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# WEDNESDAY

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66 I get a lot of comments like, 'Gee, you're young.' Well, everyone I know wants to be younger. ??

- Brad Cole mayor, Carbondale

Center after giving them a tour of the facilities. Cole, sworn into office in May, is the youngest mayor in Carbondale history.

Six months into his first mayoral term, Brad Cole shows no signs of slowing down Story by Nicole Sack

is day begins at 6:30 a.m. — on a treadmill.

Keeping up with him around
the Recreation Center track is easy, but it is the flurry of activity that will consume the rest of Carbondale Mayor Brad

Cole's day that is more challenging to follow. Cole spends as much time driving around town and running to events as he does in the mayor's office. In between signing ordinances at his desk, he visits with coffee groups — where he drinks water. In between coffee groups, he checks out potholes on Carbondale's side streets. And in between surveying the condition of city streets, he runs personal errands.

Each time he stops to speak with some-

one, he asks the same question:
Is it a coincidence that since I have been

66 Someone once said it's not so much me getting used to being mayor; it's other people

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getting used to me. > 9 \_ Brad Cole mayor, Carbondale



Mary Lou's waitress Trina Clark discusses her recent hair color change with Mayor Cole before taking his usual Wednesday lunch order; lasagna and mashed potatoes. Cole is a long time patron of the legendary short order eatery where he is addressed as "Bradley" by the waitresses.

mayor, the SIU football team is undefeated?". He walks fast. And when he goes somewhere, he is on time.

But a place Cole rarely visits is his own home, at least not during his waking hours. Everything inside his three-bedroom house is uncluttered and meticulously organized. In one bedroom that he has turned into an office, Cole displays some of his political complishments.

Photos of Cole shaking hands with for-mer governors George Ryan and Jim Edgar and former President Bill Clinton line one wall of the room. The photos put young Cole in a strange juxtaposition with government officials who have always seemed to be old.

Opposite the photos, a map of the United States hangs on the wall. The map is dotted with red stickers that indicate where he has traveled and yellow stickers of places he has

Under the map, he keeps white, dated-binders full of clippings of every newspaper article he has ever been mentioned in, He is even prepared for 2004, with a binder that sits empty and alone, waiting for the calendar year to roll over and newspapers to roll off.

While his house looks very grown-up, his refrigerator is not. Cole keeps cream cheese and Pepsi products in his fridge, and the only thing in his freezer is one box of Popsicles.

"I don't have an appetite. I eat once a day," Cole said.

day," Cole said.

When he does eat today, it will be lunch at Mary Lou's Grill, 114 S. Illinois Ave. When he enters the restaurant, Cole looks around the walls for his picture. After a little concern that it has been removed, a waitress tells him his photo is in its place but is cov-

ered by a hanging jacket.

Everyone at City Hall calls him "Mayor,"
but when he leaves the florescent lights and hollow hallways, the title of mayor sometimes gets lost. Here at Mary Lou's, the waitresses just call him "Bradley."

Once he sits down, the jokes begin. Cole

gets a plate of lasagna and mashed potator But he also receives a heaping portion of flirts and teases from the waitresses.

Stuck in the middle

At 31, he is nearly a decade older than the aditional student at SIUC and almost half

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# Housing considers outsourcing dining staff

Dining union goes on defense as University looks into using outside companies for workers

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Gary Beasley, a cook's helper, and his wife have worked in dining services for the past 10 years. He has become so accustomed to the needs and wants of some of the students that when he sees some of the football players round the corner at Trueblood Hall, he

Knows what to fix them.

The Budget Task Force, which in August released a report detailing ways the University could save money, touched on the possibility of contracting out dining services. The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees is fighting the possibility its services would come to an end at SIUC.

Outsourcing Beasley's position to a pri-vate company would mean he and his wife would lose their jobs. "This is our livelihood," Beasley said. "We

have been here about 10 years now. There is a lot of single people who work here, and naturally it's their livelihood as well."

Elaine Broomfield, the president of the AFSCME on campus, said the rever-berations of such an action by the University

would affect not only the students but the local community as well. The union is currently under a two-

year contract. Currently there are 100 employees in residence hall dining cover-ing three dining halls: Trueblood, nell and Lentz.

- Edward Jones director, University Housing

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Edward Jones, director of housing, said there will be a meeting Friday to discuss the possibility of outsourcing of dining ser-vices with employees and administration in

"There were some companies that were interested in us," Jones said. "But I'm not sure where that is right now."

Broomfield is worried not only about the

Broomfield is worsed not only about the staff that are under the union's umbrella but civil service staff in general, including janitors and all other unions on campus that are threatened by the possibility of contract takeovers from outside forces.

"The University is trying to bust all the unions on campus," Broomfield said.
The proposal, which would be sent to all companies as a request for proposal, would bring corporations into a bidding feud over the possibility of controlling the on-campus dining facilities. Corporations such as Aramark would then be able to move onto campus and contract their workers from outcampus and contract their workers from out-side the University and surrounding creas.

The union cannot legally go on strike, so Broomfield feels as if her hands are essentially tied. If a contract proposal does go through, the domino effect that would ensue would not only frighten her but strike at the heart

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#### NATIONAL NEWS

#### Continued violence in Iraq complicating exit strategy

WASHINGTON (KRT) — The terrorist attacks that have shaken Baghdad over the last few days threaten to undermine the Pentagon's strategy for extracting U.S. troops from Iraq, senior U.S. officials and independent experts said Monday.

The braz,n and well-coordinated strikes, they said, could prevent an accelerated handover of security duties from American to Iraqi forces and the creation of a new Iraqi sovernment.

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The strikes, the worst since the Iraqi capital fell to U.S. troops in April, included the suicide bombings on Monday of three Iraqi police stations and the headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross and a rocket: citack Sunday on the heavily fortified all Rasheed Hotel.

The officials and analysts said President Bush has few good options now other than staying the course in what has become an increasingly costly venture in Iraq and hoping military pressure and civil reconstruction will eventually snuff out armed resistance.

In the days before the latest violence, U.S. officials had talked of accelerating the handover of political power from Bremer's Coalition Provisional Authority to Iraqi officials and of Jetting Iraqis take a greater role in security.

The attack Sunday and Monday have increased lears that Iraqi politicians and security forces could be overwhelmed by a precipitous U.S. departure.

#### California firefighters battle to keep wildfires from merging

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (KRT) — Thousands of weary firefighters Monday dug in from the Mexican border to the northern edge of Los Angeles, waiting for reinforcements to help them try to beat back a dozen infermos and keep several from merging in what already is California's worst firestorm in 12 years.
Blistening Santa Ana winds eased Monday, but 90-degree weather, low humidity and tinder-dry terrain left fire officials worried the interno could burn throughout the week and into the weekend. President Bush declared a major disaster in four Southern California counties, opening the vary for federal aid, while Gov. Gray Davis readied the National Guard and sought help from neighboring states.

states.

By Monday night the fire had killed 13 people, destroyed more than 1,100 homes, threatened 30,000 other dwelling and devasted 400,000 acres. Davis predicted the fires would be the state's most expensive ever, eclipsing the \$1.7 billion price tag of the 1991 Oakland Hills wildfine.

Hills wildfire.
Attention turned away from San Bernardo County, where two fires combined Sunday to create a wall of flames 35 to 40 miles long to San Diego, where three fires that lad incinerated 585 homes and 200,000 acres were perilously close to becoming one major blaze.

#### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

#### Suicide attacks across Baghdad kill at least 35, injure 230

BAGHDAD, I-zq (KRT) — Suicide bombers unleashed a wave of terror in the Iraqi capital Monday, illustrating the inability of U.S.-led coalition forces to guarantee security and the ability of the guernilas to strike seemingly anywhere.

Car bombe exploded at the Red Cross headquarters and three Iraqi police stations, leaving at least 35 people dead, including one U.S. soldier. About 1230 people were wounded, including six soldiers. A fourth attempt on a police station was thwarted when the driver was shot before he could detonate his bomb.

President Bush called the attacks acts of desperation.

But the bombings, the deadliest in Baghdad to date, also were the most sophisticated and well planned so far in Iraq's burgeoning civil war. They seemed aimed at undernining the U.S.-led effort in Iraq by showing anyone who cooperated with the occupation forces would be subject to attack.

to attacks.

The latest cycle of violence, which began with the rocket attack Sunday, continued with overnight attacks that left two soldiers with the 1st Armored Division dead after a roadside bomb hit their patrol in Baghdad. Another soldier with the 18th Military Police Brigade was killed and two were wounded 30 minutes later in a mortar attack at Abu Ghraib prison, 15 miles west of the city.

The latest deaths bring to 112 the number of U.S. soldiers who have died by hostile fire in Iraq since May 1 when Bush declared major operations over.

### Today



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#### Five-day Forecast Thursday Friday Saturday

Sunny Chance of rain 76/53 Sunday Chance of rain 72/53

#### <u>Almanac</u>

Average high: 64 Average low: 39 Wednesday's hi/low: 85/16

Monday Chance of rain 75/58

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Criminal damage to a vehicle occurred between 4 r.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Lot 89. There are no suspects at this time.

An attempted robbery occurred at 6:30 p.m. mursday at Neely Hall. The victim reported two men tried to steal a wallet. One suspect was described as an 18-year-old black male who is about 6-foot-2 and 210 pounds with braided hair and a thim moustache. He was wearing a white 7Gers basketball jersey, a red headband and blue jeans. The second suspect is described as an 18-year-old black male who is six feet tall and 180 pounds. He was wearing a white 7-shirt and a black head covering. The victim was not injured. The investigation continues. injured. The investigation continues.

A residential burglary by nonforcible entry was reported at 9:30 a.m. Friday in Felts Hall. A calculator and CDs were reported missing. There are no suspects at this time.

Evangelia Konstantinidou, 23, of Carbondals was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with no valid driver's license and improper lane usage at 12:36 a.m. Sunday in the 700 block of East Grand Avenue. Konstantinidou was unable to post the required bond and taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro.

Terry Maurice Cooper, 21, of Chicago was arrested and charged with illegal transportation of alcohol and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle at 5:33 p.m. Sunday at the ntersection of Lot 106 and South Wall Street. Cooper was released on a personal recognizance bond.

#### CALENDAR

Today

Inter-greek Council Safe Halloween for kids 6 to 8:30 p.m. Student Center Pallrooms C, D

Sigma Tau Delta Meeting 6 to 7:30 p.m. Ohio Room in the Student Center

The DAILY EGYPTIAN, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.



Seymour Hersh, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, social critic and essayist spoke to a crowed auditorium Tuesday night in the Student Center as part of the University Honors Lecture Series. Hersh, who won the Pulitzer Prize for his in-depth study of Henry Kissinger during the Nixon years, spoke of the war in Iraq, the Bush administration and fielded questions from the audience.

