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Hate knows no color

Author speaks of interviewing KKK members

Brandy Oxford

Few black men can say they have attended a Klan rally with the Grand Dragon of the Klan without being forced to deal with the consequences of their lives.

Daryl Davis spoke to more than 600 people in Ballrooms C and D Tuesday evening for more than two hours.

Davis received his bachelor’s degree in music and studied as a singer and piano player in the Daryl Davis Band. He is most widely known for his book Klan-Destine Relationships and his approach to doing research for the book.

Davis began meeting with KKK members and attending Klan rallies in 1997 to research for the book, which was published in 1998. He was the first black person to write a book on the Klan.

To schedule meetings with members of the group, Davis said he had his white secretary call to set up the meetings, so his race could not be identified from his voice. He said nobody would guess a white woman was working for a black man who was writing a book about the Klan.

“I told her specifically, don’t tell them that I’m black. If they ask, don’t lie to them, but don’t give them reason to ask,” Davis said.

Shanita Mickers, a senior from Bloomingdale studying journalism, said she attended Davis’ speech out of curiosity. She said she wanted to know how, as a black man, he interviewed Klan members.

His meetings brought a myriad of experiences, from being attacked by Klan members to educating and changing the minds of other members.

Davis has been on Gerardo and the Jenny Jones Show, among others, discussing his book and the Klan with KKK members.

He said the members’ children were being programmed to reiterate their parents’ beliefs and cited Roger Kelley, former KKK Grand Dragon of Maryland, who once said he and Davis respected each other enough to listen to each other, but his mind would not be changed because that had been his mindset for his whole life.

Davis said his first experience with racism was when he was pelted with rocks and bottles at age 10 because he was the only black Cub Scout marching in a parade. He said he thought it was because

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Bars on strip stay closed for Halloween

PK’s, Booby’s, only ones not closed

David Lopez

For the seventh year in a row, all but one bar on the Strip will be closed down for Halloween — with one new exception.

PK’s and Booby’s will be the only two bars on the Strip to remain open today. The rest will be forced to close as part of a ban placed on the Strip that goes back as far as 2001.

Gwen Hunt, owner of PK’s, said this was the first year her bar was allowed to be open during the ban. Hunt said the city changed the limits of the ban to the 400 through 700 block of Illinois Avenue, leaving her bar outside of the restricted zone.

“They just decided to change the boundaries. I read about it in the paper,” Hunt said. “Until I read the paper, I had no knowledge about it.”

Nick Oliz, a bartender at PK’s, said he remembered taking friends to bars on the Strip.

“Halloween isn’t the same anymore,” Oliz said.

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Students stripped of loan money

Forced to give back thousands of dollars in loans

Joe Crawford

A mid-semester change in the university’s financial aid procedures has left 19 graduate students with thousands of dollars of unexpected debt.

The university informed the students earlier this month they needed to return money dispersed to them at the beginning of the semester, said Associate Dean and Graduate School Director David Wilson. A new method of figuring eligibility for federal student loans is to blame for the sudden change, which affects students with graduate fellowships, he said.

The university plans to work with students to resolve the issue, and the Nov. 15 deadline for them to register for classes has been pushed back for the affected students, he said. But for now, the students still owe the money they were billed, he said.

Billee Jo Hamilton, director of the Financial Aid office, said the change was made to bring the university into compliance with a federal regulation that requires graduate students with fellowships to report their stipends as available resources. Before this semester, the stipends have not been counted, making students eligible for more money in federal student loans, she said.

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FRACTURING HISTORY

Halloween at Carbondale throughout the years

Christian Holt

If a car is upside down and surrounded by burning clothing in Carbondale, it’s not because students were out of control for Halloween — it’s this time at least.

Due to conflicts in Carbondale during previous Halloweens, bars have been placed on many aspects of traditional celebrations associated with Carbondale’s Halloween bash. A ban on keg sales and closing official hours have been placed on many aspects during previous Halloweens, bans.

Due to changes in the state of Illinois, the limits of the ban to the 400 through 700 block of Illinois Avenue, leaving bars by eliminating the 50-foot restricted zone.

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Safe Halloween, Hosted by Blacks Interested in Business 

5:30 p.m. today at the Student Center, Ballroom D. 

Guests: 

• Gervais and Candy 
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Guest lecture: Jenny Skufca Site Interpreter of Glass City State Park 

5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Agriculture Building, Room 629. 

Ms. Skufca will describe differences between environmental education and interpretation as well as invasive/exotic plants and the effects on biodiversity in the park. 

Disaster Planning and Response: What can the academy bring to the table? 

• 12 - 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Student Center, Video Lounge 
• Keynote speech by Gregory Botton, University of Tennessee Department of Anthropology, followed by a panel discussion 

The Individualized Learning Program is offering weekend hours (last available time to schedule is 5:30 p.m.) for students. Sign up on Friday, November 2, 2007. To schedule a test, please call 618-536-7451. 

