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On May 14, 1988, 27 people, mostly children, perished inside a fiery bus as a result of a drunk driver. See DRUNK BEHIND THE WHEEL story, page 4.

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DECEMBER 1, 2003

**DRUNK BEHIND THE WHEEL**  
**DAILY EGYPTIAN SPECIAL REPORT**

On these  
**crowded**  
**STREETS**



As semi-trucks stream down Interstate Highway 71, a sign stands in memory of a drunk driving accident that killed 27 people and injured 30. There has been talk about taking the sign down, but those involved in the crash and other community members want it to stay.

One person is injured every minute because of drunken drivers

There is a war on our highways, our avenues and our streets. The casualties are you and I, indiscriminate of age, gender and race. The battle has claimed more than 427,993 casualties since 1982, exceeding the U.S. casualties in World War II by more than 20,000. Last year alone there were 17,400 fatalities and nearly 500,000 left injured. They were attributed to one thing — alcohol.

Intoxicated drivers climb into their cars and forget the lives carried in each vehicle they pass. Chances are those who made it safely home passed out to see another day. These are the stories where that is not the case. These are the stories behind the white crosses and roadside memorials.

Crosses shed no tears, but the families and friends continue to dry eyes and face other days without loved ones.

See the start of the DRUNK BEHIND THE WHEEL series on pages 4 & 5.



MEREDITH MERGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jim and Tammy Hicks of Normal string icicles lights outside their house as part of their Christmas decoration. Over the past five years, they have developed a tradition of putting up their holiday decorations after Thanksgiving. 'We have always gone all out on our decorations for Halloween and Christmas. Our neighbors, especially the kids, love it,' Tammy Hicks remarked on their decorations.

Students disappointed with devastating loss

Fans still confident about next season

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Though most SIUC students caught at least some of the Salukis' first playoff football game in 20 years or heard about the outcome from others, some such as Matt Schall were just learning the result the day after the defeat.

"I've been busy with schoolwork, so I haven't been to any of the games this season," said Schall, a graduate student in zoology from Springfield. "But I knew we were in the playoffs."

Schall said he did not know the outcome of Saturday's bout against Delaware, nor was he aware that a game had even been played Saturday. Despite lack of prior knowledge, his reaction to the final score was much the same of those who did their best to keep up with the team's playoff progress.

There was no attempt at analyzing the more positive points of Saturday's 48-7 defeat at Delaware. There was, however, a slight pause and a deep sigh common of SIUC students prior to his brief vocal response: "That sucks."

Before the announcement of whom the Salukis would face in the playoffs, reaction from SIUC students was very much positive. A steady increase in sales of Saluki apparel and a consistent rise of interest in Saluki football proved school spirit would surpass the regular season. The fact that the game would

undoubtedly occur during break had a slight impact on fan morale, but it was slight in comparison to the hit the team took on Saturday.

Following the presentation of the Missouri Valley Conference co-championship trophy, the football team and other attendants of the SIUC Arena ceremony found not only that they would face the second-ranked Delaware, but also that they would not receive the home field advantage they anticipated.

The discovery was a blow to morale for both the team and fans. Despite the consistent increase in morale throughout the season, dedication was not enough to cause fans to make the trip east. The distant location of the game was too much for most, and the school spirit of many fans seemed unable to withstand the journey to Delaware.

For the many who did not make the trip, the game was broadcast Saturday afternoon on WSLI-TV, giving Saluki fans the opportunity to watch their team from the comfort of their own home. Some watched the entire game on television. For others, the 48-7 loss was just a little too much to handle, causing them to take in the loss in small doses.

Andre Patrick confessed to only watching the last few plays of the game.

"I didn't know it was on TV at first, so I just saw the last couple of plays," said Patrick, a junior in elementary education from Chicago. "I thought it would be closer, maybe a touchdown difference either way."

"I was a little disappointed, but I figure we hadn't really been to the playoffs in awhile and we just needed

some experience. We'll be back next year."

Though Rachel Rich was aware the game was televised and initially sat down to watch the Salukis play, she said watching the increasing deficit between the teams was too much for her to witness.

"I only watched the first half, but I'm kind of glad I didn't see the end," said Rich, a senior in history from Marion. "It would have been sad. I thought it would be closer since we've been scoring so much all season, but Sambursky took some hard hits. We went up there and we played good all season, though. I guess our defense couldn't hold up against Delaware."

SIUC students such as Rich expressed concern that the loss of several running backs may affect the success of next year's team. However, regardless of the impending roster turnover, many are still confident the 2004 season will be just as good if not better than this year.

SIUC student Cornelius Moore said he had high hopes for the Salukis but was also realistic about the ability of their competitors.

"I knew of Delaware from having seen them play before, so I just hoped SIUC went into the game with a lot of confidence and did the best the best they could," said Moore, a junior in business management from Chicago. "I didn't see them winning, but I still hoped for the best."

"We could've done better and I didn't expect [the final score], but it was a great learning experience and I think they'll get into the locker room, go into training and bounce back and have a great season again."

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

**California's immigrant driver's license bill may get a new life**

SANTA ANA, Calif. (KRT) — As a candidate, Arnold Schwarzenegger was clear: He wanted to repeal the law allowing illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses because it lacks adequate security measures.

And Schwarzenegger appears to be keeping his campaign promise. The state Senate unanimously passed a bill to overturn the law, and the Assembly is scheduled to vote for its repeal Monday.

But Schwarzenegger has been ambiguous about what he will do after the law is repealed, trying not to alienate the powerful constituencies arrayed on either side of the issue.

Last week, Schwarzenegger's spokesman offered a carefully worded statement about where the governor stands on chances for a revised driver's license bill next year.

Legislative action might not be easy. The driver's license debate, like other policies concerning the rights of immigrants in California, sparks more heat than light.

Republican Party leaders believe they have a popular issue they can use to discredit Democrats in the Legislature. Rescue California, the lobbying organization that spearheaded the recall election, is circulating petitions to put a referendum on the March ballot to overturn the bill, trying to gather 374,000 valid signatures by Dec.

5. The group has raised \$510,000, including \$400,000 donated by the California Republican Party to pay for the signature gathering.

**NASA's new plan looks like old one**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (KRT) — The "bold agenda for space exploration" that the Bush administration has been crafting since August is expected to be long on rhetoric but short on new goals and money.

Internal NASA documents obtained by The Orlando Sentinel and interviews with those close to the policy-making process indicate the new vision being drafted for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration looks a lot like the old one.

No final decisions have been reached. However, closed-door meetings of administration officials, including Vice President Dick Cheney, appear to be developing plans committed to the status quo, with no major new programs or specific destinations, no timeables and most importantly, no significant spending increases.

There are no concrete plans to go to Mars, return to the moon or otherwise extend manned space flight beyond low Earth orbit. In fact, NASA may squeeze existing programs to help raise an estimated \$280 million needed to return the space shuttle to flight after the Feb. 1 Columbia disaster.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Drug plan in AIDS Day spotlight**

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNN) — Ambitious plans to rush life-saving AIDS drugs to millions will be unveiled on Monday as experts warn that the worst is yet to come from a disease that has so far defeated all efforts to check its advance.

Marches, candlelight vigils and exhibitions marking World AIDS Day will serve reminders that deaths from the illness and new cases of HIV/AIDS reached new highs in 2003 and are set to rise further as the epidemic keeps a grip on Africa and scythes across eastern Europe and Central Asia.

A Cape Town concert headlined by Beyonce Knowles and U2's Bono and broadcast across the Internet, helped

launch the campaign to raise awareness of the threat on Saturday, African statesman Nelson Mandela urged world governments to act now.

Some hope may come from the U.N.'s World Health Organization (WHO), which will unveil a global strategy to help 3 million people get anti-retroviral medicine by the end of 2005.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan thinks many political leaders still simply do not care enough to fight the disease, which has killed 28 million people since it was first reported among homosexual men in the United States in 1981.

"I am not winning the war because I don't think the leaders of the world are engaged enough," Annan said last week.

**Today**

High 49  
 Low 28



Sunny.

**Five-day Forecast**

Tuesday	Mostly cloudy	45/34
Wednesday	Rain/snow	46/34
Thursday	Partly cloudy	51/33
Friday	Partly cloudy	49/36
Saturday	Partly cloudy	52/40

**Almanac**

Average high: 49  
 Average low: 30  
 Tuesday's hi/low: 70/11

**CALENDAR**

Today  
 NAACP Meeting  
 6 p.m.  
 Thebes Room in the Student Center

**POLICE REPORTS**

**University**  
 A 1999 Chevy Cavalier was reported stolen between 9:30 a.m. and 9:43 a.m. Tuesday at Evergreen Terrace Lot K. There are no suspects, and the investigation continues.

Devon L. Bynum, 21, of Marietta, Ga., was arrested and charged with battery, domestic battery and unlawful use of a weapon at 12:08 p.m. Nov. 20 at Evergreen Terrace. He was taken to and released from the Jackson County jail.

Jamelle A. Olagbegi, 19, and Cordell Carneal Franklin, 18, both of Chicago, were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct for making a false 911 call at 1:27 p.m. Nov. 17 at Allen II. They were released on personal recognition bonds.

**Carbondale**

A residential burglary was reported to have occurred between Nov. 21 and Tuesday in the 1000 block of East Park Street. A VCR, television, jewelry and a telephone were reported missing. Evidence was collected.

A burglary occurred at 2:30 a.m. Thursday at the Veach City Station at 2101 S. Illinois Ave. Officers responded to an alarm and discovered a smashed window. Police believe suspects entered but that no items were taken. Initial damage is estimated at more than \$300 and evidence was collected.

A residential burglary occurred between Wednesday and Thursday in the 800 block of East Grand Avenue. An MP3 Player and Jewelry were reported missing. Loss is estimated at \$570, and evidence was collected.

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# Man pleads not guilty to Perry County assaults

Court allows James E. Joseph to waive preliminary hearing

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**PINCKNEYVILLE** — Victims and their families waiting at the Perry County Courthouse in Pinckneyville did not get to hear from the man accused of committing a string of sexual assaults in the county because he waived his preliminary hearing Tuesday.

James E. Joseph, 32, of 8765 Blue Bird Road in Tamaroa pleaded not guilty to all charges against him Tuesday.

Judge James Campanella accepted Joseph's request to waive the preliminary hearing, which relinquishes his right to have the prosecution prove probable cause for each charge. This means he will be tried for each of the original charges. Joseph's trial is scheduled to begin in January.

Joseph is charged with attempted aggravated robbery when a suspect allegedly tried to rob a 14-year-old girl in October. He is also charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault for the Oct. 26 sexual assault of a 20-year-old woman at the Pinckneyville Motel-Mart. In addition, Joseph was charged with predatory criminal sexual assault of a child and two counts of aggravated kidnapping

for the alleged kidnapping at knife-point of two 10-year-old cousins. Joseph allegedly sexually assaulted one of the girls.

If convicted, Joseph could receive up to 30 years per offense and a \$25,000 fine for each charge except for attempted aggravated robbery, which he could receive up to 14 years and a \$25,000 fine.

After his arraignment Nov. 7, Joseph was moved from the Perry County Jail in Pinckneyville because of a possible conflict with an employee who has a relationship with one of the victims.

Perry County Sheriff Keith Kellerman would not reveal where Joseph was being held but did say that he was located out of the district.

This is not the first conflict

regarding Joseph's case. Joseph's defense was switched from the Perry County Public Defender's office to a court-appointed attorney in Belleville, also because of conflicts with the public defender's office.

"We're talking four different cases, so the possibility of conflicts arising in a small community like this is very likely it could happen, and that's what arose out of all this," Kellerman said.

Joseph has been transported wearing a bulletproof vest because of threats on his life, Kellerman said.

"We've been told by the rumor mill and also by officers hearing word on the street directly from individuals that great bodily harm

will come to Mr. Joseph before a trial happens," Kellerman said. "We have to treat them as a very serious threat not only for his safety, but also for the employees that are near him when he's going to and from court. We don't want our employees hurt, and I have a duty to look out for his well-being no matter what he's charged with right now."

Joseph was registered as an Illinois sex offender after he was sentenced in 1997 for predatory criminal sexual assault of a girl under the age of 13.

Maurice Reidelberger, a relative of the two 10-year-old victims, said the girls are doing "good" but questions why Joseph was allowed out of prison.

## AIDS Awareness Week begins today at SIUC

SPACE plans week-long to honor World AIDS Day

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Every Dec. 1, World AIDS Day brings awareness toward a disease that, according to [worldaidsday.org](http://worldaidsday.org), kills five people worldwide every minute of each day.

The Student Center is giving AIDS a week.

This will be the sixth year the Student Center has hosted a week-long program to educate the SIUC campus about several issues regarding AIDS. Special Programs and Center Events (SPACE) sponsor the week of events, which begin today. They include a lecture by former Playboy model Rebekka Armstrong, who is currently living with the virus. The program will also feature information tables and displays in University Bookstore.

Susan Coriasco, assistant director of the Student Center, said AIDS Awareness Week started as an alternative to holiday activities. Past events included candlelight vigils and quilt displays in the ballroom.

She said although the idea of AIDS awareness began to commemorate World AIDS Day, the Student Center soon realized

the program should span the entire week.

