Weber: 'I took the job'

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

Bruce Weber said Tuesday night that he will accept the job as head coach at the University of Illinois.

Weber's confirmation ends about a week and a half of speculation that he was among the candidates for the position. "I took the job," Weber said from his front door at about 11 p.m.

Weber will travel to Champaign today to officially accept the position. "I've got to get up and leave at 5:30 in the morning," he said.

"Illinois will have a press conference some time today to announce the hiring of Weber," SIU Athletic Director Ted Kowalczyk said.

Weber may also have a press conference Friday at SIU, sources said.

SIU Athletic Director Ted Kowalczyk could not be reached and neither could the players.

Weber was seen leaving the SIU Arena about 9 p.m. and sources confirmed he had a meeting with the team to let them know of his intentions.

He also made calls to recruits. While the current players couldn't be reached, the recruits expressed their disappointment in the news Weber was leaving Carbondale.

"I don't know what they'll say, I am shocked," said recruit Randell Gillis. "I have three years. I am happy with him, but I am sort of mad. I don't really have any anger because what he is doing. I can't blame him for taking that sort of decision."

Recruit Jamal Troutt said he was contacted by Weber late Tuesday night. Weber told Troutt and several other players, that he is resigning as assistant coach at SIU.

"I said good luck and told him both do good," Troutt said. "I am going to rethink my letter of intent. I am going to have to wait to see what the new coach does. Painter might take over. He is trying to pull for him."

"I never really expected this," Troutt said.

As recently as two days ago, Weber was considered to be no longer a candidate for the position as favor started to toward Creighton head coach Dana Altman.

Painter met with Kowalczyk at the Arena very late Tuesday night.

Wittmann gives record-setting donation

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

He did not want to be quoted and sat quietly with his hands together in his lap as an A-list of SIUC administrators invited him with praise.

Thomas "Petie" Wittmann, a former SIU football fan and SIUC chancellor, was an early investor in EXCEL Communications, tried to keep a low profile while visiting Carbondale Tuesday night. But there was something about a $4.5 million donation that tends to attract attention.

Wittmann was surrounded by nearly every coach and administrator in the Athletic Department, along with the Chancellor, Walter Wendler, at Tuesday's press conference announcing Wittmann's record-setting $4.5 million donation to the Athletic Department.

"You're supposed to walk your bike through the crosswalks," Wittmann said, referring to all the signs posted at crosswalks throughout campus.

SIU Chancellor Walter Wendler had the signs put up in Spring 2002 after a number of accidents involving pedestrians and automobiles occurred on campus, including one in Feb 2001 that took the life of SIUC student Anne Coleman.

"Gas says: Why don't you give the $4.5 million to Weber to keep him here.

The donation exceeded the school's previous record donation by $1.5 million.

"I am honored to keep this a little low key here," Wittmann said, looking at more than 100 people around him in the conference room on the fourth floor of the Student Center, including about 20 SIU football players.

Wittmann's donation will help fund the Tomuxt-Wittmann Athletic and Training Center, which is scheduled to begin construction in 2004.

"We are truly grateful," said SIUC Athletic and Training Center.

Wittmann limited his offer saying one SIU athletic director was present, the offer was not as much as the weight room.

"What's going on right now, it's just huge," Sambursky said. "It's a little lost for words when you have a high school weight room and the facility..."

"It's a little low key but... Wittmann was there," Sambursky said before being approached by reporters.

The rest of Wittmann's donation, estimated to be one to-and-a-half million after construction, will go toward general expenses of the Athletic Department such as scholarships.

"This is a very exciting time only for the athletic program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, but for the entire University," said SIU Athletic Director Fred Weiss, who was present, though he cautioned that this one gift would not wipe out the Athletic Department's debt instantly.

Weiss said that wanted to help the University through the Athletics Department because something more exposure for a university than utilities.

Weiss also said other factors for giving the money to SIU athletics

See DONATION, page 14
NATIONAL NEWS

Bush pushes $15 billion global AIDS initiative

WASHINGTON - President Bush asked Congress Tuesday to quickly pass a $15 billion initiative to combat AIDS in the Caribbean and Africa, saying swift action is needed against a disease that is "leaving graves and orphans across a continent."

Bush spoke as lawmakers dug into the details of a bill whose broad goals enjoy widespread support. Congress is likely to vote next month on an AIDS bill, but has run into disputes over sexual-abstinence language.

The president said little about those disagreements Tuesday, instead pointing to the sweeping goals of the bill. His initiative would prevent 7 million new HIV infections and treat at least 2 million people in the next decade, Bush said, according to the Associated Press. He hoped to sign the legislation by Memorial Day.

Since he proposed the fund in January, Bush said an estimated 720,000 people have died of AIDS and 1.2 million have been infected with HIV, he said.

A House committee passed legislation early this month that closely reflects what Bush wants. That bill, by Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., would set aside $10 billion over five years to expand AIDS treatment worldwide through low-cost drugs.

Boy found in Illinois could be missing N. Carolina boy

EVANSTON, Ill. - Almost three months after a dirty, bedraggled boy showed up at a suburban hospital, authorities say he may be a child who disappeared in North Carolina more than two years ago.

Relatives of 'Buddy' Myers are optimistic that authorities have found the boy, who was 4 when they last saw him in October 2000.

"It sure looks like him," the boy's great-aunt, Donna Myres, said Tuesday. "The picture they sent up from Chicago matched with Tristen's and everything for 'Buddy'."

It is expected to take four to six weeks for DNA tests to confirm whether a boy who says his name is Eli Quick is actually Tristen, who would now be 6.

