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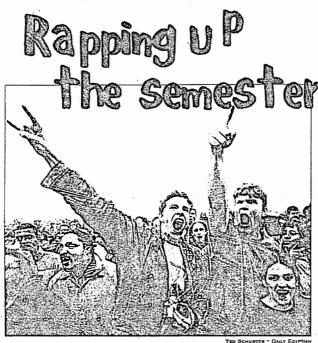
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#### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE



Last year's Spring Thing attracted a vocal crowd to see George Clinton, but inclement weather limited the crowd to less than what was expected. This year, event organizers expect about 10,000 to see the Digital Underground show.

#### SPC prepares for this weekend's Spring Thing

TRAVIS MORSE

Barring any unforeseen weather problems Saturday, this year's Spring Thing should be a success, according to Andrew Daley, executive director of the Student Programming Council

The event, which will feature rap group Digital Underground, was designed in 1998 to provide students a

Onderground, was designed in 1998 to provide students a relief from school-related stress before finals. Past performers were Ziegv Marley and the Melody Makers and George Clinton and the P-Funk All-Stars. For months, SPC has been looking for vendors to provide activities for the crowd as it listens to the band. SPC has several novelty activities lined up including spin art, photo buttons, candle making and football speed tests.

SPRINGINIOUS ACTIONS

marketing director, said this emphasis on novel-ty is a change of pace for the all-day testival.

"We normally had no novelty acts at Spring Thing," Cool said, "but we have several activities and we need volunteers."

Another feature in this year's festival is the Titanic slide, a 35-foot-tall slide shaped like the stem of the

This year's band, Digital Underground, scored a big hit in the early '90s with the song 'Humpty Dance,' and the group's latest album is "Who Got the Gravy?" Daley said Digital Underground is a band that is well-

suited to an outdoor-type venue.

"They seem to be a band that can bring in a diverse

crowd," Daley said. Diversity is exactly what Cool said SPC should be

bringing to the University students.

One benefit is we get a diverse range of students who come out rather than only attracting certain groups. SPC is supposed to gear its programming for the entire audience, 'Cool said.

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The sponsors for Spring Thing are BigWords.com, Hopper's Septic Tank Service, 710 Roolstone, Interfereck Council, the City of Carbondale, Zimmer Radio Group, Undergraduate Student Government, the Student Center, University Bookstore, Hess Cleaning and Contracting, and the Graduate Professional Student

# Faith for the faithless

Edward Norton's new film is all mixed up

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TRAVIS MORSE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

There are a lot of edgy themes skirting around the edges of Edward Norton's corny new film "Keeping the Faith" including abstinence in the Christian religion, friendship, love and the role of faith in contemporary society. It's too bad Norton and screenwriter Stuart Blumberg aban-don these interesting ideas in the third act in favor of a cliche-ridden

romantic closer.

The film follows a priest (Norton) and a rabbi (Ben Stiller) who both fall in love with their childhood friend, Jenna Elfman, now a hotshot corporate executive. Norton and Stiller are both very successful in their respective congregations, using entertainment tactics to bring more people to reli-gion. In fact, around the neighborhood they are known as "The God Squad," and to reinforce that point, Norton gives us a slow motion shot of them walking the streets of New York City areasts. City greeting everyone and represent-ing some form of neo-cool religion. However, when Norton discovers an illicit romance between Stiller and Elfman, he is understandably crest-

All of this early material works relatively well. Norton, in full Woody Allen homage mode, photographs NYC

lovingly and Blumberg's script has

some genuinely funny dialogue. In one scene, Norton muses, "I feel like I'm in some awful Aaron Spelling series, 'Melrose Priest." Elfman, as well, manages to temper down her annoying perkiness that plagues ABC's "Dharma and Greg" to deliver a quite exceptional

and charming comic performance.

But then the film drags on and on and I found myself checking my watch in between the film's increasingly rare comic moments. I'm not a short attention span nut who demands that a film move faster than the speed of light, but, come on, this is a romantic comedy. I could watch Paul Thomas Anderson epics until the cows come home because, despite their length, they move.

Norton, a brilliant actor, could stand to learn a few directing lessons from some of his former colleagues, like David Fincher and John Dahl, about pacing a film; namely that the editing machine can be your friend.

There are way too Rating of... many dead spaces in this film and \* \* 1 scenes that could

have bee trimmed to streamline the narrative.

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Religion and love in today's fastpaced world is a fascinating topic
worthy of artistic exploration. That's
why I was sorry to see Norton only
briefly touch on these themes in favor of a more familiar, but slow-paced,

or a note laminar, but sow-paced, romantic triangle movie.

As is, "Keeping the Faith" feels like driving a sleek sports car in second gear. Sure, the ride is basically nice, but it would be good to go a little factor.

#### WEEKEND EVENTS

#### FRIDAY

#### Carbondale:

- · Open mic night at 9:30 p.m. at Longbranch Coffeehouse.
- · Live DJ show every Friday and Saturday at Stix with no cover charge.
- Tonight, Saturday and Sunday "Geek Love" will be performed at the Kleinau Theatre at 8 p.m. General admission is \$5 and \$3 for students.
- . Icon plays at Boo Jr's at 9:30 p.m.
- · SIU Linguistics Student Association will give a variety of performances at Melange Coffeehouse from 8 to 10:30 p.m. There is no cover charge.
- . The Plus will have a CD release party at the Hangar 9 at 10 p.m.
- . The Slappin' Henry Blues band performs at PK's tonight and Saturday from 9:30 to 1:30 a.m. There is no cover charge.
- · Morel Mushroom Weekend will be at the Trail of Tears Lodge and Sports Resort in Ionesboro for the weekend. The cost is \$159 per person and includes food and lodging.
- · The Women's Weekend Adventure takes place this weekend at the Black Diamond Ranch in Jonesboro. There is a \$150 fee including lodging, meals, activities and sup-

#### Chicago:

· The Pat McGee Band will unleash its own unique brand of music at the Chicago House of Blues at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

#### Saturday

#### Carbondale:

For Healing Purposes Only, a female singing trio, take the stage at the Melange



Coffeehouse from 8 to 10:30 p.m. There is cover charge

- Back Room at the Branch will be from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Longbranch Coffeehouse. Admission is \$5.
- The bands Moloko Plus, Boro City Rollers and The Holidays will all perform at Boo Jr.'s starting at 9:30 p.m.
- Saturday Morning Storytime at Barnes & Noble starts at 10:30 a.m. and there is no
- admission price. · Pepperland, a Beatles cover band, comes to Hangar 9 at 10 p.m.
- The Trinity Irish Dance Company performs at Shryock Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50 with a \$5 discount for children 15 and under.
- · Spring Thing, featuring Digital Underground, will be in Lot 56, South of the SIU Arena. Gates open at 2 p.m. The concert begins at 4 p.m. Admission is free.

- The Jungle Brothers, a rap group, plays the Chicago House of Blues at 11:30 a.m. Tickets
- · Lucky Boys Confusion performs at the Chicago House of Blues at 6 p.m. Tickets are

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- Christian Apologetics Club answering life's questions from God's word, noon, Corinth Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.
- Political Science Graduate Student Organization and Pi Sigma Alpha guest speaker on "How Cultural is Science?", noon to 1 p.m., Faner Hall 3113, Chris 453-5605.
- Library Affairs constructing Web pages, 3 to 5 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- French Club meeting, 5 to 7 p.m., Mugsy McGuire's, Courtney 457-8847.
- R..ssian Table meeting, every Fri., 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Cafe Melange, 453-5410.
- German Club Stammtisch, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Booby's, Aune 549-1754.
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the Illinois Department of Transportation will be offering free motorcycle rider courses, Apr. 28, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Apr. 29 and 30, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 1-800-642-9589.
- Robin Hood by Tim Kelly, Apr. 28 and 29, 7 p.m., Apr. 30, 4 p.m., Murphyshoro High School, S4 general admission.
- Christians Unlimited meeting with guest speaker Bob Spellman, 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Don 457-7501.
- Reformal International Christian Fellowship bible conference on justification by faith, Apr. 28, 7 to 8 p.m., Apr. 29, 10 to 11 a.m., and Apr. 30, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Peter 457-86-10.
- · Science Fiction and Fantasy Society

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meeting, 7 p.m. to midnight, Student Center Video Lounge, Marie 529-7474.

- Theater Department presents Shakespeare's As You Like It, Apr. 28, 29, May 5, 6, 8 p.m., May 7, 2 p.m., McLeod Theater, students S5, adults S10, and Seniors S8, 453-3001.
- Speech Communication Department "Greek Love", Apr. 28 and 29, 8 p.m., Kleinau Theatre, S5 for general admission and S3 for students, 453-5618.

#### UPCOMING

 SIPA Psychic Fair, Apr. 29, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Douglass School Art Place, S2 entrance fee, Tara 529-5029.

 Bowl for Kids Sake needs volunteers, Apr. 29, noon to 4 p.m., Jean 457-6703 ext. 228.

