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Saluki softball icon retires after 32 years



JUSTIN JONES/Daily Egyptian

Kay Brechtelsbauer is retiring as the softball head coach after 32 years of dedicated service to the SIUC softball team. Brechtelsbauer has been at SIUC during her entire career.

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The longest-tenured coach in the history of SIUC women's athletics announced Thursday she is retiring at the end of the academic year.

After 32 years as head coach for the SIUC softball team, Kay Brechtelsbauer believed it was her time to step down. Brechtelsbauer cited spending more time with family as one of the main reasons for leaving. "I have not spent much time with my family in Michigan."

Brechtelsbauer said Thursday afternoon at LAW Fields. "I see my parents once or twice a year and they're not as young as they used to be and their health isn't what it used to be. "It's not that I'm going to retire and you're not going to see me again. Softball's just totally consumed my life."

Brechtelsbauer, who has compiled

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a career record of 628-435-3 (.591), became only the 25th coach in NCAA history to register 600 wins with a 2-1 defeat over Boston College Feb. 27 at the National Fastpitch Coaches Association's Leadoff Classic in Columbus, Ga.

"I don't think you could express in words how much she has meant," 10-year assistant Kerri Blaylock said. "When you think of SIUC softball, you think of Kay Brechtelsbauer."

"She's such a teacher, she really epitomizes what SIUC softball stands for."

Brechtelsbauer graduated from Central Michigan University in 1965 before coming to SIUC where she earned two postgraduate degrees. She earned her master's degree in 1966 and her doctorate in educational psychology in 1980.

Brechtelsbauer also made academics a focal point for her players, garnishing 12 GTE Academic All-Americans since 1987 — the most by any Saluki sport.

Since 1985, Brechtelsbauer has led

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Dedication brings merit

Carbondale home to animal control employee of the year

VACCINATION

A rabies vaccination clinic will take place Saturday at City Hall, 790 S. Illinois St., from 9 to 5:45 a.m. and at the Burns Hayes Center, 443 E. Willow St., from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dog vaccinations are \$14 each and cat vaccinations are \$11.

For more information call Cindy Nelson at the Carbondale Police Department at 457-3200 ext. 424.

DAVID FERRARA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Cindy Nelson risks life and breath every day on the job as the nation's top animal control officer at the Carbondale Police Department. But there's one thing that kills her.

It's not the lengthy hours she works or the dirty sun-faces day in and day out rescuing animals from tight spots, high places and cruel homes.

It's not even the worried human faces of people who have been attacked by untamed creatures as she calms them with her dignified charm.

Nelson, 44, suffers from allergic reactions to animals.

Diagnosed with asthma at age 35, Nelson occasionally suffers from allergic reactions to some of the animals she encounters every day. Yet, she quietly and humbly hides that fact, shrugging it off with a goofy laugh as if it would be absurd to put herself above the

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Ambassadors exercise positive peer pressure

KELLY E. HERTLEIN & TRAVIS MORSE
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTERS

A small girl sits wide-eyed in wonderment within the final rows of a Cape Girardeau high school library and points up in amazement at Christine Dohl, asking, "Are you really a pilot?"

Dohl, a junior in aviation management from Davenport, Iowa, is representing SIUC and the College of Liberal Arts as an aviation ambassador. Her duties include giving presentations, leading tour groups and promoting and answering questions concerning the University.

"That little girl's eyes just lit up at me," Dohl said. "She was so amazed that a woman could be a pilot. That's what this is about, let-

ting people know what is at our University and what our student government can accomplish."

The National Ambassador program started its quest during the fall 1997 to impart knowledge on public issues to members at SIUC and to recognize members for the College of Liberal Arts. Dohl was among the organization's charter members.

Three colleges currently sponsor ambassador programs — the College of Business, College of Agriculture and the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts. Although they fall under the College of Liberal Arts, the Aviation Ambassadors are directed through Alpha Eta Row — an international aviation fraternity.

In addition, the College of Education will be introducing a leadership program consisting of

new college ambassadors.

Because of ample success in recruitment and retention gained from the ambassador programs, MCMA implemented a new peer adviser program last fall. The goals of the program are to help new students ease into the difficulties associated with college living.

Clare Mitchell, chief academic adviser for MCMA, said when students first enter into SIUC, they often can feel extremely overwhelmed by the enormity of the campus and the isolation that comes along with living away from home for the first time.

"SIUC can be a very scary place for new students right out of high school," Mitchell said. "It helps for them to have someone their own

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Police Blotter

UNIVERSITY

- A 19-year-old SIUC woman reported receiving several harassing phone calls between 5:30 and 6:14 p.m. Wednesday. A 27-year-old man has been identified in the incident, University police said.
- A 20-year-old woman told University police that she was alarmed when a 20-year-old man was videotaping her near Boomer Hall without her permission. Police confiscated the videotape, and no charges were filed in the incident.
- Tameka L. Bell, 22, and Rashida J. Ware, 21, both of Carbondale were arrested and charged with fighting by agreement at 1:03 a.m. Thursday near Falls Hall. University police said the women were involved in a physical altercation on the third floor of the residence hall. Bell and Ware were released with a notice to appear in court May 20. Neither required medical attention.

CARBONDALE

- Belinda A. Ross, 26, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with domestic battery at 10:19 p.m. Wednesday. Jackson County sheriff's deputies were called to the Crossings Mobile Home Park Wednesday night in reference to a man who said Ross struck him in the head with a bottle. The victim required medical attention. Ross was taken to Jackson County Jail pending an appearance before a judge.
- Wanelia Mack, 36, of Calp was arrested and charged with aggravated battery after she reportedly slashed a woman on the cheek with a knife. The 35-year-old victim told Carbondale police that around 12:30 a.m. Wednesday she was slashed by Mack after being accused of stealing Mack's money while the two were in the 800 block of North Wall Street. Mack was later located and taken to Jackson County Jail after being unable to post bond.
- Jason Megginson, 23, reported that Brian Kelsey, 21, hit him in the head with a bottle while the two were involved in an altercation around midnight Wednesday at Sidetracks Bar and Grill, 101 W. College St. Kelsey fled the scene but was later arrested and charged with resisting a Carbondale police officer and aggravated battery. He was taken to Jackson County Jail. Megginson was taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale for treatment and later charged with fighting by agreement. Megginson was released on a recognizance bond.
- Burglars entered the Coffee Corner, 213 S. Washington St., between 1 p.m. Tuesday and 5:59 a.m. Wednesday by breaking out a drive-through window. Currency and a stereo with a combined value of more than \$400 were reported stolen. Carbondale police have no suspects in the incident.

Calendar

Calendar item deadline is two publications days before the event. The term must include time, date, place, admission and names of the event and the name and phone of the person advertising the item. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1247. All calendar items also appear on www.dailyegyptian.com. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

TODAY

- Pulliam Art Students Breeze Way Show for undergrads, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., pot luck 7 to 9 p.m., Pulliam-Whom breeze way, Mike 529-4899.
- Library Affairs Intermediate Web page construction, 10 to noon, introduction to constructing Web pages, 2 to 4 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs assistance with registration, refreshments, handing out fliers or donating blood, 2 to 7 p.m., Student Recreation Center, 453-5714.
- Hispanic Students Council first annual cultural dinner, 6 p.m., Renaissance Room, tickets available, Regina 536-7127.
- Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange, 453-5425.
- French Club meeting to allow students to practice their French, every Fri., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Booby's, Gillis 453-5415.
- German Club Stammtisch, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Melange, Anne 549-1754.
- Japanese Table informal conversation in English and Japanese, every Fri., 6 to 8 p.m., Melange Cafe, Shimulke

453-3417.

- Seventh Day Adventist Student Association prophesy seminar, every Fri., 7 to 8:30 p.m., Pulliam-Whom breeze way, Laura 549-7188.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs volunteers to help with set-up, chaperoning, and clean-up for jr. High Dance, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Lincoln Middle School, Trina 453-6169.
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Asian American Celebration, 7 p.m., Agriculture Christian Fellowship, Patrick 549-4284.
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship meeting, Apr. 30 and May 1, 7 p.m., Ohio Room and Ballroom A in Student Center, Sophie 549-9469.

UPCOMING

- Southern Illinois Festival of Irish Music and Dance, May 1, 8 p.m., \$15.50, 453-2787.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs assistance with spring clean-up and planting flowers, May 1 and 8, 8:30 a.m. to noon, downtown Carbondale pavilion, Joyce 549-1690.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps help run baseball program in areas such as measuring, field balls and recording scores, May 1, 2 to 4 p.m., Joyce Field at Evergreen Park, Christie 549-4222.
- Cherish the Ladies, May 1, 8 p.m., Tickets are available weekdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$15.50 or charge by phone 453-2787.
- Alpha Chi Omega and Pi Kappa Alpha jump for bucks, help raise money for the Women's Center, May 1 and 2, 408 W. Mill St., \$5 per person, Elsa 536-7646.
- Newman Catholic Student Center mass for all students, regardless of religious affiliation, every Sun., 11 a.m. and 9 p.m., Newman Center, John 529-3311.
- McLeod Summer Playhouse will be holding auditions, May 8, 2 p.m., McLeod Theater, looking for young girls 12-14 to play the role of Agnes in this summer's production of *Meet Me in St. Louis*, prepare a song to sing, Tim 453-5825.
- University Christian Ministries Celtic dinner and discussion, May 2, 6 p.m., The Interfaith Center, Soya 549-7387.
- Wind Ensemble Concert, May 3, 8 p.m., \$3 public and \$2 students, 536-8742.
- Choral Union Concert, May 6, 8 p.m., \$3 public and \$2 students, 536-8742.

Southern Illinois for Peace!

TODAY:
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High: 71
Low: 43.

Almanac

THIS WEEK IN 1988:

- Police had been investigating the gay community of Carbondale in connection with the murder of Michael D. Milley. Milley's body was found in the trunk of his car on Rocky Comfort Road in northeast Union County. Police had not disclosed how he was killed or the nature of his wounds. Milley was known to be a homosexual, GIU members said, and his body was found near a "cruising" area for gay men.
- The giant shipyard that built the ill-fated Titanic won a contract to construct the world's biggest-ever luxury cruise liner, a behemoth longer than three football fields that feature cabins with individual balconies. The liner was planned for American tourists and although was yet unnamed, was referred to in designs as the "Ultimate Dream."

