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Faculty: Students lack writing skills

RECOMMEND: Council suggests tests for all incoming freshmen, transfers.

WILLIAM HATFIELD
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

More writing-intensive courses could be added to the SIUC curriculum because of faculty concerns that some students are not prepared for college-level writing and lack necessary writing skills, the core curriculum director says.

Ann-Jaine Morey, the core curriculum director, has spoken with faculty who say their students' writing could be better.

"However, we could be doing a better job finding out exactly where students may be having difficulty," Morey said. "Faculty know a lot about student writing, and they are concerned about it."

On April 9, the University core curriculum executive council released a report titled "Writing Literacy at SIU: Recommendations for the Future University Core Curriculum Executive Council."

It recommends that John S. Jackson, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and provost, support seven methods of improving SIUC students' writing:

• The SIUC administration should allocate more money to the curriculum to help colleges share writing information, to offer faculty workshops on teaching writing, to reduce class sizes and to offer incentives to teach writing.

• SIUC should have a writing test for all incoming freshmen and transfers.

• Students who fail the placement test should be required to take basic writing skills courses.

• English 101, 102 and 120 should be changed to improve students' writing.

• The Writing Center, administered by the English Department, should be expanded and given more money.

• SIUC should adopt a writing and grammar manual that all freshmen and transfer students would be required to own.

• SIUC should establish a campus-wide student essay contest with prizes for the winners.

Morey said many faculty members were concerned that students do not take writing seriously and are unable to communicate effectively.

"Not many people know what independent filmmaking is," she said.

Shimizu is part of a three-person panel that spoke Friday to about 138 SIUC School of Social Work seniors. Each year, students in the graduating class are allowed to choose a topic for an end-of-the-semester panel discussion. The students chose hate crimes as this year's topic.

As she spoke to the crowd, Ziller said she had heard about two Jewish friends who survived the Holocaust.

"They were prisoners at Auschwitz, a Nazi concentration camp where an estimated 1.5 million people were killed," she said. "She said these men moved to South America after liberation from the camp at the end of World War II.

One day, while one of the men was out walking, he saw his friend working as a servant for a former member of the Gestapo who had been his friend when they were in Auschwitz.

"He spoke to his friend, 'Why are you doing this after all of the horrible things he did to you?'" Ziller said. "The other man replied, 'Because I promised this time he would treat me better.'"
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Board votes to keep Kelly

GUILTY: Committee finds Kelly in violation of election laws, but says he did no harm.

TRANS DEEHEAL DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A grievance committee on Friday approved the winner of Wednesday's student trustee election by deciding to vote again after two grievances were filed against him.

Pat Kelly, who won the election, faced two grievances filed by Anthony Buie, who finished second in the student trustee election. Buie alleged that Kelly walked through the Student Center Wednesday wearing a Revolution Party T-shirt.

Buie also alleged that a member of the Revolution Party, who endorsed Kelly, distributed fliers too close to the Student Center.

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Southern Illinois

CARBONDALE

Police investigate link between sex offenses

A 21-year-old SIUC student reported that a man exposed himself to her at 2 p.m. on Sunday on the Campus Lake path. The suspect was described as a white man, 5'11" tall, with brown hair. He was wearing gray sweat pants, a green sweat shirt and tennis shoes.

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Education does not always create open-minded people

Johanna Curry
Guest Column

I recently saw a nice idea on the sign at University Baptist Church. The sign stated, “Education fills empty minds with open ones.”

Obviously the writer did not receive his education at UIUC. Some of the more educated people on this campus have the most closed minds.

I am transfering to the Law School community.

Here we have a group of people who are learning to demeanize from enencravements on their liberties, yet they see the first to enmarch on someone’s rights because they do not agree with that person’s opinions.

As my Law School career comes to an end, I think it would be fitting for me to thank this school for an education that I will not soon forget.

This school taught me that education does not equal maturity. (Graduate students still procrastinate and then blame work on someone’s rights are the first to enmarch on someone’s rights because they do not agree with that person’s opinions.)

Most do not. Open minds would accept varying opinions. They would not feel the need to label one opinion wrong.

The REALITY OF THIS SITUATION IS clear: Contract negotiations started last month, and the power of the faculty’s influence with the administration. It’s better to be united than to be divided, and electing qualified and responsible representatives will ensure that the union is heard not only on this campus but in Springfield.

THEORY OF THIS SITUATION is clear: Contract negotiations started last month, and the union members are the only representatives for the SIUC faculty at those meetings. It is time to put some of the power back on this campus and at the negotiating table.

