**SIUC closer to developing brand**

Firm reveals results of surveys on university’s strengths, weaknesses

**Joe Crawford**

**Daily Egyptian**

The university has taken another step toward changing the way it is viewed by the public.

A representative from the marketing firm SimpsonScarborough presented the findings of a group of surveys intended to determine what messages the university should use to better market itself Wednesday.

The university paid the firm $135,000 to help develop those messages.

The firm has been working with two groups of faculty, staff and alumni to survey the public with its goals of marketing SIUC. One group was made up of current faculty, staff and alumni and the other group was made up of non-University members. The findings of both surveys were presented at a meeting in the Communications Building Wednesday afternoon.

Kay Lotito, a representative from SimpsonScarborough, said the firm would use the results to form a position statement, essentially a short message the university should seek to convey in its advertising and its day-to-day operations.

What’s really important about this position statement is that it has to be true,” she said.

Lotito said it would probably be necessary for the university to make changes internally to really make that happen. She said he hoped to have the statement developed by July.

SimpsonScarborough produced a report in 2006 that called for several changes at SIUC, one of which was an overhaul of Media and Communication Resources, the public relations office that was reorganized into University Communications. The report said the office was not an effective marketing operation and criticized the “messages” it promoted, among other aspects.

“Contributing to this issue is the lack of clear campus priorities, messages and focus on key audiences,” the report stated.

The surveys asked respondents to compare SIUC to four other public state universities: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Northern Illinois University, SIU-Edwardsville and Illinois State University.

Prospective students rated SIUC higher than its competitors in affordability and social experience, but in other categories — academic quality, faculty support and academic experience — SIUC was ranked higher.

Hayes said it was no surprise SIUC came in second to the state’s most highly funded state university.

“You are not going to compete with the University of Illinois,” he said. “They have too much money.”

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**Prospective students rate SIUC**

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**Student scolded for online post**

**Madeleine Leroux**

**Daily Egyptian**

An SIUC student could face punishment for a derogatory e-mail he sent to a feminist Web site.

Alex Kochno, a senior from Downers Grove studying marketing, sent a misogynistic message from his SIUC e-mail account to a feminist Web site, which was subsequently published on the site. The incident prompted the university to suspend the student’s e-mail account and issue a public announcement signed by interim Chancellor Sam Goldman.

Kochno wrote to the Web site, at http://feministing.com, referencing an article on another site that indicated men performed better than women on IQ tests.

“I think you would gain a lot more knowledge from that Web site and you might learn about the truth that way you would not be so stupid and ignorant you stupid (expletive),” the message said, using a derogatory, four-letter word.

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### Plant Sale

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Agriculture Building Greenhouse.

- **For house and patio plants**
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**SPC Presents:**

**Mixing with Nashville Engineer/Producer Jeff Balding**

6 p.m. Friday at the Arena parking Lot 18.

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- Free, no alcohol

**Third Annual Kimball Classic Golf Scramble**

11:30 a.m. Saturday, Registration 7:30 a.m. 14-person team to play. $95 per person, all proceeds go to Archway Foundation for Children.

**Police: five dead in South Side home**

CHICAGO (AP) — Authorities found five bodies Wednesday inside a house on Chicago’s South Side, the police superintendent said.

A cause of death for the three men and two women was not immediately available, Superintendent Jody Weis said.

Police did not believe an offender was on the loose and the incident appeared to be isolated inside the house, said police spokesperson Monique Bond.

“We don’t think that the neighbors need to worry,” she said. “We believe that it’s been contained inside this residence, and right now detectives are on the scene talking to neighbors and trying to get as much information as possible to follow up on leads.”

The Cook County medical examiner’s office was on the scene along with investigators, who had cordoned off a section of the residential street as neighbors milled around, talked in groups and watched.

**State appeals judge’s ruling on health care expansion**

CHICAGO (AP) — The state is appealing a Cook County judge’s ruling that blocked part of Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s health care expansion.

Judge James Epstein Wednesday also refused to put on hold a March 18 decision that authorized the governor to implement his FamilyCare health insurance program and sell them as a package if a Wrigley deal with the ISFA can’t be done.

**Woman charged with letting baby drown**

CHICAGO (AP) — A woman accused of watching her 5-month-old daughter drown in a bathtub because being a mother kept her from going to parties has been ordered to stand trial.

The hearing Monday in Cook County Associate Judge Donald P. Pearlman’s courtroom heard from a neighbor who said Monique Burns was on the scene along with Ms. Burns’ mother, who is the child’s co-guardian.

Monique Burns went inside the house,barred the door and then left the residence, police said.

Burns was not immediately available for comment because she couldn’t go to parties if she was on the loose and the incident was not immediately available, Superintendent Jody Weis said.

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**C O R R E C T I O N S**

**In the Wednesday edition of the DAILY EAGLE, in the story ‘USG leader to be on schedule on funding floor,” the full quote from Dylan Burns was from an earlier version of the story. Burns was not reacting to the statements Hardy made Tuesday night. The DAILY EAGLE regrets this error.**
BET correspondent Jeff Johnson breaks down hip-hop’s involvement in sexuality

Jakina Hill
DAILY EGYPTIAN

To “Cousin Jeff” Johnson, hip-hop is not a generation — it’s a community.

“As a 34-year-old man, I am not in the same generation as a 13-year-old boy who listens to ‘Soulja Boy’ and watches ‘106 & Park,’” Johnson said.

