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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 make ends meet by spending revenues of the state budget cuts.

The Atlanta firm, Baker and Parker Associates, will be paid to help fill the positions of Vice Chancellor for Research, Provost and Vice Chancellor and dean of the School of Medicine. The University will seek out $200,000 plus travel expenses for the search.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said he was "between a rock and a hard place" with his Hire the first three of the existing Graduate School Dean. The Provost position has not been permanently funded since July 1997 when former interim Provost Ken Johnson stepped down. The position was filled from the post of Provost, Howard L. Coburn, dean of the SIU Law School, and by current interim Provost Margaret D. Penrod.

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Budget cuts force tough decisions

May cause downsizing in summer classes, student employment

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Graduation prayer spurs objections

Committee formed to probe the issue

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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, said a letter was received at the two ceremonies on the day of the commencement to make up for a lack of student employment and retiring faculty positions. He said the last $2 million hole in the University budget was filled from the state cuts, only the most necessary cuts. He said significant revenue growth in the University is needed for the University to be sustainable.

In addition to the state cuts, enrollment numbers at SIUC were down after starting out the spring semester with 14,500 million in student employment and retiring faculty positions in the University budget. The IHBE passed in $247.4 million in state appropriations.

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National Briefs

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 in New York and Pentagon. Ridge also said Americans should be on high alert as the United States continues its search for new al Qaeda networks in the United States and sympathetic people. The war will continue, regardless of the status of the al Qaeda, Ridge said, indicating an operation is under way.

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• A stereo, dress spray, dressmaker tool and pottery were stolen between 1 p.m. and 2 a.m. Jan. 8 from the Industrial Education Building. Police have no suspects in the theft.
• An apple laptop computer was stolen between 4:30 p.m. Dec. 14 and 7 a.m. Jan. 8 from the Communications Building. Police have no suspects in the computer's theft. It is valued at $2,250.
• A concrete bench was vandalized between 4:30 p.m. Jan. 4 and 4 a.m. Jan. 7 outside the Communications Building. Police have no suspects and no estimate of loss for the damage.

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Police Blotter

TODAY

Only public events affiliated with SIU are printed in the Daily Egyptian Calendar. The editors reserve the right to edit any submitted item. RSO and departmental events will be printed in the Daily Egyptian Online Calendar and newsday@siu.edu.

Calendar item deadlines is published daily before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor or source of event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1217, or faxed to 453-8244. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

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Correction

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Budget woes may affect faculty

Joseph D. Johnson
Daily Egyptian

The Faculty Association will have to negotiate a new contract within a year, and the administration may already be considering options.

John S. Jackson to return to the University of Illinois for 12 years, former Chancellor homeward bound after semester absence

The University's dismal economic situation. He said his pledge to continue the administration's efforts to have competitive salaries will remain in effect. The chancellor seems confident that the Faculty Association will remain cooperative during these financially trying times.

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.

He has a lot of experience in University administration, Lawrence 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:

Reporer Joseph D. Johnson can be reached at jjohnson@dailycitizen.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, agreed to a position with the Public Policy Institute as 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 institution 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 his time, Jackson's position included dean of the College of Liberal Arts for 12 years, more than any other person at the University.

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

"I have been very pleased and gratified to return to the University where I have spent 33 years of my professional life," Jackson said. "I have great respect for Paul Simon, who is a great leader and has been a wonderful mentor to the Public Policy Institute, and I am looking forward to making a contribution to the institute." Reporter Codell Rodriguez can be reached at cdriguez@dailycitizen.com

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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 six-month probationary period. SIUC student Anna Dieng, 20, was found guilty on both citations issued to her — failure to yield to a pedestrian at a crosswalk and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. She was fined a total of $295 and put on six months' court supervision by Judge Kimberly Dahlen.

Coleman was riding her bicycle across Douglas Street at the crosswalk in front of the SIU 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 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 Hill 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 allocate 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 2003-04 academic year.

Congress also voted to renew a provision that would have allowed the Education Secretary to reduce the maximum award amount when his department ran 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.