# Pulitzer Prize-winning author shares viewpoints with SIUC

Seymour Hersh speaks on 'madness' in Iraq, Bush's administration Rachel Lindsay

Saddam has lost the battle, but he will in the war, said a Pulitzer Prize-winner who spoke on campus Tuesday evening. He said the United States should begin to

think about exit strategies in Iraq.
"The madness we [the United States] have embarked on in Iraq" was the topic Seymour.
"Sy" Hersh, who broke the story on the My
Lai massacre during the Vietnam War, spoke
about to more than 300 people at the SIUC

Student Center Auditorium.

"Lalways talk about Iraq right now," Hersh said in a news conference earlier Tuesday.

"It's like 30 years ago, I always talked about Vi.tnam. I don't think there's any other issue right now."

Hersh said the upcoming presidential election hinges on the Iraq issue, calling on Democratic presidential candidates to con-

fess Iraq was a mistake and begin to center "We've got to figure out a way to get out of there," Hersh said. "We're not going to

win the peace."

Hersh said the Bush administration came

into office with an agenda against Iraq
— and the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, gave

"As bad as 9/11 was, it's not a reason to change everything America has ever stood for," Hersh said.

According to Hersh, people can expect to see an escalation in hostilities in Iraq — not

see an escalation in nostitutes in may not of troops, but of bombings.

He likened Iraq to Vietnam, saying the troops do not know who their enemy is and that could cause civilian casualties, citing a

unit in Iraq that verges on loss of control. Ana Velitchkova, a second-year graduate student in foreign language, said she agreed with Hersh, calling him insightful.

"There is no way to get out," she said. "This could be our next Vietnam - : could be

Hersh currently writes for the New Hersh currently writes for the New Yorker, establishing his career in 1969 with coverage of the United States court-martial of Lt. William Calley, the commanding officer of the troops that tortured and killed nearly 500 Vietnamese citizens at My Lai during the Vietnam War. Hersh has also done several in-depth investigative pieces on CIA operations and other issues.

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other issues.

He has written books on such topics as Henry Kissinger's secret bombing of Cambodia and the slaughter of Iraqi troops during the Gulf War.

In his lecture, Hersh said the war in Iraq was a mistake based on faulty intelligence that skipped the chain of command and the checkpoints that chain provides, a process known as "stovepiping."

According to Hersh, the Bush administration did not study or analyze the information given to them by foreign intelligence agents if the information criticized Saddam Hussein. Hussein.

It was instead taken straight to Vice President Dick Cheney. Hersh said we were now paying the consequences every day — we are at war.

— we are at war.

"One of the things we have to look at when we look back at this era, if we survive it, is to say, "How did we go so wrong about something so important?" Hersh said.

According to Hersh, Saddam Mussein coordinated the recent bombings in

Baghdad.

He credited the losing position of the United States to military strategy on the part of Iraq's former leader, pointing out the targets are those who help the United States;

"We're isolated." Hersh said. "We're

pretty much alone.

In a news conference Tuesday afternoon, Hersh talked about the media's coverage of Iraq and the George W. Bush administra-

He said the media has not been critical

enough of Bush's actions in Iraq.
"I think this country is in a very tight spot,"
Hersh said. "We have tolerated extraordinary."

"We have officials."

Hersh said. "We have tolerated extraordinary amounts of lying by our officials."

A breakfast with nearly 20 honors students, who signed up months in advance to meet Hersh, will take place today.

"What he had to say was pretty chilling,"

said Anita Riedinger, an associate professor in English at SIUC.

"We're in a situation in which we cannot

e're in a situation in which we cannot triumph."

#### NEWS BRIEFS

Professors discuss consumerism in India

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International Forum presents a panel discussion titled, Toys, Gothes and the WTO: How Globalization Affects Consumerism," from 3 until 430 p.m. Thursday in the Ohio Room of the Student Center.

Center.

Sajal Lahin, a Vandaveer professor in the
Department of Economics, will be discussing the
direct impact on consumerism and national econo-

mies.

Jyotsna Kapur, an assistant professor in the School of Cinema and Photography, will address

the issue of how consumer culture is changing the meaning of childhood in India.

REGIONAL

#### Kids turn Halloween into 'Sight Night'

Grade-school children in Jackson County will be collecting used eyeglesses and sunglasses for "Sight Night" while trick-or-treating Halloween right. The kids will then bring the used glasses back to their school to be picked up by Lions Club International. The Lions Club will distribute these to needy persons around the world.

Used glasses can also be donated at collection

receptacles at Carbondale-Murphysboro businesses and churches after Halloween. For more information, please call Mrs. Tonia Burke, project representative, at 667.3737.

#### Royalton Haunted Hayride rescheduled for Saturday

The Haunted Hayride at the Old School in Royalton has been rescheduled from 6 p.m. until midnight Saturday. The hayride is sponsored by the Royalton Civic Pride Inc.— Admission is \$3, and concessions will be avail-

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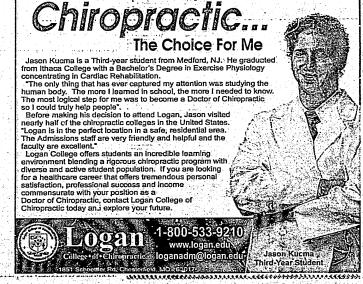
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# **Head Start** sponsors evaluations for children

assessments evaluate progress of students in program Jessica Yorama

Jacob Phillips lets his fingers bounce abruptly off each number on the page before him, quickly making his way to 20. "No 21?" he asks the instructor, Holly

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Duckworth, who is sitting across from him.
"No. No 21," Duckworth tells Jacob.
"We're all done."

After answering Duckworth's questions with impressive accuracy, Jacob informs the instructor he "wants to play the game again," a request she cannot fulfill at the time. However, someone else quickly makes him

Before interviewing Jacob, a young reporter from WSIU River Region News asks the 4-year-old his age as well as how old he believes her to be

After a moment of thought, he responds softly, "Fifty-one."

The reporter simply smiles at his far-off

After all, Jacob's ability to guess ages is

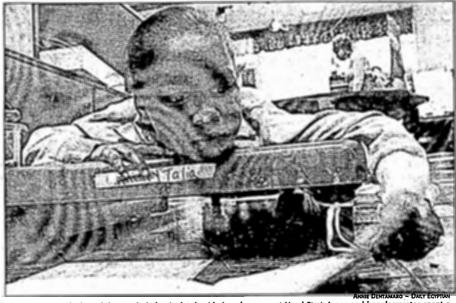
not what was being evaluated that day.

The basic recognition skills of 4-year-olds in the pre-kindergarten Head Start program, however, were being assessed that day. The federally mandated test was implemented last year by President George W. Bush and is now required of all\_4-year-olds in the program for low-income/children.

The 20-minute assessments test the The 20-micute assessments test the child's ability to recognize shapes, numbers, letters and certain vocabulary. The results give directors an opportunity to analyze the performance of children preparing to enter kindergarten.

This is the first time each Head Start has given the same test, said Duckworth, who has worked at SIUC Head Start for the

"This is the fall assessment. We'll give the same test in the spring and compare the



Talia Jones, 4, reads through her book during 'quiet time' in her classroom at Head Start. Jones and her classmates spent a few minutes in quiet time before they ate lunch. The students at Head Start are taught a number of things in addition to basic skills, such as personal hygiene and table manners. During mealtime, the students are taught how to pass items to each other, and they serve themselves.

progress, not individually but as a program."
While learning skills are a major focus of
the program, which has existed nationwide
since 1965 and as an extension of SIUC since 1970, Head Start does not concern itself only

with academic progress.

According to Cathy Reed, the center's director, the program also concerns itself with teaching children nutritional values and social skills.

In addition to educating children, Reed said Head Start teaches parents the impor-tance in becoming involved in their child's

educational experience.
Parents of Head Start students often
participate as bus monitors, attend field trips and substitute in classrooms.

They also serve as members on a board that decides what activities the children participate in. Employees at the center hope the lessons of parental involvement will continue

throughour each child's academic career.
"We really encourage parents to participate," Reed said.

"We encourage parent advocacy in hopes that when the children get to kindergarten, parents will still go into the classroom and

carry out the skills they've gained here."
While increasing parental involvement
is an important aspect of Head Start, the
academic skills of the children remain first

priority.

Throughout the remainder of the week, the program will focus on administering assessments to all 4-year-olds in the pro-

Though concerned with the children's ability to perform well in kindergarten next year, the program is also focusing on the distant future of the children.

In a recent class discussion where children shared future aspirations, 4-year-old Nia decided she wanted to become a bal-

In spirit of the holidays, 5-year-old Ke' Niyah decided she wanted to become a witch when she grew up. The two met in the middle in their decision to both become witch ballerinas.

Though specific instructions for aspiring witch ballerinas are not part of the Head Start curriculum, the lessons taught at the center, such as counting, are a good start for



Hunter Myers, 4, helps himself to spaghetti during lunch at Head Start.

# Murphysboro woman falls | Two SIUC students victim to phone scam

Elderly woman wired \$3,000 to Canada; case being investigated

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According to the Federal Trade According to the reueral reason Commission, Canadian telemarketers make hundreds of calls each year trying to swindle U.S. senior citizens out of money.

A similar case was reported

Tuesday in Murphysboro.

According to the Murphysboro
Police Department, an elderly
Murphysboro woman fell victim to
a phone scam that cost her \$3,000. The department is charging decep-tive practice, felony theft and wire

According to police reports, the woman was informed she had won \$500,000 from a European/ American sweepstakes but that the money was tied up in Canadian Customs. The victim was then asked to wire \$3,000 to a person in Canada to have the prize money

The woman wired the money was then asked for another \$3,000 for insurance purposes. Relatives of the victim prevented this additional sum from being wired to the Canadian source.

Murphysboro Police referred the case to the FBI and the Illinois Attorney General's office. The incident is still under investigation.

Seven Canadians were charged in July in U.S. federal court with offenses relating to involvement in a telemarketing scheme that targeted American senior citizens. The defendants were each charged with conspiracy, mail fraud and wire fraud. If convicted, they each face up to 20 years in prison, followed by five years probation and a \$250,000

Marshall Stone, an FBI spokesman for the Springfield branch, said the recent Murphysboro case is nothing new to the bureau.

"A lot of law enforcement agen-cies, including the FBI, have gotten a lot of calls from the Canadian

lottery and sweepstakes scams that are going around pretty heavy," Stone said.

Stone said people should be vare of the common warning signs that have been related to various phone scams like the Murphysboro incident. These include pressure from telemarketers to act quickly, requests to pay money in order to gain winnings, refusal to submit written information and refusal to give a business name or address.