"I think it's him," Tristen's mother, Raven Myres, told WWD-TV in Durham, N.C. "Just looking at the facial features, they say he's got a wig, he's got a lip. It's just weird.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Libya admits 'civil responsibility' for Pan Am bombing

TRIPOLI, Libya - Libya is willing to pay close to $3 billion to the families of victims of Pan Am Flight 103 after accepting "civil responsibility" for the 1988 explosion over Lockerbie, Scotland, the foreign minister said Tuesday.

The payment was agreed to during negotiations last month between lawyers representing the families and Libya, and is conditional on the lifting of sanctions, Foreign Minister Abdel-Rahman Shalqam told The Associated Press.

The family of each of the 270 victims will receive $10 million in three installments, he said.

After a first payment of $4 million, U.S. sanctions on Libya would be lifted, and after a second $4 million payment, U.S. sanctions would go, he said. After the final installment, Washington would have to remove Libya from its list of states sponsoring terrorism. Shalqam said he had received no confirmation from Libya about a final agreement on paying the Lockerbie victims. There was no immediate comment from Washington.

But the figures match those lawyers for the families said Libya had agreed to pay in March, after the last meeting with British, U.S. and Libyan officials. Relatives of victims said then they were told by a State Department official that an agreement was near on Libyan acknowledgment of responsibility.

POLICE REPORTS

University

• A basketball, clothing and cash were reported stolen between 1 and 4:30 a.m. Monday in the Recreation Building. Police have no suspects and the loss is estimated at $1,000.

• CDs and a cell phone charger were reported stolen between 11:30 p.m. Sunday and 3 p.m. Monday from a dorm in the overnight parking lot east of University Park. Police have no suspects.

CALENDAR

Today

- 11:30 a.m. Monday from 220 W. Chestnut 
- 6:30 p.m. Friday from Cafe Melange 

Current Events

• In Friday's issue of the Daily Egyptian the page 12 story "Islamic Center defaced" read "that Hindi is the language generally related with those who practice Hinduism. In practice Hinduism and not everyone who speaks Hindi practice Hinduism and not everyone who speaks Hindi"

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Mistrial declared at student's murder trial

Defense to motion for change of venue

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

A mistrial was declared Monday in the murder trial of a former student after a Jackson County jury was deadlocked past 7 p.m. Judge E. D. Kimmel declared a mistrial in the case of Taffia Cunningham, 25, who still faces charges of murder, armed violence and home invasion in connection with an alleged armed robbery attempt that led to her brother's death.

Cunningham's brother Tyreece was shot and killed by a member of Washington University's police department in front of Cunningham's Murphysboro home while armed with a shotgun. Cunningham allegedly plunged the robbery with James Holzgang, also a former student, Tyreece, Karen Smith, and Donald Dizard.

The judge went into deliberations at 12:47 p.m. and returned with a guilty verdict at about 3:39 p.m. The jury was sent into deliberations after they were polled and one juror said she felt pressure, but it became heated after that.

"People were tired, they were frustrated," Condon said. "All 12 of us had our lives on hold six days, including the weekend."

Cunningham was not able to go to classes last week or complete officer for his assistant manager and to make a final up and answer out back. Defense attorney Paul Christenson said Condon was inclined to change the focus of his case before the next trial. He said he also saw new ideas based on witnesses' testimony.

"We need to advance the lack of par- his testimony. We're really real that as an effective idea, but you know, crucially, it was the result of her participation, minimal involvement and her attempts to stop it will be the start of the next trial."

Mistriage declined comment on whether he will make changes to the case.

"It's gone on public television and sug- suggested that he should have been except for the stupidity of the one hold-out juror, and that he doesn't want to talk about Cunningham's case. He said going to be moving for a change in venue in the case that no jury pool could be unprejudiced in a case after his deliberation statements.

Wepchek said he has been involved with more cases that have "hard justice was able to find 12 people who had not heard about the case."

"I think we're involved in another case that had the longest jury in recent memory, 23 hours," Wepchek said. "It was an 11-10 type of verdict as well, and we were able to find 12 people in Jackson County who hadn't heard about the case. I don't anticipate any problems."

Christenson said a conviction for Cunningham would be followed by an appeal because of the overwhelming evidence in the case. He said they let a lunch of real criminal things involved in the business was escalating the body, they "just let them off." "We're only bad idea"/but if Cunningham varis to name that issue. Christenson said Cunningham was on her way back to North Carolina Tuesday.

In exchange for his testimony, Donald David, her alleged co-conspirator, was sen- tenced to six years in prison for home invasion with a firearm. Karen Smith has also negoti- ated a plea agreement for 30 months probation for burglary and has been allowed to return to North Carolina in exchange for her testimony.

Tulalope Adajun, a former student convicted of destroying Tyreece's body, has been convicted of membership of a criminal element and obstruction of justice in connection with Tyreece's death and was given 30 days in jail and 30 months probation in exchange for his testimony. Stanley McCullough, a fellow student who was convicted of helping control the body, pleaded guilty to concealment of a homicidal death and was given 2 1/2 years probation and 100 hours of community service in exchange for his testimony.

Blair Tibbe, who was allegedly cut off the robbery by Slynge and Cunningham, is serving an unserved four-year prison sentence for residential burglary and a 10-month sentence for the distribution of crack cocaine. S lynge plead guilty to tampered charges of conspiracy to distribute narcotics Monday and is awaiting sentencing. She faces between five and 20 years imprisonment, a fine of up to $2 million, and up to 10 years supervised release.

She is still charged with murder, armed violence and home invasion while armed with a firearm. Washington also placed guilty to conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and is awaiting sentencing.

"We're going to try to work with SIU and get what we can," he said.

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SIUC budget cuts to be discussed Friday

Meeting open to community

Ben Rothkin
Daily Egyptian

Illinois lawmakers will make stop Friday at SIUC, where they want to answer questions from community members about proposed cuts to state funding.

Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Quincy, said the meeting is aimed at learning about how budget reduc- tions will affect the University. The event will take place at 11 a.m. Friday in the Fourth Floor Video Lounge of the Student Center.

The Senate Republicans Higher Education Task Force, on which Luechtefeld serves, has been meeting with universities statewide, said Rep. Rod Blagojevich, who proposed cuts to state funding. Other members of the task force should be at the event as well, Luechtefeld said.

SIUC received a 2.7 percent cut in funding for the remainder of this fiscal year, and Blagojevich has proposed cuts of 5.2 percent for FY 94. The exact 2.7 percent cut reduced SIUC's budget by $4.4 million. If the 8.2 percent cut is implemented next year, the CBI system would be hit with a reduction of $19.5 million.

Blagojevich has stressed the importance of not sacrificing the educational quality, Luechtefeld said. It's important to hear feedback from the SIU community.

"We hope to kind of find out from the different groups that the University have this will affect students," he said.

Students, administrators, faculty and other community members are invited to attend the event with questions and comments. Luechtefeld said the meeting is geared toward those from both the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses.

Chancellor Walter Wessler said he is pleased with the efforts to discuss the budget situation.

"I really do think people understand what a pinch we're in," he said Tuesday.

"We'll have a big meeting, in which he can talk about the state and what kind of help he's been able to get," Wessler said. "We're going to try to work with SIU and get what we can," he said.

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Philip Burke, Bass

General Admission - $5
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Carbondale
Spring Yard Sale Friday

There will be a Spring Yard Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at 1005 S. Gallia Ave, 5 miles north of Carbondale. The sale of lawn furniture, garden house wares for sale the 3rd, freshly-potted plants and pet related items for more information, call 683-4354.

Choral Union to perform Thursday

The SIUC Choral Union and Orchestra will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Shryock Auditorium, 406 E. Main St, for the general public and $22 for students, chil- dren and senior citizens. To charge by phone with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express, call 536-3311, or stop by the University Union.

WILCO to play at Spring Thing Friday

Spring Thing 2003 is scheduled for 2 to 6 p.m. at the SIU Arena Parking Lot 18. The free outdoor concert features WILCO, Chicago's premier band, and the current state of j's put. The concert may not be put. The entire day is a celebration of all activities, no kids, no dogs, no alcohol, no beer, no glass, no cars, no tailgating and no coolers.
Local grade school fights for survival

De Soto speaks out about new school district consolidation criteria

Sara Hoeker
Daily Egyptian

Pastel Mexican paper cuttings flutter on the along the long corridor, and the murals painted on the walls is proudly displayed throughout the school.

A group of pre-kindergarten students stand in a line at the front of the room and the boy passes them a bus, teaching them bus etiquette while repeating it.

Two teachers watch over them, smiling as they diligently mimic his words.

A bus ride is a treat through the double doors of the gym entrance and chuckles at their delight in learning.

The De Soto School Board recently unanimously passed a resolution declaring its opposition to Amendment 2 of Senate Bill 0368, which would require mandatory consolidation of school districts involved would vote on the consolidation with a majority victory.

The Board of Education recently passed an amendment that would allow any school district that did not wish to participate in consolidation to remain a separate school district and still serve students in the area. Currently, if a school district is participating in consolidation and wins a vote even if there is a loss.

Money over education?

"If you make the wrong decision, you could try to save a few dollars and keep them as one class.

The first step in consolidation would be electing a new school board, which would then begin a new district. The board would be in charge of the annexation and the opening of new school or reorganizing its grade make-up.

Koehn said among other things he is concerned about the initial cost of consolidation.

"I think the kids did very well with it. I have a high priority of importance than necessity which is a particular pride, an esprit de corps, or an intense feeling of loyalty, which goes into this consolidation. We're not looking at the benefit of the students.

As Amendment 2 outlines, voters in each of the areas would be given the opportunity to vote on the consolidation with a majority victory. Koehn said even if the De Soto district voted 100 percent in favor of consolidation, other districts' voters could still vote otherwise.

Governor Blagojevich keeps moratorium on executions

Blagojevich will not budge until system error proof

Jackie Keane
Daily Egyptian

Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced last week that he will not lift the moratorium on executions until a system error proof is even if reform packages from legislatures pass this spring.

"I think the administration was once a Cook County prosecutor, executed the death row inmate and had a strong supporter of the death penalty. He said that since there is reform to be made that can ensure no mistakes in the Illinois capital punishment system, he will keep the moratorium imposed by former Gov. George Ryan.

Ryan commuted sentences for 167 inmates and had a moratorium on executions, leaving office. Consequently, death row was empty when Blagojevich entered office.

Rahm Emanuel, Blagojevich's chief of staff, said the governor has not decided on any new moratorium.

"The reality is if you do one on death row and there are six appeals on the case it's going to be months before they see what have you done," said Rep. Michael J. Madigan, D-Chicago.

Despite the moratorium, capital cases have continued. But before an inmate walks the gurney, he or she is allowed three appeals and federal appeals.

Blagojevich, after the death penalty was enacted, would not even have the opportunity to make a decision regarding a capital case.

"In a four-year term, it is almost sure that a governor would not get to put in place just to ensure innocent people do not get to put in place just to ensure innocent people do not put in place just to ensure innocent people do not put to death," said Blagojevich. He would not want to give any chance of making any mistakes. And the death penalty is the one vote you get to a point in Illinois that we can feel comfortable with.

Best labeled the Blagojevich's announcement as a "good press move.

Not everyone thinks the same as Spec. Smith said that the coalition to show Blagojevich that the coalition has been committed to the fight against the death penalty.
John Li, senior in anthropology, was awarded the Best Student Employee of the Year. Li is a student worker in the International Programs and Services Department. His work usually consists of clerical duties.