"It started out as a program for me, and it has become a crusade for us," Coriasco said. "We really feel strongly about it. The more we learn, the more we are like, 'Man, people really need to know this. Students really need to know this.' It only takes once and they could get AIDS."

The Student Center is centering its weekly events on Armstrong, who will speak Wednesday in Ballroom D.

"One Week," a film by Kappa Alpha Psi, will air Monday in the Student Center Auditorium. The movie depicts the life of an AIDS patient over a seven-day period.

Other activities include a concert featuring Voices of Inspiration, an Illinois Public Health Corrections and Community Initiative lecture and daily displays in the University Bookstore window. The closing ceremony Friday features Anthony King as guest speaker. A list of people living with the HIV virus will also be read during the service.

Students and community members may receive free anonymous HIV testing from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at either the Newman Catholic Student Center or the Longbranch Coffeehouse.

Nikki Hornsberry, graduate assistant for SPACE, said students should attend the events in order to learn more about the disease.

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— Susan Coriasco  
assistant director, Student Center

"AIDS doesn't discriminate," Hornsberry said. "It is silently killing all types of people. You could never know enough about it."

Although the week's events come toward the end of the semester, SPACE still welcomes students to attend the occasions they can.

"We want to urge students to go to as many of the events as possible," said Argus Tong, graduate assistant for SPACE. "Our mission is to educate."

Tong also said students are encouraged to come by the tables to gather more information. They could also pick up ribbons to promote awareness of the disease.

Although she never anticipated the awareness week would be more than one year, Coriasco said she believes the events help draw attention to AIDS.

"I feel like we are making a difference," Coriasco said. "If we make one person go get tested or if we make one person listen and change their way of thinking, then we have made a difference. That's what it's all about."

## Thanksgiving dinner takes place for 35th year

Community members, students enjoy free meal on Thanksgiving Day

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"These are the pies?" one volunteer asks another while rummaging through the boxes in the fridge of the Newman Center.

"I think so," another volunteer replies.

"And this box is the rolls?" she asks.

"Yeah," she yells from the opposite side of the crowded space where volunteers scurried to prepare the annual Thanksgiving dinner.

What was not confirmed from one volunteer to another was written in messages that hung around the small area where the meal was prepared. Messages telling volunteers not to throw away pie tins, among other brief reminders, were typed and posted around the room.

And even messages that were not spoken or typed that day were understood by those who volunteered that day, including the fact there would be plenty of work for even those who temporarily waited to be given a job.

The hectic scene was that of the 35th annual Thanksgiving dinner, which took place Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Newman Center. The dinner was preceded by a small service in a room of the center, which some local residents such as Randy Tran came with his family to attend.

Most attendants, such as Carole Smith, who said the meal "made a good holiday," came mainly for the dinner, which catered to more than 700 local residents and students still in town over break.

"It's a great sense of community," said Dominic Eining, a Chicago resident who

has been attending the dinner for the past seven years with her family. "We come down here every year when we're down here from Chicago. It just gives you a sense of what Thanksgiving is about and a chance to share blessings with others."

Most of the dozens of volunteers who came to assist with preparation wandered in sporadically throughout the afternoon, while many came before 6 a.m. Planning for the service began as early as September, with actual preparation of food, including 60 donated turkeys, starting at the beginning of the week.

Linda Brayfield, a meal coordinator for the dinner, has helped with the event for 25 years. She admitted to not being a "morning person," but was able to get out of bed at 4:30 on Thursday morning to help organize the dinner, which she believes to be an important tradition for many in the area.

"Rather than seeing people have to sit around by themselves on the holiday, we'd rather them come in and eat with us," Brayfield said. "Even people who work full time and may need a little R and R should

come in to have a meal with people in the community; students, community members, old and young, people from all walks of life are welcome."

Diversity was shown not only in attendants, but also in volunteers. Younger and older residents of Carbondale and surrounding areas came to the church to take on the responsibilities of preparing a meal for hundreds of attendants.

Jolecia Flourney, a student at Carbondale Community High School, and her two friends came in around 11 a.m. to help with preparation. Though the organization she planned to volunteer with was unable to participate, Flourney still decided to come and help out.

Flourney and other volunteers took on various responsibilities including arranging trays, setting out food and even delivering meals to ill and older citizens unable to attend.

Chuck Elliot, who has attended the dinner for the past 20 years, said it has become

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## 'Sounds of the Holidays'

comes to Carbondale CD sales to benefit American Cancer Society

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Not many students are around to hear holiday sounds at SIUC, most having left to enjoy a family Christmas for a much needed break from campus life.

But thanks to Saluki Walkers Always Triumph, a team with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, students do not need to be on campus to enjoy an SIUC Christmas.

"Sounds of the Holidays at SIUC," a musical compact disc featuring musicians associated with the University as well as readings by Chancellor Walter Wender and SIUC President James Walker, is set to be released at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Old Main Lounge in the Student Center. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Ken Carr, one of the creators of the compact disc, said the group has been working on the project since the spring. A group of SIUC students, including Carr's son, Bryan, developed the disc as part of a senior project.

"We were getting ready to have the relay for life," Ken said.

"We had raised all the money, and we were trying to come up with a way to raise money for the following year.

"I got to thinking that my family has always been musical. I thought it would be great if we came up with a CD that had people that had been touched by cancer singing songs."

The compact discs, which can be purchased from any SWAT member following the release, sell for \$15 a piece.

The First Bank and Trust Company in Murphysboro and Apple City of Murphysboro paid for the production costs for the CD, so all sales go completely to the American Cancer Society.

Ken said the group has 500 copies to sell and he would be exceptionally pleased if the group needed to produce another set because of demand.

"At least 100 have been pre-sold," he said. "What would really make us ecstatic is if we have to order more, because all

Gus Bode



Gus says: If Wender goes platinum, will tuition decrease?

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### ON CAMPUS

#### Evanescence show at SIU Arena canceled

The Evanescence show originally scheduled for 8 p.m. tonight at the SIU Arena with Seether, Finger Eleven and Godhead has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts.

Tickets may be refunded at the original point of purchase, and only complete tickets will be honored. No refunds will be issued for complimentary, lost or stolen tickets. Cash refunds will only be available from the SIU Arena ticket office until Dec.

11. After that date, refunds will be issued by check. The ticket office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Due to the departure of Evanescence guitarist Ben Moody, the group's other December dates have been postponed until February while the group rehearses a replacement guitarist. Although other dates are being rescheduled, Carbondale's will not be one of them.

Tickets purchased through Ticketmaster must be refunded through Ticketmaster, either online or at one of the company's outlets. Online return policies can be found at [www.ticketmaster.com/ty/customer\\_seve.html](http://www.ticketmaster.com/ty/customer_seve.html).

For more information, go to the SIU Arena website at [www.siu.edu/~arena](http://www.siu.edu/~arena) or call 453-2000.

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**DRUNK BEHIND THE WHEEL**

**DRUNK BEHIND THE WHEEL**

**DAILY EGYPTIAN SPECIAL REPORT**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

Five reporters and two photographers of the DAILY EGYPTIAN set out to learn why and how people disregard the lives of so many by drinking and driving. To do so, we visited the site of the deadliest drunk driving accident in U.S. history.

It was in the small, sleepy towns of Radcliff and Carrollton, Ky., not that unlike Carbondale, where we found that behind every drunk driver there is a story — a story of pain, a story of anguish, and a story that can change people.

There has never been a time better than now, during National Drinking and Drugged Driving Awareness month, to show how a single person can scar an entire community. Each day this week we will share stories that can help shatter the mentality that driving home, even two blocks, won't hurt a soul. Through this series we hope to open people's eyes to the epidemic of drunk driving and ensure that no community in the Southern Illinois region becomes another Radcliff or Carrollton.

**TIMELINE OF COVERAGE**

**Today**

The crash of 1988 and how our region compares to the rest of Illinois

**Tuesday**

The loss in Southern Illinois and the battle for prevention

**Wednesday**

The aftermath and repercussions of driving under the influence

**Thursday**

The options available for those in need of help

**Friday**

The perseverance of the survivors

**Just JONE DAY**

On May 14, 1988, a mother and a community learned of the destruction one person can do while drunk behind the wheel

story by ZACK CREGLOW

**RADCLIFF, Ky.** — The night of May 14, 1988, was far worse than every mother's worst nightmare. Nothing could awaken Janey Fair from the brutal reality — she was all alone. She was by herself on the night when she needed a familiar hug or hand to hold onto, some refuge to distract the worry. Her husband, Larry, had left that morning to pick up his mother in Johnson City, Tenn., the family's hometown, while her 16-year-old son, Donald, had gone to stay with her sister, Gloria.

But it was another absence that caused the grief and the tears and the torment as she waited amid a mass of unfamiliar faces at the Radcliff First Assemblies of God Church. She received a phone call around 1 a.m., explaining there had been an accident, and all the voice on the other end said was that she needed to hurry to the church. She had never even seen or heard of the church before her daughter Shannon told her she was invited to go to King's Island, a theme park in Cincinnati, by some members of the congregation.

To Fair, the faces that waited with her were all John and Jane Does, but each was going through the same emotional firestorm as she. A happy ending that night meant going to the hospital to see their children in the burn unit. Others, like Fair, waited, oblivious to the whereabouts of their children, left only to guess and ponder the extremes of what their conditions could be. After a while, silence was the worst news one could hear.

"I was just praying they would find her in the hospital," Fair said.

For eight hours she sat in solitude at the church, running different scenarios through her head. It was less than 24 hours ago when she had said 'goodbye' to Shannon as she left with the rest of the group for King's Island at 6 a.m. Now the only thought that permeated her mind was whether or not it would be their last goodbye.

"I remember seeing the sun shine through her hair and remember thinking how perfect she looked," Fair recalled from that morning.

The night before, Shannon and her best friend,

Mary Daniels, spent the night being young teenage girls, trying on different outfits and preparing for the next day.

In many ways, Shannon was a typical teenager. But in just as many ways, she was ahead of her time. In her 14 years, Shannon's future appeared boundless — she was intelligent, talented and beautiful beyond her years. Fair recalls numerous times when people thought she was at least six years older.

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It was 11 p.m. on that Saturday night. James Dunn was about to watch the weather on the nightly news when his phone rang. Dunn had been the Carroll County coroner for eight years, and what the operator on the phone said appeared to be the same as he had heard a thousand times before: vehicle wreck on Interstate Highway 71, along the winding, rolling hills of Northern Kentucky.

"I had no idea what I was going to," Dunn remembers. "I went down and loaded up my equipment and left."

When he arrived at the crash site about 30 minutes later, he never could have fathomed the scene. Dunn was expecting the usual single-car accident that often occurred on that stretch of road, so he only loaded up the hearse with one gunny to haul off the deceased.

At first, the only thing he could do to help was stay out of the way. Emergency workers from across the state worked frantically to save as many lives as they could, taking the victims away in ambulances and helicopters to any hospital in the state. Dunn, loaded with one stretcher, was in the midst of the country's deadliest drunk driving crash ever. The single-car accident he had anticipated couldn't have been further from the surreal truth.

A church bus loaded with 67 passengers had been turned into a deadly incinerator after the gas tank was punctured when Larry Mahoney, driving his pickup truck, veered into the southbound lane heading north and smashed head-on into the front side of the bus.

**Those who lost their life on May 14, 1988**

- Jennifer Arnett, 13
- Cynthia Atherton, 13
- Sandy Brewer, 12
- Joshua Conyers, 14
- Mary Daniels, 14
- Julie Earnest, 12
- Kashawn Etheredge, 14
- Shannon Fair, 14
- Dwaila Fischel, 12
- Richard Gohn, 19
- Lori Holzer, 11
- Chuck Kyua, 34
- Anthony Marks, 15
- April Mills, 15
- Phillip Morgan, 13
- Tina Mustain, 14
- Williams Nichols, Jr., 17
- Patty Nunnallee, 10
- John Peannan, 36
- Emillie Thompson, 13
- Crystal Uhey, 13
- Denise Voglund, 13
- Amy Wheelock, 14
- Joy Williams, 34
- Kristen Williams, 14
- Robin Williams, 10
- Chad Witt, 14

Children lay alongside the interstate with their clothing singed onto their scorched skin, and some victims' skin melted from the heat that suffocated the bus. The rotors of the helicopters muted the screams of pain and agony in a sickening melody.

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**Southern Illinois high in DUI enforcement**

Carbondale, Murphysboro both active in arrests

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In 2002, Carbondale officers made 312 driving under the influence arrests, a number that may seem minimal when compared to the more than 6,000 recorded by Chicago Police but alarmingly high when measured against other college towns.

Champaign, De Kalb and Macomb, home to the University of Illinois, Northern Illinois University and Western Illinois University, respectively, each registered less than 200 DUI stops last year. Macomb managed to do the most with the least, recording 193 DUI arrests with only 25 officers, a rate of 7.7 each.

According to an annual survey compiled by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists, the average DUI arrest rate per officer for the Illinois State Police in 2002 was a shade under four. By comparison, the average DUI arrest rate for an officer with Carbondale Police officer — a department with 2,000 fewer sworn officers — was more than five.

Those figures suggest the epidemic of driving under the influence spreads beyond the borders of Chicago, which accounted for more than 6,000 DUIs in 2002.

