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# SIUC tuition freeze in the works?

Bill to hold tuition rates constant over four years for new freshman

**Gus Bode**

**Katie Davis**  
Daily Egyptian



**Gus says:**  
I wish they would freeze beer prices for four years.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said the University most likely would not proceed with the 8- and 7-percent proposed tuition hikes for the next two years, which were part of a four-year package developed in 2002.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the truth-in-tuition bill on Tuesday, which freezes tuition rates for incoming freshmen for four years of college instruction, sending Wendler's tuition plans for the next two years, which were formulated as a four-year package two years ago, in a loop.

Wendler said further calculation is necessary to determine how much tuition

will increase for the first truth-in-tuition class in the 2004-2005 school year.

"We had scheduled a 7-percent increase for next year," Wendler said. "We will look carefully at that. We're trying to do models to see how much income it would create and what 7 percent flat for four years would do. We're working on it."

Two years ago, Wendler produced a four-year plan that would raise tuition 18 percent in fall 2002, 16 percent in fall 2003, and 7 percent and 8 percent the following two years.

He said the 16-percent tuition increase, which was calculated on students' July bills, will remain intact for this school year.

Wendler said the University has utilized a policy similar to the truth-in-tuition bill for several years.

Blagojevich said during the budget address in April that it was important

that students and parents be given realistic estimates for the cost of a four-year education. Wendler said the SIUC board annually requests projections for increases over the next four years.

The truth-in-tuition bill was modeled after a system adopted at Western Illinois University in 1999. Western spokesman John Maguire said the university's administration discussed and planned for the policy change for about a year before it went into effect. He said tuition was not raised during the initial year, though the University handed out a 16-percent increase for the 2002-2003 school year, and a 13-percent increase for this fall, attributed mainly to state cuts.

"Those incoming freshmen may pay more than their predecessors," Maguire said, "but when you divide that by four years, it's very reasonable."

Maguire said the key was an inordinate amount of planning on behalf of the WIU

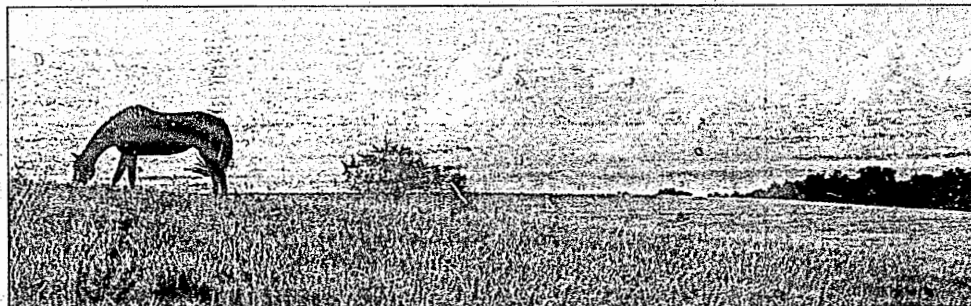
Board of Trustees. He said they make cost projections for several years before setting an increase.

"But even when you freeze tuition, there will still be an increase in revenue because the people that are graduating pay a lower rate than those that are coming in," Maguire said.

Wendler said it would take some time for the administration to assess what the legislation means to the University because some details are still sketchy regarding how to administer the tuition freeze.

"In any given class, there are five to six different rates of tuition," he said. "In History 101, you could have a freshman, a sophomore, a junior, a senior and a second-year senior, and they're all paying a different rate."

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A horse grazes among the rolling fields during the few remaining hours of Monday's fading light. The hills and valleys of rural Jackson County provide ample space for recreation for animals and humans alike during the long summer afternoons.

## Job outlook bleak for graduates

**Jessica Yorama**  
Daily Egyptian

The march performed during the ceremonial "Pomp and Circumstance" is supposed to lead graduates to a superior state. Instead, many are finding themselves in the same situation they were in prior to obtaining their degree — hoping to find a career.

While the destination after the completion of college used to consist of the ride to the location of their new career, the new ride often takes students right back to where they started, at home. An unsteady job market has left many graduates not with a paycheck from their first career, but merely a diploma and hope for a career.

A recent survey performed by the National Association of Colleges and Employers found that 60 percent of employers said they would be hiring less college graduates than the previous year. Even more disturbing is, according to a survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a 10-percent increase in unemployment for people ages 20-24.

"It's been about the same [for graduating SIUC students], but it's a little more competitive than it was this time last year," Associate Director of Career Services Marilyn DeTomas said. "There's a lot of cutting back, streamlining and a lot of companies aren't in a growth mode, because the economy is not in a growth mode."

While there is no way for recent graduates to personally combat the struggling economy, there are means of increasing the odds of being hired out of college.

"It all depends on your effort in advance," DeTomas said. "A lot of students feel like they should wait until they graduate to look for a job, but you should start in January. The longer they wait, the lower success their success rate will be."

DeTomas said that it is also important that students preparing to enter the job market possess skills in a variety of areas.

"It's always important that a person have the ability to multi-task,"

## SIU prepares for hundreds at open house

Prospective students, families experience University in one day

**Bertie Taylor**  
Daily Egyptian

The office of Undergraduate Admissions and various departments are preparing to put their best foot forward for approximately 1,200 people on Friday.

During a one-day open house at the Recreation Center, high school students and their families will get an introduction to SIUC, campus life, financial aid and the process of choosing a college.

In addition to the academic departments, Financial Aid, Career Services, University Housing and Student Development will have representatives available.

Unlike many colleges, SIUC has five open houses and two informational previews a year. Undergraduate Admissions has been coordinating these events for nearly 30 years.

Guests will be able to tour academic facilities, speak with departmental representatives and ask plenty of questions, activities that can have a strong influence on a student's interest in the college.

Katharine Johnson Suski, campus visit coordinator for Undergraduate Admissions, said this is exactly what she and her department want.

"A lot of the students are shy," Suski said. "For many of the high school students and parents that come out, it's their first experience with the whole college process," Suski said.

perfect time to get them answe.ed."

Suski said all of the colleges usually participate in some way.

Some will offer tours and seminars that focus on their facilities and programs. Many departments will have an information table manned by a representative in the Recreation Center Friday morning.

Judith Rossiter, an advisor for the School of Journalism, said coming out to see the campus you're considering is always a good idea.

"Open houses provide an opportunity for prospective students to come and physically see the school," Rossiter said.

"We're known for our Southern hospitality around here, and I think it's helpful for students to see our campus and meet a contact person they can call in the future."

Shirley Clay Scott, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said that an open house is also a chance for students to become aware of the variety of programs SIUC has to offer.

"This is a good time to introduce people to all of the different majors and opportunities at the University," Scott said.

"All of the departments in COLA will be there, and we participate in this event with pleasure."

With the exception of housing, campus and department tours, all of the activities will take place in the Recreation Center.

Check-in is from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and will be followed by a panel presentation titled "How to be a Saluki." The presentation will cover a myriad of topics from the application process to surviving the first day of classes.

From 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., guests will be free to mill about the various information tables.

"It's going to be set up like a college fair, with many colleges offering separate tables for each of their departments," Suski said.

"One of the biggest advantages of coming out to the open house is the number of things you can experience at one time."

While the program is aimed at juniors, Suski said that many students that attend are high school students of different ages and non-traditional students.

Of the 1,200 participants expected, approximately 400 will be students. Suski said that most of these students are comfortable with the amount of information the University provides.

"While it is a lot of information in one day, it's not rushed," Suski said.

"Because it's in a shopper-friendly format, parents and students can get the specific information they want without feeling overwhelmed. It's great for students who have no idea what they want."

