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Bar owner sues city, mayor for civil rights violation

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The owner and manager of several bars filed a federal lawsuit that alleges Mayor Brad Cole, the city of Carbondale and Carbondale Police Sgt. Mark Diedrick violated their civil rights in a series of events that began last winter.

The lawsuit, filed Dec. 31, contains allegations by Knob Enterprises, Inc., which owns Callahan's, Calli's and Sixx, and Samuel Mrofcza, the manager of those establishments. Owner Greg

Knob and Mrofcza said in the 17-page complaint that city officials treated them unfairly and denied their rights to due process and equal protection.

Cole has denied accusations of bias against owner Knobs, Mrofcza and their businesses.

"If Mr. Knobs wishes to conduct his business through the courts, he is welcome to do so," Cole said in an e-mail. "I tend not to be concerned with baseless allegations and frivolous lawsuits."

Knob said Cole has used his position as mayor and chairman of the Liquor Control Commission

to encourage police and the city to treat him less favorably than other local bar owners, specifically Pinch Penny Pub and its owner.

"They're kind of chasing me out of town," Knob said. "I'm probably not going to be here much longer. The clubs will stay open. Trust me, I'll still own them, but I'm probably moving out of town."

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Check out court documents and an interactive timeline of the history of the dispute between the city and bar owners.

Rich Whitney, the attorney who filed the lawsuit for Knob and Mrofcza, said they were not looking for publicity.

"We filed in order to right a wrong," Whitney said. "We're saying, 'Wait, this is unequal treatment under the law.'"

City Attorney Mike Kimmel, who will represent the city, Diedrick and Cole in their capacity as city employees, said he could not comment about pending litigation.

The majority of the suit refers to a July 13 incident in the shared parking lot of Callahan's, Calli's and Pinch Penny Pub.

Knob said he called police that night after he and Mrofcza asked a group of people who were consuming alcohol in the lot to leave and they refused.

Cole arrived with the police, Knob said.

When Knob asked for assistance in removing the offenders, Diedrick refused to help, Knob said.

Diedrick did not return messages left at his office Wednesday and Friday, Interim Police Chief Jeff Grubbs said he would not comment about ongoing legal matters.

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Fatma Soliman of Carbondale holds a "Moms Against Bombs" sign Saturday to protest Israel's invasion of Gaza at the Carbondale Town Square Pavillion. "This war is useless; it is like a Holocaust against them," Soliman said.

Protestors call for cease-fire in Gaza

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Keran and Lynn Abed have lived in Carbondale their entire lives, but still con-

sider the state of Palestine their home.

Keran and Lynn are 10-year-old twins. On Saturday the Abeds joined nearly 50 people in a protest against the Israeli army's invasion of Gaza.

"It's worth it because people are being

killed," Lynn said.

With his friend Majed Naser, Keran held up a Palestinian flag along East Main Street near the Town Square Pavilion. Protesters waved flags, signs and pictures of people injured by the fighting.

Naser, 11, said he closely followed the last presidential election and supported Barack Obama because of how the Illinois Democrat's foreign policy could change life for his family in the Middle East.

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Local leaders, legislators await Blagojevich Senate trial

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As the state Senate prepares to carry out the proceedings against Gov. Rod Blagojevich, southern Illinois' leaders expressed their disgust with Blagojevich and sadness

that such events transpired.

The Illinois House of Representatives voted 114-1 to remove Blagojevich Friday, one month after he was arrested on corruption charges. The process now moves to the senate, where the 59 legislators and Chief Justice Robert Thomas of the Illinois

Supreme Court will conduct an impeachment trial.

"I don't think anyone in our state wants to see something like this

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happen," said SIU President Glenn Peshard, a former U.S. Congressman and Illinois gubernatorial candidate.

"I've worked with every legislative leader in this state and every executive leader in this state for over 20 years. It doesn't give me any joy to see anyone, the governor or anyone else, indicted."

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Chancellor answers free-speech complaint

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Nearly a month after a higher education freedom group accused SIUC of limiting free speech on its campus, SIUC Chancellor Sam Goldman is expected to respond to allegations today that the university's free speech policy is fine.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education wrote to Goldman and several other university officials Dec. 22 regarding the group's concern about the unconstitutionally restrictive speech policy at SIUC.

The letter claimed the university's Protest Policy in the Registered Student Organization Handbook "dilutes expression on SIUC's campus and ignores constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech that SIUC, as a state-supported institution, is legally obligated to protect."

"Our issue is that according to the RSO Handbook, only one area on campus is available for campus free assembly and demonstrations," said Samantha Harris, director of speech code research for FIRE. "On a large campus in a public university that is not possible to limit speech like that."

The RSO Handbook specifies an area located west of the parking garage near Finer Hall as the only area on campus deemed a free forum area. The policy, according to FIRE, contradicts the Board policy on public forum areas, which designates two areas.

The university was given an ultimatum by FIRE to respond by today before further action would be taken.

FIRE requested SIUC "immediately revise its illegal and immoral 'free speech zone' policy."

Goldman said the university sent its response late last week and that the response would be made available to the public today.

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STUDE.com Poll: How do you feel about the corruption charges against Governor Blagojevich?

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STUDE.com Question:
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What do you feel is the most overused phrase of the 2008 presidential election?

A. "My Friends" D. "Joe The Plumber"
 B. "Yes We Can" E. "Maverick"
 C. "You Betcha"

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SUU lowers tuition for out-of-state students.
 In an effort to increase enrollment, the Board of Trustees voted Dec. 11 to offer in-state tuition to incoming students from Missouri, Indiana and Kentucky.

Carbondale Police offer reward in cold case.
 Two years later, 21-year-old Fabon Taylor was found shot to death in her apartment, the Carbondale Police Department is offering a \$6,000 reward for information that may lead to the capture of her killer. Taylor, a mother of two, was shot twice by an unknown male who broke into her apartment Jan. 6, 2007.

SUU Board of trustees gets 8 new members.
 The board adopted Bill Bonan, who was appointed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich Oct. 17. Bonan is the Southern Illinois Community Bank President for the Southern Region of Peoples National Bank.

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Diedrick also faces allegations that he violated the Fourth Amendment when seizing and turning off Mrofcza's video camera, according to the complaint. Security personnel were using the camera to document the July 13 incident.

Police issued Knoob a citation for failure to control the premises, saying he had too little security for the crowd. Knoob said he had 18 security personnel working at Cali's, then known as Club SIN, that night.

"The industry average is one (security guard) per 100 customers," Knoob said. "That night, we had one for every 25, but my security is not allowed to

physically confront people. Their job is to protect innocent bystanders, not break up fights or get into fights."

On Dec. 2, the Liquor Control Commission followed Cole's recommendation to fine Knoob Enterprises \$1,000 for the July 13 incident. The commission concluded Knoob and Mrofcza were responsible for the crowd's cannabis possession, public drinking and fighting, Assistant City Attorney Jamie Snyder said in December.

Knoob said the money does not matter to him.

"I'll write them a \$1,000 check every day if they'll just leave me alone," Knoob said.

Cole told another attorney representing Knoob in December that if Knoob came before Cole again he would "have a major problem

because now he's pissed me off," according to the complaint.

Mrofcza and Knoob allege the city violated the 14th Amendment by penalizing them for an incident they could not control, failing to punish Pinch Penny Pub and allowing Cole to participate in the hearing.

