**Marketing gets new moniker**

Overhaul aimed to better promote SIUC campus

Brandon Weisenberger  
Daily Egyptian

Sweeping changes are afoot in SIUC’s marketing operation today as its employees operate under a new name and university administration looks to students to help spread the word about the campus.

The University Communications and Marketing Resources, a department criticized for bureaucratic tactics and lack of a marketing plan, is now University Communications. Its leadership has also downsized to one director overseeing five departments, ranging from public relations to web services.

Aiming to turn around a university that many say has failed to properly promote itself, SIUC leaders on Tuesday detailed the changes they see as a fresh start for the campus.

“We tend to be understated,” interim Chancellor John Dunn said. “We’ve been consistent in telling our story and bragging about ourselves.”

A new unit dedicated to advertising and marketing is included in the overhaul. Terry Clark, chairman of the marketing department, will lead the group until December while keeping his position in the College of Business and Administration.

According to material that outlined the changes, Clark will lay the foundation for SIUC’s marketing endeavors. After that, a full-time leader will be sought.

Six students—paid $10 hour for a maximum 20-hour workweek—will assist Clark and the rest of University Communications. Their paychecks are supported by a $500,000 budget the university committed to marketing in the fall.

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**Student passes primary**

Simon, Cole move to general election

Andrea Zimmermann  
Daily Egyptian

MURPHYSBORO—Mayor Brad Cole and Councilwoman Sheila Simon easily moved through Tuesday’s primary.

Simon garnered the most votes with 1,176, or 54.3 percent, and Cole followed with 819 votes, and 39.7 percent. Pepper Holder came in third with 84 votes, 3.9 percent and Jessica Davis, director of law school development at SIUC, received 62, 3.8 percent. Cole and Simon will face off in the general election.

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**Winners and losers**

Carbondale voters on Tuesday chose their candidates for the April elections.

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Jessica Davis  
Shelia Simon  
Brad Cole  
Pepper Holder  
Joseph Moore  
Lance D. Jack  
Paulette Sherwood  
Pohlmann  
Steven N. Ha  
Elizabeth Lewin  
Luann J. Brown

As the final precincts reported, the chatting crowd of more than 50 who attended to support mayoral candidates Sheila Simon came to a hush as the numbers were announced.

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**Election judge Charles Owen helps voters at precincts 13 and 14 use the automatic voting machine Wednesday afternoon at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Owen has been helping out with elections for more than 30 years.**

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**Association finds student with sloppy handwriting**

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Josh Chesser almost missed out on a semester of free tuition because of sloppy handwriting.

But with the aid of his Social Security number, he became $2,900 richer Tuesday.

Chesser was the real winner in a scholarship raffle held Saturday at SIU Arena. However, slipshod penmanship on his entry forced the announcer, Ed Buerger, to draw another name.

The prize — the fifth to be offered by the SIU Alumni Association — went to a student from Chicago.

A few international students in the crowd of more than 9,000 accused Buerger of racist comments after he said he could not pronounce the name and said over the microphone “obviously this is not an English student.”

Buerger has apologized for what he called a misunderstanding, and said he meant to say the student was not an English major because of the poor penmanship.

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Authorities: Son’s death did not stop mother from giving teenagers alcohol

BELLEVILLE, ILL. — A woman whose 16-year-old son was killed in an alcohol-related wreck 18 months ago has been charged with providing beer to minors last week during a party at her house, authorities said Tuesday.

Andrea Sharr, 37, and five in-charge Brent Moit, 39, were arrested late Friday after Sheriff’s deputies found three teens leave her home with beer and drive away.

The three 19-year-olds said they had been drinking with other youths at the house with consent of adults there, authorities said.

When confronted by deputies, Sharrs and Moist admitted they had been drinking, a police spokesman said. Four other juveniles in the house — boys ages 1 to 18 — tested positive at the scene for alcohol use and were arrested.

“To me, it’s obvious,” St. Louis County, Mo., medical examiner’s investigator testified that alcohol played a role in the death of Carrillo, the car’s driver.

Police seek man who attacked teenage girl

PEORIA (AP) — Police said Tuesday they are searching for a man who chased down and sexually assaulted a 15-year-old girl as she walked to school last week.

The girl helped police develop a composite sketch that was released Monday in hopes of finding the suspect, and is “250 percent better” in the week since the attack, her aunt said.

Police said they initially gathered just a few leads, despite setting up a mobile command center last week near the secluded, wooded area where the Feb. 21 attack occurred.

