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“This is where the whole cardboard regatta began and for it to just die is sad.”

Bill Archer
 president, Phi Sigma Kappa

Grad students may shoulder budget cuts

100 graduate assistantships may be slashed

Molly Parker
 Daily Egyptian

At least 100 graduate assistantships will be yanked from the funding line next year under a proposed University financial blueprint.

The deans must find places to trim their college's budget for the '03 fiscal year in response to a major reduction in state funding. Carol Henry, director of the Budget Office, said the colleges have collectively proposed cutting at least 100 of the 1,500 graduate assistantships as a cost-saver for next year's deflated budget.

The final tally-up of proposed spending reductions is still in the works, Henry said.

The reductions are in response to Gov. George Ryan's recommended budget for SIUC, down \$9.5 million from last year's original appropriations. The University's revenue stream may fluctuate given that enrollment could increase or decrease and Chancellor Walter Wendler's intent to raise tuition.

Wendler is expected to propose three different tuition-increasing proposals at tonight's Undergraduate Student Government meeting. He said at least one-half of any increase would go back to students and that any elimination of graduate assistantships this summer would likely be replaced in the fall with tuition dollars.

Any tuition increase will require approval by the Board of Trustees.

Wendler recognized that graduate assistantships may be an easy target for deans forced to ax money from their budget. Wendler has given the individual colleges the ability to make cuts where they see fit. But he said he will not allow too many graduate assistantships to be eliminated given the vital role of graduate students to the University as a research institution.

"I'm not going to micromanage the situation, but I am going to maintain quality," Wendler told the DAILY EGYPTIAN Monday.

The salary line is one of the biggest expenses for the University, accounting for 76 percent of state and tuition dollars. Deans have few other places besides the salary line to downsize spending. Graduate assistants, extra help and civil service employees have the most flexible positions in terms of being hired and fired.

John Koropchak, dean of the Graduate School, said a deflation in assistantships would translate to a drop-off in graduate student enrollment. He said the current projections are to cut about \$1 million of the nearly \$12 million normally set aside for graduate assistantships in state and tuition dollars.

A graduate student hired for nine months costs roughly \$10,000, he said. The graduate assistantships are funded mainly through state and tuition dollars with a smaller portion coming from outside funding streams.

Koropchak said it was his understanding that an increase in graduate student tuition would mirror that of undergraduate students. He hopes that a tuition increase will allow deans to keep graduate assistantships.

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DAILY EGYPTIAN FILE PHOTO

The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta has been a popular springtime event for students and the Carbondale community for nearly three decades. Due to some disputes over the organization of the event, this year's competition may be eliminated.

Cardboard boats may not float for first time in three decades

New fraternity hopes to sponsor annual regatta

Jodie Milan
 Daily Egyptian

For nearly 30 years, crowds have gathered at the Campus Lake to watch cardboard boats float to victory, or in some cases, sink. According to Terry Mathias, the regatta coordinator, this year's event may follow the ill-fated cardboard boats that end up in pieces under the surface of Campus Lake.

Although boat races were con-

ducted at SIUC in 2001, they were not an official event of the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta. After the retirement of founder Richard Archer, an assistant professor in design, the regatta needed someone to head the event.

Larry Busch, a retired associate professor in the School of Art and Design, took the reins and decided to conduct the events in a different manner. The refusal to abide by standard policies conflicted with the signed agreement, according to Mathias. Busch disregards Mathias' opinion and states that he is the principle architect of the rules that are in effect now.

"That is different from being the founder of the cardboard boat regatta.

I claim, and no one to my knowledge disputes this, that I am the architect." Busch said.

Busch said he attended the first cardboard boat regatta, and took over for several years after supervising the race in 1975.

"It was under my tenure that outside people could enter the race. Anybody can have a cardboard boat regatta without seeking permission," Busch said. "Property comes into play when you copy or duplicate a specific set of rules, and I am the architect of the rules."

Since 1974, faculty members at the School of Art and Design required students to build boats as

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New students SOAR to campus for orientation

Ginny Skalski
 Daily Egyptian

Cindy Spiess wanted to learn more about SIUC after she enrolled, but the Rockford resident's father was not too excited about driving for seven hours and paying to attend the Student Orientation Advisement Registration program.

SOAR is the University's three-year-old orientation program that, for the first time this year, requires students to attend in order to learn more about the University and to receive academic advisement. The orientation helps parents and students like Spiess become acquainted with the numerous programs the University has to offer through a day filled with sessions about various topics including campus life, academics and University policies.

The program was also implemented to allow students to meet their academic adviser so they can be helped with course selection and registration. During SOAR's first year in 2000, only 350 students attended,

last year 1,100 students participated and now that the orientation is required Beth Lingren, director of the program, expects about 2,400 students.

SOAR is offered 15 times between March 2 and July 1, giving students and their parents multiple chances to travel to the SIUC campus. Five of the orientations are scheduled in Springfield, Downer's Grove and Chicago, so students who can't easily make it to Carbondale can still attend.

The mandated program continues to be a work in progress. Lingren, assistant director of Student Development for New Student Programs, said her office will be following up with the students who participated in last year's SOAR to see what recommendations they have for the program.

To participate in SOAR students must pay a \$65 registration fee and an additional \$35 for any number of family members to attend. The student fee goes toward program materials, lunch and snacks and the family fee goes toward one lunch and a one-year membership with the SIUC Parents

Association.

Spiess, a freshman in zoology, decided to attend SIUC late last summer, so she had to travel to Carbondale to attend the orientation instead of one of the programs in Chicago. She said her father was bothered by the orientation fee, but they attended anyway and she learned a lot from the experience.

Michael Sullivan, associate professor in the Math Department, is concerned that both the orientation fee and the mandatory attendance requirement may dissuade students from enrolling in the University. He feels SOAR is a good idea but that students should not be required to attend because of the money families have to spend in traveling to the event.

"Jumping right ahead and making it mandatory right away may have been moving too fast," Sullivan said.

But Lingren defends installing the program on a mandatory basis for freshman and transfer students because she says it is a more effective way to register students for class and inform them about the University

they're preparing to attend.

"We wouldn't charge people money to go through a program that we didn't think was helpful and would benefit [students and parents]," Lingren said. "What we'll see over time is students who go through the orientation program have a better understanding of campus."

The program also aids in retention, according to Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Dietz said teaching students how to use resources like the library and how to get parking stickers and financial aid information before school begins saves them time and stress. Once they understand the ins and outs of university life, Dietz said they can deal with issues that arise when they're students and they'll know how to handle them.

"It's an opportunity to become very acquainted with the institution and to get all the business sides of attending the institution out of the way," Dietz said.

Gus Bode



Gus says:

I give freshmen girls an 'orientation' all the time.

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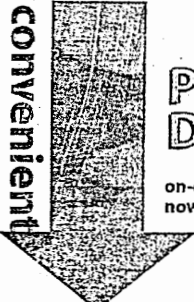


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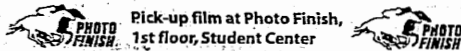
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Man challenges celibacy clause in plea agreement

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A man accused of being a deadbeat dad after fathering a dozen children by 11 women is asking a judge to throw out a clause in his plea agreement that would prohibit him from ever having sex again.

Luther Crawford, 49, said he thought the abstinence clause was just a joke. His lawyer claims it violates Crawford's constitutional rights and can't be enforced.

But a prosecutor said Crawford signed the agreement next to the no-sex clause.

Jefferson Circuit Judge Tom McDonald said he will decide whether to keep the provision when Crawford is sentenced on May 13.

Crawford, of Louisville, owes \$33,000 in support for two of his children and is in jail awaiting another child-support case in which he owes \$21,000.

On March 12, he pleaded guilty to two counts of flagrant nonsupport, charges that carry up to five years each behind bars. The plea agreement calls for no more than a one-year sentence, but Crawford could be placed on probation or ordered to pay restitution.

Prosecutor Allan Cobb said Crawford needs to swear off sex because he can't work and make money to support his children. Crawford is blind in one eye, nearly blind in the other and takes medication for a heart problem and high blood pressure.

"This is a person who has gone a long way in showing that if he has children, he's not going to support them,"



Cobb said Monday. Cobb said similar plea conditions have been upheld in two cases in other states.

Bekley noted that even if his client used birth control or had a vasectomy, he would be in violation of the clause.

Consumer confidence high

WASHINGTON — Consumer confidence soared in March, as Americans concluded the recession is over and jobs are coming back.

The Conference Board's closely watched rating of consumer moods jumped to 110.2 from 95.0 in February, the biggest one-month increase in 11 years.

The new number was so far above the expected 98.0 reading that economists described it as "incredible" and "striking." Some say it's an early sign that buoyant consumers will spend at a much greater clip than forecasters expect — which would translate into a more robust recovery.

The report is "another reason to question (Federal Reserve Chairman Alan) Greenspan's view that the recovery will be modest," says Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors. "When consumers feel really good, they buy a whole lot of everything."

That's not a universal view. Dana Saporta of Stone & McCarthy Research Associates notes that the tax rebates, rock-bottom mortgage rates and low energy prices that propelled consumer spending through the slump are all changing for the worse.

"We expect no better than moderate growth in consumer spending," Saporta says.

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Death toll in Afghan quake rises

KABUL, Afghanistan — An earthquake devastated mountain villages in northern Afghanistan, where officials on Tuesday estimated at least 1,800 people died and thousands more were injured in a region already hard-hit by hunger, drought and war.



Since this former British colony reverted to Chinese rule in 1997, Beijing has occasionally protested if U.S. actions by barring U.S. warships from visiting Hong Kong, long a popular port of call.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said Tuesday that port calls by foreign warships and aircraft are approved on a "case-by-case basis."

Zhang declined to say whether Vice President Hu Jintao, her apparent to President and Communist Party leader Jiang Zemin, would go ahead with a visit expected for April or May.

China bars U.S. warship from Hong Kong port

HONG KONG — Signaling its anger over U.S. dealings with Taiwan, China has blocked a port call by a U.S. warship to Hong Kong and refused Tuesday to say whether Vice President Hu Jintao would go ahead with plans for a U.S. visit.

The U.S. Consulate said Tuesday that Beijing had rejected a request for an April 5-9 visit by the USS Curtis Wilbur, a guided missile destroyer belonging to the U.S. Seventh Fleet based in Yokosuka, Japan.

"We reason was given for the disapproval," said Barbara Zigli, a U.S. Consulate spokeswoman. She declined to speculate on China's motives.

