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University hires external search firm

Wendler makes \$200,000 decision in midst of budget cuts

Molly Parker
Daily Egyptian

The University will spend more than \$200,000 on an external firm to help fill three top administrative positions even as SIUC struggles to curb spending because of state budget cuts.

The Atlanta firm, Baker and Parker Associates, was hired to help fill the positions of Vice Chancellor for Research, Provost and Vice Chancellor and dean of the School of Medicine. The University

will dole out \$200,000 plus travel expenses for the services.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said he was "between a rock and a hard place" with his decision to hire the firm, considering SIUC is struggling to fill about a \$5 million hole in its budget caused from state cuts and disappointing enrollment numbers.

"I would rather not be doing this," Wendler said. "It's not an easy position for me to be in. But these positions are critical to the health of the University. It's a lot of money to spend, absolutely. But it'll be worth every penny."

The firm's purpose is to seek out qualified candidates for the positions and work in conjunction with an internal committee to interview and select a candidate. The internal committee is comprised of SIU

faculty, staff and students.

Morteza Daneshdoost, president of the Faculty Association, said he had some reservations about the large sum of money being spent on the outside firm, as faculty salaries are still considerably below institutions of similar size. He said SIUC should be committed to bettering its reputation so that qualified candidates actively seek out the positions rather than the other way around.

"The question is 'Are we capable of attracting a pool of candidates to the searches?'" Daneshdoost said. "That has to do with the reputation of the University more than having a search consultant that's helpful or not."

The Vice Chancellor for Research is a newly created position that will work to secure funding for the University's research

mission. It will be combined with the role of the existing Graduate School Dean. The Provost position has not been permanently filled since July 1999 when former interim Chancellor John Jackson stepped down from the position to return to the Political Science Department. Since then, the position has been temporarily filled by Thomas Guernsey, dean of the SIU Law School, and by current interim Provost Margaret Winters.

"In no uncertain terms, the most expensive person is the one hired that is not the right fit," Wendler said.

Wendler said his goal is to complete interviews for all three positions prior to the end of this academic year.

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Gus Bode



Gus says: Wanted: three administrators. Sorry your salary was spent finding you.



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John Jackson, SIUC's former interim Chancellor, is returning to the University to work at the Public Policy Institute and teach a political science class after teaching at the University of Arkansas. Jackson will be making \$3,000 a month to assist with day-to-day operations and will help create a vision for the future of the institute. SEE RELATED STORY ON PAGE 3.

Graduation prayer spurs objections

Committee formed to probe the issue

Alexa Aguilar
Daily Egyptian

Chancellor Walter Wendler will form a committee to examine the use of prayer at SIUC graduation ceremonies after receiving about 100 responses from students, faculty and community members troubled by the incorporation of prayer into December's commencement.

Michael Perry, president of Undergraduate Student Government, led a prayer at the two ceremonies on Dec. 15. After being elected USG president, Perry said it was something he wanted to do and was pleased when Wendler approached him with the same idea. It was the first time in more than a decade that prayer had been incorporated into the University's commencement exercises.

Soon after the ceremony, however, members of the SIUC and Carbondale communities voiced strong objections

to the prayer addition.

Morteza Daneshdoost, president of the faculty association, sent out an anonymous letter sent to him from a colleague to gauge the faculty members' reactions. He said about 80 percent of the 84 respondents were in opposition to the prayer. One of their main objections, he said, was what they saw as too little input from the SIUC community.

But he said the overwhelming objection was that the prayer just didn't belong.

"More than anything else, the people that responded felt very uncomfortable with a prayer done in a specific faith," Daneshdoost said. "Those who responded had a problem with the prayer at a public ceremony, period."

Nathan Stucky, a professor in speech communication, wrote a note to the chancellor that supported the use of a student to speak at the ceremony, but did not agree with a stu-

dent leading a prayer.

"While I imagine that the impulse behind the prayer was well-intended, it was an unfortunate choice especially given the heterogeneous audience and the state support of the event," Stucky wrote.

"I knew a number of students graduating on Saturday who do not share the Christian presumptions, as well as other students and faculty who found that part of the event offensive."

Wendler said the prayer was not an effort to force a belief onto the audience, but a reflection of the cultural traits of the area.

"The University is a child of the region," Wendler said. (The people of Southern Illinois) have strongly held beliefs, and it's good that the University reflects the culture of this region — never to make anyone feel



Perry

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Budget cuts force tough decisions

May cause downsizing in summer classes, student employment

Molly Parker
Daily Egyptian

Chancellor Walter Wendler said the University will soon be making necessary cutbacks in departments across campus to make up for a \$5 million hole in the University budget.

All vice chancellors have submitted proposals for possible reductions in their departments, which were then submitted to the President's Office for review.

One of the many money-saving plans is to hire fewer student workers in the Vice Chancellor for Administration Office. Wendler said summer class offerings would be decreased, and retiring faculty's positions may not be immediately filled.

What will not be cut are normal classes during the fall and spring semesters and summer classes that would be essential for seniors to graduate, Wendler said.

The University, as well as other state institutions, were asked to share their spending this year in light of a \$500 million shortfall in the Illinois budget caused by government overspending, the downturn in the economy following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, use of overly optimistic revenue forecasts and a 10-month-old recession.

Gov. George Ryan ordered a \$25 million cut from the Illinois Board of Higher Education during his first slicing session and \$45 million the second time to make up for a lack of funds in state health care. The IBHE passed to SIUC a total of about \$5.4 million in cuts from its original \$247.4 million in state appropriations.

In addition to the state cuts, enrollment numbers at SIUC were down 954 students from last fall, causing the University to lose another \$1.5 million in expected spending dollars.

All troubles combined, SIUC was

in the hole about \$7 million dollars.

Luckily, University officials have a reserve fund in place to ease the brunt of the financial troubles. Former SIU President Ted Sanders initiated a contingency reserve in 1996 to hold back 2 percent of state appropriations. The reserve was \$6 million for SIU spending, about \$2 million of which will go to the Carbondale campus.

Wendler said the contingency reserve was initiated for rainy days — to help cover any type of spending crunch or emergency purchasing needs.

"But the matter-of-fact is, it started pouring," Wendler said.

Even after cracking Sanders' emergency piggy bank, SIUC is still down about \$5 million.

And there is no guarantee Ryan will not trim more from higher education.

A bill that would have given Ryan the power to shave up to 5 percent from additional state agencies and spread the cuts more evenly failed the General Assembly Thursday. This could mean more cuts in areas that Ryan still has the authority to downsize, including higher education.

The budget cuts come as harsh news to the faculty union, which will begin the process of negotiating a new contract in mid-February. Pay for SIUC's faculty of more than 1,000 still lags behind salaries of similarly sized institutions.

Faculty Association President Morteza Daneshdoost was dismayed by Wendler's plan to reduce summer classes. Faculty members receive additional money for teaching during the summer months. Daneshdoost said the last place the administration should be cutting is anything that pertains to student education.

Wendler said the Provost and Vice Chancellor would be analyzing the summer class situation and make only the most necessary cuts. He said he has stressed to the deans to not make summer commitments until the situation has been analyzed.

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Ridge declares U.S. safer, but work remains

WASHINGTON—Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said Sunday that the United States is safer than it was in September when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Ridge also said Americans should be on high alert as the United States continues its search for Osama bin Laden, the al Qaeda network and sympathizers. But the war will continue, regardless of the status of the al Qaeda, Ridge said, indicating an operation in the United States.



