Professor studies asteroids

JUST THE FACTS:
Geology professor investigates evidence of meteorite in Mexico.

KRUCE

The possibility of an asteroid striking the Earth is not as far-fetched as some people believe, and there is overwhelming proof it has happened before, two SIUC professors say.

"Asteroid," a movie that was broadcast on NBC Sundays, has brought national attention to the possibility of such a disaster.

Michael Kruke, an SIUC geology professor, said he has been studying evidence for four years that a meteorite or comet caused a crater in Mexico.

Asteroids are space debris and are called meteorites when they hit Earth. Comets are space debris that orbit the sun and become pulled into Earth's orbit by gravitation pull.

Kruege said the crater in Mexico, named Cheixulub, was discovered in the 1980s by a Mexican oil company that noticed the rocks it found during an oil drilling were irregular. The crater, which is 200 kilometers wide (the distance from Carbondale to St. Louis), is buried underground and part of it is covered by water. It can only be seen by taking a magnetic picture.

Kruege said a professor from the University of California in Berkeley who was in Italy discovered that the same time the crater in Mexico was formed, dinosaurs became extinct.

"It was like someone turned off the lights and then turned them back on, and everything returned to normal," he said.

Kruege said many dinosaurs became extinct and the crater in Mexico formed when the clay layer was formed. 65 million years ago. "It was like someone turned off the lights and then turned them back on, and everything returned to normal," he said.

Kruege said when the meteorite or comet hit in the ocean, it caused huge tidal waves and sent dust and debris all over the world. "At least most of the Earth's populations were killed when the meteorite or comet hit in the ocean," he said.

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SPACE FACTS

Asteroid - a celestial body made out of space debris that orbits the sun
Meteor - a solid particle that survives Earth's atmosphere and falls to ground
Comet - leftover material in space that orbits the sun

Every year a meteorite the size of a football collides with the Earth. The largest group of asteroids orbits the sun between Mars and Jupiter.

SOURCE: Voluntary, SIUC Physics Department by Jeff Sermers, Daily Egyptian

Council rivals argue fall issue

HALLOWEEN: Candidates debate plan to curb holiday.

JENNIFER CARDIN, DE POLITICS EDITOR

Some candidates for the Carbondale City Council say they support the city's five-year plan for curbing Halloween, while others say the same party can be kept, but tamed. In 1995, the council voted to close South Illinois Avenue liquor license holders and ban selling and transporting beer kegs during Halloween weekends until 1999.

The University will observe its "fall break," canceling classes before Halloween weekend, until 1999.

Eleni Thome, who is running for a four-year council seat, said the actions of the city, police and the SIUC administration after last Halloween were necessary.

"In recent years, Halloween has been extremely disappointing to me," said Thome, a Liquor Advisory Board member and SIUC graduate. "It reflects poorly on the University, I would support anything the city or University does to end any sort of violence or rioting."

During the weekend before last Halloween, 350 people were arrested in riots that prompted a meeting between council members and about 150 students and citizens later that week.

The City Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan, who voted for the Halloween ordinances, said the city has plans to introduce amendments to them if she is re-elected. However, some council candidates say they want to try other approaches to the Halloween issue.

Mike Hudd, a second-year graduate student in workforce education and development who is running for a four-year council seat, said the city could try to organize a festival, such as a barbecue championship, sometime near Halloween.

Pat Kelly, who is running for a four-year term, said city leaders and students have tried to organize Halloween in the past but neither...
**Southern Illinois forecast**

