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GLBT center opens doors

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As she prepares to move in to the new resource center for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, Paulette Curkin said she is eager to start decorating.

"It is what gay people do after all," the center director said with a laugh.

The center — which began as a recommendation from a report on the status of the GLBT community submitted to the provost

in August 2005 — is set to open its Woody Hall doors for the first time today.

"This is a huge step," Curkin said. "It will be a very public statement that this institution supports and celebrates its GLBT population."

The first year budget for the center is set at \$15,000. Curkin said the price would account for a variety of resources, including brochures, subscriptions to periodicals, pay for several student workers in the center, computers and funding for GLBT support programming.

The price for the first year falls in between the \$39,000 a group of faculty and staff that helped to create the center reportedly asked for and the \$5,000 the administration reportedly first offered.

Coordinator for Diversity and Equity Carmen Suarez said the fact that the budget settled in the middle of the two original offers is to be expected.

"They didn't get everything they asked for, and that's what negotiations are all about," said Suarez, who is also interim associate chancellor for Enrollment Management. "That's how you do business; you give and take a little bit."

Curkin said the center, located in Woody Hall A307, is a major improvement over the resources the GLBT community previously had on campus.

"What's existed in the past is anytime anybody wanted a program on homophobia or any kind of gay issues they would either call Saluki Rainbow Network, since it's the largest gay organization on campus, or me," she said.

Curkin said the center would be a continuation and "formalization" of those efforts to provide a safe space for those with GLBT related concerns.

"We want people to feel like they can come in there and feel comfortable," she said.

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DAN CELVI ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Shabach Choir performs Tuesday night in the Student Center Auditorium at the beginning of the Dream Alive Program.

RELIVING THE DREAM

MLK recognition week continues with march, speech reenactment

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Frigid temperatures and snow flurries Tuesday night didn't stop a crowd of 40 people from marching in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

SIUC students and local residents marched from the Free Forum Area to the Student Center, where Joe Rogers, the former Lt. Gov. of Colorado, delivered a reenactment of King's famous "I Have a Dream Speech" to a crowd of more than 120.

King gave the speech in 1963 on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial after the historic "March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom."

One marcher, the Rev. Rick Jackson of Carbondale, said he remembered what the country was like in 1963, a year before the Civil Rights Act was passed.

"I remember segregated food stands and water fountains and restrooms and buses," said Jackson, who said he also recalled participating in boycotts in support of the civil rights movement.

A single mother from Carterville, who declined to be named because she said she had been involved in domestic violence, said Martin Luther King Jr. stood for more than racial equality.

"It wasn't just black people," she said. "It was

poor people in general."

The woman, who marched with her three children, said her family had been deeply affected by poverty. She said her presence at the march was to celebrate King's memory, but also to take a stand against inequality.

"Even though they say we get our rights, we don't," she said.

Aaron Mallory, a sophomore from Flossmoor studying electrical engineering, said King and the Civil Rights Movement impacted his life in many ways.

"If the Civil Rights Act never happened you wouldn't have affirmative action, you wouldn't have all the help minorities get because of the places they come from and money they don't have," he said. "So I believe the Civil Rights Act helped me a great deal going to school right now."

Dallas Houston, a senior from Danville in paralegal studies, led the organization of the events. Houston said she made the 200-mile trek from Danville to Carbondale Tuesday afternoon, arriving just in time to participate in her second set of MLK-week-related responsibilities.

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DAN CELVI ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Joe Rogers, founder of the Dream Alive Program, reenacts Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream' speech Tuesday night in the Student Center Auditorium.

Contract talks may resume next week

Faculty union requests
BOT has turned down:

More faculty power in the appeals process when professors are denied tenure or promotion
A vote to determine if all teachers pay a Faculty Association fee regardless if they are members

BOT offers faculty union
has turned down:

Salary offers — the union claims university leaders aren't doing enough to make SIUC's faculty pay comparable to peer universities

Brandon Weisenberger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Negotiators for the SIU Board of Trustees and the university's faculty union could meet as early as next week to hash out the final details of a new contract after months of talks and stalemates carried the process into the new year.

Faculty Association representatives have presented the BOT team a new offer and are awaiting a response, union spokeswoman and vice president Lenore

Langsdorf said.

The BOT's contract spokesman Gary Kolb said his side is reviewing the offer, preparing a counter-proposal and could be ready to come back to the table next week.

"Everybody is eager to reach closure here," said Kolb, associate dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts. "I hope to be able to close that gap that's left."

Neither team would discuss elements of their new proposals.

Both sides met Dec. 18, exactly

two months after the BOT team presented its "best and last" offer and declared the end of interest-based bargaining, a peaceful negotiations process the union and BOT agreed to in spring 2006.

At that meeting, Kolb said the Faculty Association officially denied the BOT Oct. 18 offer, which addressed salary but made no mention of two other sticking points that stalled negotiations early in the fall semester.

Union leaders have called for

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San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris said in a statement that the case "was tragic for all involved."

SIUC student Albert A. Riley, 25 was cited with possession of cannabis at 8:28 p.m.

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Local children to benefit from education grant

Chris Klarer
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A partnership of community and university organizations cut the ribbon on a new project Tuesday night, made possible by a \$240,000 federal grant from the Office of Minority Health.

Over the next three years, Project YES — which stands for Youth Empowerment Services — will receive over \$700,000 to help minority students at Carbondale’s Lewis School in the fourth and fifth grades meet Illinois standards in reading and math.

The project’s center is located in the Carbondale Boys and Girls Club, where the participants will receive help from 13 recently hired mentors and tutors and a newly outfitted computer lab, both made possible by the grant.

Project co-director Dollean York-Anderson said she thinks the Boys and Girls Club will be a great environment for the children, and the location is a logical combination of community projects.

“Like their motto says: ‘It’s a great place for kids,’” she said.

The resources secured through the grant are meant to help all children who come to the Boys and Girls Club, not only those chosen from Lewis School to participate in Project YES, project coordinator Renata Alexander said.

Membership organizations in Project YES include SIUC, Carbondale Boys and Girls Club, Saluki Kids Academy, Family Advocacy Services, the Adolescent Health Center, Carbondale Public Library and Lewis School.

Executive Director of the Carbondale Boys and Girls Club Randy Osborn said along with the



Azarias Ross uses one of the new computers in the Project YES Center located inside the Carbondale Boys and Girls Club.

JAKE LOCKARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN

inclusion of frequent student progress reports done by parents, the project makes sure they are involved in their children’s studies. Lack of parent involvement is what can often cause similar programs to not achieve their desired results, he said.

Julia Wetstein, a board member of the Boys and Girls Club and assistant dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, said increased tutoring opportunities with the project could offer a fantastic addition to students’ résumés in education.

The project will also provide the chance for interested students to research the effectiveness of the project, said Michelle Miller, project evaluator and an associate professor of sociology at SIUC.

Osborn said he feels optimistic

about the success of the project.

“With this program the parents have to be there, which makes all the difference,” he said.

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WASHINGTON

Castro taking steps to transition power

WASHINGTON — Cuban President Fidel Castro, ailing and out of sight, has been meeting with a trickle of international guests in recent months, a U.S. government official said Tuesday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive situation with Cuba, declined to say with whom Castro was meeting. But the meetings, generally with visitors from Latin America, suggest he may be setting the stage for a transition of power that he hopes will protect the government he has built over four decades.

The Spanish newspaper El Pais reported on Tuesday that Castro has had at least three failed operations and is suffering complications from an intestinal infection, leaving him with a “grave prognosis.”

U.S. officials will not disclose how they glean clues to Castro’s health. But American spy agencies employ physicians who study images, public statements and other information coming out of Cuba and other countries.

SAN FRANCISCO

‘Millennium bomber’ sentence thrown out

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court on Tuesday threw out the sentence of a man who was convicted of plotting to bomb Los Angeles International Airport at the turn of the millennium.

Ahmed Ressam was arrested near the U.S.-Canadian border in December 1999 as he drove off a ferry with a trunk of explosives. Prosecutors said he was intent on bombing the airport on the eve of the millennium.

Ressam was sentenced to 22 years in prison after being convicted off all nine charges. On Tuesday, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco reversed his conviction on one of the charges and sent the case back to a lower court to issue a new sentence and explain the rationale behind the original 22-year term.

BAHAMAS

Inquiry set in death of Anna Nicole Smith’s son

NASSAU, Bahamas — A formal inquiry into the death of Anna Nicole Smith’s 20-year-old son has been scheduled for March 27 in the Bahamas, the chief magistrate said Tuesday.

The reality TV star, who gave birth to a daughter three days before Daniel Smith mysteriously died at her hospital bedside on Sept. 10, will be among the witnesses required to testify before the jury inquest, Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez said.

A private pathologist concluded that Daniel Smith died from a lethal combination of methadone and two antidepressants. Gomez didn’t disclose the conclusions of the official pathologist or a police investigation.