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

John Li is on call 24 hours a day as a contact source for international students at SIUC.

As a contact for these students, one of his duties is to meet them at the airport, train station or bus station and help them get settled into temporary housing before orientation begins.

"Being the first contact, I try to impress them with the great values of getting an American education," Li said. "They will see SIU as a representative of the University at all times."

Li, a senior in anthropology from Singapore, received American education because he valued friendship as well as doing great things.

"I don't feel like a student worker, I feel like a part of a team," Li said.

Li, who is the second of three boys, said he always wanted an American education because he believes in the ideals of how Americans treasure education. He said the interaction and learning in the United States versus his home played a big role in his coming to America.

He chose SIUC because he wanted to start school as soon as possible and it is one of few that have rolling admission.

"The first international student to receive the honor is a great feeling for Li. He said it is great publicity for international students.

"Hopefully, me winning this will help people recognize that even though most of us don't speak English as a first language, we are capable of doing great things," Li said. "It sometimes makes our capabilities and I hope people will be able to look beyond the language barriers."

Working in the international office, Li said he gets to meet people from all around the world and the satisfaction of helping them settle in and get into the groove of things.

"Knowing they are enjoying their student life is rewarding for me," Li said.

When Li is not working or in class he tries to spend time with his friends. He said he values friendship as it doesn't matter what they do, just as long as they are spending time together.

After Li graduates he hopes to go to graduate school in Florida and work toward a masters of science in human factors and systems.

"Wishing that degree to work in the space industry designing spacecrafts that are easier for men to use," Li said he would not be at this point in his life if not for Kathy, because she allows him to continue to improve not only in school, but also in life in general.

"The one thing I'll keep with me is that it doesn't matter where you are or who you work with, but as long as you are willing to apply yourself and make a difference, it is all that matters," Li said. "And Kathy sees that in me."

Swindell said it is a pleasure working with Li and she is glad that he works in the department.

"John is a gentleman of impeccable integrity and I am proud and blessed that he is a part of our extraordinary team of student employees at SIU."

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Our Word

Archer needs to lose graciously

Just leave it.
Bill Archer and Ed Ford ran against each other for the position of Student Trustee. Ed Ford won by more than 60 votes, but on the night of the election, Archer filed six grievances, later dismissed by the election commission. He has now filed 16 more. Enough is enough.

His original problems were with Ford's validity as a student with the correct grade point average to serve as a trustee. True, Ford had not given proof before the election, but he did so after thus making Archer's claim invalid. The other grievances were about Ford abusing by other rules, also dismissed. Now, Archer has filed 16 more with the way the election was run.

Now what?
Serious, Archer may have some valid concerns, such as fliers for a specific party sitting on the voting table during elections, which is against the rules. But does it require filing 16 grievances and making a big stink about everything?

Archer said it wouldn't be a big deal, but because he feels he is the best candidate, he must take this course of action. However, comments against Ford insulting his age and validity as a candidate are immature and lead us to wonder if Archer is really doing this for the welfare of the student trustee position or for himself.

Especially when one considers Archer's record. After serving as president of the Undergraduate Student Government for one year, Archer failed to be re-elected, and filed six grievances with the commission.

Sound familiar?
Last year he ran for student trustee, but was not elected.
If he thinks everything is so unfair, why is he so concerned about the fairness surrounding his own loss and not the fairness of the process in the future? If he last last year, how is it not possible that he did this year?
According to the trustee guidelines, the commission has the final say. Archer claims Dietz gets to make the call, but he is out of town right now. Either way, we suggest someone look into all 16 of the complaints and make sure that things run the way they are supposed to. If everything is in order, dismiss the complaints, and let's hope Archer disappears with them.

It's too late for Archer to be a gracious loser, but to re-file 16 complaints after the first six were dismissed.
It calls us to question his comments about being the best candidate. Worse yet, it calls us to question our endorsement.

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Guest Columnist

White media dictate black culture

GUEST COLUMNIST

White media dictate black culture

Clecia Thompson

daily Orange (Syracuse U.)

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (U-WIRE) — White people are the dictionaries of our cultural experience due to their overwhelming control of the monetary economy. During his visit to Syracuse University earlier this month, Haile Gerima posed that point among several others.

"White people in positions of power determine the cultural diet of the world," said writer, director and producer of the powerful black film "Baton." And he is right.

Films and other artistic productions cost $1.200, which is spent too thinly in black communities. As a result, we have less of a voice in the cultural development of our nation.

Mark of today's art, especially musical, is the shifting of what Europeans took part in. The shape of that art became enlivened by powerful white hands. Blacks and others in a secondary position are merely peppered in the white mix show.

Gerima also said "television is a white supremacist culture by language and aesthetics. Black people are the primary consumers of television." Nowhere is that point better substantiated than with BET, a white-run Vision-owned channel capturing millions of black eyes by broadcasting demeaning and stereotypical content under the cloak of "black entertainment."

The channel marginalizes and Americanizes blacks. "Happy Tonkara" advertisements in December are the only time the channel remotely şsection Africa. If this were truly Black Entertainment Television, the channel would acknowledge blacks who originated in America.

In his article "French — Illogical," Ed Guerro speaks in unison with Gerima. "The movie industry routinely ignores black film exploration and marginalizes black box office power until it can be called so, as a sort of reserve audience, to make up slack profit margins at any given moment of economic crisis," he wrote.

Only until Hollywood needs black dollars does it cater to blacks. But even then, as Gerima said, the films made for black audiences are constructed under a white-guided premise.