The girl said her niece decided to run when she noticed the man coming behind her, but couldn’t get away. He pulled her into the brush, beat her with a gun and choked her during the assault, the aunt said.

After the attack, the man fired a shot, but the girl isn’t sure whether he meant to hit her or just scare her, her aunt said.

The bullet missed her, but she was treated at a Peoria hospital for face, neck and other injuries.

Hail damages space shuttle tank, delay possible

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A hailstorm left hundreds of divots on space shuttle Atlantis’ external fuel tank, and NASA managers weren’t sure Tuesday if the damage was severe enough to postpone next month’s launch.

The storm Monday evening passed over the launch pad where Atlantis was being prepared for a March 15 launch, NASA spokesman Bill Johnson said.

NASA officials were weighing their options. They could make repairs to the external tank on the launch pad using an enormous crane, or they could move the space shuttle back to the Vehicle Assembly Building to fix the divots. NASA administrator Sean O’Keefe said there’s a “95 percent chance” the shuttle will be moved inside the building from the launch pad.

A residential burglary occurred at 6 p.m. Friday on Greek Row. A Coach purse, wallet, cellular phone and reported stolen. There was no forcible entry and there are no suspects at this time.

For a mission in June

The shuttle’s launch window extends into late March. Russia plans to launch a Soyuz vehicle to the international space station in early April.

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A robbery occurred at 1:30 a.m. Saturday at 1002 W. Whitney St. A 19-year-old male told police he was approached by four black males and robbed of his wallet. There were no equivocal suspect descriptions. The first suspect was described as 6 feet tall, with short hair and thin build, wearing a white and red striped polo shirt. The second suspect was described as a 6-foot-tall black male wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and dark jeans.

SIC student Ross Daren Tenczar, 18, from Urbana, was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property at 12:34 a.m. Sunday at Lot 30. Tenczar was released on a personal recognizance bond.

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Rocking after retirement

Avid guitarist set to keep strumming after leaving SIUC

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Retirement won’t stop Dennis Maze from rocking out.

The superintendent of printing and duplicating is retiring after 32 years at the university, but Shannon Wimberly, a supervisor of the department, said he foresees the avid guitarist as an old rock ‘n’ roller.

“That’s how I see Dennis,” said Wimberly. “He’s just going to keep jamming.”

Maze has worked at the university since 1975 in many areas of print and duplication, such as printing black and white flyers from a university press and helping prepare mass mailings.

The southern Illinois native said he didn’t mind leaving hard labor behind when he became the superintendent of printing and duplicating, and said he definitely won’t mind being able to set his own schedule and wake when he pleases during retirement.

“Just the fact of not having to get up and do something unless I want to is probably the best part of retirement,” he said.

Maze, who lives in Cobden, said his printing career started in high school at the Union County Press newspaper. He did bindery work and made deliveries in the afternoons after class. Upon graduation in 1970, he began school at Shawnee Community College.

He also played in a band. “My career goal at the time was to be a musician,” he said. “Once I discovered that I wasn’t really going to make a career out of that, I more or less quit.”

Maze said he began playing guitar nearly 45 years ago when his parents gave him a choice between the guitar and the trombone. He chose the six-string, and said he has played in hands as recently as five years ago.

“Ever since I was little bitty I wanted to play guitar, for some reason,” he said. “Nobody else that I knew played guitar.”

The walls of Maze’s office are adorned with calendars from various SIU sports teams. He said he is a huge Saluki fan and has season tickets to the men’s basketball games, which he attends with his wife, Theresa.

Maze also has a humorous side. He is a practical joker and often writes down quotes he hears his colleagues say and then brings it up years later, Wimberly said. Maze once overheard Wimberly brag about his vehicle’s ability to conquer snow and ice, and brought the quote to Wimberly’s attention when he called into work to say the ice and snow had stopped him, Wimberly said.

Michelle Rostitch, a graphic designer for printing and duplicating services, said she has known Maze for about 10 years. Maze is an easygoing person of few words, Rostitch said.

When he does speak, she said he always has “one-line zingers.”

Rostitch also said Maze has performed music with colleagues during lunch breaks. She said they didn’t necessarily play a concert, but they played loud enough that everyone could hear.

“They have a couple times brought their guitars in and jammed on their lunch hour — a fun, enjoyable, unexpected kind of a lunch hour,” Rostitch said.

Wimberly said Maze was more of a peer to his employees than a boss, but did expect work to get accomplished. He said Maze has been pleasant to work with and expects him to continue to play music.

“You’re never too old to rock ‘n’ roll,” he said. “That’s encouraging to me.”