Smith, 39, has said she was seeking privacy when she came to the island chain during her pregnancy. The former Playboy Playmate has remained in the Bahamas while embroiled in feuds with former boy-friends over the paternity of her daughter and ownership of her waterfront residence.

BUFFALO

‘Bike Path Rapist’ pleads not guilty

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A man whose DNA linked him to the deaths of three joggers and a series of rapes over the past 20 years blamed on the “Bike Path Rapist” pleaded not guilty Tuesday to one count of murder.

Altemio Sanchez, a married father of two, entered his plea to one count of second-degree murder in the rape and strangulation of Majane Mazur, 32, in Buffalo in November 1992. Additional charges against Sanchez are expected, authorities said.

Sanchez made no comments during his county court arraignment. His wife and son left without speaking with reporters.

After a series of attacks, the rapist seemed to have disappeared a dozen years ago.

Obama launches White House bid

Nation is hungry for change, says Obama

Nedra Pickler
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Sen. Barack Obama launched a presidential campaign Tuesday that would make him the first black to occupy the White House, and immediately tried to turn his political inexperience into an asset with voters seeking change.

The freshman Illinois senator — and top contender for the Democratic nomination — said the past six years have left the country in a precarious place and he promoted himself as the standard-bearer for a new kind of politics.

“Our leaders in Washington seem incapable of working together in a practical, commonsense way,” Obama said in a video posted on his Web site. “Politics has become so bitter and partisan, so gummed up by money and influence, that we can’t tackle the big problems that demand solutions. And that’s what we have to change first.”

Obama filed paperwork forming a presidential exploratory committee that allows him to raise money and put together a campaign structure. He is expected to announce a full-fledged candidacy on Feb. 10 in Springfield, Ill., where he can tout his experience in the state legislature and tap into the legacy of hometown hero Abraham Lincoln.

In a brief interview on Capitol Hill, Obama said the reaction has been positive and added, “we wouldn’t have gone forward this far if it hadn’t been this positive.”

Obama’s soft-spoken appeal on

the stump, his unique background, his opposition to the Iraq war and his fresh face set him apart in a competitive race that also is expected to include front-runner Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York.

“I certainly didn’t expect to find myself in this position a year ago,” said Obama, who added that as he talked to Americans about a possible presidential campaign, “I’ve been struck by how hungry we all are for a different kind of politics.”

The 45-year-old has few accomplishments on the national stage after serving little more than two years in the Senate. But at a time when many voters say they are unhappy with the direction of the country, a lack of experience in the nation’s capital may not be a liability.

“The decisions that have been made in Washington these past six years, and the problems that have been ignored, have put our country in a precarious place,” Obama said.

He said people are struggling financially, dependence on foreign oil threatens the environment and national security and “we’re still mired in a tragic and costly war that should have never been waged.”

Clinton is expected to announce her presidential campaign within days, but her spokesman said there would be no comment on Obama’s decision from the Clinton camp. Back from Iraq, she abruptly canceled a Capitol Hill news conference minutes after word of Obama’s announcement, citing the unavailability of a New York congressman to participate.

Obama’s quick rise to nation-



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCT
Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) arrives at the U.S. Capitol for a Senate vote in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday.

al prominence began with his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention and his election to the Senate that year. He’s written two best-selling autobiographies — “The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream” and “Dreams from My Father: A

Story of Race and Inheritance.”

In 1996, he was elected to the Illinois state Senate, where he earned a reputation as a consensus-building Democrat who was strongly liberal on social and economic issues, backing gay rights, abortion rights, gun control, universal health care and tax breaks for the poor.

Embryo saved from Katrina now baby boy

Janet McConnaughey
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COVINGTON, La. — Rescued from a great flood while he was just a frozen embryo in liquid nitrogen, a baby boy entered the world Tuesday and was named after the most famous flood survivor of them all — Noah.

Noah Benton Markham — 8 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces — was born to 32-year-old Rebekah Markham by Caesarean section after growing from an embryo that nearly defrosted in a sweltering hospital during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

“All babies are miracles. But

we have some special miracles,” said Wanda Stogner, a cousin of Markham’s.

Two weeks after Katrina hit, law officers used flat-bottom boats to rescue the Markhams’ embryos and some 1,400 other ones stored in tanks of coolant at New Orleans’ Lakeland Hospital.

The tanks had been topped off with liquid nitrogen and moved from the first floor to the third as the storm drew near, but the hurricane swamped the hospital with 8 feet of water and knocked out the electricity.

The Markhams had decided that if their baby was girl, she would be named Hannah Mae,

Hannah meaning “God has favored us.” A boy would be named after the biblical builder of the Ark — an idea that came from Rebekah Markham’s sister-in-law.

“That is the best name!” said Ramon Pyrzak, lab director for the Fertility Institute of New Orleans, where the Markhams created embryos from their sperm and eggs after nearly a decade of inability to have a baby.

Noah’s older brother, 2-year-old Glen Witter “Witt” Markham Jr., whose embryo was created at the same time as Noah’s but implanted immediately in 2003, stood on his mother’s hospital bed

and leaned forward to give the baby a gentle kiss.

“So soft!” Witt said.

If the embryos had thawed, each woman who wanted another baby would have had to undergo another expensive round of fertility drugs, egg harvesting and in vitro fertilization. Rebekah Markham estimated her first pregnancy cost \$12,000.

“It’s amazing that he was frozen,” Glen Markham said as he gazed through the nursery window at the squalling newborn. “I thought the only thing you could freeze was a crab. You freeze a crab and defrost it, and it’ll come back to life.”

Bombing targets university as Iraq death toll climbs

Steven R. Hurst
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Twin car bombs tore through a leading Baghdad university as students left classes Tuesday in the deadliest attack in Iraq in nearly two months, and the United Nations reported 34,452 civilians were slain last year, nearly three times more than the government reported.

A total of 142 Iraqis were killed or found dead Tuesday, in what appeared to be a renewed campaign of Sunni insurgent violence against Shiite targets. The sharp uptick in deadly attacks coincided with the release of U.N. figures that showed an average of 94 civilians died each day in sectarian bloodshed in 2006.

The blasts wrecked two small buses as students at Al-

Mustansiriya University were lining up for the ride home at about 3:45 p.m., according to Taqi al-Moussawi, a university dean. The attackers stationed a man wearing a suicide belt in the expected path of fleeing students to take even more lives, but he was spotted and shot by security men before he could blow himself up, the dean said.

The violence Tuesday against Shiites may signal a campaign by Sunni insurgents to shed as much blood as possible before the deployment of 21,500 more American troops. Most of the additional U.S. troops will be used to back up the Iraqi army in a security sweep to rid the capital of Sunni and Shiite gunmen.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, in Kuwait for a meeting with eight Arab nations to discuss ways to keep Iraq from sliding into civil

war, sought to lower any expectations that the troop buildup would quickly pacify the country.

“Violent people will always be able to kill innocent people,” she said. “So even with the new security plan, with the will and capability of the Iraqi government and with American forces to help reinforce Iraqi forces, there is still going to be violence.”

The U.N. civilian casualty count for last year was announced in Baghdad by Gianni Magazzeni, the chief of the U.N. Assistance Mission for Iraq in Baghdad. He said 34,452 civilians died — an average of 94 a day — and 36,685 were wounded.

In early January, a compilation of Iraqi government figures put last year’s civilian deaths at just 12,357. The numbers are gathered monthly by the AP from reports by three Iraqi agencies.

The U.N. report also said that 30,842 people were detained in the country as of Dec. 31, including 14,534 held in U.S. military-run prisons.

As bombs detonated at Al-Mustansiriya University on Tuesday, there were a series of other attacks on Shiite neighborhoods in central Baghdad.

A bomb planted on a motorcycle exploded in a used auto and motorcycle parts market in a Shiite neighborhood. As people rushed to aide the victims of the first blast, a suicide car bomber drove his car into the crowd. Fifteen people died.

About 45 minutes later, gunmen riding two motorcycles and in a van fired on another outdoor market in a mainly Shiite neighborhood near Sadr City. Police said at least 11 people were killed.

New housing law may be difficult to enforce

Alicia Wade
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Those returning to their Carbondale rental residences after a lengthy winter break should have found a new addition in their homes.

A law effective Jan. 1 requires all residential units to have a carbon monoxide detector within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping.

Certain exemptions to the law, including residential units that do not use fossil fuels for heat, ventilation, or hot water and structures not connected to a garage are not required to install carbon monoxide alarms.

For those renting their apartments, houses or other living structures, it is the responsibility of the property owner to install a carbon

monoxide detector according to the law.

However, tenants are responsible for any maintenance of the carbon monoxide alarms, including changing batteries.

For those expecting quick enforcement of the law on rental properties lacking the detectors, the wait may be a long one.