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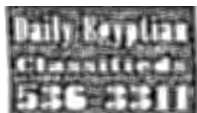
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Corrections

In the Thursday story "New BAC coordinator hopes to increase student involvement," the names of Andrea Williams and Louis Jeffries were misspelled.

In Thursday's edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, SIUC decathlete Allen Lokomick's nickname should have been "Loko."

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets these errors.



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Rage from the Machine

Do video games, movies, and a culture of violence cause youth to go astray?

STORY BY KENDRA THORSON & RHONDA SCIARRA

Dressed in a black leather trench coat, a 16-year-old boy bursts through the double doors of a school hallway. He walks almost mechanically into a classroom, draws a shotgun and opens fire on his classmates.

Faces full of horror accompany bodies falling to the ground, and his friends urge him on with sordid smiles.

This scene from the 1995 drama "The Basketball Diaries" is strikingly similar to the tales of school violence occurring in the past two years.

Unlike the victims in Littleton, Colo., or West Paducah, Ky., the victims in "The Basketball Diaries" about the struggles of a teenage cocaine addict are only actors. They are able to stand up and

Violence in America's Schools

February 2, 1996
Moses Lake, Washington
Fourteen-year-old Barry Loxalis walks into a junior high algebra class and opens fire with a hunting rifle. He kills the teacher and two students and wounds one other student. Loxalis was convicted of two counts of aggravated first-degree murder and sentenced to two mandatory life terms without parole.

April 24, 1998
Edinboro, Pennsylvania
At a middle school graduation dance, a science teacher is shot to death in front of students. Fourteen-year-old Andrew Wurst is charged and will be tried as an adult.

June 15, 1998
Richmond, Virginia
Quinshawn Booker, 14, is charged as an adult for firing a gun into a crowded high school hallway. Booker, who allegedly was upset with another student, is accused of wounding a 74-year-old Head Start volunteer and a 45-year-old social studies teacher. Booker pleaded guilty to five charges. He will remain at a school for troubled boys until he completes the program.

December 1, 1997
West Paducah, Kentucky
Three students are killed and five wounded while praying in a high school hallway. Fourteen-year-old student Michael Carneal is arrested. He pleads guilty but mentally ill on Oct. 5 to three counts of murder and six other charges related to the shooting spree. Carneal was sentenced Dec. 17 to life in prison without possibility of parole for 25 years.

May 21, 1998
Springfield, Oregon
Fifteen-year-old Kipland Kintal allegedly opens fire in his high school cafeteria, killing a student and wounding 19; another student died later. His parents are later found dead in his home. Kintal awaits trial.

March 24, 1998
Jonesboro, Arkansas
Four girls and a teacher are killed and 10 others wounded during a fatal fire alarm at a middle school when Andrew Golden, 11, and Mitchell Johnson, 13, open fire. They were both found guilty of capital murder and were committed to a state detention center. Under a controversial juvenile sentencing law, they will be allowed to walk out of jail by their 21st birthdays.

May 19, 1998
Fayetteville, Tennessee
Jacob Davis, an 18-year-old honor student, awaits trial for killing a classmate in the school parking lot. The classmate was allegedly dating his ex-girlfriend.

October 1, 1997
Pearl, Mississippi
After stabbing his mother to death, 16-year-old Luka Woodham then goes to his high school and guns down nine students. Two die, including the suspect's ex-girlfriend; seven others are wounded. Woodham was convicted as an adult in June 1998 and is serving three life sentences.

Source: Washington Post
By Bobbi Shamhart, Daily Egyptian

walk off the set when the director yells "cut."
Real-life victims, however, are left to lie in their own pools of blood while their families search for answers.
The parents of the victims killed in the 1997 shootings at Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky., filed a federal lawsuit April 12 against the makers and distributors of the movie, two Internet pornography

sites and several video game companies.
The \$130-million lawsuit claims the media industry profited from violent medium that inspired Michael Carneal to kill three students in a prayer circle the morning of Dec. 1, 1997.
Edward Kionka, professor of law at SIUC, said the federal lawsuit would be considered as an "entertainment to violence" case.

"The theory is that websites, movies or other publications enticed people who are susceptible to commit acts of violence," Kionka said.
He said the lawsuit would be difficult to prove because of the First Amendment's guaranteed right to free speech.
"Criminal behavior is portrayed in movies, books and television all the time, and it is primarily artistic," he said.

"It is going to be pretty hard for them to show this is liability for damages."
The movie is also linked to last week's massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., where Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, armed with an array of guns and bombs, gunned down

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Local bar ordered to clean up or close doors

INSPECTION

• People interested in a business' latest health inspection can request it from the establishment. Health records are public information
• If owners do not supply you with their latest report, you may call the Jackson County Health Department at (618) 684-3143

J. MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ
NEWS EDITOR

Slix Bar & Billiards, 517 S. Illinois Ave., reported 25 violations in a recent routine food service inspection — eight repeated offenses and six critical items — all requiring "immediate action."
Slix was inspected Tuesday and was deemed to remain open granted the violations are corrected within an allotted time.
Owners Gary Brooks and John Budsluck Jr. were told they were going to be revisited by inspectors as early as May 3 and as late as June 3. If the violations are not corrected or progress is not shown, Slix could lose its food service license.
Slix owners did not return numerous phone call messages Thursday.
Kevin Gillespie, director of Environmental Health for Jackson County, said based on the findings, certain things need to be done in order for Slix to continue to serve food.
"(We) did find violations that are serious," he said.
Such violations were in the areas of personnel hands washed and clean,

hygienic practices; water source safe, hot/cold under pressure; and sewage and waste water disposal.
Other serious violations were in cross-connection, back siphonage, back flow of their pipes; number, convenient, accessible, designed, installed toilets and hand washing facilities; and toxic items properly stored, labeled, used.
John Dunn, state plumbing inspector who performed the inspection at Slix, could not comment on the inspection but a spokesperson said "things are being worked out."
According to the report, Slix needs to repair the back flow in their piping. In other words, some of the "bad" water is being mixed with the "good" water, according to Gillespie.
Some of the more serious repeated violations Slix received were failure to clean mold from under the cutting board, failure to clean all drink dispensers — mold observed, and failure to provide soap and paper towels to hand sink.
New violations that Slix received were grease trap appears to be leaking, clean the floor in entire pizza area, clean the dough mixer — remove rust from

Slix Bar & Billiards Food Service Inspection Report

Critical Items Requiring Immediate Action

- Sewage & waste water disposal
- Water source safe, hot/cold under pressure
- Hands washed & clean, hygienic practices
- Toxic items properly stored, labeled, used
- Cross-connection, back siphonage, back flow
- Number, convenient, accessible, designed, installed

Source: Jackson County Health Dept.
By Kristina Donovan, Daily Egyptian

blades and bowl.
Also, Slix was instructed to label all toxic items not in original container, provide indirect drains to all of the sinks in the bar, and provide back flow prevention device to ice machine, soda machine and portable air-conditioner.
Businesses agree to "unannounced" visits by health inspectors when they

apply for their licenses to serve alcohol and liquor.
Also, businesses are required to post their latest inspection "on the premises in public view."
The report states that Slix has agreed to use bagged ice and canned soda until back flow preventers are installed and approved at their next inspection.

Southern Illinois

Fraternity and sorority to bounce for bucks

Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity are sponsoring the second-annual "Jump for Bucks" from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity House.
For \$5, people can go and jump on a trampoline at the Pi Kappa Alpha House, 408 W. Mill.
The group is trying to raise money for the Women's Center.
For more information contact Elsa at 536-7646.

—Karen Blatter

Student named as Mr. SIUC

Of the 14 competitors at the 1999 SIUC Bodybuilding Show, Terry Lamont won the title of Mr. SIUC last weekend after defeating A.J. DeCicco in the final competition.
Lamont won first place in the tall height class, while DeCicco was the winner of the short height class.
DeCicco also won the award for Best Poser.
Other award winners included Brad Johnson, winner of the wheelchair division, and Adam Lach, winner of the Most Improved Award.

—Rhonda Sciarr

Police to conduct auction

Bicycles, jewelry, electronic equipment and other items confiscated by the Carbondale Police Department will be sold at a police auction Saturday at 9 a.m. Saturday at Lincoln Junior High School, 501 S. Washington St.
Prospective buyers may inspect items one hour prior to the start of the auction. Purchased items must be paid for in cash and removed by the end of the auction. The property will be sold "as is" by Doerr Auction Service. For more information, call the Carbondale property control office at 457-3200 ext. 251.

—David Ferrara

Nation

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Student pitches temper tantrum after food denial

One student at Ohio State University takes his dinner pretty seriously.
So seriously, in fact, that when he arrived late to a campus dining hall on April 21 and wasn't allowed to enter, he reportedly lost his temper, kicked in a glass door and shattered a window.
According to The Lantern, the student made a speedy exit after breaking the glass. Campus police are still looking for him.

—DAILY EGYPTIAN wire service

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Our Word

With family and community as our motto, we can avoid Colorado

The siege of violent school shootings has America baffled. It seems all of a sudden kids are rising up and killing at will in unforeseen fits of rage. Adding to the confusion now is the bewildering situation of how a couple of teenagers devised such an elaborate plan of death. The saga of the two boys continues to numb the minds of a nation as tales of bombs being built in the family garage and obvious parents ignorant to their Nazi-enslaved children are spun.

All legislation has failed to curb the violent shooting death incidents in our schools that now stands at an ominous total of 13 in the last four years. This recent incident in Littleton, Colo., is merely the worst of them all, having ended the lives of 15 people. With still no answers to what's going on, the nation now looks to assign blame for the unexplainable and finds an outlet in the media.

The claim revolves around the glorification of ever-increasing amounts of violence. The Littleton shooters watched "Natural Born Killers" repeatedly, so we should blame Woody Harrelson for giving such a convincing performance. CNN continuously runs footage of real-life events as they happened, and we blame them for showing us what is actually going on in our world.