The March 18 rejection came a day before the Chinese government accused Washington of committing a "series of erroneous acts" and spoiling the aura of good relations set during a February visit to Beijing by President Bush.

As often happens, the spat is over Taiwan. Beijing objected to a U.S. decision to let Taiwan's defense minister, Tang Yiau-ming, attend a private defense convention this month in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Arafat will not attend Arab summit in Beirut

JERUSALEM — Yasser Arafat decided Tuesday not to attend a key Arab summit, and his Cabinet accused Israel of trying to "blackmail" the Palestinian leader with tough conditions for letting him go. Arafat's absence could undermine Arab support for a Saudi peace overture being presented in Beirut.

Despite calls by the United States that he let Arafat go to the summit, Sharon said "conditions are not ripe" to do so. He insisted the Palestinian leader call a cease-fire first and that Washington back any Israeli decision to bar Arafat from returning home if there is violence during his absence.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher insisted Israel grant a "round trip" for Arafat to and from the summit, which opens in the Lebanese capital on Wednesday.

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Calendar

TODAY

Saluki Rainbow Network
 Student Center - Troy/Corinth Rooms
 5:30 p.m.

Cache River Kayak Trip - Informational meeting
 Recreation Center - Adventure Resource Center,
 7 p.m.

PRSSA - General meeting
 Student Center - Cambria Room
 4:30 p.m.

Only public events affiliated with SIU are printed in the Daily Egyptian Calendar. The editors reserve the right not to print any submitted item. RSO and departmental events will be printed in the Daily Egyptian Online Calendar at www.dailyegyptian.com.

Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item.

Police Blotter

No items to report

Clarification

In Tuesday's story, "A Dream Not Deterred," the word "Koran," the American way of spelling it, appeared in reference to the Islamic text. The word, in its original spelling, should appear as Quran or Qur'an. The Daily Egyptian regrets any misrepresentation.

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311 ext. 252.

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Yo mama!

Who tells jokes at the Student Center on Thursday?

Students step up to open mic, revive old SIUC comedy tradition

Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

Todd Thomas thinks drugs are stupid. He said he does not understand people who do drugs and have quality jobs.

"How can someone have a job if they don't remember where they work?" said Thomas, a junior in theater from Kankakee.

Thomas has used this joke and other stand-up comedic work to win first place at one of three open mic nights sponsored by the Student Programming Council this year. Now he will test his humor in front of a fourth open mic audience at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Big Muddy Room of the Student Center.

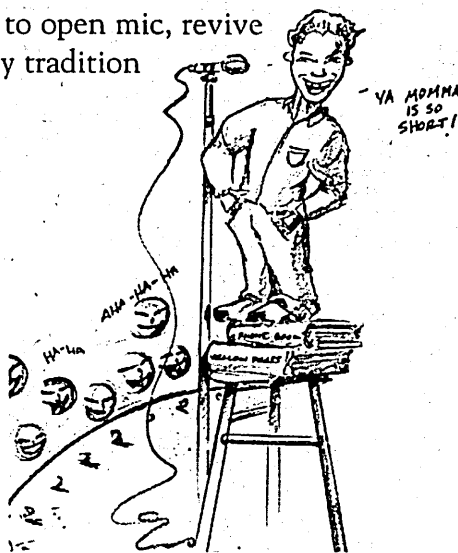
Sponsored by the SPC Comedy Committee, the fourth installment of the open mic series provides a forum for students like Thomas and members of the Carbondale community to test their humor in the spotlight.

Duke Bohn, SPC comedy committee director, said students at previous open mic nights have delivered a wide array of personal anecdotes, jokes, impersonations and rants about college life. Students often use their short performance time to tell Osama bin Laden jokes or give situational humor to the audience.

As most students are not accustomed to impromptu performance, Bohn said some have told one-line jokes or told their entire weekends during a 10-minute monologue. But Bohn said the Big Muddy room has the right atmosphere for beginning comedians to familiarize themselves with the larger comedy clubs.

"It's downstairs, it's dirty, it's dunny, and it seems the kind of place someone would get on stage and tell some dirty jokes," Bohn said.

During the late '80s and early '90s the basement bar-style hang-out hosted a larger scale comedy series called the Comedy Cellar.



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Sponsored by Student Center Programming and Special Events, professional and amateur comedians headlined a weekly performance in the Big Muddy Room.

Comedians such as Judy Gold, Kathleen Madigan and one-time host of Mystery Science Theater 3000 Joel Hodgson, gave hour-long performances, usually preceded by a SIUC student comedian or jazz band from the School of Music.

Tom Connelly, Student Center technical director, and his graduate assistants organized the weekly stand-up routines, booking comedians, arranging accommodations and running the sound equipment. He said that during that time, comedy was big and the budget was substantial enough to bring more well-known comedians to the University.

With a \$1,200 budget per show, Connelly said that at one time the Student Center booked a rising stand-up comedian, Denis Leary, to headline a show, but unfortunately for the SIUC students

he signed for a CBS pilot show and canceled his appearance.

Connelly said students like the professional series, but they also enjoyed the atmosphere of the Comedy Cellar. At one time, about 500 students were packed around the small stage in the Big Muddy Room watching one of the comics. Unlike larger comedy clubs, the students were four or five feet away from the stage.

"I think the comedians were a little intimidated! and are not used to performing in a round," Connelly said. "But they used their uneasiness and the new situation by saying something spontaneous."

The fall '89 and spring '90 comedy performances proved successful, but a variety of reasons led to the decline of student interest in the event. According to Connelly, budget cuts reduced funding for the program, which resulted in a \$2 charge for the night of laughter. Also, the event was moved from the bar scene of the basement to the

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NEWS BRIEFS

Students: register for laptop checkout service

Enrolled SIUC students can now pre-register for free access to the laptop check out program provided by the Information Station starting.

On April 1, the students who have previously filled out a registration form can check out one of six Dell Inspiron 2500 laptop computers for a two-hour interval.

The registration form calls for students to have two forms of official picture identification and is included with a liability statement.

Funded through a \$830,000 technology grant allotted to the University, the laptop check out program allows students to plug into 36 different lines in the Student Center.

The computer is equipped with ethernet access, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Netscape Navigator and Internet Explorer. Internet cables, an AC adapter, batteries, computer cable and carrying strap come with the laptop check out.

Doug Daggett, associate director for Student Center programs and services, said students will not be able to take laptops outside of the Student Center. The laptops are "unlifted," or they are painted with Property of SIUC, so they will not be taken out of the building, said Daggett.

Lisa Lambus, director of the Information Station, said she hopes the check out service will take some pressure off the computer labs during finals and midterms. But she said students should not be afraid to use the expensive machines.

"Students may think they are going to hurt them, but don't be afraid," Lambus said. "Technology is running the world and it is here for them to use it."

For more information on the free laptop check out service and the details of the pre-registration form, call the Information Station at 536-INFO.

Parents can work out without children

SIUC students and Recreation Center members who have children and want to work out can bring them to the Recreation Center on Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. Until April 26, there will be people on hand to watch children while parents study or work out at the Recreation Center. There will be movies, swimming, crafts and games for children ages three to 12 to participate in. For additional information, call Kathy Hollister at 453-1267 or Debra Robinson at 453-1265.

Three arrested in alleged purse theft

Three men suspected of stealing a purse from Longbranch Coffee House Saturday were arrested by Carbondale police and charged with varying degrees of theft.

Chad Dempsey and Jeffrey Barton, both 21 from Carbondale, and Thaddeus Bowles, 22, also of Carbondale, allegedly stole a purse from a woman at the Longbranch Coffee House, 100 E. Jackson St., at about 7:30 p.m.

Witnesses told police that the three suspects were acting strange around the table. Shortly after, the woman noticed her purse was missing.

A description of the three men was broadcast to police, and the men were located in the 300 Block of South Washington soon after. Property from the purse was allegedly found in the pockets of all three men.

The three suspects were identified by the woman and other witnesses.

Dempsey was charged with misdemeanor theft, Bowles was charged with felony theft due to prior convictions and Barton was charged with felony theft due to prior convictions and violation of bail bond.

All three were incarcerated at Jackson County Jail.

Scholarship applications available

Applications are available for the \$1,000 Bruce and Mary Lou Swinburne scholarship. The scholarship is open to undergraduate, graduate and professional students in honor of Swinburne, who served as vice president for Student Affairs for 14 years before he retired in 1957, and his wife.

Extracurricular involvement and financial need are the major criteria for the scholarship. Applicants must be full-time students and have a 2002-2003 Financial Aid Application on file. Applications can be picked up at the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management in room 307 of Anthony Hall. Applications are due by April 5.

Presentation shows fatal car wrecks

Driving will never be the same, according to the sponsors of today's presentation on the worst fatal car crashes in Jackson County.

A Jackson County Sheriff's Department officer will present slides of fatal automobile crash scenes at 3 today in the Davis Auditorium, 105 Wham. Attendees will hear the stories behind the people who died and also which routes and intersections have the most accidents.

The free presentation is being sponsored by the Department of Health

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Partisan politics may account for low voter turnout

Alexa Aguilar
Daily Egyptian

Year after year, turnout for primary elections is feeble, usually lingering somewhere between 20 and 30 percent.

Analysts blame voter apathy, confusion about the primary system, even the weather if it rains on election day.

Some question if the primary process itself is an unnecessary barrier that scares people away. In other words, is forcing voters to declare a party affiliation in an era when many don't care for partisan politics turning people off from the polls?

Common sense would say yes, political analyst John Jackson said, but the research says no.

"Anecdotally, I have heard people say, 'I don't want to vote because of retribution, I don't want to have to ask for a ballot,'" Jackson said.

"But when political researchers look at the differences in results between open and not-so-open primaries, the correlation just isn't there."

Illinois' primary system requires that when a voter goes to the polls, he or she ask for a party's ballot. That voter is recorded as pulling either a Democratic or Republican ballot.

Other states' requirements are even more stringent, and require that voters register before the election as a party member. The other extreme are the few states that have had blanket primaries, allowing voters to cross back and forth between the parties on the ballot.

Before voters complain about any restrictions, though, it's important to remember that primary and general elections are completely different, said Barb Brown, political science lecturer.

"The primary is a unique set of circumstances," Brown said. "It's the one opportunity for parties to pick their candidate. That's a critical decision for a party, and party leaders argue that only those people willing to declare the party's label should help make that choice."

