Citizens protest prison lockdown

CONDITIONS: Marion
Penitentiary meets standards for prisons; protesters' charges inflated, warden says.

KIRK MOTTRAM
Daily Egyptian Correspondent

Oscar Lopez Rivera, a Puerto Rican nationalist who has been in prison for 17 years and was committed to the U.S. Penitentiary in Marion 11 years ago, writes to his friends that he is locked in his cell for more than 22 hours a day.

He cannot receive contact visits. He is allowed three 15-minute phone calls a month. He cannot speak. He is forced to produce cables for the U.S. Armed Forces. Lopez has not had physical human contact in 11 years except for with jailers, during which time his hands are cuffed and he cannot speak.

Though Bill Hedrick, warden at Marion, says these charges are exaggerated, more than 100 protesters descended upon the Marion Penitentiary Saturday to denounce these conditions and demand an end to what they say is "Marxification" or "isolation torture." They say these charges are inflated, warden says.

He said it's been such a long time since he's heard women's laughter," Lugo said. "But, if you went in there and talked to him with your heard and soul in your hands, you would walk out with more strength than you've ever felt — that's just the kind of man he is.

The vigil was sponsored by the Alcohol Awareness Committee on Thompson Point, a 22-year-old SIUC student, to share their emotional Alcohol Awareness Week is designed to spread the word about the dangers and the consequences of using alcohol.

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Students tell how alcohol affected their lives

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL: About 40 people marched to remember those who suffered due to alcohol.

KAREN BLATTER
Daily Egyptian Correspondent

A dim glow from the street lights shone on the faces of those who gathered around Thompson Point in memory of those who have suffered or died in alcohol-related accidents.

Marla Sweetin, chairwoman of the Alcohol Awareness Committee on Thompson Point, spoke at the vigil.

"I would just sit there and say, 'God, if you let me through this, I'll never do it again,'" she said.

"Drinking did catch up with me, I'm just glad that I'm alive to share this wish you. Don't have to get drunk to be somebody.

The purpose of the vigil was for students to share their emotional alcohol experiences with alcohol.

About 40 students lit candles and walked around Thompson Point in memory of those who have suffered or died in alcohol-related accidents.

"This was the smallest turnout of people, but had the most direct impact overall," Sweetin said. "It's just the last night of in-depth, soul-searching events.

Events throughout the week included speeches by SIUC Chancellor Don Beggs and former Sen. Paul Simon, a mock DUI arrest, a display that imitated a person's vision when intoxicated and a crash simulator display.

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Kim started drinking at age 13 when her parents filed for divorce. She started drinking for comfort, and to get away from her problems.

Bill Stanley, a 22-year-old SIUC student from Oswego, shared his story about his experiences with alcohol.
Today's News

PARKING

For

Fall Recess

Visitors will not be allowed to park on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale beginning at 10:00 p.m. Oct. 29, 1997 through 12:00 noon Nov. 2, 1997. (Vehicles without an overnight decal may NOT park from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. in Lot 106 on Wall Street).

All vehicles without a parking decal will be ticketed and towed from campus during this time at the operator's expense.

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Please direct nominations to:

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**Southern Illinois**

**CARBONDALE**

Police arrest 32 following peaceful gathering on Strip

Carbondale Police say they arrested 32 people on the Strip over the weekend on charges ranging from indirect exposure to underage possession, but it is unknown how many of those arrested are SIUC students.

Thirteen people were arrested for public possession of alcohol, 12 for underage possession of alcohol, one for a fireworks complaint, one for aggravated battery, one for indeterminate charges, and four for two for fight by agreement, one for burglary restriction and one for resisting/obstructing a police officer.

No property damage was reported when crowds gathered in the 100 block of South Illinois Avenue Friday and Saturday, forcing police to re-direct traffic for about an hour.

On the same weekend a year ago, police arrested more than 50 people, three police officers were injured and the downtown area sustained $10,000 in damage.

**CARBONDALE**

New campus computing system to be demonstrated

SIU Oracle project staff will demonstrate the new campus administrative computing system to future users and other interested people today in the Student Center.

The computer system designed to streamline administrative tasks is scheduled to be completed by fiscal year 2000. The system promises to decrease paperwork and allow staff and faculty to order supplies and equipment quicker.

The demonstration in the Student Center auditorium is scheduled for 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The demonstrations will be about two hours long.

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**Nation**

**WASHINGTON**

Clinton to confront China about human rights record

President Clinton says he plans to bring China's human rights record up to President Jiang Zemin next week.

But Clinton also says he wants a policy of cooperation, and not confrontation, with Communist Chinese government.

Jiang is expected to face a host of general human rights issues at each stop on his U.S. tour, the first visit by a Chinese leader since 1979.