Greg Gibson, inspector supervisor for the city of Carbondale, said while the law is a state statute, the city would need to adopt a specific ordinance for enforcement.

"It doesn't say who is supposed to enforce it," Gibson said. "At the present time, nothing is written into the law for us to cite anyone for it."

While Gibson said the inspectors have been notifying property owners of the need for the alarms, he encouraged tenants who think

their home might be in need of a carbon monoxide detector to talk to their landlord. Gibson said although there is no way for the inspectors to cite properties in violation of the law, should an incident occur, property owners could be held accountable.

"If anything happened, there could be civil liability," he said.

Shirley Meyer, property manager for Goss Property Managers, said the law was a welcome one and was prepared for the new legislation to go into affect.

"We had them in before the end of the year," Meyer said.

Kevin Gillespie, director of environmental health for the Jackson County Health Department, said carbon monoxide can be dangerous and is formed by anything that burns fuel, such as coal, wood, charcoal, gas or kerosene.

"It's a non-irritating, colorless, odorless gas," Gillespie said. "So you

wouldn't necessarily notice it right away."

He said carbon monoxide interferes with blood's ability to carry oxygen. Some of the first signs of carbon monoxide poisoning are headache with throbbing temples, with symptoms escalating to nausea, chest pain and fatigue. Gillespie said the final stages of carbon monoxide poisoning were coma, convulsions and death.

He said discretion by homeowners would need to be used in determining whether a carbon monoxide detector is needed in a residence that is exempt from the new law.

"If you didn't have any sources of carbon monoxide and didn't have an emergency generator, there's no need for one," Gillespie said. "If you have any sources, it just makes good sense."

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The new carbon monoxide detector law requires:

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Council: PK's allowed to be open Halloween weekend

Andrea Zimmermann
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For the first time since 2000, PK's bar on the Strip will be open for Halloween and the weekend before while three other bars will remain closed.

Despite a concern about favoritism, the City Council voted 5-2 Tuesday to move the boundary line one block south for restrictions on bars on South Illinois Avenue and to keep other limits in place.

Under the resolution, PK's, 308 S. Illinois Ave., will be allowed to open during Halloween. The vote does not become final until an ordinance is passed, which is expected at the next meeting.

Halloween in Carbondale has had a history

of wild behavior. The most recent riots happened in 2000 — the first time in four years the city had lifted similar restrictions on bars on South Illinois Avenue. Police used tear gas to break up riots on the Strip and several businesses were damaged.

The discussion to lift restrictions once again began in November after the fifth consecutive uneventful Halloween in the city.

Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, who opposed the resolution, warned that the council may appear to be showing favoritism by allowing PK's to open. Mayor Brad Cole also voted against opening the 21-and-over bar.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said PK's does not have the same history of problems during Halloween as other bars at the intersection of West College Street and South Illinois Avenue.

Councilmen Chris Wissmann and Joel Fritzler said media attention toward Halloween in Carbondale proved the restrictions should remain in place.

Councilman Lance Jack voted in favor of allowing PK's to open, calling the move, "a baby step forward," toward further relaxing the ordinance.

Stix Bar & Billiards assistant manager Katie Baker said she didn't think allowing PK's to open during Halloween was fair.

"I think they should have kept everyone closed or let everyone open," she said.

Even though the change would allow PK's to open for the upcoming Halloween, bartender Russ Wallace said he doesn't expect business to be much different than on a regular weekend.

Under the restrictions, liquor license fees

are waived for bars that agree to close during Halloween and the weekend preceding. Keg sales are also stopped during the weekend.

The council also discussed and later voted unanimously to use Iowa-based MidAmerican Energy Company instead of Ameren to purchase electricity for the city. This will affect how much the city pays for electricity but not residential accounts.

Depending on the contract length the city signs, the estimated savings are expected between 11 and 12 percent, compared to the expected 33 percent increase from Ameren said Michael Ellis of MidAmerican Energy. Ellis said other municipalities are still able to join with Carbondale to purchase electricity.

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In honor of this great American hero, the university has recognized Martin Luther King Jr. with a commemorative breakfast for twenty-five years. This breakfast included discussion of Martin Luther King Jr., and has awarded community members for their efforts promoting his legacy. While the breakfast has been welcomed and appreciated, the univer-

sity has not done much else to celebrate Martin Luther King’s memory.

It has been spoken before to expand the recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. from just the commemorative breakfast. In a Faculty Senate meeting in November, Black American Studies Director the Rev. Joseph Brown made a suggestion that has changed the university. Brown called for the university to do more to honor King’s legacy. King’s inspiring actions resemble this act of change in SIUC’s way of celebrating his life of equality. A voice was heard and the norm on campus was changed.

In a short period of time, many campus groups were able to organize the Martin Luther King Jr. Recognition Week with

discussions, activities and ceremonies. With the recognition march to the Dream Alive enactment, we recognize the hard work the student organizations put into this celebrating week.

This expansion of Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday was not only to honor and recognize him more than before, but to also reach out to the student body as well. Carl Ervin, coordinator of Multicultural Programs and Services said his aspirations of seeing this celebration inspiring students to make their own change.

We encourage the student body to take venture of the new ways the university has honored Martin Luther King Jr. This new celebration of King’s life has been well over due for the university.

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Joan Friedenberg
linguistic professor

Meet the DE editorial board

I am a junior from the small town of West Salem, located near the Wabash River in southern Illinois. I am not a “traditional” college student, as the university describes it. I am a Navy veteran of six years, and grew up milking cows at a small dairy farm.

Before taking on the role of editor-in-chief, I spent most of my time covering entertainment, technology and art. I welcome any and all feedback – good and bad. If you see me walking to class, stop me and tell me what you think.



Mark Edmondson
Editor-in-chief

I also hail from West Salem. I’m a sophomore journalism major, and I got my start in the field at age 13 as a grade school sports writer.

January 2006 marked my start at the DE as a campus reporter. This job has allowed me to shoot the breeze with Barack Obama, interview drag queens in their dressing room, walk the devastated streets of New Orleans’ Ninth Ward and meet people hailing from Makanda to Madrid.

The DE is the reason I’m here at SIUC and I’m honored to help spread the news to the campus and community.



Brandon Weisenberger
Managing editor



Danielle Dalo
Voices editor

I am from a small town called Oswego, near Chicago. I transferred here from a community college studying mass commmunication. I am a junior studying news-editorial journalism with a minor in Women’s Studies. This is my second semester at the DAILY EGYPTIAN and I was previously a designer. This semester I will play the role as voices editor and hope to spread commentary to the student body.



Molly Hill
Assistant Voices editor

I’m a senior studying public relations and I will graduate in August. My hometown is Cape Girardeau, Missouri. This is my sixth semester with the DAILY EGYPTIAN and my first on the editorial board. I spent my previous semesters as the DE news clerk and calendar editor. In my assistant position, I expect a more challenging work experience. However, I’m excited about this semester and ready to get to work.



Wayne Utterback
Newsroom representative

I’m a senior studying news-editorial journalism and I will graduate in May. I am from Sparta, Illinois and have been at SIUC since 2002. I am the editor of the PULSE this semester. Previously, I have covered topics ranging from administrative affairs to student government. This will be my third semester working for the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

University housing discrepancy

DEAR EDITOR:

I am a student working toward completion of a bachelor’s degree in Zoology. In the fall of 2006, I was awarded an Undergraduate Creative Research Award to research the effectiveness of native sunfish on snail predation. I also took a second job as a Resident Assistant with University Housing to further my own education and to give back to the university by providing a positive influence on the lives of in-coming freshmen. After one semester of performing the duties of Resident Assistant and Research Assistant, I received a spotless evalua-

tion from University Housing, maintained a B average, carried out the breeding of a new hybrid sunfish and helped shape the in-coming freshmen into well-rounded students and leaders in their community. On Friday January 12, 2007 at 4pm, three days before the start of classes and 18 hours before the return of the residents, I received notice that I will no longer be allowed to perform both my Resident Assistant and Research Assistant. Forced to make a decision that could shape my future in the field of Zoology and as a member of the research community, I chose the undergraduate assistantship and found myself in the predicament of being homeless three days before the beginning of the semester. The jus-

tification for the inquisition into my college career was the classification of the Resident Assistant payroll. The University Housing Department now classifies the pay given to Resident Assistants as an undergraduate assistantship. Seeing that I already held an undergraduate assistantship bestowed upon me by the Office of Research and Development, I was to vacant University Housing with no recourse. In conclusion, I feel this matter is hindering to my education and future here at SIU. University Housing looks as if it has set a standard within this university that research and education of its employees takes second to their financial accountability.

Brett A. Timmons
Senior from Marshall studying zoology

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Construction continues on track at Library

Sarah Lohman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Workers braved rain and sleet over winter break to guarantee returning students wouldn't have to when they study in Morris Library this semester.