The candidate that's chosen in the spring primary is the one who will face off against the other party's chosen candidate come November. Naturally, parties want the candidate who most reflects their party's electorate.

"Because the stakes are so high, parties have a legitimate concern about getting the best candidate in," Brown said.

"It depends on your priority. If your priority is to increase participation, and to remove any

barriers, then an argument can be made for an open primary. But if the priority is to get voters who are committed to the party and who that party nominates, then you could make that argument for the current primary."

A completely open primary can also be an easy way for other parties to create "mischief" at the polls, Jackson said. For example, if the Republican voter is a shoo-in, then Republican voters may raid the Democratic ballot to vote for the Democrat's weakest candidate. Or middle-of-the-road candidates may attract members from both parties, and alter party leaders' optimal outcome.

Jackson pointed to Lieutenant Governor Corinne Wood's recent bid for the governor's seat. Toward the end of the campaign, she made a concerted effort to reach out to Democratic and independent voters. If Illinois' primary was completely open, then she may have garnered enough votes from them to claim the Republican bid.

Rob Richie, executive director for the Center for Voting and Democracy, said that closed primaries can allow for one party to keep a stranglehold on a county or district.

Let's say that a county is hugely

Democratic, and reliably and consistently sends Democrats to the statehouse or Congress. If voters don't vote in the primary, and the general election is all but a given, the voters who aren't extremely partisan have just been eliminated.

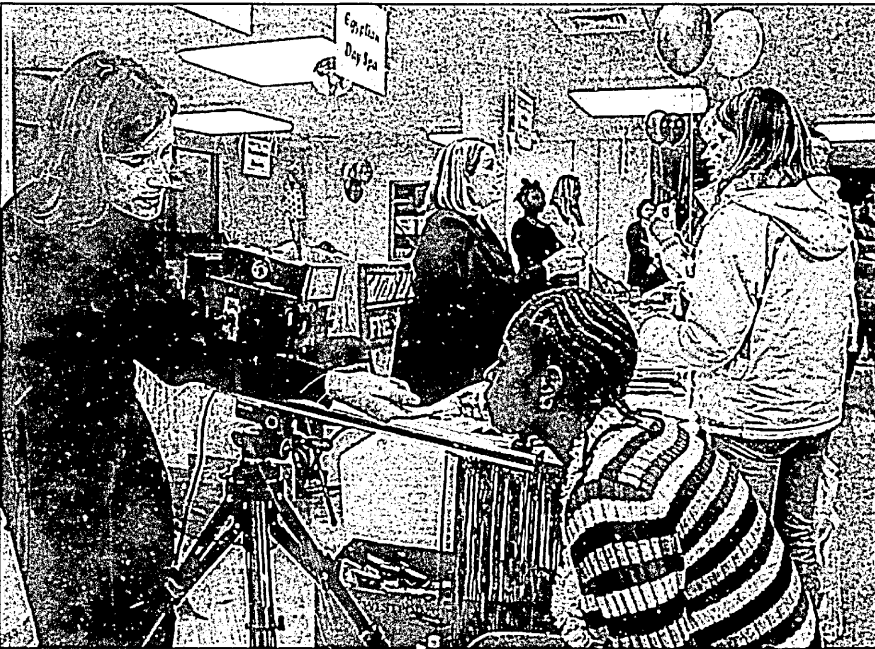
Regardless of the pros and cons of the current primary system in Illinois, it is likely it's here to stay.

Changes to the process have to be made in the state legislature. And according to Brown, in a state like Illinois with its traditional partisan dynamic, the stakes are too high for party leaders to have a change of heart.

"Stakes in politics rise and fall. And parties are responsible for making sure they have an effective nominee," Brown said.

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Online poll: Do you think a voter should have to declare a party affiliation when voting in the primary election? Go online to www.dailyegyptian.com to cast your vote.



DAILY EGYPTIAN PHOTO - LISA SONNENSCHNIG

Ashley Richardson, a freshman from Rockford, gets a picture taken that will uncover how much ultra violet rays have affected her facial skin. Over 20 tables were set up in Grinnell Hall Monday with information and activities for students on issues including bicycle safety, smoking, massage therapy, stress management and sports medicine.

Hindu festival celebrates unification

Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

Adam and Josh Dorta, twin brothers from Oak Lawn, will use their musical talents to not only play but sing their praises to Hare Krishna at the Guara Purnima Full Moon Festival Thursday near Harrisburg.

Using a variety of traditional Indian instruments, the brothers will sing praise songs, including the main mantra to the festival, "Hari Haraye," which will begin about 6 p.m.

Josh Dorta, a junior in oil painting, said they will talk about the main mantra's meaning of cleansing the mind and spirit.

"By chanting the Lord is kinda dancing on our tongue, so by chanting the mantra in our mind, it brings our mind to a spiritual platform," Dorta said.

By purifying the spirit through worship, chant, music and fire, the Bhahitvedanta Yoga Society is having the first local Guara Purnima Full Moon Festival in celebration of one reincarnation of Krishna through Lord Chaitanya near Harrisburg from 3 to 9 p.m. Thursday. As compared to a previous festival, the society hopes about 100 people will come to the event.

Deborah Yarbter, or her preferred name Dhanisha, organized the festival around an

authentic Indian temple built two years ago on her property near Harrisburg. The temple holds religious deities, original figures and paintings from West Bengal, India.

"That is really special for the folks to get to see the deities," Dhanisha said.

Before the worship service begins, a variety of events will take place. Three speakers will talk about a variety of topics surrounding the Hindu festival. These speakers include, Kim McGuire from the Church of the Good Shepard, Mike Jack, an elder from the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-Day Saints, and Sirinya Dhin, a therapist from Carbondale and organizer for a future Half-Way home in the area, a place for people who are dying.

"The theme of people speaking there is unification and destroying prejudices and walls we have between our traditions and our faith," Dhanisha said. "That is what the essence of what Lord Chaitanya came to do."

Along with food offering and feast, a traditional fire ceremony will be held around 7 p.m. after the main worship service. This ceremony is actually a fire sacrifice called Agri Hortora. According to Dhanisha, the fire will be decorated with leaves, coconuts and fruit and rice flour painting. Everyone who is present throws sesame seeds and barley into the fire.

"These are offerings to God through the fire," Dhanisha said. "So we are actually extending our love and appreciation to God through offerings; we purify things through fire and offer it to God."

According to Dhanisha, the festival centers around the appearance of Lord Chaitanya in a small village about 80 miles from Calcutta, India, about 500 years ago. There were millions of people who went through the Ghangi River to take a bath and cleanse their bodies and spirits.

But on the occasion when Chaitanya came, it was a full moon and an eclipse, hence the festival's name. The people who were there began to chant and praise his name upon his arrival. Since then, every year followers of the Hare Krishna faith come to the Ghangi River, bathe and praise the name of Lord Chaitanya.

Dhanisha said Lord Chaitanya came to unify people in congregational spirit of chanting and praising God's name.

"So even before his arrival and after he appeared in this world, people were already to do that in a sacred way in the Ghangi River," Yarbter said.

With the unification of religions, Dhanisha emphasized all people are open to

The right stuff

Conservative columnist comes to SIUC

Codeil Rodriguez
Daily Egyptian

Patrick Coyle feels there is not a fair depiction of conservative ideals on college campuses, and people like Ann Coulter can help solve that.

Coyle is the director for campus programs at the Young America's Foundation, a national organization that provides college campuses with individuals who have more conservative ideals. The organization schedules about 300 speakers a year, including an appearance by former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, at St. Louis University. To bring some of these views to SIUC, the organization chose Ann Coulter, a conservative columnist whose weekly thoughts appear in various publications.



Ann Coulter

"I think she's awesome," Coyle said. "I like her stances."

Coyle said it is important for Coulter, who will speak at the Lesar Law Building at 7 p.m. Thursday, to visit college campuses because students do not get balanced political views and have to rely on media sources.

"We want students of all political persuasions to be exposed to conservative ideals," Coyle said. "Our goal here is to hear conservative ideas from a conservative."

According to Coyle, Coulter is a prime candidate to bring conservative views to college campuses. In addition to being a columnist, Coulter also serves as a political analyst and attorney who has appeared on shows like "Politically Incorrect" and "Larry King Live." She is also the author of the book "High Crimes and Misdemeanors: The Case Against Bill Clinton," which was a New York Times bestseller.

She also served as an attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice and practiced corporate law and clerked for the Eighth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

Her legal background is why the SIUC chapter of the Federalist Society, who will host the event, chose the topic of her speech to be President George W. Bush's ability to nominate federal judges because of the Democrat's control in Congress. The title of the speech is "The Art of a Liberal Smear Campaign: Slandering the American Rights."

Jamie Eastwood, a second year law student from O'Fallon and president of the SIUC chapter of the Federalist Society, said the topic is an important one and all students should attend.

"I think it's very important to hear Mrs. Coulter speak whether your political views are conservative or liberal," Eastwood said.

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Architecture and Interior Design Departments take students abroad

Mediterranean study to give students hands on experience

Ivan Thomas
Daily Egyptian

Picture exploring classical architecture, art and culture in a Mediterranean paradise and spending time taking in the aura and mystique of ancient scenery from the mothers of architectural civilization.

There is nothing more an architecture major or guru could ask for.

This is what students will witness during the summer, when the Department of Architecture and Interior Design takes them to Italy and Greece. The program, called "Le Petit Grand Tour d'Arch. Culture" — "the little grand tour of architecture," was started six years ago by SIUC instructor Jon Daniel Davey and is one of the most successful travel study programs at the University.

The trip will take place from May 20 to June 10, and students will analyze how history, architecture, environmental psychology and the nature of the arts are all connected. It includes visits to several areas of Italy, Greece and the Greek Islands of Santorini, Rhodes, Mykonos and Delos.

Davey has either directed or co-directed 25 travel study programs before this one and said there are several reasons he feels that Italy and Greece are the best places for this particular program.

"The program is putting emphasis on classical architecture and it has

its initial area in Greece and Rome," he said. "Also, the men and women are beautiful, and the students like that. The food is great and affordable for them."

For many students, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and the ones who have actually had the opportunity to embark on these trips are grateful and will never forget.

Todd Haunah, a senior in architecture, went on the tour last year and traveled to England, Germany, Italy and Greece. He thinks in order to really learn about what you're studying, it helps to experience it from a personal aspect.