Student Programming Council hosted BET correspondent Johnson Wednesday at Student Center Ballroom D.

After considering Judge Mathis, Queen Latifah, Monique and a few others, the general consensus of the SPC lecture committee — and its budget — was to bring Johnson to campus, said ChiQuita Watts, executive director of SPC.

Johnson is the second lecturer this semester sponsored by the group, said Chiquita Watts, executive director of SPC.

Johnson is a social activist, BET correspondent and producer. He is also the former vice president of the NAACP Youth and College Division and had a lot to say about hip-hop and sexuality.

“I am totally pissed off by the fact that the same people who condemn hip-hop don’t know nothing about hip-hop, but simultaneously the people that represent hip-hop don’t know nothing about it either,” said Johnson.

The speech was broken up into three parts. He talked about the history of hip-hop, hip-hop’s role in the realm of sexuality and last how hip-hop affects an individual’s sexuality and how to remove the dysfunction it causes.

There were 600 chairs set up for the event and by 7:17 p.m., when Colby Chapman, a junior from Chicago studying administration of justice, began to introduce Johnson, approximately half of the ballroom was occupied.

Chapman, the executive director of lectures, said she saw he was covering the political debates and thought it was a good time for him to visit.

“He’s heavily into politics and not too old so he can connect with college students,” Chapman said.

Jeremy Wilson, a junior from Chicago studying administration of justice, said he came to the speech just because he wanted to hear a positive black brother speak, but learned about more than music from the speech.

“I don’t know what HPV is but I’m about to go to the Internet now,” he said.

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Petraeus picked to lead Mideast command

Anne Flaherty
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Army Gen. David Petraeus, the four-star general who led troops in Iraq for the past year will be nominated by President Bush to be the next commander of the U.S. Central Command, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

Gates said he expected Petraeus to make the shift in late summer or early fall. The Petraeus chief also announced that he will nominate Army Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno to replace Petraeus in Baghdad.

Petraeus oversees the wars in Iraq and in Afghanistan.

"The President has nominated for this position and to have an opportunity to continue to serve with American soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and civilians," Gates said in a brief statement from Washington.

At a hastily arranged Pentagon news conference Wednesday, Gates announced the move in Iraq and in Afghanistan, and other problems in the Central Command area of responsibility, demand knowledge of how to fight counterinsurgency as well as other unconventional conflicts.

"I don't know anybody in the U.S. military better qualified to lead that effort," he said, referring to Petraeus.

While congressional Republicans swiftly offered rousing endorsements of the command, Democrats were more cautious.

A spokesman for Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said only that the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee was "hoping he will schedule a prompt confirmation hearing." Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he hopes Petraeus does not bring an Iraq bias to his new job, at the expense of America's broader security needs.

GOP presidential hopeful John McCain, R-Ariz., said he supports both Petraeus and Odierno. He called Petraeus "one of the great generals in American history.

Gates said he had consulted with Levin and other senior lawmakers about the nominations. The defense secretary said he anticipated no Capitol Hill obstacles to confirmation.

William Fallon, who abruptly stepped down in March after a magazine reported that he was at an island home in Hawaii with a man, said he was not true but had become a distraction.

Odierno, currently commander of the Army's 3rd Corps based at Fort Hood, Texas, finished in February a 15-month tour as the top deputy to Petraeus in Baghdad. He had been nominated for promotion to full general and assignment as the Army's vice chief of staff, but Gates said the Fallon resignation changed the plan. With Odierno tapped for a return to Baghdad, Gates said Bush will nominate Odierno's senior military assistant, Army Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, for the Army vice chief of staff job.

Petraeus, 55, is widely hailed by the Bush administration and members of Congress for implementing a new strategy in Iraq, including the deployment of some 30,000 additional troops, that dramatically improved security.

Gates said he expects that Petraeus will make an initial rec-...
Sheila Simon likely to be Obama delegate

Simon notes similarities between Obama and her father

Barton Lorimor

Sheila Simon said she sees many similarities between her father, the late Paul Simon, and presidential hopeful U.S. Sen. Barack Obama.

But as she prepares to serve as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention during the summer, Sheila Simon said she hopes Obama will not be defeated in the presidential primaries like her father was 20 years ago.

Simon, an associate law professor at SIUC, said she accepted the Obama campaign’s nomination to be a delegate at the Democratic National Convention last week. The only thing standing in her way is a vote to be taken by delegates elected in the Feb. 5 primary, which would approve or deny Simon’s nomination.

Bart Brown, a delegate elected during the primary to support Obama, said she sees no reason for the other elected delegates to disapprove Simon’s nomination. She said the vote is scheduled for May 5 in Springfield.

“You have to make some good decisions early on to be a delegate,” Brown said.

Simon has spent the last six months promoting Obama, including six trips to Iowa before the state’s caucuses in January, and painting the campaign’s logo on the back window of her minivan.

She said she hopes Obama’s other similarities with her father such as his stance against the death penalty and how political campaigns should be funded.

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Candidate

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2,025

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keeping our children safe

Dear Editor:

As a mother and a future teacher, children's safety is always on my mind. Children spend seven hours a day, five days a week in a classroom. Because of this, I believe that all teachers should be first aid and CPR certified.

More and more students are coming to school with health problems such as food allergies, asthma and diabetes. These conditions have a variety of reactions, which may be triggered, such as anaphylactic shock, blocked airways or seizures. Teachers need to be able to recognize the signs of an attack. They need to be able to prevent an attack and should be able to treat a student if prevention is not possible.