If a telemarketer says taxes and fees are required in order to gain winnings, Stone said there is an

"Any time they require people to pay money in order to get winnings, it's a good bet it's not legitimate, Stone said. It's illegal to require a purchase in order to enter a contest.

purchase in order to enter a contest.

"If there are any fees such as taxes on winnings, those will be taken out of the winnings, and people do not have to pay money up front in order to obtain those winnings. So anytime somebody's asking for money in order to receive winnings, that's almost a sure bet that's a seam."

# arrested for pranks

Freshmen charged with misdemeanor

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While pranks and mischief are often seen as a fun part of the Hallowern season, two SIUC students discovered Monday that Halloween fun can also send them

Murphysboro Police and Carbondale Police arrested University freshmen Adam M. Acree of Mount Vernon and Andrew J. Starr of Berwyn after officers linked them to a string of thefts involving Halloween yard decorations from numerous Murphysboro residences in the 1900 block of Logan Street.

According to police reports, arrest-ing officers discovered some of the decorations stolen from the residence in the back of Acree's red 1995 Ford Ranger pickup truck. These included pumpkins, scarecrows, plastic ghosts and an electronic projector.

One of the residents whose lawn items were missing called Carbondale Police from a cellular phone while he was following Acree's truck. Carbondale officer, pulled the truck over near the intersection of Chautauqua Drive and Oakland

According to Carbondale Police, According to Carbondale Police, Acree allegedly told an officer he and Starr planned to return the missing decorations and they were merely playing pranks on friends. Officers said neither Acree nor Starr, both 18, could say the names of the friends who own the items.

Murphysboro Police responded

to the scene and took Acree and Starr to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, where they were released on bond. Both SIUC freshmen were charged with misdem-anor

theft less than \$300. Acree said he and Starr are confused as to why they were arrested for nothing more than a Halloween

"It was a Halloween prank," Acree said. "We were going to give it back. The Murphysboro Police took it too

The missing Halloween lawn ornaments were taken to the Murphysboro Police Department, where owners could claim them.

# SIUC student competes in Las Vegas comedy contest

Comedian also performs routine on campus, in Carbondale area

Jennifer Rios jrios@dailyegyptian.com

Las Vegas is a city like no other. Few cities can compete with the city's reputation for gambling, alcohol and showgirls. A select few students have won trips to Las Vegas not to partake in the excitement that the City of Sin offers but to compete for the title of Best College Comedian.

Hannibal Buress, a senior in radio-television from Chicago, was one of the eight finalists chosen in the college division to compete in the Laugh across America comedy contest in conjunction with the Las Vegas Comedy Club. Auditions for the contest took places in 15 U.S. cities, and winners were selected to compete in a variety of categories.

Buress was chosen to com-

butess was enosen to com-pete in his division after an audition in St. Louis. He will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Las Vegas where he will not only compete-but also attend a variety of

seminars, which cover the history of comedy, basic skills and information about how to become involved in the business.

The comedy festival takes place today through Sunday. Buress will perform Friday. He said he stumble! upon the contest while searching the Internet and decided to try it out because the auditions were so

close.
"A trip to Vegas is about as big as it gets,"

"I've only been doing it for a year and a half, so having something like that happen

66 I always go into

the competition expecting to win.

But if I don't win, . I have won already

because I got a

free trip, and there

will also be a lot of

agent sand seminars there.99 - Hannibal Burress senior, radio-television

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early in my career is really cool."

Buress has also participated in comedy acts on campus and in the community. He is a member of the Student Programming Council committee and has opened for such comedians as Leon Roger and Red Bone through the program

through the program.

"I know he will do well and make the crowd laugh," said La'Chandra Washington, director of SPC.

"A lot of his comedy is student-based that everyone can relate to."

Buress also performs at a local cafe each Sunday as a part of a show titled "Sunday School Session."

On.

He will be hosting his own
Comedy Night at the Cafe,
which will feature a variety of

local talent.
"There is no big urban market here," Buress said.

"I really want to provide comedians with a chance to practice their craft."

Buress said he incorporates rap music, sex offender laws and basically anything current

and basically anything current into his comedic performances.

"He used to do a student roast us a part of his act,"
Washington said.

I think he was a little nervous about doing that, though.
He has definitely improved on that." that.

A grand-prizewinner will be selected from each division at the Las Vegas

Competition.

The winner will receive a trip to the
Comedy Hall of Fame and a trip to Universal Studios and Tampa, Fla., where he or she

seminars there.
"Either way, I come out learning. It's a



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### OUR WORD

# Keep protesting

On Sunday Rachel Bjork rode to Kentucky Fried Chicken in Carbondale on her bike. On the same day — the start of Ramadan — hundreds marched on the streets of Saudi Arabia, according to a report in the New York Times

Bjork stopped to protest what she considers KFC's torture and abusive nature used in the company's handling of its livestock. It was her 30th stop at a KFC since she left her hometown of Seattle Sept. 9.

Saudis were marching in hopes of reforming their country's monarchy and/or its removal.

Bjork and a group of other mostly PETA-affiliated protesters wore T-shirts and displayed signs, which said things like "Scalded Alive." They also passed out media kits, including videos depicting animal

The Saudis, who protested their rulers, came with no media kits, for there is no free press in Saudi Arabia. Instead, they came with Korans in their hands and mats to kneel on.

Bjork and the other KFC protesters went on their merry way once

they felt their point was made.

The protesters in Saudi Arabia were removed by anti-riot police and were hauled off to jail. One of the protestors was a 65-year-old woman who took to the streets with a picture of her son who was killed in a prison fire. She was pleading to have his body returned to her

While Bjork was on her way to the next KFC, Amnesty International was fighting to have the woman, and hundreds like her, released from prison.

While Bjork may have made progress for chickens' rights, Amnesty International — and the protesting public in Scidi Arabia — made

huge strides forward for human rights.

Chickens weren't the only things on the minds of American protesters over the weekend.

About 50 anti-war protesters contested the U.S. occupation of Iraq Saturday at Carbondale's town square. They joined thousands around the country for the first national anti-war protest

lives in hopes of Afghanistan. Were they unpatriotic? port for President Bush's efforts.
Whether one agrees with the

The people who were since the president declared the war in Iraq to be over. It was arrested in Saudi also the two-year anniversary
Arabia risked their of the United States bombing

Across the street from those bringing change in protesting occupation in Iraq their government. stood locals who voiced their sup-

Absolutely not. war or not, or those who protest it, we must acknowledge and be

grateful for the simple fact that we are allowed to protest and for the reassurance we won't be arrested for voicing our opinions even if it is in strong opposition of our government or its

A single story like the one coming out of Saudi Arabia last week should remind us of how lucky we are that our forefathers drafted the 10 Amendments in the Constitution and that our government — like it or not — abides and upholds those rights.

During this time of conflict, many Americans have said being against the war or the current administration makes a person unpatriotic. This is simply not the case.

The people who were arrested in Saudi Arabia risked their lives in hopes of bringing change in their government. Were they unpatriotic? Absolutely not.

Instead, those Saudi proteste:s risked everything to bring

relief to their people, to improve their condition.

They went to jail for doing what we take for granted.

We may not agree with all the reasons why people protest, but we certainly support their right to do so and their practice of

Most of all, we support those brave Saudi protesters and everyone else in the world who defies the norm - and sometimes even the rules - to do what they believe is right.



### GUEST COLUMNIST

# Democratic challengers are no match

president, SIU Law School Republicans second-year law student

This is in response to the Oct. 21 column titled "All Democratic proposals are better than Bush's" by TyJuan Cratic, president of SIU College

Charging that President Bush has "run this country into the ground" is as unfounded as it is cliche. This president inherited a downturn in the eliche. This president innented a downman in the economy that was stewing for some time before the 2000 election. Just as Charlie and Grandpa Joe knew the effects from the fizzy-lifting drinks would eventually wear off, so did the economic high of the

So, who wants to rescue us from the evil Bush administration? Enter the Democratic challengers. administration? Enter the Democratic chancegor.
With Al Gore on injured reserve, the Democrats
have brought a new team to the playing field. And
there hasn't been this poor of a lineup since the '62
Mets. These nine sling more mud than a Tennessee

For Halloween, General Wesley Clark disguised his economic policy by calling it a "recapture of revenues." Open your pocketbooks, folks; Clark wants to play Wal-Mart with your tax relief and roll back

ur spare change. Gov. Howard Dean promises a balanced budget, but even Sen. John Kerry calls Dean's plan fis-cally irresponsible as Dean admits entitlements may suffer cuts. "Dean's plan will raise taxes for the middle class by forfeiting child tax credits and rein-

stating marriage penalties.

President Bush has shown unequivocal leadership on economics, education, homeland security, corporate fraud and recently on partial-birth abor tion, not to mention the successes we have seen in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Nobody said the war on terror would be easy. In fact, everyone in the administration said the war effort would take passion, patience and persever-

ance.

In response to the assertion that "all Democratic proposals are better than the \$87 billion Bush wants," their proposals are simply facade. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., supported the \$87 billion; Kerry voted for the resolution to begin Operation Iraqi Freedom but now opposes the \$87 billion, voting to leave our military with insufficient funds to finish.

Lieberman says Clark has had "six different positions on the war" and only took a stand on he \$87 billion after the other candidates opined; this style of aggressive leadership makes Slobodan Milosevic look like a conscientious objector. The claim that the war in Iraq is a failure

is nothing but classic demagoguery. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., the Rev. Al Sharpton and Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, want to remove the troops from Iraq, abandoning the operation imm

As of Monday, there have been 402 war-related fatalities in Iraq, a country of about 24 million people. Our state has a population of almost 13 million, and in 2000 we witnessed 891 murders. Should we pull the Illinois State Police out now? Or should we eliminate their funding and just hope to all the state Police out now?

it will work out?

The election of President Bush, the sweeping GOP victories in the 2002 mid-terms, a majority of Republican governors and the latest victory in California are not uncanny flukes; they reflect in California are not uncanny flukes; they reflect a growing national trend rewarding substance and choosing real policy initiative over empty attacks.

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#### QUOTE OF THE DAY

66 Our father told us that only physicians are really independent of others. If you are a doctor, even kings and prince. will have to lie down in front of you. 39

coordinator of a S Saad al-Fagih uest against the Saudi Arabian monarchy as printed in the New York Times Oct. 27

#### WORDS OVERHEARD

66 We suspected we could save consumers money if we imported prescription drugs from Canada, but we didn't expect them to be this significant. 99

Gov. Rod Blagojev .h in reaction to a task force's finding that the siste could save a total \$90.7 million by importing prescription drugs from Canada

### COLUMNISTS

# Brushes with fame leave Carbondale raw

Have you ever reached into an old coat pocket at the beginning of the season and found a \$10 bill waiting for you?

tound a \$10 bill waiting for you?