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Man who pleaded guilty to aiding Hamas sentenced

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Fort BENNING, Ga. — An Army medic pleaded guilty Tuesday to the shooting death of a fellow soldier in Iraq during a night of heavy drinking. Hpc. Chris Rolan, 23, initially was charged with premeditated murder but on the Nov. 16, 2005, death of Pvt. Dylan Paytas, 21, in a botched investigation, the military dropped murder charges. Rolan pleaded guilty to unpremeditated murder under the plea bargain terms.

Rice: U.S. joining Iraq in invading Iran and Syria for peace talks

WASHINGTON — The United States and the Iraqi government are launching a new diplomatic initiative to invite Iran and Syria to a “neighborhood” meeting on stabilizing Iraq, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Tuesday.

“We hope that all governments seize this opportunity to improve their relations with Iraq and to work for peace and stability in the region," Rice said.

She said the U.S. would work to send a team of government officials and experts to each of Iraq’s neighbors.

The administration in recent weeks has increased its public criticism of Iran’s role in Iraq, charging it with supplying deadly weapons, including advanced technologies for the most lethal form of roadside bombs. The administration also has accused Syria of harboring anti-Iraqi government forces and allowing weapons to cross its border.

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Scientists present U.N. with plan to combat global warming

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United Nations — An international panel of scientists presented to the United Nations with a sweeping, detailed plan on Tuesday to combat climate change — a challenge made all the more urgent by the testimony of 32 nations, offered scores of recommendations.

The IPCC expressed its greatest confidence yet that global warming is being caused by human activities such as burning of coal, oil and other fossil fuels. If nothing’s done, it said, global temperatures could rise as much as 11 degrees Fahrenheit by 2099.

“Beyond that, we would be in a world where the agenda is set up by the government of Iraq. And the conditions, especially for bilateral conversations with the Iranians, are pretty clean,” Rice said.

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Bill aims to drop 5 percent tax from textbook sales

Chris Klarer

Eagle Eye

Paisley Harper said she spent nearly $300 on textbooks this semester.

Though some students may have paid more, and some less, a bill in the Illinois state legislature could make textbook purchases a little lighter on students' wallets.

"I paid $850 last semester, and $200 of it was just for one class," said Harper, a sophomore from Chicago studying business.

Illinois Senate Bill 327 — which is scheduled to go before the Senate Revenue Committee Thursday — would make textbook purchases exempt from Illinois' 5 percent sales tax.

In Harper's case, the nearly $400 she paid in sales tax the past two semesters could be saved in the future.

"I was very excited about this," said Tjvan Cratic, a senior from Chicago studying political science and law. "I think it could potentially mean a lot. It's something that a lot of students have been working toward.

Cratic started the Facebook group "The Progressive Campaign" — a student group advocating for the bill.

The group has attracted 276 members from across the state and encourages concerned students to contact their state legislators to support the bill.

"I'm using that resolution as a template to get in touch with a lot of colleagues around the state," Cratic said.

He said he hopes other student senators will pass similar resolutions.

If the bill passes, the impact on the local economy would be minimal.

"The bill would only remove the 5 percent sales tax that goes to the state," said Kevin Baity, assistant city manager for economic development.

City and county sales taxes, which total 1.25 percent, would remain, he said.

Local bookstores should only be affected by a slight clerical change.

The reduction in prices would only be coming from a sales tax, which does not go to the store, said Randy Johnson, general manager of 710 Bookstore.

Students cannot start celebrating just yet, though. Even if the bill passed by the Senate, it would still have to pass through the house to be signed by the governor.

Baity said since the language of the bill identifies July 1 as the date the new provision would go into effect the bill will most likely have to be reconsidered after the new session.

"This will be the last year the camp is offered unless she can find a private source of money or the university pays for it," she said.

The more than 20,000 soldiers wounded in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan drove her to recruit veterans specifically, Plesko said.

"I think anybody of a conscience looks at that situation that we’re in right now and you just want to help," she said.

Many soldiers injured in recent conflicts sustained serious injuries and are still in physical rehabilitation, Plesko said.

"What we might be looking at this spring would be more people who have depression or post-traumatic stress disorders," she said.

She said she hopes to recruit at Scott Air Force Base, where many recently injured veterans from the area are taken when they return to the United States.

Who those among the program do not need to be future SIUC students, and the camp is not intended as a recruitment tool for the university, Plesko said.

However, she said many who attend the camp are drawn to the university's accessibility.

"The rate that we keep out of that camp is probably close to 100 percent," she said.