**DENVER**

Parts of Colorado blanketed with over four feet of snow

Colorado and other western states are getting blanketed with their first major snowstorm of the year.

Heavy snow is falling in the Rockies and some highways have been closed. It's one of the earliest snowstorms in recent years, and the National Weather Service said it could result of the so-called El Nino effect.

**SAN FRANCISCO**

Saboilgate causes outrage

The FBI says it is focusing on sabotage as the likely cause of a power outage that plunged San Francisco into darkness yesterday.

Five banks of transformers at a Pacific Gas and Electric city substation flared early yesterday, cutting off power to 125,000 customers and disrupting the morning rush hour.
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Externship program is valuable

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the lack of coverage the Daily Egyptian has provided about the Externship Program. Those involved know that it is an extremely beneficial program that has received less than its fair share of press. Since many may be unfamiliar with what the externship program is all about, I will explain.

The externship program is set up by the Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Council, in conjunction with the undergraduate college at SIUC. It is a program for juniors and seniors (sophomores in an associate program) who are interested in helping build a company of their choosing over spring break and to gain valuable work experience. In addition, more than 30 percent of those who have participated have been offered full-time positions with their sponsors.

"As one of those who participate...last year, I felt that it was such a rewarding experience that I am going to do it again. Besides, it is a great way to go somewhere and do something useful, without blowing a bunch of money."

Another benefit of the externship program is that it provides students with a direct link to alumni of the school. I believe this is because most of the sponsors in the program are companies that SIU alumni work for. In essence, the program allows past graduates to train future graduates in a real-world setting.

It would seem to me that a program that incorporates so many of this university’s most valuable assets could at least get a small mention in the school’s newspaper — which is supposed to keep students informed, but seems only interested in what is happening in the Copper Dream on Saturday.

My main concern, as a student interested in such beneficial activities, is that the D!E finds it more important to devote space to continued comments on the carpool parking situation than it does to cover worthwhile programs that could aid our students’ academic and professional careers. I feel that the money spent producing this publication would be much better utilized informing, rather than unravelling.

Jason Green
junior, finance

Our Word

Democracy

Legislator listens to students’ concerns about trustee elections

SIUC STUDENT TRUSTEE PAT KELLY HAS found a new ally in Champaign, as Rep. Rick Winkel has introduced legislation in support of granting state student trustees a vote on Boards of Trustees while maintaining democratic trustees elections.

This long-needed idea was the intent of House Bill 923, sponsored by Republicans Winkel and Sen. Stan Weaver of Urbana. But according to his July 31 amendatory veto, Gov. Edgar thought it necessary to tamper with this bill in favor of screening committees to replace student trustee elections, effectively limiting student input. The governor would then hand-pick the trustee — under the premise the action would be fair because other voting board members are selected in that way.

But Kelly and other student leaders across the state rightfully cried foul at Edgar’s suggestion — especially after Winkel and Weaver endorsed Edgar’s changes.

The Illinois constitution states an amendatory veto cannot significantly change the intent of a bill. Apparently, Winkel also is worried that Edgar’s amendatory veto was unconstitutional.

But there is another legislator who has opposed what students really need — a democratically elected trustee with real power on the Board. Rep. Gary Hannig, D-Gillespie, introduced new legislation that basically could have been culled from Edgar’s own lips, as it restates the changes proposed in Edgar’s amendatory veto.

This is not all bad, because now state government officials are going to have to choose in favor of students’ rights or against them. Kelly vows to make sure they choose correctly by lobbying against Hannig’s bill through the veto session.

Legislators need to realize that giving a student a vote on the Board of Trustees does little for the good of the student bodies — not when the governor actually selects a school’s trustee. This is almost worse than when students would select their own trustees — as SIUC students elected Kelly and others before him — but trustees were not given a vote on the board. What’s the use of offering students a vote on the Board of Trustees if students have little say in selecting who their concerns are expressed through? Hannig and Edgar want to give students a vote, but they never want students to really use it — an effective silencing method.

THE VETO SESSION RECONVENSES TUESDAY and goes to Oct. 30, then begins anew Nov. 12 to Nov. 14. A debate on Winkel’s and Hannig’s bills is expected — and if state officials really consider students’ concerns, then Winkel’s bill should prevail, unless of course they do not believe that students are responsible enough to make informed decisions as to who they want on their Boards of Trustees.

That would be unfortunate, because students can vote in general elections as well. Perhaps legislators may want to consider that when they are contacted by Kelly and other students in the coming weeks — because we stay informed by paying attention to your actions.

"Our Word" represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.
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government. Controversy still surrounds his situation as his parents say he has never been convicted of a violent crime even though he pled guilty in the March 1989 killing of police officer William J. Riggs. "The Rivera family is a dangerous individual," Hedrick said. "Watch, two international close calls with the police when he lied said, "I drove drunk all the time."