Faculty members need to vote today for SIUC union officials

IT IS IMPERATIVE that unionized faculty members vote today for their representatives.

A group of union members will help decide the future of the SIUC chapter of the Illinois Education Association/National Education Association and the power of the faculty’s influence with the administration. By voting today, members will get the executive board members who will guide the association and develop its policies.

BESIDES VOTING FOR THE EXECUTIVE board — president, vice president and secretary/treasurer — union members also will decide who represents their colleges and interests, and those representatives will talk with the negotiators, union members and executive board members about their colleges’ concerns. Members also will vote for representatives at-large to serve on the executive board and represent all faculty.

The outcome of this election will decide how contract negotiations and other matters are handled. The gravity of this election is so great that it would be foolish not to vote.

SINCE THE BIRTH OF IT LAST NOVEMBER, the SIUC chapter of the IEA/NEA has tried to organize a strong voice for the faculty. Voting today will help strengthen the organization and its voice.

More than 740 faculty members are eligible to join the union. Of those, only half currently are union members and are eligible to vote today. The representatives will be elected by a small group of members who believe in what the union is doing to improve the working conditions and quality of education at this University.

WHERE ARE THE OTHER ELIGIBLE members who did not join the union or who did not decide to vote today? Their views will go unheard because of their failure to join or vote.

The faculty is united, the union is here. And instead of fighting it by not joining it, the faculty has everything to gain from it. The members that are elected today will determine how strong the union grows, evolves and deals with the administration. It’s better to be united than to be divided, and electing qualified and responsible representatives will ensure that the union is heard not only on this campus but in Springfield.

“Your Word” represents a consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Overheard

“You go to the theater and watch films in the dark. Since there is a freedom within that space, people can escape from reality. There is more possibility to find the truth of reality that was hidden in everyday life. Theater is a real important place for the audience to realize what they are all about.”

Takaa Shimizu, a second-year graduate student in cinema from Japan, who received an internship for the 1997 International Film Festival at Cannes, France.
Qu’ran teaches humility, acceptance of both sexes

Dear Editor:

As a Muslim, I cannot put more emphasis on the need to read the Holy Qu’ran to understand Islam. I believe that submission to the will of Allah (God) is a manifestation of Judaism and Christianity.

Therefore, comparing Islam to other racist movements such as ku Klux Klan is not fair to the Muslims who are having unpleasant lives. Mr. Bender claimed in the article that Pakistan and other Muslim countries people are having unpleasant lives.

No one should have anything to support his claims. Claims like this can offend Muslims because these claims are not real; they are just opinions of someone.

M. Lionel Bender attacked Islam in the human civilization. It is understandable that cultures are separate from religion.

Mr. Bender should cure them-selves of the spread of Islam has increased by 235 percent - five times more than any other belief. In a few years, more than one third of France's population will be Muslims.

So if a foreigner (Bender) was honored where local lives were unpleasant, then I would say it was only cultural factors by which Mr. Bender came to the conclusion that in Islamic societies people are having unpleasant lives.

Mr. Bender declared in the article that Pakistan and other Muslim countries are having unpleasant lives.

Mr. Bender should expect 20 million Muslims in the United States by the year 2000. Linking Islamic teachings to terrorism has always been claimed by the American media.

People need to realize that Saddam Hussein in Iraq, Khomini in Iran and Khaddafi in Libya are not real Muslims, but those who use religion to win power.

Some people cannot see the rational justification in militant bombings but because of the same irrational thinking enabled American armed forces to bomb Iraq over a barrel of oil.

James Sills Student, computer science

Mailbox

Writer’s claims offend Muslims, ignore truth

Author naive about religion

Dear Editor:

Mr. Lionel Bender attacked Islam and Muslims once again (April 18) by expressing great aggressive feelings toward this peaceful religion.

I found myself forced to clarify a number of points.

It is important to realize that Islam means “peace, security and submission to the will of God.”

No one can deny the great role of Islam in the human civilizations. Islam is the only belief that satisfies the physical and spiritual needs of human nature.

The Holy Quran, the final revelation from God to all people, had declared the rights of humans, including women, 1,400 years before the West did so.

Mr. Bender and many others view Islam as a political force.

It is an Islamic fact that Islam is a complete way of life, his a political force.

It provides guidelines for a just society, proper human conduct and an equitable social economical and political system.

However, comparing Islam to other racist movements such as Zionism or Nazism is a huge misunderstanding.

