Walker declares open chancellor search

Kate McCann
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The search for SIUC's permanent chancellor will be open to public feedback and will likely 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 vacant administrative slots, including the provost position.

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Civil Service union talks dissipate

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The SIUC administration refused to negotiate freely 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.

"We had parents, we had kids, we had everyone." said negotiators "Tell apart totally" at Wednesday's second and final mediation session.

"The administration is totally dehumanized to the plight of this sector of University employees," Pommerin said. According to Pommerin, the contract does not include the union's requests regarding health care benefits or vacation time.

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 weekend, counting the days until summer's freedom would finally arrive. But it 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 300 hurt and two dead by the side of bullet-riddled hallways. One gunman was 17, the other, just a year older. Both were Columbine students.

Inside Tuesday's debate centered on modern gun control.

"What happens is they put them in a pipe cutter," Chaloupka said, holding fragment clues of nickel. "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 lot of people known to be buried at "Sunset Haven Cemetery," marked only by woods in the property located at "County Farm," a so-called poor farm. Before Public Aid, the government allowed 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 SIU, which still owns the property in order to expand the agricultural program. It is run as a 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 and rose to the great brick mass, just as high as the window. The britks looked like they were stepped together with children's paws. Metal grid covered some window, yet very glass pans had been smashed. Some were boarded up and some grids had fallen, hanging precariously off window frames.

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

**TODAY**
- Library Affairs Finding Books Using ELMNT Online, 11 a.m. to noon, Monroe Library, 1035, 638-4981.
- Marriage & Divorce/Relationship Ending Support Group meeting for stress counseling every Thurs., 4:30 to 6 p.m., 435-5635.
- Student Programming Council homecoming movie night, 3 p.m., Student Center, 536-3159.
- University Christian ministries dining circle, 5 p.m., Interfaith Center, Hugh 744-3366.
- Student Environmental Center and Campus Shawnese Greene meeting, every Thurs., 6 p.m., Interfaith Center, 331-3359.
- Japanese Student Association conversation, every Thurs., 6 p.m., Melungeon, 513-1996.
- Welles of inspiration Choir rehearse, 4-6 p.m., Hubbard Hall, Tau 346-6092.
- Pre-Law Association question and answer session with Judge Paul Murphy, 6 to 8 p.m., Office of Academic C and D Student Center, Brian 529-4194.
- Asian Students Association and Friends meeting, 5-7 p.m., Cathrin Room Student Center, Argus 529-4560.
- Black's in Communication Alliance RSO members meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Missoula Room Student Center, 567-1917.
- k-celebration International student organization meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Thales Room Student Center, Tammi 529-8996.
- A haunted house for Koly Kids, today, 7 to 11, Oct. 27 and Oct. 28, 7 p.m., in the middle, Old Love's in Marion, Elks 953-3511.
- Rodos Club meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Agriculture Building Room 209 or 213, Rob 985-6613.
- Sigma Tau Delta guest speaker Mark Arnes, 2 p.m., Illinois Room Student Center, Katie 549-0592.
- Selling Club meeting, every Thurs., 6 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, 550.924.
- Windsurfing club meeting, every Thurs., 6 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, 550.924.
- SIU Swing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Dance-Upm, Dave 336-0112.
- Multicultural silent cinema, every Thurs., 6-8 p.m., Interfaith Center, 4M 473-4166.

**UPCOMING**
- Therapeutic Massage Fest 2000 sports massage for qükład Oct. 27, 1 to 5 p.m., The Bike Surgeon, 529-4545.
- International Coffee Hour informal panel discussion, Oct. 27, 5:10 to 6:30 p.m., Interfaith Center, Beth 453-5774.
- Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 5 p.m., Cafe Melange.
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the Illinois Department of Transportation is offering free motorcycle rider courses, Oct. 27, 2 to 6 p.m., and Oct. 29, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 1-800-642-5989.
- Dolly Parks will perform, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., The Coffee House, 529-3553.
- Southern Illinois Audubon Society slide presentation on the Highlands and Western Isles of Scotland, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., First Methodist Church, Denny 567-5053.
- Carbondale Soccer Fall Tournament needs volunteers, Oct. 26, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., 435-5836.