Six of seven bodies recovered from plane crash

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan—Six of seven bodies of U.S. Marines killed Wednesday in a plane crash were recovered, military officials in Kandahar, Afghanistan, said Saturday. The Marines died when their military refueling plane crashed in western Pakistan Wednesday night. The search will continue for the final victim, and the cause of the accident is under investigation. —from CNN.com



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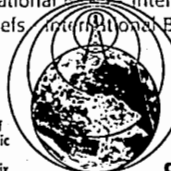
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UK prince smoked cannabis at palace

LONDON, England—The youngest son of Prince Charles and the late Diana, Princess of Wales, has attended a drug rehabilitation clinic after he admitted to smoking cannabis. Bill Puddicombe, chief executive of Phoenix House UK, told CNN that Prince Harry, 17, made a short visit to the organization's Featherstone Lodge center in southeast London. Royal officials did not deny revelations by a tabloid newspaper on Sunday that Harry, third in line to the British throne, confessed to his father that he smoked marijuana and drank heavily at a pub near Prince Charles's Highgrove country estate in western England last summer, when he was 16. In Britain, possession of cannabis, a class B controlled substance, is punishable by up to five years in prison, although the government has proposed making possession a non-arrestable offense. Charles was alerted to his son's behavior by a Highgrove staff member, who noticed a strong smell of marijuana, the newspaper reported. Charles is reported to have reacted straight away when he learned his son had



Israelis hit Palestinian naval targets

tried cannabis, sending him to visit the rehab clinic to show him the dangers of drug abuse. JERUSALEM—Israeli missiles fired from the sea hit Palestinian naval targets near President Yasser Arafat's office in Gaza City on Saturday, Palestinian security sources said. They said one boat capsized and another was badly damaged, and a fuel deposit exploded and burned. In addition, a heavy firefight occurred in Khan Yunis and Israeli bulldozers razed homes in the Gaza town, the Palestinians said. The security sources also reported a series of explosions in Rafah, in southern Gaza. An Israeli tank shell hit one house, injuring four people, they said. The sources said the house was targeted. Israeli military sources confirmed Israeli troops were operating in Gaza but said they would not give details because the operations were ongoing. —from CNN.com

Police Blotter

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- Thomas James Salyers, 26, was arrested at 2:21 a.m. Friday and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol at Evergreen Terrace. Salyers was unable to post bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail.
- A stereo, paint sprayer, dremmel tool and pottery were stolen between 1 p.m. Dec. 18 and 2 p.m. Jan. 8 from the Industrial Education Building. Police have no suspects or estimate of loss in the theft.
- An apple laptop computer was stolen between 4:30 p.m. Dec. 14 and 10 a.m. Jan. 9 from the Communications Building. Police have no suspects in the computer's theft. It is valued at \$2,850.
- A concrete bench was vandalized between 4:30 p.m. Jan. 4 and 8 a.m. Jan. 7 outside of the Student Center. Police have no suspects and no estimate of loss for the damage.

Calendar

TODAY

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

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Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1247, or faxed to 453-8244. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

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Budget woes may affect faculty

Joseph D. Johnson
Daily Egyptian

The Faculty Association will begin to negotiate a new contract with the administration mid-February and both sides are hopeful the state's economic troubles will not hamper their goal to raise faculty salaries.

The Faculty Association and administration will begin negotiations for upcoming faculty contracts on Feb. 18. Both sides remain optimistic, yet a little wary about reaching an agreement in the midst of state budget troubles.

SIU's faculty of more than 1,000 currently lags behind those of institutions of similar size. Chancellor Walter Wendler has emphasized his commitment to raising the quality of faculty with competitive salaries.

However, Wendler hesitated to make any guarantees about salary increases for the upcoming faculty negotiations because of the

University's dismal economic situation. He said his pledge to continue to have competitive salaries would present "quite a challenge." The state's current budget problems, which have forced Gov. George Ryan to cut \$500 million, could spill over to next year.

The state's economy has been hindered by a 10-month-old recession, government overspending and an economic fall-out from Sept. 11.

Although both sides have agreed not to discuss specifics outside of negotiation sessions, both the administration and union have expressed the importance of faculty salary increases.

To fix the problem of SIU's already lagging salaries, the Illinois Board of Higher Education recommended a 6 percent increase in faculty salaries every year. The 3+2+1 agreement was included in the governor's current budget, but Wendler could not guarantee such a raise for next year. The salary plan basically

gives a 3 percent raise across the board. The state also matches the University with a 1.5 percent increase for special needs pertaining to faculty retention.

The chancellor seems confident that the Faculty Association will remain cooperative during these financially trying times.

"The Faculty Association has the same general goals [as the administration]," Wendler said. "They are going to be sensitive to the same climate."

The administration has already acknowledged looming state budget cuts could lead to reductions in new equipment and summer classes. However, at the conclusion of 2001, Wendler made assurances the administration would be able to weather the cuts without dipping into the faculty salaries.

Faculty Association President Morteza Daneshdoost hopes the administration is sensitive to the core mission of the University.

Daneshdoost said it was too early to speculate on the effects of the budget cuts until they were officially approved.

He seemed optimistic about the upcoming negotiations due to the positive attitudes and ideas of the administration.

"Both President Walker and Wendler, in all of their talk and presentations, have indicated that the points the Faculty Association have been making are valid points connected to both financial and non-financial issues," Daneshdoost said.

"I am very optimistic that both sides are going to come up with some kind of solution that is acceptable."

As the two sides gear up for negotiations, their negotiation teams are as follows:

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For a complete list of the Faculty Association bargaining team, read this story at www.dailyegyptian.com

Former Chancellor homeward bound after semester absence

Codell Rodriguez
Daily Egyptian

One semester is all it took for John S. Jackson to return to the University that once found guidance under his command.

Jackson, who served as SIUC's interim Chancellor for more than two years, accepted a position with the Public Policy Institute as a visiting professor.

He will begin his new tour of duty today handling administrative responsibilities at the institute and will also teach Political Science 200. Jackson will receive \$3,000 a month for his one-year appointment but will be paid out of funds the institute has raised itself and not by the University.

"I have been very pleased and gratified to return to the University

where I have spent 33 years of my professional life," Jackson said.

During those years, Jackson's positions included dean of the College of Liberal Arts for 12 years, more than two years as Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and 25 months as interim Chancellor of the University. During his absence from the University, Jackson spent time teaching at the University of Arkansas.

Mike Lawrence, associate director of the Public Policy Institute, named several reasons why Jackson's services are needed once again. The first is to comply with a long-term strategic plan, which means there will be someone else to lead the institute when Lawrence and Director Paul Simon leave.

"I think it's important that the institute develop a long-term strate-

gic plan that will define the nature and mission of the institute after Paul Simon and I are no longer here," Lawrence said.

Another reason is to have Jackson assist with ongoing projects such as a massive anti-smoking advertising campaign the institute is organizing for the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"There's lots of irons in the fire," Jackson said. "Paul Simon and Mike Lawrence have been very busy, and the institute continues to grow."

Simon's and Lawrence's schedule is the third reason Jackson's assistance is needed.

"Paul is going to become less involved in the day-to-day institute," Lawrence said.

With Jackson around to handle tasks such as budget and typical administrative duties, Simon will

have more time for other endeavors like lectures.

"Anyone you can bring someone with his expertise, it's helpful," Simon said. "He brings a lot of background to the public policy area and academic area, so it's a real plus for us."

Jackson's background as an administrator is one of the main reasons why his contributions to the Public Policy Institute will be welcome, according to Lawrence.

"He has a lot of experience in University administration," Lawrence said. "I think I've learned quite a bit on what to do to be an effective administrator, but I welcome John's counsel or advice."

Jackson said he spent his time well in Arkansas by visiting family and is now excited to get back to work at SIUC and to help the

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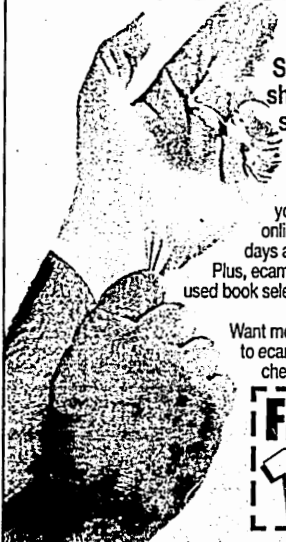
John S. Jackson
former interim Chancellor

Public Policy Institute.

"I have a great respect for Paul Simon, Mike Lawrence and everyone who works there," Jackson said. "I'm looking forward to making a contribution to the institute."

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Driver sentenced in crosswalk death

The driver of the vehicle that struck and killed SIUC student Anne Coleman in a campus crosswalk September 21 was sentenced to court supervision during a bench trial on Jan. 8.

SIUC student Ama Dieng, 20, was found guilty on both citations issued to her — failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. She was fined a total of \$575 and put on six months' court supervision by Judge Kimberly Dahlen.

Coleman was riding her bicycle across Douglas Drive at the crosswalk in front of the SIUC Arena when she was struck by Dieng's Dodge Aries that was traveling 8 mph over the speed limit.

This was the first of three recent accidents in SIUC crosswalks that involved pedestrians and vehicles.

Pell Grant increases for 2002-03

U.S. lawmakers voted to increase the maximum Pell Grant by \$250 to \$4,000, in late December.

The Pell Grant is a type of need-based financial aid that is the federal government's primary form of assistance for 4 million students.

The increase will require the Department of Education to dole out an additional \$1.7 billion, and there were initial concerns on Capitol Hill that the needed funds weren't available. Lawmakers found the additional money, however, and the increase will go into effect at the beginning of the 2002-03 academic year.

Congress also voted to remove a provision that would have allowed the Education Secretary to reduce the maximum award amount when his department was out of money. Now, the department will go into a deficit if necessary to cover the grant allocations.

At SIUC, in 2001-02, 6,083 undergraduate students received Pell Grants.

