take care of the family back home, he said.

"We all have families, we all have tragedies we have to deal with and live through, and when it's expressed that way, history kind of comes to life and becomes more than just dates and names and places," he said. "It becomes how people lived."

Lisec kicked off the traveling exhibits with a lecture Monday. Another lecture featuring Rhonda Kohl, author of "The Prairie Boys Go to War: The Fifth Illinois Cavalry, 1861-1865" is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, in the Hall of Presidents and Chancellors.

Darril Dexter, a southern Illinois historian, will give the final presentation at 3 p.m. May 9 discussing politics during the war.

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Distilled perfection

Charles Baudo, a graduate student studying molecular biology at St. Louis University, fills bottles with moonshine Saturday at the Grand Rivers Spirits distillery in Carbondale. Baudo was one of many volunteers to help bottle the distillery's new moonshine product, Red Eye Cherry. The distillery produces brandy, aged-whiskey, bourbon and three flavors of moonshine. Karen Binder, one of three partners who own the distillery, said the owners started the business as a way to showcase resources and ingredients from southern Illinois.

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Cowboy travels for children

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Through rain or shine, one man is traveling across nearly 50 states to make a difference in the lives of ailing children.

Tye Sturgeon, 20, of Batesville, Ark., has been traveling by horse since March 15 from his hometown to Gensco City, Wis. Sturgeon said he and his horse, Edward, will be on the road across 48 states for at least two years.

According to Sturgeon's website, americanwishride.com, he will make 59 stops on the trip. He is headed to Coulterville, his 27th stop, after spending two weeks in Sparta.

As of Sunday, Sturgeon's trip has generated more than $3,000 in donations of the $30,000 goal for Western Wishes, a non-profit charity that raises money for terminally-ill children.

Its website, westernwishes.org, states its recipients are "predominantly rodeo and horse show competitors or ranch-raised children."

Sturgeon said traveling is not always easy, and he sometimes eats on the side of the road.

"It has been a challenge since day one," he said. "If it weren't for good people, I don't know if it would be possible for me to do this trip."

Sturgeon said occasionally people allow him to stay in their homes, and said resting inside is one of the best things. He said because he usually sleeps outside, the weather can be problematic.

"I had it real bad on me one night whenever I was trying to sleep," he said. "That sucked."

To feed Edward, he stops at the store to buy products with grain, like granola bars or bread. He said sometimes he comes across people who own horses as well, which is beneficial.

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At least every two days, I get to camp out - you know if I've seen somebody with horses - and I can always buy a little bit of feed," he said. On the road, Sturgeon carries just four shirts and three pairs of jeans. He said he consistently camped alone at home to prepare for the trip. "You really can never prepare - it's hard to prepare for something like this," he said. Sturgeon said his friend Adam Garcia approached him with the idea for the trip. He said at first he did not think it was possible. "I told him he was crazy," Sturgeon said. "But then he got me thinking about (the trip) and got me thinking about how many people this would reach out to. Finally I made the decision, I'm going to do it." It took him roughly two weeks to consider the trip before deciding to go, Sturgeon said. "I said here's the deal Adam, if we're going to do this, let's do it for a charity," he said. "Let's do it for Western Wishes." Sturgeon said Garcia will meet him and Edward in a trailer truck once he arrives in Genoa City, Wis. Sturgeon had one piece of advice for anyone considering making a long-distance trip like his. "If (someone) is going to do this, make sure you spend a lot of time with your family before you leave," he said. "You really get lonely out here." Luke Nozicka can be reached at lnozicka@dailyegyptian.com, on Twitter @lukenozicka, or at 536-3311 ext. 268.

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Clippers, Sterling and Controversy

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Controversy is brewing in NBA land about the fiasco surrounding Donald Sterling, the owner of the Los Angeles Clippers. TMZ released an audio recording of a conversation between Sterling and his ex-girlfriend Vanessa Stiviano, in which Sterling chastised her for posing with blacks on her Instagram page (i.e. Magic Johnson and Matt Kemp). And how he doesn’t want blacks at his games. While it’s still up in the air whether the audio voice recording is legitimate or not, it still sucks that there are people in this world who feel this way about minorities.

As much as people like to throw around in a “diverse” post-racial world, (because, having a black president actually means something) something like this happens (which isn’t even the worst thing I’ve heard concerning racism, but who’s here to rank oppression anyway) and then America realizes we still have the same problem with racism.

But we need to focus on the players, who are between a rock and hard place. It is so easy for us to say what the players should and should not do when we are not in their situations.

Sure, they wore their jerseys inside out as a silent protest during Sunday’s game.

Sure, some players like DeAndre Jordan took to his Instagram account and posted a picture of blackness.

Sure, there are rumors that Magic Johnson is looking into buying the Clippers, which would be a good thing because there needs to be more black NBA owners in the league.

But yet, I still feel sorry for them.

When racism and business is so closely intertwined, a person has to be very careful about his or her ways to eradicate racism. Doing too much can land a person getting his or her financial stability taken away, and doing too little can cause scrutiny from the entire black community.

Neither is a situation anyone would want to be in, even us looking from the outside in.

