Cole takes election

Students swing election;
Cole slides in by 21 votes over Flanagan

Sara Hooker
Daily Egyptian

In the closest mayoral race in recent Carbondale history, Brad Cole slid by Maggie Flanagan by 21 votes in an election that ultimately was decided by the student-dominated precincts.

Cole addressed a crowd of supporters at Copper Dragon at about 9:30 Tuesday evening to announce his victory.

"Something happened on the way here today," I got elected mayor of Carbondale," he said, as the crowd stood up of about 100 let out a collective cheer. "Every vote counts."

Crowd members joked about his shaky hands, which held the paper with the final tally. "Somebody either needs to hold this paper or hold my hand," Cole said, laughing.

Because of the closeness of the vote, Flanagan can choose to contest the count. She has the option of choosing up to 10 precincts to analyze for discovery. Jackson County Clerk and Recorder Larry Reichardt said. He said the votes would be recounted if enough discrepancy is found, Flanagan can petition a court to seek a full recount.

After the results were announced, Flanagan said she was unsure if she will seek a recount. She said a crowd of about 100 supporters at Muggy McGraw's Bar & Grill that she was proud of her run for mayor and, more importantly, proud of Carbondale.

"We did a good race," Flanagan said as the crowd. "It was a huge, wonderful run. We defined what we wanted. We have a great new City Council. We'll just take the new Council and move on."

As the lead bounced back and forth, Cole supporters gathered around a large screen that updated the board counts. Cheers and clapping were heard as Cole took the lead 785 to 772 at about 8:30 p.m.

Cole led by 57 votes with three precincts left. Of the final three precincts, one included Flanagan's street and another included Cole's street.

The election rested on precincts Reinhardt previously identified as

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Council: four in one out

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

The City Council election may have been overshadowed by a stunning mayoral race, but it still had its share of drama as one council member was voted out of office and four new ones were voted in.

Mike Neill lost his chair on the council by 78 votes. Edging him out was Lance Jack, while Sheila Simon and Steven Haynes dominated the race. Simon came in first by 310 votes, but Haynes was right on her tail for most of the race until she pulled away.

Haynes secured his second term by 151 votes over Jack. "Sheila kicked butt," said Gail Thomas, a friend of Simon's who helped with her campaign.

Neill said after 15 1/2 years working for the city while a member of the council and the park district, it was time he stepped down and let someone else take his place.

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Results: Carbondale City Council

Simon: 2,210
Haynes: 2,150
Jack: 2,095
Sheila Simon: 2,210
Steven Haynes: 2,150
Lance Jack: 2,095
Michael Neill: 1,510

Results: 2-year term

Wissmann: 45%
Fritzler: 44%
B: Chris Wissmann 1651
Joel Fritzler: 1261

Results: 4-year term

Wissmann: 696
Stelling: 485

Mayor-elect Brad Cole waves to an ecstatic crowd of family, friends and supporters while holding the final results from the polls after learning he had defeated Maggie Flanagan by a margin of 21 votes Tuesday evening at the Copper Dragon Brewing Company in Carbondale. Cole is the first new mayor elected in Carbondale in 16 years.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**WARR UPDATE**
Current as of 8 p.m. CST, Tuesday  
+ Coalition forces have not found any evidence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, U.S. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said at Tuesday’s Central Command briefing in Qatar. (cnn.com)

+ Four journalists missing from Iraq turned up safe Tuesday in Jordan. The four were arrested at their Baghdad hotel March 25 and taken to prison. They were interrogated and accused of being American spies, but say they were not physically mistreated, though the conditions of their confinement were harsh. The four were Markingham, a photographer on assignment for Esquire magazine, Newsday journalists Matthew McAllister and Moises Saman, and a Danish photographer. (cnn.com)

+ U.S. forces found an American POW late Tuesday, Pfc. Jessica Lynch, a U.S. soldier reported missing after an ambush on the 507th maintenance Company March 23 in Nasiriyah. Lynch is from Palestine, W. Va. (abnbcnews.com)

+ A major battle occurred in the Shiite holy city Karbala, about 50 miles south of Baghdad. U.S. Army troops reportedly bought the Medina Division of the Republican Guard. (abnbcnews.com)