Ann Acton, associate director of financial aid, said she was thankful for the increase, especially since Pell Grants haven't consistently kept up with college cost increases and inflation.

The House voted 393 to 30 approving the spending bill that finances financial aid programs like the Pell grant. U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, supported the bill.

English speaking classes offered

Students seeking to learn English as a second language can sign up for classes at 1 p.m. Jan. 23 at 3412 Faner Hall.

Classes will meet between 1 to 1:50 p.m. Monday through Friday, however, participants may join at any time. Participants will learn by listening and interacting with other English speakers. For more information, contact the SIUC Division of Continuing Education at (618) 536-7751 or on its website at www.dce.siu.edu.

Blood drive at the Student Center

There will be a blood drive from 11:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Student Center. The drive is sponsored by the Emeritus Association.

JACKSON COUNTY

Energy grants available

Jackson County residents can apply for energy grants to help pay the cost of utilities.

The Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council will administer the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program in Jackson, Monroe, Perry and Randolph Counties.

Grant amounts are determined by income, household size and the type of heat used. Gross income, for 30 days prior to application date, must be at or below the following: one person \$1,074; two persons \$1,451; three persons \$1,828; and four persons \$2,205.

For more information, contact the Western Egyptian Outreach Office at 618-684-3341.



RONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Return of the students: Dustin Henson, a sophomore in business, unloads his stereo from the family car after returning to Thompson Point from Decatur on Saturday afternoon. "I'm glad to be back and out of Decatur!" Henson said.

Mugsy's owner reveals plan to double in size

Liquor licenses granted to two local restaurants

Alexa Aguilar
Daily Egyptian

The Carbondale City Council approved liquor licenses for two restaurants, while Mugsy McGuire's owner has unveiled plans to expand his business — actions that would double the size of his bar.

• Matt Maier, owner of Mugsy McGuire's Bar and Grill, 1620 W. Main St., has applied for a liquor license as a part of his plan to nearly double the size of his current business.

He plans to open a night club adjacent to his existing business in the space that used to house local cable television offices. The club would have a separate entrance and exit than the bar and grill.

Maier's request for the last remaining liquor license in Carbondale was pushed back to Jan. 22 because he was out of

town. Under Carbondale city regulations, the council can issue up to 15 bar licenses. One is available.

Maier wants to open the club because he said it's hard to have bands and dancing in the current atmosphere and space of Mugsy's. "We're going to have bands there three or four times a month," Maier said. "One night a week we'll have a DJ with dancing. I want this place to appeal to all ages."

His request will be heard by

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Moore gets 20 years in prison

Midwest Cash robber sentenced

Michael Brenner
The Daily Egyptian

The man convicted of armed robbery for his role in the Midwest Cash heist was sentenced to 20 years in prison last month by a Jackson County Judge.

Omar Moore, 20, was sentenced Dec. 28 at the Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro, after a hearing that included the testimony of Barry Cupp, the owner of Midwest Cash.

Police believe Moore was the planned getaway driver of the March 24 botched robbery that took the life of Midwest Cash manager Lucia L. Cristaudo.

State's Attorney Mike Wepsiec, who was seeking 20 years, said he was satisfied with the sentence Judge E. Dan Kimmel handed Moore.

Christopher Andrews and Robert Custon allegedly attempted to rob the pawn shop, but were trapped inside by police officers who arrived on scene. The two

men allegedly took Cristaudo hostage and forced her into a vehicle, which ultimately crashed in the ensuing police chase, killing Cristaudo and Custon.

Andrews was arrested and continues to await a trial for first-degree murder charges stemming from the incident.

Moore told police that he knew of plans to hold up the pawn shop, but didn't think that Custon and Andrews were seriously going to go through with them.



MOORE

Man charged in teen's death

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

A Murphysboro man faces first-degree murder charges for his alleged role in a shooting that left a Carbondale teen dead and another man wounded.

Robert Jackson, 22, was arrested shortly after a Dec. 26 shooting at 606 Owens St. in Carbondale where 17-year-old Kameron Allison was shot in the head and his roommate, Ricardo Woods, 20, suffered a gunshot wound to his leg.

Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wepsiec said murder charges were filed against Jackson when Allison died from his wounds in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale four days after the shooting.

Carbondale Police Department Community Resource Officer Dan Reed said that

police responded at 12:52 a.m. to a 911 call reporting a shooting at the house. Police found Allison and Woods at their home and took them to the hospital for medical treatment.



JACKSON

Woods was released following treatment for the gunshot wound.

Carbondale police identified Jackson as a suspect later that day, and Murphysboro Police located and arrested him. Jackson's bond was set at \$250,000 by Judge David Watt, and his preliminary hearing is scheduled for Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Jackson County Jail.

Allison had only lived in Carbondale for two months and was unknown to many of his neighbors. Bill Bollinger, who lives across the street from Allison's home, did not know the teen, but described him as "young, vibrant and always smiling."

Randy Greer, of 604 W. Owens St., who was on vacation at the time of the shooting, said he was shocked when he heard about it.

"It usually feels pretty safe around here," Greer said. "I've lived here for 20 years, and it's always been a quiet neighborhood."

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Moore was spotted by a witness leaving the scene of the robbery from across the street at the SIUC Credit Union. He was arrested shortly after, and confessed to police that Andrews and Custon had been scheming the robbery earlier that day.

"I didn't take them seriously," Moore said at his trial. But Wepsiec said parking across the street implicated Moore as the getaway driver.

When interviewed by the Daily Egyptian last November, Moore said that he plans to appeal his conviction.

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Alumna's leg amputated after car crash

Former DE employee in serious condition at Freeport hospital

Sara Ho, ker
Daily Egyptian

Former Daily Egyptian photographer Minsook Park was seriously injured in a car accident on Jan. 5 while on assignment with the Stephenson County Sheriff Department's K-9 unit.

Park, 28, a photojournalist with The Journal-Standard in Freeport, was covering a story about the county's police dog. She was riding in the passenger seat of a Stephenson County squad car when the accident occurred at about 11:30 p.m. west of Lena.

Park suffered a broken pelvis and legs. Her right foot and a portion of her leg were amputated below the knee.

Stephenson County Sheriff Dave Snyder said Deputy Ken Nesemeier was responding to a request for backup by a Lena officer when he encountered a patch of black ice.

The vehicle slammed into a utility pole on the passenger-side door.

According to an e-mail sent to the Journal-Standard staff, the pole broke and power lines struck the squad car, shorting out the radio. Deputy Nesemeier was forced to crawl through the vehicle's broken windshield and walk to a nearby farmhouse for help.

Snyders said the vehicle's speed remains unknown and the accident is being reconstructed by the Illinois State Police.

Park was taken by ambulance to a waiting helicopter at the Lena elementary school parking lot. She was then flown to OSF St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford.

"Obviously, we were devastated at the initial news of the accident from the standpoint that, to be quite honest, we weren't sure what was going to happen," Journal-Standard Managing Editor Thomas Stevens said. "Fortunately, Minsook has recovered from the serious threat to her life and is improving on a daily basis."

Deputy Nesemeier was treated and released for minor injuries and is recovering at home with his K-9 partner, Jerry.

Snyders said Park had been working on a photo essay with Deputy Nesemeier and Jerry since November

and has formed a strong relationship with them and the other county deputies.

"She was almost part of that shift," Snyders said.

Former Daily Egyptian photographer Kerry Maloney, a three-semester co-worker and roommate of Park while at SIUC, traveled to OSF St. Anthony after the accident.

"She looks good. It was very encouraging seeing her," Maloney said. "She looked upbeat."

"It was weird to see her that she's got to be down for so long because she was always running around. As long as I've known her she's always had three jobs."

Park, a native of Korea, graduated from SIUC in June of 2000 with a bachelor's degree in cinema and photography.

The Freeport community has rallied around Park since the accident.

"She's received a number of cards and letters from school children who have read her story in the newspaper," Stevens said.

The Journal-Standard has flown Park's sister, Jisook, from Korea and plans for her mother's arrival sometime this week.

Stevens said The Journal-Standard

has also opened a fund for Park to cover expenses that she may incur and is matching employee donations, with many donations coming in from the community as well.

The Stephenson County Board met in the days following the accident to discuss the issue of ride-alongs in county squad cars and is considering repealing the privilege, something that both Snyders and Stevens feel is extreme.

"That sort of knee-jerk reaction is too strong," Stevens said. "While we are concerned about the fact that this accident occurred, we don't believe that it's any reason to limit the press' access to police cars or fire or any other kind of emergency vehicles."

No official decisions have been made on the matter.

Snyders said the most important thing right now is Park's health.

"We wish her to make a full recovery."