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Feds urge court to make Ryan start his sentence 

AP - Prosecutors and Tuesday's ruling that former Illinois Gov. George Ryan — the co-defendant have little chance of getting their corruption convictions overturned and they should start serving their prison sentences. 

They said such chances were dim that the U.S. Supreme Court would consider the appeal and Ryan and co-defendant Larry Merber. 

"Given that a grant of certiorari is highly unlikely, it is time for the defendants to begin serving their sentences," Federal prosecutors said in a five-page motion filed with the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. 

"A grant of certiorari is an agreement by the Supreme Court to hear an appeal from another court. The nation's highest court's judgment is final, and it is not to be disturbed except as by the Supreme Court itself." 

The court ruled 2-1 in August against Ryan and Merber's request for a new trial. The court refused to reconsider the sentences of the pair, who were found guilty Thursday of racketeering in 2006. 

Ryan and Merber were convicted in corruption charges in 2006, and the court's refusal to reverse Ryan's conviction leads many to believe he is likely to serve his sentence. 

Ryan has been sentenced to serve his sentence at Minnesota's Federal Correctional Institution Duluth, although he wants the assignment changed to the federal prison at Oxford, Wis., closer to Illinois. 

Ryan has been sentenced to 6 1/2 years and Warner to almost 3 1/2. 

Relatives of missing woman says her husband has cuts ties between wife's family, children 

PLAINFIELD (AP) - Family members of Lisa Stebic say her estranged husband, who has been named by police as a person of interest in her disappearance six months ago, has cut all ties to the children and her wife's sisters. 

Family members say Lisa Stebic's sisters, Debbie Ruttenber and Jami Ronen, last saw the children alone about five weeks ago, after a fundraiser in Joliet. The women told the children how the mother loved them and would never intentionally leave them. 

"After that, Craig (Stebic) turned off the ringer to his phone and wasn't accepting messages," Melana Greenberg, Lisa Stebic's cousin, told the Chicago Tribune. 

"The sisters do not have the children's cell phone numbers. There is no way for us to contact them directly." 

Stebic had barred his wife's parents from the couple's Plainfield home and had not allowed his wife or their children, ages 11 and 12, to see them for the last two years, Greenberg said Monday. She did not explain why. 

Stebic, 38, was getting a divorce when she vanished, Craig Stebic, who has not been charged in her disappearance, was the last person to report seeing his wife April 30. 

CORRECTIONS 

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POLICE REPORTS 

Abid Mansoor, 18, of Naperville, Ill., was arrested and convicted for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis 30 grams and under and obstructing justice at 1:46 a.m. Sunday morning at University Hall. Mansoor was transported to the Jackson County Jail where he was later released. 

Christopher N. Moliani, 18, of Naperville, Ill., was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and underage consumption of alcohol at 1:46 a.m. Sunday morning at University Hall. Moliani was issued Carbondale City notice to appear citations and released. 

Jaxon Jackson, 21, of Chicago, Ill., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving without a valid driver's license, possession of cannabis 30 grams and under and illegally parking a vehicle on a road at 4:53 a.m. Sunday morning on the intersection of U.S. Highway 51 and Grand Avenue. Jackson was transported to the Jackson County Jail where he was later released.
Madeleine Leroux  
**DAILY EGYPTIAN**

Men and women in the military are returning home with more than physical injuries, and SIUC is ready to help.

The Transition Program for Veterans with Service-Related Injuries is a new program being offered through Disability Support Services that will focus on assisting veterans with the transition from military to university settings.

Kathleen Plesko, director of Disability Support Services, said the new program would implement a database of successful student veterans who have volunteered to help. These volunteers will be paired with a veteran with disabilities and will act as their guides to campus and university life.

Disability Support Services will provide the funding for the veteran’s tuition and also includes housing for families.

“We will pay for our veterans’ tuition fee and a one-on-one guide; a veteran who has been there before,” Plesko said.

According to the Iraq Coalition Casualty Count as of this week, 29,171 service members have been wounded in action, and numbers are expected to rise.

“There are huge numbers of people returning from the war in Iraq and Afghanistan with devastating, service-related disabilities,” Plesko said.

And the program helps veterans who have physical disabilities or psychological disorders. Plesko said post-traumatic stress disorder and depression are also being considered disabilities. Most of the people working with DSS on this program, she said, do not have visible disabilities.

Josh Geltz, a senior from Murphysboro studying zoology, spent eight years in the army and completed his tour in Iraq. He is currently providing public relations services for the transition program and helping recruit veterans.

“The transition is pretty difficult,” he said. “People are returning who appear physically normal, but mentally and emotionally, they’re not.”