- Spring Thing needs volunteers, Apr. 29, 1 to 7 p m., South Arena Parking Lot 56, Carmen 536-3393.
- Student Programming Council concert Digital Underground, Apr. 29, 2 p.m., SIUC Arena parking lot 56, Aisha 536-3393.
- Organization for Paralegal Students end of year banquet, Apr. 29, 2 p.m., Hunan Chinese Restaurant, S3 per person, Cheri 687-4866.
- The Cast Your Cares Crusade Choir is holding auditions for vocalists that are interested in carrying out God's word, every Sat, 3 to 5 p.m., Wesley Foundation, Trjuan 457-0921.
- Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority Cinco de Mayo dinner, Apr. 30, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., Interfaith Center, Dana 351-6089.
- Young Women's Coalition seminar on "Young Woman in Support of Cachother", every Sun., 6 p.m., Activity Room C Student Center, L'Rae 529-5858.
- Anti-Racist-Action meeting, Apr. 30, 6 p.m., Sangamon Room Student Center,

siuarameetings@aol.com.

- 2000 Illinois Women's Symposium on Depression, May 20, 8:30 a.m., SKY Auditorium in Chicago, pre-registration is \$30 and after May 1 registration is \$50, 773-275-3230.
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the Illinois Department of Transportation will be offering free motorcycle rider courses, May 1 through May 5, 5 to 9 p.m., 1-800-642-9589.
- Alpha Phi Omega meeting, May 1, 6 p.m., illinois Room Student Center, Mikel 549-3527.
- SPC-TV meeting to recruit and inform hard working volunteers, every Mon., 6:30 p.m., Student Center Cambria Room, Mike 536-3393.
- SIUC Ballroom Dance Club meeting and lesson, every Mon., 7 to 8 p.m., Davies Gym small gym second floor, \$15 student membership, Bryan 351-8855.
- Outdoor Adventure Club meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Video Lounge Student Center, Christy 536-7253.
- American Advertising Federation meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Communication Building Room 1244, Cassie 351-1400.
- Kendo Club Japanese fencing meeting, every Mon. and Thurs., 8 to 10 p.m., Davies Gym, Todd 353-4002.
- Yoga Sports Club exercises and meditation, every Mon. and Wed., 8:30 to 10 p.m., Recreation Center Assembly Room, Craig 457-8578.
- Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center is offering free lunch for internationals, every Tues., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Student Center on the comer of Mill and Forrest St., Judy 457-2898.
- Japanese Table, every Tues., noon to i p.m., Student Center Cambria Room, bring your lunch, Dawn 536-8380.

#### POLICE BLOTTER

#### UNIVERSITY

- Six juveniles reportedly damaged six wrought iron patio chairs and one dining table at 9:10 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Center. Police said a dining table was also damaged in the incident. There were no
- William J. Sheeder, 18, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving on a suspended license and disobeying a stop sign after being stopped at the corner of East Park Street and Grinnell Drive at 3:10 a.m. Thursday, Sheeder was unable to post bond and taken to Jackson County Jail.

#### CARBONDALE

 A Carbondale man said someone took a Motorola cellular phone from his unlocked truck while it was parked in a lot in the 1100 block of East Grand Avenue between 12:30 and 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. There are no suspects in this incident.

### ALMANAG 🧺

#### THIS DAY IN 1982:

- Michael Myerson, the executive director of the United States Peace Council, told SIU students that the Reagen administration was preparing for World War III with record-level military spending, a first-strike nuclear strategy and a propaganda campaign to prepare public opinion for the eventuality of a nuclear war.
- A drunk Korean policeman went wild with carbines and hand grenades and killed 30 people and wounded another 22.
- Jim McMahon of BYU became the first quarterback drafted in the first round by the Chicago Bears in 31 years.

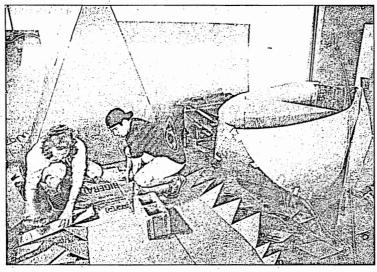
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Timothy Mattke, a undecided freshman, helps Jenna Meckler, a sophomore in liberal arts, with her cardboard boat which will look like a mouse trailing a piece of chease. "I don't care if it moves, it just has to look nice." Meckler said. The cardboard boat race will be held at the Campus Lake at noon Saturday.

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# Boat Regatta to set sail once again

Sink or swim, organizers promise a fun time for SIUC

GEOFFREY M. RITTER

All Anthony Roberts needed was a roll of brown tape, a utility knife and a big pile of card-board, and he built himself a rocket.

"It's like a speedboat, but it's more like an air-plane," said Roberts, a sophomore in electrical engineering from Chicago, as he glued together the green rockets that will decorate the back of his cardboard speedboat. "Mine is made for

speed."

While Roberts has already spent a week slaving on his boat, the clock is ticking down. The boat's christening is just moments away.

The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta, in which Roberts will compete with up to 100 participants piloting their homemade boats across Campus Lake, will take place at noon on Saturday at the Campus Lake Boat Dock. The event, now in its 27th year, originated at 50 IUC and has since spread to more than 200 places and has since spread to more than 200 places

As a project given by art and design professor Larry Busch, Roberts and his classmates have speat the past weeks designing and construcing these cardboard boats with the hope that they will float when they meet the water this these cardboard books with the nobe that mer will float when they meet the water this Saturday. With a smirk on his face, Roberts is confident that his design will prove sea-worthy. "I don't plan on sinking," Roberts said.

As usual, contestants will be able to enter in

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# Civil Service Council yard sale benefits students

Yard sale to raise money for educational assistance program

ANDREA DONALDSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Civil Service Council yard sale is an integral part of raising funds for the educational assistance pro-gram, said Pam Durso, co-chair of the educational assistance committee

"The educational assistance pro gram] is a great benefit," Durso said.
"It helps the SIU employees and their dependents. It is something we can give back to them.

PENNZOII

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the 16th annual one-day yard sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday in the SIU Arena parking lot. The rain date is scheduled for Sunday.

The profit from the yard sale goes into the educational assistance program for dependents of SIU Civil Service Council employees.

The educational assistance program, established by the Civil Service Council in 1982, awards dependents of Civil Service Council employees who are in an undergrad-uate program. Students receive the grants on a semester basis and must apply each semester.
The funding for the grants come

from donations by employees and



out the said Mindy Tripp, co-chair of the educational assistance program. These fund-raisers include barbecue Christmas drawings and the more money the students get," Tripp

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#### "NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

#### Concert begins festival

Tonight marks the beginning of the Southern Illinois Festival of Irish Music and Dance

The festivities start at 8 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium. The concert will have perfor-mances from the traditional Irish music groups, Chulrua and The Dorians, as well as Cathie Ryan. The night will also play host to dancer Jean Denney, who will team up with Leela and Ellie Grace. Leela and Ellie are percussive dancers, multi-instrumentalists as well as singers and songwrit-

The festival will continue on Saturday in Shryock Auditorium with the Trinity Irish Dancers, a Chicago-based Irish dance troupe that performs traditional and modern styles.

For more information or concert tickets, call 453-2787 or visit the festival website at www.siu.edu/~irish.

#### Chicagoland students flown to SIUC

The SIU Aviation Department will be sponsoring an Aviation Career Day from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday. SIU will fly 85 students and 10 teachers from the Chicago area to Carbondale, courtesy of United Airlines, for a personal look at the University's aviation programs.

About 40 of the students entered an essay

About 40 of the students entered an essay contest writing about their interests in aviation careers. Two essay winners were chosen to ride jump seat in the cockoit behind the captain and co-pilot of the United Airlines plane. Ten other essay winners will receive a demonstration flight with SIUC insurectors to see how an airplane works.

The surdents will tout the airport facilia-

The students will tour the airport facili-ties until 11 a.m. At noon, the students will be bused to the Student Center, where they will listen to speakers from SIUC and United Airlines. They will then be given tours of campus before returning back to the

The students will be flown back to Chicago at 3:30 p.m. The entire crew onboard United Airlines will be SIUC grad-

#### Fashion show in Pulliam

The Clothing and Textiles Student Showcase and Fashion Show will take place Saturday night at 6 in Pulliam Hall's Furr

The six designers exhibiting their work are Rebecca Ahrens, Kellee Sandifer, Heather Rimmke, Jennifer Marquis, Leah Nolden and Christine Laury. Ticket prices are \$3 at the door and doors

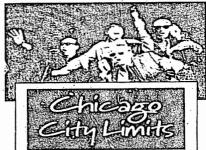
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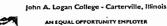
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#### **BOAT REGATTA**

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the race in one of three classes. The first class, Busch said, consists of canoe and kayak-style boats, with the second class of entries providing an opportunity for participants to build something more experimental. The third class will consist of "instant boats," which lastminute contestants will be able to build on the

Participants who sail the 200-yard course will be in competition for a variety of trophies, from the first-place cup to the Titanic Award, given in honor of the most spectacular sinking.