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Former Daily Egyptian photographer Minsook Park is pictured above with the daughter of former co-worker Devin Miller. The photo was taken in December 2000 at a dinner party Park hosted to celebrate her final semester at SIUC.

Donations can be sent to Union Bank, 223 W. Stevenson St., Freeport, IL., 61032.

After long wait, Old Navy finally coming to University Mall May 1

Clothing chain agrees after two years of negotiations

Brad Brondsema
Daily Egyptian

The popular clothing chain Old Navy will be opening its doors to the Southern Illinois region on May 1 at the University Mall.

The decision to bring Old Navy to University Mall comes two years after the Carbondale City Council passed a tax incentive hoping to bring new stores to the mall. Gap and Gap Kids signed soon after, however Old Navy hesitated until recently.

Debra Tindall, general manager of University Mall, said serious talks between the mall, city and Gap Inc., owners of the Old Navy name, began when the council passed the tax incentive that included a 15-year rebate on all sales tax generated by the stores. The rebate was worth an estimated \$7.8 million.

Tindall said she was relieved to hear the store would soon be added.

"We've been wanting Old Navy to come here for

some time. When we agreed on the right package, it was a relief," Tindall said.

City manager Jeff Doherty is hopeful the opening of Old Navy will help attract business to the area.

"Old Navy is a national retailer of prominence that will help attract shoppers to Carbondale, not only to shop at Old Navy, but at other stores in the University Mall and the city of Carbondale."

The store, which will be the only Old Navy located in Illinois south of Decatur, spells relief for some students who have to make the two-hour drive to St. Louis to shop at the nearest store.

Krysta Darnell, a junior in elementary education from Carbondale, was pleased to hear she would find Old Navy fashion close to home.

"I like Old Navy, the prices are reasonable, the clothes are stylish," Darnell said.

The store will cover approximately 16,000 square feet and be located across from American Eagle. The space used to house a Walgreens.

The announcement of the Old Navy opening comes on the heels of the opening of Pac Sun, a California-style clothing store in early February.

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Task force has unusual mission

Meg Laughlin
Knight Ridder Newspapers

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN - It is the graves that define the mountain village. Graves of soldiers lost in civil war and the Soviet invasion. Graves of civilians caught in the crossfire. Graves of tiny children killed by pneumonia.

The bombs and gunfire have stopped in Zaiwalat, but the funerals have not. Villagers still gather about once a week in the bitter Afghan winter, mostly to watch parents carry the sheet-wrapped bodies of their dead children into the hills.

But beyond the graves, rising from the drought-stricken earth, is the shell of a majestic new stone and brick schoolhouse.

A sign that a better life may be ahead, it will be partially funded by the U.S. military.

The Zaiwalat schoolhouse is among the rebuilding projects recommended for funding by an unusual group of U.S. and British soldiers who set out in December with a million-dollar budget to search, not for the enemy but for opportunities to spread hope in a dev-

astated land.

"They are established to help... see where we can best provide relief," said Lt. Col. Bonnie Hebert, who is attached to the coalition forces ground command headquarters in Kuwait. "We've got the interim government in place, and the Afghani people have been suffering for a long time."

The good deed soldiers are part of the Coalition Joint Civilian Military Operation Task Force, commanded by U.S. Brig. Gen. David Kratzer. The task force, which includes troops from the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion at Fort Bragg, N.C., is part of the humanitarian aid and rebuilding effort under way in Afghanistan. Its work eventually will be handed off to civilian aid groups.

The soldiers have toured several villages, finding projects ranging from the renovation of a small hospital to the purchase of sewing machines for a coop that would allow Afghan war widows to make and sell clothing.

British Maj. Andrew Whelan, found the half-finished schoolhouse, sign reading "hope" and stopped by the house. Ehsan Ullah, a former resident of Zaiwalat, invited him in.

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OUR MISSION

The DAILY EGYPTIAN, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

Our mission, our word

The mission statement above appears in every issue of the Daily Egyptian. We attempt with vigor to maintain those principles in every issue. At the very heart of the Daily Egyptian is our editorial page, Voices. The Voices page is our opportunity to communicate with you on a daily basis, and it is your opportunity to communicate with us as well.

We are hopeful that such dialogue will spur people to become more informed ...

The Daily Egyptian Editorial Board consists of 13 students from various backgrounds. The board is comprised of a diverse group of individuals who help shape our daily position as expressed in Our Word. The board meets twice a week to discuss issues relevant to our readers. After a thoughtful discussion and analysis of an issue, our position is presented in Our Word.

Along with Our Word, the Voices pages offers the views of our diverse columnists and a forum

to air your opinions. We encourage you to submit a letter or column to our publication by fax, e-mail or by simply dropping it off to our newsroom. We encourage you to do so whenever you want to express your views.

It is our intention to provide viewpoints on local issues and offer solutions to a pressing problem in the community. We also look to support policies that we believe will benefit the University and community and question those we feel will do otherwise.

The Daily Egyptian Our Word will tackle numerous issues that greatly affect the community and University. As we embark on this tradition, we ensure that we will live up to our mission statement and its tenants to the best of our ability.

We will provide our readers with an accurate, fair, balanced and truthful perspective. Our goal is to spark dialogue within Southern Illinois, and we are hopeful that such dialogue will spur people to become more informed, get

SPRING 2002 EDITORIAL BOARD

Brett Nauman
Editor-in-Chief
Age: 22
Hometown: Bloomington
Major: Journalism



I have spent the better part of my last four semesters at SIUC working as a reporter for the Daily Egyptian. With my graduation in May, I hope to make a difference during my final semester in Carbondale.

Jennifer Wig
Managing Editor
Age: 20
Hometown: Washburn
Major: Journalism



Working at the Daily Egyptian for six semesters has exposed me to a range of people and experiences, giving me an open mind about many things. Feminist and nature issues tend to be at the forefront of my agenda, and my hobbies include reading, writing, outdoor activities and art. I believe that anything is possible if you're motivated enough.

Terry L. Dean
Voices Editor
Age: 27
Hometown: Chicago
Major: Journalism



I have almost six years of experience as a reporter and five semesters with the Daily Egyptian. I'm interested in race issues because if we don't begin to solve our racial problems, our society will continue to suffer from hatred and distrust. I also have an interest in politics. I'm very fascinated with the inner wrangling of our political system, although I don't consider myself a junkie.

Marken Troutt
Assistant Voice Editor
Age: 23
Hometown: Carbondale
Major: Journalism



Our community has many "voices" that often don't speak loud enough. For that reason, I hope to offer greater diversity and deeper insight into the issues that affect our lives on the opinion page. I love to read and have been writing for as long as I can remember. I enjoy spending my free time with my 3-year-old son and our family. I have been working at the Daily Egyptian for six semesters.

Alexa Aguilar
Government Editor
Age: 21
Hometown: Luka
Major: Journalism



I have worked at the Daily Egyptian since the summer of 2000. I graduate in May, and since I've come to love SIUC and the DE, I am already feeling nostalgic about leaving. As a past Voices editor, I take my commitment to serve on the editorial board very seriously. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my daughter, reading and watching movies.

Codell Rodriguez
Academic Affairs Editor
Age: 22
Hometown: Centralia
Major: Journalism



I've been working at the Daily Egyptian since Fall 1999 with Academic and Student Affairs. I spend most of my free time working here, trying not to fail my classes and listening to British rock bands. After college I plan on starting in my own Saturday morning cartoon where I will team up with a talking tree sloth and fight intergalactic crime.

Ginny Skalski
Student Affairs Editor
Age: 20
Hometown: Mount Vernon
Major: Journalism



After spending six semesters at the Daily Egyptian I've concluded that I love Southern Illinois University and the community surrounding it. The DE has provided me with a great outlet to inform readers about all the interesting things that make this school and region so unique. I enjoy political discussions, playing with my cats and shopping on e-Bay.

Jane Huh
Newsroom Representative
Age: 18
Hometown: Prospect Heights
Major: Journalism



This is my second semester as a Daily Egyptian reporter. I find a lot of excitement in learning something new about my environment, and journalism certainly allows me to do just that. During my free time I enjoy movies, reading and exercise.

Steve Jahnke
Photo Editor
Age: 21
Hometown: DuBois
Major: Photojournalism



This is my third semester working for the Daily Egyptian and my first as photo editor. I not only have the responsibility of making sure the community is visually represented through the paper, I have the responsibility to voice the opinions and concerns of the community. I hope to accomplish this through my position on the editorial board.

Dave Missemmaa
Copy Chief
Age: 19
Hometown: LaSalle
Major: Photojournalism



Growing up in a small town (yes, even smaller than Carbondale) gives me a rural background, but experiences in places far from home gives me some diversity in thought, as does being biracial. I like photography, driving around, and long walks in the park.