Honestly, there IS a lot of violence portrayed on television, in print and on the big screen, but the media is nothing if it is not a reflection of the face of society. The answer lies

not in the blaming of the media. They're only an aftermath consideration. Rather, the source of the sorrow lies in the coldness of the family rooms in homes across America and the shallow depths of our sense of community.

A poet once wrote "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." The EGYPTIAN believes much of the insanity of the past four years is evidence of an ever-growing absence of this almighty hand. Parents must take a genuine role in their children's lives for the establishment of good character traits and ethical, rational-thinking capabilities. If we are content to let television be our primary babysitter, then we cannot blame the television when our children's attitudes resemble those of a prime-time drama.

Too many latch-key kids are having to grow up on their own and learn what's right and wrong for themselves through early leaps into the harsh problems by which life is accompanied. There's nothing wrong with having children and adolescents take responsibility for themselves and live an unsheltered life as long as parents are there to foster positive development through direct involvement with their kids.

A sense of community is just as crucial to this process. It is necessary for children to develop respect for their neighbors and fellow humans. This isn't achieved when no one bothers to learn the neighbors' name and spends more time worrying about property

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value than the value of friendship and community togetherness. Kids used to grow up knowing everyone in "Mister Rodgers' Neighborhood," now most of them couldn't name their own neighbors. Schools must not continue to cut funding for social and sports programs. Our education system fails when it substitutes police officers and metal detectors for guidance counselors and caring teachers. Our children are human beings and deserve the direction and empathy our school system provided before the days of discipline-intensive pushes through the system took over.

As college students, many of us dream of becoming parents in the future. Some of us will be mommies, and daddies sooner than others, while some of us are parents already. As such, we must revive the importance of family and the value of human respect. If we actively teach our offspring how to properly function in society, the mounting tension of unbearable isolation felt by our nation's youth will dissipate.

The next generation of our country's family must have a strong symbol of unity in its crest. This is forged through good, loving parenting and humanitarian togetherness. As the future of America, and the future parents of America, we must recognize that the most important and prestigious job responsibility we'll ever achieve is as a parent. Then our kids will come home from school with honor certificates and diplomas rather than gunshot wounds and tears.

A modest proposal for America's disposal

I got a phone call from my good friend Castro Smith, who lives down in Florida. He is an excitable, misanthropic man who immediately started babbling about the sad state of America. I think he had been drinking.

We realized there was only one way to solve all the problems that engulf this dying nation. We had to exile everyone; send them somewhere else.

"If we're going to save America we need to make some sacrifices," Castro told me.

I agreed and we came up with a list titled "An American Rant." We figured if we're all part of one human consciousness, we all had to look out for America. If you find yourself on one of the following lists, just realize you're taking one for the team.

- An American Rant** (or)
- What to do with Whom
 - Send the capitalist to Russia.
 - Send the police to a French croissant shop — it'll fatten them up faster.
 - Send the leaders to Hong Kong.
 - Send the politicians to hell.
 - Put all the anarchists on a boat with no gas to see what they'd do.
 - Put the NRA in a bomb shelter — the paranoia will drive them crazy.
 - Send the idealists to Kosovo.
 - Send Clinton to Greece.

Flatulence in Litany

Christopher Kennedy



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- Give the Libertarians power.
- Put Perot in orbit as a satellite.
- Send the thinkers to Germany to study philosophy.
- Send the lovers to the moon.
- Send the lonely to China.
- Send the gothic to Transylvania.
- Put all the lone gunmen on a secluded island in the North Atlantic and see what happens.
- Send the fools to the bottom of the ocean.
- Use martyrs for drug research.
- Put the pot smokers out to pasture.
- Let the suicidal kill themselves.
- Behold all the dreamers.
- Send the apathetic to Switzerland and Canada.
- Send the adventurous to the Bermuda Triangle.

- Let the honeymooners have Niagara Falls.
- Send the sexually active to purgatory.
- Send the acid-heads to a Costa Rican rain forest.
- Put the masturbators on a boat for the Dominican Republic with an endless supply of Viagra.
- Get the rich day jobs, commit them to asylums and then crucify them for worshipping false gods.
- Smash Bill Gates' computer.
- Make the athletes smoke endless, cigarettes and put them to work in the coal mines.
- Take the educated to the desert.
- Put the lawyers on Apollo 1 to search for black holes.
- Send the singers to seduce the sirens along the Rhine.
- Send doctors, racists and bigots to Africa.
- Castrate the critics.
- Send the coffee shop owners to London — their prices will fit in there.
- Put the anthropologists in a biodome.
- Send the carpenters to the third world where they can build.
- Send the illiterate to jail.
- Send the poets and the playwrights to the illiterate.
- Send the workers to Cuba.

- Send the teachers to South America.
- Put the students to death — knowledge breeds questions, which breeds problems.
- Send the fanatics to Wrigley Field.
- Draft the followers into the Army because they'll follow orders aimlessly.
- Send the weirdos to France, they'll be appreciated there.
- Send the Christians to the jungles to baptize the savage natives.
- Send the drinkers to Ireland.
- Send the prisoners to Amsterdam because there are no laws there.
- Send the men to Mars and the women to Venus.
- Send the sunburned to Norway.
- Send the children to Denver.
- Crucify the religious.
- Give the homosexuals San Francisco.
- Send the fat to India.
- Condemn the nature lovers to the cities.
- Bury the stalkers with McCarthy.
- Send the atheists to heaven.
- Send me to the end of the bar and keep the clear liquid coming.
- Leave America to the Native Americans and farmers — they're the only ones who know what to do with it. Everyone else has got to go — for the good of the country, of course.

Meeting adjourns with Alpha Phi Alpha acquiring reduced funding

MONEY: RSO receives \$7,000 less than original request of \$10,300.

DAN CRAFT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Finance Committee Chairman Greg Henk admitted to having a headache Wednesday night after the senate debated for more than an hour on funding for a single Registered Student Organization.

The bill allowed funding for one of only four RSOs who were not funded at USG's last meeting, which was devoted exclusively to funding. One hundred three other RSOs were funded at that meeting.

The controversy Wednesday night surrounded funding for the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Although the original amount recommended was \$3,096, the final amount awarded to the fraternity was \$3,097.

Senators offered many amendments to the bill, each attempting to offer the fraternity additional funding. The original vote on the recommended \$3,096 failed, as did votes at levels of \$5,000, \$4,000 and \$3,750.

Evergreen Terrace Senator Chuck Miller finally recommend-

ed the \$3,097 level after votes at other levels had failed.

"If we don't do something, this RSO will walk out of here with no money at all, and we cannot let that happen," Miller said.

The increase of a dollar was necessary, Miller said, because procedure might have prevented USG from taking two votes on the same amount, and the intent was to allow the senate to vote again on the original funding level.

Henk said the Finance Committee put extensive work into the funding process and was disappointed to see senators arbitrarily changing the numbers.

The committee had originally funded all RSOs at higher levels, Henk said, but was forced to scale back when the members realized they had exceeded the account limit by \$140,000.

"It was a tough position, that's for sure," Henk said. "We had to make big cuts across the board, and I'm surprised more people aren't pretty mad about this."

Alpha Phi Alpha member Naaman Harper expressed disappointment at the level of funding APA had received. The original funding request submitted by Alpha Phi Alpha was for \$10,300. Much of that funding, Harper said, is used to put together the annual

Miss Ebonyess pageant.

Three other funding bills passed unanimously. Two had been pulled from the original funding meeting because of mathematical errors on the part of the Finance Committee, and another was delayed because of missing paperwork.

Henk said he has only seen about half of a dozen appeals from RSOs so far.

In other business, the Senate ratified the results of the April 21 USG and student trustee elections, passed legislation calling for the University to review the conditions and policies surrounding off-campus residence halls, and delayed impeachment proceedings against four senators until the next meeting.

The impeachment proceedings against John Pluskota, Jenny Pace, Jessica Neff and Rachel Kremnski were postponed because there was no formal bill calling for impeachment.

Internal Affairs Committee Chairman Ben Syfert said IAC was not able to meet with several of the senators until that night and so there was no time to put together a formal bill.

The next USG meeting is the last of the year, making impeachments a moot point, Syfert said.

AMBASSADORS

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age to talk to."

MCMA Dean Joe Foote initiated the Peer Advisor project after observing the success of Syracuse University's Peer Adviser program. Soon, Jill Belcher, assistant dean for external affairs, was coordinating the project at SIUC.

"With this program, upperclassmen are linked up with freshmen students to try and make their first couple of weeks at SIUC easier," Belcher said.

Belcher describes it as a two-step process. First, the incoming freshmen are contacted by MCMA ambassadors, and then the peer advisers are assigned to the new students to help them make the transition to SIUC.

Similar to the MCMA ambassadors, "Ambassadors" from the College of Agriculture reach out to new and prospective students. The program, in its 14th year, helps to maintain the administrative recruitment goals.

Amy Rogier, a senior in plant and soil science and agriculture business and economics from Highland, is an "Ambassador" who dedicates her time to recruiting new students.

"I travel to high schools near my hometown to promote SIUC and the College of Ag," Rogier said. "My technique in getting their attention changes with every classroom, but I typically play a Pictionary game and mainly target it to the University and its majors."

Belcher said the advising programs are a welcome departure from the conventional student-teacher relationship.

"Academic advisors are trained to help schedule classes, and this is not what these programs are about," Belcher said. "Both help new students fit in better and give them more of a sense of belonging at the University."

Officials at MCMA hope the new Peer Advising Program will help improve student retention at

the University.

"If students are made to feel more comfortable and are introduced to the various clubs and organizations in their major, they are much more likely to continue on at SIUC," Mitchell said.

Tuesday L. Ashner, Enrollment Management coordinator and coordinator of "Ambassadors," said the criteria to become an ambassador is rigorous but rewarding.

"Everyone from our college must meet several criteria," Ashner said. "They must maintain a 2.5 GPA, be a full-time student, and have completed one semester of classes."

"You see these kind of programs springing up all over the place. It gives the people involved a sense of teamwork and leadership opportunities, while helping others with their experiences."

The MCMA Peer Advisor program seems to have met with similar success.

John Shea, who was a peer adviser for the fall and spring semesters, believes the Peer Advisor program has been beneficial to all involved.