The race, which has been covered in previ-ous years by such media outlets as Sports

Illustrated and MTV, is expected to draw up to

5,000 participants and observers.
"It will be a good day on the SIU campus,"
Busch said. "The University will have a wonderful family-oriented event."

In addition, this year marks the first that the event's creator, former SIUC professor Richard Archer, is not at the helm of the race. Despite the fact he is enjoying his retirement of online trading and motor home restoration, however, he still plans to don his traditional white suit to serve as the announcer for the

race.

"I am actually going to enjoy it this year,"
Archer said with a laugh. "I'll walk in there,
announce and it will feel good."

Archer just returned from Tempe, Ariz.,
last week, where he served as announcer for

the season's first boat regatta. He announces so many regattas around the country, he said, that he has four sets of white suits.

With his retirement, Archer has plenty of time to look at the popularity that his brain-child has endured for almost 30 years. He still receives phone calls and e-mails from people who participated years ago, and he still remembers the excitement that students bring

"Students always say 'Arch! I did it! They'll call their mom and say 'Mom! I won it!," Archer said. "When people see their cardboard boat work, they get a lot of self-confidence."

And this, Archer said, is why the race has made it this far. The act of building the boats beings out the child in people he said and

brings out the child in people, he said, and entering in the race boosts self-esteem. Most

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RICHARD ARCHER

of all, he said, it offers people the opportunity to put on a show for the whole world to see, if

only for a few minutes.

"Andy Warhol said you'll get your 15 minutes of fame," Archer said. "Saturday, I'll provide the stage."



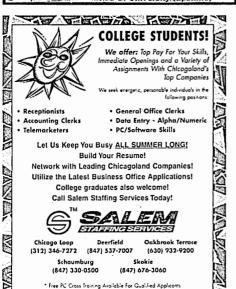
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# Behind the music

Local band makes album, producer wins award

TRAVIS MORSE

Jon Pluskota's method of producing an album emphasizes hands-on collaboration with the band as

opposed to mere technical proficiency.

I don't want to be just some engineer behind the board. If you're more active, then you're a better producer and you bring a different view to the process, said Pluskota, a senior in

process, said Plussota, a senior in audio production/record engineer from Mount Prospect.

Pluskota has just produced, along with Drew Hellige, The Plus' debut album Digital Sunshine as part of his DT 101 international products. RT 491 independent study class. He also won two awards at the RT 2000 banquet, best short form audio and audio production student of the year. The Plus will be performing tracks from that album at Hangar 9 Friday Jand Craig, the band's drummer who models himself after the thunder-ing sounds of The Who's Keith Moon, said The Plus is made with on, said The Plus is made up of a mixture of different styles.

There are a lot of pop hooks mixed with more classi-

cal styles," Craig said. The two main songwriters of the group are vocalists/guitarists Jesse Warden and Clinton Shurtz. Shurtz said he was impressed with the band's performance and Pluskota's contribution to the process

"John and Drew are like a part of the band and are as much respon-sible for the sound," Shurtz said. "It was a good experience."

Shurtz said he was

particularly proud of the song he wrote called "Wouldn't It Be Great?" because it best reflects his thinking as of right

As for debuting the band's new

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JON PLUSKOTA'S

THE PLUS WILL HAVE A CD RELEASE PARTY AT THE HANGAR 9

album at Hangar 9, Craig said he was

more than excited.
"We're going to reap the benefits of a lot of hard work. The Hangar is one of my favorite places to play in Carbondale," Craig

As for the man behind the band's studio sound, Pluskota, he said he hopes to be a major producer after graduating. He said he is especially envious of the position Brendan O'Brien has as producer of Rage Against

the Machine.
"I would like to be the ultimate producer that everybody goes to or a producer for Rage Against the Machine," Pluskota said. "That would be a dream come true."

CARBONDALE

#### **Pub Crawl Saturday**

At least for one night you won't

have to crawl home on your own.
This Saturday marks Carbondale's first Pub Crawl, which for only \$2 will take you on a tour of 12 night-clubs, four restaurants and a coffee-house. Budweiser and Vengoni Distributing are sponsoring the Starting at 3 p.m., the buses will ride through the city, leaving every 15 minutes from a given establishment.

You can stay with the group or stay at the location. There will even be free transportation home for Carcondale participants and dis-

cataontain participants and dis-counted taxi services for anyone who lives outside the city. The only catch is you must be 19 to participate and, of course, 21 to drink alcohol during the tour.

Crawl Cards can be purchased for \$2 at the following locations: Boo Jr.'s, Booby's Beer Garden, Carboz Nightclub and Sports Bar, Gatsby's II Bar and Billiards, Hangar 9, Holiday Inn/Saluki Lounge, La Bamba's, La Roma's, Mugsy McGuire's Restaurant and Pub, Papa John's, Pinch Penny Pub, PK's, Rosetta News, Sidetracks, Smokey Joe's, Stix Bar and Billiards Inc. and Tres



William Gray, President of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) to Deliver Lecture on

### Education: the Key to the New Millenium

April 30, 2000 7:00 p.m. Student Center, Ballroom A

William H. Gray, III has been president and CEO of the College Fund' UNCF since September 11, 1991.

As head of America's oldest and most successful black higher education assistance organization, Gray has led the College Fund to new fund-raising records while cutting costs and expanding programs

The dramatic initiatives launched under Gray's leadership include the development of the Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute to compile and analyze data on a host of issues affecting African American students from kindergarten through graduate school, and the successful completion of a \$280 million capital campaign.

Prior to his selection as president of UNCF, Gray served in the United States Congress and was the first African American to chair the House Budget Committee. As chairman of the Democratic Caucus and later as Majority Whip, Gray was the highest-ranking African American ever to serve in Congress.

The lecture will be held at the Southern Illinois University Student Center Ballroom A. A sign-language interpreter will be provided.

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# AmeriCorps impacts communities at home and abroad

From Colorado to Carbondale. AmeriCorps has improved communities

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Walczak Jamie joined AmeriCorps two years ago, even though she wasn't quite sure what she was getting into. All she knew was that she couldn't think of any-

thing else to do.

"I did it because I didn't know what I wanted to do career-wise," Walczak said. "It was tough, but you get used to it."

Thus, Walczak, now a junior in university studies from Algonquin, became a member of AmeriCorps, a national public service movement that, since its creation in 1993, has sent more than 150,000 workers to communities throughout the country to assist with various service pro-

The organization has sent Walczak to places all around the country, from a recreation site on the Montana-Wyoming border, all the way to talking to students at a vigil held in the aftermath of the deadly

school shooting in Littleton, Colo.
"The whole school turned into a vigil," Walczak said of the experience, in which she worked with the American Red Cross and a team of psychiatrists to talk to students and distribute refreshments. "It was very intense, but it was an awesome experience."

Operated Operated through the Corporation for National Service, such organizations as Habit for Humanity, the American Red Cross and the Boys and Girls Club request AmeriCorps members to assist with various service projects. Members are awarded a living stipend for the time they serve and a grant of almost

\$5,000 upon completion of service. In fact, AmeriCorps has had such an effect in communities throughout the nation and plans are in the making to see it expanded. President Clinton, who has been a major supporter of the project, has pushed to see membership increase over the next several years, and Yahoo! moved earlier this month to donate \$1 mil-

earlier this month to donate 31 mil-lion in public service advertising to AmeriCorps via its website.

"A lot of people didn't support it in the beginning because they didn't see what inpact it would make," said Jennifer Weir, coordinator of national service programs for the American Red Cross in Chicago. "I think it will be around for a while now." While Walczak's adventures

with AmeriCorps have taken her far abroad, the program has had an impact at home as well. According to Sandra Webster, director of the American Red Cross Little Egypt Network, which encompasses the 14 southern-most counties in Illinois, the two AmeriCorps members working in the region have pro-vided a world of difference in

Southern Illinois communities. Because of the large number of

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rural areas in the region, Webster said, area schools do not receive a great deal of money, and therefore are often unable to instruct students in skills such as first aid and HIV awareness. In addition, since the help of an ambulance is miles away, homes located in rural areas only further the need for people to know basic first aid skills. According to Webster, the AmeriCorps volun-teers have been vital in spreading this knowledge throughout the

region.
"Americorps has made a major impact in Southern Illinois with health and safety issues," Webster said. "Without Americorps, the HIV education, the first aid and

disaster repair programs would have never happened."
And of course, Clinton's battle cry for new members has been issued. While Weir and Webster both emphasized the importance of the program and how new members will be needed if it is to flourish, Walczak stressed what an enriching

and awesome experience service
with the organization proves to be.
"You're helping people, but you
also get a sense of adventure,"
Walczak said. "[AmeriCorps] is like
a cross between college, the Peace Corps, the military and 'Road Rules."

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#### Gore's disappearing reappearing act

Where in the world is Albert Gore Jr.? We can report with con-fidence, having laid eyes on the vice president more than once, that he was in Pennsylvania Thursday. He spoke in favor of universal access to health insurance for children, severely criticized Texas Gov. George W. Bush for his record on health insurance and raised money for the Democratic National Committee here Philadelphia.

