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Walker declares open chancellor search



Jackson
undecided about
chancellor position

KATE MCCANN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The search for SIUC's permanent chancellor will be open to public feedback and will tentatively begin within the next few weeks, SIU President James Walker said Wednesday. Walker called the fast-approaching national search a "high priority," citing the trickle-down effect of needing a permanent chancellor in place to fill other vacant administrative slots, including

the provost position.

"I'm hopeful that sometime this spring, no later than maybe the end of June, we will have a new chancellor here who can begin looking to fill the other vacant positions on the Carbondale campus," Walker said.

Last spring's extremely secretive presidential search ignited tension among those faculty concerned the chancellor search would also be confidential.

Walker alleviated that fear by deciding to abide by SIUC

tradition of having inclusive chancellor searches. The new president said he plans to have open forums for finalist candidates vying for the chancellorship.

But the weightiest question concerning the search for SIUC's top officer remains unanswered. SIUC Interim Chancellor John Jackson said Wednesday he still has not decided if he will seek the permanent chancellorship. Jackson filled the

Gus Bode



Gus says:
Is Jackson
holding out for
a better offer?

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Civil Service union talks dissipate

KATE MCCANN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIUC administration refused to negotiate further with the civil service union after presenting it with a final contract offer Wednesday afternoon.

The union is left with only two options: accept the contract or strike.

At an upcoming Nov. 6 meeting, union members will decide whether to ratify or reject the final contract offer. The negotiation yielded an increase in the administration's original 3 percent offer for salary raises.

Ruth Pommier, union spokeswoman, said negotiations "fell apart totally" at Wednesday's second and final mediation session.

"The administration is totally desensitized to the plight of this sector of University employees," Pommier said.

According to Pommier, the contract does not include the union's requests regarding health care benefits or vacation time.

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Bodies are buried here. Once an insane asylum, a poor house and a site for animal testing, this house is said to be haunted.

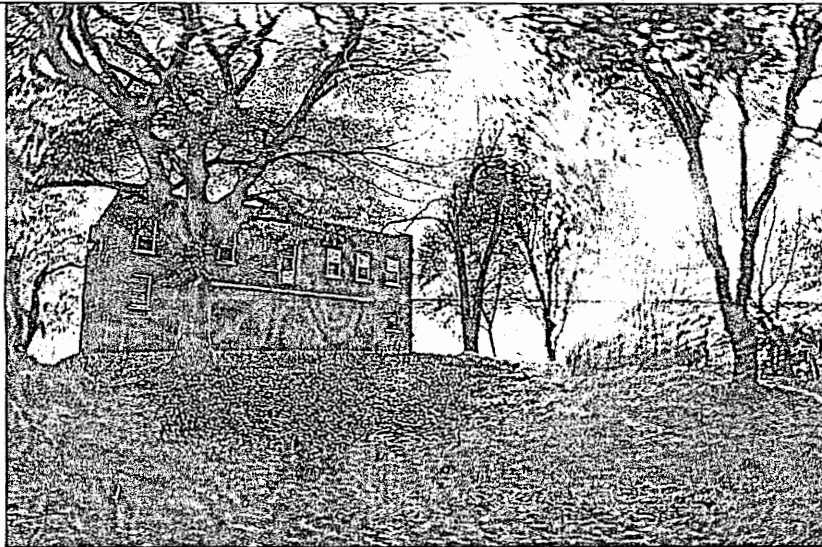


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But if not by ghosts, this house's decrepit past continues to haunt Carbondale.

STORY BY MARLEEN TROUTT

EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS IS THE FINAL STORY IN A FOUR-PART SERIES OF LOCAL PLACES WITH HAUNTED HISTORIES LEADING UP TO HALLOWEEN.

I cannot shake the ticklish heat on the back of my neck. I keep turning around, looking for the tickler, and am relieved to see no one. Something still lives in the old poor house.

Something besides the swarms of wasps and rats call it home. It plagues my senses even now.

I waited right before the Tower Road turnoff on Chantauqua Road, at the locked orange gate for James L. Siefert, a civil engineer from SIUC. He was to be my tour guide beyond the winding gravel road, which descended and rose to the great brick mass, just miles from my childhood home.

As the gatekeeper pushed the creaking, orange metal open, I revved my

House of MISERY

engine, fearlessly confronting my demons. The yellows and browns of autumn's fall littered the passage in bright hues, but somehow not bright enough.

Finally, through a canopy of gnarled, ancient trees, brick appeared, rising from the hilltop. A second-story window looked out at me, as high as the treeline.

The two-story brick building was the perfect picture of a haunted asylum. The bricks looked like they were

slapped together with children's paste. Metal grid covered some windows, yet every glass pane had been smashed. Some were boarded up and some grids had fallen, hanging precariously off window frames.

As children, my friends and I knew it as the haunted insane asylum. We fantasized venturing beyond the gate, wanting to see what monster had provoked the legend.

In 1930 brick was hastily patched to create a permanent residence for

those who worked at "County Farm," a so-called poor farm. Before Public Aid, the government allotted land for the poor to farm and live on.

The County Farm then became "Sunset Haven," housing transients, the mentally ill and poor folks. Later it evolved into a nursing home. In 1957 it was purchased by SIUC, which still owns the property, in order to expand the agricultural program. First it served as the Museum Research Corporation, where pipe-smoking Harvey Jay Chaloupka worked as an architectural draftsman.

In 1973, his task was to find all of the bodies buried on SIUC property for an architectural project. Behind the building he found "a pauper's cemetery" under a grove of trees.

"What happens is they put them in a pine coffin," Chaloupka said, exhaling fragrant clouds of nicotine. "In 15 or 20 years the wood collapses, and that leaves your depression where the grave site was."

The Jackson County Historical Society has a list of 86 people known to be buried at "Sunset Haven Cemetery," marked only by weeds

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Schools still pondering juvenile violence

GEOFFREY RITTER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

It was the typical high school, located in the heart of suburbia. Its students were spending their Tuesday morning recovering from a wild prom weekend, counting the days until summer's freedom would finally arrive. But this would not be a normal morning.

At 11:20, two gunmen entered a back door of Columbine High School — clad in black trench coats and toting machine guns. In a period of just an hour, they left almost 40 casualties in their wake and a maze of bullet-torn hallways. One gunman was 17, the other, just a year older. Both were Columbine students.

Almost a thousand miles away, Marion High School Principal John Harland still remembers the fallout from the massacre in the days that followed — disturbed phone calls from parents, halls choked by confused students, and an entire nation looking for answers.

"We had parents, we had kids, we had

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Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1247. All calendar items also apply to the year 2001. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

TODAY

- Library Affairs Finding Books Using ILLINET Online, 11 a.m. to noon, Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Divorce/Relationship Ending Support Group screening for new members, every Thurs., 4:30 to 6 p.m., 453-3655.
- Student Programming Council homecoming meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Student Center, 536-3393.
- University Christian Ministries listening circle, 5 p.m., Interfaith Center, Hugh 549-7387.
- Student Environmental Center and Campus Shawnee Greens meeting, every Thurs., 6 p.m., Interfaith Center, Andrew 351-9599.
- Japanese Student Association conversation, every Thurs., 6 p.m., Melange, Ai 351-9198.
- Voices of Inspiration Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., Altegled Hall, Tony 536-6462.
- Pre-Law Association question and answer session with Judge Paul Murphy, 6 to 8 p.m., Activity Room C and D Student Center, Brian 529-4194.
- Asian Students Association and Friends meeting, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Corinth Room Student Center, Argus 457-6640.
- Blacks in Communication Alliance RSO members meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Missouri Room Student Center, Erica 457-8197.
- Circle K International volunteer organization meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, Tammi 529-8996.
- A Haunted House for Koly Kids,

today, 7 to 11, Oct. 27 and Oct. 28, 7 p.m. to midnight, Old Lowe's in the Marion, Elks 993-3151.

- Rodeo Club meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Agriculture Building Room 209 or 213, Rob 985-6613.
- Sigma Tau Delta guest speaker Dr. Mark Amos, 7 p.m., Illinois Room Student Center, Katie 549-0982.
- Sailing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, Kris 7900.
- Windsurfing club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Jeff 529-4954.
- SIU Swing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Davies Gym, Dave 536-8121.
- Zen Meditation silent sitting, every Thurs., 8:45 p.m., Interfaith Center, Jim 453-4786.