"RIVERA) is a dangerous individual," Hedrick said. "Everyone here (at Marion) is a violent offender and everyone has violated the laws of the federal government. I would think serious criticism is a pretty violent crime." "We have an obligation to provide a safe environment for our inmates while protecting society from these people. I think that's the bottom line and to end it, this one would only need to look at our community," Hedrick said.

Hedrick refers to the American Correctional Association's unoffi- cial 1,000-point facility evaluation of Marion Penitentiary. The ACA establishes standards for all correctional institutions in the country. There are 40 compliance standards a facility must meet to be accredited. They also are 40 non-compliance standards that are optional, but still examined. Marion's official accreditation hearing is in January.

Hedrick said his institution was found consistent with the 40 mandatory standards and 98.6 percent of non-compliance standards.

"When you meet the standards, you're meeting some very high standards," Hedrick said. "What those groups (protesting Marion) are say- ing is just not true.

"I realize there is a level of concern, how they describe them, are exaggerations," Hedrick also said Rivera, in his letters and personal visits, has been examined by independent medical professionals. He's got a window in his cell that he can open and close," Hedrick said. "He's got access to outside mail and religious and educational programs. He's got access to the library. It's his decision whether or not to utilize those things.

Ralph King, member of Committee to End the Marion Lockout, said the protests have been about the conditions of the inmates since the prison opened in 1989. He said evidence of this can be found read in reports compiled by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, two international human rights organizations that have declared confinement conditions at Marion Penitentiary to be inhumane and inhumane.

Marion Penitentiary was built in 1963 to replace Alcatraz Prison, the infamous supermax correctional institution on the coast of San Francisco that closed that same year. King said that throughout Marion's history, political prisoners have been sent to the facility, including Black Panther leaders, Cuban refugees and activists, and 1960s American civil rights and anti-war leaders like Bill Dunne, who is still there.

"The way that we get singled out to come here are based by the Bureau of Prisons and are usually enemies of the federal government — the leaders and protesters who asserted their dignity and convic- tion," King said. Hedrick said that while it is true all Marion prisoners have committed crimes against the federal govern- ment, they all have committed violent crimes in society and most have pursued violent acts while incarcerated.

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He had been lied to all of his life. Dyson said there is a crisis in African-American college students today is that they do not have a cause to fight for and, thus, sound-bite communities. "If we don't know what happened in the past, we don't know ourselves and love yourself," he asked.

"The more I read, the angrier I got," he said. "I felt like the first 18 years of my life, I had been misled to hate myself. "When we think about the imprisonment and the general election, said he found out that there is a crisis in African-American leadership in the 21st century.

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Scotty Egelston, Republican gubernatorial candidate, is one of several other candidates in the Democratic nominating contest who declined to participate at SIUC. Schmidt said he wants to win the election and file in both primary and general elections.

"I'm not willing to use dirty politics to get a three-day waiting period before acquiring a handgun, and Illinoisans must wait one day before acquiring other firearms from licensed dealers.

However, private individuals can sell guns legally without requiring background checks at gun shows — a practice Schmidt said he will fight to eliminate.

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FOOTBALL

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grinding, smashmouth football strategy. SIUC took the opening possession 65 yards in 3 minutes and 32 seconds and scored on a 5-yard pass from quarterback Kent Skornia to Craig for a 7-0 lead. Western Kentucky responded two possessions later with a 60-yard drive and scored on a 1-yard run by Latravis Powell to tie the game 7-7 with 42 seconds left in the opening quarter.

In the second quarter, both teams caught fire offensively, combining for a total of 38 points between them. SIUC scored 17 points on touchdowns by Nyasia and Sonya Starks and a 30-yard field goal by Matt Senterman with 2:20 left in the half. But Western Kentucky responded to each Saluki score with a touchdown of its own. The Hilltoppers took a 28-24 lead with a touchdown of their own. 111h the Salukis 24-7. Western Conference battle with Western Kentucky rulded a 41-yard field goal by kicker Jeff Poisel before halftime, but a 46-yard touchdown run by running back Mitchell Randle 10 near perfection in outscoring for a Gateway Football game three setback, falling behind 10-3 early in game four.

While inconsistent play hampered the Salukis against Wichita State, the play of John Mesery and Michelle Witzke carried Southwest Missouri State to victory.

Even though the Salukis recorded a .333 hitting percentage, compared to SMSU's .255, season. But the Bears earned victories against their final five conference opponents this season.

"Even though no one had an outstanding performance, we still found a way to make it go five games," Fisher said. "Now every game is important to clinch that last place in the tournament. We're not looking past anybody, but the rest of the schedule looks pretty good."