Now and then in recent months, Gore has gone missing, disappearing for a day here, a weekend there, behind opaque no comments from his press office. Once, it turned out later, he was weekending with his wife. Another time he was mountain climbing with his son. Still another time, he was attending to the health of an as-yet-unidentified friend.

These vanishings have so both-ered the news media that Gore reluctantly promised this week not to go covert again. "I will err on the side of openness and full access as much as possible," he said.

Here's an amazing glimpse into the power of the human mind to

wish away unpleasant realities. As every modern president has discovered, there is no privacy for the chief executive, and precious the chief executive, and precious little for the men one step away from winning the highest office. Straight-talking Harry S. Truman put it best when he called the White House "the firest prison in the world." You might think a vice president, of all people, would understand this. Yet Gore had clung to his hopes. "Personally I would prefer to have more of an ability to, you know, go to the store

would preter to have more of an ability to, you know, go to the store by myself, he told reporters.

Gore is hardly the first person to have this fantasy. The idea of the maximum leader mixing unmolested women the people is at least. lested among the people is at least as old as Shakespeare. The Bard's Henry V wanders anonymously among the troops on the eve of the Battle of Agincourt. Later Mark Twain imagined a prince who roamed his kingdom dressed as a pauper. Hollywood brought the pauper. Hollywood brought the fantasy to life not long ago. Less lovely was the rumor recycled in an FBI agent's memoir of White House life. He suggested that President Clinton was hiding under a blanket in the backseat of private car to sneak out for occasional trysts.

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#### YARD SALE

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Last year's yard sale brought in 100 vendors and a net profit of about \$1,700, said Becky Molina, office system's specialist III. Profit from the ya sale is generated from the booths that

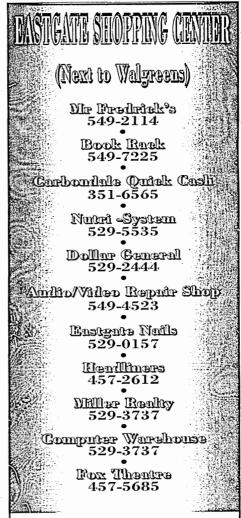
are rented. There have been 78 booths rented in advance this year, Molina said. Single spaces rent for \$20 and double spaces go for \$30. Booths can still be rented Saturday morning but will cost an additional \$5.

"This is the main source of income for the spring semester," Molina said. Vendors will offer antiques, collectibles, clothing, crafts, rugs, furni-

ture and other items.

In the past, the yard sale has brought in people from the communi-ty and around the area, but the Civil Service Council expects to get more student involvement this year with Spring Thing going on at the same time, Durso said.

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# awards engineering professor research grant

Hog waste research could cut back pollution

and create energy

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Scientists have noticed that nutri-ents that are going into the Gulf of Mexico via the Mississippi River are causing a loss of oxyger in the water. These hypoxic zones, or "dead zones are the driving force behind research being conducted by an SIUC professor.

James Blackburn, associate professor of mechanical engineering, received a \$200,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for

waste projects not only have the poten-tial to benefit the environment, but hog farmers in Illinois as well.

Blackburn's project grabbed the attention of the EPA with its potential to decrease the amount of disease-caus-. ing bacteria in fertilizer used on corn crops. His three projects break down like this: The first project uses a 1,000gallon system to destroy the odor of the hog waste, which in turn generates energy that can be used to heat various nes on a farm.

The second project deals with the fertilizer made from the odor destroying process that is used to fertilize specially designed plots of com. The third project takes samples of the fertilizer to be ana-lyzed for disease-causing bacteria.

plots for nutrient materials to check and see how much pollution is generate with our stuff verses the existing stuff, Blackburn said.

Blackburn said, based on the existing literature, he is very confident the fertilizer produced will have minimal amounts of pathogens.

"We are almost sure that the prod-uct has a very low level of disease-crusing bacteria. We need to prove that, but looking at the literature, we are almost at is true," Blackburn said.

If that I olds true, one of the benefits to the environment would be a decrease

in pathogens put into com fields when compared to the currer: fertilizer in 0 se. The long list of potential benefits to hog farmers include odor reduction. heat for buildings, the decrease of

pathogens and a better fertilizer prod-uct. However, this may pale in compar-ison to the money that could be saved.

"We have come up with a system which is very efficient and effective. But in particular, it's a system that will pay for itself in energy acovered over time, Blackburn said.

All of this is still in the research stage. To measure the agronomic potential of the fertilizer, Blackburn

sought out Ed Varsa, associate professor in plant, soil and general agriculture. Once he got his process developed, he needed to take it to the next stage and that is to evaluate what its effects were in the soil. That's when I got olved," Varsa said.

Varsa will be examining how the plants take up nutrients and the total vield of grain grown. So far, it is too early

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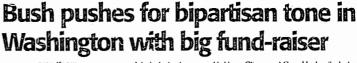
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id. Blackburn has worked other projects connected with the environment. He with problems wastewater treatment

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generated by the chemical industry.





RICK KLEIN KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE

WASHINGTON -- Gov. George W. Bush patched for a more bipartisan tone in Washington during a record-breaking Republican fund-raiser Wednesday night. But earlier in the day, the governor had to fend off criticism from his Democratic chal-lenger about the gun lobby's financial

Campaigning in Connecticut, Vice President Al Gore said the Republicans' financial association with the National Rifle Association "does ruise the question: How close are they? Why does he always do exactly what the NRA says he should do?

having a top NRA official as co-chair-man of W. doesday's black-tie dinner, doesday's black-tie dinner, Bush said, 'No, I know what I believe. I support reasonable laws to keep the guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them. I believe we ought to enforce the law."

Wednesday's dinner raised \$21.3 million for the Republican National Committee, easily the biggest one-night haul for any party. Co-chairman Wayne LaPierre, vice president of the NRA, was on a guest list that featured some of the country's wealthiest and most loyal Republicans. About 1,500 paid \$1,500 or more to attend.

The governor's speech at the gala included a few digs at President

he said would be Gore's "last official duty:" swearing in Rudolph Giuliani, the New York mayor who is running against first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton for a Senate seat in New York

But in his first visit to the capital since all but wrapping up the GOP nomination, Bush stressed the impor-tance of creating a "new tone in Washington.

The dinner capped a day in which Bush met with Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska to discuss Social Security policy. The governor also met with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov and appeared with his wife, Laura, on a panel at a conference of Republican women leaders.

Bush headlined an all-ster list of Republican lawmakers at the gala, including Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. Also scheduled to attend after writing sizable checks were Ken Lay, channan of Houston-based Enron Corp. and Bush's largest contributor, and Charles Wyly, a Dallas businessman who bought ads criticizing Republican challenger John McCain during the pri-

Earlier Wednesday, Bush met with Kerrey and Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., to discuss their proposal to privatize part of Social Security, Karen Hughes, a Bush campaign spokeswoman, said that's a sign that Bush is serious about

working with Democrats. Hughes said that Bush had a "very frank, very forthright, very good discussion" with Ivanov, who was in town to see Clinton and other U.S. officials.

Later, in a news conference, Ivanov said he and the governor had discussed "the major directions" of U.S.-Russian relations. "We want it to be stable for a long time," Ivanov said: Also Wednesday, Bush and his

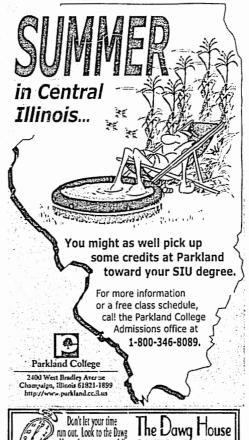
wife, Laura, were keynote speakers at the third annual Republican Women Leaders Forum. They joined Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., in a 12th show-style discussion with teachers, civic leaders and students.

Bush said he would eliminate the

"soft bigotry of low expectations" as president.

In an interview with Belo In an interview with Belo Broadcasting, Bush contrasted his stance on the Confederate flag contro-versy in South Carolina with that of McCain. The Arizona senator last week called for the flag to come down from atop South Carolina's Capitol, and criticized himself for not saying so during the primaries.
"I told the truth," said Bush, who

has continued to call the flag a local issue. I'm very comfortable with the position 1 took. That's the kind of campaigns I run. I don't try to take one position and change it."



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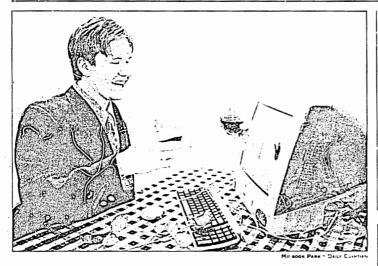
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# Expressing your 'real self' online

Some relationships start with people you've never even met

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Kyle Moeller is in love with his girlfriend, but he has never met her in per-

Moeller, a freshman in art from Arizona, met his girlfriend, Maja, on

Antonia, net is guintent, rolp, or the Internet about a year ago. Maja, who lives in Southern California, instant messaged Moeller after reading his profile. The couple began talking and soon became good

"We started talking and we kept it up from there," he said

After about a month of instant mes saging each other, they lost touch for about a month when he began school at SIUC this fall. But shortly after school started, they began writing again and exchanged pictures and started dating.