Scott said the students who attend will be at a definite advantage over those that do not come to any of the open house events.

"The more knowledge you have the more likely you are to make better decisions about your college and your major," Scott said.

"It can never be a bad idea to get more information."

The next SIUC open house is scheduled for October 13.

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— Shirley Clay Scott, dean, COLA

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### NATIONAL NEWS

#### Dotson balks at extradition to Texas

CHESTERTOWN, Md. — A shackled and subdued Carlton Dotson, accused by Waco police of murdering former Baylor University basketball teammate Patrick Denney, refused to waive extradition to Texas at a court hearing this morning and remains in the Kent County Detention Center after being denied bail.

Kent County District Judge Floyd Parks told Dotson, 21, and his attorneys that under the fugitive warrant issued by Waco police, Dotson has the right to another hearing within 30 days. Dotson, who is from nearby Hurlock, Md., was arrested Monday after calling the Chestertown police Sunday and seeking for assistance.

Meanwhile Tuesday, Waco police searched for Denney's body in an area of gravel pits about six miles east of the Baylor campus.

A woman who lives adjacent to the gravel pits said deputies began showing up on her property at 6 a.m. to search the gravel pits and a wooded area.

"The deputy told me they found something in the water," Elia Torres said.

She said the gravel pits are a popular fishing area for Waco residents and that students frequently "drag race" along Farm Road 3400 on Friday nights.

Dotson, dressed in an orange prison jumpsuit, did not speak at

the hearing other than to answer "yes" when the judge asked him whether he understood the charge. One of Dotson's attorneys, Sherwood Wescott, told reporters after the hearing that the decision to stay in Maryland was "strategic."

#### Peterson defense team asks that preliminary hearing be closed

MODESTO, California (CNN) — Accused killer Scott Peterson's defense team filed a court motion Tuesday asking that his preliminary hearing this fall be closed to the public.

His lawyers said his right to a fair and impartial trial on charges of killing his pregnant wife, Laci, would be jeopardized "by the intense media attention that plagues this case." Prosecutors also have asked that the hearing be closed.

The media has requested five televised coverage of the September 9 hearing, Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge Al Girolami will consider the request at a hearing August 14.

Laci Peterson's family has already registered its opposition to cameras in the court, and Tuesday, Amber Frey, Peterson's admitted mistress, filed a motion through her attorney asking that her appearance at the preliminary hearing not be broadcast.

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

#### Saddam's sons killed in raid by U.S. troops

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. troops killed two of the most feared and powerful figures of Saddam Hussein's regime his sons Qdai and Qusai during a fierce six-hour gun battle Tuesday in the northern city of Mosul, the top U.S. commander in Iraq said.

Four U.S. troops were wounded in the fight.

The deaths of the two brothers marked an important military and morale-boosting breakthrough for U.S. troops, who for weeks have been killed in daily attacks and who sometimes appeared to be on the brink of losing control in the country they and British forces conquered three months ago.

Their deaths also raised hopes of at least a psychological blow to hardcore loyalists of Saddam's former Baath party regime, who U.S. officials blame for carrying out the attacks. It was unknown whether the two brothers played any active role directing the resistance to U.S. forces.

Celebratory gunfire broke out and streams of tracer rounds ripped through the sky over Baghdad Tuesday as word of Qdai's and Qusai's deaths spread. Hopes also grew that the back of the Baathist guerrilla insurgency had been broken and that Saddam Hussein would be next on the American hit list.

The deaths were welcome news at the White House, where President Bush monitored developments in Mosul in a series of

telephone calls from Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. The demise of Saddam's closest relatives gave Bush and his advisers something to rejoice about after a steady stream of headlines highlighting the mounting U.S. death toll in Iraq, problems in establishing a democratic government, and Bush's use of flawed intelligence in making the case for war.

Even so, White House officials were slow to trumpet the news from Mosul, having been burned before by inaccurate reports of Saddam's death. Bush had no public events Tuesday and did not offer any reaction to the deaths.

"Over the period of many years, these two individuals were responsible for countless atrocities committed against the Iraqi people and they can no longer cast a shadow of hate on Iraq," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said in a statement. "While there is still much work to do in Iraq, the Iraqi people can see progress each day toward a better and more prosperous future for their country."

On Capitol Hill, Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. official in Iraq, was more effusive as he made the rounds of congressional offices to shore up support for the administration's post-war effort.

"This is a really great day for the Iraqi people."

"It's a wonderful day for the fine American men and women in our services, who have shown again how competent and professional they are," Bremer told reporters after a closed-door meeting with lawmakers. "The fact that Baghdad was lighted up with celebratory fire tonight shows you how important this is."

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### TODAYS CALENDAR

There are no items to report.

### POLICE REPORTS

#### UNIVERSITY

- Joseph W. Schumacher, 21, Effingham, was ticketed for riding a motorcycle without eye protection at 9:28 a.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Lincoln Drive and Lot 47. Schumacher posted his driver's license as bond.
- Bin-Chang, 24, Carbondale, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and improper overtaking on the left at 1:20 a.m. Wednesday on East Grand Avenue. Chang posted driver's license as bond.
- Tameca N. Jones-Allen, 25, Carbondale, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 2:48 a.m. Wednesday at the intersection of Lewis Lane and East Park Street. Jones-Allen was released on a personal recognition bond.

### BRIEFS

#### Road closings

- College Street from west of the Police Station entrance to Wall Street will be restricted to one lane of traffic. Traffic may be delayed for short periods between Wednesday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m. until Friday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. Please use alternate routes if possible.
- Wall Street (from College Street to north on Wall Street approximately 250 feet) will be restricted to one lane of traffic northbound and to one lane of traffic southbound, for short periods of time all traffic may be delayed starting Tuesday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m. until Friday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. Please use alternate routes if possible.

### CORRECTIONS

The July 23 article "Three employees to receive raise," stated that members of the Faculty Association had not yet received the raises promised in their contract. The message this statement intended to convey was that, although the Faculty Association is by contract guaranteed a 2-percent raise, instated on July 1, members will not be certain of the exact amount each individual will get until they actually receive their monthly paychecks on Aug. 1. The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.

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# City Council approves old CCHS gym for use as teen center

Mayor Cole chastises  
Mediacom for high costs,  
poor customer service

Burke Wasson  
Daily Egyptian

An organization that has tried for more than six years to bring a teen center to Carbondale got one step closer to making its dream a reality Tuesday night.

The Carbondale City Council unanimously approved donating a small gym located on the former campus of Carbondale Community High School to the group for use as a teen center.

Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan, who had previously served as the chair of the group's board of directors, said she is relieved and delighted that the teen center is finally coming to fruition.

She said she credits its recent progress to the work and patience of the group's volunteers since 1997.

"A number of people had the foresight to make this happen," Flanagan said.

"It's a wonderful thing that the volunteers of this community stepped forward. It always takes longer than you expect. I look forward to the day the center opens its doors."

Courtland Munroe, chairman of the organization, said the teen center will be "more than just a basketball court."

He said the center plans to develop programs in other sports, physical fitness, the arts, education and character development.

Flanagan said the center would also include a study room with computers and a lounge room with a snack bar.

She said the center is also open to having social events such as dances.

Munroe said Carbondale Community Teen Center Inc. is also trying to become an affiliate of the Boys & Girls Club of America.

He said the organization will uphold the same values and attempt to offer the same programs as the Boys & Girls Club.

"It's a highly regarded national program that has rigorous standards," Munroe said. "And we're ready to take them on."

Munroe said he is not attempting to take the place of any other Carbondale youth programs and invited other groups to participate in the teen center's renovation.