Geltz, Josh  
**Senior studying zoology**

The concept of this program began a couple of years ago, but Plesko said she’s been thinking about it since the Iraq war began.

“As soon as I knew there was a war, I started thinking about what I wanted to do,” Plesko said. “I knew there would be an impact, down the road, on the number of people we’d see.”

People returning from active duty typically don’t talk to civilians about their experiences. Geltz said. He said this program provides someone they can hand out with and with whom they would feel comfortable talking.

“I think it’s long overdue,” he said.

Although this program focuses on the advantages SIUC has to offer veterans with disabilities, it is not restricted to students.

“This is offered to any veteran with service-related disabilities who is looking to visit and learn about the services available to them through universities. But Plesko said she believes those who come to SIUC and take part in the program will find it very hard to leave.

“I do believe if you come to SIU and you have a disability, you will stay,” she said.

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**SIU to help veterans transition**

New program to assist veterans with university life

**Eugene Clark  
DAILY EGYPTIAN**

Company’s aim: help people with disabilities

Employees answering a few questions could be a deciding factor for whether people with disabilities earn a pay check or visit the unemployment line.

Marilyn James, the community relations officer for Carbondale, said the Tri-County Business Leadership Network is currently sending surveys to businesses in Carbondale to learn how they can match business needs of people with disabilities.

Jim Spencer, a career service specialist at Disability Support Services, said the Tri-County BLN started as a group of businesses in southern Illinois that sought out employment opportunities for disabled people in states such as Missouri, Kentucky and Illinois. Now, the group is used as a networking tool for local businesses to hire disabled people.

Spencer said the questions on the survey help gain a better picture of what services the BLN can offer from people with disabilities.

The Tri-State BLN wants to develop a database for businesses so when a job opening is available, the organization has a person that it can readily interview. James said.

“One is of the ways we want to work with businesses,” James said. “This is a way a business can expand. The person you hire on doesn’t have to look like you or act like you, they can be different from you and still bring an asset to your company.”

Kathleen Plesko, director of Disability Support Services and one of the starters of the Tri-County BLN, said the unemployment rate for severely impaired people is alarmingly high and hasn’t improved much in the last 16 years.

Plesko said one of the main problems facing people with disabilities is that when people see them, they instantly assume they can’t perform certain job functions.

However, with the right training, education and access to technological advancements, they could be more marketable, she said.

One of the primary focuses of DSS is to teach students computer technology and Web resources. Plesko said.

“I know as a person who hires people, I can hire two to do what I can pay one to do and technology can be that kind of word,” she said.

Mark Drury, store manager for Walgreens, said while he doesn’t get a lot of applicants with disabilities, he has no issues hiring someone who has a disability.

“I don’t have any criteria when I am hiring,” he said. “I have no problem hiring a person with a disability; you just have to be able to function in the environment that surrounds you.”

Yolanda Washington, a senior from Hammond, Ind., studying rehabilitation services, who has certified path, said one of the biggest challenges that people with disabilities face is families not understanding the modifications that would be needed.

“A lot of them think that it is going to cost a lot of money just to make those small changes so that they can be able to work for the company and it really doesn’t cost a lot, just minor changes here and there,” she said.

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Iraq to six Blackwater immunity

Ben Feller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush scolded lawmakers on Tuesday, telling them not to send him another version of a children’s health insurance bill that he will not sign.

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COBA campaigns for student services

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Though they haven’t started handing out Mickey Mouse ears, employees at the College of Business and Administration have launched a campaign to make their kingdom a little more magical.

The college has adopted customer service standards similar to those of Disney’s as part of a comprehensive student services campaign, said Sun Min, chief marketing officer for the college.

COBA Dean Dennis Cradit distributed copies of the Disney Institute’s handbook, “Be Our Guest: Perfecting the Art of Customer Service,” to the staff when he began working at the college last year.

Since then, Min said the college has used the handbook as a guideline and adopted a campaign to improve students’ experiences.

At the beginning of the semester, student workers attended a training session where they learned how to most effectively serve staff, visitors and other students.

Matt Darnell, a graduate student from Du Quoin working in COBA’s Graduate Programs office, said the training helped him become more aware of how to treat students who need help.

Darnell said he thought the college was leading the university in student service efforts.

Min said in addition to making sure employees were educated to give the best guidance, the college wanted to ensure people knew where to find help.

Student workers wore maroon shirts and name tags so they were easy to recognize.

New maroon signs hang outside offices students often need to find, such as the dean’s office or the career placement office.

Cradit also hired a second career adviser as part of the campaign to better serve students, Min said.

Matt Purdy, who started working at the college in January, helps students with their job searches, resumes and interview preparation.