Money supposedly equals power — and in most cases, it does. But wealthy whites successfully formulated a way to manipulate black people into parting with their money under the guise of supporting and bettering other blacks.

We allow whites to dictate entertainment and culture, yet they are unconcerned with preserving our heritage. Nor do they care about accurate representations. But they do care about money. At the end of the day, even if that money touched the tips of black fingers, it is stillled green blood.

These views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

Quote of the day

"The visionary lies to himself; the liar only to others."

Friedrich Nietzsche

Words Overheard

"Places like mosques, churches, synagogues, are places of worship. They are sanctuaries. It is hard to understand why someone would degrade a place of worship.

Nizar Husni

on the vandalism of the Islamic Center of Goshen, Indiana
**LETTERS**

**Vandalism of Islamic Center disturbing, shocking**

**Diane Estes**

Hindus in Carbondale! (Item #9) (4/29) about the Islamic Center being vandalized horrified me. As a Hindu from India, I feel a sense at these occurrences who have threatened our Muslim community's freedom to worship by this senseless act. I grew up in a tolerant home and always have encouraged and supported diversity of culture and have many Muslim, Christian, Sikh and other friends and family members. My heart goes out to the Muslim community and my apologies for the cowardly act of some people in this area.

Hinduism is the most ancient, ideology, which allows in the idea that Hindus is superior to other religions and that India belongs only to the dominant Hindu community. Various political lies in India have come together to assert this notion, which is founded on the principles of securities, socialism, and democracy. This coalescence of political parties with fascist tendencies has organized pogroms against Muslims and attacked their homes, churches, synagogues, and mosques.

Last year several thousand Muslim people were killed and many more were forced to flee to eastern India in such organized violence. I am saddened to see this situation is in the shadow of the Hindu community in Carbondale. We not only need to feel the shame and sorrow for that but also we need to prepare to our community.

Manojith Pandurak
Professor and Dean, College of Mass Communications and Asian Studies

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**Depleted Uranium column informative, insightful**

**Dear Editor:**

Marc Tyson's column about General Dynamics producing depleted Uranium weapons in southern Illinois was excellent and important. The United States' cynical use of the depleted-uranium weapon, worse than the atomic weapon, continues to warrant concern. Anyone who questions or views the weapons raises the ire of those who would see a world with no nuclear weapons.

Uranium weapons were largely used by the U.S. in Afghanistan. A recent report by the American Medical Research Council in Tehran found a significant portion of Afghans with depleted-uranium-contaminated wounds experience symptoms consistent with chronic uranium poisoning. This study also reports high numbers of Afghan civilians with blood and uranium levels of up to 5 to 10 times higher than normal. The field researchers were shocked by the bone and kidney health impacts consistent with the breathing. Without exposure, every bone, people is. We urge you to study for yourself that shortly www.usnat.net

Karen Frailey
Carbondale resident

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**Long live Grace Priddy, Star Wars**

**Dear Editor:**

Keep Grace Priddy alive! I bow "Just Another Priddy Face." I bow for love, respect, and as a celebration that not all girls look alike. Long live the queen of the columns.

Peter Varland
Carbondale resident

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**LETTER COLUMNIST**

**Having my Say one last time this semester**

**By Grace Priddy**

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At the look on the walls we're hearing against for so long, but who to look upon now? Perhaps it's the missing Chewy posters. Or how fresh the air will seem soon without the smell of barbeque and beer wafting in from the back porch. Whatever it is, I don't like it. It doesn't feel like home anymore.

So how do I preserve memories now that the party is finally ending?

I decided to start anew with a shiny, clean house to perk me up, but somehow tears well up in my eyes even as I scrub my bathroom toilet. Maybe it's the blooming and assorted flowers mining in the wall. Or maybe it's because I'll never find the remote control left in here again. Whatever it is, I wipe a tear from my cheek, lock down at a paintball-stained cabinet door, and start to laugh.

The memories aren't going away, at least not as strong as these stains are here. But life's a trade-off, I realize as I recklessly scratch at the bookshelf-quality remains of a New Year's party still splattered against the wall. It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. We may not be losing any of these memories, but we all have to admit there's something getting left behind:

There's no way in hell we're ever going to see them again.

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**Not Just Another Priddy Face**

**Having my Say one last time this semester**

**By Lenie Adolphson**

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It is hard to believe that this is the last column of my semester. Before I begin my column I would like to thank the editors of the Daily Egyptian for allowing me this forum to express my views without ever attempting to censor or modify my comments. I would also like to thank all the readers who read and responded to my columns. To those whom I proudly disregarded I appreciate your comments, many of them were constructive.

Self-criticisms are always there in the fact that for a lack of time and space, I wasn't able to cover in a semester of writing. So in this last column of the spring semester I have decided to have say on a few things. First, that dog war is a last choice. Marijuana needs to be decriminalized — it is a treaty that a dog such as alcohol is legal, which causes extreme devastation but marijuana is illegal. Either make them both illegal or legalize both. It's a double standard.

Second, to those who say they trust the government, President Bush I say why trust has to be earned. Why do you trust someone you have never met? Many of us don't even trust people we know like our neighbors. Here, trust him this man you have never met. Moreover, to those who believe in its government, study their history and you will find they have lied repeatedly. We all have to believe in a more honest history, just do the research.

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As a nation we are facing a crisis of our own making. There is no easy way out. We must take a look at our America and our place in it. Climate change, national security, and our economy are all in peril.

Good-bye everyone, it has been an honor to write to you. Peace.

Lenie Adolphson
Iran Hostage Crisis prisoner, ambassador shares his experience

As a U.S. Ambassador, Bruce Laingen is best known for the time he spent in captivity during the 444-day Iran Hostage Crisis from 1979 to 1981. But that time is what Laingen modestly calls his 15 minutes of fame. He instead prefers to encourage students to become involved with foreign or public service. On Monday, at the SLU Law School Auditorium, Laingen did just that.