I unpacked my winter clothes this week and greedily dug through each jacket in search of that bucky jackpot. I didn't find any money, but I did meet a big brown spider that managed to survive through last

I suppose that's life. You go looking for the pot of gold and find a spider at the end-of your rainbow. At least it seems that way

Lately in Southern Illinois.

The new release of documentary footage about the history of Bloody Williamson and the Ku Klux Klan has brought Southern Illinois back into the spotlight. As a native, I get excited when I think local

I question how long it will be until a film director uncovers a positive side of favors yet.
When films Southern Illinois — or showcasing an at least one that doesn't make us look like the be the zeniths of our armpit of America. region's cinematic identity, are we really

But in retrospect, I'm still not sure e've been done any unflatterir

towns will make

headlines in the world of cinema.

stereotype seem to

ready for yet another depressing look at Carbondale's neighbors? I remember attending the Varsity screening of "Poor White Trash" in ne film, starring Jason London and William Devane, was shot in several local towns including Benton, Herrin and Murphysboro. While the entire movie was hilanously tongue-in-cheek, the fact remains that SIUC was often the butt of

remains that office was constructed the jokes.

Two years later, the documentary "Stevie" took viewers on a tour of nearby Pomona. SIUC grad Steve James (of "Hoop Dreams" fame) returns to Carbondale 10 years after his graduation to the construction of the child he met during his collcheck in with a child he met during his college years here. Stevie Fielding, now lege years here. Stevie Fielding, now serving a 10-year sentence in prison for child molestation, allowed his former "advocate big brother" James to follow him through daily life in Pomona and depict perhaps the most disheartening picture of Southern Illinois yet. A macabre story of the "good old boy" mentality gone bad, "Stevie" success in mixing a modifiely trashy picture. ceeds in painting a morbidly trashy picture of the Carbondale area.



Not just another priddy face

BY GRACE PRIDDY vulcanloric81@hotmail.com

And now we await the arrival of our next gloomy screen depiction. As a Herin, native, I grew up hearing about Charlie. Birger and the Shelton Gang. My dad would point at local churches as we drove past and tell me about how they used to serve as armories for the Klan. And while serve as armories for the Klan. And while a lagree that our region's history, while a scandalous one, should be preserved, I hon-estly dread the whole world finding out; we just aren't ready yet for another sock to our character. I question how long it will be until a flim director uncovers a positive side of Southern Illinois — or at least one. that doesn't make us look like the armpit of

Will there ever be a successful film about the Carbondale area that doesn't make us look like rednecks or white supremacists? Frankly, I wonder. I feel like writing a letter to all the filmmakers in Hollywood and begging them to come save our reputation because no one down here is benefiting from our current representation. Carbondale natives see these films and feel

labeled. Newcomers to the area wonder if they've stepped into a bad episode of "they've stepped into a bad episode of enter Acres." And worst of all, prospective students see SIUC as a school surrounded by hillibilities and bigory. Who wants to go to school in a place like that? So, film directors of America, please and the beauty beauty few.

come down here and help us out. I can't guarantee you won't encounter any southern drawls or Schlitt's party packs, but I do promise that it's not all you will find. We might seem like hicks to you, but just remember that we don't all think with our accents. At least consider it. In the mean-time, I'm off to find a Piggly Wiggly that carries calamine lotion. I hear spider seaso is coming.

Not just anothe: priddy face appears every Wednesday. Grace is a senior in architectu Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

# What not to wear on Halloween

I remember when I was just a little fellow how exciting Halloween could be. All the decorations, costumes and candy—it was a much anticipated

Picking a costume was always fun, and checking out everyone else's was better than Saturday morning cartoons. How can I forget the Halloween parties and walking around for what seemed like forever until my bag was heavier than me only to bring it home to mom so she could use her X-ray, vision and elite detective skills to make with Actually, I found our recently in a class I am taking there has never been a reported case of death or injury been a reported case of death or injury at Halloween due to someone tampering with candy. I guess it must have been one of those crazy urban legends, but hey, it worked because I know if I ever have children, I am checking their candy too. You just never know.

So, I wonder what I will dress up as this year? I guess that is always a big dillenma for many repole.

dilemma for many people.

Some, on the other hand, have this stuff planned out months in advance because some things never change ... some people still get really excited about dressing up for Halloween, just as some adults still love their Saturday morning cartoons.

We all need our secret pleasures in

life, I guess ... as for me, I am with E.T. when it comes to Reese's Pieces. I have a soft spot for those little guys.

Anyway, for those of us who might

get festive and wear some sort of costume this weekend but aren't quite sure what, here are a few suggestions of what to dress up as for All Hallows' Eve. According to familyinternet.com, some wild and wacky costume ideas would be to dress up as a walking phone booth, a walking Walkman, a scary doctor, a lighted Christmas tree, a wanted poster with a big reward or the less original but crowd favorites ... Dracula, a clown, a skeleton or a pirate. I would personally suggest Indiana Jones, Chewbacca, Bill Parcells (or a large can of tuna). Hillary Clinton tume this weekend but aren't quite a large can of tuna), Hillary Clinton smoking a cigar or a Saluki costume of any kind.

On the other side of the wall, there are some costumes no one should ever



Piattology

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- You should never dress up as: Klinger from Mash Osama bin Laden (for safety reasons) A Florida Marlin (in Illinois) Sammy Sosa (in St. Louis) A cork bat (in Chicago)
- · Kyle Korver ('cause it would scare
- children)
- Michael Jackson (again, 'cause it would scare children)
   A can of cream of celery soup
- A large dartboard
- A large users.
  A piñata
  A piñata
  A large breast (if anywhere near
  Arnold Schwarzenegger)
  A trash can without a lid
- A toilet
- A nything you can't run fast enough in to get away from a rabid animal or a short-tempered security guard A hairy swimsuit model
- A purple dinosaur with identity issues The pope in leather chaps on a Harley An SIU Parking Division employee (sorry, Pm still bitter)

... and last but not least ... Danny DeVito.

All right, there you have it ... plenty of things to think about, some possible do's and definite don'ts for a good Halloween weekend. If you see anyone in any of the forbidden costumes mentioned about the latest the size of the second beautiful to the second beautiful in any of the forbidden costumes men-tioned above ... pleas take pictures and send them to us here at the DAILY EGYPTIAN. We always appreciate a good laugh. Actually ... don't send any of a hairy swimsuit model or of your drunk friend dressed up as the pope on a Harley in leather chaps ... that's just not funny.

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### LETTERS

#### ISC is neither prejudiced nor discriminating

DEAR EDITOR:

As president of the International Student Council at SIUC, I would like Student Council at SIUC, I would like to offer my deep and sincere apology for what happened at the recent ISC soccer game between the African and the Japanese teams. I want to ensure to the SIUC community that the ISC harbors no prejudice against Africans or any of the other teams that participated in the soccer tournament. Since its establishment in 1967, the ISC has been a commission that traiters to

has been an organization that strives to eliminate prejudice and antagonism among different ethnic groups, religions and cul-tures. As current president of the ISC, I

take pride in the fact that for over 35 years the ISC has served faithfully to foster a

the ISC has served faithfully to foster a process of positive interaction among all groups by encouraging dialogue between people of different cultures, nationalities and faiths regardless of age, race, creed or color. The melting pot of our organization is our strength, not our weak-zes.

As to the specific game in question, the assigned referee stopped play with five minutes remaining. The ISC soccer committee considered the African team's request for a rematch, examined all evidence and decided against a rematch. This was a majority decision and was not politically motivated; the committee is neither prejudiced nor discriminating.

In participating in a tournament, we have all decided to put the logistical planning of the games into the hands of a com-

mittee and the game itself into the hands of a hired referce.

The committee's decision was to honor that procedure and felt that overruling an on-field referce's decision contained more minuses than plutes. Also, the tournament guideline clearly states in Rule 16, section J that all decisions are final and should be respected. In Carbondale, we have limited licensed referces to choose from, so if we are to have a tournament we must work are to have a tournament we must work with what is available. While our organiza-tion enjoys the respect of others, we don't intend to rest on our laurels.

intend to rest on our laurels.
We are the first ones to recognize that, perfection does not exist and there is alway room for improvement. We are aware that much is yet to be done. But we much go forward instead of backward.

Again, I offer my personal apology on

behalf of the ISC to the African team behalf of the ISC to the African team. Let's all pledge to put differences behind us and work to forge new, respectful relation-ships. We may not be perfect, but let's con-gratulate the waning team, United Players, and all the other participants. Then, let's continue to work together for the common good, the benefit of all and, as we continue our education, learn from and respect each other.

our constant.

We can put all our brainpower behind our common good because as international students, we are in the same boat. We are here side by side, we will sail and sink together, so please "let the good times roll," and then we can proceed to build a better community.

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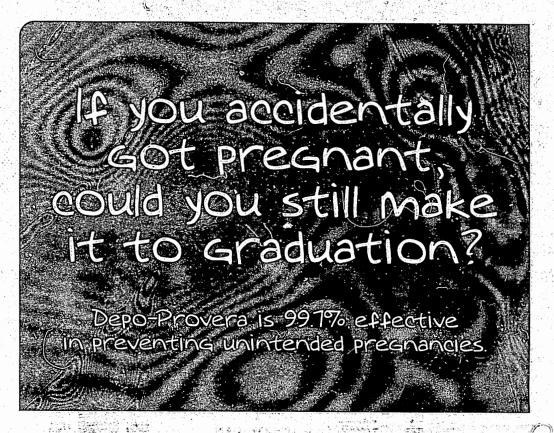
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Former Sen. Paul Simon signs a copy of his new ook, 'Our Culture book, 'Our Culture of Pandering, at the Book Worm in Carbondale Tuesday afternoon 'Our Culture of Pandering' is his 21st book in almost 30 years and came out earlier this month.

ANNE DENTAMARO

# Leadership Carbondale teaches aspiring leaders in community

Fifteen members of the community learn from local leaders each month

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Before guiding the way themselves, attendants of a conference first learned about leadership from members of the Carbondale

community.

"Leadership is a very intriguing concept,"
said Chancellor Walter Wendler, who spake
to attendants about SIUC's "Southern at 150,"
among other goals of the University. "It appears fairly easy, but it's very difficult to explain how it works."

The Leadership Carbondale event, which took piace Monday, was sponsored by various businesses in the city through the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. Leadership Carbondale is a first-year program that has given interested individuals the opportunity to

given interested individuals the opportunity to explore different aspects of the community.