Brian Harrison, a sophomore from Palestine studying rehabilita-

tion services, said he came to the camp and then went to a commu-

nity college for two years before coming back to SIUC. Harrison, who is paralyzed from the waist down, said the camp helped influ-

e his decision to attend the university, but it was not the only reason.

"I already knew it was the top school for people with disabilities in Illinois and one of the top in the nation," he said.

T.J. Zwetswizenger, a junior from Palestine studying political science, said he learned how to be more independent and even how to defend himself from an attacker while in a wheelchair when he attended the camp in 2004.

He said the friendships he made during the camp helped keep him from feeling homesick during his freshman year.

"It kind of gives you a, ‘Well I already know that person and we’re going through the same experience,’" he said.

Plesko said the Illinois Board of Higher Education has paid for the camp in the past, but after this year the camp is not eligible for funding.

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How to save a life

Gary Lannom most likely can’tcery or shoot lasers out of his eyes. But to the Daily Egyptian and many around campus, he is a super man.

Lannom started his janitorial shift Feb. 12 in Life Science II like any other day. Then there was a student’s frantic call for help.

An infant boy was choking, and time was running thin.

Lannom, acting on instinct, rushed over to the hysterical mother and assessed the situation.

The mother begged Lannom to call 911, but with no chance of securing a cell phone signal, Lannom took matters into his own hands.

He decided not to do CPR because it could hurt the child, but was able to clear the airway and save the baby’s life.

Even though Lannom didn’t perform CPR, it’s important that he was able to judge how CPR would affect the baby and that he was prepared to perform it if necessary.

CPR is an important skill to have when working in an environment that is most likely to need it. Lifeguards, doctors and police officers must know CPR because their work environment calls for it.

But people should learn this integral procedure even if it’s not required in their workplace.

Lannom worked as a janitor in a hospital for 14 years. Apparently, he picked up a few tricks during that time.

He’s a responsible adult who knew what he had to do in an emergency.

Interim Chancellor John Dunn applauded Lannom for his courageous efforts and encouraged colleagues to learn from the traumatic experience.

Learning CPR and other lifesaving skills should be a common duty. When coworkers, friends, family or even a stranger is in distress, the knowledge can be put into practice to immeasurable effectiveness.

The American Red Cross offers CPR courses all over. On campus, the Student Recreation offers CPR and First Aid courses. With one day and $40, almost anyone can learn CPR.

Because one day, you might find yourself in the same position as Gary Lannom.

Greener pastures

Last year, the Department of Media and Communication Resources was condemned.

On Tuesday, it was torn down.

And today marks the beginning of a new construction — University Communications.

The fences surrounding the previous office will be removed, and a new one will be erected. Communication and teamwork are emphasized.

As for the rest of the plan, and for the highly modified organization of the now-defunct MCR, it is still just a plan.

To work, the rest of the university is going to have to work the new change, and preferably flood University Communications with ideas to help it out.

Clark said he wants to tell the story of SIUC. The Daily Egyptian stands ready to listen.

But Dunn said, “We don’t want to rely on external folks when we have good folks internally.”

The university could have just as easily dropped a ludicrous chunk of change for an outside firm to develop a new plan.

The university is already working on it. Terry Clark, chair of the SIUC marketing department, will head the new Marketing and Advertising Services Unit. He said work has already started, and his team of students hopes to have its first project ready for release in the next couple of weeks.

Levels upon levels of bureaucracy have been axed. Communication and teamwork are emphasized. The need to progress is stressed.

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Fast forward to the end of the game, when all the media people exit via the stairs to the interview room. Well, this route passes by the U.S. Cellular and low and behold, a buddy of mine with whom I’d been sitting in the stands earlier was being led out in cuffs. He said he’d wait for me outside of the stadium, so, after I finished my interviews, I went out to talk to him and his girlfriend.

My friend, Mike, told me a story that included White Sox fans picking a fight with him because his girlfriend was rooting for the Detroit Tigers. As the security guards deemed him unnecessary, they hauled him off to the Drunk Tank. He was also banned from U.S. Cellular Field until 2007. Mike’s girlfriend was clearly devastated, and I just wanted to apologize to Curtis.

Who was Curtis, I was not sure. Nor did I know at that time that she had gotten the tickets from a Tigers’ player. That was until I showed up in the Tigers’ club house the next day, and was asked by my boss to interview Curtis Granderson, the Tigers center fielder who also happens to be a fan of mine. “Well, did you tell him?” he asked, followed by, “isn’t he a boyfriend named Michael Scoenren?”