Not every college town outside the Windy City is immune to the burgeoning outbreak of



**SIU** Compared to other in-state college towns

City	DUI Arrests	Sworn Officers	DUI Arrest Rate (per officer)
Carbondale	312	61	5.1
Champaign	152	118	1.3
Charleston	64	47	1.4
DeKalb	141	57	2.5
Macomb	193	25	7.7
Normal	362	68	5.3

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DUIs. Normal, site of Illinois State University, topped Carbondale by 50 DUI arrests in 2002, compiling 362.

SIUC, meanwhile, recently took another step toward curbing Carbondale's DUI woes, using a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation to conduct additional traffic enforcement activities during the last two weekends in October.

Charlene Chapman, executive director of the AAIM, said the number of DUI stops reported in a community may not be indicative of its volume of drunk drivers.

"Just because there are more arrests in a certain region doesn't mean there are more drunk drivers there than in the rest of the state," Chapman said. "But it does indicate a more active enforcement effort targeting DUIs by those departments when compared to other departments."

Southern Illinois is not lacking when it comes to active enforcement. With just 18 officers, Murphysboro Police recorded an arrest rate of 11.3 last year, eighth highest in Illinois.

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“I thought, ‘This is a nightmare.’ I hoped I would wake up and realize this was just a nightmare. But this was something I had to do.”

— James Dunn  
coroner, Carroll County



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Police videotape the burnt husk of what used to be a bus near Carrollton, Ky., on May 14, 1988. The crash was the deadliest drunk driving wreck in history, killing 27 individuals.



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Janey Fair is sullen as she speaks about the night when her daughter Shannon perished. Behind her sits a plush, red makeshift memorial to the 27 victims who died along with her daughter May 14, 1988.

**ONE DAY**

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Mahoney had been drinking on and off throughout the day after finishing his overnight shift at M & T Chemical Plant in Carrollton. His blood alcohol level was .24, more than twice Kentucky's legal limit of .10. Afterward, the police found a six-pack of beer in the back of his truck still ice cold. His chance of survival was greater than many of the children on the side of the road, forcing emergency workers to airlift him to the hospital instead of the children because his state was a higher priority.

Mahoney's life was spared, and today the only scar that remains is the memory that his drinking and driving resulted in 27 deaths, 24 of which were only children.

After a few minutes of standing aside, a state trooper walked over to Dunn to inform him his presence was needed inside the bus.

Inside, Dunn's flashlight uncovered charred bodies, stacked up on top of each other. The bodies faced the rear exit, depicting a last-minute attempt for survival. The rear exit was too narrow, though, and only a few managed to escape.

Dunn attempted to assess the number of fatalities. The bodies were so badly burned there was no way to indicate the sex of the victims. But from the size of the bodies, he could decipher many were children. In his head, he tallied somewhere close to 17 or 18 deceased.

"I thought, 'This is a nightmare.' I hoped I would wake up and realize this was just a nightmare. But this was something I had to do," Dunn exclaimed.

Dunn reentered the bus and entered the sully tomb. The bodies were still steaming and filled the bus with the nauseating stench of burned human carcasses. Every direction he

moved his flashlight, he saw smoldering meat and bone, flesh vacuumed airtight to ribsages.

"It was something that no human being will ever forget," Dunn said.

Shannon Fair was among those unrecognizable in the heap of bodies. Near her was best friend Mary Daniels.

Dunn phoned his wife and told her to call Dr. George Nichols, the state medical examiner. She told him that Nichols had been notified and had left his Louisville home and was on his way.

When Nichols arrived, the two did another survey of the bus. They came to the conclusion that the crash would tie up traffic on the interstate for days. So to bypass any future dilemmas, the site had to be literally moved before they could remove the bodies.

Cranes loaded the bus onto a flatbed truck that transported the bus, fatal victims and all, to the National Guard Armory in Carrollton. The emergency crews worked around the clock, dissecting the interior of the bus seat by seat in order to remove the bodies.

Dunn's night ended around 6:30 a.m., after American Red Cross arrived to debrief the workers who had seen a lifetime of hell in the span of half a day.

"They tried to counsel all of us," Dunn said. "There was and still is a lot of people that are still having a hard time dealing with this."

Around the same time, Fair received some form of news. But after eight hours of watching other families depart to visit their children at the hospital, the news was what she feared the most. There would be no happy ending for the Fair household.

Her daughter, Shannon, was among the deceased. Her beauty had been morphed into a figure that days later would be hidden underneath the mask of a closed casket.

"I want you to remember them how they were, not how they are now," Fair remembers the medical examiner telling her before she and other families had to attempt to identify the charred bodies of their children's remains.

The death of Shannon Fair was more than just a youth dying too soon. It ran deeper, as did all the deaths of that night, with the context weighing heavily on the hearts that loved them.

After May 14, 1988, there would never be anymore whining to stay up another 15 minutes, no more asking Janey to comb out her long, vibrant red hair, no more hearing her laughter. There would only be a tombstone.

That night, her daughter and 26 other individuals were forever taken from this earth, their chance to leave their own mark in life stolen.

Some 15 years later, their impression on this world was left in death. But some good, as much that can be derived from 27 innocent deaths, did result. Stricter bus standards and DUI laws were championed by state and national legislatures and thus were their lasting legacy.

The man who drove the wrong way down the four-lane highway and smashed into the bus was sentenced to 16 years. During his imprisonment, Fair said Mahoney had a successful rehabilitation from his alcoholism. He was released in 1999 on parole. Since then he has become a reclusive and reportedly lives with his parents. He recently married his long-time girlfriend who stayed with him during the prison term.

Fair became a leading activist in the fight against drinking and driving, recently serving as the vice president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Shannon's room was emptied when the Fairs renovated their Radcliff home, but her memory is very much alive.

Dunn remains the Carroll County coroner and runs the Dunn-Graham funeral home. He is in the business of death, but the thought of May 14, 1988, still cracks his baritone voice and Southern drawl.

"I've been doing this too long," Dunn now says after 23 years serving as county coroner.

Every time he drives his car on Interstate 71, he is reminded of that. Maybe it has been too long, maybe it has been too much death to witness in one lifetime. Maybe that night 15 years ago was just maybe.

His reminder stands somewhere near mile marker 39 just outside of Carrollton where a large but lonely green sign reads, "The site of the fatal bus crash on May 14, 1988."

"The one thing I hate about it is they call it and will call it the 'Carroll County accident,'" Dunn said. "But neither the children who were in the crash nor the fellow that hit the bus were from Carroll County, but it will forever be the 'Carroll County accident.'"

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**Jackson County DUI arrest #'s**  
 2003: 804  
 2002: 884  
 2001: 872  
 2000: 845  
 1999: 849

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# Local police pursue DUIs more aggressively

## Jackson County arrests climb to record numbers

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Drunk drivers in Jackson County beware. The county's law enforcement agencies pulled over drunken drivers at a record clip in 2002, and officers are showing no signs of slowing that torrid pace in 2003.

Officers made 804 DUI arrests in 2002 within Jackson County. Through Wednesday, police had arrested 757 possible DUI cases in 2003. With a month to go in 2003, officers have plenty of time to eclipse last year's record number of DUI arrests.

The number of DUI arrests in the county is a marked change from previous years. The number of drunk driving arrests in Jackson County jumped from 578 cases in 2001 to 804 cases in 2002. In 2000, there were 505 DUI arrests within the county.

Since Aug. 15, the Friday before the SIUC fall semester began, police have made 198 DUI arrests within the county.

The bulk of these arrests during the semester have been made in Carbondale as 122 cases of drunken driving have been reported by police as of Wednesday.

Grand Avenue has been the most frequent place for DUI arrests within the city since the fall semester began. Of the 122 drunk driving arrests made in Carbondale, 26 of them have been made on Grand Avenue or at one of its intersections.

The intersection of Grand Avenue and Wall Street has been the site of the most DUI arrests at any Carbondale intersection this semester with six drunk driving cases being reported.

One of the people largely responsible for keeping Carbondale's streets free of impaired drivers is Carbondale Police Officer Doug Wilson. With 15 DUI arrests, he has had more drunken driving arrests than any other Carbondale Police officer during the fall semester.

Wilson said he is not surprised by the jump in DUI arrests within the county and credits the higher number of arrests to more aggressive patrolling by his fellow Carbondale Police officers.

"I think the guys we have working the streets right now are very pro-active," Wilson said. "They're constantly looking for different types of crime, but they also look for traffic offenses that will maybe result in DUI arrests. We do anything we can to make the streets a little safer in Carbondale."

Police have also been doing their part to keep motorists safe from drunk driving in Murphysboro. Since Aug. 15, officers have made 51 DUI arrests in the city.

The man responsible for more than half of those arrests is Murphysboro Police Officer Gib Bastien. Through Wednesday, Bastien had made 26 DUI arrests since Aug. 15, which tops every officer in the county during that period.

Bastien said he credits the rise in DUI arrests to four factors: more public awareness, better police equipment, better police training and a more aggressive patrol.

"I think we have now in our lifetime seen DUI crime escalate right up with burglarly," Bastien said. "As much as I patrol for anti-burglary of people's homes, I also patrol for their protection on the street. We are patrolling now and maybe looking for that particular thing on a daily basis more than we did in years past. We're looking for that crime."

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## THEIR WORD

# Putting the spam back in the can harder than it looks

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TAMPA, Fla. (U-WIRE) — Starting Jan. 1, unwanted and unsolicited e-mails, or spam, will be regulated. Critics, however, say that this will effectively legalize some e-mail spam, which can hardly be in the interest of the consumer.

The House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved the bill titled, "Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act," (CAN-SPAM) that reaches a compromise between spam advocates and those who detest "junk e-mail."

Early Saturday morning, the House passed a bill on a 392-5 vote, which mirrors the Senate's CAN-SPAM legislation. If President Bush signs these measures, as he indicated to CNET News.com, then certain forms of spam will become legalized. Spam users, who represent about 23 million of U.S. businesses according to Spamhaus.com, will be allowed to send as many "commercial electronic mail messages" as they please, provided that all the messages are accompanied by a legitimate U.S. postal address and an unsubscribe link on the bottom. It would then be left up to the user to stop the incoming "junk" messages by unsubscribing through the link. The identity of the spam sender must be clear and legitimate, as it will become illegal for them to use false

return addresses and subject lines — an action potentially punished by jail time.

CAN-SPAM also permits the Federal Trade Commission to create a "do-not-spam" registry, similar to the "do-not-call" list

To put the responsibility on the consumer to opt out, though, is the wrong approach.

that went into effect Oct. 1.

California was in the process of passing a strong anti-spam law, making spam illegal entirely in the state if consumers had not specifically requested the mail they receive.

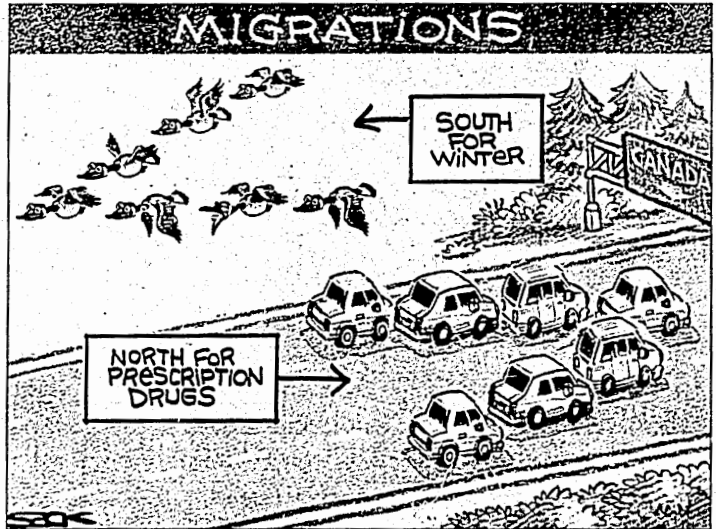
CAN-SPAM, if passed, will override the "opt-in" version of that law, replacing it with the national "opt-out" instead.

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates jumped on the anti-spam bandwagon, noting that junk e-mails cost businesses millions of dollars a year as well as expose children to distasteful subject matter. Gates referred to the House vote as "a milestone in the battle against spam and a major step toward preserving e-mail as a powerful communication tool."

While many anti-spam advocates would urge the U.S. legislation towards harsher methods, the passing of the CAN-SPAM law helps to please both sides of the e-mail inboxes. While businesses will still be allowed to advertise penis enlargement pills, consumers are now protected from former spam trickery. Gone are the days when the consumer would open a deceitful email from JaneDoe@somewebsite.com titled, "Hey you, how's it going?" After Jan. 1, "Jane" will be required to inform the consumer of her pornographic intentions.

To put the responsibility on the consumer to opt out, though, is the wrong approach. The main complaint about spam is that it costs time to sort through it. Now that consumers also have to respond to e-mail in order not get any more, it makes it even more work-intensive.

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## GUEST COLUMNIST

# Don't buy into liberal hype

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— C.S. Lewis once wrote, "A great many of those who 'debunk' traditional . . . values have in the background values of their own which they believe to be immune from the debunking process."

I would say this is true for liberal thought in America, and it's gone unchecked long enough.

Democrat demagogues sit in their posh penthouse apartments, swank high-rise offices and drive their gas-guzzling Lincoln Navigators while condemning Republicans for doing the same.

Liberal pundits (read: Democrats) such as Michael Moore and Al Franken take shots at "conservative issues" (read: Republican issues) like Second Amendment rights and pro-life advocacy while holding gun control, pro-choice advocacy and environmentalism near and dear to their hearts.