+ U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Richard Myers, on those who publicly question the U.S. military campaign in Iraq. "It is not helpful to have those kind of comments come out when we’ve got troops in combat, because, first of all they’re false, they’re absolutely wrong, they bear no resemblance to the truth...and it just harmful to our troops that are out there fighting very bravely, very courageously" (cnn.com)

+ A pipeline began flowing Monday from Kuwait to the Israeli port city of Umm Qasr to deliver fresh water, U.S. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said Monday. (abnbcnews.com)

+ Four ships carrying weapons of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division docked Tuesday at Kuwait City’s Shuabah port, and maintenance crews began, unloading Apache helicopters, Abrams battle tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles, and Humvee armored vehicles. (cnn.com)

+ In Kurd-dominated northern Iraq, Iraqi opposition forces took a town that was suspected stronghold of the Islamic militia Ansar al-Islam. (cnn.com)

**Corrections**
In Tuesday’s issue of the Daily Egyptian, the page 4 article, “April brings national awareness to sexual assault,” Jennifer Hibbert’s name was misspelled.

The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.

**Today**
- Bright sunshine with a warm southwest breeze at 15 to 20 mph.

**Five-day Forecast**
- **Thursday** Some Clouds 76/57
- **Friday** Thunderous 66/46.
- **Saturday** Mostly Sunny 60/36
- **Sunday** Cloudy & Win 59/51
- **Monday** Gusty 60/40

**Almanac**
- Average high: 60
- Average low: 39
- Tuesday’s precip: 0.00
- Tuesday’s hilo: 74/53

**CALENDAR**
- Today
  - Judyce Thomas L. Kilbride
  - Hiram H. Lesar Distinguished Lecture
  - Lesar Law Building Auditorium
  - 5 p.m.

- Wednesday
  - Confident Management
  - University, sponsored by Student Health Programs
  - Student Center, Missouri Room
  - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- Faculty Recital
  - Jeanine Wagner, soprano and Margaret Simmons, piano
  - Old Baptist/Boulevard Recital hall
  - 7:30 p.m.

**POLICE REPORTS**
- University
- A Sony PlayStation 2 and games were reported stolen between 8:50 a.m. and 8:10 p.m. Monday at Schneider Hall. The residence was entered without force and the loss is estimated at $350. Police have no suspects.

- Carbondale
- Jessica L. Easton, 20, from Steelville, was cited for driving the wrong way on a one-way street at 2:11 a.m. Tuesday. She was referred for a personal recognizance bond.

- Jenneb Lynn Labors, 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and discharging a traffic control device at 3:35 p.m. Tuesday. She posted her driver’s license and a recognizance bond.

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Voter turnout up from primaries

Community members, SIUC students vote to elect new mayor

Kristina Dailing & Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

Peter Chametzky of Carbondale showed up at the Carbondale Civic Center at about 5:20 p.m. His daughter, Haley, 5, and his son, Ben, 9, were with him as he stood in line to cast his vote.

"We vote," Haley asked.

"You're not old enough," Ben said.

But many other Carbondale community members, who were old enough to vote, elected a new mayor for the first time in 16 years and to elect four new City Council members.

Tuesday's voter turnout of 3,640 was up from the February primary turnout of 1,674. And once again election judges were awake and at the polling places at about 6 a.m. ready to hand out ballots to voters. Polling judges said that community members and students trickled in to vote throughout the day.

At precinct 9 polling place in the Carbondale Civic Center, election judges said turnout was heavier than the primaries but not by much. And the snowy weather that many attributed to lower voter turnout in the primaries could not be attributed to low voter turnout today.

At about 5:15 p.m., 152 of the 728 registered voters at Precinct 9 had turned out to vote in the election. Renatha Crow of DeSoto said that she did not think there were enough issues to get people to vote, but she said people should take more interest in their lives and realize the issues do affect them.

"You can talk about what you can gripe guilt-free," Crow said. "If you don't vote, you can't gripe.

Dave Fisher of Carbondale said that he has seen many citizens as he worked as a way to get qualified officials in office. He said the people should get out and vote as long as they vote for the right people.

Victor Harris, an election judge from Murphysboro who has been working at polling places for the past seven years, was stationed at precinct 26. He said he noticed a younger turnout of people voting in this election. He said he was startled that several participants voted for the first time. And he was not surprised that there was more voter participation in this election compared to the primaries.