Cole has said he has no personal vendetta against Knoob.

"I would prefer that they run their business according to the laws that are on the book, and then there aren't any problems," Cole said in December.

Justin Lange and Barton Lorimer contributed to this report.

Calendar

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Budget cuts force library to slash subscriptions

Administrators cancel nearly one-fifth of university's journals

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While students enjoy the new furniture and renovations in Morris Library, they may find themselves with less to read.

A nearly \$1 million budget cut could force administrators to cancel roughly 18 percent of the library's journals and other subscriptions, Dean of Library Affairs David Carlson said.

Library administrators began the process of canceling subscriptions to journals and other renewable publications through each department on campus in the fall, he said.

"We've known this was coming for some time," Carlson said.

Carlson said administrators asked each department to prioritize the importance of its journals and other materials. The materials deemed least important will be the first canceled, he said.

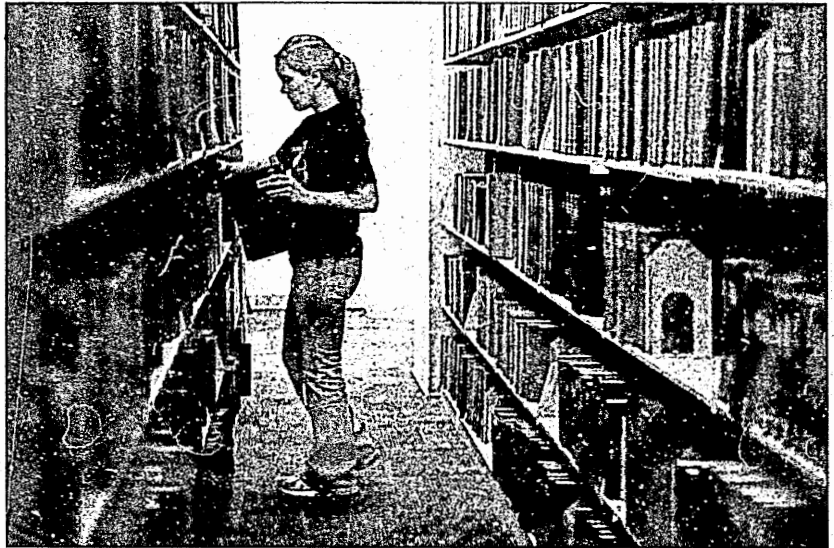
"The journals and serial materials are items that require continuous payments, unlike books, which have a one-time base fee.

Every year, the prices of publications such as journals and magazines increase based on factors such as inflation and cost of production, said Susan Logue, acting associate provost for academic administration.

Logue said that by canceling some of these materials, the library would be able to offset some of the increases.

"Generally, we can anticipate an 8 percent increase in cost and if the library doesn't have an increase in its budget, that means it has an 8 percent reduction," Logue said.

Peggy Stockdale, professor of psychology and president of the Faculty Senate, said while she is concerned with the loss of resources, she understands the



Student assistant Heather Lashley, a Junior from Mooresville, Ind., studying equine science and agriculture education, shelves journals on the third floor of Morris Library Friday. Dean of Library Affairs David Carlson said administrators would cancel 18 percent of the university's journal subscriptions because of a \$1 million budget cut.

budget issues at hand.

Rob Benford, professor and chair of sociology, said although some of these materials are available on the Internet, he is concerned with how the library will be affected.

"A number of faculty and students are concerned that while there's been a very long-needed and impressive renovation of

Morris Library ... the scholarly materials available within these renovated digs will be diminished substantially by those kind of cuts," Benford said.

Carlson said the cut would affect each department on campus, though each would be affected differently. He said departments using more expensive journals would have a

larger percentage of money cut than those departments that materials cost less.

The cancellation process began in the middle of the fall semester and the faculty was notified in December, Carlson said.

Logue said that cancellations would take effect in July with the beginning of the fiscal 2010 year.

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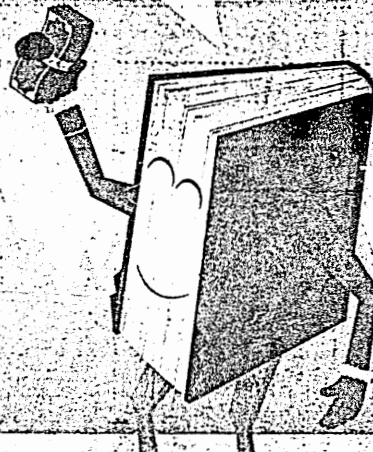
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Israeli forces advance deep into Gaza urban areas



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Avi Pilchik (seated, foreground in white shirt) observes military operations in the Gaza Strip along with other Israeli civilians from a hilltop in Sderot, Israel, Jan. 5.

Ibrahim Barzak and Christopher Torchia
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITERS

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli ground forces made their deepest foray yet Sunday into Gaza's most populated area, with tanks rolling into residential neighborhoods and infantry fighting urban warfare in streets and buildings with Hamas militants who kept up their sniping of southern Israel.

An Israeli army spokeswoman said residential neighborhoods in Gaza are riddled with homemade bombs and booby traps, including mannequins placed at apartment entrances to simulate militants and rigged to explode if soldiers approach.

The army "is advancing more into urban areas," said the spokeswoman, Maj. Astal Leitovitch. "Since the majority of the Hamas militants are pretty much in hiding in those places, mainly urban places, then we operate in those areas."

Late Sunday, dense plumes of smoke from explosions rose over Gaza City and heavy gunfire was heard just south of the city. Early Monday, Israeli navy gunboats fired more than 25 shells at Gaza City, setting fires and shaking office buildings, including the local bureau of

The Associated Press. The military said that in general, the targets are Hamas installations but had no immediate information about the shelling that began just after midnight.

Gaza medical officials say at least 870 Palestinians, about half of them civilians, have been killed in the conflict that began Dec. 27 with Israeli airstrikes on Hamas buildings, as well as suspected rocket launch sites and smuggling tunnels on the Egyptian border. Thirteen Israelis, including 10 soldiers, have died.

German and British envoys pressed efforts to negotiate an end to the war even though Israel and Hamas have ignored a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for an immediate and durable cease-fire.

Outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Israel had made progress in its objectives in the Gaza offensive but was not finished yet.

"Israel is nearing the goals that it set for itself," Olmert said. "However, further patience, determination and effort are necessary in order to achieve those goals in a way that will change the security reality in the south."

While Olmert's comment signaled no immediate end to the offensive, it indicated that Israel is wary of an open-ended conflict

with an unclear agenda. Israel wants to end years of rocket attacks by Hamas on its southern population, a complex goal that could require Egyptian or international help in shutting off routes to smuggle weapons into Gaza from Egypt.

Hamas, in turn, demands that Israel open Gaza's blockaded borders as part of any halt to the fighting. Such a measure would relieve economic pressure on the destitute territory but also strengthen Hamas's control of Gaza, an odious prospect for Israelis who fear a halt to the fighting will just give Hamas another opportunity to re-arm.

In Cairo, Egypt's state-owned news agency reported progress in truce talks with Hamas, but provided no specifics. The Middle East News Agency quoted an unnamed Egyptian official as saying talks between the nation's intelligence chief, Omar Suleiman, and Hamas envoys were "positive."