Jay Schwab
Sports Editor
Age: 22
Hometown: Glenwood
Major: Journalism



This is my eighth semester with the Daily Egyptian, and my third tour of duty as sports editor. The job fits well seeing as sports and writing are two of my favorite things. I am a big believer in treating people with respect and trying to understand peoples' perspectives. I hope to soak in all the fun I can during my last year at SIU before finding work as a sports reporter somewhere in the Midwest.

Robin Jones
Graphics Editor
Age: 20
Hometown: Henderson, Ky.
Major: Visual Communications



I'm pleased to be working as the graphics editor this semester. Although I haven't worked here long, someone had enough faith in me to keep around and even promote me. By being on the board, everyone will see that artists/designers care about social issues too. In my spare time, I enjoy going to the campus lake and feeding frightened ducks with the hardened bread I've had for a few weeks due to my inability to eat a whole loaf by myself.

Molly Parker
Assistant Government Editor
Age: 19
Hometown: Simpson
Major: Journalism



I was born and raised in Southern Illinois and I enjoy the outdoors, politics and history. This is my fourth semester at the Daily Egyptian and I feel my role as a student journalist is to keep you connected to the University and provide you with a forum to express your views. Throughout its history SIUC has given birth to new ideas, a diverse mission and a place for student gathering and protest. I am committed to the balancing act of serving the student body with information as well as being a student.

COLUMNIST

We're back!

The signs of spring have arrived. The Wal-Mart parking lot is more full now than it was at the height of the Christmas shopping season. Domino's took 50 minutes to deliver dinner Friday night, and there are Follet and 710 store bags littering my little study area. Another semester begins.

I'm starting this semester with the best of intentions. I have plenty of time set aside for reading and studying, and I have planned to get all of my assignments done early. My editor will be happy to hear that one; deadlines for a newspaper are tougher than any imposed in a class. Editors are generally less understanding or sympathetic than any professor, too.

So I have nearly \$300 worth of books stacked up (which I expect to sell back for a total of \$17.45 at the end of the semester). I've even flipped through a couple of them. My resolve is high, and this promises to be my best semester yet.

Yeah, right. Gimme two weeks — one of the kids will get sick, or my son's principal will call, or I'll miss my first class. It will be for legitimate reasons, of course, but it will be the beginning of a short slide down a slippery slope. Missing the first class is the hardest, but missing the second is easier and the third even easier. Next thing you know, you're more likely to get the notes from a friend than from the professor. It's a common affliction.



Tales
from
Oz

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Ever notice how tough parking is early in the semester? Classrooms and lecture halls are filled and seats can be hard to find. By the third or fourth week of the semester, parking is easier and you have a wide choice of seats. Except on the day of a unit test or midterm. People you never saw before show up for class on those days.

I've signed up for an 8 a.m. class. Those are the worst, ranking just below that 3:35 p.m. class. I have no trouble getting up for that early class — I have kids heading off to school. The hard part for me is getting them ready for school and getting myself out the door. While a cup of coffee and a cigarette constitutes a balanced breakfast for me, they need and want something a little more substantial. My son is a morning person only four days out of 10. The other six days he wakes up so grumpy he makes me look

like a genuine ray of sunshine. He growls, but he rarely bites. He's only 11. Maybe I need to get him started on morning coffee. It works for me.

My daughter usually wakes and gets herself ready a little more efficiently. She has to — the bus picks her up about 7:15 a.m., and if she misses it, she pays my gas for a ride to school.

There are six of us in my happy little household getting ready for various destinations in the morning, all vying for a shot at one of two bathrooms. One of those includes my teenage niece. She spends almost as much time in the bathroom as she does on the phone. Just washing her face is a multi-step procedure, involving the contents of at least three different bottles. That doesn't include getting her hair just right.

So it begins. I hope to see you in class today or tomorrow. Say hi, but maybe it's best not to make new friends until the second week in February. By then, you should know who you'll have a chance of seeing again and who is going to fade out of sight by spring break.

Tales From Oz appears on Mondays. David is a senior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN. To read more of David's work, go to <http://www.uztalesfromoz.com>.

Classrooms and lecture halls are filled and seats can be hard to find.

GUEST COLUMNIST

Racism against Mexicans alive and well on campus

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It was my first day in college. I was extremely nervous. I knew college was not going to be easy for me, especially because I had been in the United States for just three years, and I did not speak English fluently. However, I was optimistic and knew I was going to do my best to succeed.

When I got to my first class, there was just one student sitting in the last row. As I entered the room and sat in the second row, I said "Hi" to the girl, but she did not answer. I felt very stupid for talking to someone I did not know. The rest of the first day was the same. I could not understand why many other classmates would ignore me but would talk to the other guys and girls in the class. It was almost as if I did not exist. As the semester progressed, their behavior did not change. On the contrary, they began to avoid me in a very clear way.

The day after the first exam, I was nervous; I had studied a lot for the test. Before the teacher began giving back the tests, he said there had been only one A in the class, and that he would like to say the name of the person who had gotten it so everybody could congratulate her. When I heard my name, an

overwhelming feeling of happiness invaded my body; my efforts had paid off. That same day after class, I was walking through the halls, when I heard two of my classmates talking.

"How is it possible that the Mexican had gotten an A," one of them was saying.

When I heard the word Mexican, I got closer to hear the rest.

"I think that she cheated," said the other girl. "There is no way a Mexican could have done better than I if she had not cheated. She doesn't even speak English."

I was labeled as a Mexican, and I understood what it meant that day.

I was labeled as a Mexican, and I understood what it meant that day. I understood why all the students in the class had ignored and avoided me in the past. I realized something I had not thought about before. I realized that I was the only Mexican student in a class of white Americans. I also realized that they did not think of me as a peer, as a woman, or even as a human being. All they were able to see was the fact that I was Mexican, and based on that label, they judged me. It was hard for me to accept that being labeled as Mexican could have such a bad impact on the way people think of me.

There is probably nothing in this world I am more proud of than being Mexican. I am proud of my background, my cultural heritage and the language I speak. I had always thought that being labeled as Mexican would always make me feel happy. My feelings about being labeled as Mexican changed the day I heard my classmates talking about me. It occurred to me that when people used the label to describe me, they were not able to see my qualities. They did not see that I was a good student and had worked very hard to get an A on the test.

Being labeled as Mexican fits me. I do not mind people using it to describe my cultural background, but when people use it to make a negative judgment of me, it makes me very mad. Yes, I am Mexican and I am very proud of that, but when people look at me, I want them to think of me as a woman and as a human being who wants and deserves to be respected.

It is very hard for some people to understand the reality in which people of minority descent have to live in. This is the best time to start thinking about how people from other cultures feel, and this will be a better world to live in as a result.

Chavez is a senior in psychology. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

What America means to me



"God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful" are songs that touch your heart when you hear them. Every time the "Star Spangled Banner" is played and you hear "the land of the free and the home of the brave" with your hand over your heart, then the tears flow out of your eyes. That is what America is all about.

The U.S. military soldiers give their lives for freedom to rule in America. America's state of mind is that powerful word called freedom. But the greatest freedom we have is that Jesus shed his blood so you could have freedom from sin and eternal life if you call on his name.

Freedom means being free from being a slave to man or in bondage to an undemocratic government. Freedom for the people, freedom of the people and freedom by the people makes man free in America.

George Curry
Panknysville

Racial diversity does not raise educational benefits



A Nov. 29 Daily Egyptian feature entitled "University lean on minority faculty" contained several assumptions that obscure recent research on the subject of hiring and race. Most importantly, the National Association of Scholars released a study in April 2001 called "Is Campus Racial Diversity Correlated with Educational Benefits?"

The study concludes that there is no "statistically demonstrable connection between racial diversity and educational benefits." The study examined data from UCLA's Comprehensive Institutional Research Project and also found "no educationally significant correlation between racial diversity and educational outcomes."

It is for this reason that a majority of American faculty do not support racial and sexual preferences in hiring. Polls show that many faculty at public universities oppose preferential hiring in the name of diversity. A University of Connecticut study of statewide faculty showed that a majority opposed preferential hiring based on race, sex and ethnicity. So should the rest of us.

Herb Russell
Carbondale

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PRAYER

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bad, or be forceful about it, that's not the issue."

Wendler said he was surprised by the reaction, as prayer at commencement services was a common practice at the other public universities he's been associated with. Wendler was a top administrator at Texas A&M before starting as chancellor at SIUC last summer.

Perry said he thinks the prayer was appropriate because the University should nurture the students' spiritual needs, as well as their academic, physical and social needs.