Library officials said construction on the library continued seamlessly over break despite weather conditions, and the first phase of the \$48 million renovation project is on track.

Dean of Library Affairs David Carlson said he was especially pleased with the weather proofing of the library and the progress on the library's 50,000 square foot addition.

"I'm just really thrilled to have the building be a little bit more buttoned up," Carlson said. "Every week it gets a little better. Every week it's a little drier, it's a little warmer, and that's really helpful to us and the staff that work over there."

Associate Dean of Support Services in Library Affairs Susan Logue agreed, saying weatherproofing was an important goal over break.

"They worked pretty hard to get as much of the building enclosed and out of the weather as possible," Logue said. "You may see a lot more temporary plastic walls around the front of the building. They did quite a bit to close us up from the outside air."

Along with the temporary enclosure, Logue said a temporary heating system was installed and some existing heating and cooling systems were reconfigured to keep the library warm during the winter.

The permanent heating and ven-

tilation equipment for the library was delivered to the roof via helicopter several days after Christmas, she said. Work will begin on the system once the third, fourth and fifth floors are turned over to the library staff.

Logue said workers also finished the concrete walls and footings of the addition, where workers are scheduled to begin erecting steel within the next 30 days.

Floors three, four and five are scheduled to be completed in November or December. Construction will begin on the basement and first floor after everything is moved to the completed floors.

Work cannot begin on the second floor until work begins on the first, but it is scheduled for completion shortly after the third, fourth and fifth floors are completed. The move will complete phase one, and the new elevator and central stairwell will then open to access the third, fourth and fifth floors.

The tunnel and back entrance of Morris will continue to be the only accessible entrance once phase one is complete. Morris' main entrance is not scheduled to open until June 2008 at the completion of the renovation.

Kevin Davie, the library's geographic information systems specialist, said he helps protect the library's interest during construction and will help with the logistics of planning moves from floor to floor as construction progresses.

"I think things are going pretty well as far as the construction part goes," Davie said. "The construction company continues to tell us they feel like they're on track and it looks as though they are."

Family mourns murder victim

Falon C. Taylor died Jan. 6 from gunshot

Danny Wenger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Before she died, Falon C. Taylor recorded her singing voice on her sister's cell phone.

"It's the most beautiful voice you ever did hear," Selina Thompson of Marion said. Thompson was Taylor's aunt.

Taylor, 21, of Marion, was shot to death on Jan. 6 while visiting a friend's house. Police continue to search for two possible suspects.

A funeral service was held for Taylor Friday afternoon at the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Every pew was filled in the small church off Willow Street. The emotions inside the church were reflected by the light rain and gray sky outside.

Pictures inside the church helped family and friends to remember Taylor's life. Three large, poster board displays adorned with pictures of Taylor were in the lobby. A DVD player with a screen ran a slideshow of photos

on a constant loop.

The pictures showed a smiling girl with dark hair at different points in her life; from Halloween and singing as a child, to moments Taylor spent with her two young sons.

At the front near the podium, a silver coffin sat surrounded by roses, and friends and family stood and spoke of how they knew Taylor. Jelisa Gaston, Taylor's cousin, was one of those who shared memories.

"One memory that I remember from way, way long ago - we used to always have to take baths together," Gaston said.

Gaston said she wanted to share happy memories to comfort the family. Gaston grew up with Taylor at their grandmother's house.

Lana Wills was another person who knew Taylor as she grew up. Wills first met Taylor when she began going to church in Marion.

"I was married to the Rev. Jerry Allen in Marion and I met [Taylor] when she was, like, 13," Wills said.

Wills said Taylor came to her house often and was even the first girlfriend of her son. Wills described Taylor as a "sweet" girl

who loved to sing.

"She always had something encouraging to say," Wills said. "Her last words to me were, 'Hey Miss Lana, I love you'."

At the funeral, Wills sang "Amazing Grace," a cappella.

Missie Copeland, a friend of Taylor, also sang to honor her memory. Copeland sang "I Won't Complain."

Thompson also remembers Taylor as a talented singer. Thompson said at a young age Taylor dreamed of being a country music star.

"She had a pair of cowboy boots that she would not take off and she used to tell us that she was going to be a country singer when she grew up," Thompson said.

Singing, her encouraging attitude and her sweet personality is what Taylor's friends and family will remember most about her.

"Her death has hurt us real bad but we have so many good memories, that's going to stay with us for the rest of our lives, so that can stop some of the pain," Gaston said.

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Houston said she has helped her mother, Sandra Houston, organize Martin Luther King Jr. Day events in her hometown for the past 15 years.

"Over time, dealing with her and her program and reading history books I kind of came up with my vision of how I would do a King program if I was able to have that opportunity," Houston said.

Houston said the march was meant to symbolize the numerous

marches King organized and in which he participated.

"That's how he got national recognition for his cause," Houston said.

MLK Recognition Week continues today with a panel discussion named "Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere: A Forum on Social Justice." The discussion will take place at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Mississippi Room.

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“We hope the administration team will be ready to meet and respond to our proposal soon.”

— Lenore Langsdorf
union spokeswoman and vice president

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more faculty power in the appeals process when professors are denied tenure or promotion, and have also requested a vote to determine if all teachers pay a Faculty Association service charge regardless if they are members.

The BOT has turned down both requests while the union has disagreed with the team's salary offers, claiming university leaders aren't doing enough to make SIUC's faculty pay comparable to peer universities.

Negotiations got under way in

the summer just weeks before the latest contract expired June 30. Both sides have agreed to operate under the old contract until a new agreement is reached.

Langsdorf, a professor of speech communication, said the Faculty Association is now awaiting the BOT team's response to the union's offer.

"We hope the administration team will be ready to meet and respond to our proposal real soon," she said.

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A political 'fix'

Randy Burnside has taught his passion of politics to students for almost 10 years

Ryan Rendleman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

While other five-year-olds were learning to ride bikes and eating Play-Doh, Randy Burnside was tuned in to the Carter election.

Burnside, an assistant professor of political science who joined the SIUC faculty in the fall of 2005, is a self-described political junkie. He said his cynicism-laced passion led him into college with the hope of becoming a politician.

Not long into his academic career, however, Burnside said he switched his focus from being a politician to learning about them, and eventually to teaching about them.

"I definitely feel like I've helped students understand politics, but I also think I've helped students understand what they want to do," he said.

The 35-year-old assistant professor grew up as one of 11 children, farming okra in Philadelphia, Miss., a small, southern town of about 16,000 people that he described as "typical."

He said that, while having a large family caused conflict, he now appreciates the bonds that have formed.

"It gives you your own personal support network that you know is not going to steer you wrong,"

Burnside said. "If you can't trust your family to give you the best advice, who can you trust?"

Burnside joined the military at age 17 and during his sophomore year at Mississippi State University was sent into Iraq for the first Gulf War.

"They called us on a Tuesday night and we had to be completely out of school and have our stuff packed and ready to go by Friday morning," he said.

Burnside said he is an independent thinker and the controlling nature of the military made it clear to him that he was meant for academia, where he could have more freedom to think on his own.

"You get to make very few decisions by yourself," he said. "The problem with that is you can disagree, but you still have to do what they say."

Upon return, Burnside said he went back to school and realized, with the help of several mentor professors, he didn't want to be a politician — he wanted to understand how politics work.

He said this realization caused him to press toward a career in academics, hoping to research how politics function while helping students determine their futures. He said he is currently co-authoring a book highlighting the failure of disaster management in regards



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Political Science Professor Randolph Burnside stands in front of a bookcase in his office Tuesday morning. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, hunting, and reading literature.

to Hurricane Katrina that should be done by the end of this year.

Robert Clinton, chairman of the political science department, said Burnside has been a great benefit to the department by enhancing the American politics curriculum and making course revisions.

"He's proven to be a very valuable colleague, and I think that opinion is shared generally by people in the department,"

Clinton said.

Philip Habel, assistant professor of political science, shared similar sentiments. He said Burnside brings experience and a fresh perspective to the department and shows interest in what others are doing.

"I think often times people flip-flop or change their minds, but he is very firm in what he does, and as a result, very fair," he said.

Habel said after he interviewed

for his current job six months ago, Burnside sent him a welcoming e-mail, which he said made him feel part of the group. He said he was stressed and nervous, but Burnside's friendliness eased his anxiety.

"I think we're fortunate to have him here as part of our staff," Habel said.