Palestinian medical officials reported about 60 deaths on Sunday, including 17 who had died of wounds suffered on previous days. Most of those killed Sunday were noncombatants, medical officials said, including four members of one family killed when a tank shell hit their home near Gaza City and a 10-year-old girl killed in a similar attack.

Democrats hope deal near on Burris

Laurie Kellman
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — The Senate's second-in-command, Sen. Dick Durbin, said Sunday that he is moving away from resisting former Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris as President-elect Barack Obama's successor and hopes a resolution to the disagreement will be reached soon.

For his part, Burris said he and his lawyers will be in Washington on Monday to begin paving the way for him to join the Senate. But Durbin said lawyers still need to sign off on Burris's paperwork and review his testimony before the Illinois House, which later impeached Gov. Rod Blagojevich on corruption charges.

"I started off obviously skeptical, as all of the Democratic members did," Durbin, D-Ill., said on "Face the Nation" on CBS. "But as time has gone on and we've looked closely, we want to be fair to Roland Burris. If he has the proper certification and papers, then we're going to take one look at the process and move forward from there."

Senate Democrats have opposed Burris' appointment because of federal charges that Blagojevich tried to sell the seat to the highest bidder. Although they have argued that any Blagojevich appointee is tainted because of the scandal, no one has accused Burris of wrongdoing.

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— Dick Durbin
Illinois senator, Democrat

Burris, also appearing on CBS, said his appointment by Blagojevich is legal. On Friday, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled that under state law Burris's appointment paperwork is valid and that it is up to the Senate to decide whether to seat him. But Durbin, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and other Democrats have said that unless the appointment is signed by both the governor and the Illinois secretary of state, it violates Senate rules.

Durbin said Senate lawyers are reviewing a document received Friday night to see whether it complies. Democrats also want to review Burris's testimony before the impeachment panel, where the appointee said he promised Blagojevich nothing in exchange for the seat. Then, Reid said, the Senate would vote on whether to seat him.

The National Coalition for Fairness and Justice in the U.S. Senate, a Chicago group led by Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., said Sunday that it had sent letters to Durbin and Reid requesting Burris be seated immediately. The group accused Durbin of "playing political ping-pong" and said it was planning a "massive mobilization effort" this week if Burris was not seated.

At one time, Senate Democrats were hoping that Blagojevich would be removed from office before the Senate resolved the Burris matter. In the last few days it's become clear that an Illinois Senate trial on whether to remove Blagojevich from office could take weeks. Democrats, from Obama on down, want the matter resolved before it overwhelms more of the 111th Congress and the beginning of the new president's term.

"I want to do this in a fair and quick way so that Roland knows his fate," Durbin said. Burris said he and his legal team are not easing up the pressure.

"It is our position that those documents are now in compliance with the Senate rules," Burris said. "And therefore, after the lawyers have reviewed this, my attorneys will be Washington on Monday to confirm with the parliamentarian and the attorneys to confirm that all of this is in order."

Russia declares gas monitoring void

Yuras Karmanau
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SUDZHIA GAS METERING STATION, Russia — Teams of EU monitors deployed Sunday at natural gas transit sites along Ukraine's vast pipeline network, but still no gas flowed to a freezing Europe.

Russia refused to restart gas supplies that have been stalled since Wednesday, saying the deal for the monitors was made void by Ukraine, which signed the document but then issued what it called a "declaration" to accompany it.

The European Commission insisted the declaration could not change the agreement, but

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said the document was void unless Ukraine withdrew the declaration.

He denounced the Ukrainian move as a "mockery of a common sense and a violation of previously reached agreements."

Russia has demanded monitors to track the movement of gas across Ukraine before it will restart supplies to other European countries. Russia stopped supplying gas to Ukraine on Jan. 1 amid a price dispute and later stopped supplying countries beyond Ukraine because it claimed Kiev was uphoking off the gas.

Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin

said EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso in a phone conversation that Russia considers any supplements to the deal unacceptable. He added that the Ukrainian declaration defies the pact and refers to commercial issues that aren't part of it.

Bolshak Sokolovsky, an energy adviser to the Ukrainian president, insisted the declaration was only a statement explaining the Ukrainian position. He accused Moscow of exerting political and economic pressure on Ukraine.

"Russia has turned the gas war into a gas circus where bears have already forgotten that they can be tamed," Sokolovsky said.

UNITED STATES

Where's the money going? Obama wants easier monitoring

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama wants to make it easier to monitor how the second \$350 billion installment of the financial bailout is spent and says homeowners and small businesses should get some help.

"We can regain the confidence of both Congress and the American people in that this is not just money that is being given to banks without any strings attached, and nobody knows what happens," Obama said in an interview aired Sunday.

UNITED STATES

Senate boosts wilderness protection for 2M acres

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rare Sunday session, the Senate advanced legislation that would set aside more than 2 million acres in nine states as wilderness. Majority Democrats assembled more than enough votes to overcome GOP stalling tactics in an early showdown for the new Congress.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and other Democrats said the bill "a holdover from last year" was carefully written and includes measures sponsored by both Republicans and Democrats.

CALIFORNIA

National average price of gas up nearly 12 cents

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — The average national price of gasoline rose nearly 12 cents in the past three weeks, marking the first price hike after six months of steady decreases, according to a national survey released Sunday.

The average price of regular gasoline Friday was \$1.78 a gallon, oil industry analyst Tully Lundberg said. The price of mid-grade was \$1.91 a gallon and the price of premium was \$2.02 a gallon. The increase was the first since July 17, when the average national price peaked at \$4.11 a gallon.

FLORIDA

Potbellied man in ninja costume tries to make off with ATMs

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A ninja, or at least someone dressed like one, is lurking in the shadows of Palm Beach County.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office says a heaviest man with a viable potbelly and a ninja costume unsuccessfully tried to steal two different ATMs over the past two weeks.

Security video from the automated teller machines showed the underfed man dressed in a black ninja outfit with a hood that showed only his eyes.

ASSEMBLY REPORTS

New board members hope to renovate Bald Knob Cross

Two-year lawsuit settled on Christmas Eve

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Seven volunteers will assume leadership roles on the Bald Knob Cross of Peace board of directors this month after a two-year legal battle was settled Christmas Eve.

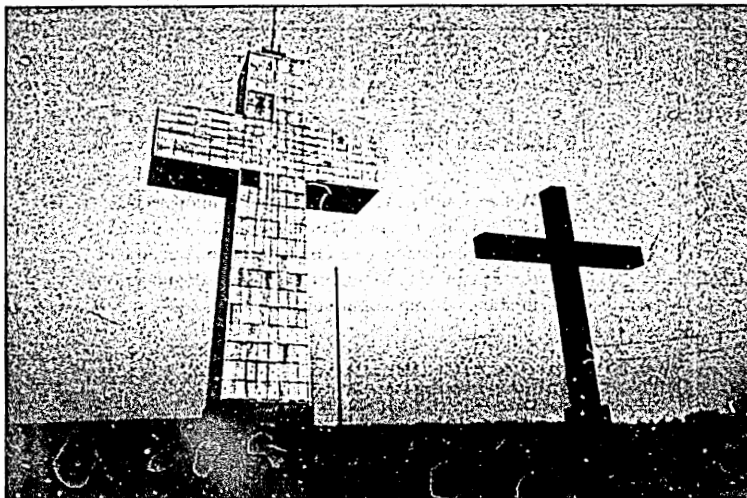
Rich Whitney, an attorney who represented the cross' original 17-member board of directors, said the settlement was coincidentally approved in Union County court on Dec. 24. The settlement instructs Turah Tweedy, a former board member, to assume responsibility of a loan she took out for cross renovations and for Whitney's clients to resign from the board.