First aid and CPR training will give teachers a strong foundation to build upon if they have students with medical problems. Another reason why teachers need this certification is because not all schools have a full-time nurse. I recently spoke with seven local elementary and primary schools. Only four had a full-time nurse. Two schools have part-time nurses and one has a health aide.

Having teachers who are first aid and CPR certified will help compensate for the absence of a full-time nurse. As a parent, I find safe allowing my child to go to a childcare center where teachers are certified. As a teacher, I will feel safer with first aid and CPR certification because I could protect my students much more effectively.

Emmy Howell
sophomore studying early childhood education

Paulette Curkin's retirement

Dear Editor:

As a GLBT student, I have gotten to know Paulette Curkin very well in the past few years. With her retirement so close, my first instinct is to beg her not to leave, but I know that will not work. Unlike Hollywood, a new, fresher-faced actor cannot replace real superheroes. Paulette has opened my eyes to so many new things, and I know that I am one of many who has been inspired to play a part in the quest for GLBT equality.

Paulette, you are the reason for my first letter to the editor. Before it, I lacked the confidence and the support to voice my opinions. But, with your guidance, writing a letter was no longer a choice; it was a necessity to play a role in getting the GLBT Resource Center. Because of your faith in me, I feel just as any of my handprints are etched into its legacy. You have no idea how proud this makes me. You also took me to my first national GLBT conference. You showed me that there are places where acceptance is a abundance and the stifling influence of southern Illinois is not the big picture. I have never felt so connected to strangers and less alone in my life. You made me realize that the world is so big and there is much going on, there is no excuse for contributing to stagnancy. You have given me motivation, confidence and experience. There is no way I can repay you.

Paulette's replacement has large shoes to fill. But, as long as he has half the chutzpah Paulette has shown, SIUC's GLBT student will only see her retirement as a big on the radar. Change is hard, but change is what you get for every morning. So here is my going-away gift. No, it is not this letter to the editor. It is a promise. I promise to help out humanity by following your example by keeping the GLBT progression going. I promise to listen to every small voice, speak to every big voice, and speak even louder to the biggest voices.

Most of all, I promise to keep learning. Thank you, Paulette, for being everything we needed for the past 20 years.

Chelsey Loghrby
senior studying English

THE DILEMMA

Hillary Clinton and the election that just won't die

Andrew O'Connor

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Most young Americans get their news from comedy shows like The Daily Show and The Colbert Report. Maybe that’s because truth has become stranger than fiction, and sometimes all you can do is laugh at the madness of it all.

Someone's tried to tell Barack Obama's partially eaten dinner and donate the money to Hillary Clinton's campaign. This primary season is making everyone insane.

Hillary won Pennsylvania Tuesday, as analysts expected her to. She wasn't, however, able to gain the 20 percent-plus blowout she needed to cut into Obama's popular vote and pledged delegate lead. The Tasmanian devil that is Clinton's political spin machine is going to ravage the discourse for the next few days, so let's look at the facts. Obama is the clear front-runner. However, in order for either candidate to secure the nomination, they both will require super delegates (uncommitted party poo-bahs who only exist because the Democratic party isn't quite democratic). In order for Clinton to regain the lead in either pledged delegates or the popular vote, she needs to win the next contests one after another by margins of 25 percent or more. This will not happen. There is no possible chance for Hillary to regain the lead. Even if she wins in places like Indiana and West Virginia, it will not be by margins wide enough to entice Obama's lead.

Hillary just doesn't have the money. Her campaign says it raised about $10 million as of Wednesday afternoon after the Pennsylvania win. The only problem is the campaign is costing $1 million a day and her campaign is already in debt. Its main spin on Pennsylvania was that she was able to win despite "the unfair" fact of being outspent three-to-one. Obama wasn't playing unfair; if the Clinton campaign could outspend Obama, it would. The reason it got outspent is because Obama is running a better campaign by focusing on large groups of small donors who continually give while Clinton focused on small groups of large donors, most of whom have already donated the maximum amount.

Obama has more money, has won twice as many contests and will have the largest pledged delegate count and share of the popular vote. His campaign has been riddled with historical fund raising, impressive grassroots organizing and record success. It had a "50-state strategy" it executed to perfection. In doing so, it was able to upset one of the most formidable political contenders in recent history. Hillary, on the other hand, has taken what could be the greatest starting position and reduced it to second place. While Obama's campaign has been for the most brilliant, Hillary's campaign has been mismanaged, bipolar and downright overabused.

Hillary's strategy didn't even see the possibility of the race going past Super Tuesday. It wasn't planned for, and it got the wind knocked out of it when it happened. Soon it became clear Obama had no shot of winning without a coop by super delegates. That would only happen if there was concern that Obama couldn't win in November. And the only way to make that case is for Clinton to use every Roxan trick in the playbook. At the cost of her party she used progressively dinner tactics, using everything from bitter nonsense to Jeremiah’s “Utopia of Scary Black Man” Wright to my personal favorite, William Ayers to smear Obama and make him unelectable.

The problems is, even though Hillary has gained some success poisoning by substantive debate, the “last hope” super delegates have been slowly trickling toward Obama. Swift boating doesn’t work in a Democratic primary:

The super delegates will not alienate both young people and the black base in their party no matter how Hillary argues that Barack is too black, inexperienced, naive, hopeful or attractive to be president. Barack has also energized the party and expanded it for the future while Clinton has divided it and clawed it for every last vestige of the past.