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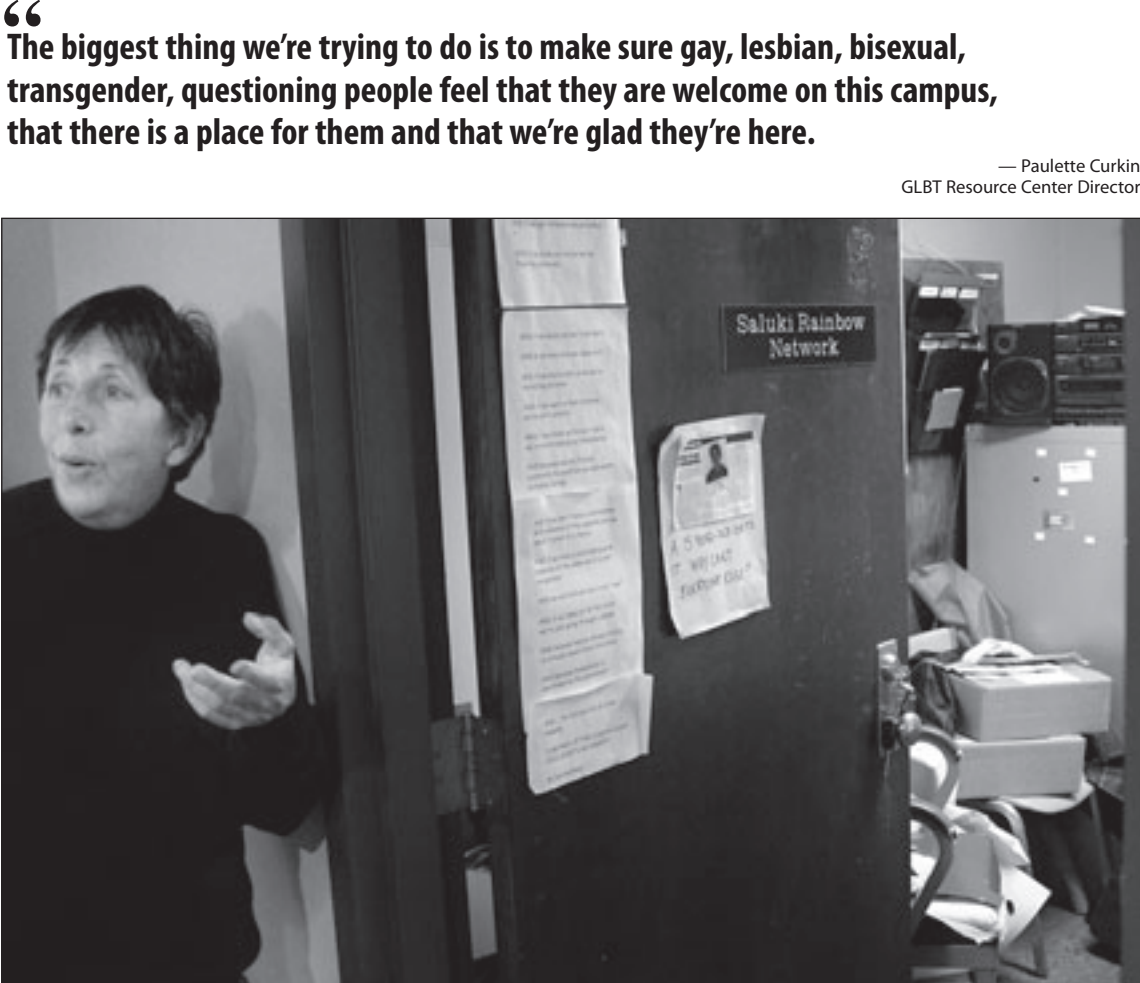
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“The biggest thing we’re trying to do is to make sure gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning people feel that they are welcome on this campus, that there is a place for them and that we’re glad they’re here,” Curkin said.

The center will be open from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Suarez said the resource center would lead to the consideration of some of the other 11 recommendations from the GLBT report, which includes the formation of a GLBT

advisory board made up of staff, faculty members and students.

“This is a big first step,” she said. “The resource center is the basis and the foundation for achieving more that will tie back to some of their recommendations.”

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Shins new music for moms

Julie Engler
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Shins: *Wincing The Night Away*
Release date: Jan. 23, 2007
Label: Sub Pop

www.theshins.com; www.subpop.com



In a world where indie music is judged on how far away from mainstream a band can get, The Shins are losing ground and becoming more of a pop band. On the band's latest release, "Wincing The Night Away," The Shins do a better job of imitating other musicians, mainly The Smiths, than defining themselves.

"Wincing" is half "Oh Inverted World" and half "Chutes Too Narrow." Whereas the band cleaned up a little bit on "Chutes," it returned to the muffled, slower approach taken on its debut album while adding a little bit of the pop-pep found on the second full-length release.

The 11-track album, which is more like 10 tracks considering one is a minute-long introduction to another song, is a little disappointing. But where the music lacks in length, it makes up for by being a cohesive and complete collection.

The first two tracks mimic "Chutes" in the '60s pop sort of way. The opening track, "Sleeping Lessons," is true to the classic rock sound, and would not be out of place among The Beach Boys and The Monkees.

The Shins have mastered the simple bass-snare-hi-hat drum style of earlier Beatles music. They build strong structure by strumming rhythm on guitar

while letting the bass stray with a little variety. Add in a lot of "ooh's" and "la la's" — and a tambourine — and the music is something parents are sure to love.

But around the fifth track, the music gets a little more experimental. "Sea Legs" is heavy on producing a hip-hop beat much like Beck on "The Information." The long synth solo with intertwining guitar sounds a lot like The Doors.

"Red Rabbits" uses chimerical synth noises to create a strange, cave-like echo atmosphere. Here, the album totally mellows out and only really manages to produce cool sounds under strangely poetic lyrics.

The lyrics aren't the main focus of the music, as they are hard to decipher and even harder to translate into something that makes sense. Still, it's in these words that The Shins excel, leaving us with something to ponder for quite a while.

"Wincing The Night Away" makes a slow fading out — no strong burst to end the album. Unfortunately, the album as a whole makes the same impact: It's there, it's heard and it'll end up quickly forgotten.

Possible frustration ahead

Ben Erwin
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Neko Case "Live From Austin, Tx.:
Austin City Limits"
Release Date: Jan. 9
New West Records



Embracing a minimalist aesthetic and subdued sound, Neko Case accentuates her amazing voice and understated rhythm guitar playing on the country-blues gem "Live From Austin, Tx.: Austin City Limits."

Comprised of covers and older material, Case breezes through a set filled with country twang, bluesy swagger and rock panache. Backed only by banjo, lap steel guitar and upright bass, Case's rich vocal melodies drive most of the album. While Case's work with the New Pornographers and good looks have elevated her status as an indie-rock pinup, most of her previous work has ultimately belied her country leanings.

On "Live From Austin, Tx.," however, the songstress waves her roots loudly and proudly. Songs such as the mournful, banjo-tinged "Favorite" and the cathartic "Behind the House" both play to Case's vocal strengths and range. Likewise, tunes such as the jangly "Knock Loud" and the bluesy "Furnace Room Lullaby" provide playful nods to Case's harder side while fitting in perfectly with the generally muted album.

Covers such as "Wayfaring Stranger" and Bob Dylan's "Buckets of Rain" help augment the varied, wandering set. The

soulful "Hex," the slide-laden melody and mantra-like hook of "Deep Red Bells" and a cover of Lisa Marr's "In California" typify the variety and range Case displays throughout the record.

Not everything on the disc may satisfy fans, however. For every listener Case may gain through this live performance, she may alienate another two or three.

While Case's stylistic flourishes are often commendable, hearing her voice dominating this understated record can become somewhat grating when background instruments are drowned out completely. "Austin, Tx." certainly isn't for all of Case's fans, but the record showcases the singer's range and abilities better than any of her previous work.

In the past decade, "Austin City Limits" has provided a venue for aging and emerging artists of all stripes and styles. With her latest live release, Neko Case sounds as at home in the Lone Star state as she would on the Grand Ole Opry stage. While her new sound may frustrate some, there is no denying the singer/songwriter's versatility and talent in multiple genres.

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Deerhoof: A missed opportunity

Wayne Utterback
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Deerhoof: "Friend Opportunity"
Release Date: Jan. 23, 2007
Kill Rock Stars
www.deerhoof.killrockstars.com



San Francisco-based Deerhoof always did something different with their music. Their latest, "Friend Opportunity," tries too hard to do too many different things within the same album.

Deerhoof's previous release, "The Runners Four," was their attempt at something with more pop and playfulness. With "Friend Opportunity," the band performs ten disjointed tracks that present the band in a forward but fractured direction.

There are a variety of really wonderful songs on "Friend Opportunity." "Choco Fight" is a beautiful song with Satomi Matsuzaki's voice sounding soothing while the song shifts between a swaggering beat to what sounds like a lullaby. It melds into the very soft and quiet "Whither the Invisible" which seems to serve as the intermission of the album. The music seems to swirl beautifully with Matsuzaki's melodic voice before firing off into "Cast Off Crown."