"Last summer I learned a whole lot. We went all over and saw interesting things," he said. "We got to see things in person, get our own personal views and take pictures. Films and slides just don't do it any justice."

Hannah said when he went on the tour it was four weeks long and there was almost too much information to gather. As a result, he thinks it was shortened to its present state of two countries in three weeks.

"My favorite part was the Capri Islands of Italy," Hannah said. "We stayed in a four-star hotel; the scenery and architecture was fabulous. I also liked Florence a lot. All of the roofs are made of red clay tile. The architecture is much older there and shows more character than American architecture."

So far, there are 22 students signed up for the program, Davey said, which is quite an improvement from last year's 10.

"We take technology with us such as laptops and cell phones so we can create a webmaster on campus

and you can actually see what is going on over there. No other program does that," Davey said.

Victoria Fezler, a freshman in architecture from Jacksonville, Ill., is going on the trip this summer and can't wait for the chance to see the world from a completely different perspective.

"I think the trip is going to be very interesting because I will get the chance to learn about ancient architecture, history and the culture," she said.

Fezler is also excited about the trip because she gets to experience another program by Davey, who was also the creator of the Kid Architecture Program she participated in before she came to the University, and she has learned a lot under his instruction.

"Mr. Davey is such a good teacher and that is one of the reasons I am going, because he is leading it," she said.

The chance for students to witness civilization from another perspective will most likely change their views on the world and advance their architectural imagination, leading to the new ideas of the future. Davey thinks there is no other way to experience something than to actually encounter it.

"If you are talking about a place and you haven't been there it is like critical fiction. Standing in the center of the gladiators' training ground or the coliseum is overwhelming," Davey said.

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MOON

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the festival and learn about Lord Chaitanya's message. She will be telling the story of the reincarnated spirit to the crowd, so people will understand the purpose of the event.

According to Dhanistha, Lord Chaitanya was an incarnation of Krishna, who the society worships as God. Some people call him Jeshovah, Allah and Hossanna, but Krishna is the name they use for their faith.

"We very much emphasize that whatever the name of God is in your own terms, according to your own heart, that is a bonified name of God," Dhanistha said. "You can praise and connect to God through sound in that particular name."

Dhanistha said the priority of the festival is worshipping God by using his holy name, which is done musically. The musicians use a lot of drums and small cymbals to make the rhythm to the chants.

"The sounds of the chants and songs we do, just like any other ancient culture, such as Native American and East Indian are very similar in that their rhythm are based to help spiritual sound ride," she said.

As people in Southern Illinois celebrate the Guara Purnima Full Moon Festival at Dhanistha's home, Dhanistha and the society hope the celebration will open others to the understanding of the festival and the religion's books, chanting and practices.

"Someone cannot actually understand the sentiment without actually experiencing it," Dhanistha said. "You describe honey in a jar and what it might taste like, but it's like licking the outside of the jar; you can taste a little, talk to someone who is practicing how experiencing it is, then you can understand it."

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SOAR

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SIUC is lagging behind in its efforts to create an orientation program. Eastern Illinois University has had its version of SOAR, "EIU Debut," since the 1980s and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has maintained an orientation program since the late 1970s.

At EIU, both transfer and freshman students are expected to attend the one-day "EIU Debut" to learn about the registration system and student life and services. The program costs \$10 for transfer students and \$5 for their relatives. Freshman students must pay \$35 and their first guest also pays \$35, each additional guest is \$20, according to Kimberlie Mloock, director of orientation at EIU.

Students attending U of I pay \$86 to participate in the university's overnight orientation program and an additional \$74 for any relatives that also stay the night, said Rhonda Kirs, assistant dean of students and director of New Student Programs at U of I.

Each of the school's orientation programs require students to register for classes, but Dietz said one criticism of SOAR is that freshmen and transfer students must wait to register until they participate in the program. But students can sign up to attend SOAR as early as March 2, unlike EIU and U of I, where the orientation programs are offered only in the summer.

Although Spiess didn't participate in the program until late last summer, she still valued the experience. She said she would recommend the orientation to any freshman enrolling to SIUC because she learned so much about the University from the program.

"It got me more in touch with the campus," Spiess said.

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OUR WORD

Sweet 16 brings a greatness back to being maroon

The Sahki basketball team's role in the Sweet Sixteen reaches much farther than realizing the pipe dreams of local sports fans and SIU students. The men's passion on the court and the determination it took to meet goals no one believed they could have made the Sahukis a household name.

Autographed Sahki T-shirts flew off Ebay as local bookstores continue to watch maroon stock disappear from shelves. CNN, ESPN and the New York Times were just a few major media outlets that recognized the amazing "underdawg" rise to glory.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN has received several letters from proud alumni, some of whom are wearing their SIU threads to work for the first time. Thousands cheered the Sahukis off to the Big Dance, and hundreds applauded upon their return, even though they lost. This is because everyone in the community understands something about the Sahukis' winning streak: it showed the nation this University's pride, skill and talent — traits no one had bothered to notice for a long time.

We all know that Southern's national attention in the past has been largely negative. We have been suffering from an image problem steeped in years of unsavory coverage. The team's wild ride this season did more to fix that image than all the marketing teams in the world could have.

In the last few years, we have watched the enrollment to our beloved University drop farther and farther down, along with our spirits. We are now facing a budget hole more than \$7 million deep. However, according to SIU President James Walker, there has been a little flurry in the Admissions Office the past few weeks. All of sudden, people not only know we are here, they want a piece of what we've got.

"For a lot of places, sports become the front porch. It's the first thing people see and know about," Walker told a recent gathering of Daily Egyptian editorial board members. "If we can get them to the front porch, maybe we can get them in the house."

When prospective students walk into the house, they will be greeted with some of the top programs in the nation, such as aviation, automotive technologies and radio-television. We as students know that within each and every field at SIU, one can find stellar professors, life-changing lessons and as fine an education as anyone could want. It is too bad that this has been the great secret of this largely ignored, struggling University.

Now the secret is starting to get out. The Sahukis have put this University back on the map for something other than Halloween (i.e. the ability to drink a lot and destroy our own town).

The DAILY EGYPTIAN formally salutes the team members who did not just play some real ball, but who helped this University in ways they can never imagine. Unfortunately, this is not enough to bandage the deep wounds caused by years of a negative image, tempered during this University's Great Depression.

Now that everyone is asking all of you alumni about SIUC, tell them what a great place this is to send their children. Tell them about our nationally competitive programs and affordable price. Tell them about all of your great professors, and yes, too, about the parties.

But we here at SIUC need more than lip service. Even some of our most acclaimed programs like automotive technology are housed in dilapidated facilities. As University administrators seek to curb the tide of budgetary woe, Walker says projects such as new automotive facilities have to wait for at least two years.

Walker realizes that recoup funds will not be handed to him from the state, so the University is looking to federal funds and private donors.

This season's Sahki dream team proved that this institution is worthy of not only alumni pride, but their financial support as well. We encourage alumni, community members and corporate sponsors to take a hard look at us scrappy Sahukis and help us to make the Dawghouse of our dreams the reality that we deserve.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Reminders of the Ancient Aristocracy

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Right now, I'm taking this World History course. Talking about the beginnings of Civilization, Democracy and Republics — stuff like that. All that got me thinking about our own government. In Rome they had an aristocracy of rich men that controlled just about everything. These men were political powers for life most of the time. Politicians. In the end, these life-long (professional) politicians ruined outstanding governments, causing them to crumble under the weight of the greed. Greed for POWER. I see this happening today in our government. Why do we allow someone to become a professional politician? We limit the number of terms the president can serve, yet senators can almost live in their public offices. Remember good old (no pun intended) Strom Thurmond? The man has been a senator of South Carolina since 1954. Forty-eight years straight! That doesn't include the five years he served from 1933-1938. We celebrate the length of time he's been in office, yet it pains me that no one else has really been given a chance to lead.

I know, he was voted into office by the people. Let's look at that for a minute. We vote for the one we see the most. The one who has the most television commercials, sends out the most flyers, or puts up the most signs along the highway? That guy or gal usually wins, right? Why? Because that is the name on our head when we go to the polls. "We the people" don't study the candidates or learn their true stance on issues. They lie to us and gives us the most promises, many that will never get enacted once they are in office? And just because Illinois gubernatorial candidate Rod Blagojevich came down to

Southern Illinois more than the other candidates does not make him the right man for the job. He promises a lot, but he is still another Chicago politician.

Speaking of the Illinois gubernatorial primaries. Did we hear one commercial talking about the issues? I don't remember any. I do remember just about every single candidate tearing each of his opponents apart. The candidate who makes you hate the other guy more is the one you vote for, right. I like Roland Burris, but do you think he'll ever win a race he enters? People tear the man down so much that he doesn't have a chance. Plus, he is a minority. Jim Ryan cracks me up because he never gives a straight answer to a plain question. I know I don't want someone who beats around the bush so as not to get caught in a lie running my state government. It is MY government, right? I am part of "the people" which the constitution speaks of, or maybe our fore fathers were just speaking about Congress.

We won't even talk about the mud-slinging between Lisa Madigan and John Schmidt in the Illinois attorney general race. It was terrible. I think I might hate them both now because of the commercials. Let's "wake up and smell the coffee." Professional politicians are wrong for this country and will eventually tear down our system of government. We need limits on all terms for every political office. We need better "checks and balances" so that we can't be screwed by the people who we are supposed to trust in office. I like the idea of getting soft money out of politics. Is it enough? I doubt it. I wonder how close we'll be to the "falling of Rome?"

Joshua is a freshman in secondary education. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

WORDS OVERHEARD

“There's always work that needs to be done. If they said this was the No. 1 university in the state, that means there's more work to be done. We are perceived as a school at the top within the state. We just have to work harder and harder to get our fair share of the budget.”

James Walker
SIU President, on SIUC's future

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.”

Alexander Graham Bell

COLUMNISTS

To vote or not to vote, that is the question



Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY vulcanlogic81@hotmail.com

the BBQ dipping sauce and picked up a ballot. If you're like me, a lot of you feel apprehensive about casting your vote because maybe you're not sure you can make the right decision.