Jon Stewart joked with Obama, “Is there a chance that (while you’re being sworn into office) that Hillary could still be campaigning?”

Great humor comes from truth.

O'Connor is a senior studying political science.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I think he’s practicing to dance at his daughter’s wedding.”

Laura Bush
first lady of the United States

commenting on video of President George W. Bush dancing
**It’s Getting Hot In Here**

**Youth are changing the world, one campus at a time**

**STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**

The results are in. Last week, we voted overwhelmingly in support of the $10-per-semester student “green” fee to be used for campus renewable energy efficiency, energy efficiency and sustainability projects and research.

It’s now obvious that students at SIUC are ready to step up and do their part to chill our global warming, battle resource plundering and put an end to injustice by getting serious about conservation, efficiency and renewable energy — in other words sustainability. We should be proud.

With the SIUC JSiC joined the ranks of more than 50 schools nationwide that have implemented similar projects, we are now on our way to becoming the most ecologically and economically sustainable campus in the state.

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**Climate policies.** Just last November, 6,000 students from across the nation descended on the Capitol for the largest global warming lobby day in history.

We are building a movement for a just and sustainable future and the level of our organization and success is unprecedented. No other institution or industry is moving as swiftly to bring climate solutions to the United States as youth and students. This is the issue of our generation. **What happens now?** Now that the heat has been supported in a campus-wide referendum, it will be formally submitted to the chancellor’s office, on to the president’s office and will then be voted on by the Board of Trustees. The timeline has yet to be determined, but the fee will probably not be implemented until next year. But when it does get implemented, we have a few awesome ideas.

With the new student services building project on the horizon, we are exploring putting solar panels on top of it and ensuring that it is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certified. The university is also looking at getting a feasibility study for wind turbines on campus. The results will be out next semester and when it does, we plan on maximizing our wind generation capacity via direct financing and leveraging grants.

**The current student.** On campus, several buildings on campus that are not tied into the main heating and cooling system and could thus be retrofitted with a geothermal heat pump. We are also exploring occupancy sensors to reduce our energy consumption. The possibilities are endless and you better put your thinking cap on because we are working on making the campus community will be able to apply for project funding.

**The green fee is one component of a larger proposal known as Project Eco-Dwigs, which also calls for the formation of a sustainability council and the hiring of a sustainability coordinator.**

**The sustainability council will be composed of students, faculty and staff and will be chaired by a sustainability coordinator. They will be responsible for directing the use of the “green fee” in addition to crafting a climate action plan, a general vision for campus sustainability and sustainable curriculum development.**

**We have the staff and faculty lined up and the prospect for a sustainability coordinator looks good, but a few student seats are still open.**

**Apply to the sustainability council today!**

Interested in joining the sustainability council? If so, send an e-mail to Jon at jons@illinois.edu. He can get you set up with an application. But get on it; the Sustainability Council will be looking for student replacements before the end of the semester so the application deadline is Monday. **The Daily Egyptian is a *signed* public forum. Students have the authority to make all content decisions without censorship or advance approval.**

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**In the Light**

Leaving the Polygamists Behind

BY COLLEEN LINDSAY

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A polygamist compound was raided and brainwashed children were taken from their abusive homes into protective custody.

One version of that story has been the topic of many news organizations for more than two weeks.

Should the children have been forcibly removed from the only home they have ever known? Or should they have been left there and had only the few molestors in the compound arrested?

My brother can argue for hours on end on how to justify the care of local law enforcement and Child Protective Services personnel; the children were in an abusive situation and CPS had no choice but to remove them.

But I also think CPS had choices and made several wrong ones in a row.

First, it took the children away from their parents. The argument was that the children would talk after they were away from their parents. I really don’t think any great information can be gained from a child who is scared to death to say anything.

These children are so desperate for their parents, how do you expect them to say anything negative about them? To guarantee them we will never see them again, how do you make sure they get put in a foster home that will be worse than the home they were taken from?

Second, many children are not allowed to see their parents. Even abusive, stoned and neglected parents are allowed to see their children who are in foster care. It seems we have a double standard. The drug dealer has a right to see her child, but when a woman in the compound whose only crime was birthing children into this sect are not allowed to see theirs.

Third, the children are now being shipped to foster care facilities around the state, taking away the last of their support networks. I know I am not the only one who has heard first-hand stories of physical and sexual abuse among other problems, that exist in foster care. We are taking children from one situation that has some problems, like any home, and dropping them into an unknown situation. They are even trying to pull birthing families away from their mothers’ arms.

I don’t know about you, but I would be pretty upset if some CPS workers showed up, took away my youngest child, and shipped them off across the state to unknown foster care homes with no justification other than an ignorant cult that has still yet to come forward.

Another defense has been that the children are trapped in this lifestyle. How did the people who are coming out of the woodwork with such damaging stories manage to escape? If this is such a big problem, they would not be on the move.

Children’s future marriage is a new concept. Two of my great-grandparents were married at 13. Should they have been condemned and taken from their “non-proactive, abusive” homes?

In other countries, the practice is still happening. As soon as a girl turns into a woman, she is free to marry; even marriage into a polygamist relationship. We don’t accuse them of being brainwashed into conforming back to then, just because they are still too young.