"The peer advisers got to meet incoming freshmen and gain leadership skills," said Shea, a junior radio-television major from Caseyville. "The freshmen had the advantage of gaining valuable information about the college from people their own age who have been through what they have."

Just like ambassadors, peer advisers can provide information about anything from what organizations to join on campus, to where the local restaurants are in town.

"They (the freshmen) have our phone number so they can call us if they have any questions about the college or Carbondale," Shea said. "I think it's better to have someone closer to their age explain these things because we understand their perspective."

Even though numbers are not available yet regarding student retention, peer adviser coordinator Tracy Waldhoff said the feedback

has been very positive.

"We've received a lot of great comments from people who have benefited from the program," Waldhoff said. "The students are happy that they are making these new connections early on and their parents are happy to know someone is looking after their child."

Foote said all of the programs have surpassed the University's expectations.

"I think the programs have turned out to be more about leadership than retention," Foote said. "We've learned to define and develop leaders who are able to help younger students be more cohesive and involved in the college."

Tiffany Huszagh, a junior in aviation management and flight from Kildeer, said that through the leadership responsibilities of being an aviation ambassador she has been able to become closer with fellow students.

"If you don't like to talk to people, you really cannot do this," Huszagh said. "Students might be hesitant to talk or ask adults and faculty questions, they feel more free to ask questions of their peers. And I think that they need this."

Entering as a rookie into the field of student interaction, Stephen Leavell, a freshman in agriculture education from Jacksonville, said he chose to become an "Ambassador" to not only help others but also to gain further insight into his future career.

"I'm looking forward to doing this, and there's a lot I can learn from it and connections to be made as well," Leavell said. "This will be something good I can use when I get out of school and become a teacher."

For Belcher, who's been with the program since its beginning, the future looks bright for both peer advisers and ambassadors.

"We're very optimistic about the future," Belcher said. "What we have to do now is track the students who have been in the program and see how they do over time."



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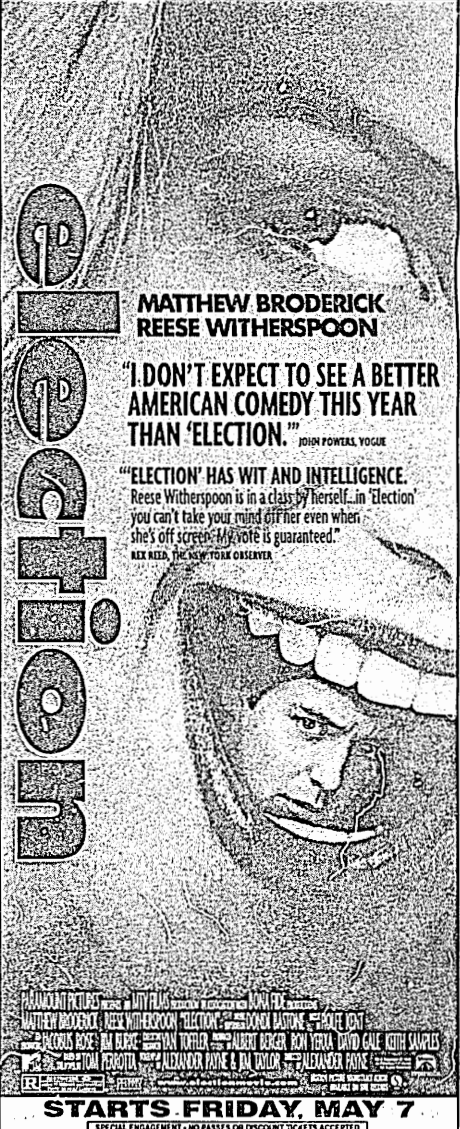
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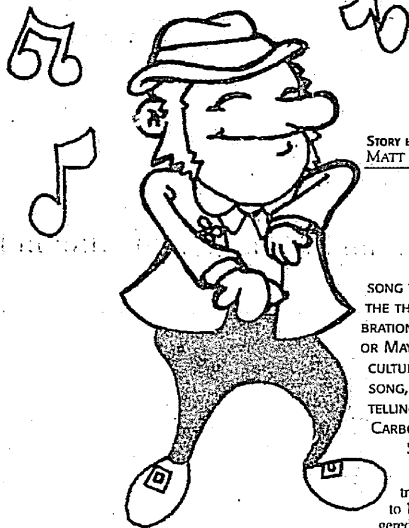
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Inspiring Celtic revival

Irish Music and Dance Festival begins today at Shryock

STORY BY
MATT SMENOS

WINE, WOMEN AND SONG WILL ABOUND AT THE THIRD-ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF "BAAL TINNE," OR MAY DAY — AN IRISH CULTURAL CELEBRATION OF SONG, DANCE AND STORYTELLING IN THE CARBONDALE TOWN SQUARE SATURDAY.

"One thing we are trying to do with this is to bring back an endangered cultural art form," said Joseph Sobol, a storyteller and musician participating in the festival.

Sobol is the author of "Storyteller's Journey: An American Revival," a collection of myths and tales from ancient Celtic culture. Sobol says the age-old spirit of these stories is present in the

roots of many Americans.

"Like jazz and blues are popular because they stem from the generational roots of many Americans, so is Celtic culture a part of many peoples lives and histories. I hope to revive some of its popularity," he said.

Sobol can be seen this weekend with other musicians playing his Clitem, an Irish, long-necked, mandolin-like forerunner of the guitar.

"I think the festival will be entertaining and enlightening for all that attend," Sobol said.

The first event of this week's Irish festival will be at Barnes and Noble, 1300 E. Main St., when Sobol will read excerpts from his book at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Bill Bauman, community relations manager for Barnes and Noble, said the storyteller readings are helpful in supporting the cultural revival.

"A portion of the proceeds from the book fair will go to Irish workshops in the future," Bauman said.

The Celtic celebration will continue Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m. The festival features music from the Dorians, Connie Dover and Roger Landes and many other famous Irish

folk-music performers. The Celtic Foot-Force dance troupe also will perform.

Connie Shanahan, festival coordinator for the Celtic Fair, said they are expecting at least a few thousand people this weekend.

"The last two years we had a wonderful turnout, with all the performers and the activities for the children," Shanahan said. "This year should be a success."

Shanahan said there will be many activities and workshops for the whole family, including Irish step dancing and Irish set (group) dancing. Irish craftspeople also will make jewelry, weaving, knitting and blacksmithing.

Additionally, festival coordinators said people also will have an opportunity to learn how to trace their family roots and enjoy films and historical information about Scotland and Ireland.

There will be fun for the children as well this weekend within the "Children's Village." In the village, Shanahan said, children will be encouraged to grow a leprechaun, play pot-of-gold bingo and build an Irish castle. There also will be golf, sailboats and much more.

"It's going to be lots of fun," Shanahan said.

For more information on Saturday's Celtic Fair, call the SIUC Division of Continuing Education at 536-7751.

Cherish the music

Lively 'Ladies' perform in the Irish tradition

STORY BY
CHRIS KENNEDY

TAKE SIX FIRST-GENERATION IRISH-AMERICAN LASSES, THROW IN TWO IRISH-GIG DANCERS, A VARIETY OF WHISTLES, FIDDLES, A BODRAN AND SINGING AND THERE IS A REALLY GOOD CHANCE YOU WILL BE STOMPING YOUR FEET IN THE AISLE.

Cherish the Ladies will play at 8 p.m. on Saturday in the Shryock Auditorium. Tickets are \$15.50. For more information call 453-2787.

the Shryock stage at 8 p.m. Saturday as part of the Southern Illinois Festival of Irish Music and Dance.

According to Joanie Madden, who plays the flute and whistle in the band, the show will be highly entertaining.

"It's a real variety of dancing, singing and music," Madden said. "Our shows are eclectic, fun and high energy. We always have a good time."

Madden said the personal feel of the show, interaction with the audience, and a lot of experience makes Cherish the Ladies' concerts a special experience.

"We write a lot of our own material," Madden said. "We have our own sound at this point in the game. We're pretty unique and that's great. People always tell us, 'The way you talk to us, we feel like we're in our own living room.'"

Cherish the Ladies is composed of Madden, Mary Coogan, Mary Rafferty, Donna Long, Siobhan Egan and Aoife Clancy.

Everyone in the group comes from a tight-knit musical background. The United States has a lively traditional Irish music subculture that the women were engulfed in as children. A few of the members knew and played together long before the group was formed in 1983.

The members of Cherish the Ladies have strong family ties to talented Irish musicians. On their CD, "At Home," the ladies used family members as their musicians. On their 1985 CD, "Fathers and Daughters," each member of Cherish the Ladies played a duet with their father.

After a humble beginning playing high schools in New York, the group began touring and recording CDs.

Irish Music & Dance Festival

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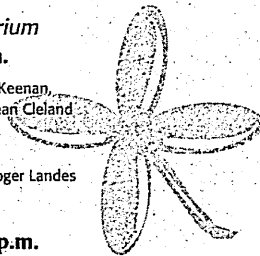
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Elmo takes Carbondale

STORY BY
CHRIS KENNEDY

OVER A YEAR AGO, JIM WATERS, VEE CORPORATION'S VICE PRESIDENT OF PRODUCTION, SAT DOWN WITH A SMALL PRODUCTION GROUP, AND BEGAN PLANNING WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS SESAME STREET LIVE "ELMO'S COLORING BOOK."

The fruits of their labor will manifest this weekend when "Elmo's Coloring Book" comes to the SIU Arena.

The show will feature the famous Sesame Street characters as well as a new addition, Mr. Art, as they travel around the world to dance and sing with Cleopatra, King Tut, dinosaurs and a family of polar bears.

"Waters said audience participation is the key to the show.

"We really strive for a lot of audience participation, a lot of music and movement," Waters said. "The more we can involve the audience, the better the experience is for the children and

the adults."

According to Waters, the 90-minute, Broadway-style show has come a long way since the first meeting with the production group.

"We have brain-storming sessions where we discuss what would be a good topic," Waters said. "We try to get something we can write on for both adult and child."

After they came up with a suitable idea, writers sit down and write a first draft of the script. The script goes through a few major revisions, and by the third draft the script is very well developed.

According to Waters, it is at that point when the music is selected.