As part of the Public Policy Institute’s “What I Have Learned” lecture series, Laingen presented his realizations about diplomacy and public service. Although he rarely mentioned the Iran Hostage Crisis, Laingen shared his thoughts, experiences and his dissociation.

“Diplomacy,” he said, “is the first line of defense.”

Laingen is the president of the American Academy of Diplomacy in Washington, D.C., and said that intelligence and military forces are elements of diplomacy. Peace keeping needs to include intelligence and willing parties to negotiate, but the threat and capability of military force is important to enforce and ensure negotiations.

“The U.S. is destined to lead,” he said. “We set a powerful example to the rest of the world after World War II.”

He grew up on a farm in Minnesota, but found that his calling was public service. Even during the Iran Hostage Crisis, Laingen said he never regretted his decision. He served in the Navy during World War II and was pleased when two of his sons followed in his footsteps.

“The best years of my life are in the foreign service,” he said.

Because of his position as an ambassador, he has had experience with other forms of government. He uses his experience to form opinions about the current situation in Afghanistan and Iraq. He believes that the decision for the U.S. to become involved in reforming hostile and oppressive nations after 9/11 is the right decision.

“I’ve seen democracy up close and I don’t like it,” he said.

His opinions are backed with experience. To fully fulfill the Iraq mission, Laingen said the United States not only needs to win over the people in Iraq, but also work with allies. Although he does not agree with every action the U.S. government has taken, he said that his experience in Iran has taught him to understand the position of U.S. leadership.

“A pessimist is an optimist with experience,” he said.

The reason Laingen encourages involvement in foreign and public service is because his experience has been positive and rewarding.

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Town hall meeting speculates on government's motives

Much of debate centers on report of U.S. military preeminence

Jane Huh  Daily Egyptian

U.S. officials welcomed the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, according to some Wednesday's town hall meeting: The War on Terror and the Struggle for World Authority, sponsored by the Consciousness Advancement Evolution Group.

The group who gathered at The Unitarian Fellowship Church, 301 W. Elm St., discussed the U.S. government's influence, as a virtual superpower engaged participants in a lively discussion for more than two hours.

A reference panel was on hand adding opinions and knowledge to aid the dialogue. Panel members were composed of Tom Castellano, an SIU administrator, professor of administration of justice, Louise Harrison, sister of the Beatles’ George Harrison and Leland Stutler, an SIU professor of political science.

The meeting raised speculations about whether the U.S. government welcomed the September 2001 terrorist attacks in order to fulfill a September 2000 report for The Project for the New American Century titled "Rebuilding America's Defenses." The Project for the New American Century is a non-profit organization working to promote America's advancement as a global leader.

"Not in my lifetime," Harrison had the last word, "could I imagine anything like it happening by malicefulness," he said. Still, Jama remained convinced that the government was more than simply incompetent in preventing the attacks. "I don't like to get off on conspiracy theories, but when I read that and those people at the Pentagon wrote that, it was too much to miss," Jama said.

The meeting diversified into other related topics such as the unparalleled media portrayal of world events from the United States versus the international community as well as the Bush administration's military invasion into Iraq without any formal support from the United Nations.

Matt Smolinsky, an academic adviser for the College of Liberal Arts, commented to his neighbors to be a priority just as getting along with other universities and cultures are.

"If you're not living that democracy, then talking about democracy in terms of the United Nations—that seems so far away," he said. "We need to be democratic thinkers right down to the core." At the end of the discussion, Harrison had the last word, "Imagine all the people living life in peace.

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Weak WSIU signal due to digital conversion

SIU receives $84,451 U.S. grant for digital transmission

Lindsey J. Matis Daily Egyptian

In comparison to the picture quality of commercial television stations, WSIU-TV Channel 6 is pretty fuzzy... but not for long. Both Carbondale and Edwardsville campus television stations are going through federally mandated digital conversion. Digital stations will have the ability to transmit, transmit numerous programs on one channel, broadcast in high-definition and broadcast data. Condolben, general manager and acting director for SIUC television and telecommunications, said that the federal government is helping with the $204,000 cost to ensure that the station is meeting the Federal Communications Commission's digital transmission standards. U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, announced Monday that SIUC was awarded $144,451. Public Telecommunication Facilities Program grant through the United States Department of Commerce. "This grant further the mission of Southern Illinois University," he said. "Over 1.2 million viewers receive this programming, which improves the quality of life of people in the region." 

Manjush Pendakur, dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, said WSIU-TV proceeded needed educational programs that commercial broadcasters do not. "Every bit of help we can get from the government and the public sustain our existing programs and helps us move closer to that digital communications frontier," Pendakur said. 

Unlike commercial television stationsthat had to broadcast in digital by May 1, 2002, public broadcasting stations were given an extra year and are approaching their May 1 deadline. Because of the high costs in finding contractors to install digital towers, WSIU and WSIJ stations have requested a six-month extension. Jack L. Hammer, chief engineer for WSIU-TV, said that both stations would be broadcasting digital signals before the Nov. 1 extended deadline. "We do need the six-month extension in order to complete the project," he said. "It was difficult to find a contractor to do the work because of the last few years especially because all of the tower companies have been busy installing antennas not only for commercial TV talents but also for commercial TV stations," Hammer said. He said both WSIU and WSIJ pictures are of poor quality because their signals are being transmitted through smaller antennas at 20 percent of the usual power. The lower transmission signal is better for those watching the towers because of the threat of radiation, he said. Until the new towers are operating, WSIU will still have poor picture quality, Lieberner said. Although both towers are nearing the finishing point, the conversion will not be done until after May 1. "The low power is dramatically impacting our viewership and the lack of signal is not only noted by individual viewers but also cable companies and underwriters," Lieberner said. 