Purdy said he has helped at least 100 students since the beginning of the semester and often gives presentations to classrooms or student organizations.

“I don’t think anybody goes to a university just to get a pretty piece of paper hanging on the wall. They’re going to improve their lives,” he said.

Cradit said he hopes to gain more revenue for the student services campaign by adding a 15-percent tuition increase per credit hour next year.

The extra money would allow the college to provide more scholarships, academic advisers and other student service measures, Min said.

Ben Craft, a junior from Carterville studying marketing, said he and his classmates appreciate the college’s efforts.

“It just makes it a nice place to come and do whatever you need to do, school or work or whatever,” he said. “It makes it a nice place to be.”

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Michael Williams, a senior from Lawrenceville, studying journalism works in the College of Business and Administration’s Career Services office Tuesday.

Williams helps students who come to the office with a variety of issues, or at least gets them pointed in the right direction.

THOMAS BARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN
The case for Teresa’s sainthood

AARON WOLFE

Mother Teresa’s name alone produces a laundry list of imagery, but darkness has never been one of them. However, with the publication of “Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light,” it is now impossible not to associate the “Saint of Calcutta” with a prominent absence of the divine.

To the shock of Christians around the world — and as the Catholic Church debates over her canonization — a collection of private letters has been published that puts the faith of this incredible woman in question in her own words: “If I ever become a Saint, I will surely be one of darkness.” I will continually be absent from Heaven to the light of those in darkness on earth.”

To read this is, to say the least, unnerving; and, of course, this language is not indicative of the typical candidate for sainthood. In fact, they are so alarming to the modern Christian’s sensibilities that her fast track to canonization nearly screeched to a halt after the book was published.

And to make matters worse, critics of the church, such as Christopher Hitchens, author of “The Missionary Position” and “God is Not Great,” are using her crisis of faith as a way to discredit the motives behind the great works that made her a household name across the world.

“She was no more exempt from the realization that religion is a human fabrication than any other person,” Hitchens wrote, “and that her attempted cure was more and more professions of faith [that] could only have deepened the pit that she had dug for herself.”

Christian or not, this assessment should not only strike one as false, but as an affront to Mother Teresa’s memory. Tortured as she was, she remained eternally dedicated to her faith as she held the sick and dying of Calcutta in her arms. That’s the story that should be told, and her lifelong struggle with Christ only makes it all the more incredible.

In fact, the “revelation” that she questioned her beliefs while surrounded by physical and spiritual agony shouldn’t come as a surprise. Religions are questionable divinities was — and remains to this day — an invention of the media. The world made Mother Teresa a cultural icon of sainthood and holiness long before her death while simultaneously managing to downplay the conditions by which she earned them.

And the more she has been showered with praise, the further the harsh reality she lived in has faded away. For example, members of my generation grew up with the carefully crafted image of this woman but knew little to no reason why she was so famous. It is only fitting that her legacy would become the opposite of her mainstream identity.

But with this new image comes a crucial decision. A unique opportunity has presented itself: The Catholic Church can offer Christians who struggle with the external expectations of their faith while dealing with inner conflicts a figure in which to find strength in. And to the rest of the world, they can show a previously unknown and irreversibly human face — one that is as equally uncertain and unconflicted as a relationship with Christ.

Therefore, anything less than sainthood would not be a proper way to remember the life of Mother Teresa. As Brian Kolodiejchuk writes, while Calcutta slipped into darkness, “the earthly life of the one who had brought so much light to this city and to the whole world was extinguished.”

And Mother Teresa should never be allowed to pass into history in the same manner she passed from this life: quietly and without reason to hope that this country might not go bankrupt.

Wolfe is a senior studying English education.
Less is more

Photo column by Jason Johnson — DAILY EGYPTIAN

ately, I’ve noticed that I’ve been unintentionally increasing the amount of portraits I take during my assignments and in general photography. I’m starting to realize how much I enjoy the intimate portrait.

This portrait in particular is one I find especially interesting. It was taken in Cairo and the boy’s name is Fernando Calcutt Jr. He and his family haven’t lived there very long — about two years since his family moved from Centralia. The day I took this photograph, he had the day off. As the high school was being used for a faculty member’s funeral service. The children of the family were all playing on the porch with their new basketballs and the family dog. Fernando was just sitting on the couch as if supervising the children. The day was cold and windy.

When he pulled his coat over his mouth and buried his face, I took the shot. I really liked the way the zipper of his jacket lead up to his face and the way his hood frames his face. The zipper leads right to his eyes; the gateway to the soul. I like to focus on the eyes of a person, or the wrinkles of their face, I think they tell a story about a person. I often find myself being more interested in a simple portrait than a large landscape. Sometimes less is more.