UPCOMING

- Therapeutic Massage Fest 2000 sports massage for cyclists, Oct. 27, 3 to 5 p.m., The Bike Shopper, Bill 529-4545.
- International Coffee Hour informal socializing, Oct. 27, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Interfaith Center, Beth 453-5774.
- Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange.
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the Illinois Department of Transportation is offering free motorcycle rider courses, Oct. 27, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Oct. 28 and Oct. 29, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 1-800-642-9589.
- Darryl Purpose will perform, Oct. 27, 7 p.m., 55 donation, Cousin Andy's Coffee House, 529-3533.
- Southern Illinois Audubon Society slide presentation on the Highlands and Western Isles of Scotland, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., First Methodist Church, Denny 457-5603.
- Carbondale Soccer Fall Tournament

needs volunteers, Oct. 28, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Oct. 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Parrish Fields, Nancy 549-1243.

- Therapeutic Massage Fest 2000 taking time for massage at work and play, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., Melange, how to massage an infant, 10:15 to noon, Oct. 28, Melange, massage and relaxation happy hour, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Oct. 28, Melange, Bill 529-4545.
- UCM a discussion of Native American Food Traditions, Oct. 29, 6 p.m., Interfaith Center, Hugh 549-7387.

WEATHER



TODAY:
Showers
High: 78
Low: 56

POLICE BLOTTER

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- A 19 year-old female reported her ATM card stolen and \$140 withdrawn from her account at 4 p.m. Oct. 17. There are no suspects in the matter and the investigation is ongoing.
- A 19 year-old female reported receiving nine phone calls where the caller wouldn't respond between 3:19 and 5:36 a.m. Tuesday at her residence in Schneider Hall. Investigation into the matter is ongoing.
- An attempted break-in was reported at the Radio-TV newsroom in Room 1015 of the Communications Building. A technician found the door jammed because of apparent damage from an attempt to force the door open. There was no evidence of gained entry and nothing was reported missing.

CARBONDALE

- Julio Cesar Rodas, 26, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless discharge of a firearm, driving without insurance, and driving with a suspended drivers license. Carbondale police responded to a shots fired call at 9:07 p.m. Tuesday at The Crossings Mobile Home Park, 1400 N. Illinois, when an officer saw the suspect leaving the park. Rodas is being held at Jackson County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.
- Samuel Lee Brown, 38, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with robbery and domestic battery at 9:58 p.m. Saturday. Brown allegedly knocked the glasses off the face of his live-in girlfriend at 2141 S. Illinois. The woman fell to a house at 2461 S. Illinois Ave. where Brown caught up with her and allegedly pulled her to a dark lot and stole \$140 cash from her purse.
- A refrigerator was reported stolen from a residence in the 400 block of North Brush Street between 6:30 p.m. Oct. 21 and 10:15 a.m. Oct. 23. The Kenmore refrigerator was valued at \$300. The investigation is ongoing.

CORRECTION

In Wednesday's graphic, "Crime Statistics" the information should have read:

1999 Crime Statistics at Illinois Universities

- Murder/Non - Negligent Manslaughter
SIUC-0 UIC-0 NIU-0 UIUC-1 Auto Theft
 - SIUC-2 UIC-90 NIU-0 UIUC-14 Robbery
 - SIUC-6 UIC-43 NIU-2 UIUC-9 Sexual Offense Forcible
 - SIUC-12 UIC-2 NIU-4 UIUC-12 Sexual Offense Non-Forcible
 - SIUC-10 UIC-0 NIU-1 UIUC-0 Alcohol Arrest
 - SIUC-70 UIC-0 NIU-40 UIUC-41 Drug Arrest
 - SIUC-62 UIC-3 NIU-31 UIUC-51 Weapons Arrest
 - SIUC-0 UIC-0 NIU-1 UIUC-3
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4:15 6:45 9:10
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5:00 7:15 9:40

Varsity 457-6757
S. Illinois Street
Get Eight (R)
4:10 7:15 10:00
Meet the Parents (PG-13)
4:15 6:45 9:15
Executive (R)
4:00 7:00 9:50

UNIVERSITY 457-6757
Next to Super Wal-Mart
Dezadeled (PG-13) (rated)
4:50 7:10 9:30
Remember the Titans (PG) (rated)
4:30 7:00 9:50
Lost Souls (R) (rated)
4:40 7:10 10:00
Dr. T & The Women (R)
5:20 8:15
The Contender (R)
3:50 6:40 9:20
Almost Famous (R)
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Ladies Man (R) (rated)
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IS CARBONDALE AN INEXPENSIVE PLACE TO LIVE?
The SIU Board says "YES"... the Data say "NOT EXACTLY"
The Board says salaries should be lower because Carbondale is "cheaper."
Don't believe it! Once again, the Board is DEAD WRONG!

Rockford (95) DeKalb (104) Evansville (155) NIU Northwestern Schaumburg (104)

Moline (95) Elgin (104)

Peoria (93) Bradley

Bloomington (93) Normal (109) ISU

Springfield (90) U of I Champaign (99) Urbana (90) U of I

Decatur (91)

Mount Vernon (94)

Edwardsville (99) SIUC

MISSOURI Columbia (92) U of Mo St. Louis (89) St. Louis U Springfield (88) SWMo Kansas City (87)

KENTUCKY Lexington (97) U of Ky Louisville (99) Paducah (88)

TENNESSEE Knoxville (95) U of Tenn Memphis (93) Nashville (93)

Cost of Living as Indexed to Carbondale at 100%. For example, the indices suggest it is 10% less expensive to live in Springfield (90) and 2% less expensive to live in Champaign (98).

Index numbers are based on Second Quarter 2000 Bureau of Labor Statistics Data.

See Cost of Living source FAQ's for more information.

Everytime we go to St. Louis to the hospital for treatment, to the zoo, to museums, to concerts, to watch the Cardinals, or to the airport, we spend more than four hours on the road and at least \$50. Is Carbondale "cheap?" Not exactly!

SOURCE FOR COST OF LIVING DATA: <http://www.homefair.com/salcalc/calc.html>
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TED SCHURTER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Illinois State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, gestures during a debate with Democratic challenger Robert Koehn Wednesday evening during a forum sponsored by the Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care and the Illinois Conference of Churches.

Bost, Koehn debate issue of health care

Illinois Conference of Churches and the Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care sponsor debate

ALEXA AGUILAR
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Providing medical care for uninsured children and people with HIV and AIDS were two of the health care concerns voiced by the mostly female crowd during the debate between the two candidates for the 115th district state representative seat.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, and

Democratic challenger Robert Koehn addressed a panel of health care providers and an audience of about 60 local residents in the tranquil, dimly lit St. Francis Xavier Church in Carbondale.

Though the two men propose very different approaches to handling health care needs in Illinois, it was not evident by their peaceful and unobtrusive responses in Tuesday's night debate, a characteristic of their entire campaign.

However, a key difference was evident early in

the debate when the candidates were asked if they considered health care a basic human right and if they support universal health care.

While both men agreed health care is a human right, Koehn said he supports universal health care, while Bost said he is opposed to it.

Koehn said his experiences growing up on a

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NEWS IN BRIEF

ELKVILLE

Escaped federal prisoner recaptured

An escaped federal prisoner was captured from an Elkville residence late Tuesday.

Anthony L. Melvin, 24, was found shortly after 11:30 p.m. as he tried to flee from officers of Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Illinois State Police, Elkville Police Department and Perry County Sheriff's Department. Melvin was reported as an escapee earlier Tuesday from the Marion Federal Penitentiary Camp where he was serving a sentence for federal drug convictions.

A van stolen from Marion, believed to be linked to Melvin, was found in Elkville. Witnesses identified Melvin from a photograph, indicating he had entered a mobile home on Northwest Street early Tuesday morning. Police knocked on the residence but no one came to the door.

U.S. Marshals were attempting to obtain a search warrant for the residence when Melvin fled, leading police on a foot chase of several blocks before he was recaptured.

Amy Lynn Gordon, 19, of Elkville, was also taken into custody and charged with concealing or aiding a fugitive. Gordon was a resident at the mobile home where Melvin was hiding.

CARBONDALE

Outdoor recreation coming to a close

The University Tennis Courts will no longer be lit after 10 p.m. today. The last day until the spring to rent paddle boats, canoes or rowboats from the boat dock is Friday from noon to 6 p.m.

For more information, call the Student Recreation Center at 536-5531.

University looks at possibility of computer requirement

ANDREA DONALDSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

In this technology era, computers are becoming almost as much a necessity as books when it comes to education.

Massachusetts has recognized this need. As of Oct. 17, Massachusetts became the first state to require all full-time public college students to own a laptop computer as soon as three years from now.

The State Board of Higher Education approved the policy as part of a \$120 million program aimed to combine education with high-tech skills.

Donald Sevener, director of communication for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, said this is not an idea the board has discussed for students in Illinois. He said the board does not have the authority to mandate such a requirement; it would have to be implemented by individual universities.

Sevener said there has been some preliminary talk of whether such a requirement would be covered under financial aid.

"If computers become such a need to succeed in classes as textbooks, laptops might become added into the equation of financial aid," he said.