There are more straight-forward rock songs like "Matchbook Seeks Maniac" with soaring organs drifting through the background. "+81" starts off with trumpets blaring before breaking into a stomping rock anthem. It is one of the high points of the album that brings the best of

each band member to the forefront.

"Friend Opportunity" ends on the long and meandering "Look Away." A band like Deerhoof is best when performing songs that are short and sweet, and the closer seems to counter the rest of the album, as loosely put together as it is.

The album does have some glaring problems. The worst song of the album is the minimalist electronic "Kidz Are So Small." Matsuzaki sounds out of place as the song plods along.

Luckily for Deerhoof, the sum of its parts comes out more positive and progressive than negative. "Friend Opportunity" has many dimensions and directions, and in the end, it's that loss of continuity that hurts the album while allowing the band to expand their sound.

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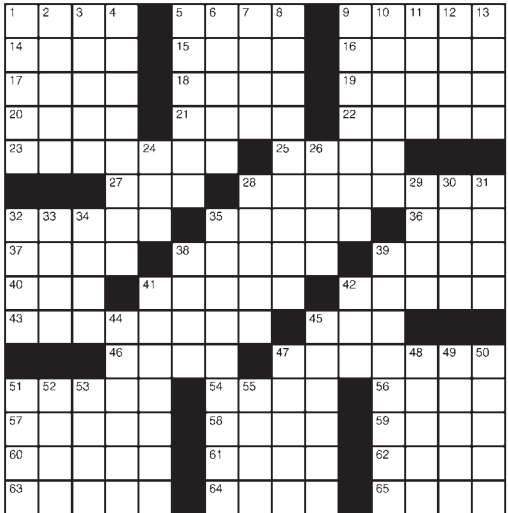
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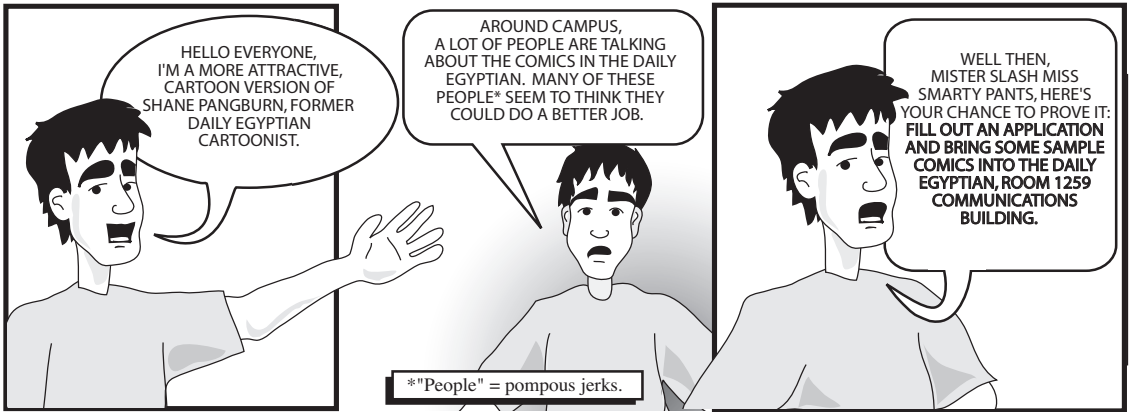
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Today's Birthday (01-17-07). You're a very practical person, not prone to fantasies, usually. This year, trust experience and a hunch to make your biggest haul.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 5 - Curtail your imagination long enough to be practical. Outrageous schemes are much more interesting if they're bringing in money.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Conditions are excellent now for long-range planning. You can even venture outside your comfort zone, successfully.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - New assignment: get your financial affairs in order again. Tidy up the bookwork so you know what you have and how much more you can get.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - The person you've been training is just about ready to take over. Sit back and watch the performance, and provide encouragement.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 9 - Focus on your work and get as much done as you can. Tackle the most difficult jobs. They'll be easier now.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - You're very lucky now, so go ahead and take a risk. Move quickly and acquire something you've wanted for ages.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - A family meeting is helpful, to know what the others want. Compromise will be necessary. First, find out what you have to work with.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're on a quest to find the best, and your odds of success are great. Do the research with passion and determination and be the first to the buried treasure.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - Indications are that you're receiving a lot of money. This does not appear to be from the lottery. It's more likely that you cash in something at home of value.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - You have a natural talent for doing business, as you may know. Now's a good time to launch that idea you've been thinking about.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - There's a thin line between having prophetic imagination and being crazy. Basically, it has to do with whether you can build the thing. Back to the drawing board.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Get involved with a group who are passionate about taking care of business. Let them teach you how to make the most of what you have.

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GEORGE BRIDGES ~ MCT

Indianapolis Colts Robert Mathis (98), rear and Raheem Brock (79) celebrate late during their AFC Playoff game against the Baltimore Ravens played at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Md on Saturday. The Colts defeated the Ravens 15-6.

Forced fumble boosts Colts to win

David Teel
(MCT)

BALTIMORE — Antoine Bethea wanted to hit the showers. He wanted to greet his Newport News family and celebrate with his Indianapolis Colts teammates.

But whenever he reached for his shampoo, whenever he took a few steps, another wave of reporters swarmed his locker.

Bethea's celebrated teammates get this treatment all the time. Peyton Manning, the incomparable quarterback; Adam Vinatieri, the greatest kicker in postseason history; Dwight Freeney, the pass-rushing demon.

Not Bethea. He's a rookie strong safety, a sixth-round draft choice from Division I-AA Howard University. He attracted no big-time recruiting interest out of Newport News Denbigh High, no raves from Mel Kiper Jr. on draft day.

By Saturday evening, most who follow professional football knew his name.

Bethea's goal-line interception was the most crucial play of the Colts' 15-6 playoff victory over the Baltimore Ravens. A fumble he forced never will appear in the statistics, but it saved his team more than 40 yards

and several precious minutes.

"In (preseason) camp you knew he was a playmaker," free safety Bob Sanders said. "He wasn't afraid to tackle the football, wasn't afraid to take chances. Some guys shy away from that."

Bethea's eye for the ball never was more apparent than early in the second quarter. Indianapolis led 6-3, and Baltimore faced third-and-goal at the 4.

Clearly, this was going to be a defensive struggle. Clearly, this play was paramount, the closest either team had been — or would be — to the end zone. The Ravens called timeout to plot their call.

Quarterback Steve McNair took a shotgun snap, looked to his left and rifled a pass toward tight end Todd Heap. Playing zone coverage, Bethea lunged in front of Heap, cradled the ball to his chest and collided head-on with teammate Cato June.

Both players crumbled to the turf. June needed help off the field. Somehow, Bethea held on to the ball at the 1-yard line.

"No question the play of the game," Colts linebacker Gary Brackett said.

"I really didn't see him," June said. "I was going for the football. Bethea

made a great play."

So what about it, Antoine? Tell us about the interception.

Such was the chorus each time a new media horde descended. And each time Bethea answered: "I read McNair's eyes and went for the ball. But I don't want to focus on one play. It was a group effort."

Yes it was. The Colts' oft-disparaged defense, inept during the regular season, saved Manning (two interceptions, no touchdowns) and the offense for the second time in as many playoff games. Sanders and Nick Harper were outstanding in the secondary, as were June and Rob Morris at linebacker, as Indianapolis advanced to next Sunday's AFC championship game.

But the rookie from the Peninsula District was The Man. And his interception took on greater import when Manning subsequently drove the Colts into Ravens territory and Vinatieri kicked the third of his five field goals.

"He's an HBCU (historically black colleges and universities) guy and not many people knew about him," Brackett said of Bethea. "Being a free-agent guy myself, I have a bond with him. You kind of root for guys like him."



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SWIMMING

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“Lisa is very team oriented but at the same time she doesn’t want to step on anyone’s feet.”

With less than a month left to prepare for the Missouri Valley Conference championships Feb. 8, Jaquez and her teammates will be trying to tone down their intense workout regimen, which could

raise a problem for Jaquez.

Teammate Sam Dvorak said Jaquez’ training is perfect all the way down to her dieting.

“She eats healthy all the time, even when we go on break,” Dvorak said. “That helps her stay in top shape throughout the season and I expect her to finish in the top three at the MVC championships.”

Before the Salukis take part in the championships, they still have a critical home meet with Missouri

State University on Jan. 20. The meet features the top teams in the MVC in terms of conference titles.

The meet will mark the end of the regular season for the Salukis as they head into the finals with high expectations to knock off potential favorite Illinois State University.

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Jacobsen said McKowen worked in the offseason to improve his conditioning and ball-handling skills, but has also taken on more of a leadership role as the lone returning guard with extended experience.

“He’s making big plays when we need those plays to be made,” Jacobsen said. “I just think our guys have really rallied around Brooks’ leadership and his work ethic. It’s really paid off for our team.”

McKowen said his confidence has also improved due to a different

approach.