Personally, I don’t agree with polygamy. I think sharing my husband with another woman is icky and wrong. I also don’t agree with divorce and remarriage (except under extreme circumstances), affairs or sleeping around. However, I am against using such a law to force others to do have them “polygamy” acts.

As for the abuse, it seems every sect or religion has faced this. Think of the affluent pedophiles or priests who are not as holy as once thought. Just because one priest forced himself on children doesn’t mean the members of his congregation need to have their children taken away and put into foster homes.

Lock up the problem men. But don’t punish the children and mothers.

I think there are greater issues in the world besides underworld marriages. There are child prostitutes, drug dealers and gang members. These problems are much more worthy of our energy than a group of polygamists who raise polygamist children.

Just get back to our own problems and leave them alone.

Lindsay is a junior studying journalism.
Middle Easterners dispel myths

Stephen Rickel

Five students and a faculty member busted myths about the Middle Eastern culture at the Student Center Wednesday night.

Abed Abukhdair, a graduate assistant from Cairo for Student Development Multicultural Programs and Services, moderated the discussion. Abukhdair listed stereotypes about terrorism, religion and conflict in Middle Eastern nations.

One false idea held by those uninformed about Middle Eastern culture is that all Jews and Muslims don’t get along, Abukhdair said. The panel agreed this was a distorted view of conflict in the Middle East.

The discussion grew heated when discussion turned to the tension between Israel and Palestine.

Hale Yilmaz, an assistant professor of history who teaches a class about Middle Eastern history, said she is hopeful the conflict between the two nations will be resolved, though it might not happen in her lifetime.

After two hours of dialogue, students emerged with food for thought about misconceptions held by themselves, people they know or Western society as a whole.

Assistant professor in the history department Hale Yilmaz discusses Middle Eastern stereotypes during a panel discussion Wednesday night at the Student Center. The panel explored the origins of several myths about Middle Eastern culture.

Sophomore Megan Oestry, studying speech communication, takes a break from mowing Wednesday at her home on the corner of College and Forest streets. Oestry is of Carbondale and had to borrow the electric mower from her dad.

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Prospective students said the most important characteristics in a university were strong programs in their majors and good career services, Hayes said.

Those same students said the main qualities they associated with SIUC were a fun campus life and a warm, friendly campus.

Ideally, those two categories would match, Hayes said.

The surveyed group that seemed to have the most negative view of the university was the faculty. Only 26 percent of faculty members surveyed said they would recommend a family friend to attend SIUC, while roughly 69 percent said they would recommend UIUC.

University Communications Director Mike Ruiz said he planned to post all the survey results soon to a Web site accessible to students, faculty and staff.

Ruiz said the university set aside $300,000 this year to spend on marketing. He said the university's student-and-alumnun-run marketing branch, Barking Dawg Productions, is prepared for a similar budget next year, although it could use more.

"We hope that it's going to get better," Ruiz said.

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letter term for a female body part.

Kochno, who was the public relations officer for the SIU College Republicans when the message was sent, apologized for the e-mail, saying it was a mistake.

"It was a stupid thing to do," Kochno said. "It was in poor taste."

After the university was made aware of the incident, Goldman placed a one-half page advertisement in the Daily Egyptian that said the university does not condone such behavior and is looking into the matter.

Goldman said he did not know specifics about the investigation and referred questions to the College of Business.

Sun Min, chief marketing officer for the College of Business, said the college had passed the case on to Student Judicial Affairs.

Min said Dennis Cradit, dean of the College of Business, sent an e-mail Tuesday to the executive editor of Feministing, saying the university was offended by the comments made by Kochno and the student's e-mail privileges had been suspended.

"What led to the posting was just me being stupid," Kochno said. "It was not a representative of how I am."

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The sky’s the limit
for Southern Illinois Airport

By Barton Lorimor • Photos by Brandon Chapple

Despite limited commercial traffic, Southern Illinois Airport, northwest of Carbondale, is the seventh busiest airport in Illinois. The majority of the traffic is from SIUC’s aviation program, which has been training students to fly and fly airplanes for roughly 50 years.

Next year, the aviation program hopes to further expand its training by upgrading training for the program’s students. By upgrading training, SIUC’s aviation program hopes to attract more students and to increase the number of flight instructors on staff. He said a student majoring in flight may wait in line for an instructor for a year because of the limited number of spots in the program. "With the number of flight instructors on staff, we can accommodate more students," he said.

"The sky’s the limit for Southern Illinois Airport. Our mission is to provide flight training to students and to prepare them for a career in aviation," said airport manager Gary Whitney. "Our goal is to provide flight training to students and to prepare them for a career in aviation."

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Irish festival brings kilts, beer and music to Carbondale

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Those looking for something to do during the weekend have a venue through which to enjoy music, dancing and beer — but not in the usual sense of entertainment on the Strip.

The 12th annual southern Illinois Irish Festival is today through Sunday, with concerts taking place at both Mugsy McGuire’s Entertainment Center and Turley Park. The festival features music, dancing, highland games, cultural displays and activities for children.

Irish Fest kicks off with a Celtic rock concert at Mugsy McGuire’s that begins at 9 p.m. today. The band is Mother Grove, a five-piece band from Indianapolis. Its self-designated genre is “kilt rock.”

The band was added to the lineup to appeal to a student audience and to attract a variety of music lovers, said Bryan Crow, an associate professor in speech communication and a member of the festival board of directors.