The Massachusetts requirement will begin Fall 2001 as a pilot program involving only three universities. Students will be able to buy laptop computers at discount prices, and low-income students will receive vouchers that will partially or fully cover the cost of their laptops.

"This idea of conglomerating education and technology is not something out of reach for SIUC. Don Olson, director of Information Technology, said the computer advisory committee has been discussing the possibility of requiring students to own a computer.

"If something like this is implemented it

would take a lot of discussion and meetings and a lot of student input," Olson said.

Olson said to be able to support laptop computers the University would have to create an infrastructure with more network connections, which would probably raise tuition. He said in the schools that have created such a requirement, tuition has been increased by about \$1,000 a year.

"I think eventually it will be a requirement at most universities," Olson said.

He said the average cost of the laptop computers being required at other universities is about \$1,700. He said these universities require a standard type of computer for all students because it makes maintenance and software support easier.

Olson said the idea of a computer requirement has been looked at by some individual colleges.

SIUC recently passed a technology fee for the College of Business and Administration that will become effective Fall 2001. The fee will be used to build the infrastructure needed to support laptop computers in the college, said Bruce Fisher, director of Technology for COBA.

He said the college surveyed its students to obtain input on the idea, and found that about 75 percent of the business students approved the fee.

Fisher said the college is not requiring students to have laptops yet because it has not developed a formalized plan.

"We will not be requiring them, but we will be strongly recommending them," he said.

Fisher and Olson both stressed that computer skills and knowledge give students an advantage when looking for a job.

"Students that go through a program like this usually get better job offers because employers are looking for someone almost in every field that has good PC skills and use them every day," Olson said.

Gun control: saving lives or endangering them?

Yale, SIU professors tackle second amendment issue

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

During election years, gun control permeates every social sector and becomes a topic of discussion in the media, at universities and at the dinner table.

The SIU Federalist Society for Law & Public Policy sponsored a debate Tuesday at the Lesar Law auditorium centered on the question of whether modern gun control legislation saves or

endangers lives.

John R. Lott, senior research scholar at the Yale University School of Law, faced off with Thomas Castellano, director of the SIU Crime Studies Center.

During the two-hour debate, Lott, author of "More Guns, Less Crime: Understanding Crime and Gun Control Laws," discussed what he called "four myths of gun control."

Lott's research has found fallacies in the use of passive resistance to crime and misleading statistics in acquaintance-related murders, as well as the fear that more guns means more crime and police homicide investigations in residences of gun owners.

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GPSC unionization committee official

SARAH ROBERTS
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A formal resolution stating its reasons for forming a committee to investigate unionization was passed Tuesday by the Graduate and Professional Student Council.

The council, which voted in favor of forming a unionization committee in April, had yet to pass a formal resolution because of conflicts in wording and tone.

The new resolution claims that graduate students' concerns and recommendations are often given little merit by the administration and the Board of Trustees.

Amy Silvein, a representative from the English Department and a member of the Graduate Council, wrote the original resolution, which was criticized for being adversarial. The second sentence in the original resolution stated that "[the Board of Trustees] and administration only

pay lip service to the idea of shared governance."

Another section stated that "graduate and professional students at SIU have been exploited, had their rights trampled upon, and their health endangered."

The revised resolution was presented before the council in June, but because of the absence of a quorum, it was not approved.

Josh Sunderbruch, a representative from the English Department, told the council that passing the new resolution would be only logical.

"We've been technically operating under this resolution since the summer," Sunderbruch said. "It would be highly unorthodox of us to vote this down."

The new resolution also states that "no impartial authority exists to protect Graduate and Professional student's rights ... Graduate and

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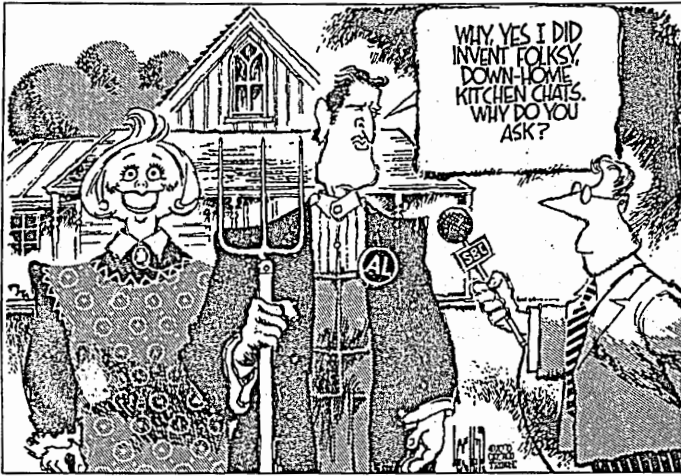
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OUR WORD

Don't let the past haunt Halloween

Some Halloween traditions are scarier than ghosts and goblins.

Like broken windows, for example. Or a mob that has lost control. Or chemical spray.

The weekend before Halloween in 1996 was not only frightening; for many, it was sad. Community members who attended the Newman Catholic Student Center found their church in ruins the day after riotous young people filled the Strip.

Traditions can be a fun and unifying force for a university. But Carbondale's Halloween weekend sticks in the minds of those who have witnessed it as destructive and divisive.

Through the years, SIUC students and their visitors destroyed cars and store fronts, wounded one another in fights and were arrested in droves on the weekends before Oct. 31.

But the Halloweens of Carbondale's past inflicted a more enduring injury, one that SIUC grapples with today: tell someone you attend this University, and more often than not, the response will be "big party school, huh?"

Windows were repaired promptly and rioters found their way out of jail, but SIUC's reputation suffers on.

Seven months ago, the Carbondale City Council voted to end the five-year run of restrictions that closed down the Strip every Halloween weekend. Four riotous years had passed since the bars were able to remain open on Halloween weekend. After the vote, Mayor Neil Dillard put a voice to the fear on everyone's mind.

"There will be members of this City Council and administration that will regret that vote," he said.

With Halloween weekend now at our doorstep, some fear the worst. But the chances of Carbondale's Halloween demons becoming unleashed again are almost entirely wrapped up in SIUC's students.

The students should consider this weekend a trial run. If it fails, it may be a decade before Carbondale is able to celebrate Halloween on the Strip again. As for the effect on SIUC's reputation, failure may be irreparable.

But if the students respond to this year's additional freedom peacefully and responsibly, we can show the world that SIUC has been unfairly mislabeled. SIUC could regain the respect it deserves, and the relationship between our city and University would be better than ever before.

At 2 a.m. Sunday as students pour onto the Strip from the bars, a choice will hang in the air. Groups could surge forward, feeling the power of the mob around them, and turn violent.

Or students could be thoughtful enough to remember they are individuals, responsible for their own actions. They could realize the feeling of immunity that comes from the cover of a large crowd is an illusion. People do get hurt, and people are held accountable.

This weekend is a test. Students who care about their University, their degrees and themselves will not risk failure. Be careful, be responsible and, perhaps most importantly, do not invite your friends to Carbondale this weekend.

Let's make Halloween weekend about harmless practical jokes and creative costumes again, and lay our haunted Halloween past to rest once and for all.

MAILBOX

Readers insist third-party votes are not wasted

DEAR EDITOR:

As many of you know, our presidents are not elected by popular vote. They are elected by the Electoral College. If a candidate wins a state by a 1-percent margin or a 50-percent margin, they take all the votes. So in Illinois, where Gore is projected to win by a substantial margin, a vote for Ralph Nader is NOT a vote for George W. Bush. A vote for Ralph Nader IS a vote for all the things listed in Ms. Joiner's (Oct. 24) letter to the editor.

"Vote for your right to reproductive freedom and women's choice. Vote for a cleaner environment, for college education breaks, for tax breaks for the working class — not for the wealthiest — and for an improved economy. Vote for improved gun safety and better government, not bloated Texas government."

Ms. Joiner, the Democrats have failed. It is no longer a party of JFK Democrats; it is a subsidiary of the Republican Party. The Green Party is the only logical choice if you truly want change. Haven't you heard of Gore's ties to Occidental Petroleum, a corporation built on environmental devastation and the destruction of South American native cultures?

Alan Sommer
senior in workforce education

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Mary Jo Joiner's letter that appeared on Oct. 24. I have to say I am amazed to hear a Nader supporter endorsing Gore when the Greens are so close to getting their beloved matching funds. This kind of thinking is precisely the reason our so-called democracy is stuck in this two-party stranglehold. If you have no qualms about perpetuating it, go ahead, vote for Gore. The fear of a Republican administration should not stop you from voting for what you believe. You can blame yourself for the situation we are in.

Also, I would like to say that it would be in our best interest to look at the candidates in a much more fundamental way. I look at the candidates and I ask myself, "How much more of my freedom will be sacrificing this year?" This matter gets little or no consideration from the two major parties. Looking at their platforms, nearly all of the candidates are virtually identical in this respect (including Nader). This is the most important issue. Our country was founded on freedom.