Assuming the board of directors' responsibilities will be a seven-member board Whitney refers to as the "Transitional Board." He said the seven volunteers would elect a permanent board of directors in February 2011.

"I decided to get away from the political infighting that had occurred in Union County and give the corporation a completely fresh start," Whitney said Tuesday.

Rev. Gerald Wright, one of the seven volunteers, said he hopes the transition board will meet this week to establish its goals for the cross. Wright said his hope to renovate the 45-year-old, 110-foot tall iron monument is shared by the other six new board members.

"I hadn't been to the cross in six or seven years," Wright said. "But when my wife and I went there a couple



The Cross of Peace sits atop Bald Knob at sunrise on Sept. 1. The 17 members of the cross' board of directors were forced to resign and were replaced by seven volunteers. The transition is part of an out-of-court lawsuit settlement announced Dec. 24. **EDVIA BLASZCZYK**
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weeks ago, we were in shock of how bad of shape it was in."

The cross stands at the peak of Bald Knob (three miles west of Alto Pass) without many of its white, iron panels or spotlights that illuminate the structure at night. The board of directors was not allowed to pursue renovation while the lawsuit was in court.

Whitney said the settlement was reached out-of-court a week before it was approved in Union County court on Dec. 24. He said Christmas Eve was the only date judges were not

benching other trials. "What a great Christmas present for all of southern Illinois," Wilkins said in his statement. "And, what more fitting time than Christmas Eve to settle this lawsuit and demonstrate the love, peace and forgiveness which the Cross so boldly represents?"

Tweedy sued the board on Dec. 8, 2006, after she was removed from the cross' governing body. He said Tweedy took out a loan in her name to finance construction at the cross' welcome center. She later sponsored a fundraiser to repay the loan. Wilkins

said both the loan and fundraiser were carried out without the board's authorization.

Bill Vandergraph, an Alto Pass preacher, said he was notified of the settlement the afternoon it was announced to the public.

Because the original board of directors was restricted from raising funds for the cross' renovation, Vandergraph created and now directs an organization called Friends of the Cross, which allocates renovation funding through private donations. Since its foundation in January 2007,

Friends of the Cross has raised nearly \$128,000, Vandergraph said.

Vandergraph said he believes a complete renovation would cost nearly \$1 million.

Whitney said he could not get into detail about how his clients felt about being displaced from the board, but anxiously awaits the transition board to convene.

"There were certainly some good things that came out of this settlement," Whitney said. "I think it's fair to say everyone is excited to give (the cross) a future."

FIRE

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"It's like they shoot first and ask questions later," Goldman said. "There is nothing to change; we haven't done anything."

SIUC is now on a watch list for being on red light status by FIRE. A "red-light" institution has at least one policy that both clearly and substantially restricts freedom of speech, according to FIRE's Web site.

In FIRE's Spotlight on Speech Codes 2009 report, which was released

Dec. 15, 270 of the 364 (74.2 percent) schools reviewed by the group were given red-light status. Seventy-eight schools (21.4 percent) were given yellow-light status while only eight schools (2.2 percent) were given a green-light status. Eight schools, meanwhile, were not rated.

Should SIUC not comply with FIRE's request to change or eliminate the policies in question, further action including public pressure or even court could be taken.

"(FIRE) makes suggestions to get in line and often universities do the

right thing," said SIUC Professor and President of the Illinois Association of Scholars Jonathan Bean, who co-signed FIRE's letter to the university. "FIRE is wonderful with working with institutions that want to work with them and fighting institutions that are opposite of what FIRE thinks is the right thing. They are media savvy and are tough in court. They simply do not lose."

FIRE's letter used its experience with Texas Tech as a specific example for SIUC.

"For instance, at Texas Tech, a fed-

eral court determined that Texas Tech's policy must be interpreted to allow free speech for students on park areas sidewalks, streets or other similar common areas... irrespective of whether the University has so designated them or not," the letter stated.

But Goldman said the university is not in the wrong, saying FIRE has not even provided an example of the violation in question.

Goldman said the university has yet to deny a group or single student the right to pass out pamphlets or protest outside the designated free forum area.

Goldman said the free forum area is simply an area in which protestors can use amplified noise, in order to protect protests from disrupting classrooms.

"I'd like to see an example of where we did this," he said. "In love, you don't have a standing case if there is no issue. Where is the issue? There is no issue."

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Voices Online

Check here every day to see which opinions did not fit in the paper.

Editorial Cartoon

Editorial cartoons provide support to opinion writing, and can often stand on their own. DAILY EGYPTIAN staff cartoonists draw many of the cartoons; others are provided through wire services.

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Newspapers strive to report the news with fairness and accuracy, but also reserve some space to express opinions. Editorials are the voice of the watchdog — they may praise, criticize or advise caution. They might offer solutions or simply raise questions. Editorials strive to hold public figures such as government officials and community members accountable through carefully considered criticism.

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The editorial board meets several times a week to choose topics, discuss the issues and formulate the newspaper's position. We sometimes invite guests to editorial board meetings if we feel they can contribute to our understanding of the issue at hand. Sometimes these guests are the people making the news, such as campus administrators or city officials. At other times, to make certain we have all available information on a given topic, we may consult with the reporter covering the story.

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After a thorough discussion of the issue, we decide what arguments should be included

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Our Word

Graduation should end it



Lipschitz/Black - Daily Egyptian

It's graduation time, and that's the thousands of hours, effort and sweat that you've put into your education these months fly by.

Before the ceremony, you cheer for the courts with your parents, siblings and grandparents. Afterward, everything has to be decked out with your diploma in hand. Your significant other would make it — he's taking a break at that point, right?

After the ceremony is just getting a look at the books. Back to the books, but more you just graduated. Thursday night and your heart has had — oh, wait that's tomorrow, what? You've got your diploma in hand, it's a few months — it's at SIUC the next morning.

The ceremony is just one day

and would have taken place at SIUC at the end of the spring, at least for Fall 11 and last semester, it is a good idea to get the books and books to come within the suspension issues that is graduation.

The Daily Egyptian thinks that the people most important to their parents.

Senior Chancellor Sam Callahan said he does not want to meet the ceremony off campus, but we are prepared to offer more support and information to a four-day schedule of 15 ceremonies out of which only one will take place in Sherrill Auditorium.

The Daily Egyptian believes the university has the right to make the calendar as they have already been granted.

If the people who you graduated with are willing to work in a strike, then we should be willing to work in a strike. The SIUC strike should be ending by the end of the year.

Both could be used as a back up to an outdoor ceremony.

Both are on campus, and while they may not be as beautiful as a degree in Sherrill, the SIUC Arena would really up to a level.

Either of these could be an additional source of revenue. They would not have to be subsidized, but they could still happen on the outdoor venue. Faculty members can meet easily near Carbondale.

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Our Word and what position

will support. Sometimes the editorial is written by a single member of the editorial board, and other times it represents a collaborative effort. At all times, it is the opinion of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

The goal of Our Word

is to keep our readers informed and engaged so they can participate in making southern Illinois and SIUC a better place to live, learn and work. This goal is in harmony with the mission of the DAILY EGYPTIAN — one of being a trusted source of news information, commentary and public discourse. We work at all times to further that mission.