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

**CORRECTION**

**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!

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For more information, please visit the University of Illinois at Carbondale's website or contact the Office of University Relations at 536-2500. The information is based on the Cost of Living Index for 2000, which shows that Carbondale is more affordable than major cities in the United States.

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**Weather Today**

**TODAY**

- High: 78
- Low: 56

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**Residences**

- 19-year-old female reported receiving phone calls and mail from an unknown individual. The caller reportedly called the residence between 9:10 and 9:56 a.m. Tuesday at her residence during the day. Investigation into the matter is ongoing.

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Carbondale

- John Cote Bales, 26, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm, using a unauthorized access device, and identity theft. Bales was found in possession of a firearm and an unauthorized access device. The officer stated that Bales acknowledged the charges and turned over the firearm.

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** Ferguson (R)**

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**Cost of Living as Indicated to Carbondale at 100%. For example, the index suggests it is 10% less expensive to live in Springfield and 2% less expensive to live in Champaign.**

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**Rutgers**

- U-Mark (97)
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**Indiana**

- Bloomington (91)
- Normal (108)

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**Kentucky**

- Lexington (97)
- U-Mark (98)

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**Tennessee**

- Knoxville (95)
- Paducah (90)

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**Everytime we go to St. Louis to the hospital for treatment, to the zoo, 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!**

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**SOURCE FOR COST OF LIVING DATA:** http://www.homebalance.com/details/state.html

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE FACULTY ASSOCIATION:** http://www.siuac.org

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University looks at possibility of computer requirement

Alexa Aguilera

In this technology era, computers are becoming an essential part of daily life. A survey done by the administration shows that computers are needed by everyone, not just students. The administration has made a decision to implement a policy where all students will be required 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 $10 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 established under financial aid.

"If computers become such a need, it would take a lot of discussion and meetings and a lot of student input," Olson said.

Olsen said he was 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 hope we could be able to support laptop computers at all universities," Olson said.

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

SIU 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 colleges 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 who 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," Olsen said.

Another section stated that "graduate and professional students at SIU have been exploited, laid their rights to the people, and their health endangers.

The revised resolution was presented before the amendment of the absence of a quorum, it was not approved.

Josh Sundeburger, a representative from the English Department, said the board that passing the new resolution would be only logical.

"We've been technically operating under this resolution since the summer," Sundeburger said, "It would be highly u neconomic for us to vote this down.

The new resolution also states that "any impartial authority exist to protect Graduate and Professional student's rights ... Graduate and
Don't let the past haunt Halloween

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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 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 Jersey, 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 her running mate, Winona LaDuke. She said it was her first political speech that she did not find boring or dinerchanting.

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, involving elections, bargaining 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 and she doesn't want to vote for what she believes is a "disaster." Ralph Nader, "leads by a mile," Jallas said.

Mary Jo Joiner, a Carbondale resident, least toward Nader, but has decided to vote for Gore and possibly give the election to Bush.

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

Joiner said Gore's plan for campaign finance reform will make it easier for third parties to get on the ballot, 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.

Jen 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.

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 work-force 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.

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Ryan Burrus, political director for the SIUC College Democrats, said there may be a mountain 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.

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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.

"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 to people express their desire for a third party if they want change, Sommer said. The two major parties are no longer going to accept a third without being pushed by the public.

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

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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.

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The rising price of textbooks is a concern for many students, especially for those who need Braille editions. According to a recent study, the cost of textbooks for students has increased significantly over the past decade. Some students have reported spending hundreds of dollars on textbooks, which can add up to thousands of dollars for a single academic year.

The report found that the increase in textbook prices is due to a combination of factors, including the high cost of production, the use of expensive materials, and the lack of competition in the market. The report also noted that the low availability of electronic textbooks is another contributing factor.

American students are not alone in facing this issue. Students around the world have reported similar difficulties in accessing affordable textbooks. According to a global survey, the average cost of textbooks is $1,000 per year in the United States, and this figure is even higher in some countries.

The high cost of textbooks has serious implications for students, particularly for those who rely on Braille editions. In addition to being more expensive, Braille textbooks are often smaller in size, making them less accessible to students with visual impairments. As a result, many students struggle to keep up with their coursework.