In order for the teen center to get off the ground, Munroe said help from the community is needed.



Mayor Brad Cole expresses his aggravations with Mediacom's customer service at their new call center, during the City Council meeting Tuesday evening. The purpose of the new call center is to ensure that, instead of receiving a busy signal when calling Mediacom, a customer will be rerouted to one of five other call centers for service.

AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

He said the group is seeking financial support, in-kind gifts and volunteer workers to refurbish the gym.

Mayor Brad Cole said due to state law, the City Council cannot donate the property yet to the teen center.

He said that would be accomplished at the Aug. 12 council meeting.

Cole also said he found out Tuesday that progress has been made with the local push to save the Varsity Theater.

"Today, I have been in contact with interested buyers," Cole said.

"Hopefully, if they are legitimate prospects, something will come about in the very near future."

The Springfield-based theater chain Kerasotes Theaters, which owns the Varsity Theater, closed the theater in May to open a new ShowPlace 8 on the east end of the University Mall.

The Varsity had been open 63 years on South Illinois Avenue.

Cole also arranged to have representatives from Mediacom, the company that provides cable TV and Internet service to Carbondale, attend the meeting to discuss problems with the company's service.

Mediacom has provided the city with cable TV service since July 2001.

The cable company had previously attended the council's Dec. 12 meeting, where representatives said broadband Internet service would be available across Carbondale within 90 days.

After questioning from Councilman Steven Haynes, Mediacom representative Randy Hollis said citywide Internet service had finally been completed within the past 45 days.

Cole said he was recently irritated by a Mediacom telephone operator when he called the company Sunday afternoon to complain that he was receiving poor service on 14 of the 34 channels he gets from the company.

Cole said he requested that a Mediacom technician visit his home Sunday to investigate the problem.

He said the operator told him technicians have never been available on Sundays, and that they never will be.

Hollis had said at Tuesday's meeting that technicians were available seven days a week.

Cole said the operator said the company could have a technician at his home between 8 a.m. and noon or 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Cole said he was further irritated when he asked the operator if someone could be at his home between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Tuesday.

"He told me I was being childish," Cole said.

"If this is the type of service that I get, what about the rest of the citizens of Carbondale? When I'm treated the way I was treated, I don't appreciate it."

Cole said he has received numerous phone calls at his home as early as 7 a.m. from local citizens complaining about their cable service.

He said some of the calls have been from people who do not live in Carbondale.

"I get phone calls from people who live in Makanda," Cole said.

"They complained about their cable to me because they want someone to help. We have some serious issues with something that affects a great deal of us."

Cole told Mediacom's representatives that he had not voted for the company's current contract with Carbondale in 2001, because he thought it would bring higher costs and less service.

The mayor told Hollis that he stands by his vote because customers are paying too much for the company's fees.

Hollis apologized to Cole for the way he was treated during his phone call to Mediacom's Virtual Call Center and assured that the employee will be appropriately disciplined.

Mediacom representatives said they would attend another Council meeting this year to give an update of the company's services.

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— Maggie Flanagan  
council woman

## SIU-grown fruit and veggies for sale

Refreshing treats offered  
at reasonable prices

Linsley Maughan  
Daily Egyptian

Plant and soil science graduate student Mark Rundle chills in a cowboy hat under a shady tree on campus with a big sign reading "SIU grown peaches."

He's got a van full of crates containing SIU-grown fresh fruit and vegetables, and they're all very reasonably priced.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the summer, he sells SIU's produce to students, faculty and other SIU employees such as workers from the grounds and physical plants, in addition to townspeople.

Rundle said that when they get pretty good business.

He said that when the fall semester starts, they will see more sales.

"It's a good way to get rid of some of the excess produce that we have

from research," he said.

"I have quite a few people stop by."

Rundle, who is from West Frankfort, became involved when his adviser suggested that he take on this job.

This is his second year helping out.

"We're not doing it for the profit," he said, which is obvious by the low pricing.

Rundle said that it's good experience in addition to growing and picking the produce at SIU.

With the money that they do make, the sales fund the purchase of things like fertilizer, seeds and baskets.

Patti Cludray, an office systems specialist in the Department of Forestry at SIU, takes advantage of the opportunity to purchase fruits and vegetables from the school when they are available.

"I come out here every year. at

least a couple of times while they're out," she said.

"I really look forward to it, especially the peaches. They've got some really good produce."

"I look forward to these guys sitting out here. You can always tell it's summer!"

"We think it's a good program, and we want to support our Aggies."

The SIU-grown produce will be available through November and is located next to the Agriculture parking lot across from Thompson Point.

Available are tomatoes, hot peppers, bell peppers, cantaloupe, watermelon, broccoli, cabbage, garlic, peaches, apples, plums, grapes, cider, sweet potatoes and, in the fall, pumpkins.

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**"We're not doing it for the profit."**

— Mark Rundle  
councilman

## Lynch returns to W.Va

POW Jessica Lynch  
is relieved to be home

Angela Jones  
The Daily Athenaeum (West  
Virginia U.)

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (U-WIRE)—Thousands of people lined the streets of Elizabeth, W.Va., Tuesday.

Many of them had come from across the country, and all wanted to catch a glimpse of West Virginia's hero, Pfc. Jessica Lynch.

Lynch arrived in Elizabeth Tuesday, a small town located five minutes from her hometown of Palestine, W.Va.

In Elizabeth, she held a press conference for the hundreds of media representatives in attendance.

From the conference, she was taken by motorcycle in a Ford Mustang convertible to her home.

Gov. Bob Wise gave the welcoming remarks to the press and

to Jessica, followed by Jessica's older brother, Specialist Greg Lynch who made a statement on behalf of the Lynch family.

Then, Jessica took the microphone opening with, "It's great to be home."

In addition, she wished to thank those "who hoped and prayed" for her.

She also thanked the medical staffs of the hospitals in Germany and Washington, D.C., where she was treated.

She said, "I am also grateful to several Iraqi citizens who helped save my life while I was in their hospital."

"And then a unit of our special forces did save my life."

With her family sitting beside her, Jessica said, "I'm proud to be a soldier in the Army."

"I'm proud to have served with the 507th."

Before she left the stage, Lynch ended with the same statement with which she opened.

"It's great to be home."



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### Feckless Pondering

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## As a parent, lessons become clearer

What I remember from childhood is fleeting, and becomes more important every year. Parents want to believe, more and more that every word and every movement of their parenting is crucial. Children's lives are full of flash cards and Mozart, lectures and lessons, chores and talks. Some children are overwhelmed with the amount of instruction and warnings being thrown at them, all of us adults hoping that some of it may stick.

In my school we were to wear the "Say No to Drugs" buttons every day. If we did this more than any other class, we got to go to a local amusement park. My class didn't win, and I'm sure that not very many of us took our button's message to heart.

The buttons represented a trip to Darien Lake, nothing beyond that. By the end of high school I was drinking and smoking pot with the best of them.

Many of my friends tried crack more than once, but I didn't. I sat in my living room one day when I was 8 years old and looked at a cover of a magazine depicting crack being dispensed into some one's head.

I asked my mother what crack was. She said it was a drug that conditioned you to like nothing but itself. Music wouldn't sound beautiful, sex wouldn't feel good and food would bring no comfort once a person was addicted. That is what addiction is, she said. Through my teen-age years I kept my mother's words in the back of my mind, and was glad for them at crucial moments.

The other day, to avoid the lines at the student center, I drove across town to Fazzoli's and waited in line. The poor employees behind the counter were doing all they could, and people were being generally patient and good spirited about the wait.