Editorials, which are pro-

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"These numbers, back-to-back, of more than a half-million a month suggest that the U.S. economy is in a freefall."

Markman Behrweh
chief economist at BNS Global Insight,
after unemployment rates hit 7.2 percent — a 16-year high.

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"We are working with humans here and we are prone to human error."

Bill Clinton
during a speech. The line was heard about 1:20 and flared into a live score.

Mission Statement

This statement enumerates the principles underlying the DAILY EGYPTIAN's tradition of excellence and appears here to serve as a reminder to the readers and the newsroom staff.

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The quote of the day serves up some words for thought from anywhere or anyone in news.

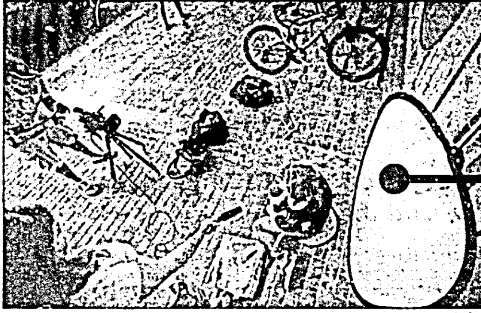
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In our weekly photo column, "InSight," a photojournalist will use words to draw you more deeply into the images you see in the pages of the DAILY EGYPTIAN. Every Wednesday, one of the photojournalists will select an image and write about it, providing insight on the circumstances, describing the surroundings, or providing information about what is not visible in the photo.

Viewing the image through the eyes of the photojournalist who created it, you will see details you might otherwise have missed.

INSIGHT



Page one unscripted

Photo column by
Steven Rickert — Oscar Estrems

This is a different point of view. It is meant to give the readers some insight into how certain components of the paper are put together and how that process looks visually.

"Think of it as a 'behind the scenes' look at page one."

The project was simple in concept — gather opinions on the how the economy has affected the average student. So three of us from the DAILY EGYPTIAN set out to ask random students what has changed in their daily lives.

The setup wasn't complicated: a hallway, two cameras and a microphone.

The responses we received were varied. Some haven't noticed any negative effects during this downturn. Others have lost their homes,

their jobs, can't find jobs or are even just taking out their retirement. Still others know the economic situation is bad but still purchase big-ticket items that will help them through school.

The current economic situation may seem abstract to a lot of students on college campuses. I think it is natural to feel somewhat sheltered from this while enrolled in classes. After all, loans are in default, it is relatively easy to find decent housing, and graduation and settling into a career may still be a couple years away.

The truth of the matter is that this crisis affects everyone. The results of this downturn could be instrumental in determining the success of a generation of people. People graduating will be facing an uphill battle. Jobs will become even more difficult to

find, and loans for homes and cars may be obtainable only to those with the best credit ratings. Eventually, those of us who have student loans will need a means to repay those loans, and with fewer employment opportunities available, this may become a crisis in itself.

The world economy is intertwined; we are not isolated from it, and the plunge on Wall Street is rippling through global markets. International leaders are calling on the U.S. government to pass a rescue plan because this crisis is affecting them, not just the crisis in being felt in Europe and Japan, then it is sure to think that it won't affect us at some point at Southern in the new future.

GUEST COLUMN

Cancer beds

Devielle Spratt
Guest Columnist

A noticeable trend among females (and recently in males) during the last 15 to 20 years is the belief that they need to be BRONZED.

Carbondale has five-plus tanning salons, completely booked with young people waiting to look as though they just returned from month-long Caribbean cruises. They are everywhere — those "romantic" couples walking around campus, glowing like they have radiation poisoning.

I should like to be one of them. I always, in the winter months, once or twice a week, to maintain a healthy glow, as safe, I would occasionally visit into beds, even though signs in salons advise, "Tanning salons advertise a 'safe, clean environment' — even saying it is 'safer than the sun.' Believing this and thinking I don't go that often, nothing

could happen to me," I went tanning to keep my glow and to keep up with trends. Being 20, I thought I was invincible.

That is, until a mysterious black mole showed up on my right breast.

I noticed it during finals week spring 2008. As soon as I arrived home for summer, I had the mole — and three other odd-looking moles — removed.

A week later, my doctor called and explained that I had malignant melanoma. Most doctors call this the fastest spreading and most deadly form of skin cancer. He said I was lucky I caught it so early, and decided to make arrangements to have it removed. After a fair share of "Why me?" and with the support of my family and

friends, I called my doctor to have the cancer removed.

After a month of two very painful and nauseating procedures — and constant reminders that I was the youngest melanoma skin cancer patient by at least 10 years at UW-Madison's Health Clinic — I was left alone to heal the two-inch by two-inch hole in my right breast.

The doctor left the wound open to heal rather than stitching it shut, believing that when it scarred enough, I could have plastic surgery to fix the unsightly large scar on my chest. Not long after my second procedure, I was no longer had cancer.

Applying vasocare and checking my moles has become a daily ritual. My mother

says, "No one should ever be afraid of the sun," said I'm not. I have a lot of color from the sun despite my excessive use of Coppertone SPF 30, but you will never see me looking like a penny again. Being pale never fits so good!

I urge young people to think twice about using tanning beds. Tanning beds are harmful. We all know this, yet every tanning salon in Carbondale is packed with customers. The physical and emotional pain of being only 20 years old and having deadly cancer is not worth the \$20 a month I spend to be tan. In place of the cancer is a scar — a daily reminder that in today's society, no matter our age, anything is possible. We are young, not invincible. We need to take care of our bodies today so we can make it to the future.

Spratt is a junior studying pre-chemicals.

Gus Bode says check out today's Voices section!



While Gus Bode may change costumes from time to time, he always offers a front-page tidbit from that day's Voices pages.

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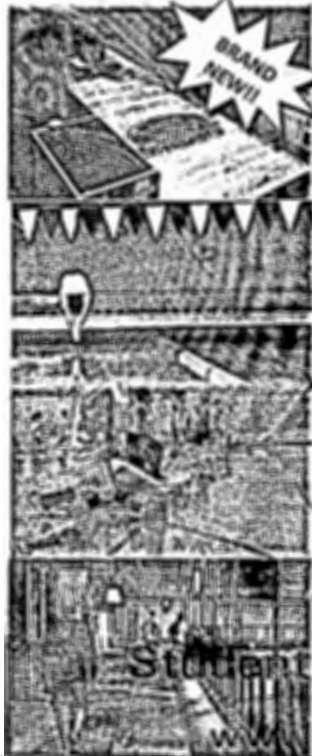
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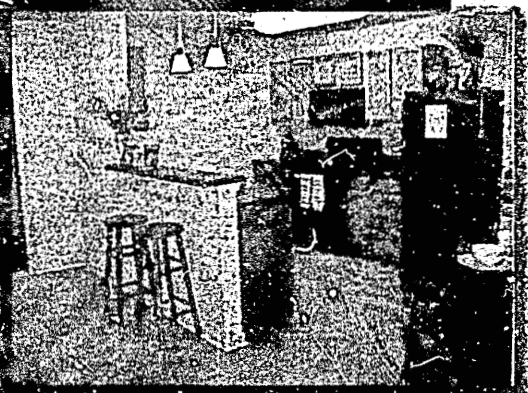
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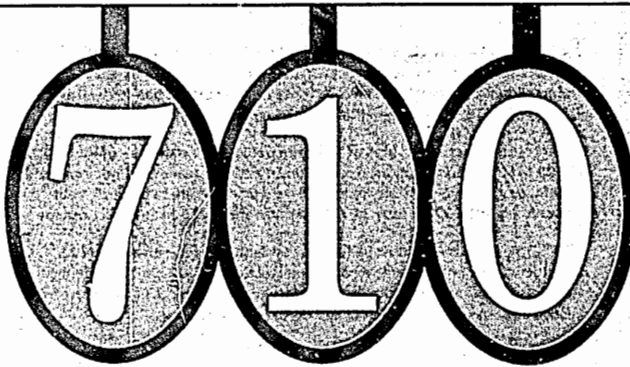


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GAZA

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Majed Naser's mother, Ghada Naser, organized the protest.