"We did not promote any one religion," he said. "But our mission here is not just academics. It's important to mark that type of occasion with a spiritual side."

Perry said he asked for input when he threw out the idea at a USG meeting last semester. Only one senator, Tim Davis, a senior in engineering, had a concern, and that was that the prayer be non-denominational.

After hearing the prayer at graduation, Davis, an atheist, said he didn't find fault with it.

"I was just concerned that it wouldn't be fair to all the non-Christians," Davis said. "I thought it was fine. Everyone has their own beliefs and is going to keep what they believe."

"People should stop whining about it,"

Davis said.

From a legal standpoint, the courts have struggled with the tensions generated by the dual First Amendment freedoms of religion and speech.

Brannon Denning, an assistant professor of law, said the court has not taken an absolute view, but are generally suspicious of religious ceremonies and prayer at graduation and athletic events.

"It is unsettled to a certain extent; a lot of it depends. The court has cases pointing in all different directions," he said.

There are some distinctions that have been made, though, Denning said. Usually, the court considers a university student audience more mature than a secondary school audience. The court has said an older group of students is less likely to be influenced by peer pressure and more willing to openly protest by walking out.

"The courts have found the absence of peer pressure to be pretty compelling,"

Denning said.

Wendler is in the midst of forming a committee comprised of faculty, staff and students. He also pointed to a possible solution offered to him by an SIUC student. She suggested adding the issue to the Undergraduate Student Government election ballot and letting the students decide.

Tom Alexander, a professor in philosophy, added another possible solution to the debate.

"No one is forbidding graduates or their families from private prayer during graduation or from receiving benediction at a religious service held in conjunction with the event elsewhere," he said.

The next University-wide graduation ceremony will be in August. In May, commencement takes place at the individual colleges.

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LICENSES

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Carbondale's Liquor Advisory Board on Jan. 22.

*The Corner Diner, 600 S. Illinois Ave., known locally for its down-home menu, is adding to its image and its name. Owner Joseph Suarez will be adding Poblano's Grill to the current name and will be offering a Mexican menu on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The restaurant has been open for those nights for a few months and he said he has had a favorable reception so far.

Along with the Mexican menu, Suarez will offer margaritas, beer and wine, now that the liquor license has been approved.

The Corner Diner patrons shouldn't fear, though. He's not completely changing the name. The Corner Diner — just adding Poblano's Grill, in attempt to keep his old customers and add some new.

"We don't want to divorce

ourselves from The Corner Diner," Suarez said. "We have a regular following. But by the end of the month, we hope to have two restaurants in one."

He's confident that Poblano's Grill has something new to add to Carbondale's eatery scene.

"What we are doing is special, I come from Mexico, my cooks are from Mexico, we make our own tortillas," Suarez said.

*The other liquor license went to Big Boys Q'n, a new barbecue restaurant that will be located at 104 W. Jackson St., where the former Forbidden City establishment was located. The owner, Donald Urberger, who also owns Kopies & More, is a part of the Kansas City Barbecue Society team, and plans to focus on barbecue favorites like pulled pork, baby back ribs, chicken and beef brisket. The business will deliver.

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Prayer given by USG president Michael Perry on December 15 at commencement ceremonies.

Gracious God, it is with thanksgiving for your many blessings, gifts and abilities, that we celebrate this day of graduation for our class of 2001. We thank You that You have supported us in the trials and successes of our education and pray that these great labors may truly benefit humankind. For without Your help, not even the least of our activities will succeed. Let us be lights of the world, oh Lord, and give us the will and the strength to let that light shine. We thank You for our families, teachers, staff members, alumni and friends of this university and ask Your blessing upon us all, and we ask that as we begin our further education or careers that You continue to form us and inspire us with wisdom and grace. Amen.

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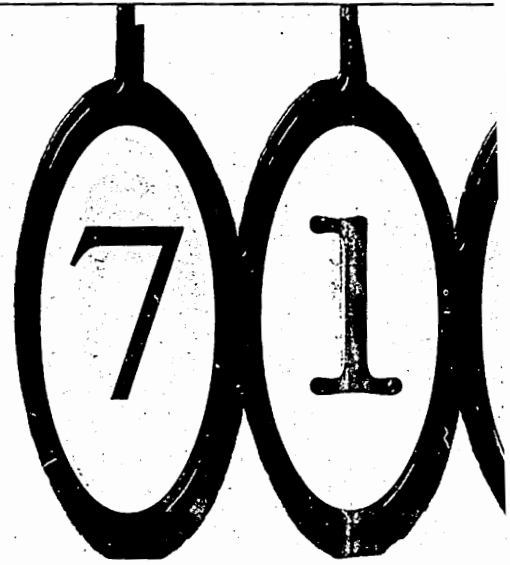
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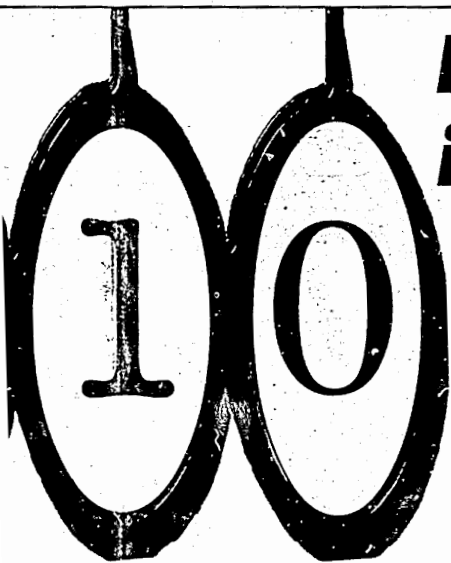
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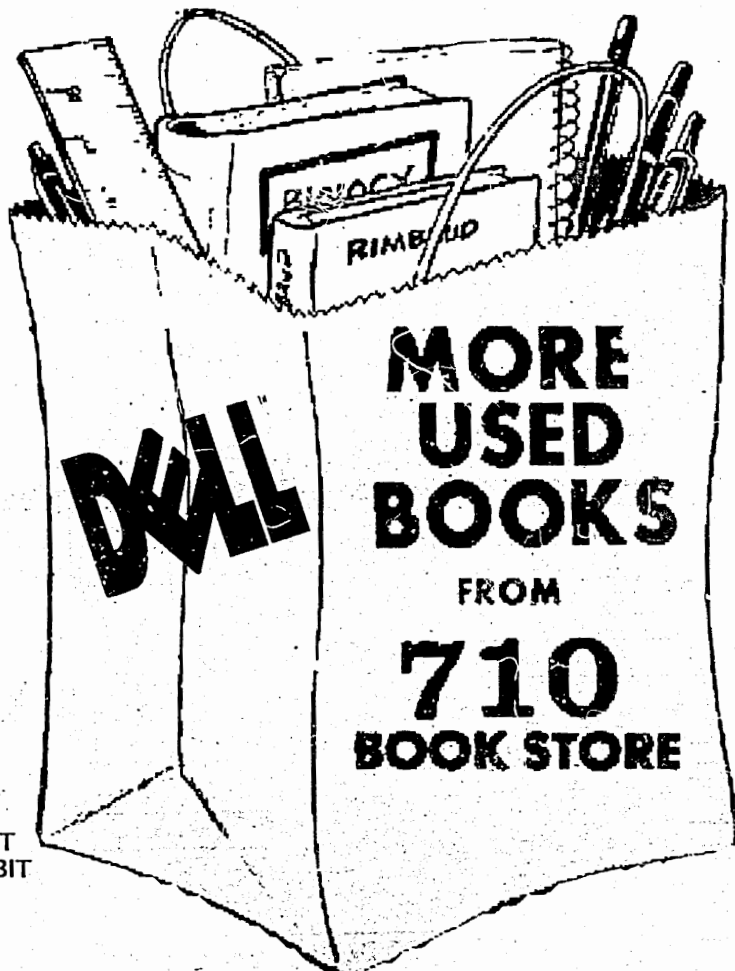
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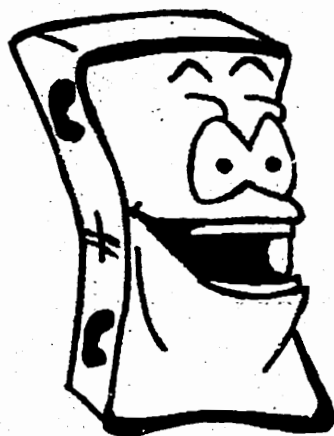
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people in the conference know that they have to put a defender on me and they're trying to stop me," McDowell said. "So other people are going to have to step up, and other people did step up — we just haven't played well collectively as a team."

Although the Salukis are winless in the conference, the team knows that it is rather early in the season and they still have a chance to show that they are not the conference's doormat.