Despite the fact that there is less content in the frame, there is always more to look at. A portrait is so much more telling about a person and their life, environment and their character. There are many details to look for in a portrait that get lost in an all-encompassing shot.
Nick Oliz, a bartender at PK’s for a year and a half, recalls drinking at Giant City State Park before heading out to the Strip for past Halloween in Carbondale. Oliz expects business to be as usual during the Halloween festivities even though PK’s and Booby’s will be the only two bars open on the Strip.

"When they closed the bars on the Strip, people started leaving town or staying home," Burson said.

Several affected bartenders and restaurant employees said they felt the ban of the Strip the weekend before and Halloween itself was outdated and destroyed what could be a huge source of income for the city and their businesses.

"It really hurts the businesses because they have to take a loss for three days worth of work," said Sarah Newlon, a senior from O'Fallon studying speech communication and bartender at Gatsby’s II. "And the bartenders have a hard time because not all of us work on the weekends, so it's like a whole week off of work during those two days." Bars not affected by the ban include those on the east side of town around Peach Pennie Pub, and those on the far west side of town.

"We had restrictions once before for five years, relaxed them and had problems."

— Jeff Doherty
City Manager of Carbondale

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Michael Cuellar, a sophomore from La Grange majoring in history, plays a game of Foxtail in the field in front of Brush Towers on Monday. Foxtail is played by catching and throwing the Foxtail by its tail.

Hear from the Man Who Wages War on Hate

Took on controversial and unpopular cases in Alabama’s white community in the 1960s

Co-Founded the Southern Poverty Law Center

Led landmark lawsuits to bankrupt and abolish hate groups

Morris Dees, the son of an Alabama farming family, is an accomplished businessman, attorney and champion of civil rights who has earned awards from numerous national organizations for his work to pursue equal opportunities for minorities and the poor. In 1971, Dees co-founded the Southern Poverty Law Center to fight against groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, Aryan Nations and, most recently, the Imperial Klans of America, the second-largest Klan organization in the nation, in an effort to dismantle their leadership structures, seize their assets and diminish their influence. The target of numerous assassination plots, Dees is not deterred in his quest for justice.

Morris Dees
Combatant of Hate Groups and Domestic Terrorism
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Deanna Bellandi
The Associated Press

WHEELING, Ill. — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney castigated rivals from both parties Tuesday, calling Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton’s policies a “house of horrors” and rapping GOP opponent Rudy Giuliani for challenging presidential veto power.

Romney also said he would lobby to bring the 2016 Summer Olympics to Chicago and work to ensure there was ample federal support for security and transportation during the games if he’s elected.

“I’m going to work hard to make sure that’s part of my budget ..., that we provide the necessary support for the Olympics that will enhance the probability of winning the game bid,” he said before a fundraiser in suburban Chicago.

Romney is credited with rescuing the scandal-plagued 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Chicago is competing against international cities, including Madrid, Tokyo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to land the 2016 Olympics. The International Olympic Committee will choose the host city in October 2009.

To help bring the games back to the United States, Romney also said he would reach out to people he knows in the Olympic movement and attend key events with IOC members to show government support for the games. Romney compared it to how former British Prime Minister Tony Blair backed London’s successful bid for the 2012 Summer Games.

Romney is expected to face criticism from both parties in 2008 as he campaigns for the White House.

Aside from the Olympics, Romney’s attention Tuesday was on his bid for the White House.

He was in Illinois to raise money at a couple of fundraisers and spend the night before heading out Wednesday to Iowa, where the state’s caucuses are only about two months away.

During a stop at a small airport here, Romney repeated his criticism of chief rivals, including Clinton and Giuliani.

He called Clinton’s policies “Hillary’s house of horrors,” accusing her of wanting a government takeover of health care and touting ideas she can’t pay for. Clinton has proposed a universal health care plan.

A businessman and former Massachusetts governor, Romney also said the New York senator lacks basic experience, such as running a company or a state. Clinton is a former first lady.

The Clinton camp wasn’t bothered by the criticism.

“Given how often Gov. Romney flip-flops, he’ll probably endorse Sen. Clinton tomorrow,” campaign spokesman Blake Zeff said in an e-mail.

Romney’s criticism wasn’t limited to Democrats.

He complained Giuliani hurt a president’s ability to control spending with a court challenge of the line-item veto when he was mayor of New York.

“Why in the world would you use your clout to try and stop the president from running in excessive spending?” he said.

Giuliani challenged the line-item veto in 1997 because it stopped money intended for his city. He successfully argued that such power must come through a constitutional amendment, not legislation. The Supreme Court struck down the line-item veto in 1998.

A Giuliani spokesman said he supports a constitutional amendment establishing a line-item veto.