After a while, we got more and more familiar with each other. There

wasn't a deciding point to make it a [relationship]; it just happened," Moeller said.

Moeller's Internet relationship is part of a growing trend in dating, not only among college students but people of all ares

According to Katelyn Yael Aisling Mckenna, a graduate student at Olio

Whenever one of us is happy or upset, we are always there for each other. I just talk like she was here, and she does the same.

KYLE MOELLER

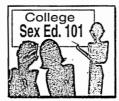
University studying psychology, people who are apt to form Internet relationships can usually express their "real self" more accurately and naturally online making it easier to communicate with ne over the Internet than in per-

Moeller has no problem being his "real self" with his girlfriend. He said they can talk to each other about any-thing through instant messages and talk via email from anything to how their day was to the Smurfs.

"Whenever one of us is happy or upset, we are always there for each other," he said. "I just talk to her like she was here, and she does the same.

Mckenna's research shows that relationships over the Internet develop much more quickly than traditional relationships and that those seriously involved with Internet partners easily make them part of their actual, physi-cal, day-to-day social worlds.

cause they have never met in person and live across the country from



each other. Moeller said it can be hard for him and his girlfriend to always

"It's not easy because we can't see each other when we want to, but we manage. It's frustrating sometimes,

Even though they cannot be near each other, that does not keep Moeller, 18, and Maja, 17, from doing the romantic things many couples do. They send photos back and forth to

each other on a regular basis both orline and through postal mail. Recently, Maja made an entire website dedicated to Moeller that included photos of each of them, sweet sentiments and drawings he sent her.
"That was the sweetest thing any

one has ever done for me," he said.

Moeller is planning to travel to California to meet Maja in June. But until then, Moeller said they both just count the days because it makes them easier to maintain their relationship knowing they will get to see each other

ASSAULT

Kelly Cicky, director of the rape action committee with the Carbondale Women's Center, 408 W. Freeman St., said that according to compiled national statistics, such sexual assaults perpetrated by a stranger only make up 10 to 20

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percent of sexual assaults.

But, Cichy said, when a sexual assault occurs, it causes people to be more aware of their surroundings and more concerned about

"Whenever something does happen, it reminds us that all of us are vulnerable and could be sext ly assaulted at any time," Cichy said."

Whenever something does happen, it reminds us that all of us are vulnerable and could be sexually assaulted at any time.

KELLY CICHY

#### OVERRIDE

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"Because of a misunderstanding of the rules, elected senators were disqualified, when so many other rules were not followed Atchison said.

The twist came when Election Commissioner Mandy Jewell told the Senate that the commission's job was to follow the rules and it made its judgment to disqualify the senators solely on the rules. but she said it would be appropri ate for the Senate to override the

"I recommend you do let [the disqualified senators] be winners," lewell said.

The only opposition came from West Side Senator Dawn

Roberts who was concerned that since so many discrepancies have been reported in the election, it should be done over.

"If we're going to follow this by the letter, then we should throw out the entire election," Roberts

Senators also ratified the soudent trustee election results with little debate.

Graduate and Professional Student Council did not ratify the student trustee results at its Tuesday meeting citing concerns that the election was not run prop-

GPSC President Ed Ford told senators at the meeting that GPSC members were not happy that some folling places had one poll watcher throughout the day instead of the required two.



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- Partner with Existing Resources
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- Speak Out Against Violence

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- Make Resources Available Feature Violence Against Women on Meeting Agendas Encourage Continuing Education on Violence Prevention Highlight Commitment to Violence Against Women Issues Voluntee: Services to the Community

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# Two non-profit groups defend student who used racial analogy

- Two non-profit groups are defending a junior at Saint Cloud University whom school officials chastised for making what they considered an analogy demeaning to

Christopher Monson, student services chairman of the university's student government, was quoted in the "University Chronicle" as saying that restricting credit-card companies from campus would be like "not allowing blacks on campus."

Monson is drafting proposals designed to address student com-plaints about the number of solicitors on campus.

Monson's comparison angered many people on campus, including

President Suzanne R. Williams, who called the comment "demeaning and totally inappropriate."

"We are looking into the quote to

determine the circumstances and to take whatever action is necessary to stern racial insults such as these, wrote in an e-mail message distributed universitywide.

Monson believes administrators have overreacted. While he hasn't been formally punished by the uni-versity, he has been told to consider diversity training and threatened with the loss of his student-government

The Foundation for Individual Rights and the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, two groups dedicated to academic freedom and

free speech, are backing Monson.

It is bad enough to have a university president unable to follow the simple logic of a benign analogy," Alan Charles Kors, a history professor at the University of Pennsylvania and president of the foundation said in a prepared state-

ment.
"It is a scandal, however, that the president of a public university, an institution bound by the First Amendment to the state and federal constitutions, neither recognizes nor respects her clearest obligations to the rule of law, including the essential rights of freedom of speech and of the press."

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# Activists protest Nike sweatshop labor

NEW YORK — Shopping at Nike's Manhattan store on Tuesday was complicated by a protest staged inside and outside by about 100 activists pushing the athletics apparel

giant to stop using sweatshop labor.

College students, clergy and members of the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees led the late-afternoon demonstration in response to a UNITE study that reports that Nike continues to use sweatshop labor in Asia. The report states that a survey of Indonesian Nike employees found "serious labor abuses, including low wages, abusive treatment and excessive work hours. Employees most commonly complained of having to work long hours — often as many as 72 in a week — for wages ranging from \$33.539 a month. from \$33-\$39 a month.

"The deplorable conditions in Nike factories are Nike's fault," the report stated. "In a global economy

with no rules that protect workers, it is companies such as Nike who direct the global sweatshop in industries such as clothing and footware."

Nike's founder, Phil Knight, has said his company raised the minimum working age of its subcontractors to 18, awarded raises and helped establish safety improvements in partnering manufacturing plants.

None of the company's professed good deeds were enough to impress Tuesday's protesters, who entered the Manhatran store pretending to be shoppers. Two activists inside the store used megaphones to lead pro-testers inside the building in a chant while other protesters unfurled ban-ners critical of Nike from the store's balconies. Security guards escorted the protesters outside and confiscated the banners. Union organizers said no arrests were made.

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# U. of Miss. junior wins \$30,000 scholarship

No, she didn't have to offer any final answers, and she still won \$30,000.University of Missouri stu-dent Marcia Chatelain was elated when Chancellor Richard Wallace interrupted her religious studies class to tell her she was the recipient of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, worth \$30,000. The scholarship is for college juniors who are interested in eers dealing with public service.
"The interview was intense,"

Chatelain said. "It was a 20-minute Q-and-A session about yourself, your application and your policy proposal."
Chatelain was one of three students nominated from the Missouri campus. She offered a proposal dealing with multicultural education and diversity initiatives for the Chicago Public Schools.

Chatelain said she plans to use the money to pursue a master's degree in American studies and would like to attend Yale University. Afterward, she said she wants to get a doctorate in religious studies and work to reform education and promote diversity ini-tiatives. Chatelain plans to live and study in London in the fall.

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# 'Spring Break Monday' for faculty holiday

The University Calendar nittee recommended to inter-...n Chancellor John Jackson that "Spring Break Monday" be retained as the designated holiday for the 2001-2002 calendar.

The recommendation came after feedback from faculty members showed overall support for keeping the spring break holiday more so

than other suggested designated

Other days suggested were Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Good Friday and a possibly "floating holi-day," a day faculty members can

Jackson still has to approve the holiday for the 2001-2002 school

# TV Talk: College interviews go high-tech

Video conferencing for prospective college students may be a first

KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE REPORTER

Students from Cherry Hill High School in New Jersey took part last month in what organizers said was a ground-breaking event — online college was a ground-breaking event — online college admissions interviews using videoconferencing. Arrayed in front of a pair of big-screen TVs, 11 junior and sophomores watched, listened and asked questions of college admissions representatives in three states using the latest, high-speed, Internet-

based videoconferencing technology.
"I'm Jack Scheidell," the Cherry High West
High School guidance counselor told the on-screen image of Teresa Buscher, admissions director at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn. "Welcome to Cherry Hill."

Scheidell's words may have lacked the drama of other communication firsts, including "What hath God wrought!" that Samuel Morse transmitted over telegraph wires in 1844. But Scheidell and others believe their experiment could vsher in a brave new world in college admissions.

Technology is just revolutionizing the way we do admissions work and education in general," Buscher. "We don't have a big presence in the Philadelphia area ... But I am more interested in this as an experiment to understand what this technology could provide us.

Admissions officers say this approach may allow colleges to reduce the time and money spent send-ing recruiters to high schools. Many schools use with students, professors and experts in faraway places. But Cherry Hill officials believe they were the first to apply advanced online videoconferencing first of anything can be tricky.