A 12-year-old girl walked up to the counter in front of every one and gave her order. Too young to tell off, and too small a thing to protest, we all kept our mouths shut and averted our eyes. Two minutes later her mother walked in the door, joined her daughter and started to order. When reminded of the 10 people she had passed on her way in the door she said, "Oh, some times there are two lines," and then turned a deaf ear to the series of protests and insults that came from various mouths, (my own among them).

Three days later I was at Wal Mart and two girls, about the same age, cut in front of me with a backpack they were in a hurry to buy. Again, here came the mother. She looked at them, and at me.

"Did you girls get in front of this lady? You need to let her in front of you," She said. I looked at my packed cart and of their one item.

"That's okay, you have one thing, go ahead," I said.  
The woman had the girls thank me and she apologized for their behavior. Perhaps that moment for those girls will bring with it a message from their mother about lines, waiting turns, the back and forth of politeness and respect.

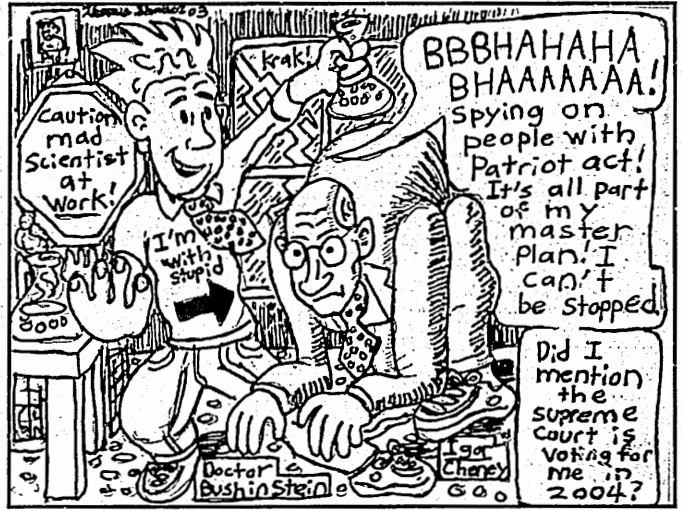
My father thought phone manners were the most important thing in the world. Young men who called the house for me with the question of was I at home, got a one-word response: "Yes". After a long silence they would ask what they meant, could they speak to me. He would stand next to me when I made phone calls and some times criticize me afterwards for not saying "please" or not introducing myself.

These things are important, and I still believe they are. I have found in my adult life that getting anything from your light bill payments extended to a job can depend on the manner in which you make crucial phone calls. Respect and consideration for the person on the other end of the phone can make all the difference, and that is important.

What we say and do in front of our children is important. The smallest thing can make the biggest difference.

The right thing is... fleeting and mysterious as my childhood. I try to figure it out, wrestle with morality and goodness every day. Finding and defining the right thing is not always easy, but I know it is possible. My parents showed me.

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## THEIR WORD

# Education policy hits sour note by losing music and art in schools

Daily Mississippian  
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OXFORD, Miss. (U-WIRE) — While Old McDonald still has his farm, thousands of the nation's school children are no longer singing his praise.

A University of Florida study shows that the loss of American folk music is just one of the many victims of budget cuts and changing emphases in public school education.

It would seem arts and music education in general are falling out of favor in our country's classrooms.

Besides the obvious budget cuts that limit faculty and classroom space, many claim the recently passed No Child Left Behind law is a direct cause for the change. Under that law, all students must perform at grade level in math and language by 2014.

While the No Child Left Behind law has no provisions limiting musical focus in schools, advocates of arts in schools say educators are emphasizing these language and math scores at the expense of music and arts class time.

There are a good many reasons to keep music and arts education in our schools, despite their sometimes hefty financial requirements.

Students who participate in afterschool activities such as band and orchestra are much less likely to fall into delinquent behavior sim-

ply because they have much less spare time on their hands in which to cause trouble.

Students of music and art have a built-in creative and healthy outlet for their fears and frustrations.

They also have an automatic group of acquaintances with similar interests with whom they can bond.

In elementary school, kids listen to music from cultures around the world — from the bagpipes of Scotland to the tribal drums of Africa.

They learn American history and life and are forced to identify with lifestyles far removed from their own.

Perhaps the most telling argument, though, is that the top-performing schools around the nation incorporate music and art very heavily into their curriculum.

A 1999 UCLA study showed that students participating in music programs three times a week scored an average of 40 percent higher in math, reading, history and geography than students who did not.

All of this is to say, no matter what fiscal crises or test requirements a school district is forced to deal with, music and art education have a vital role in the education of American children.

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# 'Coast to Coast for Cancer' reaches Carbondale

## College student plans to cycle across U.S. to raise cancer awareness

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Daily Egyptian

For more than a month now, Stephen Sroka has been making his way across the United States, finding himself in a different city almost every night.

Since Monday night, Sroka, who is an avid cyclist, has been able to call Carbondale his home.

Sroka, 21, who has been staying with Virginia Holt, usually rides for pleasure or in competition, but this time, he has a cause.

He started a 79-day tour June 21 in Annapolis, Md., to raise money for cancer awareness in a fundraiser called "Coast to Coast for Cancer" and will end his tour in Florence, Ore., on Sept. 9.

Sroka, a resident of Baltimore, decided to increase cancer awareness when he found out that two of his friends had been diagnosed with cancer.

At 22, John Majoros was diagnosed with testicular cancer and died 10 months later.

A short time later, Majoros' younger brother, Matthew, was diagnosed with cancer.

After months of intense treatment, Matthew was cured of Hodgkin's disease, only to find a month later that he, too, had testicular cancer. After months of treatment, Matthew is now in remission.

"Matthew and I played lacrosse together for our high school, and we soon developed a team relationship into a friendship," Sroka said.

"As cancer was affecting Matthew and his family, I felt a sense of helplessness, as there was not much I

could do other than provide care and condolence to the family."

Sroka's feeling of helplessness disappeared when he contacted the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults and created a new fundraiser, "Coast to Coast for Cancer," that will receive all of the proceeds of Sroka's cross-country trip.

The mission of the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults is "to provide support programs, education and resources, free of charge, to benefit young adults, their family and friends, who are affected by cancer, and to promote awareness and prevention of cancer."

Broek Yetso, executive director of Ulman, said that this program is unique from others because it addresses issues that young adults face, such as insurance, fertility and dating.

Yetso said that he has been working with the Majoros family to decide how the money that is raised should be allocated within the program. He said that the family has shown an interest in providing college scholarships to cancer survivors and increasing educational awareness of testicular cancer.

"Right now, we are just short of \$15,000," Sroka said.

"So we are a little behind schedule financially. Hopefully, momentum will catch up as I go along."

Sroka has received help through sponsorship from a number of different organizations, including Black & Decker, Brave New Markets, Gilden Integrated, Princeton Sports and the Rotary Club of Catonsville-Sunrise.

Chris Jones, executive vice president of Brave New Markets of Owing Mills, Md., said that he found out about Sroka and his cause through a rotary club that was also sponsoring him.

"Brave New Markets is very interested in supporting community efforts," Jones said.

"We felt that we could do our best to get the word out about Stephen's



Stephen Sroka, 21, of Baltimore takes a break from his bike ride Wednesday to show off his cool and fun-loving side. Sroka, who began his trek in Annapolis, Md., is riding his bike all the way to Oregon to help raise funds for cancer research.

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efforts.

"We also looked into the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults and felt that it was an important organization, because there are so many outlets of support for older adults and children, but young adults just don't have that."