“I just try to take it one play at a time,” he said. “I think in the past I tended to, if I missed a shot, I might dread on it.”

Shockers stumble

Wichita State University (12-6, 3-4) has had its share of ups and downs this season. Before winning their last two games, including knocking off Creighton University (11-6, 5-2) 62-59 Monday, the Shockers had lost six of their previous seven games.

This is all on the heels of starting the season 9-0 and being ranked eighth in the nation, defeating

2006 NCAA Tournament teams Louisiana State University, George Mason University and Syracuse University in the process.

Wichita State assistant coach Mike Rohn said the Shockers’ best player, P.J. Cousnard, missing some time due to illness, was a factor in the team’s slide, but Rohn said it’s not an excuse.

“We just started not to play as well,” he said. “Then we came back after Christmas and our schedule, with the conference, it was tough.”

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Former NASCAR champion dies at 65

Jenna Fryer

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Benny Parsons made a career of beating the odds, rising up from a childhood of poverty in the North Carolina foothills to a job as a Detroit cabbie, and eventually, becoming a NASCAR champion.

When he was diagnosed with lung cancer, Parsons had every reason to believe he would beat that, too. But despite a battle that saw “BP” carrying an oxygen tank around the race track, Parsons couldn’t win this fight.

He died Tuesday in Charlotte, N.C., where he had been hospitalized since Dec. 26 because of complications from his treatment. He was 65.

“Benny Parsons was a true

champion _ both on the race track and in life,” NASCAR chairman Brian France said. “Benny loved our sport and the people that make it up and those people loved him. He will be remembered as being a great ambassador for the sport.”

The 1973 NASCAR champion, Parsons was a member of NASCAR’s 50 greatest drivers and a lovable fixture at the track. He won 21 races, including the 1975 Daytona 500, and 20 poles. He was the first Cup competitor to qualify for a race faster than 200 mph, going 200.176 mph at the 1982 Winston 500 at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway.

He retired from racing in 1988 and entered broadcasting, where his folksy style and straight-shooting manner endeared him to fans

and drivers. Sometimes referred to as “The Professor” because of his relaxed ability to deliver information, Parsons spent the past six years as an NBC and TNT commentator and continued to call races from the booth during his treatment.

“When you talked to him he brought out the human element,” said Michael Waltrip, who tested this week at Daytona International Speedway in a car that had “We Love You, BP” painted on the side.

“The cars are nuts and bolts, but he talked through that. He was able to deliver to the people. He just tried to be passionate about what he believed and he did a great job of explaining what people were seeing.”

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Saluki Insider

How do you think Chris Webber's addition to the Detroit Pistons will affect the team, which is currently in the mix with the top five teams in the Eastern Conference?



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"The signing at least frees the Pistons up to deal a big man or two, and if you believe the rumors, it's already in the works. And in the least, Webber brings experience, passing ability and a couple balky knees to the Pistons. He could put them over the top in the East, but they won't be winning the Finals."

"He certainly won't hurt the Pistons. Who's he following up? Nazr Mohammed? The Pistons have managed to hold on to second place in the East even without Billups. They can only get better. This will put the Pistons out of reach for the Bulls, as long as they stay healthy of course."

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"I love it. Webber is the classic tragic loser. At some point, some how, for some reason, a seemingly sure win will turn to dust at Webber's feet. It happened with the Fraud Five and it happened in Sacramento with a little help from the Zebras. He flamed in Philly, as well."

SALUKI TRACKER

Bart Scott



Bart Scott finished the regular season with 103 tackles, 9.5 sacks and two interceptions for the AFC North Champion Baltimore Ravens. His 103 tackles were tied him with Ray Lewis for most on the Ravens and his 9.5 sacks tied him with Terrell Suggs for third on the team. In the Ravens' 15-6 loss in the Divisional Round of the NFL Playoffs, Scott recorded seven tackles.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?

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SPORT BRIEFS

Some like it hot at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — It was a thumbs-up dripping with irony.

Soaked with sweat, and delusional by her own admission, top-seeded Maria Sharapova had come within two points of a first-round exit at the Australian Open.

When it was announced the roof would be closed over Rod Laver Arena after her match, Sharapova clapped her hands above her head and raised her right thumb to applaud the decision.

Asked after her 6-3, 4-6, 9-7 win Tuesday over Camille Pin if it was hot enough, Sharapova replied: "You're not kidding."

"It's inhumanly possible to play three hours in that kind of heat," she said. "I don't think our bodies were made to do that — I was so delusional I couldn't think."

Sharapova and Rafael Nadal represented both ends of the spectrum as heat became the story of the day in Melbourne on Tuesday, forcing two players to give up rather than pass out and delaying the start of dozens of matches until after sundown.

The heat eased slightly early Wednesday, allowing play to start on time on all courts. Former U.S. Open champion and No. 3-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova beat Monique Adamczak of Australia 6-2, 6-1 in the first match at Rod Laver Arena, where the roof was reopened to the muggy, overcast conditions.

On Tuesday, it was too hot midway through the Sharapova-Pin match for other matches to be started on outdoor courts.

“It’s inhumanly possible to play three hours in that kind of heat...”

— Maria Sharapova
Professional Tennis Player

Sharapova needed a medical timeout for cramps in the last set, an ice vest over her neck at every change of ends and every ounce of tenacity she could muster to beat the Frenchwoman who had made the second round only twice in 15 majors.

Sharapova blew a 5-0 lead and three match points in the third set, and acknowledged later: "I could be feeling a lot worse if I had lost the match."

Eighth-seeded David Nalbandian used the heat to his advantage, coming back from two sets and a break down as Janko Tipsarevic wilted. Tipsarevic eventually retired with heat exhaustion with Nalbandian leading 6-7 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-0, 2-1.

Nalbandian said the conditions were disgusting, and unfair for those who were on court and had to continue playing when the Extreme Heat Policy was enforced.

Nadal's 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-2 win over Robert Kendrick went ahead after the roof was closed. All matches on outside courts were postponed for eight hours.

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Zambrano seeks \$15.5 million in arbitration

CHICAGO — Cubs right-hander Carlos Zambrano sought \$15.5 million in salary next season, while the Chicago Cubs asked Mark Prior to take a pay cut in arbitration figures submitted Tuesday.

Zambrano earned \$6.5 million last season and went 16-7 with a 3.41 ERA in 33 starts, matching a career-high in wins and setting one with 210 strikeouts. The Cubs offered \$11,025,000 to Zambrano, who is eligible for free agency next off-season.

Prior, who made \$3.65 million during an injury-riddled season in which he went 1-6 with a 7.21 ERA in nine starts, is asking for \$3,875,000. The Cubs offered the right-hander \$3.4 million.

Chicago agreed on a \$2.5 million, two-year contract with reliever Will Ohman.

A 29-year-old left-hander, Ohman

was 1-1 with a 4.13 ERA last year and set career highs in appearances (78), innings (65 1-3) and strikeouts (74). He stranded 33 of 41 inherited runners and limited opponents to a .208 batting average.

Ohman will get \$900,000 next season and \$1.6 million in 2008. He would earn a \$100,000 bonus for appearing in 75 games next season and 70 the following year, and he would get \$200,000 for making 80 appearances in 2008.

Ohman would earn \$25,000 each year for finishing 15 games, \$50,000 for finishing 20 and 25, \$100,000 for finishing 30, and \$150,000 for finishing 35.

He made his major league debut with the Cubs in 2000 and missed the 2002 and 2003 seasons while recovering from left elbow operations. Ohman is 3-3 with a 3.64 ERA in 147 games the past two years.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dawgs look for revenge

Aces trumped Salukis 64-59 in last regular season matchup

Jim Nelson
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The nasty taste is still in the Salukis mouths.

The Purple Aces (9-9, 2-5 Missouri Valley Conference) topped SIU (14-4, 5-2) 64-59 the last time the Salukis visited Evansville. The loss stung SIU, and it will be something the Salukis remember on their way to Evansville for tonight's 7:05 p.m. tip-off.

"Obviously it is going to be in the back of our minds," junior forward Matt Shaw said. "But at the same time we have to focus on the game plan and focus on what we have to do to win."

After the loss last season, Saluki head coach Chris Lowery said his team was dominated by two big guys - 6-foot-8 Matt Webster and 6-9 Bradley Strickland, who combined to collect 45 points and 16 rebounds for Evansville in the contest.

This year Strickland and Webster are back as seniors. Webster is the MVC scoring leader for the third consecutive week, averaging 17.6 ppg. Strickland is second in blocked shots.

That may be a reason Saluki Tony Young knows not to look too far ahead.

"We've got to continue to focus on one game at a time," Young said. "We can't get a big head and think we're back on top of the world because we won a couple of games."

Webster is averaging 20 points in Evansville's nine wins, versus only about 14 in the teams nine losses. The Saluki big men may need help from the bench to slow the attack on the rim. Webster has tended to need trips to the free-throw line to crack the 20-point mark.