I mean, we've got a lot to do already. We don't have time to sit in front of CNN day and night, counting the candidates' positions and lives. The responsibility that comes with having to choose one of these potentially corrupt individuals makes us sick, and we don't feel up to the challenge. I admit, there are many sections of the platform I kind of skim over at this point in my life. I don't worry about tax cuts — I know I'm going to be broke either way. I'm not really concerned with health care or pharmaceutical costs, though it'd be nice if Ortho was a little more affordable so I could start shaming my legs again. And it's funny, but one candidate's gun control smear campaign this time around made me actually like the guy he was trying to diss. So really, I've found my peace within the system. Maybe I can't change the world. But by being a loser who voted, I have now earned the right to badmouth everything the winners do, and point a finger when they screw up. And that's a pretty good consolation prize. Had I been on the winning team, I'd have to worry that my guys were doing everything right. And by not voting, I'd have forfeited the right to complain about what either side was up to. No, this is truly the American way. So give it your best shot, winners. Maybe you'll help us all out a little with time. But in case you don't, nah nah nah nah boo-boo.

Not Just Another Priddy Face appears on Wednesday. Grace is a senior in architectural studies. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Along with thousands of others last week, I made my way to the polling booth to cast my vote in the state primaries. But as I read the results Wednesday morning in the paper, I couldn't help but wonder the same thing I did in 2000: What difference did I make? It's hard to be on the losing team for anything, but I think voting is especially hard because it's so ... well ...

American. Our ballot system sets us apart from most of the world. It makes us feel good as individuals to march in there and punch in those little circles in the name of democracy. So what happens when you realize your vote didn't change a thing? Wouldn't that mean America doesn't work?

I think back to last Tuesday. I was late for work because the line was so long at the election booth. I could have saved myself all that trouble, gotten to work on time, and still had time for Chicken McNuggets along the way. Not a single position would have changed. Instead, I listened to my social conscience and showed up to vote. I just can't ignore my rights, no matter how futile the whole thing sometimes seems.

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process, I've failed my fellow Americans. So I have to wonder as I look at the numbers this March, where exactly were my fellow Americans?

Certainly not at the polls. Maybe they all felt the way I did, and realized their individual votes wouldn't keep them from losing, too. They realized a trip to McDonald's was worth more at the end of the day than standing in line at the voting booth. But then I have to look at it this way: if that many people feel that way, we could have collectively made a difference. The voting numbers were slim enough to begin with, maybe we could've won with a little help. I can't help but wonder what might have changed had my generation set down

The question of leadership: Something for the HATERZ



My Nommo

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You know, a lot of people make a lot of assumptions about who I am, who I am not, and what I must think of myself to be me. Most people think that I am really angry at white people, but those who actually know me find anger and hatred a stretch for me in any context. Truth be told, I have more issues with Africans than I do with Europeans, but the debate around "My Nommo" has certainly raised a plethora of new questions, most of which I can't formulate an answer to.

I have received e-mails from Europeans applauding my work and asking for information and help in combating racism. But on the other hand, I have received death threats and insults from a number of them. From Africans, I have received mostly praise, but praise at a price. Some have deemed me a voice of ALL AFRICAN PEOPLE, others have labeled me an remnant from a time passed long ago. Some have gone as far as to say that people like me are the reason that Africans (African-Americans) still are experiencing racism. I guess I am keeping it alive.

Regardless, I am still here, and see myself as neither. I am definitely not the next black leader — this I know. But the question always arose to me — what if I was? Certainly, our people could gain from a leader who was sensitive to the issues affecting us directly, and intelligent enough to command power and legitimacy through command and not charisma. At least, I once thought. Not to buy into McVhorter's warped logic, but it does seem that Africans' culture does perpetuate a degree of normalcy, in the sense that those who achieve are alienated and criticized for their success.

I am not saying strictly from personal experience, but it does seem that those who are different in our culture are alienated. Many people (Europeans and Africans) have asked me do I think there will be another black leader. Honestly, I have to say no. The reason is pretty simple. If one does arise to be different enough to be a leader, he/she will have to be different from those they lead in some sense. Our culture ensures that those who think they are better than others are ostracized. As such, the leader will have very little connection to the group, who in turn will always despise the qualities of leadership in the leader.

We can see this in black communities all over campus. Fraternities, BAC, the innumerable amount of random student activism over the Patrick Gant situation, etc. We kind of shoot ourselves in the foot. I generally question where this puts me, but then I remember that I don't care. The distinction Africans draw between themselves are superficial at best. The truth of the matter is, at some point we are all a statistic.

Either we are the Africans who end up in jail, dead or with illegitimate babies. Or we end up in a category of success; we have degrees, make over \$50,000 a year, and work for someone else while living in a suburb with a non-African mate, spending all our time thinking of how black people are really different from Niggas.

My point is this. No matter what we think or what I say in columns or what you say about me, nothing will change because our behavior does not change. You may be wondering what sparked these thoughts. Actually a letter writer did, having asked me what Europeans can do to make positive change in the way of race relations. To tell the truth, I don't know. I guess I could quote off a number of authors and their thoughts or go to Malcolm's Razor and say nothing, but that is not realistic, is it? Europeans seem to advocate their positions of theory through their action in life. When they are opposed to Affirmative Action, they are literally fighting for their jobs, because they know they could potentially fill those slots. We argue hypotheticals all day, because we would rather make a moral argument against racism and feel good because we said something.

Part of me really believes Europeans — through their participation — further racism everyday. But I recognize the compassion some Europeans have in ending racism to be genuine, so I think Europeans can help by actively resisting white supremacy by not participating in it. But I also think it is up to Africans to set up the criteria through which this interaction can and should happen. Since most Africans are worried about something else — and God only knows what it is — there will not be much progress in any sense of the word. As for me, I am sure that with time and the more degrees I obtain the more multi-cultural I will become. With my white wife and bi-racial children I am sure that my scholarship will become more biographical and justify my decisions rather than my prospects, or at least some would like to think so.

My Nommo appears on Wednesday. Tommy is a senior in philosophy and political science. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Setbacks aside, it was a hell of a ride!

DEAR EDITOR: While SIUC's regular basketball season was going on, I didn't want to bring up anything that might have been divisive to the team. Like during the season, I could not believe the angle one of the DAILY EGYPTIAN's sports writers took after a big loss. He blamed one or two of the players for the poor free-throw shooting. That was divisive. Every person and team has some flaws. Grow up DE writers! On SIU's NCAA successes, I say kudos! It was great. I was disappointed in the Jekyl & Hyde performance by Kent Williams. My advice to him is to stop imagining what you will do, and just do it! You can put more pressure on yourself than anyone in this world, Kent. And this leader thing has to go. A team is like a hand, it has five fingers, but who is the leader? The brain ... the coach. Great Job Coach. — Weber! I think if you would have used your bench

more it might have shook Kent out of the stupor he seemed to be in. Also the overexposure of press coverage may have took it's toll. I like how UCLA coach John Wooden would shelter his players from the press. Yes, we need the exposure, but how much? Anyway, it was a great season!

George H. Williams SIU alumna, Carbondale

It ain't over till it's over

DEAR EDITOR: Why do some African-Americans feel that racism is the only problem in the world? I'll tell you why! It's because they are African-American and they are only interested in their rights and their own freedom. Everyone in this country has to deal with hardships that prevent him or her from doing something. No matter what race you are, there will be something in your life when you are treated differ-

ently because of things that are out of your control. Personal freedom is something that everyone should receive equally. Why must some African-Americans magnify their problems as if they are the only problems that exist in our society? Until groups such as the KKK, NAACP, Blacks Interested in Business, Minorities in Computer Science and the National Society of Black Engineers change their names and their purpose to benefit everyone and not just one race, then we will continue to experience difficulties with racism.

Victor Hagler sophomore, mechanical engineering

Hail Ann Coulter

DEAR EDITOR: Allow me to be the first to congratulate the esteemed SIUC chapter of the Federalist Society, whoever they are, for their choice of Ann Coulter as a guest speaker. Nothing better personifies the con-

servative agenda than a bimbo-blonde has-been from the Clinton bashing era. I'm sure her lecture will be a stale rehash of "well-documented facts" about the former president, with no shortage of tasteless blue-dress jokes. I mean really, doesn't she have anything better, or more topical, to talk about? Perhaps her views of Muslims living in this country, or elsewhere for that matter, would make for better conversation.

Carbondale and the campus is a culturally rich community, which I'm proud to be a part of. I believe the worst terrorists in America right now are xenophobic bigots like Ms. Coulter who see civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitution as a threat. I'm not going to let myself to get too carried away though; pundits are a dime a dozen these days, and the only thing setting Ann Coulter apart is that some people consider her attractive. I, however, prefer brunettes.

P.S. I'd also like to take this opportunity to urge anyone interested in the Clinton scandal to read "Blinded by the Right," by David Brock.

Andrew S. Jackson senior, classics and computer science

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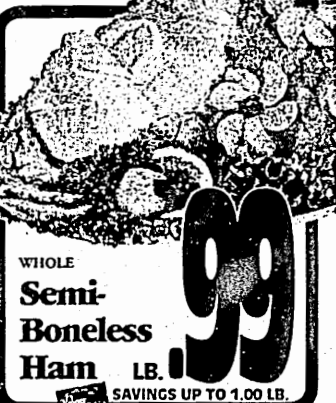
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School of Art and Design gets ready to present annual awards

The finalists for the Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award recently announced

Keva Gaston
Daily Egyptian

After much hard work and dedication, the finalists in the 2002 Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award Competition are preparing to present their projects in the final stages of the selection process and are anxiously awaiting the announcement of a winner.

Harris Deller, director of the School of Art and Design, said the department takes pride in presenting the annual awards, whose purposes are to honor and reward outstanding graduating seniors from the School of Art and Design.

The Rickert-Ziebold Trust Awards were founded in 1975 and are funded by the late Joseph Rickert's family. Rickert, a prominent lawyer and state senator from Waterloo, enjoyed a personal interest in the arts.

His family came to appreciate the central role SIUC plays in the cultural life of the region through its friendships with Delyte Morris and

Dr. Henry William Shryock. Deller said the awards were established in memory of the Rickert family and serve to support and encourage the tradition of excellence.

"Because of their vision, love of art and confidence in the future, we are able to make an annual distribution of approximately \$20,000 in awards to outstanding Rickert-Ziebold scholars," Deller said.

The top winner receives a direct cash grant, which can be applied to a professional education, advanced study, research, travel or other means appropriate to the pursuit of excellence. Awards to more than one recipient will be distributed in equal amounts.

Twenty finalists were announced on March 7, including Jeremie Draper, Brian Smith, Erin Schmitt, Margaret Wagner and Heather Westfall. The students emerged from a group of 24 competitors during the slide presentation judging process by the School of Art and Design faculty the day before.