Gilden Integrated, another of Sroka's sponsors, provided the logo and graphic standards for the website that follows Sroka's trip.

"I just felt that this was an important cause," said Jack Gilden, president of Gilden Integrated. "I had a chance to meet Stephen. His generosity of spirit surprised me, and I knew that he would carry through with this."

Three or four weeks after deciding to sponsor Sroka, Gilden was reassured that he had made the right

decision when he received a phone call from a college friend who had just been diagnosed with testicular cancer.

Sroka has the support of many organizations and sponsors, so the only thing that he has to focus on is his own determination to continue on his journey. And Sroka is definitely not lacking any of that.

"Even though this was supposed to be a 2 1/2-month tour, it can be extended," Sroka said.

"If we haven't reached our goal by the time I get to Oregon, I will keep on going."

Yetso is confident in all of the effort that Sroka has put into this fundraiser.

"Outside of the funding, Stephen has also been an excellent marketing

tool for our organization," Yetso said.

"He has increased cancer awareness by making his way out to every single community. He started in Maryland, and he has already reached people in Southern Illinois."

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To find out more information or to help sponsor the fundraiser, visit the website at [www.bikecoasttocoastfor.org](http://www.bikecoasttocoastfor.org). To volunteer for the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, call (410) 964-0202 or e-mail [hjohn@ulmanfund.org](mailto:hjohn@ulmanfund.org).

## Back-to-school a huge money maker for retail business owners

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IOWA CITY, Iowa (U-WIRE) — "It's our other Christmas," said Angie Brown, a Target department manager, referring to the back-to-school rush of University of Iowa students who come to stock up their dorm rooms and apartments.

With the university's fall classes resuming Aug. 25, stores such as Target and Wal-Mart and utility companies are gearing up for the busy season — which, officials say, will begin next week and end around the time school begins.

"Our whole store has changed for back-to-school," said Brown, adding that the ends of all the aisles are geared to displaying dorm and apartment necessities such as shower caddies, extra-long twin sheets, bonus-bu boxes of Easy Mac, and plastic drawers.

Brown said that because back-to-school is such a busy time, Target has hired more than 60 extra employees to help keep the shelves stocked and eliminate long lines at the check-out counters.

The companies that provide energy, water, telephone, cable, and Internet services are also hard-pressed to keep up with student requests.

MidAmerican Energy Co., 1630 Lower Muscatine Road, will employ approximately four times the number of people it normally does, said customer-contact manager Terry Ousley.

In a typical week, he said, the company processes around 400-500 orders, but during "student rush week," it processes approximately 6,000.

Ousley also said that starting July 28, the utility will increase its working hours from 6

a.m. until dark as opposed to its regular 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The student rush also keeps the cable guys hopping. "This is one of the busiest times of the year for us," said Todd Behrends, the manager of communications for MediaCom, 702 S. Gilbert St., adding that the number of requests it gets in Iowa City will double.

During the peak time, MediaCom "reassigns staff to handle the additional load of student demands," he said, and if necessary, it will bring in short-term service technicians to do installations. At the Iowa City water plant, the customer-service division will, starting next week, be "actively working on the transition period of students with apartments signing up for water," said Ed Moreno, the water-plant superintendent.

Although the city does not hire any extra people during this time, he said, customer-service workers are expected to not take any days off during this intense, month-long period.

The phone company is also affected by the crush of returning and first-time students, but not so much as other businesses. Michael Sadler, the Qwest media-communications director, said it hires hundreds of temporary technicians and transfers employees from other parts of the state to get through the busy season.

However, the rush hasn't been as great the last few years as it had been in the past, he said. "Lots of kids are showing up with wireless phones, so the demand for phone service is about half as much," he said, adding that the phone company is one of the few businesses that doesn't have to prepare quite so much as others.

## Tubestock passes with very few incidents at Dartmouth College

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HANOVER, N.H. (U-WIRE)—The almost two-decade-long tradition that has come to define sophomore summer, went off without any major glitches Saturday. Minor incidents marring the festivities included a student cutting his head open by a cider block and the arrest of a student for throwing a beer bottle at a police officer. A few students were detained for being intoxicated.

Despite concerns over the lack of college recognition and increased police presence, more than half the sophomore class showed up, along with a smattering of other students, campers and area residents.

Originally started by Richard Akerboom '80, Thayer '82, this was the third Tubestock without any major outside — and one of the less problematic, according to authorities. The College has never officially sanctioned the event.

People began to arrive at the Connecticut River well before noon, and by 1 p.m., there were already hundreds of people there, in tubes, on rafts or simply swimming in the water.

Four boats from the New Hampshire Marine Patrol Bureau were positioned around the revelers, with more than 20 officers on land and water keeping an eye on the crowd. The police contingent included six to eight undercover agents, both at the site and at liquor stores in the area looking out for underage people trying to use fake IDs.

"Although not sponsored" by the Greek system, the Greek Leadership Council worked with the multiple law enforcement agencies monitoring the event.

"Our plan was to make it safe for our members, educate them about liquor laws, and clean up the river afterwards," said Ben Bradley '05, GLC social manager. All Greek houses pledged one-third of their membership towards the clean-up effort, with Kappa Delta Epsilon sorority deciding to send its entire membership.

All Greek leaders contacted by The Dartmouth lauded the efforts of the law enforcement agencies. "I was very pleased with the cooperation between students and the police," Bradley said. "Their attitude was amazing."

New measures this year included two "sober monitors" from each Greek house who served as liaisons to the police. Bradley himself met the authorities three times before the event and is due to meet them again on Thursday to discuss ways to improve future Tubestocks.

But Tubestock wasn't without its unexpected moments, either, as an unidentified female stripped and jumped off a raft three times. Nudity is legal in Vermont. Several students also extolled what they saw as the unpredictable nature of the event.

"I had a blast! Not only were there rowdy, drunken college students, but the threat of rafts capsizing kept things interesting," said Scott Ceresia '05.

In related news, the weekend began with the first-ever Summer Block Party on Webster Avenue Friday evening. The brainchild of Ralph Davies '05, the summer treasurer of the Student Assembly, it was funded by both the Assembly and Programming Board and organized by a host of diverse campus groups.

More than 400 students came to the Block Party.

# Therapy clinic provides rehabilitation for area

## Students also gain hands-on experience

Valerie N. Donnals  
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Ratnem Nerella sat in room 124 of Wham Tuesday with a hot pack wrapped around her left shoulder, waiting to begin her regimen of passive stretching, massage and work with one-pound dumbbells.

Nerella has been visiting the SIUC Physical Therapy Clinic for five months, first to strengthen her muscles in preparation for surgery on her shoulder rotator cuff, and then after her surgery to regain strength and range of motion in her arm.

Todd Vaughn, coordinator of the clinic, said almost 20 percent of the patients who attend the clinic are faculty and community members like Nerella. The other 80 percent is made up of students who utilize the clinic via referrals from their doctors.

The clinic is part of the SIUC Clinical Center, which was developed almost 40 years ago to support health care associate degree units on campus. Vaughn said SIUC's physical therapy assistant program is the only one in the country with an on-site therapy unit.

After receiving a doctor's referral, patients are evaluated by a therapist to determine their physical dysfunction related to the neuromusculoskeletal, pulmonary and cardiovascular systems. Once a patient has been evaluated, individualized treatment plans are implemented to prevent, improve or correct the problem.

Vaughn said the center employs a great deal of hands-on treatment methods, including soft tissue and joint mobilization, which works to return areas to their full mobility.