"We write original songs and we also use classic Sesame Street songs," Waters said. "We record with the authentic Sesame Street voices, like Frank Oz."

After the script has been solidified, VEE Corporation begins looking for a cast.

"We have three different casts, so we audition

Sesame Street Live's "Elmo's Coloring Book" opens at 7 tonight at the Arena and has shows through Sunday.

Premium tickets are \$13 while other tickets are \$11.50 and \$9.50.

For more information, call 453-5341.

SEE SESAME, PAGE 7

'Tin' pushes on until the end

FREQUENT FLYERS BEWARE — ESPECIALLY IF WHAT "PUSHING TIN" SHOWS US IS TRUE. IT SEEMS THAT THE PEOPLE IN CONTROL OF YOUR AIR FLIGHT AREN'T SMOOTH-VOICED PILOTS OR HIGHLY TRAINED AIR TOWER PERSONNEL, BUT THEY'RE STRESSED-OUT, HIGHLY CAFFEINATED GOOFBALLS.

"Pushing Tin" explores the world of air traffic controllers, specifically the area over New York, apparently the most crowded airspace in the world. The group is jovial as hell, cramming down donuts at work and shots after hours all the while teasing co-workers on the verge of screwing up, i.e. a midair collision. The atmosphere is more college dormitory than air tower, and no one is better than Nick Falzone (John Cusack).

But aside from the stressful graveyard shift, Nick is a content man. He's got a house and a dutiful wife (Cate Blanchett), and every-

MOVIE CRITIC
Tim Sanger

thing seems fine until the arrival of controller Russell (Billy Bob Thornton) — a stoic half-breed famous for letting a 747 run over him. Pretty soon Nick is at wits end with Russell, not to mention getting too close to his young wife (Angelina Jolie).

The film tries to pull off a delicate balance, catwalking between a romantic comedy and an examination into the lives of these controllers. It toes the line pretty effectively, never really losing steam until the end. The screenplay rarely panders, as everything feels fresh and honest — there's some funny stuff here.

Director Mike Newell is really intriguing. Here's a guy who moves from the fluff of "Four Weddings and a Funeral" to the gritty realism of "Donnie Brasco" with such relative ease, it's scary. His real strength, and the film's, is his skill with actors.

Cusack, Blanchett, Thornton and Jolie all deliver first-rate performances and are the saving grace of "Pushing Tin" (Blanchett is the stand-out, a far cry from Queen Elizabeth). There's not a single character in the film that we don't buy into; even the supporting roles are first-rate.

The thing is, there's just something missing from the stew of "Pushing Tin" that keeps it from really popping, and I can't figure out what. Maybe the two conflicting aspects, that of a romantic comedy and air traffic expose, will turn you off more than the filmmakers expected. Like most films these days, the second half fails to hold up to the first, not drastically but enough to notice. Even if the film begins to wear out its welcome, "Pushing Tin" does stand as an entertaining look at the lives of people who are more of a fraternity of pranksters than airline technicians.

"Pushing Tin"
★★★
— of five stars

FRIDAY

- Booby's: Madcap (rock)
- Boo Jr: Attitudes and Holidays (Punk Rock)
- Coo Coo's: Wildhorses (country)
- Hangar 9: 'Boro City Rollers (ska)
- Mugsy McGuire's: Emily (piano player)
- My Brother's Place: Karaoke

SATURDAY

- Booby's: Stoker Street Band (blues)
- Coo Coo's: WCIL Dance Bash (live DJ party)
- Hangar 9: 'Boro City Rollers (ska)
- Mugsy McGuire's: Emily (piano player)
- My Brother's Place: Wolf Creek (various)
- Pinch Penny: Night Hawk (various/Jimmy Buffet)

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year around." Waters said. "We hold auditions in 22 cities."

Thirty-five actors and support cast are chosen for the traveling unit. According to Waters, this is the point where his hands-on duties end. "I'm involved mainly in pre-production and production up to opening night," Waters said.

The show takes eight hours to set up and uses a dozen stage hands to haul everything off the trucks and put the stage together. The actors acquaint themselves with the new stage before the show and practice their blocking.

The show tours 40 to 45 weeks a year and this is the 20th year VEE Corporation has put on a show.

Gus Bode

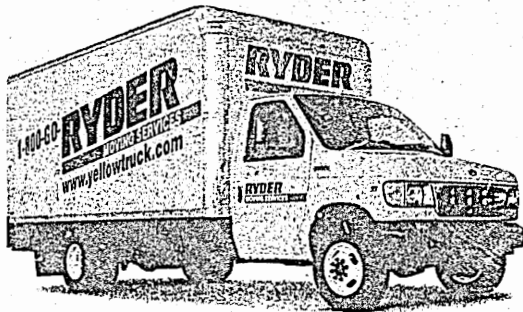
According to Waters, most of the actors in the show are young. The average age of the participants is 21 or 22. For most of the performers, this is their first professional job.



Gus says: Tickle me, Elmo.

"Our cast is composed of young people, usually dancers," Waters said. "A lot of them are out of college education programs. It's quite an education and learning experience for them."

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If you like to watch, cover is \$3 and \$5 for couples. For more information call Lisa at 549-4084 or Dave at 932-6679.

A FEW DAYS AFTER THE COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL MASSACRE, A FRIEND AND I CAUGHT THE BROADCAST OF AN "AMERICA'S MOST WANTED" SPECIAL NAMED SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF "WHAT MADE THE KILLERS DO IT?" THE PROGRAM AUDACIOUSLY BLAMED VIOLENT FILMS, SPECIFICALLY "NATURAL BORN KILLERS" AND "THE BASKETBALL DIARIES," FOR THE 12 TRAGIC DEATHS OF THE COLORADO KILLING SPREE. AFTER THE SHOW WAS OVER, MY FRIEND MADE AN INTERESTING OBSERVATION.

"You know, in the '80s, they'd be blaming this [expletive deleted] on kids playing Dungeons & Dragons."

My friend's theory stuck with me in the week and a half proceeding the shootings. As I contemplated what movie to review this week, I was left with nothing but '80s nostalgia dancing around in my mind.

Ah yes, the early half of the 1980s — those simple days when teen suicides, runaways, kids killing their parents or taking out a couple of their classmates could easily be blamed on highly intelligent, perhaps slightly chunky social outcasts who sit around their kitchen table, eating Hostess Ding Dongs while talking their way out of J. R. Tolkien-esque dream lands. I give the '90s credit — at least they had a unique scapegoat for juvenile delin-

quency. Nowadays, everybody just off and blames the cinema.

Inspired by this revelation, I hit the video store instead of the movie theater, where I picked up a copy of 1982's highly underrated juvenile delinquency cult classic, "Mazes & Monsters."

The film stars a then-unknown Tom Hanks who, even though 20-something-years-old at the time, plays a college student with the maturity, acne-touted complexion, and frizzy, uncombed, afro-style hair out of an 11-year-old. Hanks gets involved with a group of other students who hang around the catacombs of their university to play a Dungeons & Dragons-like game called Mazes & Monsters. Even though Hanks and friends are all underachievers who do lots of drugs, drink heavily and participate in flagrant bisexual orgies at the drop of a hat (hinted at — not actually shown in the film), when they kill their parents and try to kill each other in the catacombs, the "influence" the game Mazes & Monsters had them is solely blamed by the authorities for the crimes.

Two decades since it was initially produced, the movie feels ultra-dated but strangely, and

almost fascinatingly, it works on two facets that neither the filmmakers nor Roma Jaffe, who wrote the pulp novel on which the movie was based, ever would have expected it to. For one, the movie is funny because it's so comball. In a day where we like to laugh at Rubik's Cube and Billy Idol references made in "The Wedding Singer" and "200 Cigarettes," it serves as a breath of fresh air to see a movie made in the '80s where said references are made without humorous intent. (I couldn't stop chuckling when, in bed with his girlfriend, the scrawny-bodied Hanks refers to his physique as "He-Man's equivalent.") If "The Combball '80s Movie" has become a film genre, then "Mazes & Monsters" is its bastard child.

On a more serious level, though, the film makes a timely point. Back when it was made, people rarely thought that role-playing games were at the core of immoral, almost satanic behavior — looking at the movie now, it's rather obvious that the film's characters were troubled before they ever played the game.

Call it a whim, but I suspect the minds of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold were troubled before they ever saw "Natural Born Killers" or "The Basketball Diaries," if they ever saw these films at all. Who's to blame in that case scenario? Two movies or two perpetrators?

Watching "Mazes & Monsters" was like opening a time capsule and looking back on the era that preceded ours. The problems are still the same. Their causes ignorantly continue to be misjudged.



Anthony Zoubek

CHERISH

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Soon they found themselves touring internationally and this year they were nominated for a Grammy for their 1998 CD, "Threads of Time."

According to Madden, although they travel across the globe, the group enjoys touring the Midwest.

"We've gathered a huge following in the Midwest," Madden said. "We've played in Kansas, Ohio, Chicago and Iowa. We also play a lot of colleges."

According to Bob Cerchio, direc-

tor at Shryock, he was happy Cherish the Ladies chose to come to Carbondale and take part in the Irish festival.

"The group was chosen because of their reputation," Cerchio said. "The group has been on our target list and we wanted to participate in the festival."

Cerchio said he worked with Connie and Mike Shanahan and the Irish festival committee to bring the group to Shryock and looks forward to the results of their labor.

"It's quite a variety of music, instrumentals and singing," Cerchio said. "Their harmonies are great. It'll be a beautiful, beautiful evening."



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12 classmates and one teacher before turning the guns on themselves.

Brenda Gilbert, director of undergraduate psychology, said the dramatic scenario of the shootings in Littleton was similar to images portrayed in movies.

"There was kind of a war scene about this, with the guns and the trench coats," Gilbert said. "It was almost like they were living out some bizarre fantasy like the movies and television that you see."

Gilbert said although the media contributes to violence, it is not the only factor that led to the massacre in Colorado. Ultimately, she said, Harris and Klebold were accountable for their actions.

"The blame lies with these two young men — period," she said. "They are the ones that are responsible. There are other men's lives who have to be more miserable but they don't choose to do something like this."

As a result of waves of school violence, the makers of violent video games such as Mortal Combat and Doom also are under fire.