"We teach our children peace, and yet they watch the adults do this," said Ghada Naser, a junior from Romala, Gaza, studying information systems technology.

She said the point of the march was to alert southern Illinoisans of the actions taken by Israel in the Gaza Strip (located west of Israel along the Mediterranean Sea). More than 800 people have been killed by the fighting, according to a Sunday Associated Press report.

Reem Khader, 11, said she was protesting the "massacre in Palestine."

"Everytime I watch TV, children (in Gaza) are being torn limb from limb," she said. "People should have a home for them to live in."

Khader said she was offended that Adam Sandler's character in the movie "Bedtime Stories" donates a significant sum of money to the people struggling in Israel, but not Palestine.

"Our kids have the right to know what's going on," said Marwa Khader, Reem Khader's mother. She said the family has a satellite dish, which picks up Middle Eastern news stations.

Some of the protesters, such as Kaoutar Elmounadik, said the people of Gaza are experiencing a "21st Century Holocaust" because of the Israeli army's invasion and the way it treats the people there.

Ragda Kahil, a protester and native of Gaza, said her husband's family members overseas have been forced to leave their homes, but have not been able to flee because of border closures.

Kahil, a doctoral student in speech communication, said all Muslims affected by these attacks are her family.

"It's my whole family out there," she said. "All my family is being killed."

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Chancellor Goldman drops 'interim' title

Poshard: Change will create sense of stability

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The search for a new chancellor will continue as scheduled, despite the SIU Board of Trustees' decision to drop the "interim" from Chancellor Sam Goldman's title. The board dropped Goldman's interim title at the request of SIU President Glenn Poshard, who said the change was a reward for the great job that Goldman has done since he acquired the position in April. University spokesman Rod Sieven said the change would not result in an increase of salary or responsibility for Goldman.

"(Goldman) has been very active and very visible," Poshard said.

"There is a greater sense of stability in that office when there is a chancellor as opposed to an interim chancellor and I felt strongly that he was deserving of the full title."

Peggy Stockdale, president of the Faculty Senate, said the search committee in charge of finding Goldman's replacement hopes to have potential candidates begin visiting the campus throughout fall semester, with a new chancellor in place by July 2010.

Stockdale said the senate has also formed a committee to look into the university's approach to dealing with interim titles.

"We would like to weigh in on what the conditions are in which somebody is titled an interim and what does that interim title be taken off of or her

name," Stockdale said. "We want to have input on that process."

Stockdale said the committee hopes to have a report at the senate's executive meeting, which will take place a week before the senate's Feb. 10 meeting.

She said the committee is looking at more than 200 potential candidates before it opens the position for application from anyone.

The fact that Goldman dropped his interim status, she said, will have no effect on the committee's search process.

"We have had this goal and timeline since we started working on it," Stockdale said. "The only thing about removing his title is for internal purposes and it really had no effect on our search or timeline. (Goldman) knows he has sunset."

Goldman said his job as chancellor has remained the same since he took office.

"It hasn't made a difference with

Having a full chancellor may or may not help (accreditation), but it certainly can't hurt.

— Glenn Poshard
SIU president

me," he said. "I feel the same about the job as I did the day before and the day after."

Poshard said the title change offers Goldman more support from the administration and gives a sense of stability throughout the community.

Poshard said with the university coming up for accreditation this year, having stability at top leadership roles could prove to be a valuable commodity.

"Having a full chancellor may or may not help that, but it certainly can't hurt," Poshard said.

Stockdale said interim titles are sometimes perceived to have

less authority, which she said was not the case with Goldman.

Stockdale said Goldman has acted with a "full head of steam" that has given him credibility since he took the position.

Ultimately, though, Stockdale said Goldman's actions should outweigh his title.

"Stability comes from actions and not words, so talking the interim off doesn't change much," she said. "But is the president's office treating him like a chancellor and is (Goldman) acting stable are the more important questions to ask?"

IMPEACH

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"I'm assuming he'll probably be convicted by the Senate," Poshard said.

Sen. David Luechtefeld, a Republican from Okawville whose district includes Carbondale, said two weeks have been reserved for the trial starting Jan. 26. At least two-thirds of the Senate must vote in favor

of the governor's impeachment if Blagojevich were removed from office. If the Senate conducts a two-week trial, Blagojevich could be forced from office on Feb. 9.

Blagojevich has said repeatedly he does not intend to resign.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Carbondale, also voted in favor of Blagojevich's impeachment Thursday during the final meeting of the House committee

investigating whether there was significant reason to impeach the governor. Bost said the committee listed multiple reasons, including some not mentioned in the federal charges against Blagojevich, for impeachment.

Luechtefeld said the proceedings have been unprecedented and "extremely embarrassing." But he said not all of the state's problems could be blamed on Blagojevich.

"There will be an attempt to blame it on Rod Blagojevich," he said. "He has only been a part of it."

Following Friday's vote, Illinois Republican in Chairman Andrew McKenna said in a written statement that the Democrats should be ashamed for enabling Blagojevich during the past six years.

"That's a joke," said Rep. John Bradley, a Marion Democrat. "As I recall, there were many times

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— Rep. John Bradley
a Marion Democrat

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Rep. Milton Patterson, a Democrat from Chicago and SIUC alumnus, was the only legislator to vote against impeachment. Patterson told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Friday there was not enough evidence to condemn Blagojevich.

Blagojevich was arrested at his Chicago home Dec. 9 and

charged with conspiring with chief of staff John Harris to obtain campaign contributions from potential candidates for Barack Obama's vacant U.S. Senate seat in exchange for their appointment to the seat. He has also been charged with attempting to blackmail the Tribune Company to have the Chicago Tribune's editorial board fired and shaking down individuals for campaign contributions in exchange for state contracts.



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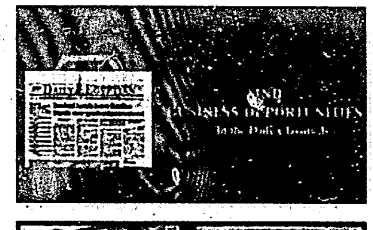
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Kington comes back Metalsmith legend calls Carbondale home

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While in high school in 1950, L. Brent Kington created his first piece as a metalsmith, a sterling silver ring. More than half a century later, the founder of SIUC's blacksmithing program has had his work exhibited across the country, including museums in New York City and Memphis.