If violence is what Islam calls for as claimed, then how come it is important to realize that Islam means “peace, security and submission to the one God.” No one can deny the great role of Islam in the human civilizations.

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Where was the American media when Muslims were massacred by the Serbs when Muslims in Burma, Keshmire or Palestine were facing the same destiny.

Why is the word “terrorism” always used for describing Muslims only? Why do people like Mr. Bender should care themselves from the Islamophobia.

Mohammed Harbi Junior, electrical engineering
Float or swim

NICE DAY FOR A SWIM: Some contestants returned to the shore the hard way after their boat proved to not be seaworthy.

ROW YOUR BOAT ASHORE: The start of the races are congested with boaters, but as the race goes on, the boats become separated in the fight for the lead.

24th Annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta leaves mark on class, SIUC

Milling around Campus Lake on 6-inch platform shoes, Jim Olsick and his three crew members hardly looked nautical in their black wigs and face paint.

The sounds of Kiss echo through the trees on Saturday at the crew members resembling the hard-rock group proudly stand in front of a 3-foot cardboard rendition of Gene Simmons' head.

“We were going to build a giant Gene Simmons head, but it was too much (time),” Olsick, a sophomore in art and design from Willowbrook, said. “We sacrificed some of the boat for the costumes.”

Olsick and the other members of Kiss were rewarded for the more than 40 hours spent making their costumes when they received the Best Dressed Team award Saturday afternoon at the 24th Annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta at Campus Lake.

For students in art and design 100B, “Three Dimensional Design,” the regatta has been a final exam since 1974.

Richard Archer, assistant professor in art and design, came up with the idea to leave his mark on the class. However, the race is open to anyone.

Saturday was filled with racing heats featuring cardboard creations, including a yellow Corvette built to scale, with blinking head and tail lights, and a flailing red lobster that was not water-friendly.

Of the 154 boats entered in the 24th annual regatta, each was divided into one of three classes.

Class I boats are made entirely of cardboard and are moved through the lake by canoe paddles, oars or kayak paddles. Class II boats are powered by other means, such as paddle wheels, propellers or sails. Class III boats are made on site from a kit with secret contents.

Carla Flowers, a senior in aviation management from Paducah, Ky., came to the race Saturday knowing she and her friends would make a Class II boat because they did not have time to make a boat earlier.

“We’re doing this because it’s the last year,” Flowers said as she applied duct tape to Noah’s Ark. “It’s a tradition at SIUC.”

Boats varied from biblical themes to themes of beer and cults.

Katina Niebrugge, a junior in art history from Teutopolis, navigated her white cardboard boat resembling a bed as she and her crew members dressed in black and chanted, “Hale-Bopp, Hale-Bopp,” symbolizing the Heaven’s Gate cult from which 39 members recently committed suicide.

“It’s a big media event,” said Jackie Ofsommer, a junior in radio-television from Palatine and crew member of Heaven’s Gate. “We weren’t interested in speed. We wanted media coverage and originality.”

Whether boats sunk or swam, the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta was an experience some were grateful to have.

“Everybody has to do this at least once,” said Love Honea, an undecided freshman from Marion and “Heaven’s Gate” crew member. “It isn’t college life if you haven’t done the Cardboard Boat Regatta.”
ON YOUR MARKS: Participants line up in the icy water at the starting gate, anxiously awaiting the start of the heat.

NICE WHEELS: John Krouklis, a senior in art and design from Bartlett, pilots this boat designed by both himself and James Stewart, a senior in electrical engineering from Streamwood.

LICK IT UP: A 3-foot cardboard sculpture of Gene Simmons's head helped lead team Kiss to the finish line Saturday.
Zitter said this story and her own life experiences teach a valuable lesson.

"I don't hate, because hate hurts me."

Another panelist, Preston Ewing Jr., spoke of a more recent example of racism. Ewing wore the book, "Let My People Go," which is a collection of photos and writings that document the Civil Rights Movement in Cairo from 1967 to 1972.

Ewing helped organize the movement in Cairo, stemming to get equal rights for blacks. He said hate crimes and racism are problems that affect people of all colors.

"Results from hatred are shared by both blacks and whites," Ewing said. "Many whites are held hostage by ideas of racism."

Ewing spoke of a group of Taiwian Woods, a 21-year-old golfer, at the Masters\textsuperscript{\textregistered}, the premiere event of professional golf. Woods is African American and Asian American.

Ewing said derogatory comments made by another professional golfer, Payne Stewart, about Woods and other African Americans show racism is still "alive and well" in the 1990s.