"People don't realize how talented our league is and how deep the league is," Opp said. "A lot of teams are good. There isn't any game where we're going to show up where it's going to be easy for us. I think if our team steps up, anything's possible."

The Salukis did have a few positive performances during the break that should help them as they attempt to ascend in the MVC standings.

Freshman guard Danette Jones showed a marked improvement from earlier in the season, scoring in double figures in three of the past four games and hitting five of her last six attempts from beyond the three-point arc.

Another bright spot for SIU was the surprise return of sophomore forward Katie Berwanger. Berwanger was out of all last season and the first few months of this season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee. Berwanger, who was expected to be



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Sophomore forward Katie Berwanger returned to the Saluki women's basketball team Jan. 5 after being sidelined for more than a year with a torn ACL in her left knee. Berwanger has scored three points and grabbed six rebounds in SIU's last two games.

out for the rest of this season, returned to the lineup against Evansville on Jan. 5 after only four and a half months. She has seen 22 minutes of action in the last two games, scoring three points and grabbing six rebounds.

After re-injuring her knee during the pre-season, Berwanger had no idea she would make such a quick recovery.

"Certainly not at first, when I couldn't sleep and couldn't eat and my entire leg was purple," Berwanger said. "You just work as hard as you can and it happens in the amount of time that it hap-

pens, and I was lucky enough that it healed quickly."

Berwanger is expected to be in the lineup at 7 tonight when the Salukis travel to Wichita, Kan., to take on the Shockers of Wichita State.

SIU has a five-game losing streak against the Shockers and has lost seven of its last nine meetings with Wichita State dating back to 1997.

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VICTORY

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offensively in recent weeks, but their slumps have been overshadowed by even more disturbing free throw shooting by the entire team. SIU is shooting just 63.5 percent from the line collectively and was a miserable 28-for-63 from the line in the games against

Murray State and J Evansville.

As a whole, though, SIU has to feel good about where it stands. The Salukis hit the road again this week for a Wednesday skirmish at Bradley. How SIU performs in its away jerseys the rest of the way figures to determine whether dreams of a conference title and NCAA appearance will come to fruition.

"We made a statement (Saturday)

and hopefully we can continue to play well like this," said freshman guard Darren Brooks, who nailed five of six from three-point range against UNI.

"We have to stay focused, not get too cocky and just go out and play ball."

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Northern Iowa	4	1	9	7
SW Missouri St.	3	2	6	7
Evansville	2	2	7	7
Bradley	2	3	10	3
Wichita State	2	3	7	7
Indiana State	1	3	5	7
Illinois State	1	4	3	11
Southern Illinois	0	4	4	9

Men's MVC Basketball Standings

	MVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Southern Illinois	4	1	14	3
Creighton	4	1	9	5
Northern Iowa	4	1	9	5
Wichita State	3	2	9	7
Drake	2	3	7	8
SW Missouri St.	2	3	7	10
Illinois State	2	3	6	10
Bradley	2	3	5	9
Evansville	1	4	4	10
Indiana State	1	4	3	11

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Track indoor season off to a fast start

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

The Saluki track teams showed no mercy for their invited guests.

The SIU men's and women's track and field teams fared well over the weekend at the Saluki Booster Club Invitational, the first scored meet of the indoor season. The two-day event took place on Friday and Saturday at the Recreation Center.

The Recreation Center was full of people working out, but with the men and women of the track and field teams on center stage, many of them opted to stop their workouts and pay full attention to the events' taking place. When the final results were posted, the men's team placed first, while the women finished second.

Other schools that participated in the meet were Southeast Missouri State, Mississippi State University, the University of Louisville, Troy State University and Wallace State College.

Leading the women's team with first-place finishes were freshman Mariann

Ahuna in the triple jump (39-10 1/2), junior high jumper Latrice Gray (1.70 meters) and sophomore Noa Beitler, who clocked in with a time of one minute, 37.27 seconds in the 600-meter run.

Beitler was happy with the results and felt proud of the team's overall performance.

"I felt OK because I trained over break, and I know the best is yet to come," Beitler said.

She said she also felt content with her finish because she thinks the 600 is harder than the 800, which she ran last year.

The men's team captured top honors in several events, including the 1,600, 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs, the 60-meter hurdles; high jump, triple jump and the shot put and weight throw.

One outstanding event was the 60-meter hurdles in which Jeff Young, a transfer from Seton Hall, shattered the SIU indoor record with a time of 7.9 seconds.

Other men's top honors included Doron Giat in the 3,000-meter run (8:42.16); Allen Keelen in the high jump (2.09m); Adam Judge in the weight throw (17.76m); Gaute Myelebust in the shot put (17.05m); triple jumper Jaanus Uudmae (15.65m); Eli Baker in the 5,000-meter run (15:35); and Joe

"I want to improve upon my time, get stronger and get ready for conference."

Eli Baker
freshman, men's track

Zeibert in the 1,600-meter run (4:20).

Zeibert, a senior and team captain, was proud of his team's performance, but understands there is still work to be done.

"Even though we did good we have a lot of improving to do," Zeibert said.

With that improvement he feels the team will produce better times and distances throughout the season.

Freshman Eli Baker was happy with his time, but feels he also has room for improvement.

"I want to improve upon my time, get stronger and get ready for conference," Baker said.

The next event for the men's and women's squads will be Jan. 25-26 when the Salukis have another home meet — the McDonald's Invitational at the Recreation Center.

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RONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Eli Baker, a freshman from Marion, placed first in the men's 5,000-meter run on Saturday at the Booster Club Invitational. Overall, the Salukis took first place in men's competition and second place in women's competition.

SIU women's tennis cuts losses

Team loses player as two recover from injuries

Erika Blackman
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's tennis team started the year with six competitive players and anticipated a good spring season, but a sudden surprise has left head coach Judy Auld and the team wondering about its prospects.

Auld received a phone call a couple of days before Christmas informing her that one of her key players — Sandy Swanepoel — would not be returning for the spring semester due to personal reasons. Although Swanepoel only played one semester for the Salukis, her record in doubles with Kari Stark was 4-3 and she was a respectable 4-5 in singles.

According to Stark, losing Swanepoel as a doubles partner is going to make things difficult because she contributed a lot to the team.

"We're going to have to work extremely

hard," Stark said. "I think if we all do as best as we can, we can finish well in the season."

In addition to losing a player, there are two team members recovering from injuries. Tana Trapani threw her hip out earlier in the year. She only had the opportunity to play in one tournament in the fall. She had a 4-0 overall record for singles and teamed up with Alejandra Blanco for a record of 3-0 in the doubles.

Sarah Krismanitis had wrist surgery, and only time will tell how soon she can recover. Prior to her arrival at SIU, Krismanitis was a four-time individual all-state award winner and two-time first team all-state doubles winner as a prep.

Auld is currently exploring walk-on options to round out the roster.

According to Auld, there are some good teams on the schedule this spring and some decisions are in the process of being made on whether the Salukis can participate in all of the matches. Auld would like to tone the schedule down because of the unexpected situation that she finds her team in, but that may be impossible depending on whether she will be able to get out of the contracts.

"We need to use this situation to bring us together," Auld said. "It is the quality, not the quantity of the players."

The Salukis have their first match of the spring on Jan. 26 against the University of

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Judy Auld
head coach, women's tennis

Missouri, and according to Auld, they're expected to be tough competition.

Although the women's tennis team experienced some unexpected turns and twists during the offseason, the Salukis plan on making the best of their season.

"You just have to roll with the punches," Auld said.

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Women's tennis coach Judy Auld would like to give students with playing experience the opportunity to walk onto the team after a tryout session. If interested, contact Coach Auld at 453-2482.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's hoops to play alumni game

The SIU men's basketball team will host an alumni game on Jan. 19 prior to the start of SIU's game against Indiana State. The returning players will be introduced during halftime.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said he wanted to showcase the players who laid the foundation for the team's current success.

The exhibition is expected to last about an hour, and Weber hopes to have 15-20 players participate in the event. Any former players interested in playing should contact the men's basketball office at 618-453-4667.

Women's golf adds standout

The SIU women's golf team signed standout Abby Johnson of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., to a national letter of intent during the winter break.

Johnson had an impressive prep career at Lincoln High School where she was named the Golf Foundation Player of the Year following her senior season.

During the year, Johnson won all but one tournament she participated in on her way to a fourth place finish at the state tournament. She also helped lead her team to a state championship as a junior in the program's second year.



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Salukis on their way to victory lane

Men's basketball tied for first in MVC, 14-3 overall

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

Last time classes were in session, the SIU men's basketball team had the campus captivated after running roughshod over its non-conference opponents and smoking Indiana in a fireworks-filled extravaganza at the SIU Arena.