The advertisement for the video game Subspace states, "Meet people from all over the world and kill them." The slogan for the game Carnageaddon states, "As easy as killing babies with axe." The lawsuit contends that these kinds of violent games trained Carnel to become an effective killer.

Greg Sweeney, a freshman in administration of justice from Chicago, plays a variety of Sony Playstation video games two hours per day. He believes most people know the difference between fantasy and reality.

"Video games are fake — they are a part of American culture," Sweeney said. "I am mature enough to know the difference between real life and video games."

Sweeney said he does not believe video games have an effect on violence in

schools, and the ratings on games should help parents decipher what is potentially harmful for their children.

"Video games are rated," he said. "If parents do not watch what their kids buy, the kids should not be able to play the video games."

When Sweeney becomes a parent, he said, he will allow his children to play video games but will constrain the length of time spent playing. He will instill the difference between video games and real life.

"I will pay attention to the ratings of the games and make them realize that video games are fantasy," Sweeney said.

According to K. S. Sitaram, a professor in radio and television, television and movies have the ability to attract audiences have their attention and influence behavior. He defines media

violence as "the unreasonable and unjustifiable portrayal of violence which may cause damage to persons or property."

Sitaram said by the observational learning effect, children watch violence on television and can learn how to behave aggressively.

He said media violence has a desensitization effect, in which people who view violent scenes can become oblivious to what others feel.

"When you watch hundreds of thousands of violent scenes you become desensitized to violent behaviors," he said. "Even if, real life you do not feel sorry if someone is unjustly hurt."

Fern Logan, assistant professor in cinema and photography, said she believes the media has a per-

tinued effect on society in general — especially youth.

"I think the media is a very strong shaper of moral sensibility," Logan said. "It sets the tone and creates an atmosphere for us."

She said the violence of the media will be an ongoing predicament and fears that media will go to greater lengths to achieve ratings.

"Look at the movie 'Natural Born Killers,'" she said. "We are just living the movie in real life. [The music industry] will make another song about how kids want to blow up the school."

In light of the recent occurrences, Logan believes "the media should take safety precautions without giving up their constitutional freedoms."

She believes MGM's attempt to recall the home video release of "The Basketball Diaries" is not

justified. She said responsibility taken by the media after the violence in Colorado was appropriate but believes the studio should not ban the movie as a reaction to pressure from society.

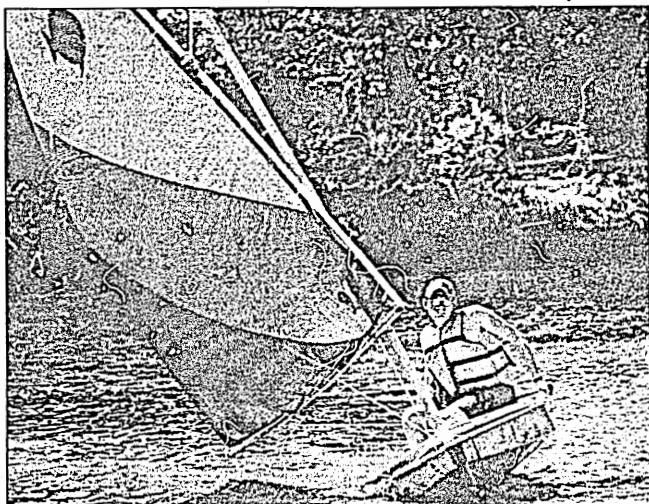
She said media sets the standards for society but one genre of the media cannot be blamed for causing all violence in teenagers.

"The responsibility is not in one place," she said. "We can't say that it is only movies or it is o, ly radio. It is not just one thing."

Logan believes artistic freedom is at stake when we question the morality of media in society.

"We have creative freedom and freedom of speech," Logan said. "If they start taking away those freedoms, what will they take away next? Where do you draw the line?"

Sailing Away



JESSICA ZAMORA/Daily Egyptian

After heavy rains drenched the campus for almost a week, Joel DeLong, a junior in aviation from Fulton, takes advantage of the sun and relaxes on Campus Lake in a sailboat Thursday afternoon.

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TIM CHAMBERLAIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The candidates in the Carbondale elections earlier this month received funds from a variety of sources, including some high-ranking University officials, but final contribution and expenditure reports are not due until this summer.

Disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures must be filed with County Clerk Larry Reinhardt at least two weeks before the election. These reports must be filed only if the candidate receives or spends more than \$3,000.

Mayoral candidates Neil Dillard and John Budstick both filed disclosure reports; as did City Council winners Michael Neill and Brad Cole. Losing council candidates Carl Flowers and Corene McDaniel, along with write-in mayoral candidate Rob Taylor, did not file any disclosure reports.

The mayoral candidates raised more money for the last election than the council candidates. Of the two mayoral candidates that filed

reports, Budstick, who lost to Dillard for mayor, raised the most money, with \$9,070 in his campaign war chest. However, he listed no expenditures in his report.

Reinhardt said expenditures should have been listed, so Budstick's report would indicate that no expenditures were made. But Reinhardt said there was not much his office could do about this. "It's not our job to police these reports," Reinhardt said. "The state will do its own audit later."

Budstick could not be reached for comment.

As of April 6, Dillard had raised \$6,153.29, including a \$200 contribution from former Sen. Paul Simon and a \$250 contribution from SIU President Ted Sanders.

Dillard listed \$1,184.90 worth of expenditures, leaving \$4,968.39 in his political war chest.

Winning City Council candidate Brad Cole, who received the most support in student-dominated precincts, also received the most financial support from University administrators.

Cole received donations from Vice Chancellor for Academic

Affairs and Provost John Jackson, former SIUC President John Guyon, SIUC head baseball coach Dan Callahan and Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue Glenn Bower. The largest donation Cole received was from Guyon, who contributed \$500 in conjunction with his wife, Joyce.

Retaining his City Council seat in the election, Michael Neill received \$4,495 in contributions as of April 2. Neill apparently did not solicit funds from outside sources, as all contributions came out of his own pocket or from family. A full two-thirds of these contributions came from Neill himself. After expenditures of \$3,041.99, he has \$1,453.01 left of his campaign contributions.

Quarterly reports for candidates that will continue to have a committee are due by July 30, which will be the first mandatory filing of disclosure reports since the pre-election reports were due March 29. Also, if losing candidates are disbanding their committees, their final disclosure reports will be due when the committee is dissolved.

Governor declines speech due to inmate's role

COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

Gary Locke, governor of Washington, canceled his engagement to deliver this year's commencement speech at The Evergreen State College after he learned his words would be followed by an audio-taped message from a prisoner sitting on Death Row for the 1981 murder of a Philadelphia police officer.

Locke, a supporter of the death penalty and a former prosecutor, initially said he would speak despite the message from Mumia Abu-Jamal, whose freedom is being pushed for by celebrities

and opponents of capital punishment who believe racism affected the outcome of his trial. Though the exact nature of Abu-Jamal's 10-minute taped message is not clear, it is expected to address the issue of racism in the criminal justice system and the death penalty.

Locke, who was backed by police groups when he was elected in 1996, is up for re-election next year. He withdrew from the Evergreen State appearance after police groups urged him not to speak.

"I cannot, in good conscience and out of respect for law enforce-

ment officers throughout our state and nation, participate in this year's commencement exercises," the governor said in a statement. "This has been an extremely difficult decision for me. I am honored that the students selected me as their keynote graduation speaker. I applaud and respect the students' efforts to develop a graduation ceremony that includes a diversity of views."

School officials and students who supported the juxtaposition of speeches from Locke and Abu-Jamal said they were disappointed by, but respectful of, Locke's decision.



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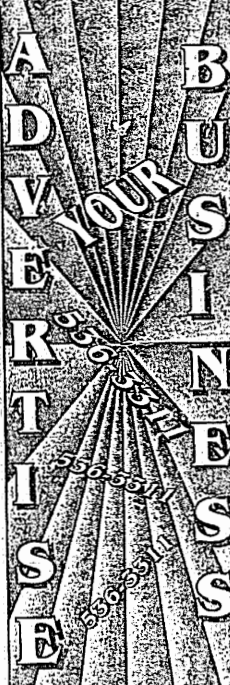
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animals she strives to protect.

"Raccoons are the ones that really bother me," she said of her allergies.

Nelson remembers rescuing several raccoons that unknowingly entered a Carbondale residence a few years ago. She was in and out of the house, pulling raccoons to her police vehicle.

"I got out to my truck, and it was like, 'I can't breathe,'" Nelson said.

She took her inhaler for a gasp of new breath, passing the incident off as trivial and not allowing it to interfere with her work.

"I'm not going to quit," she said. "It's really nothing major."

Nelson said her love for animals pushes her to work against the struggles.

And she finally will be recognized for her perseverance and dedication after 10 years of service. The National Animal Control Association announced her as the animal control employee of 1998. She was selected from a group of peers across the country.

"We just both started crying," Nelson said, thinking back at the moment she read through the nomination letter with her husband.

Match made in animal control heaven ...

Nelson met her husband at the Carbondale Humane Society in 1977. Lloyd Nelson was an SIUC student looking for a job. Cindy was moving to a new position at the shelter and had to hire someone to take over her former position. Lloyd took the job and the two have been inseparable since. They were married in 1980.

Cindy and Lloyd share Molly, a beagle who is their only pet. Cindy's allergy complications prevented them from having more pets.

"I have reactions, and I'm not supposed to have pets in the house," Cindy said. "But this dog is my child."

Along with aiding in the upbringing of their "child," Lloyd helps man-

age Cindy's Murphysboro-based coed softball team.

Since their marriage, Lloyd also has moved on from the Humane Society. He is now a Jackson County Animal Control Officer.

Lloyd watched with pride when Cindy was certified as an Illinois animal control officer in 1992 and when she became the state's first nationally certified officer in 1995.

"It's like getting your master's degree," she said with a sheepish grin.

Lloyd was the one who originally nominated her for the NACA award.

"I owe him a special thanks there," Cindy said of her husband of nearly 20 years.

Bringing her long list of credentials before Carbondale officials, Lloyd believed the odds would be in her favor to win the award.

"I thought she had a chance when we sent it in," he said. "I was amazed when we actually got the award."