“Anyone who does not understand that the Bill Clinton line-item veto was unconstitutional does not have a clear understanding of the Constitution,” Giuliani spokesman Jarrod Agen said in an e-mail.
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Halloween

Community notebook

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During the last week of October, which has been susceptible to riots in previous years. During the 1970s and early 90s, Carbondale became famous for its elaborate Halloween, notoriety and imaginative costumes, which attract- ed many visitors. In 1997, about 6,000 people in Halloween costumes partied at the bars for the holiday, but daylight sav- ings time caused the bars to remain open an hour longer than usual. Inebriated patrons then raided nearby streets and lit a bonfire, throwing bottles and stones and removing clothing. In 1979, Halloween parties in Carbondale reached a peak, and despite police attempts to intimi- date participants, the parties got out of hand. According to "Carbondale After Dark" by H.B. Koplowitz, in 1980, despite an ordinance prohibiting new bars from opening on the Strip in an attempt to do away with the Strip entirely and the banning, of all lapar for the weekend closest to Halloween, tens of thousands of stu- dents and Carbondale residents took to the Strip in violent riots. Yeah, riots really occurred but were not as large, and parties moved to more residential areas but fell to more ordinances, such as noise violations. In 1994, the Daucy Egyptian reported that an ordinance passed in October forced bars on the Strip to close at 10 p.m. As bars closed, patrons began to push back public baristas on Illinois Avenue. The students then began to flip over cars and light articles of their clothing on fire with firecrackers. Police respond- ed by Macieg rioters in an attempt to control the crowds. In 1995, the city announced a ban on large sales to help diminish the parties. The ban was lifted in 2000. The effect of this ban bought about, what some consider, the worst riots in Carbondale history. Since these riots, the bars from Walcott Street to Grand Avenue and University Avenue to the rail- road tracks have been closed along with the bars of legs for Halloween day and weekend. Students on campus are also not permitted to have visits during the week of Halloween.

This year, despite students cre- ating an unofficial Halloween a week before the weekend prior to Halloween to celebrate the holiday on the Strip, so far there have been no riots and far fewer infractions compared to previous years.

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Whistleblower fights to keep state job

John O’Connor
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD — A whistle-
blower accused of leaking a report about a co-worker doing shenanigans to supervisors or who have what you. We have to put out a broad message.

In response to a question about whether or not America is ready for a black or female president, Davis said the concern should not be race, but who would best get the country out of the mess it is currently in.

Davis said he saw no purpose in the Klan. "It’s a shame they’re still around," he said. "Our country’s ideology has yet to catch up with technology. We’re in a space-age time with stone-age minds.”

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3511 ext. 295 or brandt_safier@iults.com.
The veteran’s memorial in downtown Carbondale states “They gave their today for our tomorrow” and includes the names of hundreds of Carbondale veterans who died during all the foreign wars to date. A new program through Disability Support Services will focus on assisting veterans with the transition from military to university settings. **SEE PAGE 3.**
She shouldn’t have done it again

Alicia Wade

Daily Egyptian

By Alicia Wade

Britney Spears is back with her latest album “Blackout” — and no, it’s not a reference to her most recent experience in a club. However, that seems to represent the best circumstances for listening to the tracks.

After four years of not putting out an album, for which music fans should all be thankful, Spears is back, recycling electronic tripe and pumping out pointless tunes only teeny-boppers and people who generally hate music could possibly enjoy. It’s bubble gum pop with a mile-deep sugar coating. It’s only redeeming factor is that some listeners might enjoy music with a club beat, and that’s all “Blackout” has to offer.

Through track after terrible track, Spears regurgitates every song topic she’s ever had on past albums, adding the occasional half-hearted curve word in a weak attempt to break out of her pop princess mold. Note to Spears: Adding the “p”-word or the “b”-word to a song doesn’t make it an image-changing hit, and it also doesn’t indicate that the artist has grown up like her fans.

Backed by electronic, gating tracks that sound as though they have been taken from past songs and tweaked with “attitude” for “Blackout,” this album is absolutely nothing anyone who heard “…Baby One More Time” or “Oops!...I Did It Again” hasn’t already listened to.

It begins with Spears’ latest single (though it’s called into question the integrity of radio listeners that this song is a hit and climbing the charts) “Gimme More.” This song attempts to prove if an artist repeats a phrase more than 50 times within a track then the public will love it. Through endless “Gimme mores,” the song sounds as if it is a cheap knockoff of “Steely Back,” only ridiculously less tolerable, as the electronic hand claps and constant plinking of background programming are like a consistent punch in the ear drums. Spears’ voice throughout the album sounds the most processed it has ever sounded, calling into question her vocal abilities. In past endeavors, Spears at least had a refreshing voice, though it lacked range, and was generally pleasant to listen to even if her songs weren’t the greatest. Now it sounds as though a Spears robot has taken over.