"The class is made up of 15 individuals who are currently emerged in leadership in the Carbondale community who want to learn more and get more involved," said Sara Berkhigler, executive director of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce.

"It's geared toward developing people to serve on Carbondale committees and commis-

Each month the group attends all-day seminars where they are addressed by speakers with expertise in the theme of that particular

The theme of this month's conference was higher education, though it varies from month to month and ranges from diverse topics such as social service to business. The theme of the November conference will be

economic develop- To get involved in next

The higher education seminar allowed participants the chance to visit John A. Logan

Community College, the Dunn Richmond Center and the Civic Center in their journey to obtain advice on leadership in this area.

of Commerce

at 549-2146.

Wendler was among several participants from the University to speak at Leadership Carbondale. Other administrators including vice chancellors from each department at SIUC and Larry Dietz, chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, were also present at the conference sponsored by the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. The program involved speakers from various places in the city including a local bank, church and non-profit organizations.

The 15 individuals in the program will

graduate Dec. 9. At this time, they will reflect on experiences during their time involved in Leadership Carbondale.

Wendler said he believed the event was not only a learning experience for attendants but also a positive way of involving the community in the plans of the University.

He said the event gave administrators a

chance to speak to the community about their trials and tribulations while in leadership roles.

trials and tribulations while in leadership roles.
Provost John Dunn said he enjoyed the opportunity to view the communities in the University. He said attendants and organizers of Leadership Carbondale were both "welcoming and supportive" when it came to acknowledging the aspirations of the University.
Berkbigler said she is grateful for how receptive participants in the seminar have been.

tive participants in the seminar have been.
"Everyone has really rolled out the red carpet for us," Berkbigler said.
"The class is thrilled with what they've learned and what they've been exposed to.

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#### MAYOR

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the age of most of his colleagues.

meone once said it's not so much me getting used to being mayor; it's other people getting used to me. Cole said. There are people who have worked for the city longer than I've been alive."

Cole said his age is an issue.
"I get a lot of comments like,
'Gee, you're young.' Well, everyone
I know wants to be younger," he

May 6 as the youngest mayor in Carbondale's history after defeating city Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan in the city's closest elec-tion. He may be young, but he is not new to politics.

Cole has been mayor for nearly six months. His campaign goals of attracting new business and bring-ing more families into Carbondale are two issues he is still trying to remedy.

One way Cole has attempted to revitalize the business has been to establish a Tax Increment Financing district that encompasses 26 acres downtown to lure investment into the area.

On Sept. 2, the city adopted \$1.2 million Home Owner Program, which provides incentives as a way to attract developers to build 200 new single-family homes in Carbondale over the next three

"I've been in government for 10 ars," Cole said. "I haven't just years,

fallen off the turnip truck."

Cole became SIUC student body president in 1992. From there he was a research assistant in the SIUC Office of Economic and Regional Development from 1993 to 1995. Cole was the assistant director of the SIU Alumni Association from

1995 through 1999.

In April 1999, Cole joined former Gov. George Ryan's staff as a liaison to the governor for issues in Southern Illinois. That same year, Cole was also elected to the Carbondale City Council.

In 2002, Ryan appointed Cole as his Deputy Chief of Staff in the governor's Southern Illinois office in Marion. His job was to coordinate the administrative government services with all state agencies in the southern 40 counties of Illinois.

"His private side was not his public side," Cole said of the former governor. "He gave me a chance. It is meaningful to someone who is 30 to be given a chance to be no. 3in the hierarchy of state government.

However, . when Gov. Rod Blegojevich took office in January, he fired Cole and 62 other Ryan late-term appointees. In September, Cole was reinstated to his position but cannot return to work until the case is settled in the appeals court.

#### Notorious B.r.a.d.

"I think I am an open book,"
Cole said. "But some people say I'm
pretty private."
His life is open to endless hand-

shakes, photo opportunities, scruti-ny, dissection and almost a complete loss of anonymity. Whatever privacy he can keep to himself is also the target of public interest.

Cole said he still has to get used to everyone knowing who he is. While he realized there would be a price for being a public official, he said he "didn't think it would be like this."

Being in the public eye does not stop at City Council meetings and the newspaper. It continues at the post office, in the street, at the dry cleaners and in restaurants — and at

all hours of the day.

"I have to be very guarded

which is unfair," Cole said. "It doesn't allow me to be me on my

While he can be spotted at Carbondale bars some nights, he does not drink. Besides doing a continuous meet-and-greet whe er he is, his reason for not drinking is simple: accountability.

This non-drinking policy takes any doubt away about his conduct at the bar.

at the bar.

Cole said when someone tells him they saw him drinking at a bar, he can easily dismiss the accusation by having a consistent method of

operation.
"I am the liquor commissioner,"
Cole said. "I don't think that it is propriate for me to go boozing at the bar that I may have to adjudicate later. I'm not going to do something stupid to wreck a career I've been working on for a dozen years.



Mayor Cole begins his day at 6:30 a.m. with a run on the treadmill and a copy of the DAILY EGYPTIAN. Nearly six months into his term, Cole has been learning how to adjust to life as a public official and scheduling as much as he can into a day.

Cole seems to schedule as much

as he can into a day.

The main roles of the mayor of Carbondale are overseeing City Council meetings, voting as a member of the council on all ordinances and resolutions, acting as the ceremonial head of the city, communicating with legislators and taking charge of the city in cases of civil emergencies such as natural

disasters or riots.

But Cole also has his own pri-

orities to fulfill.

He drives to Murphysboro to attend a meeting for the Illinois Masonic Children's Home.

"This is not a mayor thing, this is a Brad Cole thing," he said on the

way to the meeting.

Cole is Secretary of the Board of Managers organization that is building new homes for orphans

ages 8 to 18.
These aren't troubled kids, they have nowhere else to go," Cole said.

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- Brad Cole mayor, Carbondale events

throughout the state, as well as attending local events in Carbondale.

Although these events are not ways fun for Cole, he said, "It's fun for somebody, or it's worthwhile
— that's what makes it important."

And what is most important to Coie? Hard to say.

"I've been everywhere from an outhouse to the White House," Cole said

"T've been very fortunate. It is silly to look back at my proudest accomplishment. I'm just getting started, or at least I hope so."

#### OUTSOURCING

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eart of the Carbondale economic

Broomfield has been making phone calls since she first got wind of the possibility of her department's contract being sold to the highest bidder.

"I have talked to the mayor of Carbondale because it's going to meatly impact the city of to greatly impact the city of Carbondale," she said. "All the businesses in Carbondale that we buy from and use their services, such as Wal-Mart, Staples and True-Value, we buy a lot of our chemicals from there. We will no

longer do that.

A big corporation that will take over has their own distributors," she said. "And any of the services that the community pro-vides will no longer come form within the community.

The threat of big business contracting the food services on campus frightens Broomfield. Corporations have a penchant for cutting certs have a penchant for cutting costs by any means

The only reason corporations will come into the University is to make money," she said. "Why else would they come here? In order for a corporation to come in here and make money, they will have to cut quality. Some of our services, they're going to have to cut pay and benefits for the employees." According to Broomfield, dining services made a profit last

fiscal year, and the threat of cutting staff and recruitment of an de force to take command of the dining hall services would

of the dining hall services would mean profits lining corporations' pockets. Currently, the profits made by dining hall services go back into the University.

"The, money goes back into their pockets; when we make money, it goes back into the University, and the community, she said. If they decide to do this, every union will be behind us, and every union on campus will demonstrate with us. We are just coming out of a bad time when we coming out of a bad time when are trying to uplift our image. This isn't going to do the University any good.





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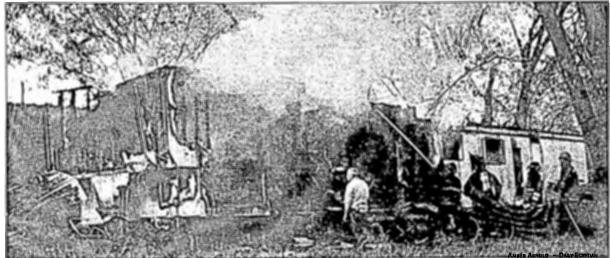
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Firemen of the Murphysboro Fire Department put out a fire around 4:30 p.m. Tuesday that started from an unknown cause in an abandoned trailer on Division Street in Murphysboro. After a few hours the fire was extinguished, and no injuries were reported.

# Campus ghost stories uncovered

Virgin urban legend, other spooky tales told throughout campus

Leah Williams lwilliams@dailyegyptian.com

A good ghost story shivers a spine,

A good ghost story shivers a spine, cools bones to the core and begs mom to leave the night-light on.

Ghost stories and urban legends are whispered on college campuses throughout the nation, and SIUC is no exception. Tales from the crypt range from urban legends to the city of Carbondale and the basement of the Communications Building.

One urban legend on campus

Barbara Mikkelson wrote in a May 4, 2000, article for snopes.com about this urban legend. She said in her article this story originated from the idea that every college campus wants to think of itself as the ultimate

"The underlying message of such beliefs is that [their] school is a hellhole of debauchery and wild times, a state of affairs considered a badge of honor among college students, according to the website.

cannon described in the SIUC legend date back to the late

19th century.

A June 1998 article in the Daily Egyptian reported the War

Department gave the University two cannons in 1878 to be used by the Douglas Corps Cadets. Douglas Corps Ca The cannon was later placed next to both the Old Main Building and Altgeld Hall: Student vandalism caused the cannon to be moved to its current resting place

a museum archive on McLafferty Road.

The second cannon's whereabouts are presently unknown.

Other across the nation have similar variations of this

urban legend, including the University of Illinois and the University of Missouri. Most of the different interpretations of the urban legend are in honor of the virgin's achievement, but at Knox College, the statue of a wounded soldier will come to life and chase her out to a nearby cornfield and alleviate her

Other sites throughout Carbondale have also been known for ghostly sightings. Jason Austin, a junior in radio-television from Sims, said he has heard the old asylum, located on the southwest side of town,

"I have never went in, but I have drove by it," Austin said. "It's creepy and old. I could see it being haunted."

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Gus says: Are there even any virgins in Carbondale? believes there is a para-normal in the basement of the Communications

"When I am downtairs in the basement, I hear this clanking in the pipes, and the noise fol-lows me," said Mazzone, a senior in radio-television from Palatine. SIUC student Erik

Gulbrandsen, a sophomore in cinema and photography from Pecatonica, said he believes the truth in urban legends and ghost stories often depends on

the legend itself.

"Most originate from sort of truth," he said.

some sort of truth, he satu.
"Then over time, the story becomes exaggerated as it is passed Courtney Reeder said she agrees

college students began adding their own versions to the stories. exh campus wanted to put their own spin on the same legend," said

Reeder, 2 junior in elementary educa-tion from Carbondale. Though the supposed hauntings of the asylum and basement may not be true, Mikkelson said there is no reported truth to the urban legend.