"Anytime there is a general election people turn out to vote," Harris said. "I doubt few people don't care about what happens to them." Harris said she was disappointed that many of her friends and fellow students said they did not vote or feel the need to. to get a lot of people to vote but they just kept telling me they didn't register," Sieth said.

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Candidates scrape up last-minute votes

City Council, mayoral candidates participate in WIBD voting rally

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Daily Egyptian

Editor's Note: Election returns were not in by this story's deadline.

With the sounds of White Zombie, Eminem and Twisted Sister emanating from the speakers set up in the SIUC Free Forum Area, candidates spent the day at a WIBD-governed voting rally attempting to meet and greet as many students as possible in the waning hours of the election.

From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., the venue was never bare, and often filled by crowds of up to 30 students standing by to listen to the candidates and sample the free food provided by WIBD.

Although mayoral candidate Brad Cole spent the majority of Tuesday touring Carbondale residents and generating voting interest, he said he was glad to make trips to the rally Wednesday.

Cole said he thought it was important for him to take advantage of an opportunity to interact with students and show them how much he values their opinions.

"I think it's important to have that last opportunity for students and I want them to know that I plan to make sure they have a say in city government," Cole said. "I plan to be a representative who notices the opinions of the students."

Cole said he was pleased with the level of student participation at the rally, but he said the turnout was less than what he had expected to see.

"This is definitely something I would like to see more, especially in the future, absolutely, without a doubt," Cole said.

Cole's opponent, Maggie Flanagan, also made the trip to the rally, but she was there long enough to leave a lasting impression on the SIUC student Jake Hovse, a freshman in architecture from Buffalo Grove.

"I thought it was really cool how she tried to make an effort to talk to all of us, even though I'm sure she was really busy today," Hovse said. "It's nice that the candidates try and get students involved with their campaigns."

"While the mayoral candidates could only devote a small portion of their day to the rally because of other commitments, City Council candidates Chris Wissmann and Joel Fritzler could spare the time to catch the side-walks in front of Parkinson Hall the entire day."

Wissmann, a two-year candidate, said he participated in the rally because he thinks the students define Carbondale, and it would be an injustice to not show their appreciation for the many things students provide.

He said many small-business owners, like himself and four-year candidate: Jake Justice, depend on students and they and the students could not survive without them.

"I'm here today because if it weren't for the students we'd all be unemployed," Wissmann said. "Without the students a lot of things would be missing around here, like concerts, sporting events, and several fund raisers."

Fritzler, a first-time candidate, said he had to juggle his schedule with the SIUC Center for Research and Development to be involved with the rally, but said he spent every minute available talking with students.

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Mayoral candidate Brad Cole is greeted by WIBD news director Christina Kullberg after arriving in the SIUC Free Forum Area Tuesday afternoon during this WIBD's voting rally. Cole won a brief debate with other candidates running for office by the Free Forum Area to speak with students and gather last some votes.

Actor shares lessons learned as an activist

Jane Hust
Daily Egyptian

For someone who has received numerous hate mail, death threats, lost a job and had a bomb threat, actor and activist Ed Asner has a sense of humor unlike most.

"I think the point has been made," Asner said.

The Emmy winner has used his platform as a citizen and as someone in show business to take a stand on issues he believes are important," said Paul Simon, former senator and director of the Public Policy Institute.

"Whether you agree or disagree, he's like you and me doing something," he said.

The seven-time Emmy award winner, who is famous for playing Lou Grant in the TV series "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," spoke at a Student Center about the lessons he learned from his past and about taking a stand on issues.

Asner said his political opposition to the local coal miners strike during his high school days in Kansas City, Mo. until his football coach was arrested for car theft; the drive to right to strike. As the time, the mainstream press criss-crossed the strike.

"For the first time, I realized that when all the papers were screaming one thing," Asner said. "It didn't mean it had to be true. That was the best lesson I had in questioning the media."

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24-year-old murder case trial delayed

The preliminary hearing for a Kentucky man accused in the 1980 slaying of a 24­year-old murder case trial delayed.