Joyce E. Smith is executive officer of the

National Association for College Admissions Counseling, a professional group in Alexandria, Va., that represents high school and college admissions counselors. She was unable to confirm that the Cherry Hill session was the first of its kind. But she said she was not aware of any other admissions interviews conducted via videoconferencing, although other PC-based approaches have been

For more than a year, the admissions office at Rochester Institute of Technology has been using a condination of tiny Web cams mounted on computer terminals, special software and phones to communicate over the Internet with prospective students who are seated at similarly equipped computers at home or at school.

Carnegie Mellon University plans to try a similar approach. But Cherry Hill officials, the college admissions representatives and officials at the VTEL Corp., a multi-national company based in Austin, Texas, which sells the videoconferencing equipment, believe they broke new ground. VTEL provided the system, which normally costs about \$45,000, to the district at a reduced rate.

This sounds like a real innovative application, aid Russ Colbert, VTELs director of education. I have not heard of this being done before ... I think it is quite new and quite exciting."

In addition to talking with Buscher about Rhodes College, Cherry Hill students talked with admissions representatives from schools such as King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Richard Stockton College in Pomona, N.J.Parent Kenneth E. Hartman and Scheidell came up with the idea for the high-tech admissions interviews when they saw a demonstration of VTELs videoconferencing chnology at the district's tech center in January After discussing the experiment with Scheidell, Hartman sent a brief e-mail to officials at 1,000 colleges who subscribe to an e-mail "listserv" at the National Association for College Admission Counseling asking if any schools would be interested in participating.

ed in participating.
"Within "ninutes I received several phone calls
and e-mail messages from interested deans of
admissions," Hartman said.

"We see it as a pilot right now," said Martha

Jordan, director of recruitment at Penn Stat could see this as a way to tap into students and fam-ilies and guidance counselors without having to travel there. ... It could be a great use of resources." For students, the TV session initially seemed

awkward. 'It's a little strange at first to talk to a TV,' said Meighan McFalls, a junior.

Evan Orr, also a junior, said that although it was like watching television, videoconferencing allowed him to ask questions and receive a personal response. Orr thought the technology would be most useful for learning about distant schools. Before yesterday, he had never heard of Rhodes College, but now wants to find out more based on the session with Buscher. "When you look at picture books of campuses and go to their Web sites, it's all the same," he said. "But when you talk to someone like this, this is the kind of place you would be inter-

ested in going."

Buscher told students that while videoconferencing admissions interview could be helpful as they consider their choices, she cautioned them: "The only way to get a true feel of what a college is like is to visit."



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# Three students say not involved in Providence College assault case

KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE REPORTER

PROVIDENCE — John Linehan, Erron Maxey and Abdul Mills said Wednesday they are not PROVIDENCE among the eight Providence College

basketball players charged with vio-lations of the student code. Who else is free to join them on the court next season remains to be seen. Sources close to the investigation confirmed that Linehan, Maxey and

Mills are not among the eight team members facing disciplinary charges with penalties that include dismissal, suspension and probation. Each of those sanctions would prohibit any-one from playing for the team in the

2000-01 season. Sources said that at least one more scholarship player is not involved, but no one reached Wednesday would confirm they were in the clear. Three other players reached said "no comment" when asked if they were facing sanctions.

"I don't have any trouble," said Linehan, the junior guard who missed most of last season with a groin injury.

"I'm all set," said Mills, a promising freshman guard from New York. Maxey, a junior who led the team in scoring last season, said, "No, I'm not in any trouble," when asked if he was facing sanctions from the col-lege's committee on discipline.

There was one player who con-firmed that he had received a letter from the committee. Marcus Jefferson, a freshman who has nounced he'll transfer to Iowa State next fail, said he's among the eight students the committee says was connected to the assault on three fellow students at an Eaton Street house on April 10. But Jefferson said he did not hit or kick anyone that night. "I did not do that, no," he said. "I don't really know what I'm in trouble for."

Even though he already has announced he's leaving for Iowa State, Jefferson said he'd appeal the charges against him "It matters to me because I was innocent, and now I'm guilty of something. I don't know what," he said. Asked why the group of players walked to the off-campus house that night, Jefferson refused

lefferson joins four other Friar players known to be among the eight facing campus discipline. The four, who also were arraigned in District Court two weeks ago on criminal charges, are guards Donta Wade and Jamaal Camah and forwards David

Murray and Llewellyn Cole.

Wade has been charged with felony assault. The other three are

telony assault. The other three are facing simple-assault changes. The eight players can appeal their penalties to The Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P., the school's vice pres-ident of student services. PC says that process is underway, and may take from 10 days to two weeks to conclude.

PC coach Tim Welsh appeared at Cranston's Gladstone Elementary School last night with four players: Linehan, Maxey, Mills and Karim Shabazz. The group held a clinic for a group of about 200. Shabazz would not answer any questions about the team's discipline problems.

Welsh said he is focused on mov-

ing the program forward at this time, and is prepared to do so constructiveand is prepared to do so constructive-ly. "As for myself, it's not what hap-pened, it's how you react. I'ra going to keep moving forward," Welsh said. "I want to be prepared to go ahead, and if we need to recruit other players, we will. I'm not hiding. I'm not ducking the fans or the media. We still have a great program, and one that we'll run in a respectful manner. I'll face this head-on and address any problems we have."





# Clinton helps dedicate Ark Law School

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark -President Clinton spent a nostalgic day in Little Rock Thursday, helping dedicate a Liv school to his former gubernaturial chief of staff, and eulogizing one of his civil rights models

The president, who served 10 years here as Arkansas's governor, recom-mended national historic landmark status for the former home of Daisy Bates, a civil rights icon who died in

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the "Little Rock Nine," the black stu-dents who integrated Little Rock's Central High School in 1957.

We need our earthly reminders of the values she lived and fought for, the work she did and the work still to be done," Clinton told an audience of several hundred people attending a memorial service for Butes.

He called on the National Park Service to designate the Bates home as a national historic landmark. He also declared Central High School "an official project of the White House Millennium Council's 'Save America's Treasures' program to make it eligible for funds' to restore sportant sites.

An hour later Clinton was the keynote speaker for ceremonies naming the law school at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in honor of William H. Bowen, a well-known banker, lawyer and former dean of the school.

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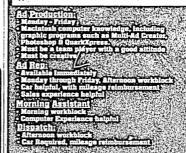
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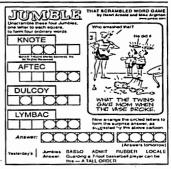
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# Newcomes learn Park's special quirks at Wrigley

When Chicago Cubs rookie Scott Downs took the mound April 15 at Wrigley Field, it felt like summer. The sun was shining, the temperature was in the 70s and Downs was mowing through the Florida Marlins' lineup in a short-sleeve shirt.

Then it happened. The tog rolled in and winter returned.

"I've never seen anything like it," he said. "It was a 25-degree tempera-ture drop. You know that big, tall building in right field? It disappeared. The top of it was gone."

Downs chose not to add a layer or

long sleeves under his uniform. He also resisted changing his pitching strategy; but with the wind suddenly blowing in toward home plate, it was hard to resist.

The wind was blowing straight out for the first two innings and then it completely changed," he said. "I was still trying to keep the ball down, but in the back of my mind I'm thinking: You can get away with a

fastball up."
For the 24-year-old Downs, the game served as a good lesson: At Wrigley Field be ready for anything. And be prepared to take advantage of

Downs threw seven solid innings that day, beating the Marlins 4-2. Entering Tuesday night's game at Houston, the Cubs had won only one game since, but they should get a boost beginning Friday, when they return to Wrigley for a 12-game homestand.

Although the Cubs have been the National League's worst team this season, at least they can point to their home record as a bright spot. The nome record as a bright spot. The Cubs are 4-3 at Wrigley after sweep-ing the Braves and winning one of

four against the Marlins. Traditionally the Cubs have been a much stronger team at Wrigley Field than on the road. Since 1959 they have finished with a better road ed only three times - in 1974, strike-shortened 1994 and 1995.

Players say the secret is to take advantage of Wrigley's novelties: the dramatic wind shifts, the high infield grass, the contours of the outfield wall, the closeness of the fans and, perhaps most importantly, the pre-

penderance of day games.

"That was always a big adjust-ment, to get yourself geared up for the day games," said Cubs second basement, to get yourseit gearen up to the day games," said Cubs second base-man Eric Young, who visited Wrigley for seven years as a member of the Rockies and Dodgers. "You find out that if you go out that first night, it might catch up to you that second day. It's the Wrigley hangover." Young not only realizes the

Young not only realizes the importance of a good night's rest, he also has learned to benefit from Wrigley's thick grass, which many players believe makes the infield the slowest in the National League.

"From a visitor's standpoint, I did-n't utilize it as well as I should have," he said. "Now I know I have 81 games there and I like it."

Young long has been regarded as one of the game's better bunters and he took advantage of that in the Wrigley Field opener by beating out a bunt in his fourth at-bat.

"When I'm home I feel like I can drop it on that grass any time and in any situation," he said. "Then if (the third baseman) plays too close, I'll try to hit one by him."