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Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Other concerts throughout the weekend feature more traditional musicians. These performances are at Mugsy McGuire’s Friday and Saturday nights.

But the festival is more than just a weekend of Celtic concerts; other events include cultural displays, a Celtic marketplace, activities, games for children and a highland games presentation.

Highland games are essentially “strong men” competitions, said Michael Shanahan, entertainment coordinator for the festival.

He said this group from Springfield, the Ancient Athletes, competes in traditional Irish games, such as the hammer throw, stone put and caber toss.

Shanahan said the caber looks similar to a telephone pole. He said it’s a long, 100-pound pole that the athletes balance and then attempt to flip or toss.

“They all wear kilts and drink beer. It’s fun to watch those guys,” Shanahan said.

The evening concerts of the Irish Festival are at Mugsy McGuire’s Friday and Saturday nights.

The Celtic Fair takes place at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Turley Park.

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Memoirs are a tricky thing, Hollywood.

They have to bridge the gap between the mundane snorefest of everyday life — such as “The morning of my 50th day of working the same job that I’ve told you about over the last 200 pages, I ate dry, white toast and a glass of orange juice” — and discussing defining moments in the subject’s life without making them sound too bombastic and fictional — “I saved the world that day after balancing a bowl of macaroni and cheese on my head while fighting off the hungry lions that surrounded our camp on the moon with my mind power.”

Maybe you just fed the cat. But thanks for trying to make it interesting.

Many a memoir is worth reading, especially from popular figures who dish the dirt on their lives and give the inside scoop on events.

But, Hollywood, how do you write a memoir when you’ve been literate for only 10 years?

Teen star Miley Ray Cyrus is set to write her memoirs, focused on her relationship with her mother, Leticia. Cyrus, at the ripe old age of 15, stars in the Disney Channel series “Hannah Montana” and has had several smash albums. The memoir has a planned release date of in the spring of 2009.

But really, Hollywood, there’s probably little Cyrus can say in the way of anything other than the image she’s created for herself. She’s a clean-cut kid who has pretty much taken tawoo culture by storm. It’s doubtful that there will be anything in this book other than “My family is great and I love them,” and “Oh my gods, tapping the show can be so hard.”

There’s nothing wrong with that, Hollywood. Young boys and girls need good examples to look up to in their lives, but with little substance to draw from, this book seems like a waste.

Will the prologue contain crayon drawings of disproportionate stick figures in front of a too small house with Witnesses of grayish smoke rising from an off-kilter rectangle chimney? Maybe the epilogue will be all about the cute boy in her driver’s education class.

Perhaps all the “i”s will be dotted with hearts...

Come on, Hollywood, there has to be a better subject than this for a tell-all memoir.

On the other hand, my nephew did just have his fourth birthday. Maybe we should get him off the Crayola and onto the typewriter.

Surely his antics about the sandbox will make for a bestseller, right, Hollywood?

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OK, HONEY, YOU CONVINCED ME, YOU WIN! A man stood in front of his car to keep his intoxicated wife from driving off during an argument, but she went right at him, and he wound up on the hood of the vehicle. She then drove him all around Del Paso Heights in California, and then out onto the interstate, resulting in many calls to police. She hit a car and went out into a field, and continued driving around until he fell off. One officer called it “a very unique case of domestic violence.”

AND WHO WAS SHE TO SAY NO? A 30-year-old woman was taken into custody for directing traffic, naked from the waist up, at a Deland, Fla., intersection. She said God told her to do it.

MOTHER! HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT ABOUT ME? A man in Harlingen, C.C., called the cops to complain that his mother was threatening him and hitting him with various objects, but when the officers got there, he denied that he had called them. Then, as they questioned him, he became agitated and aggressive, and wound up getting arrested. His mother said her son had been drinking and “tends to make up stories.”

WELL, IT’S ONE WAY TO GET WOMEN TO TALK TO YOU: A very homely man in Huntly, England, made “grossly offensive” sexual phone calls to new brides whose pictures he saw in the newspaper. After he was caught through Caller ID and hauled into court, his lawyer said the man made the calls because he was drunk and had never had a girlfriend.

ON SECOND THOUGHT, I’LL JUST LEAVE... WAH! SLAM! BANG! A man burglarizing a house in Caffley Heath, England, was soon to discover that it was the home of an international kickboxing champion. It wasn’t pretty.

WHY ARE YOU ARRESTING ME? ARREST THE MIDGET! A man was arrested for disorderly conduct after he made a ruckus at the motel he was staying at in Rockaway, N.J., claiming that a midget was hiding behind the curtains and was trying to steal his money. Alcohol may have been a factor.

The folks at msnbc.com recently picked Tina Fey as the funniest person on both the big and little screen. Fey, who stars in her first lead role in “Baby Mama,” out this week, beat fellow comedians such as Stephen Colbert and Steve Carell to earn the top spot. Who would you pick for funniest person?

Audra Ord
I’m going to have to go old school and say Mel Brooks. No, he hasn’t done too much recently, but the guy came up with classics like “Young Frankenstein,” “Blazing Saddles” and “Robin Hood: Men in Tights.” Genius.

Alicia Wade
Um, nah! Tina Fey! This news has my WRISTSTRONG-bracelet senses tingling. Of course I’m going with Stephen Colbert. He’s the leader in truthiness who makes Papa Bear proud.

Danny Wenger
Larry the Cable Guy’s agent for playing the biggest joke on the public and getting that talentless, sleeveless hack a job.