Vote for freedom. Vote for smaller government. Vote Libertarian.

Stephen Rodgers
sophomore in English

From Snorkles to Skeletor: a fond farewell to childhood friends

Not Just Another Priddy Face

GRACE PRIDDY

Not Just Another Priddy Face appears Thursdays. Grace is a junior in architectural studies. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



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Nope, I preferred something fairly plain and simple, but with a high sugar content. Honey Nut Cheerios and Cookie Crisp were palatable, but Golden Grahams was really my breakfast of choice.

In my house a much bigger dilemma presented itself each Saturday. After all, Saturday was the dreaded "cleaning day." While my brother and I would wake at dawn to get our chores out of the way before the cartoons started, circumstances beyond our control wreaked havoc on our viewing pleasure. Every week, just as the Smurfs theme started to play, a dull roar would resonate through the house as my nemesis, the vacuum cleaner, knew it had won yet again in the ongoing living room battle. I remember one time, my little brother and I actually tried to convince my mom to exchange our allowances for vacuum-free Saturday mornings. She didn't go for it.

Once upon a decade Saturday morning was an official weekly holiday. That valuable, long-awaited morning was an event; a moment in time so treasured and anticipated it required an entire week of thorough planning. Four hours worth of precious time slots were carefully weighed and assigned channels to complete the perfect Saturday Morning Experience.

For those readers not born in the late '70s/early '80s, I don't know how to explain Saturday Morning. It wasn't just the cartoon thing either. Nay, every aspect of this morning had to be carefully planned and executed.

First, there was the importance of choosing the right cereal. You wouldn't catch any kid suffering through corn flakes or shredded wheat on that most sacred of days. You needed a good, sugar-coated cereal that wouldn't get soggy two minutes into "Pee-Wee's Playhouse."

I remember when Trix added those purple balls and ruined everything. There was something about looking down between commercials at gray-tinted milk that could take away an appetite faster than you could say "Mecca Lecca Hi, Mecca Hiney Ho."

The best brands weren't too loud to eat, either. A noisy bowl of Rice Krispies could drown out Beetlejuice, for heaven's sake. And those cereals with good/bad counterparts weren't practical at all. It is virtually impossible to enjoy He-Man if you're too busy picking out marshmallows every bite.

Anyway, after years passed since my last Saturday cartoon morning, I woke up last weekend with my first free Saturday since I hit puberty. I knew exactly how to spend it, too. Digging out my old plastic cereal bowl and Big Bird spoon from the cabinet, I realized it had been too long. Excited, I flopped down on the couch and pressed the remote, eager to see if the Turtles ever managed to send Krang and the Technodrome back to Dimension X.

I watched and waited, but I couldn't believe it. Saturday morning didn't exist anymore. I mean, there were a handful of cartoons on broadcast, but none of them could hold a candle to those of my childhood. The plots were dumb, the characters were annoying and even the old favorites they brought back to Saturdays are crap. The "New Ghostbusters" shouldn't even get to share the name. And frankly, "Saved By the Bell: The New Class" — what the hell were they thinking? While they're at it, why don't they do a revival of Punky Brewster and hire the Olsen twins to star in it?

And so it has come to pass. Video already killed the radio star, and now the heroes of our own childhood have been laid to rest by a newer, shallower generation. But Captain O.J. Readmore, I still salute you. Forever will I hold dear the happiest days of my youth, spent with dear friends canceled long ago. You promised to return after these messages. Please come back. Our cereal is getting soggy.

Nader supporters push for votes

Green Party enthusiasts weary of ceding election to Bush

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After much deliberation, Megan Jallas is taking a chance and voting for Ralph Nader. With the presidential election looming less than two weeks away and polls showing 18 states and 201 electoral votes up for grabs, by voting for Nader, voters like Jallas, could tip the election toward Gov. George W. Bush.

Although, Nader, the Green Party presidential candidate, is expected to take in a meager portion of the vote, he could make a difference in at least eight of those states. Polls show Nader could seize enough votes from Vice President Al Gore in Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin, potentially sending Bush to the White House.

Jallas, a senior in university studies, was torn between voting for Nader or Gore until she watched a rally for Nader in Minnesota.

Jallas was moved by the speeches given by Nader and his running mate, Winona LaDuke. She said it was the first political speech that she did not find boring or disenchanted.

Jallas said although she fears Bush might win, she is going to vote for Nader.

"I still have misgivings, but I had to make my choice based on my conscience," Jallas said.

Her major concern is the potential for the new president, with the possibility of two or three open spaces, to change the make-up of the Supreme Court. Issues including abortions balance of state and federal power, and the degree of separation of church and state all could be changed if the Supreme Court is revamped.

Jallas said people remind her everyday what could happen if Bush wins, but she wants to vote for what she believes in.

"I understand it's a real threat," Jallas said.

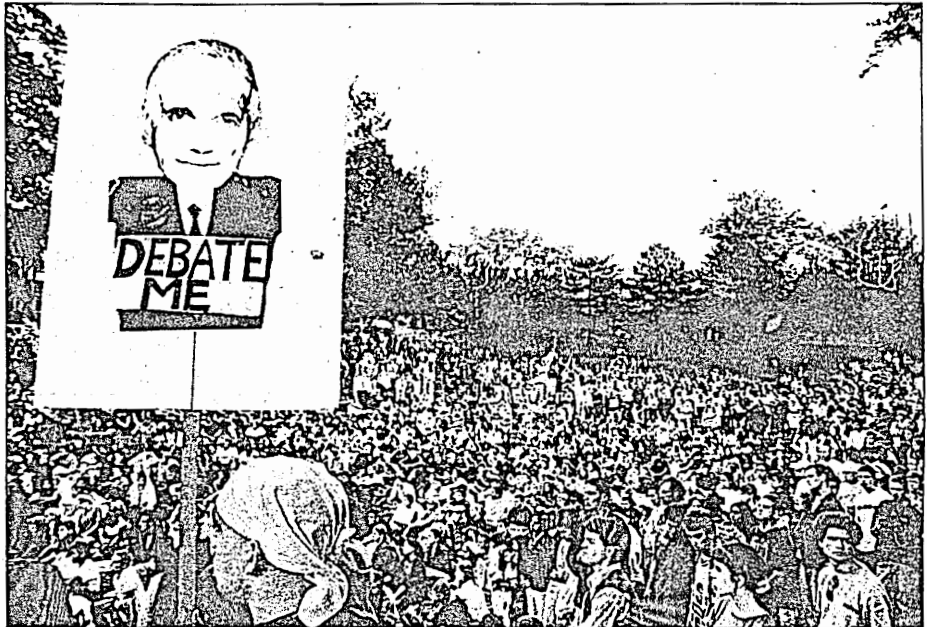
Mary Jo Joiner, a Carbondale resident, leans more toward Nader, but has decided to vote for Gore. Joiner, 43, said although polls show Gore has locked Illinois, polls are not definite. She said it would be risky to vote for Nader and possibly give the election to Bush.

"I think if I vote for Nader, we'd be taking a step back for women and the environment, and we just can't afford that," Joiner said.

Joiner said Gore's plan for campaign finance reform will make it easier for third parties to run campaigns, which would give Nader and the Green Party a better chance in future elections.

"We need campaign finance reform for third parties to have a chance," Joiner said.

Alan Sommer, a member of the student chapter of the Shawnee Green Party, said people who are afraid to vote for Nader need to look at state polls when making the decision.



TED SCHURTEN - DAILY EGYPTIAN

A Ralph Nader supporter holds a sign during a Green Party rally in St. Louis last week. Some Green Party supporters are hesitant to vote for Nader, whose support isn't widespread, for fear such a vote may put a disagreeable candidate in the Oval Office.

Because of the Electoral College system, a candidate will receive all the electoral votes for a state if they win a state by only a 1-percent margin. Polls show many states have committed to either Bush or Gore. Sources predicted that Gore will win Illinois.

Sommer, a senior in workforce education, said because of Gore's lead in Illinois, it is unlikely voting for Nader will cause Bush to win the state. In states where Bush is predicted to win, Sommer said it would be throwing away votes to vote for Gore.

The Green Party knows it is unlikely that Nader will win the presidency. Its major election goal is to garner 5 percent of the votes, which will guarantee the Green Party federal funds in the 2004 election.

A large portion of the Green Party's time in election 2000 has been spent attempting to get Nader on the ballot. The battle was won in 44 states, but time and money were lost that could have been put toward campaigning.

"If we get the 5 percent, we won't have to waste any time trying to get our candidate on the ballot," Sommer said.

If Bush does win the election, it will at least send a strong message to the Democratic

Party that they have to change if they want support, Sommer said.