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The day I met Curtis Granderson

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America is dying. We are trapped in a deteriorating war, our national debt continues to increase, and our credibility with the rest of the world is eternally damaged. Now, more than ever, it is time for our nation to overcome adversity and begin an intensive healing process.

I find some comfort in the following idea: Our modern problems are not unique to history. America has always been a country that not only thrives, but excels under pressure. Tom Brokaw observed this phenomenon in the “The Greatest Generation.”

The title has even been adopted to describe the men and women who helped win World War II, championed social equality and secured the largest wealth in human history.

I do not intend to demean their accomplishments. However, adopting this premise of this book is dangerous.

According to Brokaw, our nation has peaked. Future generations of Americans might as well enjoy an apathetic trip through life and eat away at our immense wealth.

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In fact, we’ve gained so much weight that it has become an epidemic. According to the Center for Disease Control, the prevalence of obesity among adults has risen from 15 percent to 32.9 percent since 1976. Americans are, literally, eating themselves to death.

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A news broadcast produced by SIUC students last semester was the best college broadcast in the nation, according to the Broadcast Education Association.

The River Region Evening Edition, a student-run news show broadcast on WSIU-TV, will be presented the first place prize for best college broadcast in the nation during a BEA awards ceremony in April.

The award-winning broadcast on Dec. 6 was led by an investigative story on racial discrimination at the Save-A-Lot grocery store in Carbondale. The story resulted in an investigation by the Illinois State Attorney General’s office.

The broadcast also featured a piece on sexual abuse at nursing homes and a story about the difficulties of finding information on landlords before renting.

Two River Region team members will also claim prizes from the BEA. Max Orenstein won second place for his feature on a legally blind competitive bicyclist and Julie Koch won third place for her hard news piece on dangerous decks.

“I was really proud of the students and really proud of the work they did, because not only did they do the investigative stories, but one even did a follow-up story,” said Eileen Waldron, who teaches a class designed to give students an opportunity to write in-depth news stories.

Waldron said WSIU-TV news director Jim Gee was a big part of winning the award.

“Without his direction and editorial control it would have been pretty hard to win, so that’s a major contribution,” Waldron said.

Gee said he has worked in broadcast television for about 12 years and started working for SIUC in September.

He said this accomplishment really belongs to the students.

“It’s a classroom, so I’m a teacher just like any other one it’s just a different kind of classroom,” Gee said.

The River Region broadcast is produced entirely by students who work on a volunteer basis. They give live broadcasts at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday on WSIU-TV.

Rachel Gartner, River Region’s assistant news director and a graduate student from Christopher studying professional media practice, said the chemistry of the fall semester’s staff was a big contribution to the win.

Julie Smallheer, a senior from O’Fallon studying radio-television broadcasting, was one of the anchors for the winning broadcast.

She said it was an honor because more than 30 people put so much work into it.

“It’s just a huge honor that many people can make one amazing thing happen,” Smallheer said.
It’s obvious to guess what you’re thinking, and yes, if you haven’t heard already, Kittie really has made another album. After a small regroup- ing and a decade of experience, Kittie releases “Funeral For Yesterday” without much of a warn- ing or a crowd looking forward to it. This album is a very mainstream attempt for Kittie, as the once-screaming vocals switch to singing and the heavy metal is toned down. It’s got the guitar riffs and the speed metal chug, though it’s hard to call the music anything close to “speedy,” as most of the songs take a moderate tempo. The first thing this album is missing is some bass. Sure, there’s a little bit of double bass pedal in the drumming, but it never retains the dance-tinged beat from the version of their many tracks, “Beside You In Time” could have been, was paint by number rendi- tions of their many tracks, “Beside You In Time” could have been, was paint by number rendi- tions of their many tracks, “Beside You In Time.”

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Lander’s lyrics were never amazing, and this record follows through with that claim. Her attempts to be gothic are the usual, using words such as “funeral” and “coffin” in hopes they will take the edge off the sad, sappy, heartbroken lyrics.

The second thing this album is missing — and needs more of — is Lander’s screams. Kittie manages to squeeze it in for the last few tracks “Summer Dies,” “Flower of Flesh, And Blood,” “This Too Shall Pass,” only to hide it at the end in hopes to redeem what the band made listeners suffer through for the first eight songs. This is also where Kittie’s harder tracks come in, and they’re a lot better.

Still, props to Kittie, because the band proves the mostly male-dominated metal scene can do with some dresses and make-up, even though the men are already wearing that stuff, anyway. The only thing that makes the music obviously played by women is the fact that everybody already knows there are no guys in Kittie, and, well, the name of the band kind of gives it away, too.