William Anthony Slick, 46, is on trial for the 1980 murder of his former girlfriend, Dorothy Sharp, whose body was found north of her home. The body was located at 1270 E. Main St.

Carbondale Police Chief R.E. Fenzy said the trial was delayed because he didn't want a mistrial.

He said: "It has turned out to be less than a mistake."

Slick, 46, is on trial for murder after a mistrial was declared that matched one given by Sharp's family a year after the body was found.

Slick was also found guilty of murdering children, drugs [and] beating their victims.

"I think what's unfortunate because enter­tainment is a marauding conduit to reach people," Asner said. "The biggest newspaper is not read by a great many people. But one prime time television show can reach 30 to 40 million people in one night.

Asner said he is familiar with dozens of public servants including former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, philosopher Thomas Aquinas and the Bible, among others.

"I take a stand and hold government leaders accountable for the decisions they make."

Asner's personal motto resonated with the audience with laughter and applause.

"Ed rather be pissed off than pissed on," he said.

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Free tax clinic to take place Thursday

For anyone who needs help with income tax returns, there will be a free tax clinic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Carbondale Public Library. People from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance organization, an accounting service at Southern Illinois University's MA 1040, MA 1040EZ, or 1040EZ forms.

They can also assist with various tax credit forms for child dependent care or educational credits. Participants will need to bring hard copies of tax returns and W-2 and 1099 forms information for any deductions or credits and a copy of last year's tax return.

Anyone may pick up a reservation number at the main CAROLINA office at the library on the day of the clinic. For more information, call Mike Colborn at 529-3397.

Single-family home rehabilitation funds available

The City of Carbondale has Single-Family Home Rehabilitation (SFHR) Program funds available to assist owner­-occupied property owners in the city. Pre-applications are now available that will be accepted through May 5. Rehabilitation assistance up to $32,000 is available.

Work can include structural, plumbing, electrical, weatherization, heating, cooling and general updates to meet current city codes. Annual household incomes must meet certain limits such as $27,000 per one-person household and $34,200 per two-person household. For further information on obtaining a pre-application for this federal program, contact the City Hall, 500 S. Illinois Ave., second floor at phone 529-3424.
In precincts 21 through 29, the unofficial tally is 337 Cole to 246 Flanagan. In the non-student-dominated precincts, the unofficial total is 1,200 Flanagan to 1,149 Cole. These totals, calculated by the DAILY EGYPTIAN are 10 votes off the official final tally.

Cole said his first order of business is going to be gathering the new council and setting a focus. Four new council members, Sheila Simon, Lance Jack, Steven Hayes and Chris Wissmann, were also elected Tuesday. The new mayor and council will take office May 6.

"It's not going to be a fight," he said. "I'm looking forward to being an active mayor and leading this council, and I'm sure that Ms. Flanagan will continue to serve as she has in the past," Cole said.

As Cole made his way around Carbondale accepting congratulations, he stopped to thank a friend for the lucky buckeye he was carrying in his pocket. Mike Henry, a long-time friend of Cole's, found the buckeye in the woods and brought it to give good luck to his friend.

"I've carried it with me for a little over 20 years," Henry said. "I knew it was going to be a close race."

Mayoral candidate Maggie Flanagan receives condolences from her husband Ray Lenzi as she gets word of the 21-vote shortcoming that determined her opponent Brad Cole as Carbondale's new mayor. Flanagan, who awaited results with supporters at Mugsy McGuire's Bar and Grill Tuesday evening, said, "We still have Carbondale — we played it fair."

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Fees aren’t what we ordered

It’s our money. But these days, it’s hard to notice because it slips so quickly out of our pocket. Such is the case with student fees. Last week the University proposed six fee increases totaling $30.90. The increases will go toward the Athletic Fee, the Student Health Fee for Primary Care, the Student Center, Student and Campus Recreation and the Student Activity Fee.

Last year, USG approved a $30.75 fee increase. That money went toward Student Health Services, the Student Center, student attorneys, mass transit and Campus Recreation. Sound familiar? And to top it all off, administrators are examining the possibility of cutting 8 percent from this fiscal year’s remaining money.