Hammer said that WSIU-TV has a new 90-kW digital master control station. The new technology will allow programs to be converted from analog to digital as well as storing on a server instead of a tape, Lieberner said. 

Beginning Wednesday, engineers, traffic operators and people from the Programming Department will be able to train on the new system, Hammer said. "Digital will -be an added benefit to SIU students enrolled in the college," he said. "They will benefit from hands-on experience by working with the equipment." 

"I do not know when we'll reach the 85 percent because we just don't know the cost to pick up our digital signal," he said. Hammer said that WSIU-TV should be broadcasting in digital mid summer and WSIJ-TV will broadcast digital in late summer or early fall.

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Lowell Adams, better known as 'Bob', sits with his hand over his heart during the playing of the national anthem during an awards ceremony at the VA Medical Center nursing home in Marion. Adams is a veteran of both the Army and Marine Corps, serving during three wars and under five presidents. Adams lost his legs from diabetes but that doesn't stop him from going all over the hospital and visiting other veterans and members of the staff. Adams is 76 years old and is from Creole Springs. Adams helps at the nursing home to get other veterans citations that were not awarded to them during service.

Dr. Harvinder Singh talks with Ray Whitaker, a veteran from Owensboro, heratology and internal medicine. He is also a clinical assistant professor at SIU with his wife Gupreet Singh, who is a pediatrician in Anna, and their two daughters of the Sikh tradition.

(Above) Virginia Case, 84, was in the Navy during World War II and served in Pakistan. Case is currently living at the Marion VA nursing home. Case is one of only two woman veterans living at the VA nursing home.

(Right) Henry Malawy and Franklin Allison (left) sit in the courtyard of the Veterans facility located in Marion. Malawy and Allison are responsible for the flowers in the courtyard. They have planted assorted flowers including rose bushes. Malawy is a veteran of WWII, served in the army, was captured at Anzio Beach, and was a prisoner of war for 16 months. Malawy was shot in the leg and received the Purple Heart. Allison served in the Korean War from 1952-1953 and was in the Army.

(E) Waters from Mayfield, Ky, gets blood drawn from Debra Russell, a medical laboratory technician. Waters has been coming to the VA for about 6 to 7 months and is here today for his annual checkup. Russell has been working at the hospital for 3 years. The lab has just implemented a new procedure for electronic check in allowing for quicker processing of patients.
Harold Eugene Emory, better known as "hap" is a volunteer at the VA medical facility in Marion. Emory is a veteran of the Navy and was at Pearl Harbor. 83 years young he volunteers two days a week helping other veterans get around the hospital. The hospital has many volunteers like "hap" who want to help veterans.

Singh is board certified in medical oncology at SIU School of Medicine. Singh is originally from India and now resides in Carbondale. daughters Keerat and Bonnie. Singh wears his turban each day, which is an integral part of his Indian heritage. Singh traveled from his home in Owensboro, Ky., to get additional treatment from Dr. Harvinder Singh. One of 165 VA Medical Centers in the Country, the Marion VA treated 36,123 patients in 2002. The VA uses a state of the art electronic records system, which allows doctors to access patient's medical records, no matter what state they are from. The VA also offers a mail order prescription drug service, which allows patients to refill their prescriptions from home.


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DAILY HOROSCOPE

By Linda C. Black

Today’s Birthday (April 10). The pressure you’ve been under should soon begin to ease. You’ll find that your experience has grown. Something that used to upset you used to be routine and has actually made you stronger. Start taking on new challenges.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7. You’re either doing innovative financial planning than spend all day counting beans. Unfortunately, the latter is required first. Count those beans now.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7. Finish the tasks you’ve been worried about. Get them out of the way, and do a good job on them. There’s a test coming tomorrow.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - Today is a 6. Review your travel plans again. The more potential problems you can negotiate now, the more fun you’ll have this weekend. Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Today is an 8. Once you have your routine down, the job gets a lot easier. Establish your basic structure now, with input from wise friends.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6. First week it starts getting easier for you to be in control. Meanwhile, renew old alliances, and don’t argue with the boss.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5. Don’t squander your money, even if you feel flush. The more you save now, the more you’ll have to spend this weekend on fun and games.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 5. If you can stand to be legal just a little while longer, you’ll be glad you did. If you must buy a treat for yourself or a loved one, take time to find the best deal.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7. You may have to rely on a partner to get your needs across. By now, you should know each other person should be on the same wavelength. If not, make the adjustment.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Fap by the books and get the job done. Offer encouragement to those who are stuck. In patience, victory may not come until next week.

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The waiting game

Recruits wait out final say on the vacated Illinois coaching position, but remain excited about their future at SIU no matter the outcome

story by ZACH CREELOW

Editor's note: The story was written before news broke that Bruce Weber accepted the head coaching position at the University of Illinois.

Cameo Suddenly, a close friend of SIU recruit Jamal Tatum, stopped by his house and started telling the good that its future coach was looking for another job.

Tatum, the projected #2 recruit of 2002-2003 recruiting class, thought they were trying to take him for a fool, then his brother Derick called him and said that SIU head coach Bruce Weber's face was being plastered on ESPN2 as a likely candidate for the vacant Illinois head coaching position.

"I thought they were trying to double team me on that. They were always trying to joke with me," Tatum said. "But then I saw it, and I was shocked. Coach Weber is a real hot commodity right now. I knew from the very beginning that he was hot item, but I thought it was a joke.

Bill Self's recent spurning of Illinois to take the helm at Kansas is casting rumors to swirl of the potential coaches including Weber. Reports from many publications are pointing out that Weber is among the Illinois athletic director Ron Guenther's top three candidates for the vacated position.