The album drones on through track after track of Spears singing songs about the paparazzi and tab-loids making her angry because she is who she is, wanting to hook up with random men she sees walk by, and getting naked, because as the title says “Get Naked (I Got A Plane?).”

The lyrics throughout this recording are just pointless, with lines such as “I’m cold as fire baby, hot as ice. If you’ve ever been to heaven, this is twice as nice,” in the song, you guessed it, “Hot as Ice.” At least the songwriters had the courtesy to dig up a thumping dictionary and make the lines as infectious as hummily possible. Who doesn’t love hearing a horrible song stuck in his or her head?

“Blackout” is just another blemish on Spears’ recent record, though its club appeal is undeniable due to its electronic sound and heavy beats. One can only hope that Spears’ sound eventually will grow up a bit and stop regurgitating everything she put out in the 1990s and realize she has the opportunity to be a legitimate artist. Until then, she can only hope to put out the same songs over and over again — and no one wants more of that.

At least the tenth track of the 16-track album, “Trouble Is,” has an almost country-sounding twang to it, which leads one to wonder if the Boys are attempting to represent every genre on this album. It seems as though the boy band is struggling to find a target audience and to produce age-appropriate music. As they grow older, they need to remember their audience is aging, too.

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Backstreet’s back, but struggles to find focus

Audra Ord

Daily Egyptian

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The Backstreet Boys — or, more appropriately, men, as most of the members are in their 30s — are back with their sixth album, “Unbreakable.”

The Boys have grown up since their first two albums — “Backstreet Boys” and “Backstreet’s Back” — but have managed to retain the same great blend of harmonies fans love them for, even with one fewer member — Kevin Richardson is no longer part of the group. “Unbreakable” is less like their pop-dance hits from the mid-’90s and more like 2005’s “Never Gone,” their featured hit, featuring two song styles: slow piano ballads and pop-electronic dance tunes.

The single released from this latest album, “Incomparable,” sounds incredibly similar to “Incomplete” and “Drowning” from the Boys’ previous records.

Caution: listening to this album may result in flashbacks to junior high and the era of boy bands, bright pop and backup dancers.

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An invite to the NCAA Tournament this season for the Salukis would mark a league-record, seventh-straight appearance. Last season, the team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen before falling to Kansas, 63-58.

Lowrey said he realizes how things is different this year, and the league, which features five new head coaches this year, will be more difficult to prepare for.

One piece of consistency is senior forward Randal Falker, who was the only player from last year’s Preseason All-Conference Team to be selected again this season. Falker was also named the conference’s Preseason Player of the Year.

Falker, who is also the only player in the conference to be recognized as one of the 50 candidates for the John Wooden Award, finished first in the league in blocks last season with 2.08 per game and third in rebounds with 7.7 per game.

Falker said his focus going into the season is to not let the early recognition affect his determination to work harder and continue to improve.

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Eikenberg speculated the lack of respect resulted from the loss of departed senior Carla Moore, who led last year’s team with 13.4 points per game and was named to the All-MVC first team at the end of the season.

Though she was not surprised by the team’s overall ranking, Eikenberg said she was shocked senior guard Jayme Sweere and junior guard Erica Smith were not named to the Preseason All-Conference Team.

Sweere led the team in steals last season and was second in points, rebounds, blocks and assists. Smith led the team in rebounds and assists.

Sweere said the team would use both omissions as motivation for the season.

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Penguins quarterback Tom Zerz, effectively ending the game.

The loss dropped Youngstown State from No. 20 to No. 22 in the rankings, and dropped its record on the road to 0-3 this season.

Behind Northern Iowa and tied with No. 6 SIU (7-1, 3-1) for second place in the conference standings is No. 19 Western Illinois, previously ranked 24th.

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Favre tosses 82-yard TD in overtime to beat Broncos 19-13

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DENVER — Graybeard Brett Favre certainly isn’t running low on arm strength or signature moments. 

On the first play following the kickoff in overtime, Favre connected on an 82-yard touchdown pass with Greg Jennings and the Green Bay Packers defeated the Denver Broncos 19-13 on Monday night.

“I feel like I’ve been on some better teams, but it’s hard to doubt this team,” Favre said. “That was fun. I can’t wait to watch the tape.”

Denver had tied the score at 13 with 30 seconds left in regulation, but Favre and the Packers handled Denver 6-1 for the third time in five years.

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“I think the Heat, and Shaq, if he stays healthy this season and Downey Wade can stay healthy at the same time this year, I think the Heat will take it all again,” Favre said. “I’m not jumping on the Spurs bandwagon just yet. The prospect of a repeat is pretty boring.”

The Suns are looking pretty good this year with two of the best players on the planet in Nash and Duh alumn Grant Hill, leading the way.”