The finalists will present their work at an exhibition setup in the Allyn Building on March 30.

Myra Kaha, a senior in art and design from Champaign, is one of the finalists and will be presenting functional ceramics at the exhibition. She said that the selection

process can be "trying." "In order to get in the show, you have to present an artist statement, 20 slides and a vita resume that explains why you do what you do," Kaha said.

Deller said the event is a challenge because it is one of the school's first experiences with peer competition and professional evaluation.

The faculty will judge the projects and announce the award recipients on April 1. The winners will be honored with an exhibition of their work in the University Museum on April 6, preceded by a formal banquet and an awards ceremony.

"The School of Art and Design takes pride in the achievements of the Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award recipients, past and present," Deller said. "They reflect the ideas and aspirations of the benefactors of this award."

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City Council to begin discussing budget

Overall decrease in spending for fiscal year 2003, city manager says

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

The completion of Carbondale's Mill Street underpass has created a much lighter budget for the city this year.

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2003, which begins in May, will be reviewed and discussed by the Carbondale City Council at Tuesday night's meeting. The City Council will vote on a final version of the budget April 16.

The budget for the upcoming fiscal year has a decrease in overall spending, mainly because of the Mill Street underpass project that the city worked on last year, City Manager Jeff Doherty said. The proposed overall spending for 2003 is \$36.5 million, a 6.7 percent decrease from last year's

budget of \$39.15 million. The Mill Street underpass, which had a total cost of \$11.3 million, cost the city \$2.8 million last year, Doherty said.

But the general fund budget, which includes police, fire and community services spending, has a proposed 5.4 percent increase compared to last year. Last year's spending was \$17.24 million, compared to fiscal year 2003, which has a proposed total of \$18.17 million. A portion of the increase will go toward a new computer software program for the city and increases in personnel services, Doherty said.

The city's current computer programming uses software from the 1970s that requires multiple entries to be made for financial data that slow the flow of financial information by several days, Doherty said.

"We're really obsolete," he said. "It'll give us up-to-date information." The proposed increases include three percent across-the-board increases for non-union city employees and the addition of five part-time community service officers in the Carbondale Police Department. The new staff

"We're not really in a bad situation, we have a good budget and a lot of flexibility."

Brad Cole
city councilman, Carbondale

members will perform various light duties such as transporting vehicles that will free up more police officers for patrolling, Doherty said.

"They won't be sworn police officers and will do community service types of things," he said. "This way, we can take the sworn officers out on the street more."

Councilman Brad Cole said the proposed budget looks good, but stressed that he doesn't want the city to overpend in any areas.

"I'm going to propose we be cautious," Cole said. "We're not really in a bad situation, we have a good budget and a lot of flexibility."

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part of their class requirements. In 2001, faculty members declared that they no longer wished to sponsor the event. Currently, no one at SIUC has signed the licensing agreement for a regatta and, because of budget problems the University is facing, this year's regatta may not take place, according to Mathias. However, Busch says that everything is right on schedule.

"Saturday April 27, on Campus Lake at noon will be the 29th annual boat regatta," Busch said. "I think it will be a smaller race because the art class that has built boats for it in previous years chooses not to. I would be thrilled to have any student interested in helping, help."

Mark Kerner, a sophomore in visual communications from Frankfort, participated in the festivities last year and said it was a good learning experience. He also said SIUC will be losing if the regatta is not held this year.

"It's like one of the biggest events of SIU, and it has been tradition for what, 20 years?" Kerner said. "Everyone comes out to it; it will be a good disappointment if they don't have it."

The annual boat regatta, part of the School of Art and Design, originated at SIUC and progressed throughout the years. Archer contemplated ideas involving the final exam for his classes and wanted his students to apply their three-dimensional design skills.

Mathias said Archer and other faculty members were exploring the characteristics of cardboard as construction material around the same time.

"The ideas came together in Archer's thinking: why not have his class build cardboard boats as the challenge for their three-dimensional design skills?" Mathias said.

On a Saturday in April 1974, Archer and students took their cardboard boats to the Campus Lake and successfully sailed them. The word spread, and soon people wanted to get

involved with the construction and sailing of cardboard boats. By 1986 the regatta became well-known among SIUC alumni, and the Alumni Association had plans that consisted of spreading the word and enhancing participation, according to Mathias.

"The Alumni Association wanted to build on the reputation of the regatta and contribute to enhancing the image of the University through a strong emphasis on family, fun, creativity, wholesome recreation and other positive aspects," Mathias said. "That year, the Alumni Association took the steps of seeking and obtaining a trademark and copyright protection. The name is 'The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta.'"

A manual was devised providing instructions for putting together a regatta. Rules that were developed through years of experimentation became formalized as part of the legal ownership requirements of the federal protection. An agreement was made with Monumental Productions, Inc. and the Alumni Association. It distributed all legal rights to the new corporation and in turn, the regatta would continue at SIUC without a licensing fee. The campus regatta was to be the model for all other regattas, which would be conducted using the same policies, procedures and rules.

"The simple manual was expanded so that local organizers had a standard way to prepare for a regatta. This actually became a solid selling point for expanding the regatta circuit, local organizers did not have to reinvent the wheel," Mathias said. "Interested participants could show up at any regatta and know what to expect — everything was the same."

The idea developed into an event throughout the years. The basic principles behind the boats focused on involvement and contribution.

"The emphasis has always been on creative problem solving and participation, not competition," Mathias said. "Only later did more formal awards and standard rules and procedures come along."

Archer has been the announcer at regattas from eastern Canada and

Arizona to Orlando, Fla., and Iowa. By the mid-90s, 10 to 12 regattas took place each summer. This year, about 15 are being scheduled in six states and one Canadian province. There are also about half a dozen active inquiries for more regattas, some starting this year and some for future endeavors. New locations include California, Calgary, Houston and various cities in Illinois, Mathias said.

But as regattas become familiar nationwide, participation at SIUC is potentially threatened and could cease, according to Mathias.

"Last May I prepared a working proposal that was sent to two senior administrators at SIUC, making the case for continuing the event, even if the School of Art and Design did not choose to host it any longer," Mathias said. "I can only hope that the proposal will help to keep the idea alive."

Bill Archer, president of Phi Sigma Kappa and the son of Richard Archer, has participated in and headed numerous regattas across the country. His fraternity requested funding from Undergraduate Student Government, but without written documentation as to how much the regatta would cost, USG is unable to fund the event. A regatta typically costs anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000, according to the younger Archer.


"I have run numerous events across the country so I would be more than willing to run the race here. This is where the whole cardboard regatta began and for it to just die is sad," he said. "There are still people who would love to do it and our fraternity would love to sponsor it."

Archer recalls when his father was in charge. Memories consist of early planning and preparation.

"It seems that everyone knows when it is supposed to take place but nobody has done anything," Archer said. "Back when my father was in charge of it, he had the cardboard in town at least two months before the boat races began. The longer we wait the harder it will be to put on a good regatta."

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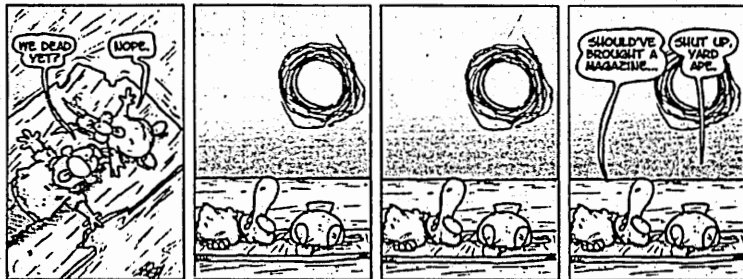
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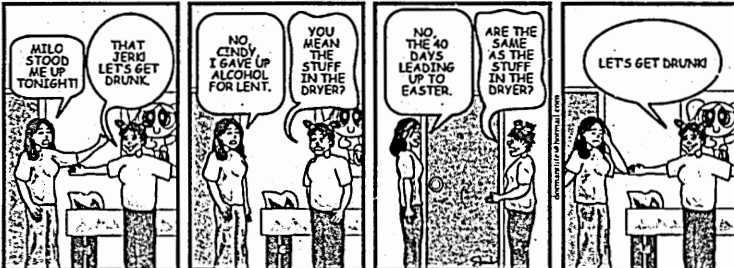


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Daily Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (March 27) - Your assignment this year is to learn how to serve. If you do it well, you'll be richly rewarded. But don't think you have to be in control. That's one thing you may have to give up or postpone. Be patient. This will make you a better leader.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Is it just your imagination, or are more things going wrong than usual? Instead of being impatient and making things worse, relax and take deep breaths. Now, focus on what the others need.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You may be the one who has to make the tough decision. Luckily, you're good at that. Make everybody stick to the budget. They'll be glad you did.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You're at a crossroads in your life. Which way to turn? Whom to follow? As terrifying as it may seem, it could be you. Looks like you're the one with the common sense this time.