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A few things to help you prepare a
fiesta fantastico

By Emile Le Beau
McClatchy Tribune

Americans love a good party. We dress up for Halloween, feast on Thanksgiving and then spend the holiday season darting from office parties to family gatherings. So it’s no surprise that May 5 has achieved the same status as St. Patrick’s Day. You don’t have to be Irish to enjoy a Guinness on St. Pat’s. And you don’t have to be Mexican to enjoy a great meal or smooth tequila on Cinco de Mayo. Here are prod-
tacts that can help you prepare a fiesta fantastico:

A proper Cinco de Mayo party needs guacamole. Homemade guacamole, Not a "guacamole flavored" dip from the grocery. Make avocado slicing a party with the Avocado Slicer and Pitter from Amco Houseworks, this two-part tool allows cooks to safely remove the pit. The tool is dishwasher safe. $15 at Williams-Sonoma.

Tequila, unless it is meant to be gua-
cammed in shots. Nor is it meant to be poured directly into the mouth or used as an oversized ashtray. Tequila, like a fine wine or Scotch, is meant to be sipped. Sip elegantly with the Riedel Tequila Glass. This glass was designed for the Official Tequila Glass by the Consejo Regulador de Tequila. It is 8.25 inches high and has a 7.63 ounce capacity. It is made with clear, lead-free crystal and must be hand washed. Suggested retail price is $48 plus a box of four and is available at Target stores or Amazon.com

English speakers call it a Mexican Hat Dance but it’s known as the Jarabe Tapatío in Mexico. It’s a popular symbol of pride and a cool way to invite guests to a Cinco de Mayo party. The Mexican Hat Dance invites horzontal carousels that are about 8 inches and come with a red envelope. Pricing is $1.30 each and printing is available for an additional free. Post cards start at $24.90 and are available at PartyCat.com or fax order to 512-472-8256.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 9 — You won’t feel anything in your favor. This could drive you, but don’t despair. Do what you love as a hobby, if necessary. It’ll help keep you sane.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You have something that another person wants. Just knowing that should make you feel more confident. You don’t have to sell it or give it away. Keep it somewhere safe.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Once you and your partner figure out what’s going on, all will be well. Do what you want, but always work toward that happy day.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — You’re gaining strength today. You can even go shopping. The combination should have cleared by now, so you’ll be able to make good choices.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — A lover’s dream will come true, against all odds. You’re such a natural romantic, the game is bound to turn out in your favor.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — The answer you’ve been seeking comes in a quiet moment. You may not even realize you have it, but the problem just fades away. It could be a change in your attitude.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — There are hazards to deal with, but you can overcome them. Set up a romantic evening as your reward for a challenging day.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — It’s another good shopping day for household items. Check out the latest entertainment technology. Odds are good you’ll find the perfect thing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — You haven’t been proven correct, much to your delight. An area that was obscure has become clear. The fog has lifted, or it soon will.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — A finishing up of old projects brings a welcome bonus. Use it to get a special treat for the people you love.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You can overcome feelings of repressed hostility. Don’t let a co-worker’s rude remark cause a nasty reaction. Think about a person you love and you’ll forget all about it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — You’re gaining status and respect. You may not know what you did. You were just following through and keeping your word.

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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“The pro fights will be highly competitive and Watson is in a position to step up to a big show,” Fickes said. “Flowers is less known, but I know he can compete with him to a certain degree and has a chance to make a name for himself.”

Along with being the promoter of Kage One, Fickes is also an instructor for Dojo USA at Sports Blast. While his top student Vinicia will defend his championship, two of Fickes’ other students will look to bounce back from losses at Battle at the Blast II.

Both Marion native Steve Campbell and SIU student Dylan Hughey lost their last time out in Sports Blast, but have a chance for redemption Saturday. Hughey will take on Rashid Abdulla, while Campbell will take on another Hughes’ student, Donald Bell.

Campbell’s last fight was at super heavyweight, but he has lost more than 50 pounds since then and will fight at heavyweight for his next fight and said that is the division he plans to stay in.

Campbell said he has worked as hard as possible for this fight and is ready for the challenge.

“You have to respect someone from a camp of that caliber, or anyone who fights in this sport for that matter,” Campbell said. “I could go out here and knock out guys who think they’re fighters, but how could I be proud of myself? I want to fight the best.”

Competitors rounding out the 13-fight card include local fighters from SIU and top prospects from Brazilian jujitsu world champion Marcelo Garcia’s camp.

While Fickes had the responsibility of putting the card together, he also took steps to improve the overall production. Fickes brought in companies from Indiana and Kentucky to assemble the ring and install a lighting system with a full arsenal of special effects.

Fickes has also brought in an experienced professional staff of judges and a referee with more than 2,000 bouts officiated.

Campbell said he guarantees a good show for the fans.

“I can’t lose,” Campbell said. “I have worked too hard for this. I need to win here for myself more than anything. I know I have put in the work, hopefully it shows Saturday.”

The doors open at 6 p.m. for the event.

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**Luis C. Medina  DAILY EGYPTIAN**

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**BASEBALL**

**SIU knocks off another top team**

Win over Missouri second-top-10 victory in week

**Matt Hartwig**

Junior catcher Mark Kelly wasn’t going to let his teammate’s first career start go down in the books as a loss.