The clinic also utilizes several other treatments, including neuro-development techniques, electrotherapy, and aquatic therapy, which aids in injuries such as hip and knee replacements where additional weight would not facilitate recovery.

Its primary mission is to train students, Vaughn said. Under the supervision of professionals, PTA students are instructed on treatment techniques and various dysfunctions while



Todd Vaughn, coordinator of Physical Therapy Services in Wham, demonstrates a rehabilitation technique on patient Bonnie Swift Wednesday afternoon. The technique is Occipito-atlanto joint mobilization, and it's used for a cervical restriction. Swift has moved beyond the point of this technique in her own therapy.

receiving course credit.

"The students are exposed to a good variety of dysfunctions, from pediatrics to sports medicine," Vaughn said. "They do their first two or three practices on site, and once they've passed the courses, they begin internships at hospitals."

"We are very comfortable with them going away, because we know their skill levels are good before they actually go off campus."

The clinic links patients with students at certain skill levels, and all of the therapy is administered by professional clinicians or supervised clinicians in training.

The fee for students and faculty is \$4 per half hour of therapy. Community members are

required to pay \$25 per session, but an income-based sliding fee scale is offered based on gross annual income and the number of dependents in the family.

Vaughn said the sliding fee scale is beneficial to those who cannot afford therapy elsewhere. He said private clinics can start their fees at \$100 per session.

Patients' regimens can consist of a single visit or be as frequent as five times a week for several months, depending on their need. The therapists work closely with physicians, and visits usually decrease in frequency as the patient reaches his or her goals for recovery.

After attending the clinic three times a week

since her surgery, Nerella has been making progress to a full recovery.

"She's really getting close to being discharged," said Regina Brown, a licensed physical therapy assistant.

Although the doctor would have the final say as to when her therapy should end, Brown anticipated four to six more weeks of therapy.

"She is an excellent therapist," Nerella said. "She works hard, so I am happy. I am getting better."

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## Discovery program cut at U. Illinois

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**CHAMPAIGN (U-WIRE)** — Freshman Discovery Courses will be cut in the spring 2004 semester, according to a University of Illinois e-mail obtained by the Daily Illini.

University officials expect the cut, which the e-mail said was made by Provost Richard Herman, will save the University \$600,000 as the state tries to dig itself out of a \$5 billion deficit.

Herman did not return phone calls to his home and office seeking comment. Associate Provost Bill Adams confirmed the cuts and said they were intended to save money.

The First Year Discovery Program, which started in 1994, allows freshman students to take courses in a small setting — a maximum of 20 students — taught by tenured faculty.

The classes are alternatives to large lectures with smaller discussion sections led by teaching assistants.

"I am very sorry to be the bearer of this bad news, and I am optimistic that we will be able to resume the Discovery program both semesters in the coming years," said Associate Provost Sarah Mangelsdorf in the e-mail.

The University offered 145 Discovery Courses last fall and 104 Discovery Courses in the fall 2003 semester, Adams said.

He said the University typically

offers about 90 Discovery courses during the spring semester of each school year.

Elizabeth Stern, analyst with the Division of Management Information said 2,637 freshmen participated in 139 discovery discussion section courses in fall 2001, 38 percent of that freshman class. Statistics for more recent years were unavailable, she said.

The University will not receive any of \$600,000 officials expect the cut to save because the University's budget for the fiscal year 2003-2004 was cut by \$63 million, said vice-president Chet Gardner at the June 27 Board of Trustees meeting. The funds saved are state dollars.

University Comptroller Steve Rugg said while the administrative units have taken bigger hits than the academic units, instruction is not immune to cuts.

Adams said the University has tried to protect undergraduate education and the Discovery Program is not the only academic unit to suffer.

Some 900 courses are also being cut, 100 instructors and 375 teaching assistant positions have already been eliminated.

Adams said University officials are looking at many cuts at the University to meet budget cuts. He understands losing Discovery courses will affect undergraduate education.

Eve Harwood, associate dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts, said the college has offered discovery

courses since 1994.

She said students have given positive feedback about the program.

Wayne Banwart, assistant dean of the College of ACES, said "(the program) has done what it was intended to do, which was to get incoming freshmen connected with professors in a small-group setting."

Banwart said he had heard rumors of cancelling the discovery program eight or nine months ago during budget talks, but he did not realize the likelihood of the cancellation until he received the e-mail Monday.

He said he was disappointed by the decision, but encouraged by the possibility of the courses being continued in the 2004 to 2005 school year.

Teachers say the loss of discovery courses hurts the experience for incoming freshmen.

Ronald Hedlund, a music professor who teaches a voice Discovery course, said students practice 25-30 pieces of music ranging from classical to foreign and present a concert at the end of the semester.

In his course, music majors are not allowed to enroll in the course, bringing in students from other parts of the campus, he said.

Howard Schein, director of the Unit One living and learning community in Allen Hall said a unique relationship is built between professors and student through Discovery courses.

Schein coordinates courses for the program, which brings classes into the residence hall.

## Kerry reprimands Bush

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**ANAMOSA, Iowa (U-WIRE)** — A Democratic presidential hopeful made his case for greater accountability in American leadership July 19 to a group of supporters.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., told a crowd of 75 at the National Motorcycle Museum that the U.S. economy, education system, and foreign policy are in need of remedy. The 59-year-old former prosecutor contended that President Bush's leadership has left millions jobless and has compromised security both at home and abroad.

"This administration is the single most say-one-thing-do-another administration in the 19 years I've been in the Senate," said Kerry, who was first elected in 1984. "We are six months away [from the caucuses] at a moment when Iowa has the opportunity to set this country on a different course."

Kerry defended his congressional vote authorizing the use of force against Iraq, but he criticized the way Bush has carried out his responsibility. Like Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., Kerry, who has served 18 years on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and six years on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he advocated securing support from the United Nations before invading Iraq.

"My vote was 100-percent correct

based on the information we were given and intelligence reports," Kerry said. "I told the president, 'Don't rush this war. Bring in the UN; take time to do the diplomacy.'"

The decorated Vietnam veteran touted his ability to create jobs, make the United States less dependent on foreign oil, and formulate a health-care system that will ensure coverage for everyone. He also said he will strive to bring security back to America and reform a "separate but unequal" school system that depends on a property-tax base.

"We're going to crisscross this country together to hold the president accountable for making a mockery of the words, 'Leave no child behind,'" Kerry said.

Kerry appeared comfortable and poised to take questions from the press and supporters, and he spoke one-on-one with those who had concerns to address with him. After a brief tour of the collection of rare and antique motorcycles, the lanky Yale University alum, sporting New Balance sneakers, and sunglasses, positioned himself atop a 2003 100th Anniversary Harley-Davidson and rode it down Anamosa's dusty streets, much to the delight of onlookers.

Angie Spink, a Marion resident and committed Kerry supporter, said she had been following his career and campaign for approximately six months and feels that health care and foreign policy are key issues in this election.



**JOB**

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"In addition to specific job requirements, which will vary, communication skills are important across any field, both verbal and written."

Chris Pearson, an outreach coordinator in the College of Engineering, emphasized the importance of superior communication skills, as well as experience in the field students are planning to enter.

According to ABCNEWS.com hiring in the area of engineering and other manufacturing sectors are down by 8.5 percent.

Pearson said one way to for graduates to combat this trend is to gain internships, which help to get your foot in the door.

"A lot of jobs in engineering require internships as well as an education," Pearson said.

"Cooperative internships usually move people right into a job. People who don't get these internships are going to have to compete with students who already have ties with the employer. They're not required, but they're beneficial."

While some fields are experiencing decreases in hiring, others are seeing the number of available jobs in their area increase.