One can't escape it in academia. The university, once held up as a place where free thinking and open conversation reigned, now seems to be a place where radical-left thought reigns supreme.

History departments across the globe are slowly being filled with revisionist historians who don't seek so much to provide an accurate picture of history as much as they seek to provide a history that matches the ideals of any particular agenda they should like.

Claims of "open-mindedness" drop with a dull thud because the people who make them are as close to being open-minded as they are

to being a grilled cheese sandwich. Someone truly open-minded wouldn't have to claim his or her open-mindedness; it would be obvious by his or her conduct.

Where were all the people encouraging others to question the government when Clinton was in office? Why do the people pointing out the bias in Fox News have problems seeing the bias in MSNBC, CNN or any other major news network?

I'm not going to be so naive as to say there's not an equal amount of political propaganda being thrown around by Republican politicians and pundits, but come on, some stuff is just ridiculous. Why is it still being accepted?

It's still being accepted because no one has ever dared to stand otherwise. There is a cure for all this crap. It's called standing up for the truth. Many people still wrapped up in post-modern thinking will reply, "The truth as you see it or the truth as I see it?" This is dancing around the point — either way indicates an underlying truth. To see it, we must first take off the leftist or rightist blinders to which we cling.

We have to stand up and stand beside the moral truth that has been known since time immemorial. There is a right way to do things and a wrong way to do things. Anyone who says otherwise will, as Lewis points out, "go back on it a moment later." The only way to change things is to go back to that. And we won't go back to it until we stop buying into the hype.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“When I took office, only high energy physicists had ever heard of what is called the Worldwide Web . . . now even my cat has its own page.”

President Bill Clinton during the announcement of Next Generation Internet initiative

## WORDS OVERHEARD

“When you take a kid that's 10 years old and he's never really had a good day and you make him healthy, whether he lives for a month or 10 years, it's worth it for him to have the ability to live like a normal kid.”

Michelle Frankiewicz on why playing tag outside with a friend was the best day of her 10-year-old son's life after a recent double-lung transplant

COLUMNISTS

# Democratic whining is puny politics

While name recognition is still a problem with all the Democrat candidates (John Edwards probably couldn't get a table at a Waffle House), the field of eventual losers has successfully steered the coming presidential election to two issues: national security and the economy.

Good in theory but really bad for Democrats in reality. The economy is growing at a rate not seen since (surprise!) Reagan. Strike one for Democrats. There has not been a major terrorist attack on American soil since Sept. 11, 2001. Strike two. And bearing down on the Democrats like a 100-mile-per-hour fastball is Iraq.

Imagine a scenario where the finest fighting force in the world, the U.S. military, begins to get the insurances in Iraq under control. Imagine handing over sovereignty to the Iraqi people as early as next summer. Imagine thousands of troops coming home every week beginning right after a Democrat is nominated. This is not an unrealistic situation; some indications show there's a good chance it will happen ... strike three. They're out.

Democrats are running against the past. They're running against a recession that is over, a war that is over and an "occupation" that could be winding down just when the campaign is heating up. And they say Conservatives are backward looking!

First, the economy. The Department of Commerce has reported that the economy is growing at an exponential rate. As the third round of Bush tax cuts goes into effect, the economy is taking off. Not since another tax cutter was in office in 1984 has growth looked so promising.

Unemployment claims are falling, consumer confidence is rising and long-term financial forecasts are constantly changing to keep up with the good-looking numbers. This all makes statements such as, "George W. Bush has been the most fiscally irresponsible president in the history of the United States of America," recently uttered by presidential candidate Joe Lieberman, seem sort of foolish.

In fact, all the Democrats are starting to look foolish on this issue. Every single candidate has proposed either partially or totally eliminating the Bush tax cuts, which many analysts agree is the main factor in the current economic recovery.

Democrats are running against a non-existent recession, which will certainly be over by Election Day. President Bush will be presiding over a robust economy, and Democrats will be clamoring for tax hikes.

The other major issue in the coming election will be national security. Two years ago, Republicans were able to thump Democrats when they made national security the No. 1 issue. With the economy off the table, national security is all that is left.



Right Angle

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Iraq looms large on the political horizon, and voters will be watching closely on how the situation is handled by the president in the coming months. The possibility of less violence, Iraqi sovereignty and many troops coming home is a real one.

Candidate Howard Dean rose to prominence completely opposing the war with Iraq. If President Bush succeeds in stabilizing Iraq, what exactly will Dean be running against? The fact that the people of Iraq are free? The fact that Iraq can no longer sponsor terrorists? The fact that Saddam Hussein is no longer in power? Like the economy, Dean and the rest will have nothing to run against but the past.

How can Democrats credibly attack President Bush's foreign policy when Iraq is free, Hussein is gone, terrorists are on the run and have been unable to attack America since Sept. 11? With the economy on the rise and the problems in Iraq on the decline, Democrats are left only with their far-left agendas and their vehement hatred for President Bush, a strategy Republican strategist Mary Matalin called "the politics of puny" recently on NBC's "Meet the Press." It will not be enough to win the election for Democrats.

It's becoming clear that the Republican Party is the party of new ideas while the Democrats are using their same playbook from 50 years ago. President Bush has rescued the economy from the Clinton recession, decimated al-Qaeda, overthrown a dictator, liberated the people of Iraq and recently added a prescription drug plan to Medicare (supported by the AARP, historically supporters of Democrats).

The Democratic response? Moan about the job Bush is doing while having no real plans of their own. They seem content to rip the president and just assume his ideas will not work. The mantra of the Democratic Party since Bush took office is unilateral opposition to everything he has proposed. Now that Bush's proposals on the economy, national security, Iraq and, coming soon, Medicare are working, what are they left with?

The answer is nothing but the politics of puny.

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# Division among races in celebrity trials is unequal

According to Jermaine Jackson, Michael Jackson's older brother, he is experiencing a "modern day lynching".

Many have questioned his remarks on debatable shows, such as "The O'Rely Factor" and CNN. Kobe Bryant, Mike Tyson and O.J. Simpson are other cases that divided decisions among the races. According to a USA Today poll, blacks were 66 percent more likely to support Kobe, while whites were equally split.

Why are African-Americans more likely to stand beside accused black celebrities?

When African-American celebrities are accused of any crime, be it rape, molestation or murder, blacks are more likely to take it personally because of the often-confused justice system.

Many blacks have had experience with the viciously imbalanced justice system within their own personal lives, be it through family, friends or the connection of wrongfully convicted criminals in the media.

In turn, when black celebrities are shown in the media while being accused of crimes, we are more likely to question the justice system rather than the celebrity being interrogated for their crimes.

Taking a look outside celebrity cases and into the lives of convicted murderers on death row in Illinois, Gov. George Ryan released 156 inmates because of the countless number of loopholes in various cases.

Anthony Porter served 17 years of his life behind bars and was on death row until a group of students from Northwestern investigated the crime, and he was later released along with three other convicted murderers.

According to BBC World News, "He had halted executions three years ago, after courts found that 13 death row inmates had been wrongly convicted since Illinois resumed capital punishment in 1977."

Sequentially, the division of the races on their opinions of convicted high-profile blacks is not solely based on the outward appearance, but rather on the



Stand up and say something now!

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personal experiences that have left bitter tastes about the legal system.

The "modern day lynching" that Jermaine Jackson accused the media of having may have people saying that he is taking things slightly to far.

Michael Jackson has had previous instances in child molestation accusations in 1993, but his mistake was when he announced to the media in a well-publicized interview that he slept with children in his personal bedroom.

This was undeniably playing with fire. And while being such a well-known celebrity with a considerable amount of money, he was making himself available for harsh criticism and future lawsuits.

Some have called this a conspiracy against his album release date, which was the same day the Los Angeles police raided his Neverland Ranch.

To totally disregard race and socioeconomic class in the legal system would be blindly ignorant.

I would be ecstatic if O.J. Simpson's murder trial and Rush Limbaugh's drug allegations would be handled the same as a crack head off of the streets of Chicago.

Legal injustice has left a staple in the minds of blacks who view this in the media and who have experienced it personally.

The court system seemingly does not run on the justice of common humanity, but rather by the mighty dollar that most common convicted criminals lack.

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When African-American celebrities are accused of any crime, be it rape, molestation or murder, blacks are more likely to take it personally because of the often-confused justice system.

# LETTERS

## ACLU constitutional disputes bear no originality

DEAR EDITOR:

Jeanie Altamanti ("ACLU stands proudly with Constitution," Nov. 16) is correct in her assertion that our Constitution exists partially to protect the rights of political minorities from government intrusion.

The ACLU defends many who, like it or not, have rights but no voice. For example, their defense of prisoners' civil rights is to be commended. Even when they are wrong, there are a few issues where the ACLU is at least consistent. Alex Berzow ("Whose side is the ACLU on?" Oct. 6) noted the ACLU's defense of NAMBLA (North American Man-Boy Love Association) and the Ku Klux Klan. Although the ACLU erred in that obscenity and speech that advocates criminal behavior receive little or no First Amendment protection under the design, intent and historical understanding of the amendment, the ACLU at least seems to be consistent with regards to speech and expression.

What is inexcusable is the pious manner in which the ACLU wraps itself in the Constitution almost every time it finds itself on the losing side of an argument. It opposes that which is permitted under the Constitution. The ACLU opposes the death penalty on constitutional grounds even though the document itself by its language makes it clear no less than three times that the Framers did not think the practice unconstitutional. The ACLU advocates what is explicitly forbidden under the Constitution. The ACLU advocates forcing the Boy Scouts to accept homosexuals as members even though its right to exclude them is protected by the First Amendment's freedom of association.

The ACLU even makes constitutional arguments when the document is completely silent. Their defense of Roe v. Wade (1973) and innumerable other "constitutional" rights are based on privacy principles found nowhere in the Constitution.

The only common thread in the ACLU's constitutional philosophy is that it is rarely guided by the original design, intent and historical understanding of the document (save maybe those few instances when

it is convenient); and it does not think that a woman, minority or homosexual should ever lose a case, regardless of the legal or constitutional principle involved.

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## International students shouldn't suppress opinions

DEAR EDITOR:

In Alex B. Berzow's column "Be ungrateful and blame America first: part II," Mr. Berzow accuses the professors criticizing his work for being selective in their understanding of freedom of speech.

I, however, believe that Mr. Berzow does the same when he selectively describes America's role in history. Don't get me wrong, freedom of the speech is very important, but still, Mr. Berzow needs to broaden or at least update his knowledge and perspective on history.

Not having any need or obligation to rebuild

Japan? One may think it would be required after dropping two atomic bombs on a country!

Getting rid of Hitler? That is very interesting, and I suppose all the countries that were involved in World War II before America even joined had nothing to do with it?

Moreover, the great humanitarian support Mr. Berzow refers to is it unconditional and free? Or does the American government requires something in return?

Mr. Berzow should consider this: The international students are appreciative of the opportunity they have received to come and study in the United States. This, however, does not mean they need to keep their mouths shut throughout their stay in the United States and express their feelings of disagreements if they have any.

This freedom of the speech Mr. Berzow refers to? Does this include international students as well? Or do they need to keep quiet because they are not part of the country?

Marina Shafraan  
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# Friends, co-workers organize dinner to benefit area resident

West Frankfort residents show support for local cancer patient with chili dinner, auction

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Sitting at her desk at work, Barb English is missing something.

It is not a stapler or an important document that is creating the void — it is a friend.

A close friend who usually sits next to her has been absent from work since early November.

Instead of work, Ken Hargis, a senior accountant of Pepsi Mid-America, has spent the last few months at home and in the hospital battling colon cancer. He was diagnosed with the illness in June.

Hargis, who lives in West Frankfort with his wife and four children, recently discovered the illness had spread to his liver and lungs.

With the Christmas season approaching, Hargis' friends and co-workers wanted to do something to show support for him. In a collaborative effort, they decided to raise money by sponsoring a benefit dinner and auction for Hargis.

"One thing I know about Ken is that he is a pleasant person," English said. "He is full of life and full of jokes. As a matter of fact, I've never seen him frown."

English, along with family, friends and community members, has decided to sponsor a fundraiser in hopes of providing Hargis and his family a special Christmas.

"The Benefit Chili Dinner and Auction" will take place Tuesday at the Moose Lodge in West Frankfort. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the auction will follow at 7 p.m.

Bobbi Matuszak, a resident of Carbondale and acquaintance of Hargis for nearly two years, said she is doing whatever she can to help.

"Ken is a father, a husband and a respected member of the community and his church," Matuszak said. "There is not a person that knows him who doesn't adore him."

Matuszak said along with family and friends, local businesses have donated to the event. Long Branch Café, 710 Book Store, The Book Worm and Allied Physicians and Rehab have donated certificates and services to the event's auction.

The proceeds made from the auction will be donated to Hargis and his family.

English said Hargis continued to come to work until early November. She said he would only come in for a couple of hours a day a few times a week but still made the effort despite his illness.

English said that because his medications affected his ability to drive, his wife, Tracy, drove him to and from

work each day.

Attempting to hold back her tears, English shared the most recent memory of Hargis.

Every Christmas holiday, English and her friends put out a large plastic jar, which she referred to as the "angel tree," to collect money for needy children within the community.

"This year we decided in addition to our regular angel tree to have another for one for Ken," English said.