To those people I say — you're just going to have to take a chance.

CHARLIE HOWE
Shawnee Green Party member

"Just remember that if George W. Bush wins the election, the Green Party, now estimated at 7 percent of the registered voters, will be watching and reacting to his every move," Sommer said.

It is important that people express their desire for a third party if they want change, Sommer said. The two major parties are not going to accept a third without being pushed by the public.

"[The two parties] have everything they want it, and they want to keep it that way," Sommer said.

Ryan Burrus, political director for the SIUC College Democrats, said there may be a desire by Democrats and Republicans to maintain the two party system, but that does not mean the system will not change.

"A third party can throw a monkey wrench into the system," Burrus said. "But, this is America and people have to have choices."

Burrus said he is not really worried that Nader will cost Gore the election.

"The calculations right now show that it's not really a concern," Burrus said.

Nader is strong in the Pacific Northwest,

specifically Washington and Oregon. Combined, the two states have 18 electoral votes. Of the undecided states there are four major targets — Florida, 25 electoral votes; Michigan, 18 electoral votes; Pennsylvania, 23 electoral votes; and Ohio, 21 electoral votes.

Polls show 192 electoral votes solid for Gore and 145 electoral votes solid for Bush. Gore has a slight lead in Florida, Michigan and Pennsylvania. If he wins those three states and two or three of the other 15 undecided states, Gore could win the election.

Charlie Howe, a Shawnee Green Party member, said he has heard fears around town that voting for Nader could result in a victory for Bush.

"To those people I say — you're just going to have to take a chance," Howe said.

Howe, 56, said it does not matter if Gore or Bush wins because both will serve the corporations that fund their parties and campaigns, and not the interests of the American people.

"The system has failed the people and it will continue to do so until we change the two-party system," Howe said.

The Green Party is working toward the future, Howe said.

"We're aiming for the big, long-term view," Howe said. "The Green Party is in for the long haul."

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SIUC gains Braille textbook converter

New system prints in Braille to save students money

GINNY SKALSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The rising price of textbooks is a continuous ailment for college students, especially for one blind SIUC student whose Braille math book would have cost \$20,000, until Disabled Student Services came to the rescue.

After researching the price for a Braille book printed in Nemeth, a math form of Braille, DSS employees became discouraged at the lowest price tag for the book — \$20,000 at Purdue University in Indiana.

Instead of scrounging to find a way to afford the book, DSS, with the help of Associate Chancellor of Diversity Seymour Bryson, decided to purchase a computer system that would allow Braille to be printed in the DSS office. The system arrived at DSS this week.

"To date there is no regional service that's been able to do this," said Kathleen Plesko, director of Disabled Student Services.

The new service will be available not only to aid the University, but to provide Braille print outs for area community colleges and the community for a small fee.

Converting a normal textbook into Braille is not a particularly difficult process. However, it is time-consuming and expensive.

The process begins by having the pages of a textbook cut out of its binding and scanned into a computer individually. Michael Whitney, assistant program director of DSS, works with the program and said to scan a 100 page book of straight text would take about two hours.

"The book kind of has to be destroyed," said Whitney, who explained the books are later glued back together. "You can't tell the difference between new and old books [when it's done]."

After the book is scanned, a computer program translates the

text document into a Braille document. The translation may take longer if the font of the textbook is not common or if graphics are in the textbook.

Following the text conversion, the document is sent to the newly purchased Braille printer. Printing in Braille is extremely time-consuming as one regular page in a textbook converts to four pages of Braille.

Currently, no SIUC students have taken advantage of the service, but Plesko said DSS is already working to convert nursing books to Braille for a blind student at John A. Logan College.

Plesko said the cost of the Braille software was a wonderful investment for the University because it can now offer a better service to disabled people in Southern Illinois.

"Anything that you generate today that is offered in public use you have to be able to convert [to Braille]," Plesko said. "We want to extend the usage of this [technology] all over."



Owen Zimpel, Interim Learning Disabilities Coordinator, takes a print out from the Braille printer as Michael Whitney, assistant program director of disability support services types at the Woody Hall Wednesday morning.

MINOOK PARK
DAILY EGYPTIAN

VIOLENCE

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teachers, all asking questions," Harland said. "I am convinced that there were people who knew what would happen at Columbine, but they didn't say anything."

The questions have yet to be answered.

While lack of gun control and the decline of the family have both been attributed as possible causes, nothing is for sure. But presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush have tirelessly debated the issue, and an 11-page report was released by the United States Secret Service earlier this month, comparing similarities in 37 different school shootings.

In a period of just a decade, murder at the hands of American teenagers has more than doubled, according to a Northeastern University report, and the numbers are expected to increase in coming years as the teenage population grows.

Gore and Bush have both focused heavily on violent media as a major concern. Bush has criticized television and rap music of "roman-

tizing violence," and Gore has proposed V-chips and Internet filters as ways to curb the disturbing trend. Many agree that the media have had profound sociological effects on American culture.

"In a lot of ways, we've become more fractured as a society," said Max Grubb, an SIUC assistant professor who teaches courses related to the media's social impact. "We don't know our neighbors anymore, and we don't know ourselves anymore."

According to recent Nielsen figures, the average American child spends almost five hours in front of a television or computer screen each day. Grubb said these "easy babysitters" have helped to create a generation of socially introverted children.

While numerous studies have shown that increasingly violent programming can lead to delinquency in children — the Columbine killers were reportedly infatuated with the bloody shoot-em-up video game "Doom" — many believe that media violence is just one part of a larger issue.

"It's more of a Band-Aid solution for dealing with something that runs deeper," said Yolander G.

Hurst, an SIUC assistant professor who teaches a course in juvenile crime. "It may be that our morals are changing."

Skyrocketing divorce rates and single-parent homes have ended the home-grown family values of the 1950s, and Hurst questions whether the country's youth has suffered as a result. We live in an "age of accountability," Hurst said, where it is easier to point fingers at the media after a shooting rather than look at the infrastructure of society itself.

But most children are well-meaning, Harland said, trying to find acceptance from their peers while running between science class and band practice. Aside from an occasional fight, Marion High School remains a peaceful place, and Harland tries to make the rounds with students every day. Personal interaction and a listening ear is often all troubled students are looking for, he said.

"I don't think kids have changed that much," Harland said. "They want to be recognized, they want to have friends, and they want to be accepted. The thing that's changed is that people don't have anyone to talk to anymore."

Americans perform well in sex survey

BILLY O'KEFFE
TMS CAMPUS

The Olympics in Sydney proved that America's athletes are at the top of their class when it comes to physical prowess. The 2000 Durex Global Sex Survey proves that the rest of us aren't doing too shoddy, either.

According to the survey, which queried 18,000 people from 27 countries, the United States is at the head of the class in terms of sexual initiation, consistency and promiscuity. Among those polled, 16.4 percent of Americans admitted to being younger than 16 years old the first time they had sex, beating the Brazilians to the finish line by a mere tenth of a percent. Americans also took home the gold in consistency, with 132 sexual encounters a year. The Russians picked up the silver with 122 escapades, while the Greeks took home the bronze with respectable 115. Only four percent of those surveyed fessed up to having sex every day, while 64 percent said that, like NBC's

"Must-See" Thursday, they enjoy sex once a week.

Americans lagged, however, when it came to promiscuity, with an average of 11.7 sexual partners per person surveyed — a match for the French, who have amassed a staggering average of 16.7 partners in their time. The staggering rise in world averages is likely due to participants aged 16-20, who claimed to have an average of 5.1 partners already.

For Americans who might oppose wild, promiscuous sex, the news isn't all bad: more than any other country, 22 percent of Americans aged 16-20 consult their mothers for advice concerning sex, a 10 percent jump above the national average. Additionally, more than half the world's population has taken a more mature and conservative approach to sex due to concerns with HIV and AIDS, while 92 percent of all 16-20 year-olds said they practice safe sex regularly.

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Inter-Greek Council hosts Halloween fest for children



Diana Shepherd, 5, from Carbondale shows her reflection in her Halloween costume, as a cat, through the mirror at the Student Center before going Trick-or-Treating.

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JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A girl dressed in a Harry Potter costume uses her nose to shove a peanut across the shiny ballroom floor, trying to beat her opponent across the masking tape finish line.

The game was part of the annual Inter-Greek Council Halloween festival for children Wednesday, bringing food, games and costumed families to Student Center Ballroom D.

The Sigma Kappa sorority prepared for the children by making spiders out of marshmallows, pretzels and cinnamon candies, a project for the children to work on.

"It's a good opportunity for the Greek system to get involved with parents and kids in the community," said Meredith Hudgens, a member of the house.