We paid these fees for specific purposes. We want to see that money go where it’s supposed to go. A good education is going to cost money. But it seems that it costs more and more each year. The state’s financial crisis has led to tuition increases, support for the tuition increase that was passed last year seems that it costs more and more each year. The times each year on top of tuition increases when we don’t see the results tends us to wonder if it is truly necessary. Are we going to turn around and do this all over again next year?

These fees will go toward good causes, things students use. Maintenance, operating costs, improving housing, giving students more options for recreation on campus and paying people better salaries are just a few of the good causes this fee increase would benefit. But these little dollars add up. Each part of the proposed $31.90 increase is small, a few dollars going to this organization, a few going to that one. Right now a student pays about $400 each year in student fees. Add on that extra $31 and we’re looking at $431 this year.

And student fees are necessary. Projects such as the Recreation Center were paid for almost solely from student fees. In general, student fees are the only way to provide such programs, according to Larry Flotta, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. I, however, raising student fees each year on top of tuition increases when we don’t see the results tends us to wonder if it is truly necessary. Are we going to turn around and do this all over again next year?

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Students are not just an unlimited bank account that the University can withdraw from any time. Students are not just an unlimited bank account that the University can withdraw from any time. We feel as if that’s been the case lately. Add we worry that these student fees are making up for lost state dollars. Especially when we hear of the possible 5 percent cut from this year’s money.

Student fee money is our money. Examine how we’re spending it and keep an eye on how often you’re incoming fees. It’s a tough call: everyone wants the benefits without having to pay for them. But there must be a way to balance it without raising fees each year.

At a restaurant, if we don’t like what we order, we send it back to the kitchen. This is a public university, and we have that option. If we don’t see the results of fee increases, we can take our money elsewhere.

GUEST EDITORIAL

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Harvard University

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (U-WIRE) — Earlier this month, the Senate approved the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003. In the coming weeks, the House of Representatives will vote on the most severe Legislative assault on the abortion rights granted by Roe v. Wade thirty years ago.

The bill makes no exception for preserving the health of the pregnant woman and thereby undermines a doctor’s professional integrity — denying them the freedom to determine the safest procedure for a patient. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has called the legislation “unjustified, ill-advised, and dangerous.” While abortion remains a tough issue for many people, the pending legislation is troublesome because it negates the need for the mother’s health and expresses doctors who act in the best interest of their patients.

While approximately 90 percent of all abortions take place in the first trimester, before the fetus is 12 weeks old, second-trimester abortions remain rare and are most often performed in cases of extreme fetal deformities, or when the health or life of the mother is at risk.

“Partial-birth” abortion, a non-medical term actually coined by abortion rights opponents, refers to an abortion procedure usually performed in the second trimester due to fetal abnormalities or medical conditions threatening the mother. The procedure accounts for fewer than 1 percent of all abortions, or approximately 2,200 abortions a year. While the actual procedure is rarely used, it is sometimes critical in saving a pregnant woman’s life.

These are two other second-trimester abortion options, but the dilation and extraction method is often the safest for the pregnant woman. A 1998 Journal of the American Medical Association article concluded that the death rate connected with other second-trimester abortion methods was nearly double the death rate related to dilation and extraction method.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists confirms that the dilation and extraction method “may be the best or most appropriate procedure in a particular circumstance and only the doctor, in consultation with the patient, can make this decision.”

The legislation targeting doctors is the product of political barren, not sound medical judgment. This bill is particularly troublesome because it criminalizes the only viable method when a woman’s health is of greatest concern. Women seeking abortions deserve access to the safest medical procedure available — the appropriate choice of treatment should be a decision that rests with a woman and her doctor, not with Congress. These views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It’s impossible to travel faster than the speed of light, and certainly not desirable, as one’s hat keeps blowing off."  

Woody Allen

WORDS OVERHEARD

"The United States is the only country in the history of the world that has had the dominant military power and not used it for imperialistic purposes."

William J. Perry

former U.S. secretary of defense

quoting former prime minister of India and defense minister of Israel, Yashvek Khrin
I don't want to grow up, I'm an SIU kid

Not Just Another Priddy Face

By Grace Priddy

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post-coital elation in front of your mother.

So you've down to the 15 credit-hour mark, you'll better start making sure you've got it up.