Aside from Cindy's devotion to her work, Lloyd has seen his wife bring dog licensing up nearly 300 percent since she began in Carbondale.

Cindy, conveniently nicknamed "Criter Getter" by her colleagues, one day hopes to license every dog in the city.

"She's made some pretty serious strides forward with the animal control program," Lloyd said.

Cindy is taking one stride all the way to Reno, Nev., May 10 to accept her national recognition at an NACA conference.

The announcement "hasn't really sunk in," she said as she dreamt of traveling across the country. And when it does, "it'll be like being attacked by two pitbulls or rottweilers."

She doesn't get dogged around with cops ...

Because of her hard work, Cindy also will receive the departmental commendation award from the police department.

Carbondale Police Sgt. Mark Diedrick knows that even if Cindy is not at work, he can contact her for advice about animal control prob-

lems.

"She's just been a great asset to the Carbondale Police Department," Diedrick said.

Cindy admits she is never too busy to scoot in during her off days. "I take my job very personally," she said. "To me it's not just a job I do and then go home."

Diedrick said the department selected Cindy for the award because it was necessary to let her know they admire her work.

"It's just basically showing appreciation and a job well-done," Diedrick said.

Cindy said she always has been interested in animals, and Lloyd believes that dedication won her the local and national recognition.

"I seriously doubt that anybody else in the state has the credentials she has," Lloyd said.

Check the bats ...

Among other stuffed animals, pictures and plaques adorning her office at the Carbondale Police Department, Nelson hangs a warning sign about her job description. A drawing of a dog wearing a baseball catcher's uniform is encased in a frame near her office door, with a quote that reads: "This is a dogcatcher."

"I catch dogs, yes," Nelson admits. "But I'm not a dogcatcher."

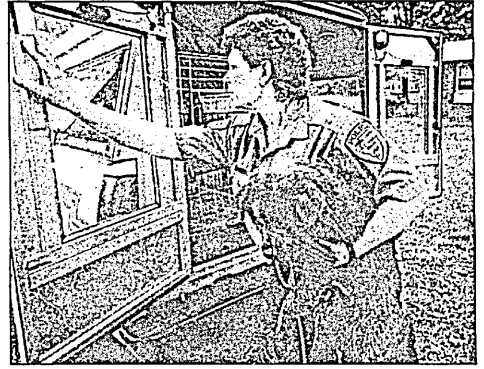
But the "catcher" of it is that Nelson also plays softball in her spare time. And yes, she plays catcher.

Recognizing the coincidence, Nelson said she asked for "catcher 2" on her license plate but had to settle for another.

Carrying nearly \$1,000 worth of bats in her bag to the field, Nelson gets dirty on the softball diamond, too. Last year, she was named the second-team All-American catcher for her coed league.

Her attitude on and off the softball field is based strictly on hard work and professionalism.

She put the "dogcatcher" sign up when she first arrived at the department from the Carbondale Humane Society in 1990 and said to herself, "Okay, professionalism. That's what you've got to depict. You preached it, and now you've got to do it."



DEAN MILLER/Daily Egyptian

Carbondale Police Department Animal Control Officer Cindy Nelson places a lost puppy whose owner was unknown in her truck Tuesday afternoon for transportation to the Humane Society shelter near Murphysboro. Nelson was recently named the nation's top animal control officer.

Hey, the doorbell's barking

Constantly faced with animal cruelty, rabid attacks and just plain "strange" cases, Cindy barks heedful words that are translated in a Carbondale Communiqué column titled "Criter Corner."

Last fall, she took advantage of the column to enforce one of her ideas to help the less fortunate who owned dogs.

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With the summer near, things start to slow down on Cindy's beat because many students take their pets home with them during the break. But said she has found SIUC students treat their pets well.

"I find that most students who have dogs now are responsible," she said.

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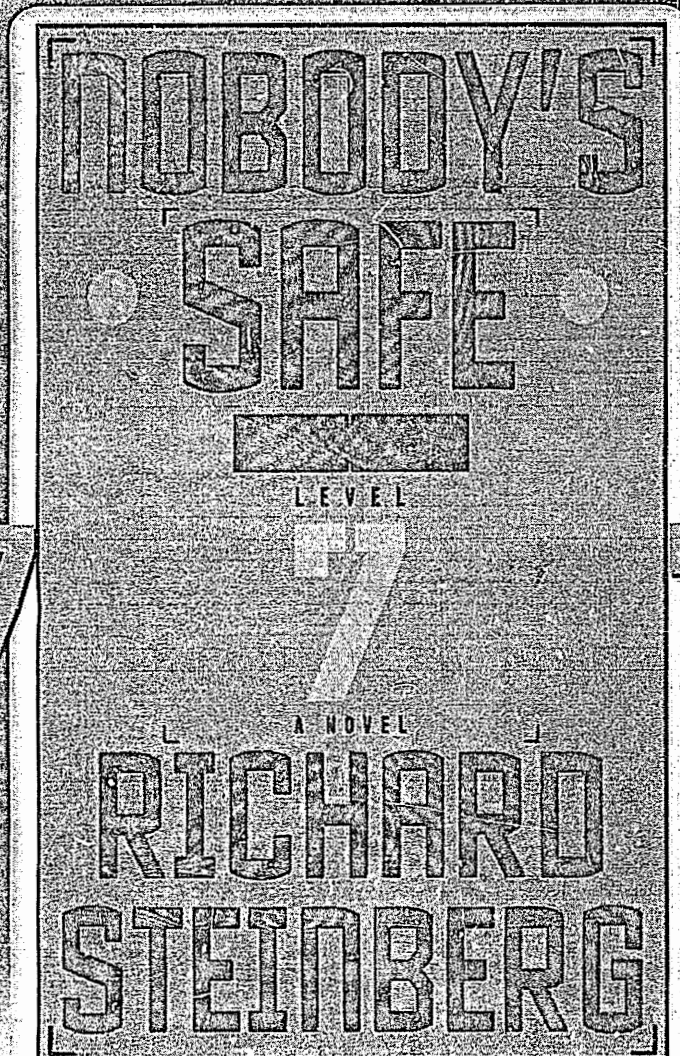
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The final countdown

Track and field teams compete in their last invitational before the MVC Championships

Rob Allin
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIUC track and field teams travel to the Missouri Invitational in Columbia, Mo., this weekend for their final tuneup before the Missouri Valley Conference Championships in two weeks.

The meet features three of the top programs in the Big 12 Conference — the University of Kansas, the University of Nebraska and the host University of Missouri.

Women's coach Don DeNoon hopes the top opponents will inspire some good results as the team makes its final preparations for conference.

"Going up against some really good competition head-to-head should bring in some top performances," DeNoon said. "We're hoping our top athletes can get out

there and come home with a victory."

The team going to Missouri essentially matches the one that will participate May 15 in Carbondale for the MVC championships. Among the key Salukis looking to improve are junior high/triple jumper Felicia Hill, junior distance runner Joy Cutrano and sophomore throwers Caryn Poliquin and Tawnjai Ames.

Improvement by any athlete will be seen by DeNoon as a positive.

"Any time you improve at the end of the season, you'll be encouraged by good performances," DeNoon said. "Moving in the right direction is the name of the game right now."

The men's squad received a bit of scare last weekend when senior distance runner Joseph Parks had to leave the steeplechase event at the Drake Relays with heart palpitations.

Parks saw a doctor this week and was cleared to race. How effective he'll be remains to be seen.

"He feels pretty good," men's coach Bill Cornell said. "I guess we'll find out for sure this week-

end."

Parks' twin brother, Jeremy, hopes to continue his own run of solid performances in Missouri, while junior long jumper Brad Bowers and senior javelin thrower Peter Jucsycki also look to continue their success.

Junior hurdler Loren King has been building toward a national-qualifying time all season, and he will aim to take the next step in Missouri.

Cornell said the most important thing about this weekend is for the athletes to be in solid position to have their best performances in two weeks.

"We want to make sure that everybody is ready to peak," Cornell said. "We had 34 season-bests at last year's conference meet. We hope we can click together again this year."

Last year, the team finished third after being placed sixth in the pre-meet poll. Don't expect the Salukis to be picked that low again.

Whether they can match last year's improvement and keep the MVC trophy in Carbondale depends on two very important weeks.

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"It's almost the things that don't make her standout that makes her standout," Brechtelsbauer said. "She's quiet, she just comes and does her business. You don't notice her a great deal."

The Fenton, Mo. native was surprised when friends and teammates failed to realize she was so close to the record.

"I was like 'You haven't heard about it? Oh, that's OK,'" Feldmeier said. "I don't like everybody to know about it and be like, 'Yeah, good luck, you're only one hit away.'"

Feldmeier, a foods and nutrition major with a specialization in dietetics, said the pressure has mounted as she inches closer to the record.

This weekend, the pressure will

increase as family members are expected to come for the ballgames.

"I'm all worried about it and before I wouldn't have even cared," Feldmeier said. "But it's like 'I'm this close, maybe I can do it.'"

Although a senior, Feldmeier does not consider herself as a "team leader," which has much to do with her quiet temperament.

"(My teammates) are just like 'That's how she is,'" Feldmeier said. "I don't think they expect anything like me to pump them up, hopefully."

She may not "pump up" her teammates, but her unnoticed qualities have led the Salukis to a noticeable MVC Championship possibility.

Even Brechtelsbauer, her own head coach, overshadowed the noticeable player with her retirement announcement Thursday.

Jen Feldmeier
 SIUC softball right fielder

Year: senior
 Major: food and nutrition with a specialization in dietetics
 Age: 22
 Position: right field
 Hometown: Fenton, Mo. (Fox High School)

	Avg.	Hits
'96	.293	46
'97	.363	73
'98	.327	53
'99	.284	48
Career	.317	220*

*School record for hits is 221 (Becky Lis '94-'97)

By Bobbi Shamhart, Daily Egyptian

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much as it is a lack of execution."

On the offensive side, the Salukis are fifth in the MVC in batting (.320). Junior right fielder Marty Worsley, despite his recent slump, is still eighth in individual batting (.382). Directly below him in ninth is Joe Schley (.380).

The Aces pitching staff is fifth in the Valley (5.44), three places below

SIUC (4.62).