**Today:**
- 50 percent chance of rain.
- High: 57
- Low: 43

**Thursday:**
- Mostly cloudy, chance of rain.
- High: 44
- Low: 37

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**Calendar**

**Today**

- **Southwestern Company career week meetings, Feb. 19, noon in Main 206, 2 p.m. in Wilson 316, 6 p.m. in Communications 1022.**
- **Oxfords Christian fellowship noon day prayer service, Feb. 19, noon, Wilby Foundation room.**
- **Pi Sigma Alpha Brown Bag Luncheon - Keynote speaker Dr. James Henry, Vis Chair for the Admissions, Feb. 19, noon, Student Center Room 308.**
- **St. Edmonds Men’s Chili Fundraiser, Feb. 19, 5-6 p.m., basement, Contact Student Center 352-2336.**
- **St. Edmonds Library “Hearts for Hearts” Seminar, Feb. 19, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library Room 202.**
- **St. Edmonds Library “V-Day” Seminar, Feb. 19, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library Room 202.**
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Film showcase presents student Oscar winners

BEST OF ALL:
Showcase highlights obscure college films, provides outlet for SIUC students.

By REECE WILLIAMS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Some of the best student-made motion pictures in the nation will gain much-needed exposure when the winners of last year's Academy Awards are showcased today in the Student Center.

"We want the American student to know about our culture, try our foods and see our dances," said Constantinos, a sophomore in communication disorders and sciences from Cyprus. "This is something that can unite the students.

The International Festival is nearing its third decade as an annual event sponsored by the International Student Council and the Student Center Special Programs and Center Events.

In past years, it has been a seven-day event, but this year it has been condensed to two days of activity in and around the Student Center.

Wan Kamal Wan Napie, vice president of finance for the council, said the festival will take place Feb. 20-21.

The event will feature several student-made films from campuses across the country.

It's a showcase of the three or four student-made categories of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Awards last year," she said.

There's probably going to be a best narrative, a best documentary and a best animation/experimental," she said.

"I don't know what they are, they don't send us a program of what movies are included," she said. "But the Academy is the organization that gives the highest, most prestigious awards to filmmakers.

Hardacker said she hopes the festival will be an outlet for students to get noticed for the work they do.

"It's important because student filmmaking is something that is not generally recognized and people put a lot of hard work, money and time into making these movies," she said. "These movies don't really reach a wide distribution, but a lot of times they become a stepping block for the filmmaker to get a big picture deal."

Hardacker said this showcase has a special significance for students at SIUC.

"Since we have a student film-making program here at SIUC, we feel that if people see these films, it may generate interest for the film making that takes place here," she said.

While some of last year's Academy Award winning films were grazed by SIUC students, Richard Blumenberg, a professor in the Department of Cinema and Photography, said that in the 1980s, SIUC student John Behnke won two years in a row.

"He won with a documentary "Norma Jean," he said, "then the next year with a fiction film 'The Yuppie.'"

While they are not officially related, Hardacker said she hopes this showcase may raise interest for the upcoming Big Muddy Film Festival.

"They're similar in many ways," she said.

"And we're hoping that if people like this program, then we can generate some interest for the film festival."
People should not ignore apparent racism, bigotry

Josh Robison
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**Consideration**

Program recommendations send message of ‘perfection’

**Before The Administration and Graduate Council members start eliminating certain graduate and doctoral programs, they should consider all the information and not base their recommendations only on a few criteria. In a time of downsizing and restructuring higher education, re-examination of our programs is very important, and several factors are involved in evaluating those programs that are recommended for either elimination or absorption into other programs. Those criteria include job market, programs’ costs, quality and relationship to undergraduate curriculum.**

**If a program is judged and meets four out of five criteria, but still is recommended for elimination, does that fifth criteria weigh more heavily than the others? For example, if the Ph.D. program in sociology is revamped and has more students currently in the program plus has met other criteria, then why has this program been recommended for elimination? The justification is unclear. This example gives the impression that a program has to reach perfection before being eliminated. But how many programs on this campus actually reach perfection?**

**It is impossible to evaluate these programs under textbook criteria and more difficult to make recommendations with only few pieces of general information. Would someone buy a car just because a nice stereo system, leather seats and chrome hubcaps without looking at the engine or kicking the tires? The same concept applies to these program recommendations. It is important to weigh all the options and information before making any major decisions. This simple notion is called common sense and courtesy to all parties.**

**If we do not adequately defend needed programs, those students affected by the changes will find themselves lost without a program in the midst of the administration’s political tip-toeing. Therefore, it is time to dive in and sort through all the materials to defend these programs, if these programs are worth defending.**

The Graduate Council’s date to make recommendations is March 6—two weeks away—and a special meeting has been called for Feb. 27 to allow departments that are affected by the proposed changes to voice their concerns and defenses. Speak now or forever hold your peace.