"Sadly, there are no credible records of stone lions coming to life or the world crashing upon itself because a virgin has walked across campus,

# Iraqis feel angery after wave of attacks

Jeff Wilkinson & Maureen Fan Knight Ridder Newspapers

BAGHDAD,

Amid heightened security, a mixture of grief, anger and resignation fell over Baghdad Tuesday, a day after 35 people were killed and about 250 were injured in a wave of rocket attacks and coordinated suicide bombings.

There were beefed-up patrols and a few more closed streets near police stations. Some Iraqis avoided long lines and ambulances after a suicide bomber in a stolen ambulance struck the Red Cross on Monday. Visitors to the convention center, where coalition officials brief the media, were subjected to an additional bag

But for many in the city, all reasonable precautions had already been taken, and there was little more

been taken, and there was little more they could do. "It sort of becomes an Inshalallah thing," said Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling, an associate commander of the 1st Armored division, refer-ring to the Arabic phrase, "If it's God's will."

Much of Baghdad was already an armed camp. Concrete-blast walls 14 feet high and miles of razor wire surround military installations, hotels and other likely terrorist targets. Armed guards and checkpoints dot city streets.

"Nothing has changed in our daily routine because of yesterday, neither in the time it takes to get here nor the route I take," said Hannah Ismaael, 32, who staffs the convention center's front desk. "What happened yesterday did not put any fear inside us because we are expecting this from the beginning."

Coalition spokesman Charles Heatly said the coalition would assist any organization that wanted to leave, but "we would encourage people not to make a hasty reaction to what happened yesterday. We think the overall security situation remains suitable for reconstruction, for NGOs [nongovernmental organizations] and for private-sector companies to operate in this

People in Baghdad realize that a determined attacker with an explo--packed car will find a way to kill himself and others, whatever the

"We man the gate here and the general population hasn't really reacted at all," said First Lt. Derek Grimm of Charlie Company, 2nd Orlando, Fla. "Do the soldiers feel more vulnerable? No, we know things can change every day. It's just a fact around here."



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# Creative jobseekers use gimmicks to stand out

SEATTLE (KRT) - By the end of next month, more than 100,000 people will have seen Torsten Reinl's face plastered on the outside of a Seattle bus. But there's only one person he's con-curned with: his future employer.

That is, if his gamble pays off, if some desperate recruiter spots his 2-by-6-foot ad with "Hire Me!" in block letters, jots down his phone number, calls him, interviews him and offers him a job.

It could happen. And monkeys could fly out of the tailpipe.
"If this doesn't work, what

will?" asks the 33-year-old unem-ployed IT worker. "It's just so out there."

Actually, Reinl is more of a

realist than he lets on.

The benefit of this stunt is the publicity — a chance to stand out from the 97,000 other people also looking for work in the Seattle area, a way to get his face in the

And for him and others out of work longer than a year, advertis-ing on the back of a bus, handing out resumes in a public market, offering bribes for jobs — all seem more hopeful than the alternative: waiting at home for the phone not

Although there are no statistics on, say, the number of people pos-ing as pizza-delivery people and taping their resumes to the inside of boxes, the longer the recession and jobless recovery go, the more some creative job seekers resort to extraordinary measures.

Former insurance executive Richard Wilcox stood on a suburi an Boston street corner with a "job wanted" sign, a desperate act that drew a Wall Street Journal feature and eventually brought him

In February, Buck Cockrell, an unemployed 31-year-old marketer from Seattle, offered airline tickets to Hawaii to sayone who found

That gimmick earned him a story in The Seattle Times and play on CNN. (Did it work? We don't know; Cockrell didn't return

our phone calls. Dude!)
"I would say the per our pione calls. Dude!)
"I would say the percentage of stunts is probably a little bit up because there are a lot of people looking for jobs," says Tracy Wong, who has seen his share as creative

Reinl, laid off as a project manager for Bellevue, Wash., game maker Sierra Entertainment in 2002, hadn't had any luck with his traditional job search, so he figured

he'd go gonzo. He recalled He recalled seeing a resume posted on a bus shelter in his native Germany and thought, "You have to take it one step further; you have to be on the bus."

Viacom Outdoors is the company that handles bus advertising. It's never gotten a request like this, says general manager Bob English. "We did have a fellow who

proposed to his girlfriend, though. said yes."

The company gave Reinl a deal, three buses for the price of two:

"I've been slowly but surely rur ning out of money anyway," Reinl says. "I might as well spend it on something that's, bang, out there." So how well do such extreme

gambits work?

Washington, Bellevue Tom career counselor and author of "Interview Power," says they certainly don't hurt.

"People are desperate, and if

other things aren't working, maybe this will," he said.

"Research shows that people who use multiple strategies have more success than those who use one or two. So yeah, give some consideration to unusual, even odd ideas. But don't stop

even odd ideas. But don't stop doing the other things. Bill Toliver, who heads the Seattle advertising and branding firm Sweetgrass, is impressed by jobseekers who take extraordinary measures. It shows initiative, cre-

ativity, determination. "We call it the X factor."

Toliver hired his current senior art director, Larry Burke-Weiner, in part because of his off-the-wall oduction.

"He sent around a brain in a jar. It said, 'Buy Larry's brain.' It was

impossible not to notice."

Toliver and Wong, who are, after all, in the business of selling, say the stunts that work best are ose appropriate for the position and the company.

You might offend somebody with a strip-o-gram," says Wong.
"And you don't want to be doing

Likewise, people who use corny gags or don't sense when their

are harming their chances more than helping them.

Most important, the stunt needs be clever.

So does Reinl's bus ad qualify? The stunt itself is clever, but the message itself is not all that clever," Wong says. "So I probably would say hmmm, probably not.

This raises another challenge for jobseekers hoping to gain an edge with a gimmick: the more people who employ stunts, the more original those stunts need

Yvonne Yeager discovered this last winter. The 35-year-old unemployed program manager from Sumner wanted publicity for what she thought was a novel idea. She would pay \$500 for anyone who would get her a permanent full-time job.

Problem was, Buck Cockrell had already been all over the news with his airline-ticket offer. The

story had no legs.
"That's too bad," Yeager said in an e-mail to The Seattle Times in February.

Then she had another idea. What about a reality TV-type newspaper series on job-hunting?

# Workers turn freelance while job market is jittery

Employers seek independent hires for individual work,

Victor Godinez The Dallas Morning News

(KRT) - Recruitment executive Jon Davis is seeing the first signs of a recovery in the job market, but most of the employers he talks with aren't looking for full-time workers.

They want contractors - inde pendent workers who are paid by the assignment.

I would say there are more employers today than there were in the past that like the flexibility of a contingent work force," said Davis, branch manager in Dallas for Matrix Resources, an Atlantabased technology placement firm.

The rising cost of supporting a full-time work force, diminishing worker-employer loyalty and the proliferation of technology are contributing to what may be a permanent shift away from the traditional employment model.

While most workers will continue to hold conventional jobs, data show that more are becoming self-employed as contractors, freelancers, consultants or owners of microbusinesses.

The self-employed historically make up about 7 percent of the U.S. labor force, but that could grow to as much as 10 percent over the to as much as 10 percent over the next several years, said Ed Potter, president of the Employment Policy Foundation, a data research organization in Washington, D.C.

Those percentages may seem small, but an increase to 10 percent equates to millions of workers in a labor force of 146 million, he said.

Some employment experts argue the shift is temporary, saying that the economic downturn pushed many workers into contract status and they will return to traditional

Others see it as long-term for several reasons.

perceived primary benefit of a per-manent job — stability — doesn't exist anymore, says author Dan Pink, who published "Free Agent Nation" in 2001.

There's a base amount of inse curity in the workforce, period," he said in an interview.

"I can either manage that inse-curity on my own or let someone else manage it for me and lay me off whenever they want.

At the same time, employers are reeling from the escalating cost of hiring and maintaining full-time hiring and maintaining employees, according to Dr. Mike Davis, a professor of economics at the Cox School of Business at uthern Methodist University in

He pointed to exploding health care costs as one of the biggest burdens on employers.

If those costs continue to rise, many employers may stop offering some benefits, which Davis said would demolish another pillar of the traditional labor model.

Historically, self-employment has been a bridge for many workers

unable to find permanent positions in faltering job markets.

When the economy stumbled in the early 1990s, the number of people describing themselves to the Labor Department as selfto the Labor Department as selfemployed rose, peaking at 9.2 million in April of 1991 and then falling below 9 million for the next few years as employers started hir-

ing again.
"In the usual scenario, once the economy improves, self-employ-ment goes down to a normal level,"

"But I'm not sure that's going to happen. I think that the difference is that the nature of work has it more likely that this could be self-sustaining activity, rather than just an economic Band-Aid in the short term.

Experts say different dynamics are at play in this economic

One is that technology has advanced to where many work-

66 I can either manage that insecurity on my own or let someone else manage it for me and lay me off whenever they want. 99

- Dan Pink publisher, 'Free Agent Nation'

ers have fully functioning home offices.

Another is that more workers the older, seasoned baby-boom population and young profession als who received entrepreneurial grounding during the tech boom — may feel confident enough to go into business for themselves.

But job stability could soon be less attainable, said Robert Morgan, president of the employment solutions group for Florida-based staffing firm Spherion Corp.

"We've told people as employers

that we're not going to be as pater-nalistic," Morgan said.

"We're going to put benefits m agement in your own hands. We're going to break the traditional contract of work for life," said Morgan.

"And guess what? adapted, and they liked it."

Morgan said researchers in Spherion's latest study on the emerging work force, completed in July, found 54 percent of workers are confident in their ability to leave their current jobs, set up shop on their own and earn a living.

"We're seeing an overwhelming increase in people's confidence in being able to do that," he said. Morgan said Spherion explored a

noticed in its first survey in 1997: the appearance of emergent and traditional workers.

"Emergent workers are looking at how they take charge of their careers, he said.
They want a good work-life

In 1997, Spherion found only 20 percein of workers were emergent.

That number is up to 31 perce this year and is predicted to rise to 52 percent by 2007.

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# Republican Senators plan to hold hearings into postwar intelligence

James Kuhnhenn & John Walcott

WASHINGTON Two key Republican senators want the Bush administration to explain U.S. intelligence failings in Iraq that they say are endangering American troops and contributing to the rising troops and con death toll there.

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, and Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, are planning to hold Senate hearings to examine the performance of military

intelligence in postwar Iraq.
"I'm very concerned about it,"
Roberts said in an interview. "We're not going to win this anti-guer-rilla fight without better intelligence. I don't think it's up to par. It's costing us lives. We can't tell the good guys from

the bad guys."