Senior David Piazza (3-5) is out for the weekend because of inflammation terrorizing his throwing elbow, so the Salukis will depend on Adam Biggs (5-5), Jason Frasier (4-3) and Brad Heuring (3-3) and a host of others against the No. 9 team in the Valley in hitting (.301).

Evansville will be without its star hitter, Anthony Molina (.310, 27 RBI), who was hit in the head while in the warmup circle before the Aces' 3-1 victory against

Wichita State University April 23. Shocker pitcher Ben Christensen was automatically ejected from the game and Molina was hospitalized and released the next day.

"My gut feeling is they'll probably be a little bit more inspired than they have been in the past," Callahan said. "We'll have our hands full. We'd have our hands full regardless because it's usually a pretty competitive weekend, and I'm sure this weekend will be no different."

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'Coach B' retires with 'A' career

SHANDEL RICHARDSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Jordan Richmond at least had a choice of where she wanted to play college softball before Thursday.

When Kay Brechtelsbauer announced that she would retire at the end of the 1999 season, Richmond — the daughter of Southeast Missouri State University softball coach Lana Richmond — had her college choices cut in half.

"I've always told Kay that Jordan is only going to play for two coaches," said Lana Richmond, a longtime friend of Brechtelsbauer. "There's myself and then there's coach Brechtelsbauer. I was hoping she wouldn't quit because Jordan is only in kindergarten now."

Brechtelsbauer made an everlasting impression on a person she sees two or three times out of the year. One could only imagine the impact she made on those she encountered daily.

"Coach B" has accumulated more than just 628 wins in her 32-

year stay at SIUC, but garnered the respect of nearly everyone who met her.

SIUC tennis coach Judy Auld has known Brechtelsbauer for quite some time. Aside from working in the same department for the past 25 years, the two were coach and student in 1971.

Auld was a member of the 1971 softball team, which finished fourth in the Women's College World Series in Omaha.

"She is SIUC softball," Auld said. "She gave you both worlds. She was a good coach and a good teacher. That made it so much easier when you got out on the field."

When Brechtelsbauer walks off the softball diamond for the final time, she will definitely not shed the label of coach.

"When I first started working here in 1974, I kept calling her Coach B," Auld said. "That was one of the stumbling blocks for me. It wasn't just the title thing, but I respected her tremendously as a coach."

Former SIUC associate athletics director Charlotte West, who said the retirement news came as no shock, called Brechtelsbauer a "highly respected and extremely ethical individual."

"She just came up to me and told me that it was her time," said West, who stepped down from her post in 1998. "That's when you know it's the right time. She has done a great job, so why not — she has been the ultimate professional."

"It's a time when her team is highly successful. It's so hard for a coach to go out on a positive. Usually, it's when things are going negative."

Brechtelsbauer's retirement leaves Auld with the longest female tenure (25 years) of any of the athletic coaches.

"There's always been one of those coaches who have been at the University a very long time," SIUC volleyball coach Sonya Loeke said. "It just shows the loyalty coaches have to SIU. And [Brechtelsbauer] is definitely one of them."

RETIREMENT

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15 consecutive Salukis squads to 500-or-better season, and, eight times during her tenure, her teams have registered over 30 victories including this season (35-17, 9-3).

Unlike the recent breakup of the Chicago Bulls, Brechtelsbauer aims to make sure the Salukis remain one of the top programs in the Missouri Valley Conference after her departure.

"I feel very good about leaving the program in excellent condition so that my replacement is not going to have to struggle," Brechtelsbauer said.

The Sports Hall of Fame inductee is leaving her players.

"I knew at some point in my life that this day would come where I was going to have to tell a team I'm retiring," Brechtelsbauer said. "It was very difficult to talk to the players (Wednesday when she announced her retirement to her team), it was very difficult to call the recruits, but they were all very good — very understanding."

Her players have taken the news hard but wish the best for their coach.

"Overall, we're upset about it, but we understand that she's got to move on," sophomore pitcher/designated hitter Erin Stremsterfer said.

Brechtelsbauer said the toughest part of the announcement was the timing of it.

"The decision to retire just came, I just knew it in my heart — that was not difficult," Brechtelsbauer said. "The difficulty was when do I tell them? I didn't want to do anything that would disrupt the program."

However, after the Salukis were swept by Illinois State University 2-1, 1-0 Sunday in Normal, Brechtelsbauer thought it wouldn't disturb them.

Just as usual, Brechtelsbauer was looking out for her No. 1 — her players.

"The thing about her is that she never let you get down on yourself," junior shortstop Jamie Campbell said. "Anytime I was struggling she would just say 'Keep your head up, keep it.'"

Brechtelsbauer said she would like to stay in the area and work part-time but is unsure of what position she will pursue.

"Well, I don't know," she said. "If there's some teaching available I might do that or softball-related stuff as well. That just remains to be seen."

Brechtelsbauer's successor will have some big shoes to fill, but the Salukis may not have to look too far for a replacement. Blaylock said she would "definitely" like to become a head coach, after learning under Brechtelsbauer.

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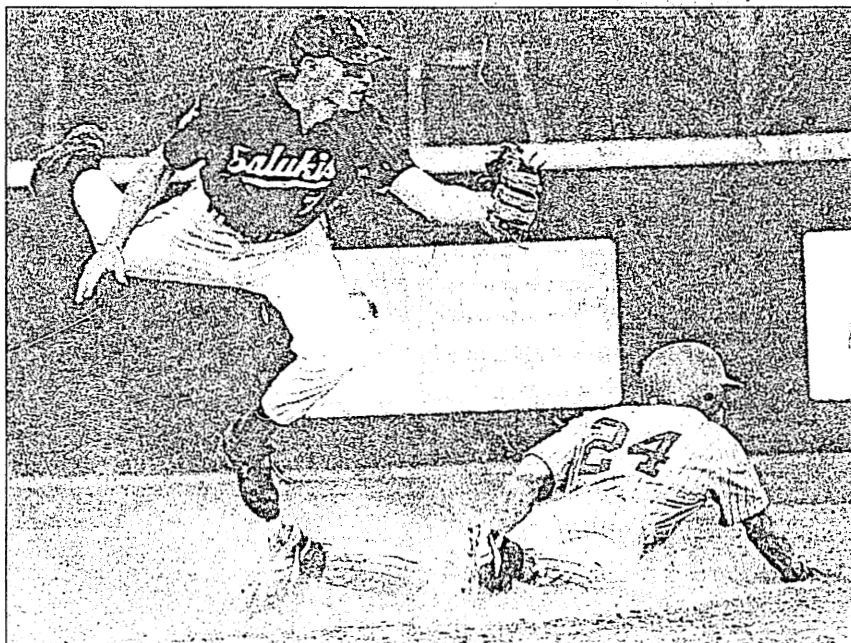
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Allen Lakomick



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Salukis refuse to fold

Baseball team remains optimistic about its chance to play in the postseason

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DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC baseball coach Dan Callahan is not ready to cash his chips in just yet.

The Salukis, who are in ninth place in the Missouri Valley Conference with a 7-16 league record, trail Bradley University by four games heading into the final eight games of the conference season.

But before Callahan allows the dealer to close the casino, the SIUC skipper reminds him about last season.

The Salukis missed the MVC tourney by one game because they lost three of four to Southwest Missouri State University in the final weekend. Just two more wins and they would have beaten out Creighton University for the sixth and final postseason spot.

So even if the Purple Aces pull out a full house against the limping Salukis this

weekend in Evansville, Ind., Callahan will still not be ready to go home empty-handed.

"I'm still going into this weekend optimistically," Callahan said. "My gut feeling is that we will not be mathematically eliminated after this weekend."

Rather than being able to control their own destiny, the Salukis (losers of 16 of their last 18) have taken on a new hobby — scoreboard watching.

"One thing we've been counting on recently is what has anyone done in front of us or behind us to help us," Callahan said. "You know you are struggling when you become more preoccupied or more concerned on what everyone else is doing."

UPCOMING

• The Salukis take on the University of Evansville at 1 p.m. today in Evansville, Ind. Saturday's doubleheader begins at 1 p.m. The series will conclude Sunday at 1 p.m.

So forgive Callahan if he remains cautiously optimistic as his team plays the 25-16-1 Purple Aces at 1 p.m. today. Evansville is in fourth place in the Valley at 11-7.

"I think we need to play well just from a moral standpoint," Callahan said. "We've got guys that are very discouraged, disappointed and probably ticked off. So from a moral standpoint, we probably need to play well."

Playing well, however, has not been as easy as it sounds for the Salukis. The Salukis have only scored 13 runs in the past four games.

"We still haven't found a way to do the things offensively that we were doing well early on," Callahan said. "I know from a coaching standpoint it's kind of frustrating, and once again it's not a lack of effort as

One to tie, two to break

Senior right fielder needs two more hits to become Salukis' all-time hit leader

COREY CUSICK
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Quiet. Humble. Unnoticed. These are just a few ways to describe SIUC senior softball right fielder Jen Feldmeier.

In a couple days, the next way could be as the SIUC softball all-time hit leader.

When the Salukis play host to Missouri Valley Conference foes the University of Northern Iowa and Bradley University

Saturday and Sunday in a pair of noon doubleheaders at IAW Fields, Feldmeier could earn that honor with just two hits.

Trailing former Saluki Becky Lis ('94-97), who had 221 career hits in her stellar career, Feldmeier (220) has crept to within one hit.

If you didn't realize she was this close, join the club.

"Nobody really knew about it," Feldmeier said. "It kind of snuck up on people."

That is nothing uncommon for Feldmeier, however, she has been overshadowed for much of her four-year career here.

"She quietly goes about her business — all of a sudden you look up and she's on base again," Saluki head coach Kay Brechtelsbauer said. "You look up and she's close to a record and that's all kind of snuck up on people."

There is nothing hidden about her solid career numbers as she dons a .317 career batting average in the leadoff position (.284 this year) to match her hit total.

One reason for Feldmeier's hidden success lies in her quiet, laidback nature.

TWO

Feldmeier and the Salukis play host to MVC schools the University of Iowa and Bradley University for a pair of noon doubleheaders Saturday and Sunday at IAW Fields to wrap up the regular season.

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