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

**Overheard**

“We didn’t just stay ‘crazy, meany, miney, moe, this is the program that has got to go.”

— Sarah Blackstone, Graduate Council vice-chairwoman, on the decision to eliminate programs.

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**Sarah Blackstone, local musician, on receiving the lifetime achievement award at the Southern Illinois Music Awards.**
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objective of this year's Festival is to promote appreciation for cultural diversity.

"The international students have sacrificed time and energy," Wanapi said. "We want to give something special to the community."

"This is a rare opportunity to be able to experience firsthand exactly what the international student has to offer," Coppi said.

Wanapi said the International Festival gives the SIUC community a unique opportunity to sample the diversity of nations.

"Where else in the region, Southern Illinois would a student have a chance to meet with all the other nations together in one place at the same time?" she said. "It's truly a gem in the region."

**Woods continued from page 1**

only had three to five groups interested in the project," he said. "This is not enough. We have $3,500 worth of trees and seedlings ordered and another 1,000 or so coming from the state.

Roberson said groups that already have pledged to manage plots will cover more than one third of the forest.

Andy Kelley, president of Xi Sigma Psi, said his group, which adopted a part of the forest, soon will try to begin the forest restoration.

"We might be able to start as early as next regular meeting, which will be in two weeks," Kelley said groups will be needed to work when the daytime union maintenance crew is not working, so work will have to be done in the late afternoon or on weekends.

People adopting patches of forest will remove Japanese honeysuckle and creeping eucalyptus, both non-native vines, and some beech and maple trees, Roberson said.

Then, he said, they will plant several species of oak and hickory seedlings there.

Groups will be allowed to borrow hand tools from the Physical Plant if they are returned un-abused, he said.

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In January, Madsen said that an asteroid called Caster came within a few million miles of hitting the Earth.

"Each year an asteroid the size of a football hits the Earth causing some destruction, but normally they hit in the ocean where no one is around," he said.

Madsen said he knows of two instances when people were hit by meteorites and survived.

"In the '70s, a woman was driving down the road in New York, and one hit her car," he said. "The latter was just last year when someone in Spain was hit by one."

Madsen said there still is not enough technology to detect all asteroids.

"I believe in the NBC movie they shot lasers at the asteroid," he said. "Well, that would be like shooting a laser at a mountain. Nothing would happen."

Madsen said the only way to destroy an asteroid coming toward Earth would be to blow it up.

"It will be the one we don't see that will get us."
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**International Festival '97**

**Thursday, February 20**

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  - Hall of Farms
  - 8:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- International Parade of Flags
  - Student Center, First Floor
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- Opening Reception
  - International Festival
  - Banquet Room
  - 11:15 am
- Watercolor Demonstration
  - German Food Court
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- International Food Specials
  - The Marketplace
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**Friday, February 21**

- International Craft Bazaar
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  - School Children
  - International Lounge
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- International Food Fair
  - Ballrooms A & B
  - 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- International Buffet
  - Ballrooms C & D
  - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
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LEADING THE WAY: Returning Salukis guide young players into coming season.

BRAD WEBER
DAILY EAGLE-REPORTER

Saluki softball player Maggie Calcaterra has found herself in an unfamiliar position this season. Calcaterra, of Herrin, said the situation of being a leader is different for all of the seniors this year because they have looked up to previous seniors for guidance in the past.

"Last year, I looked up to Christline Knots and Jama Koss, who were our senior leaders," she said.