Hires in health care administrative support and education have risen considerably despite declining markets in other areas.

Associate Dean for Teaching Education John McIntyre said the increase in education is understandable.

"The main reason is the grain of the profession," McIntyre said. "A

lot of teachers retire and have to be replaced."

McIntyre said that Illinois is an "exporter" when it comes to teaching.

That is, students who receive their degrees in education do not typically perform the task in Illinois, but instead venture to other states to teach.

He said that it is important for anyone entering the field to be ready and willing to travel to another location for work.

Students in any field should be prepared to travel to other locations where the job market is more desirable.

According to job site Monster.com, five states — Texas, Florida, New York, California and Illinois — have the most availability, in general, as far as hiring is concerned.

Although there is no guaranteed formula for turning one's diploma into a career, there are certain steps, according to ABCNEWS.com, such as volunteering, networking and preparation, which will increase graduates' chances of success.

DeTomaso also emphasized the importance of not assuming a degree will ensure you a job.

"A degree alone won't get you a job; it depends on your skills," she said.

"Students should think seriously about what they want to do during their freshman year. They should always remember if they need help, they can stop by our office any time."

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# Possible U. Minnesota labor strike looms next month

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**MINNEAPOLIS (U-WIRE)** — More than a month after the University of Minnesota Board of Regents voted to freeze employee wages and change health-care benefits, union leaders representing thousands of University staff are leaving open the possibility of a strike.

The unions and University administrators said negotiations about the benefit changes are currently stalled.

Union members said if they were to strike, the University would not be able to function, but University administrators said they do not expect a strike to occur.

But a strike could occur as soon as August 15.

Unions representing University clerical, technical, medical and law enforcement employees have been bargaining with administration officials over proposed health-care cost increases, wage freezes and other benefits since spring.

"We are communicating with membership and being real open with people at meetings that (a strike) is an option," said Phyllis Walker, president of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3800. AFSCME Local 3800 represents 1,800 University clerical workers.

Union leaders and University administrators have met several times to discuss the proposed health

care changes. Administration officials said there has been progress.

"We have reached a tentative agreement on a number of issues," said Patti Dion, University Office of Human Resources director, who has been involved in negotiations. She would not identify those issues.

Some union members, however, said there has been little progress on the most pressing issues such as health care.

Union and University officials said health care bargaining is in a state of confusion because financial figures the administration gave to unions are flawed, though neither side would elaborate.

"We need to clarify costs so we're all operating on the same page," Dion said.

The unions are collectively bargaining with the University for health insurance.

Other issues — including wage freezes, vacation time

and sick leave — are being negotiated by each union individually.

Jody Ebert, president of AFSCME Local 3937, which represents technical workers at the University, said no substantial changes have been made during her unit's negotiations.

Other union members agree, and said talk of a strike is becoming more common.

Members of union negotiating committees have been holding daily meetings to update members on negotiations.

At least one expert said the timing for a strike could be problematic.

Carlson School of Management industrial relations professor John Remington said, "this is not an ideal time to strike. Public budgets are tight and everyone is looking for low costs."

A decision to strike cannot be made overnight, Remington said.

He said before unions can legally strike, they must wait 45 days after requesting a mediator from the state Bureau of Mediation Services. If the mediator does not succeed and the 45 days pass, unions are free to strike.

Unions filed a request for a mediator on June 30, Walker said.

Michele Rockne-Semlow, executive administrative specialist at the Institute of Technology Career Services, said people

work at the University because of benefits and its academic, research and outreach missions.

Rockne-Semlow also represents the East Bank on the negotiation committee for AFSCME Local 3800. She said the will struggle if benefits are scaled back.

"I can't pay my mortgage with the mission."

**"We are communicating with membership and being real open with people at meetings that (a strike) is an option."**

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**Daily Egyptian**

**Daily Horoscope**

By Linda C. Black  
Today's Birthday (July 24). This is not a good year to take risks with your money. Those will more than likely flop. You can get involved with a group, however, and make a lot of fine friends in a team setting, you win.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - If you can manage to think things through before you act them out, you'll have a great advantage. At least one item won't perform as expected, but all should turn out well.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Don't let yourself be miserable if you experience a temporary shortage of cash. It could give you the very shove you need to start generating some more.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - The hassles you're running into now might you choose the right path to take next. Don't pick the one that's easiest. Take the one with the greatest rewards.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - This is not a great day to travel, as there are liable to be delays. Do as much as you can electronically, and you'll also increase your profits.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 9 - Your team is behind you now, giving you the opportunity to lead. They'll do much better with you in control than they would have done otherwise.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Resist the urge to hurry just because someone else is anxious. Their inability to plan ahead doesn't mean you shouldn't plan now.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Having the party at your place looks good for tonight and tomorrow. Tomorrow might be better, because there's more work to be finished first.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - This isn't a great time to bring up a delicate subject. Be supportive and be a good listener. If somebody else brings it up, fine. Let them vent.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - Do a little networking and find out what you need to be doing. Try to learn or to teach, if you want. You can start out by asking questions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Go ahead and try out something you think will be a big moneymaker. But don't gamble a lot. Not everything will go according to plan. There's going to be more work involved than anticipated.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - No point getting an expensive gift for somebody you love. Put your money together and get something awesome you both can enjoy together.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - You can expect to be confronted or to run into a mess. No need to take it personally. The matter simply needs to be cleaned up.

**Crossword**

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1 Dreadful  
6 Siveasue  
10 New Zealander  
14 Indian corn  
15 Double-reed instrument  
16 Russian river  
17 Actor Davis  
18 Fruit paddy  
19 Mural site  
20 Highest degree  
21 Galleries  
24 Cowboy guy?  
26 Usher boredom  
27 How low you can  
29 Burns  
33 Talk with one's hands  
35 "Hud" star  
38 Motorists' org  
39 Object of Boss' affection  
41 Neptune's realm  
42 Mongolian tents  
44 "Santa Baby" charlieuse  
45 Bear witness  
48 Hwy. abbrev.  
49 Novelist  
Gordmer  
51 Sturdy  
53 Ocean ray  
52 Moves stealthily  
59 Alpine dairy product  
63 Irving Karloof  
64 Umas land  
65 Sister/rife of Zeus  
66 Mysterious ill wail  
68 Skin-cream additive  
69 Kurawi's ruler  
70 Asorbable one  
71 The Rockies, e.g.  
72 Slogger  
73 Made-a-choice

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9 Bug  
9 Cartoon pig  
10 Iraq neighbor  
11 Hood neighbor  
12 Peel Whitman  
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31 Charge per unit  
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33 Washer cycle  
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35 Tarry  
37 Santa's need  
40 Tugs abruptly  
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46 Mr. Chips or Mt. Kener  
47 Throw  
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52 Int. cooperative  
53 Jany  
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58 Emma Peel's partner  
59 Junk e-mail  
60 Frencher of a whipping  
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7/24/03

**Mancow's Morning Madhouse**  
5:30-10:00am

**103.5 The X**  
Southern Illinois' NEW Rock Alternative





# THURSDAY SALUKI SPORTS

**MLB Trivia**  
How many 20th Century Cy Young award winner's last names end with an 'X'?  
See answer, page 11

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Rebecca Eldredge (left) helps Brent Beam get their car ready to put on the canoe that they rented from the base camp at the Recreation Center, while Jimmy Chidester (far right), a student worker at the base camp, waits for them.

## Saluki football jerseys appear on Internet

How they got there nobody knows.

Ethan Erickson  
Daily Egyptian

For at least the past month, game-used SIU football jerseys have been frequently appearing on eBay, the Internet auction house.