In addition to normal expenses, Hargis is faced with the high cost of medical bills. English said he has been living with no income since November. With the Christmas season approaching, money is tighter than usual.

On Hargis' last day of work, he stopped in front of the angel tree before leaving the office. English said he dug into his pockets and pulled out money to donate.

"He had no idea it was for him," English said. "I could never say enough about the sweet, sweet man."

The event will take place at Moose Lodge, which is located at 327 E. Main St. in West Frankfort. A \$3 donation is requested of attendants.

## Trimming the tree



ANTHONY SOUFFLE — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Earl Lacey of Glen Carbon strings lights around a bush in his front yard Saturday morning. Many people all over Southern Illinois took advantage of Saturday's warm weather to decorate their homes.



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Bastien said he feels a personal obligation to the drivers of Murphysboro to investigate any traffic violation that may be the result of impaired driving.

"DUI enforcement saves lives," Bastien said. "It's not necessarily the life of a stranger. It could be your life or your family's life."

"The unfortunate thing and what I hate about it is that it's never the drunk who gets killed. You take an opportunity; you take a chance of killing several people. You put one man on the highway running 70 miles an hour in a two-ton projectile with a blood alcohol level over the limit. How many people are you potentially putting at risk? Way too many."

DINNER

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become a tradition for him and his wife, Julie. He said that in addition to the social aspect the meal gives, he is thankful for the efforts of providers, who delivered a Thanksgiving meal to his house one year when he was ill.

Even those who have not attended the dinner for 20 years such as Elliot and those who have not helped to organize the event for 25 years such as Brayfield realize the significance of the dinner in the community.

After one year of helping with the dinner, Mylinn and Emily, both 9, pleaded to help again this year.

"It's really good food, and the people who serve and cook really care and take an interest in the people," a relative of the girls said. "They really make you feel at home, and you don't have to clean up the mess."



MEREDITH MENCER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Brody Corrigan, 2, holds tightly to his uncle, Eric Bohm, as Santa's helper Laura Holvey tries to coax Corrigan into taking a picture with Santa Claus. Corrigan was too upset to see Santa, and they weren't able to take his picture.

MUSIC

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The CD starts with Walker and Wendler's readings of "The Night Before Christmas," and "The Birth of Christ," respectively. The CD also features the SIU Wind Ensemble, the Marching Salukis, organist Marianne Webb, Paul Simon's family, Spiritual Travelers and many more. The SWAT team closes the collection with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Carr said the CD was originally going to be titled "Songs of the Holidays at SIUC," but it was changed when Wendler and Walker asked to do readings.

"If you ever heard me sing, you'd know why," Wendler said. "Brian Carr produced it, and they just said, 'Would you like to do something?' So I decided the most sensitive thing to do was to read."

DUI

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Murphysboro Police Chief Jeff Bock said saturation patrolling during peak hours was a key factor in his department logging 203 DUI stops.

"The late-night hours when the bars are letting out," Bock said. "That's when you find more intoxicated motorists on the road, and that's when you have to step up your staffing to clamp down on that."

Carbondale Officer Jeff Gill clamped down on local drunk drivers in 2002, amassing 101 DUI arrests on his own. Gill was among 27 officers in Illinois to top the century mark for DUI stops and just one of a select few outside the Chicago area.

Gill was unable to be reached for

comment, but Carbondale Officer Doug Wilson said he also roams the streets of Carbondale with an eye for intoxicated motorists.

"We have different districts in town, so wherever I'm at, that's where I patrol," Wilson said. "I usually look for them pretty hard and heavy, though."

On the DUI arrest list along with Gill was Naperville Officer Kevin Driscoll, whose department was tops in the state last year in DUI arrests among municipal departments. Naperville Police Chief David Dial said the figures registered by Driscoll and his other officers were aided in part by his community's low crime rate and high quality of life.

Naperville's DUI policy is one of the most stringent in the state, but even they fail to match up to the head scratching numbers

registered by the Caseyville Police Department.

Caseyville averaged 17 DUI arrests per officer in 2002, the highest total in Illinois.

Caseyville, located two hours from Carbondale in Southwestern Illinois, boasts only nine sworn officers, yet this year they have already totaled over 130 DUI stops.

"I feel that stopping drunk drivers is the most important thing you can do," Hosp said.

"A drunk driver is, in essence, a three or four thousand-pound missile waiting to kill someone," Hosp said.

One aspect of drunk driving that often goes overlooked is the economic impact drunk driving can have on a community.

Southern Illinois' pocketbook was hit hard in 2001. Herrin, a town of less than 12,000, had two DUI

fatalities, 11 injuries and 20 property damage crashes, which added up to \$2,611,500.

Carbondale was less afflicted, but with one fatality, 27 injuries and 19 property damage crashes, it still owed \$2,149,000.


Statewide, the economic costs of crashes involving alcohol totaled more than \$1 billion, yet some cities doled out more than others.

As Carbondale officers and other departments preach, the best way to stamp out drinking and driving-related deaths and costs is to stop it before it starts.

"If you're going to be drinking, get a designated driver or go to a bar that's close enough where you can walk home," Wilson said.

"We're constantly looking for different kinds of crimes, but the ones that always hit closest to home are the DUIs."

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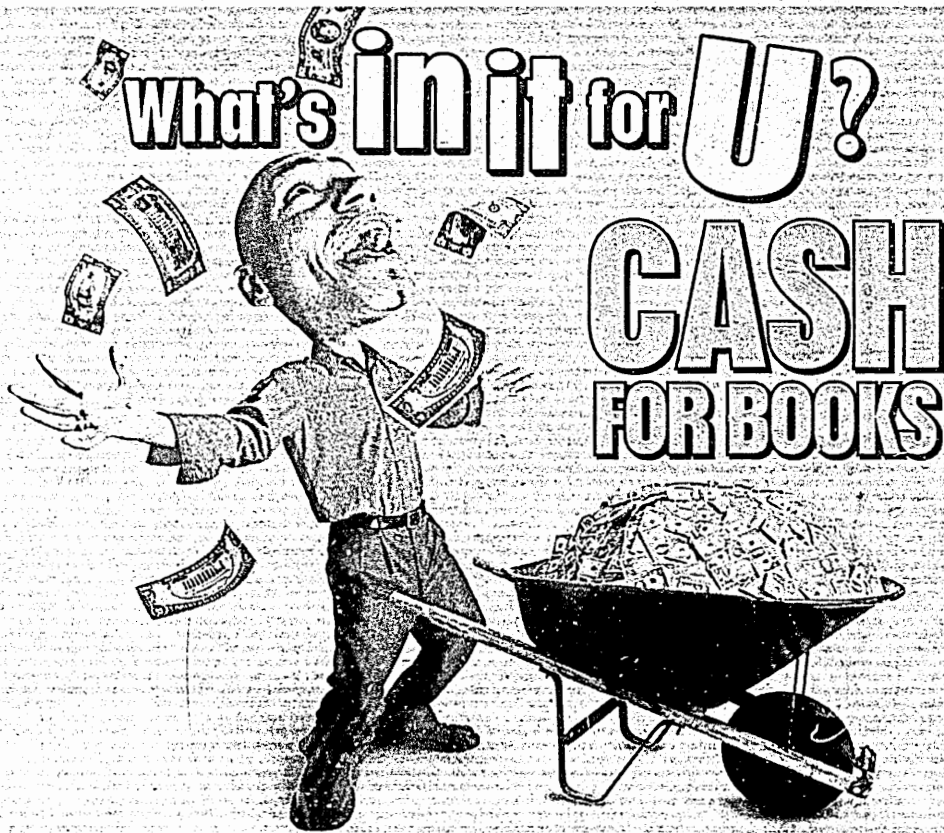
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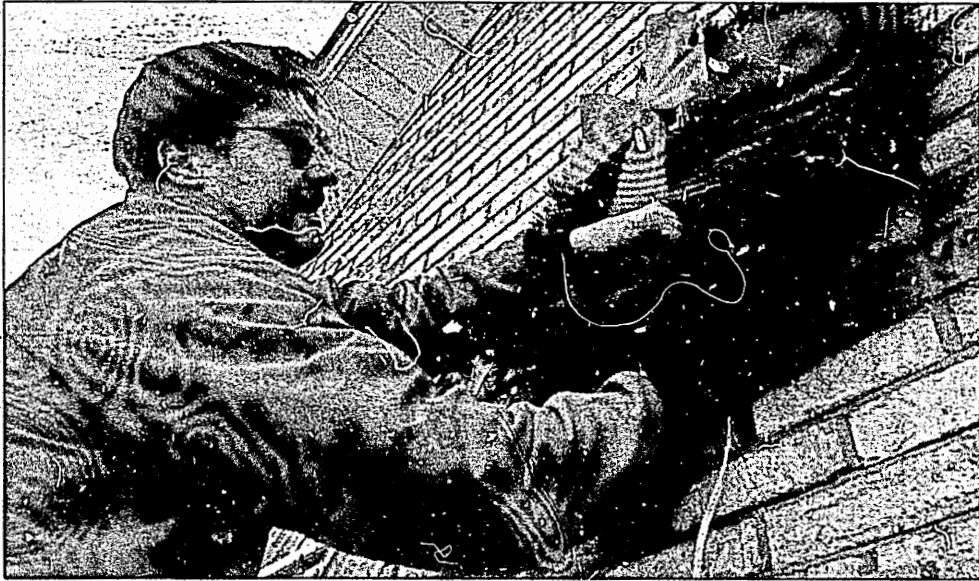
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ANTHONY SOUFFLE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jeff Rehlen of Edwardsville wraps Christmas lights around a wreath Saturday morning as part of a Christmas decorating tradition. 'I've been doing this since I bought the house in 2000,' Rehlen said. 'It's a lot of fun.'

Danielle Anderson, 5, gives a disappointed look as she is forced to surrender her new doll to a shopping bag that she got at Geppedo's, a specialty doll shop at Eastland Mall in Bloomington Saturday afternoon. Anderson spent the day with her mother and grandmother at the mall and dressed up to meet Santa Claus.



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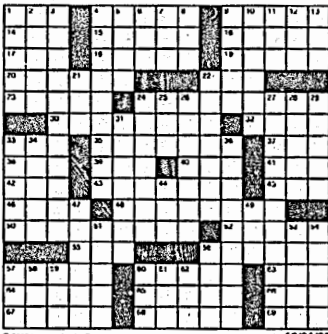
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  - 16 Small stream
  - 17 Goddess of love
  - 18 Freshen up
  - 19 Basketball coach Pat
  - 20 Silver server
  - 22 Buzzing insect
  - 23 Aqasi or Croon
  - 24 Waters off Bat
  - 30 Mexican hat
  - 32 Informed
  - 33 Adage
  - 35 Snobbish
  - 37 Top
  - 38 Org of Strange and Couples
  - 39 \_\_\_ on your Met
  - 40 Jun's Yoko
  - 41 Frailty connotation
  - 42 Brain bread
  - 43 Of guardianship
  - 45 Holzman or Auerbach
  - 46 Dangling sword
  - 48 Some musical chords
  - 50 P. ma
  - 52 Sugar Crystal
  - 55 Gangster's gun
  - 56 Quarterback at lines
  - 57 Parody component
  - 60 Diet guru Jenny
  - 63 Likewise
  - 64 Main artery
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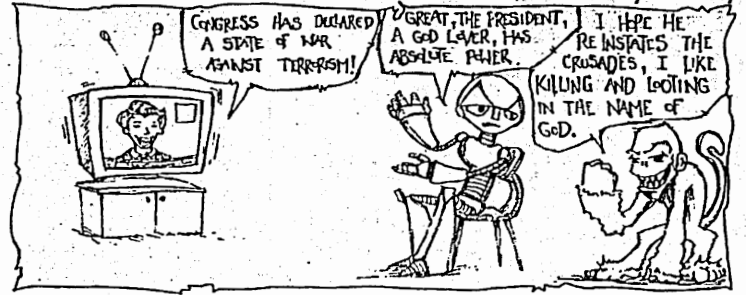
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  - 4 Fact
  - 5 Run into
  - 6 Lodg'ng house
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  - 8 Landscaping shrub
  - 9 Loose rock debris
  - 10 Mass leader
  - 11 Moray
  - 12 Like a little Scot
  - 13 Cloud cover
  - 21 Letters in theater lobbies
  - 22 Bond portrayal
  - 24 Deep-fried cake
  - 25 Countenance
  - 26 Cal Ripken's team
  - 27 Sol and its orbiters
  - 28 Omit in pronunciation
  - 29 Ancestral
  - 31 Hung loosely
  - 33 Woefully
  - 34 Wide open
  - 36 Some contracts
  - 44 Holiday lead-in
  - 47 List of mistakes
  - 49 In down with
  - 51 Jots
  - 53 First name in bad hoteliers
  - 54 Create a gorge
  - 56 Pastel red
  - 57 Love-handles content
  - 58 Bud's buddy
  - 59 Powerful sphere
  - 60 Hwy radios
  - 61 Shad delicacy
  - 62 Exist

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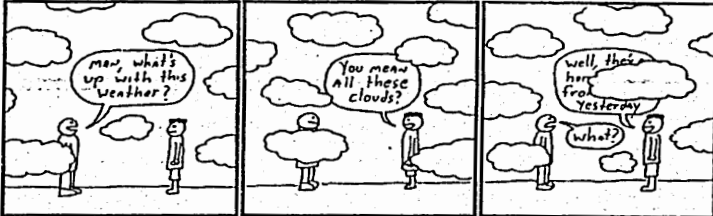
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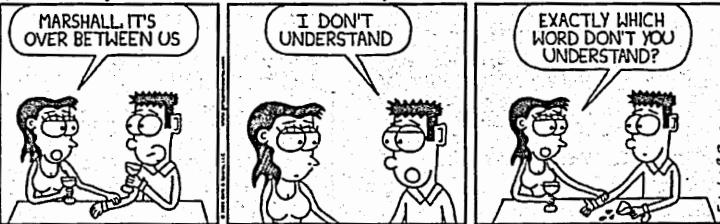
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# Miami-Ohio State Orange Bowl possibility

Susan Miller Degnan  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PITTSBURGH (KRT) — What could make Miami fans happier than their Hurricanes hitting the Bowl Championship Series Grand Slam?