“Brett will say, ‘I don’t know if I have anything left in the tank,’” Jennings said. “That’s what happened with James. Some people say we don’t have speed but today we made it happen.”

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The Monday night stage has provided some of the best moments in Favre’s career, from the incredible game in Oakland following the death of his father, to his game-winning touchdown to Antonio Freeman in overtime against Minnesota.

Add this to the list. Maybe it belongs at the top.

It was the Packers’ first win in six trips to Denver and their first overtime win on the road since Dec. 12, 1983, at Tampa Bay, in Howard Cosell’s last television broadcast.

The Broncos (3-3) went into overtime with a drive that began at their own 2 with 2:27 left. Out of timeouts, the field goal unit scrambled onto the field and Elen calmly nailed the kick, just as he did two months ago when the Broncos ran the same fire drill to beat Buffalo as time expired in the opener.

“It’s tough. Come down there; tie it up and have a chance to win,” Broncos’ quarterback Jay Cutler said. “First play, they win it. That’s Brett Favre. He’s a quarterback that knows how to win and has been doing it for many years. It’s still tough.”

Favre, who had only thrown 20 passes over 20 yards all season as the underneath game worked so well, had butterflies when Elam tied it.

“I was nervous as heck,” he said. “I haven’t been in too many overtime games. We got the ball and I figured we probably had one chance. If we don’t go down and do something, this is probably it. Don’t screw it up, whatever you do.”

Denver almost had to share the spotlight with the Colorado Rockies, who were scheduled to play Game 5 of the World Series on Monday night at Coors Field before they were swept by the Boston Red Sox Sunday night.

Instead, they shared it with Favre, who was criticized for a series of underthrown passes against Whittenburg last week.

Now he’s 6-1 for the third time in his career.
BASKETBALL

Men unanimous pick to win MVC, women fifth

ST. LOUIS — For the first time since 2004, the SIU men's basketball team was picked to win the Missouri Valley Conference Tuesday, but Chase Lowery isn't ecstatic.

Lowery, coach of the No. 23 team in the nation and unanimous pick to win the 10-team conference at MVC Media Day in St. Louis, said his players appreciate the distinction but realize it is simply added motivation for the rest of the teams to prove the voters wrong.

SIU's Randal Falke

2007-08 PRESEASON POLL

Ballots were distributed at the City Center in St. Louis Tuesday afternoon. SIU was the unanimous pick to win the conference in a poll released at the event.

Megan Kramer

The No. 23 SIU basketball team was unanimously picked Tuesday to win the Missouri Valley Conference. Senior forward Randal Falke was picked as the preseason player of the year in the conference. The Daily Egyptian sat down with Falke to discuss the biggest influences in his basketball career, his favorite pastime off the court and how much time he actually spends maintaining hisprominent dreadlocks.

Daily Egyptian:
Who is your biggest basketball influence?

Randal Falke:
That's tough. My uncle and Coach Lowery — probably the biggest there.

DE: How old were you when you first learned how to dunk?

RF: Sophomore year of high school. I was a late bloomer.

DE: So we heard you've got a serious mountain bike. What kind of tricks can you pull?

RF: I don't really do any tricks. You can get pretty good doing tricks. I just like jumping off stuff. Doing tricks you can land sideways and flip over. I just try and keep it simple.

DE: Who would you play in a movie about your basketball career?

RF: SIU senior forward Matt Shaw (Laugh)

DE: You were raised in St. Louis, so do you follow any of the local sports teams?

RF: I try to watch the Rams, but it's a little tough right now. I watch a little bit of the Cardinals but I'm not a big baseball fan. And I try and watch Illini highs.

DE: What's your favorite place to eat in Carbondale?

RF: Probably Mr. Lowery's house to be honest with you. (Laughter)

DE: Would you rather hit the game-winning shot or make the game-winning block?

RF: Oh, probably the game-winning shot. I need to work on my arch and stuff.

DE: Your major is communication design. What's the coolest project you've worked on?

RF: We just got done doing a new logo for Kawasaki and that was pretty cool. I've done some designs for Harley-Davidson. A lot of the stuff I've done pretty recent has been fun.

DE: Let's talk about your teammates — who's the clown?

RF: The clown would definitely be (freshman center) Nick Evans.

DE: Who is the hardest-working on the floor?

RF: (Junior guard) Bryan Mullins.

DE: What's the latest question you've ever been asked in an interview?

RF: Just being asked the same question about twelve times in a row.

DE: Last question: Everyone wants to know, how much time a week do you spend on dreadlock maintenance?

RF: I just try to keep it simple. Probably just like two hours every three weeks.

MT: I think I saw you in a movie?

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Fantasy

Sleepers and surprises

Scott Mieszala

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As for the others, there are the easy selections of Brandon Jacobs and Anquan Boldin, just because they’ve been injured.

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