Kington's work has been on display in Carbondale, where the "L. Brent Kington: Mythic Metalsmith" exhibit was shown at the University Museum in Faneb Hall.

"It's really nice to bring a body of work made over a 45-year period all together in one place and to have people I've known my whole educational life be able to see it," Kington said.

In the late 1960s, Kington established a blacksmithing program at SIUC, where he helped bring notoriety to a little-known field. Since he joined the faculty in 1961, Kington said the program gained recognition and developed a reputation because of the quality of the students and their work. The program is one of

the few in the United States to offer both bachelor's and master's degrees in the craft.

Kington said the acceptance of his own work nationally and internationally also helped the program.

"It's nice to know that I had a hand in its growth and development," he said. "I had excellent students to work with, and they've done very well."

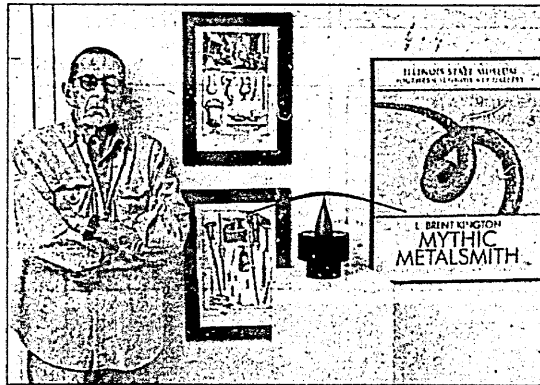
The type of work Kington completes is very diverse, he said. The recent exhibit at the University Museum included pieces spanning over 40 years of work and a multitude of materials, including silver, bronze, iron and steel.

His body of work has left an impression on current SIUC metalsmiths.

"It's pretty amazing someone so accomplished built the blacksmithing program here to be the best in the country," said Sarah Renshaw, a graduate student from Carbondale studying metals.

She said it is great someone who is known internationally as a metalsmith has had such a strong influence on the program.

"He takes an active role in the students' lives. He talks to you and helps; he's there to answer



Brent Kington poses for a portrait in front of his "Crescent" series of metal works in his Makanda home Saturday. Kington, who started the SIUC metalsmithing program, has been metalsmithing since high school. He has exhibited his work all over the world. **BRANDON CHAPPLE**
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questions and comment on work," said Stephanie Ellis, a graduate student from Ottumwa, Iowa, studying metals. "He is very down to earth and very supportive of all the arts. He and his wife have always been a big part of the metalsmithing around here."

Though many of his sculptures

are across the country in various exhibits, Kington said he works in his two studios at his home near Carbondale. While his career has been successful, he said the field of metalsmithing is growing continually stronger and there is an increasingly wider audience interested in unique sculpture.

The factor determining whether people will be drawn to metalwork is an individual one, Kington said.

"It depends on the quality and thinking that goes into the work," he said.

Chris McGregor also contributed to this report.

PULSE

Amy Winehouse's husband, Blake Fielder, has filed for divorce. Fielder cited the singer's infidelity as the main cause for the divorce.

Adding fidelity to the singer's taste for banned substances, what trouble is she going to get into next?

Edyta Blaszczyk

I hope she does not do this, but the next step for her is probably stealing babies.

Chris McGregor

Amy Winehouse will probably head off to Somalia and join up with a band of pirates. Her celebrity status will assuredly increase their ransom-asking prices.

Luke McCormick

Winehouse has already taken part in the cliché celebrity drug addiction story, so it is time for her to throw the entertainment world a curveball. She needs to get involved in a high-profile pyramid scheme or at least rob a bank. A little variety! Winehouse, that's all we ask for.

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Saluki Insider

The top two seeds in the NFC, the New York Giants and Carolina Panthers, were eliminated in the divisional round of the NFL playoffs. Which upset shocked you most?



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"Even though the Giants were the favorites, they were upset during Week 14 when they hosted Philly. How can a second loss be shocking? More shocking was Delhomme basically becoming Arizona's best quarterback, tossing the Cards 23 points."

"The elimination of the defending Super Bowl champion is shocking in itself, but the Panthers laid an absolute egg at home against an inferior team. Saturday was Jake Delhomme's birthday, but he was the one giving out presents as he turned the ball over six times by himself. The Cardinals had no business being in the playoffs; now they are one win away from a Super Bowl berth."

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"The Panthers' loss surprised me more because of the way the Cardinals were outscored by about 800 points after they clinched the NFC West. Delhomme's game is even worse considering Tarvaris Jackson threw for four touchdowns against Arizona in Week 15. I imagine Delhomme went home and took a bath, furiously trying to scrub off 'the Future, Big Homer in the episode of 'The Simpsons' after he first failed at writing a newspaper article as a food critic."

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EVANSVILLE

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After Holsinger corralled a 3-point miss by sophomore Carlton Fay, the Purple Aces had a chance to cut the lead to one or tie the game with a 3-pointer. However, the Salukis turned a missed 3-point shot by Ely into a Dillard two-point bucket to seal the team's fourth

straight victory against Evansville. Lowery said a combination of senior leadership and maturation of the team's younger players helped spark the win.

"The older guys are used to being at a point where the game is in the balance, and now, two games in a row our freshmen are doing things in the clutch situations to help us win games," Lowery said.

"And if they can stay consistent with that and understand what it means to go all out on a defensive play, or an offensive set, or a late game situation, it obviously helps us in the future."



CHECK OUT the photo gallery of the basketball game against Evansville.

BREAK

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Cornelius, who led the team in field goal percentage before leaving, said he left the team because of health reasons that did not allow him to play at the high level expected of him. Roundtree, who was one of four true freshmen on the team, said he left because he did not feel comfortable in the Salukis' offensive system.

The departures have opened two scholarships, which will be available for head coach Chris Lowery to use for the 2009 season.

Women's basketball

Before Sunday's game against Northern Iowa, the SIU women's basketball team went 2-4 during the winter break as the team continued its climb towards a .500 record. The Salukis (4-8, 0-3) won their first road game Dec. 16 when they beat Central Arkansas 69-68.

Senior forward Jasmine Gibson hit a buzzer-beating jump shot to end the team's four-game losing streak. SIU has struggled on the road, posting a 1-5 record in games played away from the SIU Arena. However, the team is 3-1 in home games with wins over Saint Louis, Arkansas State and Tennessee Tech.

The Salukis have won back-to-back games twice this season, but have not been able to sustain long winning streaks. After starting the season 2-0, SIU dropped four straight games before picking up consecutive wins against Central Arkansas and Tennessee Tech. The team dropped its next three games, including losses to conference rivals Evansville and Bradley.

Senior guard Erica Smith and senior forward Jasmine Gibson lead the team in scoring with 13.4 and 13.7 points per game, respectively. Sophomore Katrina Swingle, who is averaging 10.9 points per game, joins the senior duo in leading the team.

SALUKIS

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Northern Iowa center Lizzie Boeck led all scorers with 23 points and senior forward Jasmine Gibson led the Salukis with 12 points and six rebounds in the finale of the team's three-game road trip.

With the loss, SIU's road record now stands at 1-5.

The Salukis' road trip began Jan. 2 at Evansville, a game they lost 70-65, squandering a seven-point halftime lead. SIU then lost its third straight game on Friday at Bradley, trailing 43-16 at the end of the first half

before losing 73-49.