Playing Ohio State in the Orange Bowl.

For the fourth consecutive year, the University of Miami football team is expected to play in a different BCS game — the Sugar Bowl following the 2000 season, the Rose after 2001, the Fiesta after last season and most likely the Orange Bowl at 8:30 p.m. Jan. 1.

The Hurricanes (10-2) defeated Pittsburgh, 28-14, on Saturday at Heinz Stadium to earn a BCS berth.

"There are a lot of potential games that are possible," said Orange Bowl Chief Executive Officer Keith Tribble, who came to the UM-Pitt game Saturday.

"We'll look at what's going to be our best matchup. Next weekend is a big weekend."

The Southeastern Conference and Big 12 championship games next Saturday will be followed by Sunday's BCS selection process. Chances are good UM (10-2) could face Ohio State (10-2) in a rematch of last year's national title game — won, 31-24, by the Buckeyes in double overtime.

"That certainly is a good possibility," a Miami bowl source said. "I think both teams would like that very much."

### FSU also an option

But in a worst-case scenario, the Hurricanes could have a rematch with Florida State.

Tribble said BCS bowls "try to avoid rematches if possible, especially if they're regular-season rematches. But sometimes you

*"We both will be asked to submit three teams we'd like to have. The Fiesta has the option to choose a preferred pick, if we have the same first selection."*

— Keith Tribble  
Orange Bowl chief executive officer

can't. Sometimes you may have to have them."

The Hurricanes not only played FSU this season in a 22-14 victory at Tallahassee, they face the Seminoles in next year's season opener.

UM could end up with FSU as an opponent if the Seminoles are the last team left, passed on by the Fiesta Bowl.

"If it remains the same as it is, the Fiesta Bowl and Rose Bowl will have selections before we do," Tribble said.

If the Fiesta and Orange are the last two bowls left to fill their slots, Tribble said

"We both will be asked to submit three teams we'd like to have. The Fiesta has the option to choose a preferred pick, if we have the same first selection."

### Possible Matches

If all works out as expected (which it usually never does), USC and Oklahoma would meet in the Sugar Bowl for the national title, FSU would play Louisiana State or Texas in the Fiesta, Michigan would play LSU or Texas in the Rose and Miami would face the Buckeyes in the Orange.

However, if Oklahoma or LSU loses, then the entire scenario changes which would have a slim chance of affecting Miami's situation.

# Moss runs over Pitt like rolling stone

Dan Le Batard  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PITTSBURGH (KRT) — So that's what a running game looks like.

Turns out the University of Miami has had one all season. But for reasons teetering between befuddling and inexplicable, coach Larry Coker opted to keep it mostly on the bench.

This entire year could have been different for Miami if Brock Berlin had been handing the football to Tyrone Moss throughout it. Quite possibly playing Oklahoma-for-the-national-title different.

Tina's what Saturday revealed again as Moss bowling-balled, pinnalated and plain-ol' balled through, over and around a flimsy Pittsburgh defense that was unprepared for his pile-moving brand of menace. Moss runs harder and faster than starter Jarrett Payton, making him better at breaking tackles and breaking big runs, and he softened the University of Pittsburgh so much during the relevant parts of Saturday's 28-14 dismantling that the biggest question in Miami's backfield became not a quarterback controversy but this:

Why in the name of Willis McGahee, Clinton Portis and Edgerrin James wasn't this guy starting the moment injured Frank Gore limped away from the season?

The standard line from the coaches, even as Moss revealed himself in backup bursts to be far more explosive than Payton, was that the freshman was having trouble with the blocking and blitz assignments.

But what was he doing in practice on those assignments?

Running toward the wrong end zone? Getting so confused that he would accidentally tackle Berlin? Weeping?

Because Moss opened up Saturday's season-saving game in much the same way high-round-NFL talents McGahee, Portis and James did for UM once. Defenses have to guard against Moss' bursts, and that

makes the game far easier for Berlin, who suddenly looked calm, smart and precise the moment Moss had his back Saturday.

It is not a coincidence that play-action passing became an option upon Moss' entrance Saturday, that Miami's receivers were suddenly more open on surprise first-down passes and that Miami's offensive line had to deal with fewer blitzing pass-rushers. You think Berlin suddenly remembered how to be accurate and patient Saturday? Or that it may have had to do with Moss carrying more times than Payton for the first time this season?

Moss is the difference today between Miami playing in the Orange Bowl and playing in the CruddyStinky.com bowl.

And, oh, yeah, Miami's smothering, suffocating, strangling defense might have something to do with it, too.

But a game-breaking running back can completely change an offense — as can the threat of a game-breaking running back — so let this be stated without equivocation: Moss makes this an entirely different offense in a way that is obvious to the eye and probably would have beaten Tennessee earlier this season to keep Miami in the championship chase.

Never mind a final stat sheet that shows Payton with more yards than Moss against Pittsburgh's 80th-ranked rush defense. Payton got the majority of those yards in the fourth quarter, long after Moss had decided the game with two touchdowns. In this big game, at the biggest moment, with Miami down early 7-0 and the crowd still caring, Moss ran right over everything that resembled Pittsburgh's hope.

And one more thing: Moss hasn't fumbled once this season.

### Still a disappoinment

It is a testament to just how high the University of Miami has climbed that its season can somehow be a disappointment when it is merely winning the Big East and playing in

a major bowl. But the overwhelming combination of Miami's defense and Moss makes you question how this Miami team lost twice.

Miami lacks first-round NFL talent at the skill positions, but nonetheless has six players who might be first-rounders this year (Sean Taylor, Vince Wilfork, Kellen Winslow, DJ Williams and maybe Vernon Cary and Jonathan Vilma).

The majority of them are on this overwhelming defense, which is why poor Pittsburgh receiver Larry Fitzgerald couldn't do anything at all Saturday.

Miami may have stolen Fitzgerald's Heisman Trophy. He is the game's most majestic individual talent, a sophomore so good that he might challenge the NFL's early eligibility rule. He entered Saturday with more average yards per game (143) and more touchdown catches (21) than anyone in the sport. And you know how many catches he had in Saturday's deciding first half? Zero. He finished with three more catches and 26 more receiving yards than you did.

Miami double-teamed him all game and had Williams spy and chase scrambling Pittsburgh quarterback Rod Rutherford. Williams had a ridiculous three sacks while Taylor intercepted Pittsburgh's last real chance at the start of the second half. Taylor was punished for some undisclosed disciplinary reason and sat out the first series, but his punishment promptly ended, oddly enough, the moment Pitt took a 7-0 lead.

Moss' reason for being on the bench too much of the season is more mystifying. The handoff is the easiest play in the sport. Not even Miami's confused quarterbacks can screw that up a lot. And the threat of it? Well, Saturday's 45-yard pass to Roscoe Parrish was open because Moss had just bludgeoned Pitt with first down after first down right up the gut.

Moss is the future. And, judging from the numbers on Saturday's scorecard, the future is framed by bright lights.

# Police intervene during nasty affair at FSU-Florida

Randall Mell  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (KRT) — Florida State center David Castillo said he was honored to carry a stuffed alligator head onto the field after the Seminoles defeated the Florida Gators 38-34 Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

The trophy story near the FSU bench during the game, was padded around with Castillo thrusting it skyward. His teammates rubbed its head as they moved to the giant "F" at midfield.

They danced atop the Florida insignia.

The whole scene infuriated the Gators.

"It was disrespectful," Florida linebacker Channing Crowder said. "It's a cocky thing to do. It was really childish."

Crowder said he was the first Gator to race out to meet the dancing 'Noles.

"I know some of those guys," Crowder said. "I ran out there, and I started talking to them and shaking hands and they stopped dancing. Then a bunch of other guys came out and all of sudden, guys were hitting."

There were several punches thrown. A Florida graduate assistant was struck and fell to the ground

clutching his head with both hands. He stayed down for at least a minute and was helped off the field. Florida Coach Ron Zook said he was fine afterward.

"We started celebrating, and I'm sure they didn't like it," Castillo said. "Temper flared."

Police intervened and separated players.

"It's a great rivalry, and I think emotions got over the top," FSU running back Leon Washington said.

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said he saw the alligator head being toted around the field.

"That probably stimulated it," Bowden said.



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## » VOLLEYBALL

# Salukis end season with losses to Drake, Creighton

## Same problems plague SIU in final matches

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After spending much of the 2003 season on a rollercoaster, the SIU volleyball team continued its up-and-down play in the final weekend of the regular season.

The Dawgs pulled out game-one victories over visiting Drake (11-21, 3-15 Missouri Valley Conference) and Creighton (12-18, 9) on Nov. 21 and 22 but failed to put together any consistency from that point on in losing both matches 3-1 to conclude the year on a sour note.

Losing by scores of 30-22, 21-30, 20-30 and 30-32 to Drake and 30-25, 23-30, 16-30 and 21-30 to Creighton, SIU fell short of its goal of winning two consecutive matches for the first time all season, just one gauge of how inconsistent the Dawgs have been.

More indicators could be seen in the final weekend of play.

The Salukis (7-23, 3-15) hit .472 in the game-one victory over the Bulldogs and .342 in the game-one win against the Bluejays, but the hitting percentages grew progressively worse from then on as SIU lost control of the ball and

both matches in similar fashion.

"We can work on ball control all we want, but if we can't control it in the matches then it's going to get the best of us," SIU head coach Sonya Locke said, "and it did."

A disappointing final weekend of the season put an end to what was an altogether disappointing season for the Salukis.

Despite having one of the youngest teams in the MVC with 12 freshmen and 13 newcomers in all — a number of whom contributed greatly — the bar was still set high by Locke and her team.

The goal, as it is every season, was to make the Missouri Valley Conference tournament.

But a wretched start faced the Dawgs with a 2-12 record in league play, and with only five matches left, they had the daunting task of winning out to assure a second consecutive trip to the exclusive field of six.

A 3-0 loss at Illinois State and a 1-4 finish to conclude the season crushed all of the team's goals of making the tournament.

The taste of defeat will serve as a disappointing yet motivating factor for the core of next year's team.

"I think we're going to be good," said sophomore middle blocker Marissa Washington, who ended the season with a career-high .294 overall hitting percentage.

"We just need to know that you

have to come out and play to win in not just one game but all three games or all five games."

Senior Kelly Harman tallied her 10th double-double of the season (12 kills, 12 digs) in her final match as a Saluki against Creighton Saturday, but it wasn't enough to go out with a victory.

The Salukis' lone senior did all she could to help the cause, but the combination of Creighton's Leah Ratzlaff and Ashley Williams were too much to handle.

The duo combined for 47 of the Bluejays' 72 kills, with both compiling hitting percentages of well over .350.

"We knew who their players were, and we knew who we had to stop," Harman said.

"But we just didn't get the job done."

The Salukis will have a brief break from volleyball, but next year starts as soon as the spring semester begins.

With the first tournament of the spring season set for March 20, the Dawgs have a lot of work to do in preparation for the seasons to come.

And with her experience of watching players blossom in the off-season, Locke is certain the improvements will begin to show immediately.

"They all grow after their first spring season," Locke said. "It never fails."



Sophomore Marissa Washington goes for the kill as a Creighton player jumps in the air and reaches for the ball.

## » VOLLEYBALL

# Harman closes out career as a Saluki

## Lone senior takes advantage of rare playing time this season

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Before the final match of the season against Creighton, Kelly Harman told her mom, Kathy, that she wasn't allowed to cry until the night was over.

It's common courtesy, really. The SIU volleyball team's lone senior did not want to cry before playing in the final match of her career, and she knew if she saw her mom crying that the tears would soon follow down her own face.

Even though Kathy held her promise while waiting with her husband, Dave, at mid-court during the senior day ceremony, Harman had already begun to break down.

As Steve Falat announced over the loud speaker all of her accomplishments in her five seasons as a Saluki, Harman walked down the SIU bench and hugged each of her teammates and coaches. The moment became too much to handle as the emotions began to appear in her eyes and trickle down the sides of her cheeks in the form of tears.

Even though the Bluejays would leave Davies Gymnasium winners that night, there are many things that Harman has to be proud of.

"It's not the way I wanted to finish, but I had a lot of good things from my four years here — a lot of great coaches, a lot of great players," Harman said. "I've had some good memories."

One of the many memories that came to the surface in her last night as a Saluki was of long-time stretch-

ing partner and junior middle blocker Carrie Shephard.