"At a period like we live in now, it's easy to be lulled into believing that racism is not an issue," Woods said this story and her own life experiences teach a valuable lesson.

"I'm not an English teacher, so why should you have to do this?" said Ewing. "I have to do this?"

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Los Angeles still struggling to heal five years after riots

OPEN WOUNDS: Living standards have stagnated as community member grows apart.

LOS ANGELES—Five years after a violent riot tore apart the social fabric of this city, Los Angeles is struggling to heal its deep physical and emotional wounds.

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At the same time, the city's officials and economists offer a mixed assessment of economic development.

"We have a lot going for us in terms of economic development, but we still face a lot of problems," said Rep. Julian C. Dixon (D), an African American who has long represented a diverse Los Angeles district. "Our assessment is widely shared. In interviews, community activists, business leaders, public officials and economists offer a mixed assessment of economic recovery and a generally bleak one of civic conflict. Most of them agreed that the riots continue to cast a shadow over Los Angeles."

"People fear the environment of South Central LA as an investment site," said Fernando Ocasio, a former Los Angeles businessman who now runs his own station in suburban Ontario. "It's a vague kind of reluctance that leads people to question commercial deals that don't show black marks from the fires."

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"And the people who did get good grades looked down on those who didn’t get good grades. There were a lot of nasty things going on there.

Shimizu was in an English program at Carroll College, but after a year decided to study aerospace engineering.

"In aerospace engineering, I was more concentrating on something unknown and exciting. That's around us," she said. "I was almost escaping what is happening by studying space." The isolation of being in a new place and the sparse population of Montana made it easy to escape from reality. Shimizu left them all behind.

Montana made it easy to escape from page 1

You go to the theater and watch a movie in the dark. Since there is a freedom within that space, people can escape from reality," she said. Shimizu is taking a brochure about the Big Muddy Film Festival with her to France to get recognition and feedback about it from organizers of the larger festival in Cannes. But working in film is not the only form of creativity she enjoys. She has participated in the Dance Expressions at SIUC and has choreographed her own dance. Shimizu wants to incorporate dance in films, and she wants to make a career in the United States. Because of Shimizu's background in theater and dance, Susan Dahig, assistant professor in cinema, said Shimizu often comes up with unusual and innovative ideas in film.

"I think Takeo has a lot of creative potential," she said. "She has a very unusual mind and makes unexpected connections." There is more possibility to find the truth of reality that was hidden in everyday life. Theater is a real important place for the audience to realize what they are all about. Shimizu graduated from Carroll College in 1995 and received a graduate assistantship SUIC in the Cinema Department. After graduation, she wants to write and direct her own films. Her goal is to help her audience see the importance of life itself and not to take anything for granted. "I want to let people realize the importance of the lives they have right now and of life itself," she said. "People don't realize human beings cannot live without depending on someone. Things on earth depend on each other."

"I've known people from the Interfaith Center, and they're good people," Garofalo said. "I think it's definitely a good idea for them to set up shop and hang out together like this." Badger said he wants the Interfaith Center to continue providing events that bring the community together regardless of fund-raising purposes.

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dual matches.

"I can't say that I should have... are so many strong players in the conference... and Liz, Gardner. Gagliano said the team... take pride in beating..." Auld said.

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said: \"It's not about wins, but... the conference. I've never been pleased with our... to do research like they should.\"

5-1 and Creighton University 3-2 Saturday and sealed fifth place without victory over the Bulldogs. \"We're fifth in the conference, but in my mind, we were the No. 1 team in the conference,\" Auld said.

The Salukis came back to win each of their matches the rest of the weekend. SIU beat Northern Iowa 6-3 Kara Wolters and one of college basketball's most dominating forwards the past two seasons. With the Sparks, she would join USC's 6-foot-3 Tina Thompson, who, in a late-hour April 19 NFL Draft. Since then

railroaded a last-hour offer this beat a deal offered by the ABL. Her agent said Saturday afternoon Thompson would sign with the ABL. Monday, then said 90 minutes later that the signing was no longer definitive. The ABL wanted Thompson to play for its Long Beach expansion team, which had the first pick in its May 4 draft. The focus now shifted to Old Dominion's 6-5 Clarise Machanguana for Long Beach. Thompson led the Pacific 10 in scoring last season at 22.5 points per game.

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\"We're fifth in the conference, but in my mind, we were the No. 1 team in the conference,\" said Auld.