Enter senioritis. This is that sad little stage when you start putting your Fruity Pebbles for up to make up for last cause. It's almost gone, baby. That last glimmer of party life before you trade

into the free blood-drive T-shirts for dry-clean-only tops.

Gee, aren't we like, and never actually graduate. I look ahead to my 20 year high school reunion, surrounded by 30-somethings with suits and minivans.

What is it you do now, Gracey?

Oh, I can't complain. Got a job offer just last week. Yep, Taco Bell knows I'm a hot ticket. They saw so much of me every Taco Tuesday, they just handed me a uniform. Oh, and I don't want to brag, but they finally wrote my name on the wall at Dock's. Not too shabby.

Okay, maybe it's not that bad, but I still hate to wonder when my real self will finally show up so I can give up this game and finally take those last three classes. Who knows? It may be my 30th birthday.

I can drive down the highway with your heater on and the stereo open. The point is that you're learning little stuff every day, like the concept of fabric softener and the importance of not using certain phrases such as "DUI" or "not just another Priddy Face.

America is turning into Stepford wives

By LeNiece Adolphson

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What I feel especially ironic is that we're all afraid of our own country but when it actually is practiced in America, there are those who want to squash it like a bug. This year's Springs is a critical period in our history. We must not throw away the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It is as if there is a large segment of people who appear to want Stepford Americans, all of which agree with Bush and are not afraid of Bush, anything less is akin to Anti-Americanism. I suggest Bush's edict that "you're with us or the terrorists" was the impetus for this violent attack on protestors or dissenters. Any questioning or protest of policies are immediately reprimanded or disposed.

Despite the fact that I am a vocal critic of many of our current and past policies, I do love America. I am happy to live here since this is my country. It is because I love America that I am so passionate. Regardless of the fact that some are uncomfortable with talking about our past, we cannot seek to minimize past histories by calling major injustices "laws." We cannot shield ourselves from the facts of the past. Our history, change, and as Robert Kennedy stated, "Seek to tame the savagery of man and make good the life of this world." In the end, loving America is not blind allegiance. Loving America is challenging your country to be its best.

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"I wish the new council well and I'm happy for Brad," Neill said.
The rest of the four-year race played out with Dan David earning 348 fewer votes than Neill, and M. Stalls earning 266 fewer than David.
Unlike the four-year election, the two-year race was not nearly as contested. Chris Wissmann dominated most of the election, winning 22 of 27 precincts and garnering 300 more votes than Joel Fritzler. He attributed his win to having more support than Fritzler in his campaigning and not because one candidate was better than the other.
"I had a lot more help than Joel did, and I put a lot more work into it," said Wissmann, who was joined by only Jack as the only two candidates at the Jackson County Courthouse Tuesday night.
Wissmann said he cannot wait to get into office and see if he's an effective councilman. He said he hopes to enjoy the job enough to want to run again in two years.
Jack said his next goal is to perform well as a member of the council. He said he earned his spot by knocking on doors and taking a strong interest in the community, both of which helped him compete against the name recognition of Simon, who is the daughter of former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon.
"Now it's time to go to work," he said. "It's time to put all that hard work and money where the mouth is.
All the new City Council members will officially take office on May 6.

City Council candidate Sheila Simon looks over the shoulder of her husband Perry Knop who is reviewing precinct vote totals from his colleague at the Jackson County Courthouse during Tuesday's election.

Chris Wissmann celebrates his victory Tuesday night at the Jackson County Courthouse via cell phone. Wissmann won a seat on the City Council garnering 300 more votes than Joel Fritzler.
Opposition to war remains strong in France

Bridget Brown, Wiretapped Daily (U. Minnesota)

LYON, France (U-Wire) — Even as final exams approach, Romain L'Huillier, a fourth-year business management student at the Université Jean Moulin Lyon III, says he is worried that classes will not be able to organize and participate in anti-war protests, rallying others to do the same.

L'Huillier is the president of Lyon III division of the Union Nationale des Étudiants de France (UNEF). In the face of recent classes to organize and participate in anti-war protests, rallying others to do the same.

"America made a big mistake and the future will show it," L'Huillier said, reporting a sentiment shared by the majority of French people.

As the U.S.-led war in Iraq rages, opposition in France, and throughout Europe, remains strong.

In France, 87 percent opposed the war, according to a recent poll in Le Figaro.