Eikenberg said the defense was strong for the Salukis, but the offense was problematic on the tough road trip.

"I sure appreciate the Missouri Valley Conference giving us this opening set," Eikenberg said during the postgame radio interview with a laugh. "I wouldn't want this on anybody."

Gibson was the team's top scorer in both games, scoring 14 against Evansville and flirting with a double-double against the Braves, with 12 points and nine rebounds.

Senior guard Erica Smith, who had five points on 2-of-7 shooting

against Northern Iowa (5-9, 3-1), scored less than 10 points for the third straight game. Eikenberg did not start Smith and said after the game that he hoped to alleviate the pressure on Smith by bringing her off the bench.

Smith struggled in the two previous games, scoring 14 points total, which is just a shade above her per game scoring average. She is also shooting 31.6 percent in her last three games.

The Salukis return home Thursday to host Creighton at the SIU Arena where SIU is 3-1 this season. The Bluejays have not fared well on the road this season, going 2-5 away from Omaha, Neb.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

SIU shoots past Evansville

Win against Aces secures Salukis' second straight victory

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After opening Missouri Valley Conference play with three straight losses, the SIU men's basketball team has won back-to-back games to escape the conference cellar.

The Salukis (7-9, 2-3) picked up their first conference home win with a 70-63 victory against Evansville (11-4, 3-2) on Saturday. SIU rallied from a nine-point first-half deficit by converting to a small lineup as it tried to match Evansville's quickness.

Senior forward Tony Boyle paced SIU with 14 points and 10 rebounds en route to his second career double-double. The 6-foot-8-inch forward did a lot of damage after the Salukis implemented a four-guard lineup to erase the 21-17 deficit with eight minutes and 51 seconds remaining in the first half. From that point, SIU went on a 22-11 run to take a 39-35 halftime lead.

"We went smaller because they moved Shy Ely to the four, and none of our bigs can guard him, so we had to go smaller," Saluki head coach Chris Lowery said. "We changed it around and used our big as a ball screener, which took their big out of the middle, so we had penetration to the basket."

SIU's guards accounted for 46 of the team's 70 points, led by freshman guard Kevin Dillard who scored 13 points, distributed five assists and grabbed two steals. Senior guard Bryan Mullins added eight points, seven assists and five steals. Freshman guard Ryan Hare and senior guard Wesley Clemmons chipped in nine points each.

At the Saluki guards thrived with several ball handler: on the court, the Purple Aces' guards struggled at times. Guard Kaylon Williams scored only four points in 27 minutes while backcourt teammate Jason Holsinger scored 16 points but only hit four of his 12 shots from the field including only two of his nine 3-point attempts. Forward Shy Ely led all scorers with 22 points on 10-for-19 shooting.

Evansville head coach Marty Simmons said a lack of execution down the stretch doomed his team's chance to pick up its first road win at the SIU Arena since 2001.

"I thought we got off to a great start. We were really aggressive," Simmons said. "I thought Southern did a good job picking the heat up a little bit and we didn't handle it very well, and we just battled, but it felt like they executed better than us in the late going."

SIU had a 10-point lead with 6:23 remaining in the game, but that lead dwindled to three after Holsinger connected on a pair of free-throw attempts to make it a 64-61 game with 2:30 left to play.

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Freshman guard Ryan Hare attempts a basket near the end of the first half during Saturday's 70-63 home win against the Evansville Purple Aces. The rebound off the missed shot by Hare led to a 3-point basket by sophomore Justin Bocot, helping to bring the Salukis to the lead by the half-time buzzer.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Scoring droughts doom Salukis

SIU women drop fourth straight

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The SIU women's basketball team's latest loss was low-scoring and uneventful on the offensive side of the ball.

The Salukis lost 54-41 Sunday at Northern Iowa in a game that featured several long scoreless stretches from both teams. SIU shot only 34.8 percent from the field against the Panthers and 6-for-14 from the free-throw line.

The loss leaves SIU (4-9, 0-3 MVC) looking for its first Missouri Valley Conference win and riding a four-game losing streak.

"It's tough when you can't make layups and free throws on someone else's court," SIU head coach Dana Eitzenberg said in a postgame radio interview.

During the first half, the Salukis underwent a scoring drought of nearly eight min-

utes while going 1-for-11 from the floor. The scoring drought ended when junior forward Karlee Myers scored on a layup with 1:43 to go in the first half. Myers was fouled on the play and sank her free throw to convert the three-point play.

The Salukis led the Panthers 16-14 before the eight-minute drought, but trailed 24-19 after Myers' layup and free throw.

The first half ended on a high note for SIU when Erica Smith nailed a 3-pointer from just past the half-court line, bringing the Salukis into halftime trailing 30-24.

The Salukis were outscored 20-17 in the second half and both teams underwent a stretch where neither scored for about three minutes. SIU sophomore forward Adrienne Griffith spit a pair of free throws to end the three-minute drought and make the score 46-34. The Salukis also went nearly eight minutes between field goals during the second half.

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Saluki basketball struggles during winter break

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Men's basketball

After opening the season with a pair of wins, the SIU men's basketball team fell on hard times as it has gone 4-5 in its last nine games. The Salukis (7-9, 2-3) opened the Missouri Valley Conference schedule with losses against Bradley, Northern Iowa and Drake before winning back-to-back games against Wichita State and Evansville.

SIU opened its break with a 62-48 defeat against Nevada in which the team struggled to make second-half baskets. The Salukis led 31-30 with 17:18 remaining in the game, but missed their next 15 field goal attempts as the Wolfpack went on a 16-0 run to take command of the game.

The Salukis have struggled away from the SIU Arena so far this season, going 2-3 in true road games. Before Wednesday's 74-62 win at Wichita State, the team's only victory away from home was a 73-58 win against Northern Illinois on Dec. 12. Sophomore forward Carlton Fay and senior guard Bryan Mullins led the team with 14 points each as the team shot 59 percent from the field during the in-state rivalry game.

However, the team's hot shooting in DeKalb did not carry over to its matchup against Saint Mary's College at the Wooden Tradition in Indianapolis. The Salukis' struggles away from SIU continued as they fell to 0-3 in neutral site games. Freshman guard Ryan Hare led SIU with 14 points, but the Aces rallied from a nine-point first-half deficit to pick up the win at Conaco Fieldhouse.

The Salukis regained their shooting touch in their 64-46 win against Western Michigan at the SIU Arena. The team shot 48 percent from the field and shot 55 percent from the 3-point line in the second half as Southern picked up the win.

SIU opened MVC play with three straight losses, including home losses to Northern Iowa and Drake. It is the first time since 1987 that the Salukis have opened MVC play with three straight losses.

Freshman guard Kevin Dillard has lived up to the hype that came with being the first Illinois Mr. Basketball to attend SIU as he leads the team in scoring (12.2 points per game) and is second in assists (4.1).

Cornelius Roundtree leave men's basketball team

The SIU men's basketball team's losses were not limited to the basketball court. The Salukis lost a pair of reserves after the team's New Year's Eve loss to Northern Iowa.

Redshirt junior forward Christian Cornelius and freshman guard Torres Roundtree both left the team after the loss.

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Christina Mieszala, a sophomore from Taylor, Mo., commits a hard foul on Christian Brothers forward Michelle Malone at a Nov. 4 exhibition game. The Salukis won the game 77-46. EVAN DAVIS
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