**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 Fiver Hall.

Classes meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, however, participants may join at any time. Participants will learn by listening, speaking, reading and writing in English.

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**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 Emeritas Association.

**Jackson County**

**Energy grants available**

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

The Illinois 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 fuel used. Grant classes, for 30 days prior to application date, must be at or below the following: one person $1,071; two persons $1,451; three persons $1,826; and four persons $2,205.

For more information, contact the Western Egyptian Outreach Office at 618-664-1341.

**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’s owner has unveiled plans to expand his business — actions that would double the size of his bar.

Matt Maier, owner of Mugsy’s Bar and Grill, 1028 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 attract 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 the City Council on Jan. 22.

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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 in prison last month by a Jackson County Judge.

Clint 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 L.C. Cristado.

Siclot’s Attorney Mike Wepscie, who was acting 20, said the man was satisfied with the sentence Judge E. Dan Moore handed Moore.

Christopher Andrews and Robert Custon obviously attempted to rob the pawn shop, but were trapped inside by police officers who arrived on scene. The two men allegedly took Cristado hostage and forced her into a vehicle, which ultimately crashed in the ensuing police chase, killing Cristado and Custon.

Andrews was arrested and charged with a trial of first-degree murder charges stemming from the incident.

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

Police said, “They’re seriously.” Moore said at his trial. But Wepscie said packing around the street implied “Maurer was in the area.

When interviewed by the Daily Egyptian last November, Moore 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 Hofer

Former Daily Egyptian photographer Missouk 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 leg. The right foot and a portion of her leg were amputated below the knee.

Stephenson County Sheriff Dave Snyder said Deputy Ken Neuman was responding to a request for back-up 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 (redacted) the Journal-Sentinel in Freeport, Daily News at the time of the accident, the vehicle's broken windshield and side windows caused the squad car to come to a stop.

Snyder said the vehicle's speed remained unknown and the accident is being investigated 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 de-stressed at the initial scene of the accident from the standpoint that, as a bit of honesty, we weren't sure what was going to happen," Jason-Standard Managing Editor Thomas Stevens said.

Fortunately, Missouk has recovered from the serious threat to her life and is improving on a daily basis.

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

Snyder said Park had been working on a student essay with Det. Neuman and Jerry since November and has formed a strong relationship with them and the other county deputies.

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

Daily Egyptian photographer Jerry Maloney, a three-time former-weekend and newcomer of Park while at SIUC, traveled to OSF St. Anthony after the accident.

"She looked good. She was in serious condition, but we were worried she might be in a coma," Maloney said. "She looked great. It was weird to see her that she got to be down for so long because she was doing so much running around. As long as I've known her she's always had these "jog".

Former Daily Egyptian photographer Sara Hofer was transported from SIUC in June 2000 with a bachelor's degree in cinema and photography.

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 Snyder and Stevens feel is "illogical".

This 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 the any other kind of emergency vehicles."

No official decisions have been made on the matter.

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

"We wish her to make a full recovery," Snyder said. "She's received help from her co-worker and roommate. of Park's family and friends as well.

"She looks good. It's not what we were hoping for, but we're just glad we didn't lose her," Snyder said. "The most important thing is that she's alive and that she's doing well."

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

Clothing chain agrees after two years of negotiations

Brad Broderson

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 lasted until recently.

Donna Tindall, general manager of University Mall, said serious talks between the mall, city and Gap Inc., parent company of Old Navy name, began last year passed the tax incentive that included a 15-year rebate on all sales tax generated by the stores.

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 package, it was a relief," Tindall said.

City manager Jeff Doberry 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."

"Old Navy 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 purchase their clothes," Tindall said.

Krema Durand, a junior in elementary education from Carbondale, was pleased to hear she would find Old Navy and claim close to home.

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

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

The announcement of the opening of Old Navy 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

Knigt Ridder Newspapers

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN - It is the grave that defines 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, but the funerals continue.

"This is our home," said one man. "We've got the interim government in place, and the Afghan people have been suffering for a long time."