Cancer (June 23-July 22) - Today is a 6 - There are a lot of changes going on, that's for sure. If you're trying to please someone else, you may wonder if they'll ever decide what they want. Kids will be squirrely, too. Deep breaths!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Keep your eye on the pea under the shell. Even that may not work. There are so many changes going on, it may be hard to find the bargain or the profit. It's there, though.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Others look to you to figure out what to do next. Your ability to keep priorities straight is priceless now. Pay attention! It'll be like directing traffic in the middle of a hurricane.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 7 - As you're cleaning up, natching up and following through, also check on possible changes. There'll be plenty of them. People may not want things they ordered. They could ask for more. Be prepared to be flexible.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You can get a lot accomplished, most of it through someone else. You provide the direction and motivation, of course. You won't get all the way, but you'll make progress.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Don't believe everything you hear. Give people a chance to take back what they say. You may get to the truth eventually. Keep asking.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Others are facing stress and changes. You can see what needs to be done. Provide direction, inspiration, even a little security. Hugs are good, too.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - The money will flow right through your fingers if you're not careful. Don't make promises that will be expensive to keep.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - If you and your partner go into a fight, things will go from bad to worse. If you listen and learn from each other, you become the Dynamic Duo.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Janet Arnold and Mike Arginton

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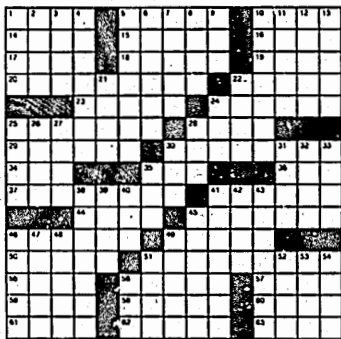
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 18 Blazing
 19 Building additions
 20 Brillantry
 22 Night sky sights
 23 _____ Park, CO
 24 Most ominous
 25 Dined sumptuously
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 37 Suffering from hay fever



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 26 Utopia
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 28 Each
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 31 Swiss capital
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 39 List enders
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 41 Emerald Isle
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Solutions



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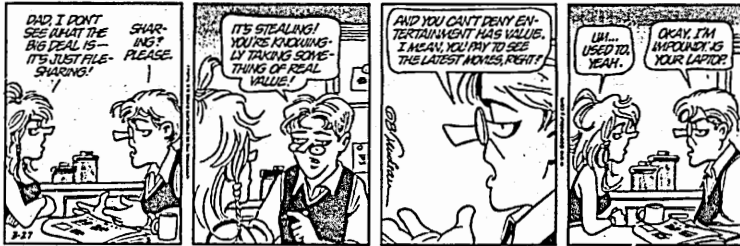
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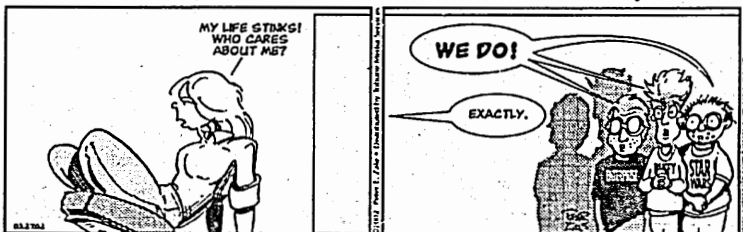
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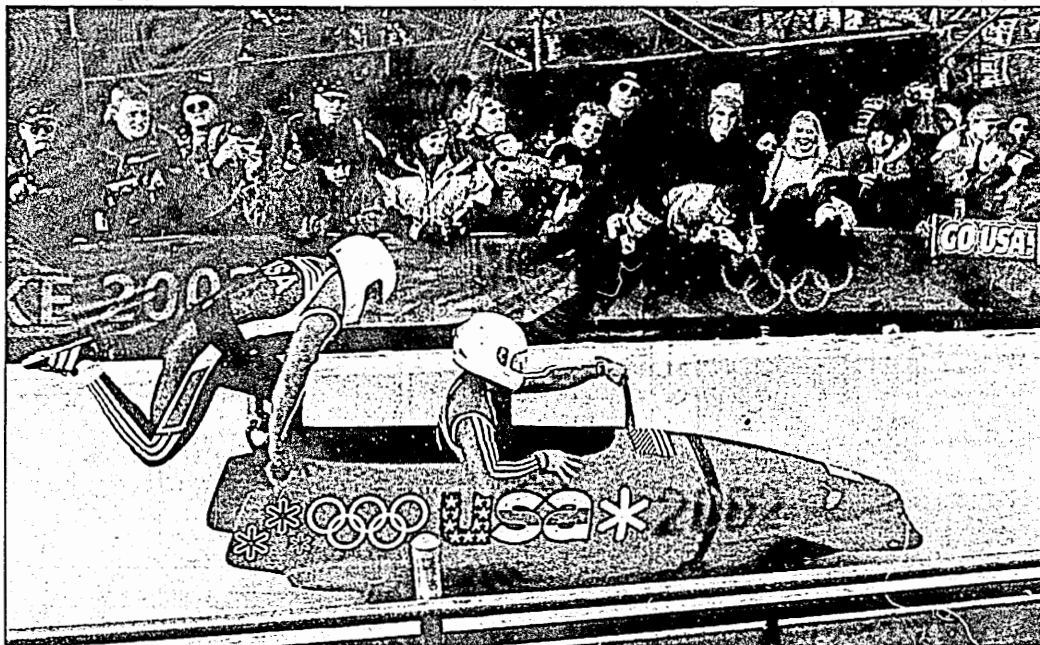
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Alumnus Garrett Hines (back of bobsled) was the brakeman for the U.S. two-man and four-man bobsled teams in this year's Winter Olympics.

Finding the silver lining

Former SIU track star breaks the color lines, becomes first American-American to win a Winter Olympic medal



silver lining

STORY BY TODD MERCHANT PHOTOS PROVIDED

Growing up in Tennessee in the mid-1980s, the furthest thing from Garrett Hines' mind was winning a medal in the Winter Olympics.

That thought was surely running through his head as Hines, a resident of Bartlett, Tenn., stood atop a podium last month at the XIX Winter Olympiad in Salt Lake City with a silver medal draped around his neck and the Stars and Stripes waving in the background.

Hines was the brakeman on the four-man bobsled team that became the first American squad to garner an Olympic medal in the event in 46 years. He and teammate Randy Jones also became the first African-American men to ever win a medal in the Winter Olympics.

The Chicago native could never have dreamed of anything so magical during his adolescence, which was spent shuttling between Illinois and Tennessee, attending several high schools before finally graduating from Bartlett High School in Memphis in 1987.

Focusing mostly on his schoolwork, Hines only played sports during his senior year when he competed in both football and track. He continued to participate in these sports upon arriving at SIU in the fall of 1987.

Hines did not know much about SIU but chose the school because it offered him the best overall package of education and athletics.

Hines redshirted his freshman year

and played for another 1 1/2 years before the burden caused by sports, school and family became too much for him.

"I was married, I had a family," Hines said. "It was overwhelming for me."

He continued to run track, a sport in which he excelled, and just missed earning all-American honors during his senior year. He was named to the all-conference team in his final year and still holds top-10 times in the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

Bill Cornell, Hines' former coach at SIU, remembers the energetic sprinter as being pleasurable to be around and a team leader.

"He was a very versatile athlete," Cornell said. "He was one of the conference's top sprinters."

Hines still looks back fondly on his senior year of 1992, in which the Salukis won their last triple crown — titles in cross country and both indoor and outdoor track.

"That team that we had together had something special," Hines said. "I think that type of chemistry, wanting to find that type of chemistry, is something I'll remember from my years with the team."

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in biological science, Hines was approached by a friend who wanted to know if he was interested in traveling with him to Lake Placid, N.Y., to try out for the Olympic bobsled team.

Because of the physical demands of bobsledding, many of the country's top athletes in the event started their athletic careers in either football or track, it made Hines a perfect candidate.

Cornell didn't think that Hines would amount to much in the fast-paced world of bobsledding.

"I never thought he had the guts to

go 90 mph down the chute," Cornell said.

Hines, however, thought it over and decided it would be an interesting experience. Little did he know that it was a decision that would profoundly change his life forever.

Only months after graduating from college, Hines was competing all over the world in a sport that was still somewhat foreign to him.

"It was a different experience, to travel to different countries, meet new people," Hines said. "It changed my world in a lot of ways."

Although he did not qualify for the team, Hines quickly took to the sport and began to excel. After several years of hard work and training, he earned a spot on the squad that traveled to Nagano, Japan, in 1998.

The Americans were expected to finally end their long medal drought at the Nagano Games. However, the team fell upon several disappointments, the biggest of which involved Hines.

He was a member of the four-man bobsled team that finished in fifth place, just .02 seconds behind third place and the bronze medal. The incredibly narrow margin of defeat wore on Hines and nearly caused him to leave the sport.

"I put a lot into it, training up to that, sacrificing a lot, I did everything to prepare to get there," Hines said. "Two-hundredths of a second is like the bat of a hummingbird wing."

After much consternation, Hines decided he did not want to retire when he knew he was so close to reaching his goal. He also knew that, with the United States hosting the Olympics in 2002, he would have a chance to go out on top in front of his home country.

He easily made it onto this year's squad — one that was definitely poised

to win a medal, if not several.

The Games, however, started with a bit of déjà vu for Hines. He and teammate Todd Hays finished in fourth place of the two-man event, just .03 seconds from snatching a medal.

Hines, however was not deterred, and after the first day of the four-man event, his team was sitting atop the leaderboard. At the end of the final day, the United States had not only won its first medal in 46 years, it had two different teams pick up medals — the silver and bronze.

"I didn't celebrate until I found out that we had actually won the silver and Brian [Shimer's] team had won the bronze," Hines said. "I was happy for our team. I was happy for Brian's team. Everything came to me like an emotional pinnaque there at that particular moment."

Perhaps more important to Hines than helping the American bobsledders ascend the medal podium for the first time since 1956 was the fact that he had broken the color barrier for African-American men in the Winter Games.

American figure skater Debi Thomas officially broke down the racial wall in the 1988 Games, but other than a few exceptions, few black athletes have ever competed for the United States at the Winter Olympics.

Hines hopes that his accomplishment will spur more minority youths to take up winter sports such as sledding and hockey and that at the next Games there will be an even larger representation from minority athletes. There is already a multitude of African-Americans competing at the junior levels of bobsledding.

As a new wave of minority winter athletes prepare to take their shot at stardom, Hines is readying himself for retirement. Next year will be his final

year of competition, culminating with the world championships in Lake Placid.

Hines wants to focus on other areas of his life, such as education. He began taking graduate classes at SIU in 1992 and has been gradually working toward attaining a master's degree in education.

Hines also plans to devote more time to his family — wife Ileana and children Kormec, 13, Nicholle, 12, and Kendall, 9.

Although he will no longer participate competitively in bobsledding after next year, Hines already has enough memories — especially from this year's Games — to last a lifetime.

"I think that the Games are something I'll never forget," Hines said. "Just to be a part of something that made everybody feel so good."

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Garrett Hines was a member of the SIU football team from 1987-89. Hines, who was also a track star, recently won a silver medal in bobsledding at the XIX Winter Olympiad

SIU looks to dominate Saint Louis

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

Talk about just plain old dominance. Since 1992, the SIU softball team has won 22 straight games against regional rival Saint Louis by a combined score of 163-19.

The yearly meeting between the two teams takes place today, with the Salukis welcoming the Billikens to IAW Fields for a doubleheader starting at 2 p.m.

To make things worse for SLU, the Salukis are riding a five-game winning streak going into today's games.

SIU head coach Kern Blaylock said the reason for her team's hot run is that it has just out-fought opponents.

"We're just pitching extremely well, we're playing good defense and I really feel like the kids have really been battling really hard," Blaylock said. "They're not giving in. They're waiting for their opportunity and then they're able to score."