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While their last live DVD “And All That Could Have Been,” was paint by number rendi- tions of their many tracks, “Beside You In Time” changes songs to make them seem fresh.

“Only” starts off with a new guitar riff before swinging into the grooving baseline. The whole song sounds reworked but, for the most part, retains the dance-tinged beat from the version on “With Teeth.”

The concert consists of 24 songs with a third devoted to “With Teeth” and clocks in at just over two hours.

The audio supports DTS and Dolby Digital 5.1 surround sound. This was a concert meant to be listened to loud, and your system will get a workout with the amount of noises coming out of each channel.

As an added plus is the fact that “Beside You In Time,” comes in three formats – DVD, HD DVD and Blu-ray. For those with compatible televisions, this concert is a must-see. Trent Reznor and company have released a few singles, been touring worldwide and gearing up for the next full-length “Year Zero,” due in April.

However, before “Year Zero” comes “Beside You In Time,” a live DVD recorded during the band’s 2006 winter tour loaded with all sorts of other goodies for all those nail heads.

Take the showing of George Bush dancing during “Right Where It Belongs,” the moment his face is shown the crowd starts booing and flipping off the image. It shows what polit- ical messages lay beneath some of the songs on “With Teeth.”

When it comes to extra features, the con- cert has a few songs that can be seen through alternate angles, some extra performances, two music videos, a photo gallery and lyrics that can be viewed while the songs play – this is a must- buy for anyone wanting to experience Nine Inch Nails live.
for comment. 

Holder came to the Jackson County Courthouse, where the votes were counted and projected on a large screen in the lobby. He said he was shocked by how few votes he received. 

He said he knows the remaining candidates are not going to address the real issues of police treatment, housing and employment. 

“There are so many inequalities in the community that people aren’t addressing,” Holder said. “Smiling about the issue is not going to get the job done. You need to work on the issues.” 

Not passing the primary has forced Holder to re-evaluate his situation, he said. After almost seven years serving in the community as a radio personality and then a mayoral candidate, Holder said he is going to have to leave the public eye for a while. 

“To give so much has taken a toll on me and my family, so I’ve got to get busy and make some money,” he said. 

Davis, who began her campaign in September, did not return multiple calls for comment. This is the second failed mayoral bid for Davis, who unsuccessfully ran for mayor of Baltimore in the ‘90s. 

Tuesday’s primary also served to eliminate one City Council candidate. Paulette “Wills” Sherwood said her campaign ended when she failed to receive enough votes. 

Sherwood said she was not disappointed with the voter turnout and said it was clear people wanted change in Carbondale. 

“I see some new names coming up who the people voted for spe- cially on the City Council,” Sherwood said. 

She added she hoped the remaining candidates would focus on topics such as Clean Up Carbondale, Smoke Free Carbondale and the economic situation in the city. 

But for the SIUC junior, the night was just the beginning of his campaign. 

“We came in fourth,” Moore said. “The top three get seats. We’re within shouting distance.” 

Moore stressed the importance of friends and supporters who have helped him so far in his campaign. He also said while he was happy to have more votes than Jack, he had to put it in perspective. 

“In all fairness, he didn’t gear up his campaign,” Moore said. “But I do think it does send a positive mes- sage that we did come in before an incumbent.” 

Another incumbent, Steven Haynes, tapped the polls, receiving almost 18 percent of the vote. He said he was shocked and surprised by the results, but also grateful. 

“That puts a burden upon us now to run a clean and strong campaign to retain the seat,” he said. 

He also said he hoped to continue a grassroots campaign by continuing to get out and talk to people within the community. 

City Council candidate Mary Pohlmann also attended Simon’s gathering at Glassey Junction, saying her day consisted of swimming, dis- tributing some campaign signs, voting and then waiting for the results. 

Waiting at the Jackson County Courthouse for results as well, Elizabeth Lewin, one of the other remaining candidates, said she was looking forward to April. 

“I think Carbondale had some excellent candidates and I don’t think that the community would have lost with any of these candidates,” she said. 

Paulette “Wills” Sherwood was the first SIUC student in 26 years to run for City Council. Moore was in 1981. That year, two SIUC students, Paul Mandalis and Matt Coulter, secured spots on the election ballot.

The six remaining City Council candidates move on to the April 17 general election where they will compete for three open seats on the council.