Kelly drove in the go-ahead run as the SIU baseball team upset No. 10 Missouri 2-1 Wednesday to give junior starting pitcher Adam Curry a happy ending to his first start of the season. It was the Salukis’ second upset of a top-10 team in one week after a 3-0 victory over No. 6 Wichita State Saturday.

Kelly, who went 2-for-3, said he was just trying to put the ball in play and get it through the middle.

Curry struck three scoreless innings under the T.R. Hughes Ballpark lights, but did not factor into the decision.

Saluki coach Dan Callahan said the team was in great spirits after the upset win.

“It’s been a joyous bus ride,” Callahan said Wednesday night during the voyage home. “Our bullpen was well rested and (they) made some clutch pitches. We still made things a little bit more interesting than they should have been but overall they did a good job.”

In the second inning, Tigers’ junior starting pitcher Ian Burger gave up a solo home run to sophomore designated hitter Tyler Bullock. It was Bullock’s sixth home run of the season.

“Ian (Burger) made one mistake, a 3-2-foot home run,” Missouri coach Tim Jamieson said in a post-game radio interview. “We pitched wild but we just didn’t get timely hitting. We didn’t execute.”

The Tigers (29-11) were able to tie the game in the fifth inning off Saluki freshman reliever Nick Rice.

Junior infielder Kyle Mach hit a sacrifice fly to score junior first baseman Steve Gray but that would be as close as Missouri would get as the bullpen shut the door.

Sophomore reliever Tyler Close got his third win of the season for SIU (21-17) after pitching out of a bases-loaded jam. Close tossed 1.2 innings of scoreless relief and struck out a pair. Missouri sophomore reliever Ryan Allen, who was charged with the game-winning run, took the loss.

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**MIXED MARTIAL ARTS**

**Visinia puts heavyweight championship on the line**

**Jeff Engelhardt**

Natu Visinia has been wearing a belt that does not seem to fit.

The Saluki football player turned mixed martial artist was awarded the Kage One Heavyweight Championship at Battle at the Blast II Feb. 9 after his opponent missed the fight because of a death in his family.

Visinia said he did not consider himself the champion until he fought for the title and he will have that chance Saturday when he defends the belt at Battle at the Blast III at Sports Blast.

The promotion’s first-ever champion will put his title on the line against the man he was originally supposed to face at Battle at the Blast II, Danny Stone.

Stone brings impressive credentials. He is a heavyweight champion for his home promotion in Paducah, Ky., where he trains with Team Pride. Visinia said he is excited to fight in Carbondale again and solidify his title of champ.

“(Stone’) is a very good fighter with a similar record, Visinia said. “It’s an honor for me to be on this card and I am not going to let the chance to be the Kage One champion slip away.”

Visinia has been busy since being awarded the championship title, going on to beat top-prospect fighter Nick Brown from UFC Hall-of-Famer Randy Couture’s camp.

Carbondale’s champion is competing in one of four professional contests at the event. The you fight scheduled to headline the event is Kyle Watson against Josh Flowers.

Watson is the favorite and a nationally renowned jujitsu practitioner coming out of UFC veteran Matt Hughes’ camp. Flowers has fought at the previous Battle at the Blues and walked away with victories.

Kage One promoter Tim Fickers said Flowers has impressed him in the past and has a chance to make a statement with an upset victory.

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**15 MINUTES WITH...**

**Matt Ellis**

Senior golfer and team captain Matt Ellis, a native of Madison, Miss., recently wrapped up his career at SIU after playing in 31 rounds this season and averaging a 75.5 per round as his team finished in second place in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

The Daily Egyptian recently sat down with Ellis to talk about his favorite course, the brutal conditions he has played in and golf movies.

**DE:** What’s harder to hit, a baseball or a golf ball?

**Matt Ellis:** Um, I would say a golf ball.

**DE:** Why’s that?

**ME:** Well, just because it’s a little smaller ball so you have a little smaller club face (to hit with).

**DE:** You have traveled to a lot of different courses in your time at SIU. Which one was your favorite?

**ME:** My favorite course is Bent Brook Golf Course in Bessemer, Ala.

**DE:** Did you ever forget your clubs?

**ME:** Nope.

**DE:** If you ever hit a hole-in-one?

**ME:** Yeah, two.

**DE:** Are the worst conditions you’ve ever played in?

**ME:** At the University of Illinois three weeks ago, it was 28-degree winds and spitting snow.

**DE:** If there was a movie made of your life, who gets the starring role?

**ME:** My family.

**DE:** Describe your ideal meal.

**ME:** Steak, potato, salad and green beans.

**DE:** If you could tee off against any other SIU athlete, besides a golfer, who would you play and why?

**ME:** (Pauses) Let’s see. I don’t know, probably (former SIU football offensive tackle) Andrew Kernes.

**DE:** What’s your favorite golf movie?

**ME:** Tin Cup.

**DE:** Let’s say you’re the designer for a mini-golf course. What kind of hole would you design?

**ME:** One that you would have to ramp over water.

**DE:** What’s your biggest pet peeve?

**ME:** Wow, you’re putting me on the spot here. (laughs) Probably chewing with your mouth open.

**DE:** If you could be on a reality show against the man he was originally supposed to face at Battle at the Blast II, would you take it and be it and why?

**ME:** Probably Big Break (on the Golf Channel).”

**DE:** OK, last question. Let’s say we pair you up with SIU women’s golfer Kelly Gerfach. Who wins after 18 holes?

**ME:** (Laugh) Me, no doubt. (laughs again)