SIU's pitching has been phenomenal, with all three Saluki pitchers boasting winning records and ERAs under 2.00. Freshman Amy Harre stands at 8-4 with a minuscule 0.16 ERA, but she is being closely followed by juniors Katie Kloss (4-1, 1.89) and Renee Mueller (4-3, 1.21).

Blaylock expects to have all three get a few innings under their belts against the 12-11 Billikens.

"Renee's going to start the first game because she's been having some back problems and I want to get her some innings," Blaylock said. "She has been feeling a little bit more healthy, but I actually think all three of them will get some time."

While some may point at SLU's 1-7 record in Conference USA play and expect SIU to chalk up two more easy wins, the Salukis are expecting a tight ballgame.

Blaylock said SLU head coach Jim Molloy has done a great job of rebuilding the program back up to a competitive level in recent years.

"[Molloy] has recruited really well," Blaylock said. "He has improved his team greatly over the past two or three years, and I think it'll be a good ballgame."

The players know this isn't the same Billiken squad they have abused in recent years.

"They have some good hitters, good pitching and they haven't been awesome in the past, but I know that they're pretty good this year," Kloss said. "We're going to have to come out and be at the top of our game."

SIU (16-8, 5-0 Missouri Valley

Conference) is looking forward to the games because poor weather conditions have already cost them a few games this season, the most recent coming this past Sunday when a game against Drake was canceled.

It is because of cancellations that mid-week games like this are so vital to the teams.

"Some think it's no big deal, but you can't treat them lightly because you have so many games canceled," junior outfielder Kendra Moore said. "You got to go out and take two because we haven't had many opportunities to play lately."

When they have had the opportunity to play, the Salukis have made the best of it, and they intend to continue doing just that.

"Once you get into the pattern of winning, you don't want to lose. You don't like the feeling of losing," Moore said. "You want to keep this awesome feeling of winning because it makes it so much easier when you're winning."

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The next review for SIU will be during fiscal year 2008. Next year, fiscal year 2003, will be the five-year peer review to see if the department has done what it said it would do to keep up to code.

"We are not in a position of eliminating any of our programs," Kowalczyk said. "SIU has had a good history of complying with the rules and being in good standing and we will continue to do so."

Title IX was created for the fairness of women in sports, but at the same time some believe it creates an unfair target of male athletes.

Athletes who do not compete in basketball, baseball or football are the first to see their programs eliminated because those sports are usually the highest grossing in money and attendance.

Not only do students lose the ability to play sports on the college level, many of them lose scholarship money and can no longer pursue their academics.

The number of participants in sports is not the only reason a school may not be in compliance. The amount of money spent on uniforms, travel and overall treatment of the male athletes versus the women are also taken into consideration.

Bowling Green had previously cut men's lacrosse and wrestling earlier this year and now on the list is tennis, swimming and track and field.

"It's unfortunate and I just hate to see that happen," Kowalczyk said.

SIU has 14 athletic programs, seven of which are women's teams. This equality in programs is what keeps the University in compliance.

"Our numbers are looked at and if need be, we rearrange some things and increase our women's numbers," Kowalczyk said.

As for the universities that have and are currently in jeopardy of losing some of the men's programs, the No. 1 priority on the agenda is to get within compliance and hopefully reinstate some of the lost programs.

Losing a program is not an easy thing to deal with, but it is a sacrifice a university sometimes has to make in order to stay in step with the law.

"We have and will continue to make every effort to keep things fair for both the men and women of the athletic program," Kowalczyk said.

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Salukis look to stay ahead

Men's basketball will try to prove it's not just a one-year fling when next season rolls around

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

The 28 wins amassed by the SIU men's basketball team is chiefly attributed to an off-season last year in which the Salukis toiled relentlessly to eradicate the bad taste in their mouths from a disappointing season.

Now, the Salukis are fresh off a Sweet Sixteen appearance, and there's no bad taste to be found. That means it'll be up to veterans like Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman to ensure the flame is still burning for the Salukis once the team finishes unwinding from a hectic month of March and begins working toward next season.

It's often thought that maintaining success is far more difficult than achieving it the first time. Dearman doesn't think many will expect SIU to maintain its newfound standing among the college basketball elite, a factor he says should drive the team this off-season.

"We've got to bounce back from losing Rolan [Roberts] and show people we're still a good team," Dearman said. "We can use this season as motivation. We weren't perfect. We can still work harder, try to make it to the Final Four and compete for a championship."

The Salukis will have a sturdy base to rely on in ascending forward Dearman, leading scorer Williams and impressive sophomores-to-be Darren Brooks and Stetson Hairston.

Weber likes his returning group, but is anxious to see them elevate their games to help compensate for the defections of Roberts, Marcus Belcher, Tyrese Buie and walk-on Jason Ward.

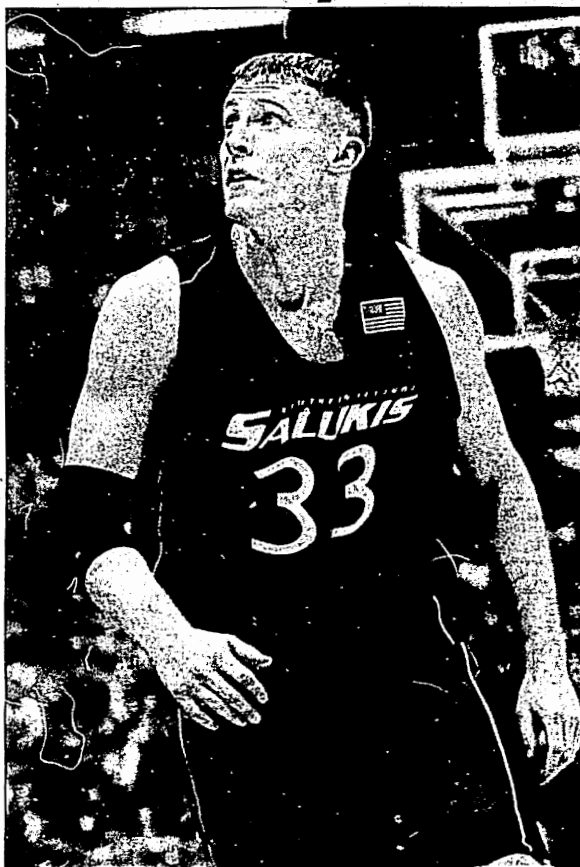
"They had good years," Weber said of his non-seniors. "Now, Jermaine's got to do it more consistently, Kent can keep advancing his game and hopefully we can put a little more weight and strength on him. I think both of the freshmen have tremendous potential. Brad Korn's got to get weight, Sly [Willis] has got to solidify his game."

"Hopefully, they realize that it'll take effort and time to have success."

That's a message that was taken to heart by last year's team, and one Brooks will attempt to carry into the new season.

"We still can be a great team, but it's going to be hard to replace Rolan," Brooks said. "It's going to be a big challenge. We have to come out with the same attitude we had last year, and it all starts with the summer."

Assuming all of SIU's players with remaining eligibility return, the Salukis have just one additional scholarship to offer this spring. Ideally, SIU wants a big man who can contribute immediately, but is also consider-



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Junior guard Kent Williams, leading scorer for the Salukis this season, will return to play ball for one last season next fall. Despite losing starters Rolan Roberts and Marcus Belcher to graduation, Williams, along with the rest of the returning Salukis, will work towards another successful season.

ing high school point guards who could solidify that position long-term.

Although weathering the loss of Roberts' muscle and shot-blocking is unmistakably the biggest early question next year's Salukis need to answer, Weber believes redshirted big men Josh Warren and Stefan Jabkiewicz can offer reliable help to Dearman, Willis and Korn.

"I feel Josh can be a good player," Weber said. "He's got great skills, has a pretty good feel for the game. Stefan has good skills. He's just got to show over a period of time that he's willing to work at it to get better."

The Salukis already have three recruits in the fold for next season — athletic junior col-

lege point guard Bryan Turner, Galesburg High School shooting guard Ryan Walker and 6-foot-4-inch Indiana native Blake Schoen, who Weber thinks could end up resembling former Indiana State standout Matt Renn.

"The kids we signed early we feel good about," Weber said. "I'm not sure how many can help us right away, but if we can get one of those three to give us solid minutes and maybe another one to give us a few minutes here and there, it would be a pretty good class."

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Men's athletics programs fall due to Title IX complications

SIU not among universities across the nation cutting teams

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

More and more universities are losing men's athletic programs due to compliance violations of Title IX. With all of the cuts going on, where does SIU stand?

"There is no question about it — we are in good shape," SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said.

On March 23, Tulane University in New Orleans and Bowling Green University in Ohio were the latest universities to fall victim to the Title IX gender equality law enforced by the NCAA Gender-Equity Task Force.

A university can lose an athletic program because of many reasons, but Title IX is one of the most visible. A school is not in compliance when the student-athlete ratio is not equal to the overall student population of a university.

The athletic programs hardest hit are typically men's track and field, swimming, tennis and wrestling.

In recent semesters, the University of Oklahoma, University of Kansas and Iowa State cut their swimming and diving teams.

Michigan State University had to let go of men's gymnastics. Seton Hall University, Syracuse University and Bucknell University all discontinued their wrestling programs.

Since the inception of Title IX, a total of 425 schools released wrestling in order to become compliant, the most of any program cut.

To see the impact of Title IX on SIU, one would have to go back to 1982 when the wrestling program was cut, and then in 1989, when the university let go of men's gymnastics.

According to Donna Turner, the athletic media director of Tulane University, once a school is found to not be in compliance with the law, the athletic director and his team meet to evaluate which programs will be cut.

"They look at the numbers of the teams that will get us within compliance and have the least impact on the student-athletes," Turner said.

The track and field team at Tulane posed the least threat because it consisted of mostly seniors. Once the season is over the students will be able to keep their scholarships as long as they are in academic good standing.

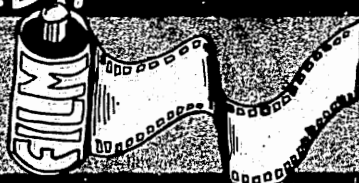
As for the programs cut at Bowling Green and some other universities, the student-athletes will lose their scholarships and have to face the possibility of paying for school themselves or transferring to another college where they will be able to participate in the sport.

Every 10 years a school has to be certified. The three main areas that are assessed are integrity, student-athlete welfare and Title IX compliance. Every year enrollment at universities change, and when the number of female students rises, the number of female athletes has to change as well.

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