The other two are Northern Illinois and former Illinois assistant Rob Jolonchik and Xavier's Thad Matta, who is an Illinois native.

"Weber called Tatum and said that he was in nearby town and was planning to visit. During the meeting, Weber told Tatum "he was staying at SIU for now." He did not go into detail with the coach about whether that visit was for five years or 10 days, but sources have said that Weber was not a legitimate candidate for the Illinois job then, and an opportunity to coach Illinois may have not seemed realistic to him.

Tatum, though, appreciated the gesture and said that for the most part Weber was upfront with him. "It was the driving reason that Tatum's immediate family felt SIU was the best choice.

"I have a lot of respect for coach Weber," James Tatum, Tatum's father said. "It was one of the reasons that we wanted Jamal to go to SIU."

Randall Falkar, a forward recruit in Tatum's class, said SIUSBCA, better known as the Score, in Chicago report said today that Weber could even be named as early tomorrow afternoon. Nothing has been confirmed as of now. Due to the hefty amount of requests of interviews, Weber was unable to be contacted.

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As for the recruits who signed the dotted line to dedicate their basketball skills to SIU, this is just part of the cycle that comes with being a successful mid-major program.

"This is not the first time that coaches have been asked about jobs," Jamal Tatum said. "Just have to wait and see. We'll handle it. Everyone else. It does not affect us.

If Weber becomes Illinois' top choice as head coach and accepts the position, neither Tatum nor Falkar would be surprised by the decision and understands that Weber has to be what is best for his family Illinois would potentially offer Weber a $650,000 raise.

"This has not slowed anything," Jamal Tatum said of the situation. "Sometimes you have to take chances. If he takes it, then I am happy for him."

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**OXFORD, Miss. (U-WIRE)**

Todd Abernethy, a 6-foot-1, 220-pound guard from Carrolton, Ind., has signed a national letter of intent to attend Ole Miss and play basketball for Coach Tony McGhee.

Abernethy has signed to replace Archibald Tune, who graduated in June after playing four years at Ole Miss. Tune left Ole Miss after a season in which he averaged 2.8 points and 2.2 assists.

**REPORTER:**

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COLUMBIA, Mo. (U-WIRE) — Accepting offers from men, especially when you’re on probation, doesn’t seem like a good way to approach the game of basketball. But that’s exactly what junior Blake Overly said.

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**SPORTS**

Iowa St. coach parties at Mizzou, apologizes

I have talked with Iowa State President (Greggory) Groffley and Bruce Van de Velden this week about a variety of issues..." he said.

“Told him, ‘You guys played a good game tonight.’”

Owens said, “No, we played like crap.”

Owens said Van de Velden was so shocked he had to be walked to a taxi waiting outside the hotel.

Deaver mentioned several other specifics about Eustachy’s behavior, including whispering to and touching women, said a coach showed up at about 2 a.m. and didn’t leave until a taxi was called for him to drive home.

Eustachy also regularly got into a fight with another man, Deaver said, who was upset because Eustachy was holding his girlfriend’s wrist.

Eustachy was trying to call us all and none of us were home and she was so mad,” Halley Vierhaus said with a laugh. "She was like ‘what are you guys?’"

While the players were excited about the ranking, junior head baseball coach Toby Barnett said. "We definitely wanted to take it to them and count out the W, but they got the jump early and we just didn’t finish up.”

Callahan was even upset with the teams during the first delay. The Salukis split into two squads and started throwing baseballs at each other.

Abernethy was even more excited about the ranking, junior Blake Overly.

"I need to just let them play.”

The party was held after bars closed and went until 4 a.m.

"I’m as disappointed as I am in a man that needs a positive light to his day and the Cyclone men’s basketball program.”

The night of the party, after the Iowa State loss, Eustachy was upset.

"I’m as disappointed as I’ve been in a long time,” he said at the time. “I don’t think we played well.”

Eustachy also criticized his team at the party.

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"I guess there was no reason we deserved to win this game. If anything, we deserve to lose this game if there is such a thing. Your No. 1 concern became safety and that became the issue at the end, because after the last lightning strike, they said we had to wait another 30 minutes again."

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It lasted more than an hour and a half, most of which seemed like fairly calm weather.

The game had been even and the Salukis moved up by being called back in because of another lightning strike.

When the game did get back under way, the Salukis' half of the fourth inning was completed and so was the Illinois' half of the fifth. It was so dark that coaches and players said the umpires they couldn't see the ball.

The sky had remained dark and threatening and the thunder and lightning began again.

Reports of severe thunderstorms in Jackson County were coming in and the game was delayed once more.

At this point, the Salukis were down 7-1 and the Illini would have needed just three more outs to make the game official. With the team on a six-game losing streak, it looked like they were about to break out of it.

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Men's golf ends disappointing MVCs
Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

The SIU men's golf team picked the worst possible time to play poorly - the Missouri Valley Conference Championships.

The Salukis shot a 315 in the second round Monday, the second worst round of any team in the three-round tournament, resulting in a disappointing season-ending finish. Two spots lower than last year, the Salukis were picked to finish ninth in the MVC Championships.

"It kind of sucked, I guess," said senior Josh Wedler said his swing didn't represent the true quality of his game. "I don't feel like we're really underrated going into it, but I don't really know. I think we kind of let our guard down a little bit."

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Head coach Leroy Newton said the performance didn't represent the true quality of his team.

"We're better than that," Newton said. "We're better than seventh in the conference. If we play our golf, we should have been third or fourth."

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"I screamed in the clubhouse by myself when I saw it," Blaylock said. "It's all I can do is be labeled as a bush league, and I'm just proud of the kids that worked."