"I said, 'You know what, Carrie, I remember when you were here on your recruiting visit,'" Harman said. "And I told her, 'I can't believe how fast this has gone by.'"

Fun little memories like that will surely take their place right next to last season's miracle run toward the Missouri Valley Conference championship game and the many relationships she has formed in her years in Carbondale.

But more than anything, Harman will remember her experience as a full-time player this season.

Throughout her career, Harman suffered through shin splints and a difficult curriculum of classes in civil engineering that forced her to miss a number of practices and practice time. While she has maintained excellence in the classroom, earning a 3.65 GPA, it hasn't always been the same on the court.

"Kelly didn't hardly play at all throughout the last three years that she was eligible," SIU head coach Sonya Locke said. "She didn't have the level of experience you would assume a fifth-year senior has, but she made the best of it."

Due to seeing relatively little playing time in the past, Harman set career highs in kills (273), attempts (859), digs (259), blocks (26), aces (19), assists (22) and double-doubles (10) in her senior season. She led the Dawgs in kills, kills per game (2.65) and attempts and was second in digs on the season.

Though the Salukis lose their captain and main weapon, they will miss more than just the solid numbers that she put up night in and night out.

"Kelly's brought a lot of leadership.



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Senior Kelly Harman hugs freshman Holly Marita during Harman's last match of the season as fellow teammates look on.

She's been here five years and she knows everything there is to know," sophomore middle blocker Marissa Washington said. "She's taught us a lot and she always gives 100 percent and a lot of encouragement."

With the spring volleyball season on the horizon, Harman knows it

will hit her sooner or later that she no longer has to go to practice right after class as she has for so many years.

But as long as the returning Salukis keep working hard to improve, Harman knows it will hit them sooner than later that they will be able to move on just fine without their senior captain.

"They know how to play this game, they've all come from winning teams in the past, and they've got a lot of drive in them — I see it in their eyes," Harman said.

"As soon as these girls learn how to push every game, they're going to be unstoppable."

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SIU junior guard Darren Brooks drives past two Jacksonville State defenders in an 84-49 win for the Salukis Wednesday night at SIU Arena. Brooks and the athletic Salukis have started their season with three straight wins under rookie head coach Matt Painter. The 3-0 start is the best ever for a first-year head coach.

» MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Salukis race to 3-0 start

Defense, quickness lead SIU to two road wins to start season

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Entering this season, a major question for the SIU men's basketball team was whether it would be able to come up with clutch baskets.

The Salukis emphatically answered that question with a 3-0 start that included two road wins on courts historically difficult on which to win.

Most recently, SIU passed a test with an 81-77 win at Wisconsin-Milwaukee in which the Salukis were able to hold off numerous second-half charges by the host Panthers. The win snapped the Panthers' 17-game home winning streak.

Despite losing their top two scorers from last year's squad, the Salukis say that big-play ability was never in doubt.

"That's what everyone keeps talking about, Kent [Williams] and Jermaine [Dearman], about how we lost those guys, but there's 15 other guys that wear uniforms," fifth-year senior Brad Korn said. "One through eight can just come up and make a play, and I think we're all confident in each other. We're all one."

Those big plays were needed, as SIU's only blowout of the three games came in an 84-49 rout of Jacksonville State Wednesday night at the SIU Arena.

The first glimpse of the team's potential came in the season opener Nov. 21 at Wyoming.

The Salukis, who trailed by as many as 20 points in the second half, to take lead with 2:25 remaining on a short Josh Warren shot.

Freshman, Jamaal, Tatum then notched the first two points of his

collegiate career with a driving layup with 55 seconds to play that gave SIU a three-point lead.

The Salukis held on for a 67-62 win in front of more than 9,000 fans at the Arena-Auditorium, one of the nation's toughest places for visiting teams to play.

Though Tatum only scored two points in that game, head coach Matt Painter said he has contributed much more to the team.

"Whenever it's in the full-court, whenever it's in that up-tempo style, he flourishes," Painter said. "He does a very good job of making decisions in the open court, and slowly but surely he keeps getting better in the half-court with decisions, and he plays actually better in games than he does in practice."

"He's gonna be a very good player for us."

Tatum is just one prong of a Saluki squad with improved quickness.

SIU has forced 15 turnovers per game and held opponents to less than 38-percent shooting.

The backcourt has played a huge role in that defensive prowess.

"Our guards, we're really focused on defense, trying to get steals and getting in the passing lanes," junior guard Darren Brooks said.

Brooks, a 6-foot-3 St. Louis native, has averaged nearly eight rebounds a game, including numerous acrobatic tip-ins, to go along with his 19 points per contest this season.

But the Saluki post players have also played a crucial role in the quick start.

Though this was an area thought to be a weakness in the minds of many, Painter never had doubts

*"Our big guys, what they thought was our weakness, right now it's probably our strength."*

— Matt Painter, SIU men's head basketball coach

about the ability of his frontcourt.

"I thought our big guys were our strength," Painter said. "I was just letting people talk about it. We have four big guys. Our big guys, what they thought was our weakness, right now it's probably our strength."

Korn has become the team's second-leading scorer with a 12.3 average, and Southeastern Illinois College transfer forward LaMar Owen has averaged more than 10 points a contest while shooting at nearly a 74-percent clip.

The 3-0 start is the best ever for a first-year SIU head coach, but Painter is more concerned with his team than himself.

"It's important that we won three games in a row," Painter said.

"It's not important to me. I think the one thing I probably have over a lot of those coaches is the fact that these guys are familiar with me and I'm familiar with them."

SIU will return home to face regional rival, Southeast Missouri State Wednesday night at the SIU Arena, where Painter says his team could use a surge from the Saluki crowd.

"Hopefully, we get a very good crowd," Painter said.

"Hopefully, we can play with the same energy, the same intensity. Our guys respect SEMO. They play against them in the summer."

» FOOTBALL

# Kill named Gateway Coach of the Year

Nine players named to first and second all-conference teams

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SIU head coach Jerry Kill, who led the Salukis to a 10-2 record and the school's first-ever Gateway Conference title in just his third season, was awarded Wednesday with the Bruce Craddock Award for Gateway Coach of the Year.

Kill is also among the 16 finalists for the Eddie Robinson Award, which goes to the top coach in Division I-AA.

Western Illinois quarterback Russ Michna, who led the Gateway with 18 touchdown passes and averaged close to 230 passing yards a game, was named the conference's Offensive Player of the Year.

Illinois State linebacker Boomer Grigsby, who is second in the nation with 179 tackles, was named the

Defensive Player of the Year.

Both players won the same awards last season.

SIU placed a total of nine players on the all-conference first and second teams, marking a record number of all-conference players for SIU since joining the Gateway.

Making the first team were senior running backs Muhammad Abdulquadir and Brandon Robinson, junior center Eir er McDaniel and junior safety and Buck Buchanan Award candidate Alexis Moreland.

Five Salukis were present on the second team. Offensively, SIU was represented by sophomore quarterback Joel Sambursky, senior running back Tom Koutsos and senior offensive tackle Wesley Proctor. Junior defensive lineman Billy Beard and sophomore linebacker Royal Whitaker also made the team.

A trio of sophomores made the honorable mention list with wide receiver Brent Little, safety Frank Johnson and defensive lineman Linton Brown all receiving honors.

# Three Gateway teams advance in playoffs

Northern Arizona upsets No. 1 McNeese State

The Gateway Conference proved it was worthy of placing four teams in the I-AA playoffs as three of those teams won their first-round games Saturday.

Northern Iowa, Western Illinois and Western Kentucky all advanced to the quarterfinals, while SIU fell in the first round. It was the first time that a conference had four representatives in the I-AA playoffs.

Northern Iowa 35, Montana State 14

After defeating SIU in the final game of the regular season two weeks ago, Northern Iowa maintained its momentum Saturday by cruising into the next round with an easy victory over the Big Sky Conference champions in front of 10,165 fans in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The game was tied 14-14 early in the third quarter before the Panthers (10-2) reeled off 21 unanswered points, which included a 75-yard touchdown strike from Tom Petric to Eddie Galles.

Galles caught two passes on the day for 111 yards and one score, while Richard Carter led the way on the ground with 92 yards on 10 carries.

Northern Iowa held the Bobcats (7-6) to 278 total yards of offense.

The Panthers will travel to Delaware this weekend to take on the No. 2-seeded Blue Hens in the quarterfinals.

Western Illinois 43, Montana 40.

Western Illinois showed Saturday afternoon why it was once ranked No. 1 in the nation as the Leathernecks eked out a double-overtime victory in Missis, Mont.

David Akers and Fu'Ad Khaleel blocked a 33-yard field goal attempt to seal the win and help Western (9-3) advance to the I-AA quarterfinals for the second year in a row.

Justin Langan booted a school-record five field goals on the day, including a 23-yard attempt in the second overtime that provided the final margin.

Langan's fourth field goal of the day came with about a minute left in regulation to tie the score at 33-33 and send the game into overtime.

Leatherneck senior quarterback Russ Michna completed 22-of-31 passes for 375 yards and two touchdowns. The passing yardage tied a career high, which he set earlier this year against SIU.

It was just the third loss in 20 postseason home games for Montana, which finished the year 9-4.

Western will once again be on the road this weekend when it takes on undefeated Colgate in the quarterfinals.

Western Kentucky 45, Jacksonville State 7

Western Kentucky may have put to rest some of the criticism over its inclusion in the playoffs as the Hilltoppers defeated the Ohio Valley Conference champions handily in front of a home crowd in Bowling Green, Ky.

Considered the fourth team from the Gateway to be selected for the playoffs, Western (9-3) quieted its critics early by scoring on three of its first four possessions.

Jacksonville State fell behind 21-0 in less than five minutes, and never threatened as the Gamecocks (8-4) fell to the defending national champions in their first postseason appearance since winning the Division II title in 1992.

Freshman Justin Haddix completed 6-of-10 passes for 181 yards and had a career-high three touchdowns for the Hilltoppers.

Jax State entered the game seventh in the country in rushing with 254.6 yards per game but managed only 104 yards on 36 carries.

Western's defense held the Gamecocks to 192 total yards, while the Hilltoppers gained 534 yards of total offense.

Western next travels to Spartanburg, S.C., to battle No. 3-seed Wofford in the quarterfinals.

Saluki men's basketball

Nov. 22	SIU 67, Wyoming 62
Nov. 26	SIU 84, Jacksonville State 49
Nov. 29	SIU 81, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 77

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There had been an unwritten rule that said no more than three teams can come from one conference.

The committee reversed its mistake from last season by allowing the Hilltoppers to join the fray, along with Gateway cohorts Western Illinois, Northern Iowa and SIU.

The fact that WKU is the defending national champion didn't hurt either. The Toppers were ranked sixth in the final GPI rankings, one spot ahead of Western Illinois.

In the eyes of the committee, WKU's positives outweighed the negatives, so it gave it a spot in the field.

It also strayed from the norm by letting in independent Florida Atlantic. There hadn't been an

independent team in the field since Youngstown State was winning titles in the mid-1990s.

While both Western Kentucky and Florida Atlantic are certainly among the top 16 teams in I-AA, their inclusion forced out a Lehigh squad that seemed more deserving.

Of course, as long as there are committees selecting teams for the postseason, there will be critics complaining about the whole process.

While there were some questionable calls made by the selection committee, the biggest scam had to have been the formation of the brackets.

I realize Colgate was the only undefeated team in the playoffs, but the Raiders did not deserve a No. 4 seed over Northern Iowa. The Panthers, who lost only two games to Iowa State and Western Illinois, played one of the toughest schedules in the nation and fin-

ished second in the GPI.

By giving Colgate a top-four seed, the committee effectively did away with its geographic format. Having the Raiders and Delaware among the top four basically did away with the Central region.

Had Western Illinois not upset Montana, the Grizzlies would be facing Colgate in the quarterfinals. Last time I checked, Montana and Colgate weren't even in adjacent time zones, let alone the same region.

Colgate ended up playing Massachusetts, which, at 10-2, should have been facing a much weaker team, such as Bethune-Cookman or North Carolina A&T.

The committee not only screwed over SIU and UMass, it also didn't do any favors for Delaware or Colgate. All four teams did well enough in the regular season that they should not have had such tough match-ups in

the first round.

All of the complaints about this year's playoff brackets can be attributed to the manner in which they are constructed. Money played far too large a role in the process as schools willing to shell out the cash were rewarded with home games.

Such important aspects as home-field advantage should be meted out through on-field performance, not off-field bidding.

It seems as though the committee allowed financial concerns to get in the way of its prime objective — to formulate the best possible playoff field.

Of course, it wasn't just money that got in the way.

The committee itself needs to rethink the way it sets up the brackets. Whether it means seeding all 16 teams instead of just four or keeping it as regionally based as possible, the committee needs to let up clearer guidelines for the

whole process.

Rather than having a maximum loss criterion, there should be a minimum win regulation, which only includes wins against Division I opponents. That would certainly cut down on teams playing weak D-II and NAIA schools the way Gateway teams have a tendency of doing.

Correcting glitches in the system would go a long way ridding us of such playoff scenarios as SIU traveling to Delaware and Western Kentucky snagging a home game against Jacksonville State.

Most experts on the subject agree that the I-AA playoff bracketing process has its flaws, but then again, they would rather deal with them than have to clean up the mess that is the BCS system in I-A.