The good deeds soldiers are part of the Coalition Joint Civilian Military Operation Task Force, commanded by Maj. Gen. David Koziar. 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 rebuilding of a schoolhouse to the provision of drinking water. They have handed out blankets and food to the families of soldiers killed in action.

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

The new schoolhouse is among the rebuilding projects recommended for funding by an unusual group of U.S. and British military officials, who met in December with a million-dollar budget to search, not for the enemy but for opportunities to spread hope in a devastated land.

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

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British Maj. Andrew Whatan, found the half-finished schoolhouse sign reading "hope" and stopped by the home. Ehsa Ullah, a former resident of Zawiyat, invited him in.
OUR MISSION

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Our mission, our word

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.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN Our Word will tackle national 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.

Spring 2002 Editorial Board

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Hometown: Washburn
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I have spent the better part of my last four years here 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.
**COLUMNSIST**

We're back!

Tales from Oz

**DAVID OSBORNE**

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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 spaces and you have a wide choice of seats. Except on the day of a unit test or midterm. People just aren't there before you show up for class on those days. I've signed up for an 8 a.m. class. Those are the worst, missing just before 10 a.m. I have no trouble getting up for that early class -- I love kids heading off to school. The hard part for me is getting them right for school and getting myself out the door. While a cup of coffee and a cigarette constitute a balanced breakfast for me, they need and want something a little more substantial. My mom 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 grows, but he slowly. It's only 11. Maybe I need to get him started on something 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 at 7:15 a.m., and if she misses it, she pays her own for a ride to school.

There are ten of us in my happy little household getting ready for various destinations in the morning, all vying for a seat at one of two bathrooms. One of those includes my teenage son. She spends almost all of her time in the bathroom ashore on the phone. Just washing her face in the morning, locked in the content of at least three different books. 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 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 appear on Sunday. David is a senior in psychology. He can also be reached at reflect@of these of the DAILY EGYPTIAN. To read more of David's work, go to http://www.dailyalabama.com.*

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**GUEST COLUMNSIST**

Racism against Mexicans alive and well on campus

Nayeli Chavez

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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 very well. 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 to her, "Hi," but she did not answer. I felt very stupid for talking to someone I did not know.

On the next day, 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 one only A in the class, and that he would like to talk to the person who had got it so everybody could congratulate her. When I heard my name, I just felt a burning feeling of happiness inside of me. 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 got such a good mark," one of them was saying.

"When I heard the word Mexican, I got closest to the rest." I thought that the 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."

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"I am Mexican and I am proud of that," I thought. Being labeled as Mexican hits me. I do not mind people using it to describe my cultural background, but when people use it to make a negative judgment about me, I get very mad. It is only fair to label me, but they are 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.

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**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 home of the brave" with your eyes closed, you have to smile. You can see the words and imagine the songs. America is a place where you could have freedom from sin and eternal life if you live by his name.

Freedom means being free from being a slave to have to speak English. I am a student, a Mexican and I am proud of that.

George Cullet

Freeland

Racial diversity does not raise educational benefits

A Nov. 29 Daily Egyptian feature entitled "University looks on minority faculty image" contained several statements that do not seem logical on the subject of hiring and tenure. It is important to me that the National Association of Schools examine a study in April 2001 called "Tackling Race Diversity in Undergraduate Educational Benefits."

The study concludes that there is an "obstructively nonproductive connection between racial diversity and educational benefits. The study examined data from UCLAs Comparative Institutional Research Project and also found "no educationally significant correlation between racial diversity and improved educational outcomes."

It is for this reason that a majority of American faculty do not support racial and ethnic preferences in hiring. Both show that many faculty at public universities opposed preferential hiring in the name of diversity. University of Connecticut study of academic faculty showed that a majority opposed preferential hiring.

I think there are no way to have 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.

*Herb Russell*

**READER COMMENTARY**

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bad, or be careful 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 has 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 do 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 Denning, a senior in engineering, had a concern, and that was that the prayer be non-denominational.