But just as Young likes the high grass for his offense, Cubs infielders have to make adjustments on defense. can't sit back like they would on artificial surface and let the ball "The grass is very thick, so you can't play where you normally would," shortstop Ricky Gutierrez said. "You have to charge the ball a lot, but that doesn't bother me

Catcher Joe Girardi uses the slow residence for contain uses the solution infield to remind pitchers they will be rewarded for keeping the ball down. That emphasis grows stronger in the summer months, when the wind tends to blow out, turning routine fly balls into souvenirs.

Girardi, who learned how to call games at Wrigley during his first stint with the Cubs from 1989 to 1992, said he tells pitchers to throw more aggressively in the strike zone when the wind blows out.

"You have to have fewer walks and you have to understand that solo home runs are not going to beat you," he said. "It's the two-run and three-run homers that will."

The wind also makes it tricky for outfielders, who say the conditions can change from one minute to the

First-base coach Billy Williams. tho spent the majority of his 17-year Hall of Fame career roaming the outfield at Wrigley, tells outfielders to check the flags on the foul poles

before almost every pitch.

With the swirling of the winds, it can change quickly, Williams said.

That's why it's always a good idea to

look at the flags."

Even if the wind is calm, there's little chance the facs in the bleachers

Tarrik Brock knows all about that. When Brock entered his first game at Wrigley Field on April 12, he came in as a defensive replacement for left-fielder Glenallen Hill, who had gone 3 for 4 with three RBIs

"Glenallen had had an exception-al game and when I went out for

defense, they were all over me," Brock recalled. "They said, "Get out of here! We want Glen!" I was like, "Hey I wear the pinstripes too."

Some hecklers yelled, "Lou was

in reference to Brock's famous last name and others shouted: "We traded him and we'll get rid

of you too!"

Brock took all the razzing with a

shrug and a smile.

"By the next game, they were a lot more friendly," he said. "And by the third time out, I turned around and played with them a little bit. I guess they wanted to see if I would break and to see how strong I was. I know I'm a strong individual, so I didn't have a problem with it." Alas, the Bleacher Burns won't

The 26-year-old was demoted to Class AAA Iowa Tuesday to make room for third baseman Greene

For the time being, Brock will play his games at Sec Taylor Stadium in Des Moines. The fans won't be as rowdy and the wind won't be as strong. Another thing is for certain:

Brock won't be as happy. "When I first ran on the field at Wrigley," he said, "I didn't know whether to pinch myself or keep dreaming."Tribune photo by Phil Velasquez

When Scott Downs against the Marlins April 15, it was summer. What followed was a good introduction to Wrigley Field.

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#### John Starks still a Knicks backer

John Starks misses being a Knick so much that he would consider returning next season for the veteran minimum

salary:
"Oh yeah, there are thoughts of coming back," said Starks, who was at the Garden for Wednesday night's 84-83 Knicks victory: "Hopefully during the offseason, we can have some negotiations with them as well as other teams. But New York will be my first choice to come back here and play. I hope to come back and finish my career here."
The Garden fans want Starks back. Late in last night's

ne, Starks was shown on the big screen waving a Knicks towel and the fans went wild.

Had it not been for tendinitis in his right knee, Starks

would have joined the Knicks earlier this month as a free agent. Last month, the Bulls released Starks after an independent arbitrator ruled that the team and the player could mutually agree to terminate Starks' contract. However, the arbitrator refused to make his ruling retroactive to March 1, arbitrator reused to make no tuning second the deadline for making a playoff roster.

Still, GM Scott Layden called Starks about joining the

Knicks for the final seven games of the regular season and

Starks said yes

"I kind of said yes prematurely just because of the excitement of wanting to come back and play," said Starks, who was traded from Golden State to Chicago this season before was trained from Gotten State to Chedgo this session teriors spending the last few weeks resting his knee in Oldahoma. "But I had to go and work out and make sure I was able to (play) and it didn't respond the way I wanted it to." The Knicks could sign Starks, who will enter his 11th year next season, for the \$1 million salary-cap exception.

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Brad Bowers, a senior SIU long and triple jumper, has been battling injuries on and off this season. Bowers hopes to be able to compete this weekend at the Drake Relays.





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# The All-American dream

After earning All-American honors last year, Brad Bowers wants it again

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Senior Brad Bowers has a long list of goals to achieve before he ends his collegiate career on the SIU men's track and field tea

He wants to become a conference champion in the long nd triple jump, qualify for NCAA Nationals again, earn All-American awards for the second year in a row, and make it to the Olympic trials.

But one thing is preventing him from doing so—injuries. For the past three meets, Bowers, the Salukis' top long and triple jumper, has been bugged with a pulled groin, causing him to remained sidelined from competing.

"Injuries are nothing new to me since is t season," the senior from Freeport said. "I just have to deal with it and step

even more."

With at least three more meets left in the Salukis' season, including this weekend's Drake Relays, Bowers is running out of time to repeat the type of success he enjoyed in his junior year. After two solid seasons as a Saluki, Bowers' emerged in the 1999 indoor season, earning himself All-American honors in the long jump at the NCAA Indoor Cl.ampionships, where he finished 10th overall.

How ver, in the summer after the 1999 outdoor season, injuries began to take their toll on Bowers.
For months, Bowers experienced pains in his lower back.

He had no idea what the problem was until he got a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

The problem turned out to be a hermiated disk in Bowers'

lower back that required surgery. The surgery was in November, one month before the 2000 indoor season began.

Ever since, Bowers has been in recovery and trying to stay

TRACK AND FIELD

THE SIU MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM COMPETES TODA AND SATURDAY AT THE DRAKE RELAYS IN DES MOINES,

of competition.
"It's tough to come back after surgery," head coach Bill
Comell said. "He's such a declicated and determined young man who tries to do his best for the team."

After missing the first three meets of the indoor Bowers' returned Jan. 29 at the McDonald's Saluk Imitational. He was healthy and injury-free halfway into the outdoor season until April 8 at the All Sport Relays, where he pulled a groin muscle.

Ever since, Bowers has been out of action. He has kept busy in training by lifting weights and not jumping as much. He said it feels weird not being able to compete, but thinks his extra weight-lifting will benefit him once he starts competing again.

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Thave been litting more than I normally would," Howers said, "I am going to come back a lot stronger."

Whenever Bowers gets healthy, assistant jumps coach Carneron Wright said Bowers has the potential to fulfill all his goals, starting with becoming a conference champion for the first time. Bowers is well on his way, at least in the long jump, where he holds the third spot in the conference with a jump of 24–2 1/2. He also is in sixth place in the triple jump with a leap of 47–1 3/4. He recorded both these distances April 1 at the 2003 Saith and Eur Street Meet.

the 2000 Saluki April Fast Start Meet.
Wright said Bowers must have a solid meet before the iri Valley Conference Championships, which is May

Alissouri Valley Conference Championstups, which is May 17-20 in order to continue competing.

Brad has a great chunce to qualify for Olympic trials, Nationals, and be an All-American if he can stay injury-free; Whight sidd.

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"He is the first All-American I have ever coached. He's

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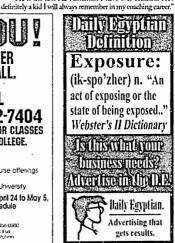


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Men's tennis try to salvage season

ANDY EGENES
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

There's just a whimper of hope left

After recording its worst record since 1997, the SIU men's tennis team will try to avoid further misery suf-

fered this season in conference play: The Salukis (5-14, 1-8) will face the University of Northern Iowa in their first-round match today in Omaha, Neb. The Salukis lost the last meeting against the Panthers 4-3 on

No. 2 singles player Valentin Epure will not be healthy enough to

play in the tournament, as he is still feeling the effects of a sprained ankle. Epure brings a solid addition to the -up, winning nearly 75 percent of atches.

"Unfortunately, this is the most damaging injury I've had with tennis," SIU men's tennis coach Brad Iftner said. "When you lose someone who consistently wins, it's just a hadron."

In the last meeting, the Salukis lost the doubles point, which made the difference in the match. They momentum early by winning the doubles point, and hope it can carry into singles play.

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The seam will get the No. 8 seed going into the tournament. Winning the first match will guarantee SIU a

draw into the rest of the field, other-

draw into the rest of the field, otherwise, ninth is the best available finish.

"Friday morning is incredibly
important," Iftner said.

No. 2 singles player Dante Santa
Cruz said he is more comfortable
about the re-match with UNI.

"I think we are going to play better this time because we played them indoors there," Santa Cruz said. "It's their court and they had the home-court advantage. It's not going to be as close this time hopefully." With this being Santa Cruz's last

season, he wants to make the conference tournament a bright spot of a

ence tournament a bright spot of a disappointing season. "I feel bad finishing my last season No. 9 in the conference," Santa Cruz said. "Anything can happen this weekend."

#### Women's TENNIS

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Crandall said. "It all comes down to one weekend. Experience or no experience, playing your best tennis is the whole

Auld has indicated that about six ns in the tournament can beat one another on any given day. By SIU's stan-

dards, that is a good sign. Southwest Missouri State University and Drake University, who are seeded

No. 1 and 2, respectively, have dealt the Salukis their only conferences losses.