Andrea Zimmermann contributed to this report.
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405 W. Cherry
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606 W. Cherry
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Today’s Birthday (02-28-07). One good idea leads to another this year, you can rely on that. You’ll be building and developing money-making concepts. Set up a framework for yourself that guarantees a nice profit.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - You’re getting luckier. Don’t let this news interfere with your critical thinking. Winning isn’t the only thing. How you play the game matters, too.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You have a talent for building monuments. Construct a legacy your family can rely upon for generations.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You’re looking good, but don’t relax. There’ll be another tough question. No flirting, drinking or wild giggling fits until after the gig is over.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - You have the natural ability to do very well in business. This serves you in whatever you do. You can manage both time and money.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - A difficult task is nearing completion, and that’s a wonderful thing. Don’t let this event go by unnoticed. Plan a celebration for tomorrow.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - Not only do you have to get the job done yesterday, but the requirements keep changing, too. Luckily, you do well under pressure. Keep telling yourself that.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Your friends provide lots more than a few good jokes. They strengthen your resolve, improve your confidence and leave you into action. You’ve got to love them for it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - You’re very good at keeping secrets, so do that again. Don’t let anybody know who’s really in charge. Put up a figurehead.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - More research is required. Hit the books or the Internet. Several new questions have popped up, and you can find the answers.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Better figure out what you’re made, and what you’ve spent recently. This is one of those jobs that you’re better off doing yourself.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Others seek your advice, and well they should, since you’re so smart. Listen to their ideas, too, and you’ll prove it conclusively.

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Sudoku

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Tatum awarded player of the year

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jamaal Tatum edged out Creighton's Nate Funk and Saluki teammate Randall Falker for the 2007 Larry Bird Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year award.

Tatum, a senior guard for the SIU men's basketball team, received 70 points in the voting, topping Funk's 67 and Falker's 65.

Falker, a junior forward, was named the Defensive MVP, and he made the MVC All-Defensive Team along with Saluki guards Tony Young, a senior, and Bryan Mullins, a freshman.

More to come in the DAILY EGYPTIAN tomorrow.

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MARKETING

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Dunn said SIUC will seek other students to assist in the marketing drive, and class credit will be awarded.

The new marketing operation also eliminates the executive director position — most recently held by university Internet analyst Sue Davis — and four associate director spots.

The restructuring is largely in part to a hard analysis of SIU by the Washington, D.C.-based SimpsonScarborough marketing firm. A report by the company said the university lacks pride, needs a strategic marketing plan and should revamp the department tasked with promoting the campus.

Clark said that while the revamped department is meant to rejuvenate a stagnant operation, much work is needed to produce results.

"Our problems didn't happen overnight and they're not going to go away overnight," Clark said.

Mike Ruiz, communications director for the Office of the President, is interim director of University Communications and led the department's restructuring.

He said the title changes do not translate into cut positions or reduced salaries.

"No one's losing their job, no one's losing their status in the organization," he said.

Ruiz said the marketing report that spurred the reorganization was not necessarily a wake-up call for SIUC, just a source of motivation.

Problems have been around for at the past decade, Ruiz said, and recent developments prompted the university to act.

"It took things like the declining enrollment to get people's attention," he said.

Separate departments will produce university press releases, update and maintain the SIUC Web site, provide photography, promote the campus and create new marketing material, Ruiz said.

Kathleen Hendrick, a first-year master's of business student from Carbondale, is one of the students hired for the marketing operation.

She said she is excited to be part of the endeavor.

"We have great professors and a great campus," she said. "I like we have a lot of opportunity at this university and we need to tell everyone."
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“The thing I remember is just how intense he was and how demanding was of himself,” says Weber, now coach at the University of Illinois.

But they’d also heard of his anger problems too. As a freshman Saluki running scrimmages against his older teammates, Young was frequently shoved to the ground. He often responded by spiking the ball into the tile.

“I was so little, everybody was just running me over,” Young said. “I felt like a little boy playing with a toy. I was just running everyone over, stacking up. But you back. If you’re going to post me up, I’m not going to let you touch the ball.”

Redemption

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“You would just be upset with himself,” Lowrey said. “We had to get him to understand, whenever you make a mistake, don’t compound that by making another mistake that may lead to a technical foul.”

Loui, if it’s someone other than the Salukis (25-5).

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Eric Olson
The Daily Egyptian

The Missouri Valley Conference boasts itself as a better league from a year ago. That doesn’t mean it will receive as many NCAA tournament bids.

With an unprecedented four awarded in 2006, the Valley was celebrated as a mid-major marvel. Critics of the selection committee’s generosity — CBS’ Billy Packer among them — were temporarily silenced when Bradley and Wichita State reached the round of 16.

“We’ve come back from a year in which we had a lot of doubters,” Valley commissioner Doug Elgin said Tuesday. “The performance in the NCAA tournament was sweet validation against the backdrop of the criticism we said under on Selection Sunday. What our teams have done as encore this year is pretty impressive.”