The issue of textbook costs is not limited to students. It also affects educators, who may need to purchase additional materials to support their students. The high cost of textbooks can also impact the school districts, which may have to allocate more funds to purchase textbooks, leaving less money for other educational programs.

In response to this issue, several initiatives have been launched to address the high cost of textbooks. Some schools and universities have started to adopt more affordable alternatives, such as open-source textbooks and electronic versions. Additionally, some organizations have started to offer financial assistance to students who are facing difficulties paying for textbooks.

Overall, the high cost of textbooks is a significant challenge for students and educators alike. It is crucial to find solutions to make textbooks more affordable and accessible to all students, regardless of their background.
**Inter-Greek Council hosts Halloween fest for children**

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 opponents across the mask tape behind her.

The game was part of the annual Inter-Greek Council Fall Carnival for children Wednesday, bringing food, games and costume exhibits to Student Center Ballroom D.

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

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

The IGC has sponsored the festival for the past three or four years, with an average turnout of 500 children. About 16 Greek house participations 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 parties from across the room. At the Sigma Phi 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 candy.

Two girls, dressed as a kitten and a bunny, stand in front of the Sigma Lambda Beta table, playing La Latcha, a bingo game with pictures. The multicultural fraternity used the Spanish bingo game to include other cultural flair in the project.

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

The festivities continue as Pokemon trie to shoot a small ball into a short hoop in 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 gowns, dressed as a wizard and a jinx, said they came for the fun and the setting.

"It got them on the University," said Lauren Morgen, a Carbondale resident. "It's important for them to interact with the University."
Debate

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pros and cons. Peters said there are other options, and that's why his questions still await answers, although he did not specify what those answers may be.

Bost responded that the second resolution passed unopposed.

Jackson said Walker's perspective is wise: "Jackson turned down the permanent chancellorship because after the Ferguson and Grand Council posted 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.

Chancellor

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Professional students have their own security concerns.

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Daily Crossword
Men's golf wraps up fall campaign
Salukis nab 6th place finish at Pepsi-Smith Challenge

Javier Serna

The SIU men's golf team began its fall campaign three months ago with the goal of improving its tournament scores from the lower half to the upper half of the field.

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 at the Missouri State Challenge in Springfield, Mo., and a ninth-place finish at the Illini Classic in Champaign.

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The fall season is also important because the results from the lower rounds and the lower finishes from the fall season, the Pepsi-Southwest Conference matches, the Missouri State Challenge, and the Illini Classic are carried over into the spring season. For the Salukis, the fall season is a make-or-break season that could determine if they will or will not make the NCAA Regional in the spring.

"This fall's performance gives us a positive outlook towards the spring," said Petty.

"Last year [Saint Louis University] beat us at our home course and I feel we have a good chance of revenge this year," said Petty. "We need to make sure we play well and that we don't collapse in the final round."}

Flourishing volleyball prep for season's end

Jen Deja

The SIU volleyball team is starving death in the face, as it needs to win seven of the remaining eight matches to end its current six-match losing streak, with its last second-place finish, shooting three rounds in the 70s. Team captain Brandon Bullard had two quality rounds of 74, but had trouble putting in the final round, where he shot an 84. Bullard tied for 60th 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.

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That win was against Friday's opponent, Wichita State, and if anything, it made the Salukis get back on track, it is playing the fall season's last-place matches (2-18, 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," Bauerschmidt said. "We're just going to have to use those to our advantage and play our game.

While the Shockers are exactly a top-three of the line team, Saturday's opponent, Southwestern Missouri State, certainly is. Southwestern Missouri State (10-4, 8-3 MVC) comes into Saturday's match comfortably in third place in the MVC and look to continue rolling.

Even though the Shockers 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 because we make a mistake and we can't let them..." said Staten.

Kowalczyk added that students may want to consider playing sports on campus and choosing the right department to study as a way of narrowing down their degree options.

"Student fees are a significant portion of what we do," Kowalczyk said. "We have to balance our degree programs with the expectations and personal experience of our students. Our students' financial situations are not the same as those of our general population. Our students are often focused on their degree programs and not so much on our overall financial situation. Our student fees are a significant portion of what we do," said Kowalczyk. "Last year [Saint Louis University] beat us at our home course and I feel we have a good chance of revenge this year," said Petty. "We need to make sure we play well and that we don't collapse in the final round."
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