Who knows, maybe the powers-that-be in I-A will someday change in and go to a playoff format.

Now that would be shocking.

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worst time of the year."

The Salukis would turn the ball over a season-high six times, four of which turned into touchdowns for the Blue Hens, who advanced to the second round of the playoffs to face Northern Iowa. Four of SIU's turnovers were fumbles, which is surprising considering the Salukis had lost just six fumbles all season.

SIU head coach Jerry Kill thought Delaware was one of the best teams in the country, and after the throttling his team received, he is convinced of it.

"It wouldn't surprise me if they run the ball and win it all," Kill said.

Tom Koutsos, SIU's and the Gateway Conference's all-time leading rusher and scorer, was relatively quiet in the game. He carried the ball just eight times for 27 yards and scored the Salukis' lone touchdown. Muhammad Abduqadir also had a quiet game, running the ball 22 times for 87 yards.

Part of the reason SIU's two highly touted running backs had rather uneventful games is because Delaware dominated the battle up front.

"They hit us in the mouth," Kill said. "I don't know if we've had anybody hit us in the mouth like that."

Another factor keeping the Salukis out of their game plan was the absence of arguably their most versatile player. Senior Brandon Robinson, a key player for the Salukis, did not play after Kill suspended the all-Gateway fullback for violating an unspecified team policy.

His presence was missed as the Salukis were not able to utilize the fullback in the passing game and little-used Quorey Payne was forced into punt return duty. Payne would muff two punts, one of which was recovered by the Blue Hens.

Following the game, as his teammates were being interviewed by the media, Robinson leaned against the wall with his eyes bloodshot and obvious disappointment on his face.

**at Delaware Stadium**

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (10-2)      No. 2 Delaware (12-1)

**Scoring Summary:**

**SIU:**

11:36 UD Long 14 pass from Hall (Shushman kick) SIU 0 - UD 7  
 08:00 UD Jenkins 1 run (run failed) SIU 0 - UD 13  
 03:12 UD Bennett 19 run (Shushman kick) SIU 0 - UD 20  
 01:47 UD Bleiler blocked punt return (Shushman kick) SIU 0 - UD 27

**Del:**

08:05 UD Bennett 17 run (Shushman kick) SIU 0 - UD 34

**SIU:**

11:29 SIU Koutsos 2 run (Coffin kick) SIU 7 - UD 34  
 00:47 UD Boler 23 pass from Hall (Shushman kick) SIU 7 - UD 41

**Del:**

05:13 UD Bleymaier 6 pass from Carty (Shushman kick) SIU 7 - UD 48

**Runnings:**

SIU - Abduqadir 22-87; Sambursky 7-31; Koutsos 8-27; Little 1-9; Jackson 2-8; Holley 1-2.  
 UD - Bennett 15-104; Jenkins 24-99; Hall 4-12; Lee 4-5.

**Passings:**

SIU - Sambursky 13-22-1-106; Holley 1-7-1-33.  
 UD - Hall 10-18-0-101; Carty 2-4-0-19.

**Receiving:**

SIU - Abbott 5-47; Little 4-51; Kupec 2-13; Turner 1-15; Allen 1-7; Abduqadir 1-6.  
 UD - Boler 5-50; Ingram 3-31; Bleiler 2-19; Long 1-14; Bleymaier 1-6.

**Attendance:** 14,572

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Kill would not put any blame for the loss on Robinson, saying it was a matter of what they did not do on the field, not who was missing from it.

"We lost the kicking game and the turnover war today, and that's why we got beat," Kill said.

Once the Salukis were down 27-0 after the first quarter and 34-0 at the half, they were forced to abandon the running game and try to beat the Blue Hens through the air.

That became even harder when in the closing seconds of the third quarter, Sambursky was blindsided by a Delaware defender and lay motionless on the field for close to 20 minutes. Sambursky lost consciousness for about a minute but did not lose feeling in his extremities. He was carted off the field and taken to the hospital as a precautionary measure.

Curtis Holley came into the game in place of Sambursky and quickly connected with Little for a 33-yard gain. That would be the only pass

Holley would complete as he finished 1-of-7 with an interception.

The final stat sheet was rather deceiving as the two teams appeared to be relatively even. Both picked up 20 first downs, Delaware had 340 total offensive yards to 303 yards gained by the Salukis and both teams possessed the ball for 30 minutes.

The glaring difference was the six turnovers by SIU compared to just two turnovers by Delaware.

"We got our butts kicked, but we didn't help ourselves," Koutsos said. "All year we haven't been having any turnovers or the blocked punts. None of that's been going on."

But in the end, nothing the Salukis did mattered as the Blue Hens were simply too powerful on this day.

It was apparent just by looking at the dejection on the face of sophomore defensive tackle Mark Philipp as he slouched over in front of his locker.

"They just beat us," Philipp said.

## SAMBURSKY

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Sambursky was the heart of the Salukis. When he lay motionless on the field, that heart stopped.

"A lot of emotions are going through you," senior wide receiver Courtney Abbott said. "We were all saying a prayer for him, hoping he's all right."

Sambursky was tended to by trainers from both SIU and Delaware for about 15 to 20 minutes before finally being placed on a stretcher.

The sophomore was strapped on with his head immobilized. Trainers chose not to risk removing his helmet.

After he was off the field and in an ambulance destined for the hospital, Sambursky's teammates

"We were all saying a prayer for him, hoping he's all right."

— Courtney Abbott  
senior wide receiver, SIU football

had to continue without their emotional leader.

The Salukis came out strong the next few plays but after failing to score on the possession appeared to be deflated the rest of the game.

"It tears your guts up, and it definitely hurts," Kill said. "I think our kids handled it as good as they could."

Sambursky was put through a series of tests — all of which came back negative — at the hospital before being released in time to catch the team's flight back to Carbondale.

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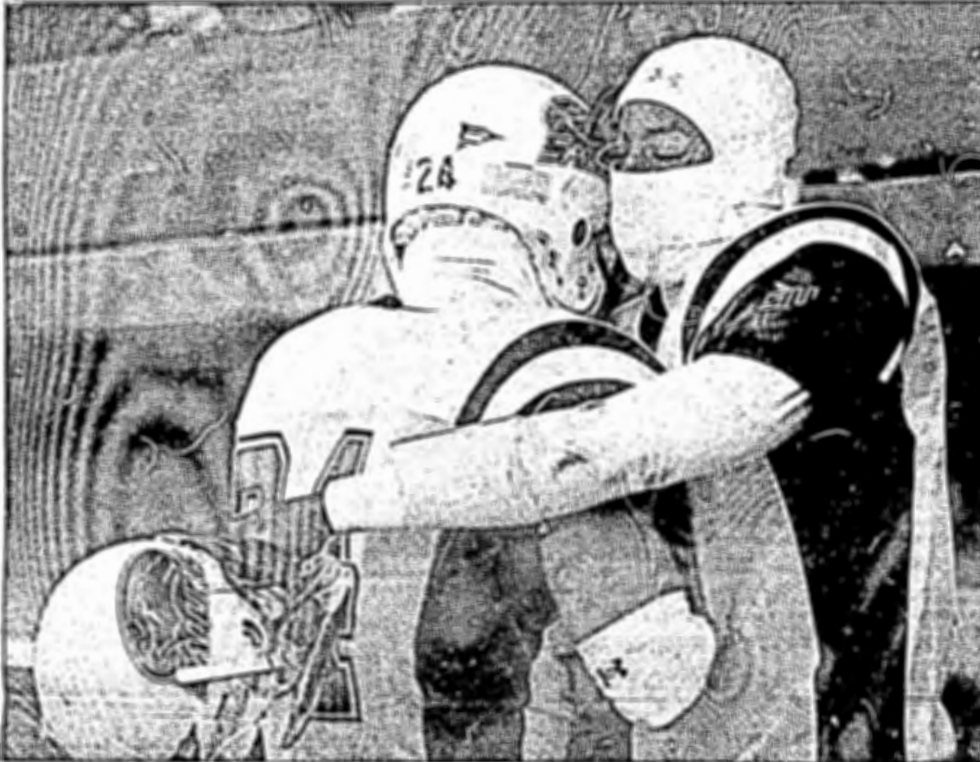
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Senior Tom Koutsos and junior Alexis Moreland embrace during the final minutes of SIU's first round Division I-AA playoff loss to the University of Delaware at Delaware Stadium. The Salukis were pummeled 48-7 in their first playoff game in 20 years.

» COMMENTARY



Objects in mirror are closer than they appear

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## A flawed system

It wasn't too shocking to see the SIU football team playing Delaware in a nationally televised playoff game.

In fact, I said more than a month ago that the Salukis would likely end up facing off against a top team from the Atlantic 10 Conference.

But I figured it would be in the semifinals, or perhaps even the national championship game.

What in the heck was SIU doing traveling to Newark, Del., in the first round, for God's sake?

These were the same Salukis that finished the regular season 10-1 with a share of the Gateway Conference title and were ranked No. 1 in the final Gridiron Power Index rankings.

Granted, they didn't prove it Saturday afternoon against Delaware, but the Dawgs were considered a viable threat to run the table and snag the national title, just like they did 20 years ago.

What kind of logic was the selection committee using when it decided to send SIU all the way out to the East Coast to take on a Delaware team that should have been playing a lesser squad, such as Lehigh?

Oh, wait. The committee didn't give the Mountain Hawks a spot in the 16-team field.

It decided instead to bestow that honor upon Western Kentucky, which was considered by most experts to have practically no shot at making it into the playoffs.

The committee's task should have been a pretty easy and sane process, but it turned into quite a debacle, the likes of which have not been seen since the last presidential election.

Montana State didn't help matters as the undeserving Bobcats beat Montana on the last day of the regular season to earn the Big Sky Conference's automatic bid to the postseason.

Their presence in the field should have eliminated any chance of Western Kentucky reaching the postseason.

Instead, the Hilltoppers not only made it in, but the committee awarded them a home game in the first round.

What? This is the same WKU team that chose to schedule two Division II patsies and finished the year 6-3 against D-I opponents. Hardly the resume of a postseason lock.

What Western did have on its side was politics.

The selection committee caught a great deal of flak after excluding Wofford from the postseason last year.

# One and done for Salukis

SIU falls to Delaware 48-7 in first playoff game in 20 years

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NEWARK, Del. — It was supposed to be the best first round match-up in the entire Division I-AA playoff field.

It was a game that pitted No. 4 SIU against No. 3 Delaware and appeared to be a battle that could end up becoming an instant classic.

Instead, it was a bigger dud than a Mariah Carey movie.

SIU was never in the game, falling 48-7 to the No. 2-seeded Blue Hens Saturday at a packed Delaware Stadium in the Salukis' first playoff game since winning the national championship in 1983.

The Salukis (10-2) entered the game looking to prove they were worthy of more respect than the NCAA selection committee had granted them by forcing them to go on the road in the first round.

But once the game started, it was

over so quick that most on the SIU sideline were left stunned as the Salukis looked more like the 1-10 team from two seasons ago than the 10-1 team that entered the game.

SIU sophomore quarterback Joel Sambursky coughed up the ball just five plays into the game, setting up a 14-yard touchdown pass from Andy Hall to Justin Long.

SIU's Brent Little fumbled the ensuing kickoff, setting up another Delaware touchdown to put the Salukis down 13-0 just eight minutes into the game.

By the time the first quarter was

over, the Blue Hens (12-1) would score two more touchdowns, one of which came when Sean Bleiler recovered a blocked Zach Kettelkamp punt in the end zone to cap the first-quarter scoring.

In comparison, the Salukis almost had fewer total yards (33) than the Blue Hens had points (27).

"We had some adversity and it seems like the harder we tried to overcome it, the worse it got," senior wide receiver Courtney Abbott said. "It was just one of those games everybody always has, and we just had ours at the

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SIU quarterback Joel Sambursky walks to the sideline dejected after one of his three turnovers on the day. Later in the third quarter, Sambursky was blindsided and was motionless on the field for 20 minutes before being carried off on a stretcher.

## Hit knocks Sambursky out

SIU QB taken off field on stretcher after hit causes unconsciousness

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NEWARK, Del. — Joel Sambursky never saw it coming.

As he dropped back to pass in the closing seconds of the third quarter in Saturday's first round playoff game against Delaware, the SIU quarterback was blindsided by defensive end Chris Mooney.

This was not a rare sight as Sambursky had taken vicious hit after vicious hit all season only to

hop right back up on his feet.

Only this time he did not get up.

Not only did he not get up, Sambursky also was not moving, period.

The hit caused Sambursky to lose consciousness for about a minute.

When he regained consciousness, he was able to move, but trainers tried to keep him as still as possible as a precautionary measure.

"When a kid's not moving, you panic," SIU head coach Jerry Kill said.

"It doesn't matter what side of the ball; you want to see him get up."

After the game, in addition to the pain felt by the 48-7 thumping administered by No. 2-seed-

Delaware, the injury to Sambursky was prominent on the players' minds.

Sophomore defensive tackle Mark Philipp, who is one of Sambursky's roommates, was having a hard time even talking about his fallen friend.

When asked how much the injury affected the squad, Philipp buried his head in his hands and tried to hold back tears as he slowly shook his head.

"Just hurts, man," Philipp said as he began to choke up.

"That's my roommate, and he's hurt."

Philipp's reaction was not uncommon among Saluki players. Throughout the season,

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