Earlier this month, Dr. Cornel West said something very thought provoking, while referencing an old Wu-Tang Clan song. He said: “Cash rules everything around me. But it doesn’t have to rule you.”

And that’s true. But I think we’ve been conditioned to accept racism in exchange for being financially stable, that we think it’s acceptable to be owned by someone who thinks so much less of us.

In a perfect world, we want the players to cease playing games as long as Donald Sterling is their owner.

We also want the players and their families to be compensated when they quit, so they won’t have to worry about financial stability while they take a civil rights vacation.

We want Donald Sterling sued for everything he’s worth, and leave him broke and penniless so he can learn a valuable lesson on how to treat people. Hell, we probably want NAACP lawyers to represent the players if a lawsuit does come forth.

Our wants are justified, but let’s real: We don’t live in a perfect world.

That’s usually how it goes though. When racists decide to let the world know they’re racist, or they get found out because some racists hide their racism very well, everyone else is expected to turn the other cheek and figure out ways to accommodate them, instead of letting the racist know that their behavior is unacceptable.

Even with major companies such as Red Bull, Sprint, KIA, Aqua Hydrate and others pulling their sponsorships from the team, not individual players in some cases, I still feel sorry for the Clippers. While they are getting pressured from friends, family, fans and the media to take action and stand up for themselves, let’s not forget Sterling is still employed, still wealthy, and still racist.

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Manufacturing ‘Shine’ on a Grand scale

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**THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews**

**ACROSS**
1. Children  
5. African nation  
10. Fellow  
14. Border on  
15. Equestrian  
16. Sharpen  
17. Malicious look  
18. Mountains of South America  
19. Very interested in  
20. No longer in existence  
22. Soft leather  
23. Pupil’s written assignment  
24. Perish  
25. Lasting through  
26. Fraternity letter  
27. A man’s home is __ castle”  
28. Bowler’s feat  
31. Lastly  
32. Pupil’s written assignment  
34. GPS screen  
35. Trash barrel  
36. Old horse  
37. Fellow  
39. __ ___ Gabor of the __  
40. “A man’s home is __ castle”  
42. __ ___ Gabor of the __  
46. Cunning  
47. On the ball  
48. Creamy white cheese  
49. Acting parts  
50. Bernie __  
52. __ ___ Gabor of the __  
53. Let the cat out of the __  
54. Morbid  
55. Colorful cereal  
56. At __; relaxed  
57. Easter egg tints  
58. Mesh fabrics  
59. Writing tool  
60. Prohibit  

**DOWN**
7. Find a total  
8. __ ____  
9. “Green Acres”  
11. Goose’s sound  
12. Opposed to  
13. Lowly worker  
16. Organic matter  
20. No longer in existence  
21. Mountain goat  
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*Answers: CHAOS COMIC SUITOR BANDIT*
Despite getting swept for the second consecutive weekend, the Saluki baseball team has the first baseman position solidified on its depth chart.

The team’s top two batting averages belong to seniors Ryan Casillas and Cody Daily; both play first base. Casillas starts at first the majority of the time, while Daily is the designated hitter.

Even though Casillas has played more games at first, he said he would prefer to be behind the plate. Casillas has started two games at catcher this season, which allowed Daily to start at first and move senior catcher Matt Jones to the designated hitter spot.

Thats was early in the year before freshman catcher Jake Hand had the opportunity to prove himself. Coach Ken Henderson has been giving Hand more playing time in right field lately because he is one of the better hitters. Hand has become the primary backup at catcher for Jones off days.

Garrard is the primary backup at catcher for Jones off days.

Regardless of where he starts, Casillas said he likes to play where the team needs him the most. Daily said the same thing, though it took him some time getting used to designated hitting because he has played in the field his entire career.

The team needs both of them to stay where they are because Jones is too good of a defensive catcher to move with the lineup. It’s counterproductive to something that’s not broken. Daily is not a bad fielder, but Casillas is slightly better.

Casillas leads the team in 10 offensive categories and has played in every game this season. Daily leads the team with four sacrifice flies and is second in nine offensive categories.

With three weeks left in the season, Casillas has more home runs, doubles, RBIs and total bases than he had all of last season. His batting average has improved by nearly 30 points. Daily’s numbers are similar to last season, but his batting average has improved by more than 20 points.

Both of them attended junior college before attending SIU. Henderson said Division I schools usually only get one good year from players coming from junior college because they sign with a professional club if they have a good junior year.

Henderson said Casillas isn’t trying to do too much at the plate anymore. He said Casillas used to swing for the fences every at-bat, but now he’s hitting with just his hands rather than his whole body.

The Arizona Diamondbacks drafted Casillas in the 40th round of the 2010 Major League Baseball Draft. Serritella had a better collegiate career than Casillas and Daily, but the two of them have a good chance of hearing their names called in June.

Casillas and Daily have better numbers than several of the first basemen drafted in 2013 and could both be off the board by the 20th round.

Before they worry about the draft, they need to focus on the rest of the season, especially the Missouri Valley Conference Championships May 20-24 at Indiana State University.

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