Shaw fouled out of the loss last

season, and Falker struggled with foul trouble throughout the contest.

Lowery said after the Drake win that it would be hard for the Salukis to win at Evansville, but to have to play his five starters for 35 minutes is not something he wants to be limited to.

"We've wanted to play this way all year, but we haven't been able to," Lowery said of subbing his players. "That is the key, when we can go to the bench a lot earlier."

The Evansville game is the lone hurdle left before the Salukis travel to Omaha, Neb., for a potential collision of two teams tied for first place.

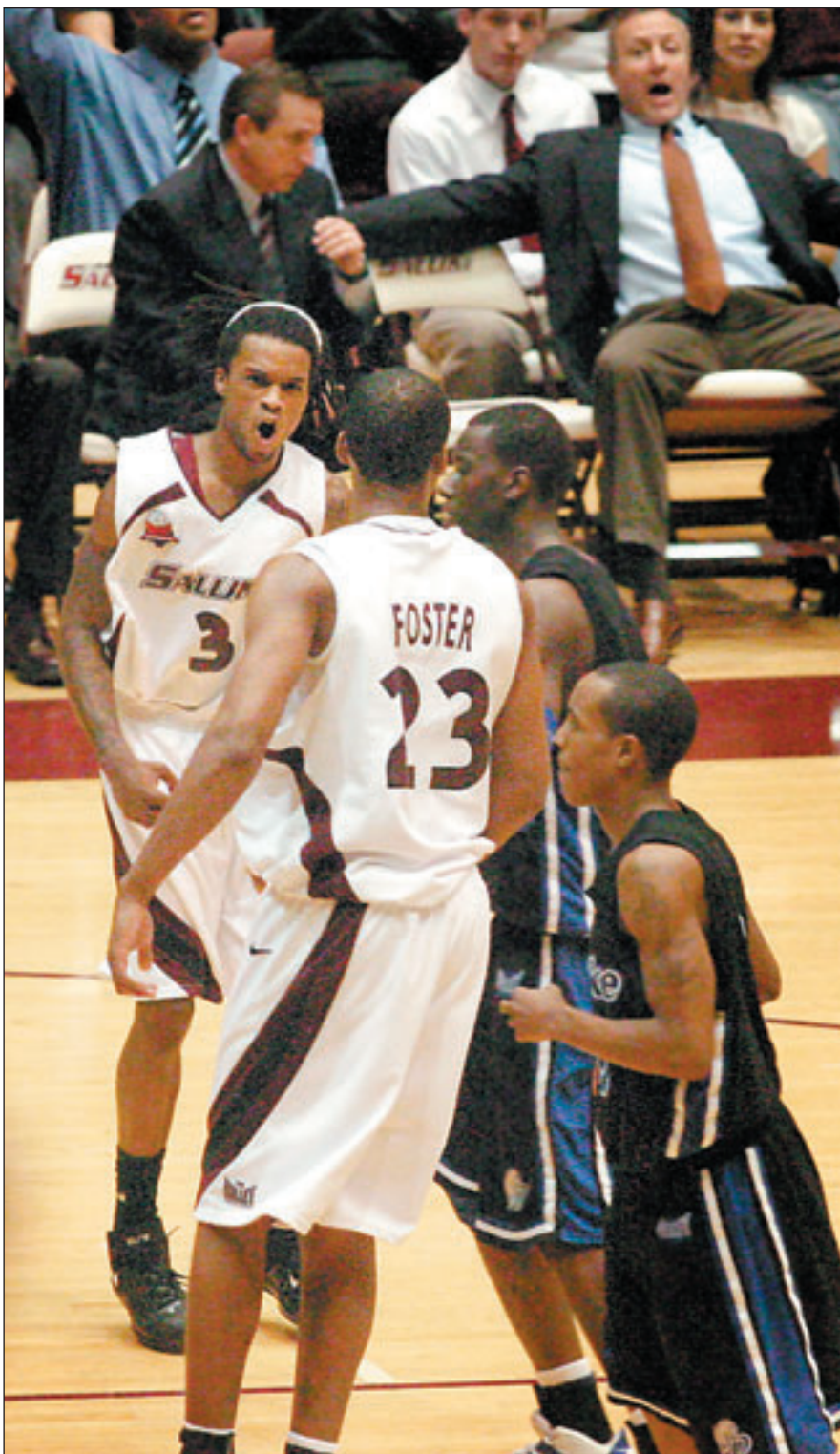
After getting a little help from Wichita State, who beat Creighton Monday night, the Salukis head to Evansville, Ind., tonight, tied for first place in the MVC men's basketball standings. SIU, Creighton and Missouri State all sport 5-2 records in conference play.

The Purple Aces, however, have only two conference wins, albeit in convincing fashion over Drake and Illinois State.

They also lost a close game to Northern Iowa, 64-61, and got blown out by Missouri State 106-54 eight days ago. The Purple Aces are currently on a five game losing-streak. All of the losses were to last years MVC, NCAA or NIT tournament teams.

Still, Evansville is no Creighton. They haven't had a winning season since the 1999-2000 campaign. Besides last years win over SIU, the last time the Purple Aces topped the Salukis was in Carbondale during the 2000-2001 season. Evansville won 79-74.

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Jamaal Tatum celebrates with teammate Jamaal Foster after Foster's dunk in the second half of the Salukis' home win over Drake on Monday. The Salukis will look for strong play from their bench as they battle the Aces on the road tonight in Evansville.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Freshman following the blueprint

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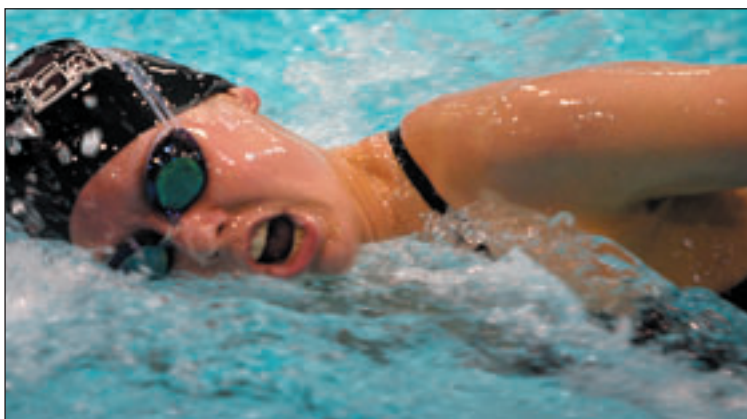
Throughout the season the SIU women's swimming and diving team has obtained top performances from stars like junior Julie Ju, but freshmen have also held of their end of the bargain.

During the Jan. 13 dual meet against University of Northern Iowa and the University of Evansville, freshman Lisa Jaquez led the Salukis (6-3) to a pair of wins, taking first place in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5:17.08 and the 1650 freestyle with a time of 18:06.01.

Jaquez competed in sprint races in high school so her success in distances races wasn't anticipated.

"I wasn't expecting to swim in these events at all when I came here," Jaquez said. "But they needed a distance swimmer so I stepped up."

Her ability to step up and give her



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Saluki swimmer, Karin Mullendore finished second after Lisa Jaquez in the 500-yard freestyle against Evansville and Northern Iowa Saturday afternoon at the Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium.

all for the greater good of the team has teammates and coaches raving about her.

Head coach Rick Walker said Jaquez will do whatever it takes to improve even if she doesn't enjoy hear-

ing what she's doing wrong.

"Some athletes won't let go of their habits but she does a good job of continuing to improve," Walker said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

A look around the MVC

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

If you're looking for high-quality basketball, look no further than the Missouri Valley Conference.

The MVC boasts eight schools with above-.500 overall records and two schools with even 9-9 records, as well as the fourth highest RPI in the NCAA. The only conferences with better RPI's are the Pacific-10 Conference, the Southeastern Conference and the Atlantic Coast Conference, all of which are home to a school ranked in the Top 25.

"Our league is good," SIU men's head basketball coach Chris Lowery said. "Right now our league is at a level where the conference winner is going to get a good seed in the NCAA Tournament."

The MVC has had its surprises this season. Illinois State University (9-9, 1-6 MVC) had its lone conference win against University of Northern Iowa (13-4, 4-2). SIU (14-4, 5-2) lost a Jan. 10 heartbreaker to Bradley University (13-6, 4-3), 48-46.

"All 10 teams are good enough to win on any given night," Northern Iowa head coach Ben Jacobsen said. "I just think it's going to be a really interesting race."

New player in the mix Northern Iowa guard Brooks McKowen's numbers weren't outstanding in 2005-06, when he averaged 5.6 points per game and 2.8 assists per game.

McKowen, now a senior, has improved his statistics this season to 10.1 ppg and 6.2 apg — ninth best in the NCAA.

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