The IGC has sponsored the festival for the past three or four years, with an average turnout of 100 children. About 10 Greek houses participated in the event, which was open to all community members.

And in walked Carbondale residents, dressed as wizards and Batman, princesses and Pokemon, all eager for candy to warm up their Halloween bags and buckets for the upcoming holiday.

The noise level rises as more kids join games and music plays from across the room. At the Sigma Pi fraternity's table, a Batman aims a ball into a jack o' lantern's eye ... and misses. But the members thank him and offer him candy anyway, which he proudly stores in his orange bucket of loot.

Two girls, dressed as a kitten and Pokemon, stand in front of the Sigma Lambda Beta table, playing La Loteria, a bingo game with pictures. The multicultural

fraternity used the Spanish bingo game to include some cultural flavor in the project.

"We figured we'd try to culture these kids and expose them to games they're not used to," said Marcos Lopez, a senior in Spanish and marketing from Chicago and member of the fraternity.

The festivities continue as Pokemon tries to shoot a small basketball into a short hoop at the Theta Xi table. She misses, but her enthusiasm is rewarded with another piece of candy for her bag.

The Harry Potter look-alike is with her family, all dressed for the occasion. The parents, dressed as a wizard and a cat, said they came for the fun and the setting.

"It gets them on the University," said Karen McGowan, a Carbondale resident. "It's important for them to interact with the University."

MISERY

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strangling the depressions. The dates of burial range from 1878 to 1946. Next to the names of the dead are brief descriptions reading things like "Black," "Civil War," "Widow" and "Idiot." Chaloupka found two unmarked graves with soil indentations that still can be seen.

"I brought out a steel rod. When you hit a hollow cavity like [the rod] it goes 'zipppp,'" Chaloupka said, pretending to hold on to the pole as his hands swiftly moved down. "Then it hits the bottom [of the grave] and goes thump."

The building later became the Vivarium Annex. Before Life Science II was built, research animals awaited experimentation there.

Stainless steel cages and bizarre animal contraptions were scattered throughout the building. Every floor and wood door creaked. Every wall cracked paint. Chipped, ceiling fragments rained on the floor, creating holes in the roof.

A dumbwaiter rested on the basement floor. A syringe sat on a light switch that did not work. Scattered glass from busted windows carpeted the floors. Cracked windows created an eerie "whoosh" sound.

As I ascended the archaic steps to the top floor, every hair was standing on end. "If there is something here," I thought, "then it lives upstairs."

I could hear what sounded like murmuring. A door creaked as if being opened.

"Did you hear that?" I asked Siefert.

"Yeah," he said laughing. "This place probably is haunted. Wouldn't surprise me."

Listening to my tape recorder later I discovered that at that moment someone not physically with us started talking. A woman's voice called out three unintelligible words.

In the dark basement, doors were numbered. Door number 13 was locked. Siefert opened the heavy metal door to the outside world. We stepped out and the door closed behind us. He re-opened the door and it shut again.

"That was just too weird," he said. On the tape at the precise time the door shut for the second time, the voice of a woman screamed in anguish.

We walked outside and peered at the old building. "When I was upstairs I thought I heard voices in the background," I told Siefert. "I want to take another look."

We opened the front door again. I began to round the staircase. The front door slammed shut with such power I jumped. "OK," I said, "without returning to the surreal second floor. I won't take another look."

"Oh it was just the wind," Siefert said.

Besides the voices, there were many inexplicable sounds. Knocking and squeaking noises abounded on the tape from when we were inside. Outside, the recordings sounded as if we were talking over marching troops in the heat of battle. "The war veterans buried there must still be in the fray," I thought.

Somebody SIU Building 207, what the facility is now known as, called me back. I returned the next day. This time door number 13 in the basement was unlocked. It stored empty cages. But why unlocked? Someone had to have come in the previous 24 hours and unlock a door that stored useless, antiquated equipment.

I thought about the site's history. It was one of poverty, insanity, unmarked graves and experimental animal. — a factory of misery. The depravity of the past still cleaves in the mist surrounding County Farm, leaving a tangible impression one can still perceive.

CHALOUPKA

I brought out a steel rod. When you hit a hollow cavity like [the rod] it goes 'zipppp'.

HARVEY JAY CHALOUPKA
former Architectural Draftsman
for Museum Research Corporation

UNION

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"It is incomprehensible to me that the University would take this hard stance with its lowest paid employees," said Pommier, who is also the President of the Association for Civil Service Employees.

Administrative spokesman Bob York could not be reached for comment.

The dueling proposals are less than 1 percent apart in term of salaries. But despite the union's failure to achieve its desired 5-percent across-the-board raises from the administration, Pommier hopes the negotiations sparked awareness among employees.

"I hope the employees in this sector of the University learned the University will not take care of them and they must take care of themselves," Pommier said.

York and Pommier said Monday some progress had been made with civil service contract negotiations, which will only be for a one year contract. The short contract allows Pommier to request bargaining for the following contract this March.

The union is currently operating voluntarily under a contract that expired June 30.

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poor family farm made him realize that quality health care is imperative to a person's success, and that it is time to move toward providing health care access to everyone.

Bost said he cannot support universal health care because it opposes a free market system.

"If we shift to universal health care, we can't provide for the best of the best to be in the health care system," Bost said.

In a 1999 municipal election, 83 percent of Carbondale residents voted in an advisory referendum to support universal health care.

Another defining difference was the candidates' responses to the Patient's Bill of Rights. Bost voted against the first Patient's Bill of Rights legislation, but supported a second similar bill.

Koehn said this is an example of not taking a stand against large insurance companies. The legislation Bost opposed would have held insurance companies and HMOs accountable by allowing patients to sue them when things go wrong, Koehn said.

Bost responded that the second Patient's Bill of Rights was better because it set up a board where patients could take their complaints without

waiting for the court process.

Both candidates agreed that HIV-infected patients should be allowed to return to work and still receive medical benefits from the state. They also agreed that a mass-transit system is crucial to providing health care to rural residents.

Bost and Koehn also answered questions about domestic violence and the mentally ill with little disagreement. Their answers were peppered with analogies to their daytime jobs. Bost repeatedly used his volunteer firefighter position as a metaphor for his experience as a legislator, while Koehn referred to his experiences as an educator.

Gwen LeBeau, family services director at the Jackson County Health Department, said that while a wide array of questions were addressed, none of them were answered to the depth that she had wanted.

Corene McDaniel, a self-employed Carbondale resident, agreed. She attended the debate because she thought it was important to hear the candidates' stance. McDaniel had been insured through her husband's insurance plan for 35 years, but now he is retired, and she has to find a new insurance plan. After the debate, however, McDaniel said her questions were still unanswered.

"I've got important choices to make," said McDaniel. "And that's why I came, but nothing that affects me directly was addressed."

GUN CONTROL

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"It is impossible not to look at the newspapers or media and not hear some type of story that happened involving guns," Lott said. "The best estimates that we have indicate that people use guns defensively about 2 million times a year."

Lott compared that to the 430,000 crimes that were committed with guns in the United States in 1997, pointing out guns were used defensively five times more frequently than were used to commit a crime.

Lott said he thinks the largest contributor to the misunderstanding is the way that information involving crime and statistics is purveyed by the media.

"Those states that issued the most permits had the biggest relative drops in violent crime," Lott said.

After the onslaught of statistics and numbers presented by Lott, Castellano replied to Lott's presentation pensively. "The issue is to what degree does Dr. Lott's research and the statements that he tends to make in very public audiences really smack of reality," Castellano said.

As a criminologist who focuses on correctional issues, Castellano admits that he thought the debate would be intimidating. He presented evidence that suggested more research should be done to determine the validity of gun control legislation.

"In the United States, the level of gun violence is greater than any place in the world," Castellano said. "Of the western industrial societies, there is basically no comparison."

Castellano pointed out the high level of guns in American society. According to Castellano, there are about

200 million to 250 million guns in private circulation and about 65 million handguns.

"We know that every year, about 7 million new guns enter the market," Castellano said.

In addition to these new guns, there are one million handguns and 1.5 million long-guns, such as rifles and shotguns, that change hands through unofficial means, Castellano said.

"Most laws don't have impact on human behavior," he said. "If we were able to instrumentally modify behavior, we would probably be a much more law-ruled society."

Castellano said he is not suggesting that gun control legislation has an affect upon gun violence and thinks that we have too many guns in the legitimate, as well as illegitimate, gun market in the U.S.

"What is going to need to change, if we are going to have any significant impact on gun violence and homicide in the U.S. are major structural changes," Castellano said. "That is going to take a very long time and an immense amount of political will and major reorientation of the value of guns in the society."

Castellano said he does not see this happening anytime in the foreseeable future. Unlike the second presidential debate that took place in North Carolina, where both presidential candidates appeared cautious to broach the subject, Lott and Castellano were unafraid to discuss the gun control issue.