The wins have mounted for the Salukis since then, and the team's aspirations of reaching the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1995 have been solidified as a strong possibility.

The Salukis were 7-1 at the conclusion of the fall semester and have compiled a 7-2 record in the meantime, pushing their overall record to 14-3. SIU is tied for first in the Missouri Valley Conference with a 4-1 mark in league play; including its most recent 83-58 victory over Northern Iowa Saturday at the Arena.

The factors involved in SIU's success are abundant. Kent Williams and Rolan Brooks have continued to post outstanding seasons, with Williams leading the team in scoring at 17.4 points a game and Roberts pitching in 13.4 a game in addition to leading the team in blocks and registering second to Jermaine Dearmian in rebounding.

Roberts has thrived in the paint for the Salukis. Other than some nightmarish free throw shooting, he's been everything the Salukis could have asked for, highlighted by a remarkable performance in a win over Southeast Missouri State on Dec. 22 in which he scored 28 points, yanked 18 rebounds and blocked six shots.

By no means have Williams and Roberts been the end of the story. Dearmian has turned himself into a consistent force. Senior point guard Marcus Belcher has turned in a solid season. And freshmen guards Stetson Hairston and Darren Brooks have also been catalysts, with Hairston providing defensive energy and unusual maturity for a freshman and Brooks supplying an offensive jolt off the bench.

Although SIU is well positioned for a postseason berth, head coach Bruce Weber and his team have a ways to go before nailing down any March plans. The Salukis slipped up on Thursday in a loss at Wichita State, and with 13 conference games remaining, Weber said it's going to take sustained focus to take claim to the league title.



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Stetson Hairston, Jermaine Dearmian, and Darren Brooks react to a rare three-point attempt by forward Sylvester Willis Saturday at the Arena. These Saluki starters had plenty of time to relax as they coasted to a 83-58 win over the University of Northern Iowa.

son berth, head coach Bruce Weber and his team have a ways to go before nailing down any March plans. The Salukis slipped up on Thursday in a loss at Wichita State, and with 13 conference games remaining, Weber said it's going to take sustained focus to take claim to the league title.

"We went to Wichita thinking they would just give it to us ... they've got to understand the energy and fear we had when we played Illinois, when

we played Indiana. Right now we're up on top and that's how other teams are going to play against us," Weber said.

On Saturday, the Salukis played like a team stung by the unexpected loss to Wichita State. SIU didn't defend or rebound well and fell to the Shockers 88-79, snapping a season-best five game winning streak. Dearmian and his teammates were riled by the defeat and took it out on Northern Iowa — which entered the game a surprising 4-0 in MVC Play — by pouncing to a 40-19 halftime lead before coasting to victory.

"We shouldn't have to lose for us to get a wake-up call," Dearmian said. "We should learn from our mistakes early, but it happened. We have to watch film, work on our problems and get them fixed."

Few of the Salukis' problems have surfaced at home, where attendance is up and SIU is a perfect 7-0 on the season. All three losses have occurred away from Carbondale — the first of which came to Illinois in the finals of the Las Vegas Invitational and the other two in road games at Colorado State and at Wichita State. The loss at

Colorado State — an 80-62 drubbing on Dec. 18 — was the only game all season in which SIU played poorly enough to be blown out.

There were a few other troublesome events that marred an otherwise successful showing for the Salukis during break. They included:

- During SIU's 67-63 victory at Murray State on Dec. 29, Roberts was fouled hard from behind on a fast break and fell on his wrist. Roberts had to leave the game and appeared to be in great pain, but after a few pensive minutes, shook off the effects of the fall and was able to re-enter the game. Elsewhere on the injury front, sophomore forward Sylvester Willis missed two games with a foot ailment but has returned to action.

- SIU's conference opener, an 82-72 win at Evansville on Jan. 2, was a strange ballgame. Play in the first half was delayed for nearly a half hour while Roberts Stadium officials attended to a malfunctioning shot clock and scoreboard. When play resumed, the Salukis played a sloppy game, but still had enough to subdue the Aces.

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Men's Break Rndown	
Dec. 16 at Cal.-St Northridge 74-60 (W) Leading Scorer: Darren Brooks - 19 Leading Rebounder: Jermaine Dearmian - 7	Jan. 5 Illinois State * 79-58 (W) Leading Scorer: Dearmian - 16 Leading Rebounder: Stetson Hairston - 11
Dec. 18 at Colorado State 80-62 (L) Leading Scorer: Dearmian - 10 Brooks - 10 Leading Rebounder: Dearmian - 9	Jan. 7 SW Missouri State * 84-74 (W) Leading Scorer: Williams - 24 Leading Rebounder: Roberts - 10
Dec. 22 SE Missouri State 92-80 (W) Leading Scorer: Rolan Roberts - 28 Leading Rebounder: Roberts - 18	Jan. 10 at Wichita State * 88-79 (L) Leading Scorer: Williams - 24 Leading Rebounder: Dearmian - 15
Dec. 29 at Murray State 67-63 (W) Leading Scorer: Kent Williams - 18 Leading Rebounder: Brooks - 10	Jan. 12 Northern Iowa * 83-58 (W) Leading Scorer: Brooks - 19 Leading Rebounder: Roberts - 12
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Holidays not so happy for women's basketball

Team loses six straight, falls to 4-9

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When SIU women's basketball head coach Lori Opp forecasted her team's outlook going into the winter break, she expected to bring home a trophy from the Navy Tournament and hopefully get off to a solid start in the conference season.

Instead, the Salukis regressed to their losing ways of recent seasons as they dropped six consecutive games during the break — the last three by an average of 36.3 points — and are in last place in the Missouri Valley Conference.

SIU started its break with a 4-3 record entering the Navy Tournament in Annapolis, Md., where it dropped

games to Winthrop and Maryland-Eastern Shore by a combined total of 10 points.

Opp said the biggest problem for the Salukis during the tournament was its inability to take care of the fundamentals.

"I think for the entire Navy Tournament, for whatever reason, we didn't come out ready to play," Opp said. "We didn't play up to our capabilities and didn't shoot the ball very well, didn't block out. Mentally, we weren't there."

After a brief break for the holidays, SIU returned to the hardwood, opening up MVC play with losses to Creighton, Drake, Evansville and Southwest Missouri State. Following the losses, the Salukis are 0-4 in the Valley and off to their worst conference start since the 1997-98 season, when they opened with an 0-4 record.

A matter that is more pressing than

the team's losses was the woeful fashion in which it was defeated. Opp said her team as a whole wasn't ready for the intensity and the level of competition of MVC play.

"With the teams we started out with, you better be ready to play," Opp said. "If you're not ready to play, they're going to take it right to you, and those teams certainly did. Drake and Evansville put an exclamation point on it with the scores."

A big reason for the Salukis' poor conference performances is their shooting. SIU has shot 35.9 percent from the field this season and 41.5 percent against conference opponents.

According to Opp, all the team's shooting woes stem from poor shot selection. Opp said her players need to learn when to take a shot and when to work the ball around.

"Every open shot for every player is not necessarily a good shot, and getting

Women's Break Rndown	
Dec. 19 Wakefore 72-65 (L) Leading Scorer: Cecilia Woodard - 16 Leading Rebounder: Jodi Hudson - 16	Jan. 9 Brooks * 95-62 (L) Leading Scorer: Holly Targem - 15 Leading Rebounder: Woodard - 9
Dec. 20 St. Benedict's 62-59 (L) Leading Scorer: Holly McDowell - 13	Jan. 9 Evansville * 87-49 (L) Leading Scorer: Derri Jones - 16 Leading Rebounder: Hudson - 8
Dec. 26 Creighton * 71-63 (L) Leading Scorer: Woodard - 16 Leading Rebounder: Hudson - 12	Jan. 12 at SW Missouri St. * 84-63 (L) Leading Scorer: McDowell - 12 Leading Rebounder: Woodard - 9

* Missouri Valley Conference game

people to understand that is much more difficult than what people think," Opp said. "We have to have our players understand what's a good shot for them, personally, and take those shots when they have them."

Opp said that if SIU can improve its shot selection, be more patient with the offense and actually run its offense, then its shooting percentage should improve.

"We have kids who can shoot the ball," Opp said, "they're just not shooting it at the right time."

A perfect example of the Salukis'

poor shooting was the performance of junior guard Molly McDowell in SIU's game against Evansville.

McDowell, who leads the squad in scoring with 13.5 points per game and had scored in double figures in 10 consecutive games, scored only two points in 32 minutes of action. McDowell said she has to be more aggressive and take more shots, but she is also looking toward her teammates for help.

"I've scored enough now to where

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