Sarasota, Fla.-based Southside Sports has auctioned at least six SIU football jerseys in the month of July, with two of them currently up for bids.

How the jerseys got to Florida is a bit murkier. Eric Jay, president of Southside Sports, says he purchased about 15 jerseys from their manufacturer, Russell Athletic, and he's sold all but about five of them.

The jerseys are the older style, with Southern Illinois written across the top of the chest. This style was last used during the 2001 season, according to SIU Equipment Manager Ahy Armstrong. Most of the 2001 set of jerseys is still in storage in the equipment room in the basement of Lingle Hall.

Armstrong keeps them on hand to give to

restaurants and individual donors, and most players get to keep their jerseys after their careers end. Armstrong can only think of one way that Russell would have gotten game-used jerseys, as the athletic department doesn't normally return jerseys to the manufacturer.

"Maybe they just screwed up with the uniforms," Armstrong said, recalling a problem he had with colors bleeding on jerseys when he worked at Youngstown State. "They were used one game, and Russell gave them a whole new set because of a mistake. That's a possibility."

As records indicate on eBay, the jerseys have not exactly been in high demand. In the month of July, Southside Sports has conducted six auctions of SIU jerseys. Two are still open for bidding. The first three had a starting bid price of \$24.99 and received no bids, so they didn't sell. Southside then lowered the starting bid price to \$14.99 for a jersey placed online in mid-July. That jersey, a white No. 90, received one bid and sold for \$14.99 to a user known as "marvinImartian."

More recently, Southside lowered the starting bid price to \$4.99 for a No. 35 jersey. That auction ends Saturday and, as of press time, has one bid. There is another jersey currently up for bids with a starting price of \$14.99. That jersey, No. 98, had no bids as of press time for the auction

that ends Monday.

In contrast, some game-used University of Miami jerseys recently sold for more than \$150 on eBay.

Unfortunately for the cash-strapped SIU Athletic Department, this potential source of income is not legal. According to Armstrong, extra athletic equipment cannot be sold because it was purchased with state funds.

Youngstown State, Armstrong's previous employer, sold extra jerseys to raise money.

"Every little bit helps in these times," Armstrong said, adding that jerseys of big-name players weren't sold. "If you have a little garage sale, you sell jerseys for \$10 a piece; how many people are going to buy them? I'm sure you could think of a number of people who'd like to have them."

Numerous other SIU athletics artifacts were also auctioned on eBay recently. Autographed and plain Kent Williams photos were being auctioned, in addition to an SIU flag, Saluki locker room signs, a 1983 national champion Pepsi bottle with the soft drink still inside, Saluki blankets and trash cans.

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## Local retail stores contribute ideas for SIU apparel

Pete Spittler  
Daily Egyptian

From posters to t-shirts to banners, the SIU logo is everywhere.

Local retail stores, such as 710 Bookstore and Saluki Bookstore, develop SIU apparel ideas to sell in their stores. These stores work with graphic design companies like Silkworm Inc. and Attitude Designs to help make the ideas a reality.

Silkworm, located off state Route 13 east of Murphysboro, has been in operation since 1981 and employs a full-time, in-house design team with five graphic artists. Each artist uses different style techniques, and all are SIU graduates. The artists work with the client to help come up with ideas on what the final product should look like. The artists then begin laying out the design and drawing the image.

"This is where things get a little sticky," said Cheryl Endres, vice-president of Silkworm and a member of the company's sales and marketing division. "You have to make sure all the T's are crossed and the I's are dotted."

Silkworm also employs its own Collegiate

Licensing Company (CLC) representative who helps with approving ideas. All design ideas must be submitted to the CLC online in order to be approved for sale. Most designs take less than one business day to be approved.

The CLC assists collegiate licensors with controlling the use of a university's logo through trademark licensing. Currently, more than 180 universities, bowl games, conferences and even the Heisman Trophy are covered by the CLC.

Customers also pay a 7.5-percent royalty fee to the vendor to cover the manufacturing costs, which can range from \$50 to \$500. Silkworm works with each individual client to find an acceptable budget for the artwork.

Depending on how detailed the product is, developing the artwork can take as long as a week. Some orders can be done within 24 hours.

"In this business, events come up and boom, you need something the next day," Endres said.

Attitude Designs, located next to 710 Bookstore, was bought by 710 nine months ago and prints SIU merchandise sold inside the local retailer. A CLC license was acquired by 710 last

By having its own printing operation, the process of putting SIU apparel on store shelves takes less time.

"It makes us much more responsive to our needs," said Randy Johnson, general manager of 710. "We can print a shirt for a particular event and not have to do it six months out."

Stores like 710 sell a number of items developed by national vendors such as Russell Athletic and Champion.

Dealing with those vendors means placing orders several months in advance.

"It's just like clothing for Famous Barr, they work in seasons," Johnson said. "In September, we're sitting down with salespeople and placing orders for spring stuff."

Two student workers and two full-time staffers create product concepts for 710.

Whatever the idea may be, Silkworm tries to make the finished product look as close as possible to the clients' vision.

"Our focus is to get a great end-product and get what the customer wants," Endres said.

Reporter Pete Spittler can be reached at pspittler@dailyegyptian.com

### COMMENTARY



Tide! Tide!  
I don't need  
no stinking  
title!

BY JENS DEJU  
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## Hornets Gone Wild!

After a summer of controversy involving college athletics, prepare yourself for one more.

The difference is this one does not come from Washington or Ohio State, or even Michigan.

This problem hails from Montgomery, Ala., and the Alabama State Hornets.

On Tuesday, Alabama State Athletic Director Richard Cosby said a seven-month-long internal investigation revealed numerous violations including ineligible players, changing grades and having strippers entertain potential recruits.

"It is an understatement to say that the investigation revealed, and the report reflects, a football program almost totally out of control," Cosby was quoted as saying in an Associated Press report.

Alabama State head coach L.C. Cole said he was shocked at the finding but did not fear for his job, because he did nothing wrong with his team.

"It's really kind of a shock to me, because I'm not a compliance officer," Cole said in the AP report. "I'm just a football coach. Whoever they certify to participate, that's who I put on the field."

The investigation began when Cole fired former assistant coach Dedrick Bell. Bell then sent university officials a letter detailing the allegations.

Among the violations alleged by Bell were that Cole set up unofficial visits during recruiting dead periods, had alumni perform favors for the program, took money from the travel budget, provided off-campus housing for his players and that Cole had a teacher change a player's grade to keep him on the team.

The question with this is not how could all of this happen with no one being any the wiser.

The real question is how can you give players all these good things, and yet they still finish dead last in the East division of the Southwestern Athletic Conference with a 2-5 league record?

Talk about not getting a return on your investment.

Only two league teams were as bad in conference as Alabama State — Arkansas-Pine Bluff and perennial whipping boy Prairie View A&M.

On a whole, just four teams in the SWAC even had winning records — Grambling State (11-2), Alabama A&M (8-4), Jackson State (7-4) and Alcorn State (6-5).

All this shows is that Alabama State cannot even cheat right.

When the Miami Hurricanes were crucified for their off-field improprieties, at least they were winning. So were the Florida State Seminoles and the Southern Methodist University Mustangs, who received a death penalty from the NCAA. Their penalties included not being able to play the following season, losing the ability to award scholarships and several other punishments.

While these teams like SMU all got caught, at least they were on top of the football map at the time of their offenses.

Alabama State is essentially an unknown and has very few wins to show for the sanctions that are sure to follow these events.

Now, I am not saying this is something the