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush does not believe there is a need for more gun laws, but talks tough of existing laws. Vice President Al Gore wants to require licensing for all new handguns, but says he does not want to pass legislation that would affect hunters or sportsmen.

CHANCELLOR

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vacancy left by the controversial termination of former chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger in June 1999.

Despite Jackson's ambiguous stance toward his personal future in the position, he does agree with Walker on how the relationship between Walker and the next chancellor should be executed.

Walker pledged last July he would not "micromanage" the respective SIU campuses and would instead oversee the campuses while working with the state legislature. And he has not wavered on his stance.

"I don't see myself looking over the chancellors' shoulders," Walker said Wednesday. "I want to work

with the chancellors to continue to move SIU forward."

Jackson said Walker's perspective is wise.

"I think he has a very sensible view of the two different roles and certainly do agree with him as to how they should be distinguished," Jackson said. "SIUC is a big complicated operation and provides enough responsibility for the person holding the chancellor's job to stay busy all the time."

Jackson turned down the permanent chancellorship last November after the Faculty Senate and Grad Council passed resolutions requesting a national search.

The resolutions were passed in response to former SIU president Ted Sanders' plan to recommend Jackson as permanent chancellor to the board.

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Professional students have little or no security concerning their funding."

The new resolution passed unopposed. Council President Bill Peters announced that the committee was now official. The committee can consist of both GPSC members and non-member graduate and professional students.

Its main task is gathering information on the unionization process and its ramifications.

Peters reminded the council that the purpose of the committee was only to collect and distribute information and that GPSC has no plans to take action to begin a union at SIUC.

"This committee was set up to gather information on the positives and negatives of unionization and whether there are other options, and that's all," Peters said.



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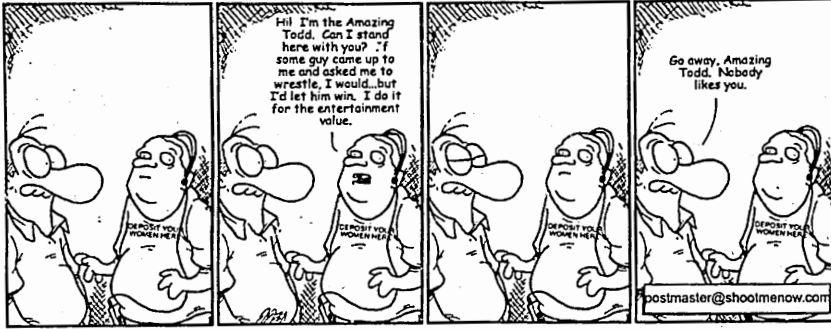
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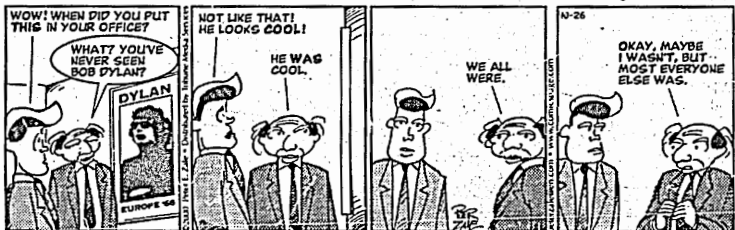
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Men's golf wraps up fall campaign

Salukis nab 6th place finish at Pepsi-SMS Challenge

JAVIER SERNA
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The SIU men's golf team began its fall season only two months ago with the goal of improving its tournament scores from the lower half to the upper tier.

And while the team hasn't reached its goal quite yet, it has reason to look forward to springtime after a string of strong outings including a sixth-place finish in its final tournament of the fall season, the Pepsi-Southwest Missouri State Challenge in Springfield, Mo., Tuesday.

Leading the Salukis in the Challenge and all fall was junior Brian Kolmer, who tied for eighth overall in the tournament. He was paired with the University of Arkansas' Craig Lile, the tournament champion. Lile is listed as the No. 2 collegiate men's golfer in the nation by Sagarin's rankings.

Kolmer's second round score of 69 was one stroke better than Lile's 70, but Lile shot a combined 11 strokes better than Kolmer in the first and third rounds.

Junior Brad Dunker tied for 38th place, shooting three rounds in the

70s. Team captain Brandon Bullard had two quality rounds of 74, but had troubles putting in the final round, where he shot an 84. Bullard tied for 45th overall.

Arkansas State University won the tournament with a three-round score of 864, the University of North Texas came in second scoring 866 and Arkansas took third shooting 875.

SIU head coach Leroy Newton switched up the four and five spots in the lineup to give some experience to a few other players.

Sophomore Mark Reuschel replaced junior Mike Smith in the No. 4 spot, while sophomore Kurt Pfaff secured the always fluctuating fifth position. Reuschel tied for 52nd and Pfaff tied for 62nd.

"The fall season is important, but what really matters is the spring season," Bullard said. "All the big tournaments are there.

"What coach is doing right now is playing out of the lineup to see who's going to come through and play in the

tournaments ... we have our top three, but we're just trying to find out who's going to wrap up the last two spots in the spring."

The Salukis can also take pride in having beat Missouri Valley Conference rivals University of Evansville and Creighton University. SIU also narrowly edged Saint Louis University — who has beat them in recent years — by one stroke.

"Last year [Saint Louis] beat us every time it seems and so did Evansville, so we're head and shoulders above last year and I'm really pleased with the progress we've made, but there's still more we've got to do," Bullard said.

And while the fall season is now history, Bullard and Kolmer were already out practicing Wednesday, and plan to keep on top of their game throughout the winter.

"This winter we're going to be banging balls, putting and everything to hopefully win the Valley [conference tournament]," Kolmer said.

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The fall season is important, but what really matters is the spring. All the big tournaments are there.

BRANDON BULLARD
senior, SIU men's golf

Floundering volleyball preps for season's end

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The SIU volleyball team is starting death in the face, as it needs to win the seven remaining Missouri Valley Conference matches to have any shot of playing in the conference tournament at the end of November.

Two of the seven will take place this weekend when the Salukis travel to play Wichita State University in Wichita, Kan., Friday and Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo., Saturday.

"These last couple of [matches] that we have left are very critical," said junior setter Megan Baumstark. "There's still maybe a chance that we can go [to the tournament], but it's imperative that we win this weekend."
SIU (8-14, 1-10 MVC) is currently in the midst of a six-match MVC losing streak with its last conference win coming at the end of September.

That win was against Friday's opponent, Wichita State, and if anything can help the Salukis get back on track, it is playing the last-place Shockers (4-18, 0-11 MVC).

"We've played them once so we know what their weaknesses are and what the holes are in their defense and things like that," Baumstark said. "We're just going to have to use those to the best of our advantage and play our game."

While the Shockers are not exactly a top-of-the-line team, Saturday's opponent, Southwest Missouri State, certainly is.

Southwest Missouri State (18-4, 8-3 MVC) comes into the match sitting comfortably in third place in the MVC and look to continue rolling.

Even though the Salukis lost the first meeting against the Bears, they made them sweat it out for a while.

"We start out good and then we get down on ourselves over the little mistakes and we need to come to the realization that we are going to make mistakes, but we can't let them

get to us," said sophomore outside hitter Kristie Kemner. "We have to capitalize on their mistakes and then that way we can come out ahead."

Kemner said she believes confidence is hurting the team right now.

"I think that is the biggest issue right now. When push comes to shove, it all comes back to confidence," Kemner said. "You have to have confidence in yourself and right now we're all looking away instead of looking inside to try and find confidence within ourselves."

In addition to the two MVC matches this weekend, the Salukis will also play their final non-conference match when they travel to Fayetteville, Ark., to face the University of Arkansas (8-11, 4-5 Southeastern Conference) Tuesday.

"I don't know that there's any real changes that have to be done. Tactically, we just need to try to be more offensive-minded and try to get that hitting percentage up into an area where we expect to put ourselves in a winning situation," said SIU head coach Sonya Locke.

"When you're trying to win, sometimes you press a little too hard and you seem to make a lot of mistakes. That is something that we can control and we need to control it."

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increasing student fees at a larger rate than inflation and take a significant amount out, and distribute some of the funds toward athletics.

"One of the bigger issues is No. 1, where are your priorities at? Athletics, academics, health services or whatever," Syfert said. "I'd just assume to have all of it go into academic programs and tuition."

Syfert said that students may want the student fee money to go to other programs on campus and called athletics on the SIUC campus a "peripheral" phase of the college experience.

"When one department is taking two-thirds of the allocated increase and everyone else is basically getting bread crumbs, ... you can see why they're not able to keep up," Syfert

said.

Kowalczyk noted that he would like to use student fees as a starting point to get SIU's athletic programs back to a more competitive level with other universities in the Missouri Valley and Gateway conferences.