Warner said he and Roberts will determine which of their committees will direct the hearings. Warner sits on Roberts' committee, and Roberts is a member of Warner's panel.

Roberts has drawn criticism from Democrats for limiting his panel's probes so far into prewar intelligence failings and not investigating whether Bush and Vice President Cheney

misused intelligence. Warner's
committee also has broad authority

I intend to look at it and he does, too," Warner said. "The main thing is that our troops are in danger night and day over there and are highly dependent on intelligence. I think it's of sufficient seriousness that we're moving on setting [hearings] up right

The senators' misgivings shine a spotlight on failures in Iraq just as the Bush administration is trying to focus public attention on postwar such as the restoration of electricity and schools. The push to examine current intelligence gathering was driven, in part, by an internal Army report

this month that cited U.S. military intelligence failures in directing and training intelligence specialists in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The report by the Center for Army Lessons Learned at Fr. Leavenworth Kan, found that intelligence teams produced only one-fourth of the daily reports expected from them. The study, first reported by The Washington Post, also found that unmanned aerial vehicles, while useful during combat, were "limited during stability operations." In one instance, an unmanned plane was used to locate buried planes and to monitor a safe house, not to detect whoever was

attacking U.S. troops.

L. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. official in Iraq, on Sunday acknowledged intelligence training and the use of technology could improve in Iraq. He said the United States has increased the number of specialists cond cting counterterrorism intelligence.

But the Army report noted that embers of tactical intelligence teams, whose job is to build rapport with the local population, were at times participating in raids and "door kicking" operations. "Putting them on a door-kicker team ruins that rapport and there would be no advantage to them collecting information," the report said.

Intelligence services are also woefully lacking in interpreters, the report said. Most military linguists in Iraq and Afghanistan, it said,

have the lowest language rating Senior military officials said the attacks underscore how much administration officials have underestimated the enemy in Iraq and overestimated U.S. high

technology.

Now, said one senior official //
who spoke on condition of anonym-Rumsfeld is trying to blame current problems on the CIA, which has 280 officers in Iraq, although there are 130,000 Defense Department personnel there, including more than 1,000 military intelligence

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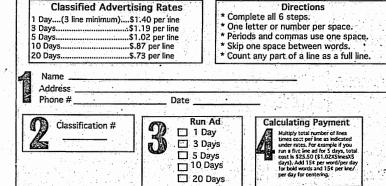
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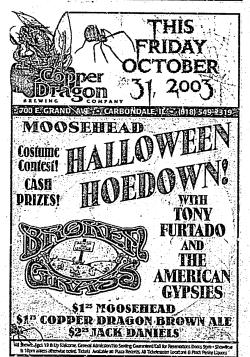
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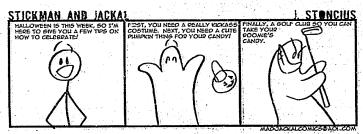
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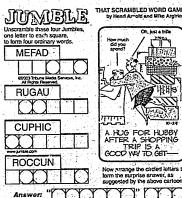








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Daily Horoscope By Linda C. Black

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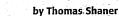
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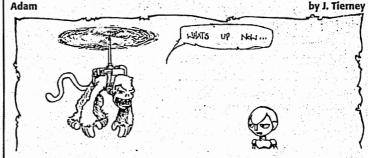
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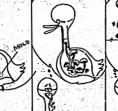
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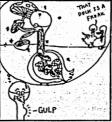
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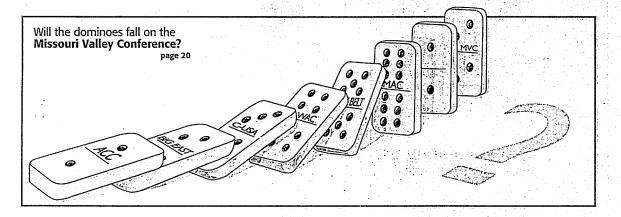


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# Don't get ahead of yourself

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It would be all too simple to look past the SIU football team's last three games. The Salukis are 8-0, and common practice in

Sauks are 5-0, and common practice in the past tells fains the chances of the Salukis artaining a playoff bid are positive.

But nothing is guaranteed when it comes to the wieners who decide these things. With SIUs non-conference as tough as facing Pec-Wee Herman in a kinife fight, the fact still

remains an 8-3 record may not, well, cut it.

The final three opponents on the block
well the most dominant of the past 10 years Western Kenrucky won the national championship as recently as last season, and its 6-2 record this season suggests the Hilltoppers haven't skipped a beat after Jack Harbaugh stepped down as coach. The game is on the road, and the Salukis are not a dominant team on the mad.

And Youngstown State was the top program in all of college football not named Mount Union during the 1900. The program in all of college football not named Mount Union during the 1990s. The Penguins had nearly as many championships as Bobby Brown had arrests. The game against them is also on the road. Northern lowa was back-handing Western Illinois for three quarters last weekend until the Leathernecks made the score respectable.

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For my colon to feel good about making the playoffs, it is imperative the Salukis win at least one of their remaining games.

A buddy of mine, who now has crabs,

rays used to say prior to the infestation, Why buy the -pw when the milk is for free?"

What he meant by this misguided theory was, "Why settle?"

Watching the Salukis the past two weeks was proof they still have a ways to go, which is



Welcome to my world

BY ZACK CREGLOW zcreglow@dailyegyptian.com

a good thing.

This team doesn't realize how good it is The offense still needs to be fine-tuned. The offensive line, at least last week, quit jumping off sides like the aforementioned cattle, but the skill positions weren't producing like they did the week prior.

If this team can shoot on all cylinders, it

will truly be unstoppable. There is not a team in Division I-AA that can stop SIU's offense if Muhammad Abdulqaadir regains last season's form and Tom Koutsos had a really bad night and takes it out on the opposition

The final three games are also critical, figuring if the Salukis win them all, they will be playing some burn team from some burn conference that would have probably been beaten by Indiana State.

Remember the Ohio Valley Conference? No one is scared to play any team from that league. If the Salukis run the table, they will open up the playoffs taking on some term from an inadequate conference, whereas slipping up in the final stretch means hitting the road to play a team from the Atlantic 10 or and the General. even the Gateway.

The only way to make the playoffs and make them memorable for good reasons, unlike the Cubs, is to not lose focus. My friend did that, and it bit him in the end.

» LETTERS

### More Chicago coverage

DEAR SPORTS EDITOR:

Hello, my fellow Salukis. I just wanted to int out how our football team gets no play in the

Chicagoland area.

All I hear is what Northern Illinois is doing, and some stations even say that NIU is the only wining

college team in the state.

I think this is a disgrace, especially when they wanted to ride SIUs jock when they played in the

Sweet 16.

Im proud to be a Saluki, and I think the behavior of the Chicagoland media just plays into the separation of the North and South. I think that since a great number of students from up here attend or have attended school there, we should get as much airplay as any other college team with a record as good as SIUs.

Maybe the paper should point out this disrespect to the students, and I think a flood of e-mails or phone calls may bring this issue to light.

# Can Salukis survive without Carney?

On Tuesday, the Missouri Valley Conference officially began the 2003-2004 season with the annual media day event in St. Louis.

At the event, the preseason poll was released revealing what is expected of the 10 teams in the Valley.

Were the Salukis picked to finish first?

Second?

Nope, they were picked to finish fifth. Wichita State, old nemesis Creighton, Bradley and Southwest Missouri State were all picked to finish ahead of the back-to-

back conference champions.
All the teams ahead of SIU can make their arguments for being ranked where

they are.
The Shockers return an explosive nucleus led by Jamar Howard, Randy Burns and Aaron Hogg.
Creighton has head coach Dana Altman

and, despite losing all-everything forward Kyle Korver, will still somehow win 20

Bradley has their used-car-salesman--a-coach Jim Les along with solid players in Phillip Gilbert, James Gillingham and Mike Suggs. And the Bears have one of the nation's top recruiting classes and, of course, their Napoleonic head coach "Barruh"

There is a very simple reason for SIU's fall from grace among Valley media and sports information directors.

It is not because the Salukis lost Kent Williams or Jermaine Dearman or even Bruce Weber.

It is because they no longer have David Carney.

The numbers speak for themselves. With Carney on the roster the Salukis went 103-54, won pieces of two MVC championships and made two trips to the NCAA tournament, including an appearance in the Sweet 16 in 2002.

Some credit this mostly to Weber and the combination of Williams and Dearman, who went on to score 3,458 career points while donning Saluki jerseys. But there is more to winning than just



Title?! Title?! I don't need no stinking title!

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After all, in 38 career games Carney racked up just 15 points and 11 assists. But Carney's value was felt in his intan-

After Weber left for the job in Champaign, SIU center Sylvester Willis said Weber was simply the puppet that someone else was manipulating.
Common sense says the hand up the puppet's butt was new head coach Matt Paisers have the said to the s

Painter, but we all know the truth.

Carney was the puppet master.
No one is going to be more disappointed
in the absence of Carney than the leyal fans

in the absence of Carney than the leyal tans in the Dawg Pound.

When SIU is blowing some team out, the fans will be ready for the trademark

"We Want Carney" chant to begin.

Just as Darren Brooks makes some poor sap look stupid on a crossover to go up by 20, the fans will take a deep breath and begin. begin ...
"We want ..."

And the fans will grow silent as they will have no clue who to ask for.

Hughes? Walker?

Brown Dawg? This is when Carney will be missed

No longer will Saluki fans have the short white guy at the end of the bench that looks like your regular Joe instead of some big, built athlete.

No longer will SIU have a player who lays down near the court and chit-chats with the photographers during games. No longer will the towel boys have

someone around to tell them they missed a

spot. No longer do we have our Carney:

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# Brittani Christensen: SIU's silent killer

the SIU women's cross country team. Her best finish this season was fifth place over-all at the Eastern Illinois Panther Open. Brittani took some time before practice Monday to talk with Todd Merchant of the DAILY EGYPTAN.

EGYPTIAN: You're Belvidere, which is at the northern end of the state. What made you decide to come all the way down to Carbondale and SIU?

Brittani Christensen: I think it was because of Coach [Matt] Sparks. He got my attention to SIU a lot, and plus both of my sisters went here.

DE: What's the biggest difference between Belvidere and Carbondale?

BC: Weather. And there's a lot more trees down here. Belvidere's really flat, and it's all comfields.

DE: What's the difference in terms of

BC: High schools down here are more petitive than up north. My regional and sectional were

slower than a lot of other regionals and sectionals.

DE: You played basketball for four years in high school and were all-con-ference all four years. Do miss playing basketball?

DE: Do you every play with your roommates or friends?