The Salukis travel to Evansville, Ind., this weekend to compete in the Evansville Invitational.

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out to be their best scoring chance of the day just seconds before halftime, but a 46-yard touchdown pass from Skornia to Jared Henry was called back on a penalty.

Whatever that game plan was, I guess you can throw it out the window, and I don't even know if we should look at this game film.

Auburn's offensive backfield was a holding penalty. Taggart and the Hilltoppers' defense took that game to another level in the second half, running the 1-ball offense and the option to near perfection in outscoring the Salukis 24-7. Western Kentucky scored two touchdowns in the first quarter and controlled the ball for all but 1:31 on the clock.

In the fourth quarter, Western Kentucky added a 41-yard field goal by place-kicker Jeff Poisel and a 2-yard touchdown run by running back Mitchell Randle to seal the win. Craig scored the game's final points on a 71-yard pass from Skornia with 6:38 left. Starks, who completed 22 of 39 passes for 287 yards and four touchdowns, said the Saluki offense could take too much blame for the loss as the defense.

"We knew it was going to be a shot-out from the get-go," Skornia said. "They just had more offensive power. Our defense just had an unbelievable job to accomplish." A quarterback is a great player. Offensively, we just can't go three (downs) and out where we come out on the field in the second half. We've just got to give our defense time to sit on the bench and keep their defense off the field.

The Salukis travel to Missouri for a Gateway Football Conference battle with Western Illinois University at 1 p.m. Saturday.
Men's team beats Drury

SWIMMING: Women's diving team rebounds from Notre Dame loss.

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Daily Egyptian Reporter

SIUC divers Karla Gerzema and Alex Wright met the NCAA qualifying standards as the men's and women's swimming and diving teams defeated Drury College Saturday at the Recreation Center. Wright, who qualified last year as well, and Gerzema will compete in the NCAA qualifying meet on March 13-14 at the University of Texas in Austin.

The men's team defeated Drury by a score of 137-104 in its season opener, while the women's team rebounded from an Oct. 18 loss to the University of Notre Dame with a 136-105 victory.

Gerzema won the 3-meter women's diving competition with a score of 278.85, well ahead of her closest competitor, who finished at 193.72. Wright won the men's 1-meter competition with a score of 305.70.

SIUC diving coach Dave Ardrey was pleased with his divers' finish.

"We had two key performances, and I'm very proud of them," Ardrey stated in a press release. "They are seniors, and I expect them to perform at that level. They did a great job. We've got a long way to go, but I'm impressed with them."

The men's swimming team was led by Ryan Gallager, who placed first in the 1,000-meter freestyle (9:44.46) and the 500-meter freestyle (4:42.13), while Jason Velez took first in the 200-meter individual medley (1:55.58).

Men's coach Rick Walker said his team defeated a tough competitor in Drury, but it still has areas it needs to improve on.

SPASH DOWN: Women's diving team member Colleen Pecoraro, a freshman in pre-medicine from Kansas City, Mo., competes in the first home meet Saturday afternoon at the Recreation Center.

"I'm pleased with the meet because we beat a good team," Walker stated in a press release. "I saw some weaknesses in some areas, but I saw some strengths in some areas I haven't seen in awhile."

The women's swimming team featured several first-place finishes, including Kiki Sideropoulou in the 1,000-meter freestyle with a time of 10:32.36, Niki Michailidou in the 50-meter freestyle (24.93) and Nicole Freda in the 200-meter individual medley (2:12.13). Daniels Muniz and Freda finished No. 1 and No. 2 in the 200-meter butterfly with times of 2:10.68 and 2:12.68, respectively.

Women's coach Mark Kluemper said the team showed improvement from the Notre Dame meet.

"We had a good meet, and I'm pleased with how well we performed," Kluemper stated in a press release. "We were in it all the way."

The Salukis' next meet is Friday at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky.

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Hilltoppers run all over Salukis

DEFENSIVE DISASTER:
Western Kentucky's run-happy quarterback nearly sets NCAA record at Dawgs' expense.

Western Kentucky senior quarterback Willie Taggart would have been a candidate for the Heisman Trophy if the SIUC football team had been able to contain his offensive performance Saturday.

Taggart accumulated 289 yards rushing in helping Western Kentucky turn a 26-24 halftime lead into a 52-31 win over the Salukis at McAndrew Stadium Saturday afternoon in front of a crowd of 3,000.

But Taggart's rushing yardage was well short of the NCAA record for most rushing yards in a game, which is held by Michael Welch of San Jose State, who gained 419 yards in a 1991 game at Tennessee.

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"Obviously, we didn't stop them at all," Cavan said. "You have to slow them down at some point, and we weren't able to do so.

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