"Student fees are a significant portion of where we are," Kowalczyk said. "In order for me to have a chance and our programs to have a chance, we've got to start somewhere. The fact that we haven't raised fees for a decade, it's a significant portion less than our peers."

SIUC students pay \$20 less in student fees than those attending Illinois State University and \$35 less than Northern Illinois University students.

Kowalczyk said he supports a modest increase and operating with the same budget during a period of time is a decrease in itself.

"I think you need to spend money to make money," Kowalczyk said. "And it's harder to spend money when it's not there."

But Syfert said athletics should not be a main priority.

"Why is it a priority to fix those or increase money to that department to fix their problems when you have these other priorities? Is athletics a core part of what we do? Is it a core part of our mission? I think it's a peripheral activity and service," Syfert said.

Kowalczyk has met with several student constituency groups to build support for the athletic programs. He said serving the students should be the main goal.

"We need the students, we need them to be supportive and to be at the events," Kowalczyk said. "And it goes without saying, they're why we're here."

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A partnership forged in competition

Cross country runners Marissa Jelks and Becky Cox end cross country careers, continue friendship

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The SIU cross country season is entering the postseason drive, and for two Saluki women who began together in 1997, it will be the last time around.

Since their freshman year, Marissa Jelks and Becky Cox have bolted from the starting lines together. They have sought victory and shared defeat for their entire stay here at SIU. This weekend spells the last time the two will enter the post-season together, as the Missouri Valley Conference Championships take place in Terre Haute, Ind., Saturday.

Jelks, a Bloomingdale native, left the suburbs of Chicago to seek an education in health care management at SIU. Having participated in cross country in high school, she was no stranger to the work ethic of a team-oriented program. However, she may not have been expecting the distance of collegiate competition as she walked-on and attempted to make the SIU cross country team.

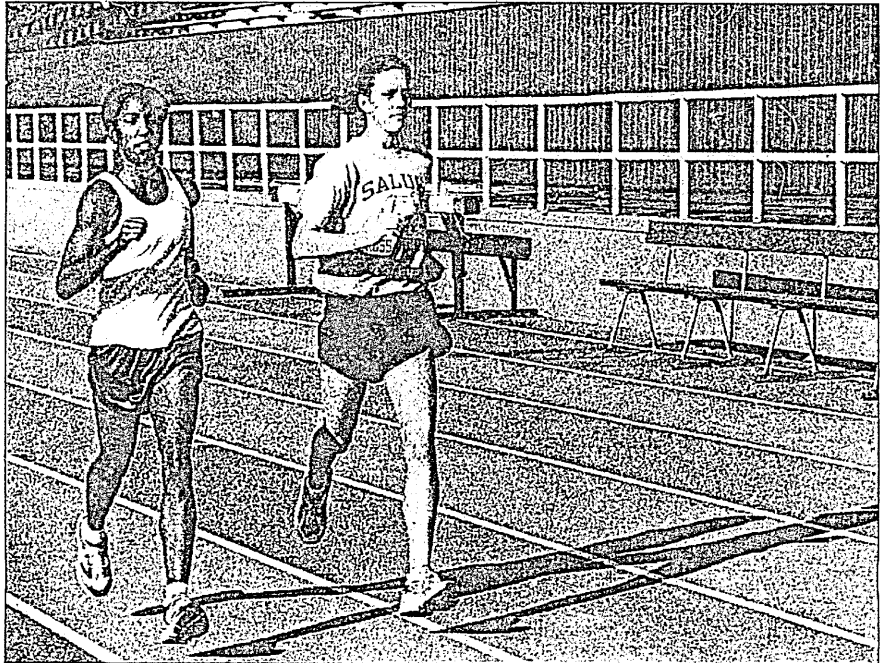
Jelks admits that she was shy and had trouble adjusting from a two-mile runner in high school to the norm of three miles in college.

With time and training, she was able to adjust her pace and produce for the team. Shortly afterward, she climbed to scholarship status and has been tearing up MVC courses ever since.

A turning point in her career came last spring when she was diagnosed with mononucleosis and bedded down for two months. It was an experience that left Jelks mentally stronger while teaching her not to take things for granted.

"I think that cross country has given me a lot of structure and discipline," Jelks said. "I've also met good friends like Becky that have made things easier in adjusting to college life."

Cox and Jelks united in their first year as shy freshmen that were unsure what to expect, but by assist-



Marissa Jelks and Becky Cox, both seniors on the cross country team, are approaching the end of their careers after running together for the last four years. They now hold the second and third best times in the MVC.

KERRY MALONEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

ing each other, they have strengthened a bond of close friendship and became competitive runners as well. Today, they own the second and third best times in the MVC.

During the years, head coach Don DeNoon has noticed a sense of camaraderie that has developed through the transformation of these two leaders.

"When the leaders are close, it brings everyone else on the team closer together," DeNoon said. "They have been real team athletes that have kept a focus on not only themselves, but everyone else as well."

Cox, an elementary education

major from Jerseyville, intends to become a teacher after she graduates next fall.

"I was very quiet my freshman year, now I am more outspoken and open about things," said Cox about how cross country has changed her. "I'd probably be lost without it — that same scared little girl. The advantage of a small team has been that everyone gets close to each other."

One of the biggest supporters in her career was friend and teammate Jelks.

Cox said that Jelks and she have helped support each other since that

first day of practice their freshman year. Training side-by-side and pushing each other toward the same goal, these two have combined their experiences to assume leadership of the team, but it is a rapport that exists beyond the cross country course.

"We work well together and get along really well — not just a running thing, we spend time outside of practice. We have grown so much together," Cox said.

The upcoming MVC Championships will mark the beginning of the end for these two friends who have dedicated four years of college to distance running and repre-

senting the Saluks.

Jelks will graduate in May and hopes to stay at SIU to pursue a master's degree in exercise science while Cox plans to go wherever life takes her in her quest of becoming a teacher. They will still compete together during track season this year, continuing a friendship that has developed from a common interest of running farther and faster than anyone else.

"We've both joked about this being the last time at each meet and how we'll miss certain things, but we really want to make it the best this time around," Cox said.

SIU Athletic Director responds to criticism from student trustee Ben Syfert

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SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk presented the Athletic Department's budget plan to the Board of Trustees at a Sept. 13 meeting in Edwardsville to set forth his agenda to solving the ongoing department deficit.

Kowalczyk inherited a difficult financial situation upon arriving at SIUC. Now, he also has found a difficult critic in Student Trustee Ben Syfert.

The ending balance of the 2000 fiscal year puts Saluki Athletics at \$810,761 in the red. Kowalczyk started his position June 1 and has focused much of his attention on the department's financial problems since arriving on campus.

Part of the solution could come from raising the current \$78 dollar student athletic fee to \$83 dollars per year in 2001. The fee would increase \$5 per year every year for five years in

Kowalczyk's projected budget.

Kowalczyk said SIU athletics will fall well short of its potential if the current mindset remains in place.

"We are the second-largest school in the state, we are the largest school in the Missouri Valley Conference. We're not budgeted like it, we don't compete like it," Kowalczyk said. "We need to start puffing our chest out a little here and start being proud of what we are and start making an impact."

Former SIU Athletic Director Jim Hart (1988-1998) told the Daily Egyptian in April 1997 that part of the department's budget crunch is because of the University's compliance with a 1995 Illinois Board of Higher Education recommendation.

The recommendation, which was never formally passed by the IBHE, called for the

elimination of state funding for athletics for Illinois universities. Unlike SIUC, many other state universities did not comply with the recommendation and still received all of its state funding.

Hart said the department lost around \$750,000 in funding and former SIUC Chancellor Don Beggs only reallocated \$150,000 in state money to the department. Kowalczyk said when SIU complied with the recommendation, the money crunch hindered the level of competition of the athletic programs.

"Basically, between two years, they took out about half of a million dollars of operating funds, and I don't know all the goings on there," Kowalczyk said. "But it was a reality that we had less money to operate with. Anytime you take budget dollars away, you are going to have a negative impact on any pro-

gram."

But Syfert wasn't impressed with Kowalczyk's numbers. Syfert is concerned that only about a \$5,000 decrease in revenue projections is in this year's plan. And Kowalczyk also increased the operating expenses by \$120,000 to the revised budget for the 2001 fiscal year.

"Basically, they're saying, we're going to spend what we take in," Syfert said. "A part of that problem is when you budget to spend what you take, I could see that it would be very easy to go over budget."

"Maybe if you have a few thousand dollars you weren't going to spend, then maybe if you went over budget a little, that's all you would eat into... I'd be very concerned when you say you're going to spend everything that you take in."

Syfert said the BOT is looking for change from the Athletic Department. Syfert suggests

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