Drake is a team of older athletes arki Auld thinks they will be more relaxed and ready for business, making them the team to best.

Hopefully, being familiar with the surrounding of the conference tourna-ment will add some security.

"At least this year we know what to expect. We know not to be over confi-dent, but to be confident in some way," Floro said. "I think the second time around is always better.

#### GAINESVILLE, FL.

#### Florida's Harvey leaning toward NBA

Another key player from the NCAA basketball runner-up looks to be running for the NBA money.

Freshman Donnell Harvey, who led Florida in rebounds and dunks during its run to the national final, apparently will submit his name into the NBA's draft pool of under-classmen. Last Thursday, sopho-more small forward Mike Miller, the Gators' leading scorer and second-leading rebounder. announced he was NBA-bound.

announced he was NBA-bound.
"Donnell Harvey is currently exploring his options about the NBA and has expressed an interest in testing the waters about his draft status," Gators Coach Billy

Donovan said in a statement. "We'll be supportive of Donnell in trying to gather that information, and we will assist him in making any future decisions."

Harvey couldn't be reached for comment Wednesday, but he reportedly will hold off on hiring reportedly will hold off on hiring an agent to keep open the option of returning to UF. Harvey averaged 10 points and seven rebounds while playing 20 minutes per game during the 1999-2000 season.

One NBA executive said

Harvey is an undersized power forward — he's 6 feet 8 and 215 pounds — "but he plays with great enthusiasm and intensity. I just wonder about his ability to score and his size. A couple more of school would certainly help him. On the other hand, he does have an NBA skill — rebounding.

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#### SOFTBALL

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On the way to Omaha, the Salukis are stopping for a single non-conference game with the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., today. First place Creighton (28-18, 9-5

MVC) owns a two-game lead over the Salukis, but a sweep Saturday would even those numbers out. With SIU's sweep of Indiana State University Wednesday, the Salukis (37-17, 7-7 MVC) jumped from eighth place in the Valley into a fifthplace tie with Bradley University and Indiana State.

Saluki head coach Kerri Blaylock patiently took the tough times in stride early in the conference season. but is convinced her team is starting to peak now — thankfully, at the right time of the season.

Last year, the Salukis played well all year and slipped in the last few Valley regular season games before being knocked out of the Valley tour-

nament in only two games. That unplezant memory is now long for-gotten, and the Salukis are pleased to be playing better ball as the MVC Tournament (May 5-7 in Peoria)

"We've kind of turned it on in the end, which is kind of opposite from past years, junior third baseman Julie Meier said. Not that I'm comparing, but it's nice to pick it up now when we're getting close to the tournament.

Creighton is led offensively by junior pitcher Marie Gieron's 345 batting average, while her six home runs and 25 RBIs also lead the team. Senior outfielder Temple Windhorst is also a threat offensively with her .324 average.

The Salukis will challenge the Bluejays' offense with the league's top pitching staff (0.78 ERA). Blaylock said her team will rely on its pitching to keep them in ballgames and hope the offense executes well enough to push two or three runs across, which is usually a sufficient amount of run support for SIU's

"We'll slip [a run] across when we can, and that's the way we're going to approach it the next few games," Blaylock said.

Drake (21-27, 4-10 MVC) is in last place in the Valley, but is a team the Salukis can't afford to overlook, especially if a first place shot in the Valley is still attainable. Even if not, Blaylock wants to go into the tourna ment on a positive roll and losing to Drake could be a momentum buster.

"I just want to play well," Blaylock said. "I want to be playing well by the

time we go to the tournament."

Before the tournament, the Salukis want to continue their upward climb in the Valley standings

upward clitto in the Valley standings and possibly reach the top. The first obstacle in reaching that goal is the team on top right now — Creighton. "I think we're going to get up there and get a sweep, I really do," Meier said. "I think we're starting to roll and we've got to take it to them and play our game."

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NEW YORK

#### Allen, Elway among entries into College Football Hall of Fame

Among those inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on Tuesday were Heisman Trophy winners Marcus Allen, Dan Dierdorf, John Elway and Johnny

Former UCLA coach Terry Donahue and tormer University of Iowa coach Forest Evashevski also were hon-

Rodgers, a wingback for the University of Nebraska who won the Heisman in 1972, said his decision to return to college in 1993 helped put him in contention for induc-tion into the hall of fame. Players who played their last game in 1983 or later must have a college degree to be con-sidered for induction. Although Rodgers finished his college career in the 1970s, he said he headed back to school to serve as an example to his children and youngsters everywhere. He's also hoping to inspire more adults to go back to school and is working with the NCAA to develop a degree-completion programs for former athletes.





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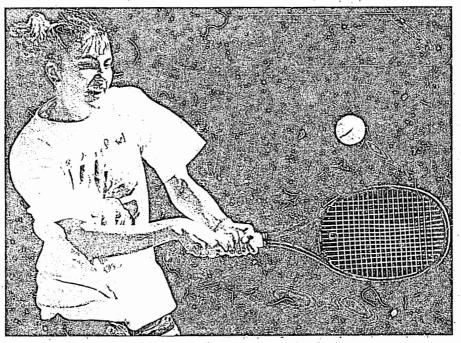
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Simona Petrutiu works on her swing during practice this week. Petrutiu, who recently received the MVC Player of the Week award, is also leading the conference in doubles play with Pamela Floro.

# second time is always sweeter

Women's tennis takes No. 3 seed into MVC tournament

ANDY EGENES
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIU won.en's tennis coach Judy Auld said she is tired of finishing in fifth place every year.

She may not have to worry about it. The 52 lukis (13-5, 7-2) take the No. 3 seed into this weekend's Missouri Valley Conference tournament that begins today in Omaha, Neb. They will likely draw a team the Salukis have beaten in the reg-

Even though they won the last time, Auld said the prior match does not mat-

"We cannot be thinking, 'we have played Illinois State, we can beat them again. Auld said. We've had a great sea-son, but the rest is history. I think the girls know that and I think that is the big dif-

f rence from last year.

Last seasons fifth-place team was dominated by freshmen last season, but now has the added experience that could make the difference from finishing in the usual fifth spot and playing for the conference championship. The team has fin-ished fifth the last four seasons.

No. 1 player Simona Petrutiu has been on a streak of her own, finishing the reg-ular season by garnering the MVC Player of the Week award.

The No. 1 doubles team of Petrutiu and Pamela Floro enter the tournament leading the conference with a 16-1 record. The duo have won their last nine doubles

And if it comes down to the doubles

And if it comes down to the doubles play, Floro is not worried.

"We were talking the other day, if it comes down to doubles, we are going to win," Floro said. "We are pretty confident about our doubles teams, and that's good

because bles."

Auld thinks INSIDE the extra experience has helped them develop the added con fidence for this season's post-

Men's tennis tries to salvage season. PAGE 19

Keri Crandall, the only junior and the oldest player on the squad, said the expe-nence will help.

"Anything can happen at conference,"

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# Climbing the Valley ladder

The SIU softball team, which was in eighth place two days ago, still has a chance at winning the Valley title

COREY CUSICK

With only four Missouri Valley Conference contests remaining in the regular season, the SIU softball team still Las intentions of winning the Valley crown.

This story line seemed unrealistic a few days ago when the Salukis were sitting down in eighth place, but with the strange amount of parity in the league this year, only a few games separate a first-place finish from a nintl.-place

#### ON DECK . THE SIU SOFTBALL TEAM CLOSES OUT THE

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The Salukis close out the regular season with pair of MVC doubleheaders, opening with a pair of MVC doubleheaders, opening win first place Creighton University Saturday before playing last place Drake University in Des Moines, lo a, Sunday. Both twin bills start at

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#### SPORTS BRIEF

season run

#### SIU baseball at home this weekend against **Bradley University**

The S1U baseball team will try to extend its two-game winning streak in this weekend's noon dou-Bradley bleheaders versus University at Abe Martin Field.

The Salukis (17-24, 6-14) have lost seven of their last 11 games and sit at the bottom of the Missouri

Valley Conference standings.
The Braves (22-20, 12-8) are in third place in the MVC and will look to gain more ground in the confer ence. The Braves won three out of four games from Illinois State University last weekend in Normal

Scheduled to pitch for the Salukis in game one is right-handed pitch: Jake Alley, who has a 5-4 record and is ranked fifth in the conference with a 2.97 ERA. Alley will face lefty Steve Ellis, whose record is 5-1 and has an ERA of 2.41.

In game two, Saluki lefty Brendan Fort (2-4, 7.01) will face right-hander Craig Hawkins (4-3, 5.04). Game three is scheduled for right-hunder Charlie Reed (1-1, 7.20) versus right-hander Brock Till (0-3, 8.25). SIU right-hander, Billy Hardin (1-3, 7.40) will likely face lefty David Hoffman

(4-4,5.90) in game four. Rightfielder Sal Frissela (.303) Rightfielder Sal Frissela (2003) is averaging .439 in his last 12 games, and hit the for the cycle last Sunday against Indiana State University. The last Saluki to hit for the cycle was Brad Hollenkamp on March 17, 1990.