The Salukis also finished the tournament with several individual showings. Card, Berksoy and KarJ Wolters, called by her UConn coach, Geno Auriemma, \"the most dominating post player in the history of women's college basketball,\" will hold a Hartford, Conn, news conference Monday. She will be drafted by the New England Blizzard; the ABL's runaway attendance leader last season at 5,033 paid per game. For now, was talking money Sunday, but the WNBA might have gone beyond a $150,000 package to land Thompson. That's said to be what the ABL will pay Stanford Naismith Award winner Kate Starbird next season. The ABL wanted Thompson to play for its Long Beach expansion team, which had the first pick in its May 4 draft. The focus now shifts to Old Dominion's 6-5 Clarise Machanguana for Long Beach. Thompson led the Pacific 10 in scoring last season at 22.5 points per game.

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Boty said that the loss motivated the team to finish the tournament strong. \"We were disappointed that we lost, but a match Indiana State lost to Indiana State,\" Berksoy said. \"I really thought Sanneh and China's 6-9 Zheng Huitao to form the biggest first line in the women's game.\"

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Gagliano kicks off NFL life

IN THE COLT CORRAL:

Saluki punter begins training with Indianapolis' Pro Bowl punter Gardocki.

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Five months ago, Mark Gagliano was sitting in Collerville, Tenn., wondering if he ever would get a shot at the NFL. On Saturday, he was in Lafayette, Ind., competing against Indianapolis Colts punter Chris Gardocki. The former Saluki punter signed as a free agent with the Colts Friday evening and spent Saturday and Sunday practicing with the team.

"It was just an awesome, awesome weekend," Gagliano said. "I am really excited that I got that chance to experience what life is like in the NFL. It was just a lot of fun, and the Colts are a neat team to be with.

"The Colts are really first-class organization and right down my alley.

Gagliano, who attended the University of Chicago, Miami Dolphins, Dallas Cowboys, Pittsburgh Steelers and the New England Patriots, flew to Lafayette Thursday afternoon and took a physical Friday afternoon and signed a two-year contract with the club later that evening.

Gagliano, a Division I-AA All American who averaged a nation-best 45 yards per punt at SIUC last fall, was contacted for practice sessions with the Colts, rubbing elbows with quarterback Jim Harbaugh and competing on Sundays with Gardocki, the Colts' Pro Bowl punter.

Gagliano said Gardocki not only gave him some pointers on making it in the NFL but motivated him as well.

"He is consistent and he is unbelievable," Gagliano said of his competition. "I tried like heck, but he is the most consistent punter in the NFL. His ball was just perfect. I planned on getting some experience, but after I left Loyola, all I wanted to do was beat him.

"But I can't worry about him. I have to worry about me.

"Exactly how long Gagliano will remain with the Colts is uncertain. Gagliano said he is unsure if he will make the team's final cut, but he said he hopes the opportunity the Colts have given him.

Gagliano's contract does not guarantee a spot on the team. If Gagliano is up for grabs, meaning any team in the NFL can sign him, he will be under Gardocki's contract. If he signs any later than that, Gagliano has to renegotiate his contract with whoever is interested.

"The contract is a little confusing," he said.

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Women's tennis snaps nine-year losing streak

Saluki women beat Bulldogs on way to fifth-place finish at conference championship

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Beating one of the conference's top teams for the first time in nine years meant a little more to the Saluki women's tennis team than a fifth-place finish at the Missouri Valley Conference Championship Sunday.

The fifth-seeded Salukis finished their season in Wichita, Kan., Sunday with a 5-4 win over third-seeded Drake University to capture fifth place and run their conference mark to 10-10 on the season.

The win over Drake was the first for the Salukis since April 15, 1988. That period included an eight-match losing streak to the Bulldogs.

Saluki coach Judy Auld said the win was a perfect ending to a successful tournament.

"I have no idea when the last time was that we beat Drake," Auld said. "This year we had a first-year that Drake has been beaten by three other schools in the conference other than Wichita State.

"We played with a lot of heart. We wanted the match a lot more than they did."

Saluki junior Holly Card said the win was extra special because it came during the tournament.

"It was a really good win, and we're really happy because Drake is one of the top teams in the conference and they beat us a lot this year," Card said.

SUIC opened the tournament Friday with a 5-4 loss to fourth-seeded Indiana State University. The Salukis took three of the six singles matches and one of the three doubles.

IMPACT: Charley Stel, a freshman from Devonport, Iowa, lands Monday after completing a triple jump during practice.

Tennis:

The Saluki men face rough road at MVC championship.