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

"I was just concerned that it wouldn't be profound, or be forcible about it, that's not the issue," he said.

Denning said, "I always thought it was appropriate because it's as a place for students to gather and hold a graduation.

Wendler is in the midst of forming a committee comprised of faculty, staff and students. He also plans to receive possible advice from the Office of Student life, which he said is a non-SIUC student, and help. 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.

"The court has not taken an absolute view, but are generally suspicious of prayer at commencement services," 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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Month-long search ended in Mississippi

Sara Hooker  DAILY EGYPTIAN

A well-known nickname and a driver's license turned over to Mississippi police simplified a search for a suspect that Jackson County Sheriff's Department's hunt for a man suspected in the November shooting of two men outside of Carbondale.

Nelson was arrested Jan. 1 after a warrant for attempted murder for allegedly shooting the two men outside of Carbondale. Nelson, 19, of Carbondale, was arrested Jan. 1 after a warrant for attempted murder for allegedly shooting the two men outside of Carbondale.

Nelson allegedly pulled out a gun, pointed it at the men, and then opened fire on the man, who managed to escape from the vehicle.

Waters was shot in the right side of his face and a bullet grazed Garrett's shoulder. Police said the wounds were not life threatening.

Deputy Ringo of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office said that Nelson was spotted in Warren County, Miss., on Jan. 1 after his driver's license was turned over to the police. Nelson allegedly gave his driver's license to an individual in Warren County.

The individual brought the ID to the Warren County Sheriff's Department, where authorities learned that Nelson was wanted for attempted murder, theft, armed robbery and aggravated battery with a firearm, Deputy Ringo said.

Nelson was spotted in Warren County by an officer who saw him get into a white truck, Deputy Ringo said. Nelson then fled toward Montgomery County.

Ringo said the deputy notified Montgomery County Sheriff's deputies and the arrest was made shortly after.

Ringo said Nelson was traveling with his brother, and there was some initial confusion as to who was the real Nelson. Ringo said that Nelson was not made or Nelson was not Nelson and Nelson was brought back to Illinois on Jan. 4. He is also wanted on a Montgomery County warrant.

Kilquist said Nelson previously served time in Missouri for armed robbery.

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ISU student government

resolves against U of I's use of Chief Illiniwek

"(The student government) doesn't know why (ISU) would play a team with a racist mascot when we have an organization against it."

Tom Rybarczyk

Daily Illini (U Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN (U-WIRE) - Valerie Uhlein, the Illinois State University student government spokesperson, said she doesn't want her university's athletic teams to play against a team with a racist mascot when we have an organization against it."

The University of Illinois athletic department decided to play a team with a mascot that is racist.

The student government doesn't know why (ISU) would play a team with a racist mascot when we have an organization against it," she said.

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people in the conference know that they have to play defense every game and play defense as much as they can," 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 either early in the season and they still have a chance to show that they are not the conference's doormat.

"People doubt whether our talent is real, that we are not the league's elite and how deep the league is," Cyp said. "A lot of teams are good. It's not easy to show up where it's going to be easy for us. I think our team steps up, anything possible."

The Salukis did have a few positive performances during the break that should them at least a signal in the MVC standings.

Freshman guard Dantaye 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 return of sophomore forward Katie Berwangler. Berwangler was out all of last season and the first few months of this season with a torn ACL in her left knee. Berwangler has scored three points and grabbed six rebounds in SIU's last two games.

"It's possible," she said. "I'm so happy that it healed quickly.

Berwangler 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.

"We have to stay focused, just get used to the game and not be too casual and just go out and play ball," Tood Merchant said freshmm guard Darren Brooks, who nailed five of six from three-point range against UNI.

"We have to stay focused, just get used to the game and stay calm," said Merchant.

"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, just get used to the game and play ball."
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 hit the team hard this past weekend.

Head coach Judy Auld and the team were preparing for the spring semester when Swaneepoel was introduced as the newest member of the team.

Swaneepoel

Aoidal received a phone call a couple of days before Christmas from head coach Judy Auld and the team wondering about his prospects.