Impressive, for sure, but a bounty of bids still might be up in the air. The Salukis (25-5), Creighton (19-10) and Missouri State (21-9), the Valley’s second- and third-place teams, probably need to win once apiece in St. Louis to secure a bid. Then there’s Bradley (20-11), out of Peoria, which finished fourth in the regular season but is a respectable No. 46 in the RPI. Last year the Braves ended up fifth in the Valley, lost in the conference finals and beat Kansas and Pittsburgh in the NCAA tournament.

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There was a three to five-stroke difference of play and SIU shot 315 in the second round. "We were playing in 83-degree heat," Daughtery said. "I think that team did not play to its full potential.

Texas heat was one of the reasons the Salukis early in the tournament. "I had to dig down deep and regroup," Gerlach said. "I had to get a hold of my tee shot." Daughtery said she was pleased with the team’s performance and was glad to see everyone have at least one good round.

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I don’t think I’ve ever been around a kid that was tougher.

— Bruce Weber

former Saluki guard

TEMPERING HIS GAME

Why should he care, Tony Young wondered on cold winter nights when teammates sneered at him for committing a foul or throwing the ball out of bounds. Why should anything concern him, when his own father didn’t care about him?

Young said he grew up without knowing his dad, who never bothered to call, write or show him how to shoot a basketball.

Since moving to a house in the suburbs from Chicago’s west side at age 9, he said he felt disconnected from his classmates at Schaumburg High School. The kids he called teammates didn’t really know him.

They weren’t like him.

These were preppy kids — kids with cars, money, expensive clothes — all the things he didn’t have.

Once an angry teen, Young, has developed into one of the Missouri Valley Conference’s top defenders for the No. 11 Salukis. But he overcame a lifelong battle with anger first.

In Schaumburg’s bright gymnasium, he said he’d run the exhausting drills until his back burned. His frustration often turned into anger.

“It was like, if you said the wrong thing to me we’re going to fight,” Young said.

Part of that anger, he said, came from his father being absent from his life.

Absent father

Richard Norris never saw his son Antonio “Tony” Young dribble his first basketball. When Young and his high school teammates won the state championship in 2001, dad did not congratulate him.

Young rarely spoke about his father. Rather, he said he would bury any knowledge of Norris. Birthdays, Christmases passed by — no sign of dad.

When someone would ask about his dad, Young would quickly snap: “I have no father.”

Young said Norris, who lives in Lake Providence, La., never visited him or attended any of his basketball games.

When Young would think about his father, tears often welled up in his eyes.

“I know it bothered him,” said Young’s mother, Carolyn. “He never talked about it.”

Dad was not there when Young needed him most during his teenage years.

Carolyn, a single mother of three, had to shoulder a double role. Young said he and his mother had a rocky relationship during his teenage years, but he always turned to mom for guidance.

“There was no man in his life to teach him how to be man,” Carolyn said. “But I did the best I could.”

Then Young met Ivan Thomas.

Growing pains

In his sophomore year at Schaumburg High School, Young — feeling disconnected from his classmates — said he considered transferring or dropping out of school.

Thomas, a guidance counselor at the school, often would call the teen to his office for long talks, Young said. He said he would often turn to Thomas, now a high school coach in Virginia, for advice.

“Hang in there,” Young recalled Thomas saying. “We need more young, black men doing positive things.”

“He’s the main reason I got through high school,” Young said. “My freshman and sophomore year, he was there for me.”

Young decided to stick with basketball. As he discovered later, all the thousands of drills and the painful practices paid dividends.

“No question it was difficult for him,” Schaumburg coach Bob Williams said. “He didn’t want to do all the discipline things that we required. But he overcame that.”

Young said he learned he didn’t have to do everything himself and began to trust his teammates.

In Young’s junior year, Schaumburg stunned heavily favored Thornwood and current New York Knick Eddy Curry 66-54 in the Class AA state championship game in March 2001. As a senior, Young averaged 18.2 points and six assists a game, and earned his conference’s player of the year award.

Heart of gold

In spring 2001, then-SIU coach Bruce Weber heard about an undersized power forward from Schaumburg who could shut down nearly every player he guarded.

Standing a shade under 6-feet, Young often guarded players that towered over him.

Young’s relentless, aggressive defense impressed Weber and his staff.

Tony Young says he has finally overcome his lifelong struggle with anger and now plays to have fun. Young was one of five players named Tuesday to the All-Missouri Valley Defensive Team.