BC: No, not during season because I had a bad case my sophomore year, two days before sectionals, I sprained

my ankle and missed state my sophomore year because of that.

DE: What's the biggest adjustment you've had to make since coming to

BC: Time managing probably. We have busy schedules, so basically fitting in studies and knowing when to sleep instead of staying up late. We have to get sleep to be able to do the workouts we do.

DE: What's the biggest difference between high school and college in terms of running?

BC I have people to run with. In high school I basically had to do all the workouts on my own because there s no one close enough to me. Here I have a lot of people to rue with.

DE: Are you guys surprised by how successful you've been this season?

BC: I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know a lot about the past. I'm happy. I'm excited, but this is kind of what I expected, I guess.

top five runners on the team have changed position a lot this year, but you've consistently been the No. 3 numer for SIU. You've been a sort of silent killer for the team. What do you think of your own performance so far?

BC: I'm happy with them. I definitely think it's a good start.

DE: At the Saluki Invitational, you were in the lead pack early but couldn't finish due to cramps. Was that hard

BC: It hit me hard after the race. I was really disappointed in myself even though I had no way to help it. I was disappointed because we were really ng forward to winning that meet because it was at home. I just felt like a big disappointment. I'm pretty hard on myself, though.

DE: You raced at Illinois a couple weeks ago and have the Missouri Valley Conference meet Saturday. How has training been going lately?

BC: Last week was really hard for us. If you count the U of I, we had four hard workouts in one week, so that was pretty hard on us. We did mile repeats and 1,000 [meter] repeats, but this we're kind of tapering down

DE: What do you think of you chances at this weekend's meet, both personally and as far as the tear

BC: Individually, coach thinks I can get top 10, so I'm pretty excited about that. Teamwise, it's iffy. It depends on how we do; it's up to that day and how.

We could be first, we could be second, we could be third. Definitely

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the last two seasons at Wagner College and earned plenty of coaching experience as an instrucng experience as an instructor at numerous camps, including the Nike All-American Camp in Indianapolis.

But the trio brings more to the table than just experience. The new assistants also bring a fresh, and fun, outlook to the Salukis this season.

"Coach Gilmore gets so excited that you would've thought we just won an Eminy when we do things right," Berwanger said. "They are so intense, and they put so much work into it that we don't want to disap-point them.

This year's squad will look to push the ball this season, and for the first time, the Salukis will have the depth to execute an up-tempo

"We have 16 kids on the ros

We have 10 kgs on the roster, and there isn't one of them that I can't see playing," Opp said.

With the exhibition opener Nov. 9 against St. Louis Goldstar, Opp is already beginning to look for a little luck from outside sources.

At the SIU Arena Monday, Opp uperstitiously touched Saluki football head coach Jerry Kill and several of his players in hopes that a little bit of luck from their 8-0 season start will rub off on her squad.

"That should be good enough for 10 wins," Opp said. "But 27 would be wonderful."

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idea Elgin doesn't like. With a 10team league, a round-robin schedule that has each team facing off twice is possible and efficient.

The Valley went through two seasons of having 11 teams in the league after Evansville was added in 1993 and before Tulsa left to in 1993 and before Iulsa left to join the WAC in 1996, creating a differential in the power ratings for schedules, Elgin said.

Along with the statement, Elgin dispelled rumors that Saint Louis

would become the 11th member of the MVC and said he is even more opposed to expanding to 12 teams, citing it would force divisional play.
"I am not a proponent of 11,"

Elgin said. "I am less strongly inclined that our conference would ever go to

SIU head coach Matt Painter, who seems mum on the subject, mentioned it the league were to make a move, it would have to make sense as far as location and competitiveness is concerned.

But mostly, Painter doesn't think it will become an issue for

the Valley.

"I really haven't given it much thought," Painter said. "I know it's been a hot topic with a lot of coaches, but I didn't think it would really affect us much in this concer-

ence, but maybe it might."

Even though Elgin disregarded any chance of the Valley adding teams, he did mention if and when the opportunity presents itself, the league will be in a position to teact quickly, possibly inferring plans are in place in case of an emergency.

Thirty-one different schools have

been members of the MVC since it was established in 1907. The league underwent several changes during the 1990s with Southwest Missouri State joining in 1990 and Northern

Iowa coming aboard a year later. Evansville was added prior to the 1994-1995 season, and Tulsa's departure was the most recent

While changes to conference membership are sometimes neces-sary, Elgin thinks the recent trend could have negative effects.

"I don't think many confer-

ences are really benefiting from this movement," Elgin said. "In a way it's unfortunate, but it's part of the





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said. "The coaches have said they feel six or seven teams from this league have a chance to win it."

The team picked to win the oference has not done so each of the last two seasons and four of the last five.

Saluki notes ... Redshirt fresh-man guard Ryan Walker was held; out of practice for several days recently with a knee injury; but he's expected to return to the court

Walker, who has had surgery on both knees, sustained the injury in

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practice, but exactly how he did so is unknown?

"I think that that time off really helped him," Painter said of Walker's sitting out of practice. "He got a lot of treatment and stuff. We expect him to be fullgo on Wednesday. I don't know about 100 percent, but he's back practicing.

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# SIU picked to finish fifth in MVC

Wichita State given nod for first place

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ST. LOUIS - The Shockers' name plate rested in the visiting team slot on both of the SIU Arena's lower-level scoreboards during men's basketball practice last week.

The Shockers' name sat above the team during practice, a position the team assumed Tuesday. Wichita State was picked as the overwhelming favorite to win the Missouri Valley Conference crown in the league preseason poll, which was announced Tuesday at the conference's media day in St. Louis. SIU was tabbed for fifth place in the

poll.
"It was kind of like a slap in the face to us, the success we've had the last couple years and the experienced players we got coming back," junior guard and leading returning scorer Darren Brooks said. "But we just gotta use that as a motivating factor and just work harder."

SIU returns three starters, including two double-figure scorers, but the effects of the losses of leading scorers Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman are yet to be seen.
Brooks and the Salukis were also slighted

on the preseason all-conference team, and Wichita State's Jamar Howard was named

Wichita State's Jamar Howard was named preseason co-player of the year along with Bradley guard Phillip Gilbert.

The Shockers, who return four starters and will begin play in the newly renovated Charles Koch Arena, received 290 points and 24 of 30 first-place votes.

After a down decade, this is the first time since the 1988-1989 season the Shockers

been picked to win the league.

"There's no question that they're going to have a very good season," SIU head coach Matt Painter said of Wichita State. "They good newcomers coming in, and they have really built up to these next two years three ars ago when they were recruiting.
"So they're very deserving, and I think



SIU junior guard Darren Brooks attempts to pass around an Illinois State defender in the team's final regular-season game of 2002-03. Brooks is the leading returning scorer for the Salukis, who are picked to finish fifth in the Missouri Valley Conference this season.

they're going to have a very good year."
Despite losing second-team All-America
forward Kyle Korver, Creighton was selected second with four first-place votes. Bradley, a team that finished sixth with

12-18 overall record last season, was The Braves return four starters and will

also gain the services of junior college trans-fer and former Iowa Hawkeye Marcellus Sommerville, a 6-foot-7 forward.

Southwest Missouri State was selected fourth. The Bears finished fourth last sea-

son with a 17-12 record despite not beating a team with a winning secord all season, a campaign in which six of the league's 10

teams finished with overall losing records. Painter expects the conference will return to its usual balance this winter,

There is no question there's gonna be more parity, especially from an outsider looking in, unless there's some surprises with a team or with a newcomer," Painter

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# Valley boss against expansion

Elgin addresses conference realignment at media day

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With conference realignment and expan-sion a reality in the wake of the Atlantic Coast sion a reality in the wake of the Atlantic Coast
Conference acquiring Miami, Boston College
and Virginia Tech from the Big East Conference,
a domino effect has already been set in motion.
Unless Missouri Valley Conference
Commissioner Doug Elgin has anything to do

about it, the dominoes could eventually tumble down on the MVC.

The Big East is looking to restock by adding Louisville, Cincinnati, Marquette, DePaul and South Florida from Conference USA. League officials will meet Nov. 4 to discuss the possible additions with the teams beginning play as soon as the 2005-2006 season.

As a result, Conference USA has already intruded upon the Western Athletic Conference and received commitments from Tulsa, SMU

and Rice to shift leagues.

Despite the chance of losing a school to a conference higher in the pecking order, Elgin insisted the Valley would be hesitant in adding another team.

"I don't think we'd add any schools if a power

"I don't think we'd add any schools it a power conference comes in and takes a few of our schools," Elgin said. "We wouldn't rush to get back to 10 if we did lose a conference school." Although Elgin likes the league the way it is, he went on to say there is no magic number in 10. But he did say he is opposed to the Valley expanding beyond 10 teams.
"There is no real sense of urgency to expand beyond 10," Elgin said. "At this moment, expansion is not a front-burner issue."

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If the MVC were to upgrade to 11 teams, the harmony in scheduling would be disrupted, an

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### » WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Saluki women come in under radar at Valley media day

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ST. LOUIS - When it was time for SIU forward Katie Berwanger to take her turn at the interview table at the Missouri Valley Conference media day, she was nowhere to be found.

In fact, no representatives from the SIU women's basketball team were in sight, forcing the moderator to replace the Saluki fifth-year senior with another player.

to approach the stage, Berwanger snuck onto the dais before anyone n realized she was there

Predicted to finish dead last in the preseason coarhes' poll, this is exactly what the Salukis hope to do this season sneak up on the rest of their MVC counterparts.

"It gives us more room to climb," Berwanger said of the 10th-place ranking. "I get pissed off, but I feel better about this team than I have about any

other, so I'm really excited.
"I'm jumpy right now."
With a new group of experienced assistant coaches injecting life into the Salukis, along with a group of eight talented newcomers, this season looks to be the start of a new era for SIU vomen's basketball

This is the first time in my career that my whole staff has Division I coaching experience, so I think it is going to make a huge difference," Opp said. I think people will see the kind of talented kids we have this year, and hopefully people will be excited

Zareth Gray, Maureen Smith and

Zareth Gray, Maureen Smith and Usha Gilmore round out the new coaching staff, with each bringing their own level of experience to the table. Gray, who is in charge of the post players, played college ball at Michigan State and coached at Ball State, Eastern Illinois and Wichita State helm idealing the Dawse before joining the Dawes.

Smith, who played guard at Florida International, comes to SIU from Central Florida where she helped the Golden Knights improve from 9-20 to 19-11 in her first season. Smith also served as an assistant at Bradley prior to UCF.

Gilmore, a former Miss Basketball in South Carolina, spent the 2001-2002 season as a reserve guard for the WNBA's Indiana Fever. She coached

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