Auld revealed the phone call during a press conference, saying, "It is the quality, not the quantity of the players," referring to the team's current success.

"Even though we did good we have a lot of work to be done," Auld said.

Auld is looking forward to the next match-up and believes the team can improve.

"We need to use this situation to bring us together and make us better," Auld said.

The Salukis have their first match of the season against the University of Illinois at Springfield on Jan. 26.

SIU's mens tennis loses

Team loses player as two recover from injuries

Erika Blackman
Daily Egyptian

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And they're off

Track indoor season off to a fast start

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Betler 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," Betler said.

She said she also felt content with the finish because she thinks the 600-meter hurdles are harder than the 400, 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 7.79 seconds.

Other top honors included Donon Gill in the 3,000-meter run (8:42.16); Allen Keelen in the high jump (6'7.75); Blake McFarland in the shot put (17.05 m); triple jumper Jazmin Brown (15.65 m); Erik Baker in the 5,000-meter run (15:53); and Joe Zelbert in the 1,600-meter run (4:20).

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's hoops to play alumni game

The SIU men's basketball team will host an alumni game on Jan. 16 to start the SIU game against Indiana State. The returning players will be introduced during halftime.

SIU head coach Bruce Weibe said he wanted to showcase the players who had been on the team and allow the fans to see the team's current success.

The exhibition is expected to last about an hour and Weibh hopes to have 15-20 players participate in the event.

Any former players interested in playing should contact the men's basketball office at 618-453-4662.

Women's golf adds standout

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

Johnson had an impressive prep career at Lincoln High School where she was the team's Foundation Player and won the girls' state championship as a senior.

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

Samantha Robinson
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 hit the team hard this past weekend.

Head coach Judy Auld and the team were preparing for the spring semester when Swaneepoel was introduced as the newest member of the team.

Swaneepoel

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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 three classes were in session, the SIU men’s basketball team was 3-1 after running roughshod over its non-conference opponents and smoking Indiana in a firework-filled game in the Missouri Valley Conference.

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 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 Rekan Roberts have continued to lead the outstanding season, with Williams leading the team in scoring at 17.4 points a game and in rebounding. The Salukis in addition to leading the team in blocks and registering second to Jermaine Dean in rebounds.

Roberts has chipped in the paint for the Salukis. Other than some nervous first free throw shooting, it’s been everything the Salukis have asked for, highlighted by a remarkable performance in their win over Southern Illinois on Dec. 22 in which he scored 28 points, yanked 18 rebounds and blocked six shots.

In addition, Roberson and Roberts been the end of the story. Dean has turned himself into a consistent force. Senior point guard Marcus Belcher also hopes to continue his effective play from his team’s loss to Iowa State.

The Salukis are 9-2 in MVC play and 12-2 overall. Their conference opener was against Evansville— the first of which came in 82-72 win at the Arena. The Salukis were on the court at the opening tip and fell to the Aces 67-63 (W)

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The Salukis during the season and 415 percent when they had them. Opp said the team’s losses was the worst fashion in which it was defeated. Opp said his team was a whole team 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. "We didn't play up to our capabilities and didn't shoot the ball well, didn't block out. Mentally, we weren't ready.

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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 minutes the shot didn’t happen, allowing the fall of the effects of the fall and was able to re-enter the game. Elsewhere on the injury front, sophomore forward Sylvia Williams missed two games with a foot ailment but has returned to action.

- SIU's conference opener, an 83-72 win at Evansville on Jan. 2, was a strange battle. 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 secure the Aces.

Holidays not so happy for women’s basketball

Team loses six straight, falls to 4-9

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

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.

Instead, the Salukis regressed to their losing ways from recent winter weather. SIU has lost six straight conference games during the break — the last three by an average of 15 points. Opp has allowed to 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 their 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 well, didn't block out. Mentally, we weren't ready.

In addition, the Salukis were able to move in to where the loss was the worst fashion in which it was defeated. Opp said that SIU played poorly enough to be blown out.

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"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'