Maggie Calcaterra along with Jam Koss, who was the team's catcher, April Long, Becky Lis and Giren Begsinger will be expected to provide leadership and guidance to a young Saluki team, whose goal is a strong showing in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

The team is led by the six seniors, all of whom except to walk an immediate impact on the team when the Salukis open the season in the Northeast Louisiana University Tournament in Monroe, La., Friday. Softball coach Kay Brechtelshauer said she expects her seniors to be title models and show their commitment to the younger players.

"They are different leaders," she said. "Some are quiet and some are vocal, but we need them all and need their leadership."

Maggie Calcaterra said she is the quiet leader of the group this season and prefers to voice her views on the team's academics.

"I try to set a good example by exemplifying academics to the young players," she said.

Freshman Lori Greiner, of Murphysboro, is one of the younger players, looking to contribute to the Salukis this season. Greiner, who will be expected to walk an immediate impact on the team, is a good hitter who has good footwork, Brechtelshauer said.

Greiner said the seniors have given her the extra push needed to adjust to college life.

"They have helped keep our goals," she said. "They've pushed us to work hard this season."

CATCHING FLIES IN FEBRUARY: SIUC softball outfielder Jennifer Feldmier, a sophomore from Fenton, Mo., runs to catch a fly ball for a softball during practice at the McAndrew Stadium Monday afternoon.

On and off the field, Greiner said the team gets along great.

"We all have the same goal," she said. "We have all the same goals, which I have won the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament and conference title," she said. "Ultimately we want to play in the NCAA tournament."

Also returning for her final season as a Saluki is Liz, of Newburgh, Ind. Last season, Liz played third base for the first time, and she will continue to play the line this season, Brechtelshauer said.

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Lisa Duckworth

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TRUE SCHOOL SPIRIT: The women's basketball team's No. 1 booster hates to see them lose.

DONNA CUNER
DAILY EDITION REPORTER

When the SIUC women's basketball team lose, Mike Rich's emotions get the best of him.

Because Rich suffers from autism, he said he often spends hours crying after the Salukis are defeated.

Autism is a neural disorder originating in infancy that is characterized by the inability to interact socially, repetitive behaviors, linguistic difficulties, and poor eye contact.

Rich, a 26-year-old senior in advanced technological studies from Morris, said he has been teased by others since he was very young, and that is why he is a fan of women's sports.

"I always have to worry about my disability," he said. "I feel more accepted by the ladies here."

Rich said he began watching women's sports during high school.

"Because of the girls team up here [in high school], I was more interested in the girls' game," he said. "They [Morris] didowell year after year."

Rich said he has been watching Saluki women's basketball since he transferred to SIUC from Joliet Junior College two years ago and has grown fond of coach Cindy Scott and the players.

"Women's basketball has more excitement," he said. "I haven't missed a home game in two seasons."

Scott said the players and the coaches appreciate what Rich contributes to women's basketball.

"Mike is a terrific young man," he said. "He has become a major supporter of women's basketball, SIU women's basketball is a major part of who he is."

The Saluki women's basketball team also has become fond of what Rich means to SIUC, senior guard Kasia McClendon said.

"The team respects his support," she said. "He is the best fan we have."

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Tennis team gets off to slow start in Kentuck

LONG WINTER: SIUC opens spring season a little rusty.

BRENT WILCOX
DAILY EDITION REPORTER

The SIUC women's tennis team was unable to emerge from its winter hibernation when it opened up its spring season at the Eastern Kentucky University Invitational in Richmond, Ky., Friday.

The Salukis, one of four teams that competed at the three-day event Friday through Sunday, finished the invitational winning eight matches while losing 13.

Other schools competing included Eastern Kentucky, the University of Louisville and Bowling Green State University.

Although the women's team lost its first match ever at the college level and said Thomas simply took advantage of her inexperience.

"When I went out there my nerves played a big part," she said. "The inexperience of being out of the sport for a while a getting back into it was a key."

McGhee replaced sophomores Andrea Martin and freshman Heather Markolf, both of whom quit the team after the fall season.

It has been a long layoff for the Saluki women's team, who