Many here said in interviews that the war is being waged purely for economic reasons and fear it will further destabilize the volatile Middle East.

Whatever the outcome, the war is likely to remain the No. 1 issue among French politicians and among citizens.

At the European Summit in Brussels, the day after the first strike in France, President Jacques Chirac said he would respect any U.N. resolution that would justify military action in Iraq.

"France will not accept any resolution that tries to legitimize the war," Chirac said.

"France will never accept any resolution that gives the belligerent Americans and British the administrative power of war and peace," he added.

At a popular view in France that the United States is not abiding by the rules of international law.

Demonstrations here showed "USA is everywhere! Justice is nowhere!"

Most disagree with "Captain Bush," who they say "does not respect democracy or even the United States itself."

They fear "American imperialism" will not stop with Iraq and will spread to other Middle Eastern countries, setting the region aflame.

This war is a gift for the terrorists," L'Huillier said. "They just are looking for a reason (to fight)."

In a similar vein, Le Point magazine concluded in a recent article, "The war in Iraq is the most peaceful victory for the United States to clas up on their imperial conquest."

Another popular view is that oil is the driving force behind the war.

Le Figaro reported in the days following the start of the war that 49 percent of the French population believed the war in Iraq's sole purpose was to take control of the oil in Iraq.

Jean-Michel Duhard, the Deputy Union des Étudiants de France, Lyon, shared this view: "I don't understand ... the military action. I see, however, the issue of oil, which will preserve American autonomy for decades, he said.

"Although a quiet minority, there are some in France who support the war and oppose Chirac's position," Gilles Oubuih, a fourth-year accounting and auditing student at the Université Jean Moulin Lyon III, said he would support sending French troops to help fight Saddam Hussein.

"France is an ally of the U.S. If your ally goes to war, you must go with him," France is scared because it's losing its power and influence," he said.

"Its relation with the U.S. is just like a couple — together it's hell, but at the same time, you can't live separated." On March 22, the third day of the war, 120,000 people mobilized throughout France, protesting the war in Iraq with cries of "USA, assassins!" and "Boycott American brands," including McDonald's, Coca-Cola and Nike.

The war in Iraq has just divided the United States from France, but also France from Europe. "It is not an ordinary crisis. The American split is deep. Also, the intra-European split," said Pierre Lellouche, Deputy Union des Étudiants de France, in a recent television interview.

Throughout France, people are looking for a reason (to fight)." As the war continues, many are beginning to look to the United Nations to play a key role in the reconstruction of Iraq.

"France has already delegated a special envoy to humanitarian relief efforts in Iraq and is supplying food for Iraqi refugees," L'Huillier said.

"It seems that the reconstruction of Iraq, France has already delegated 1,000 tons of food to Iraqi neighbors, enough to feed the entire Iraqi population for one week."

Some here say that Iraq's eventual reconstruction could be an occasion for reconciliation between France and the United States or the occasion to start a new hurdle.

Whatever the case, Chirac now looks to the United Nations to play a key role in the reconstruction of Iraq, the "only legitimate framework for installing peace in Iraq."

In a recent television interview Chirac expounded on French opposition.

"The French understand that they can be for peace without being pacifist and against the war without being anti-Americans," he said. Chirac maintains that he doesn't force "any break in the friendship between France and the United States."
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Supreme Court hear affirmative action case against U. Michigan

First case since 1978 to investigate use of race in college admissions

Stephanie Henderson
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WASHINGTON (KRT) — The Supreme Court heard its first challenge in a generation to use race in the college admission process, as two of its centrist justices emerged as the most conflicted interlocutors of the high court.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor expressed uncertainty about whether Michigan's programs go beyond legality and how long they might need to be in place.

Kennedy's wavers point of view on the issue have been discussed almost since the suits were filed, and many have considered him to be the key vote in the court's decision. Kennedy's past opinions suggest that he might be open to changing his mind.

Mary's question the court's opinion might uphold around the pain middle-ground positions because the other justices are so firmly divided. An analysis court watchers said Tuesday that Kennedy and O'Connor's struggle reflects a deeper tension on the court in its desire to deal with issues of desegregation, to ensure academic freedom and to practice judicial restraint.

"They've got to look at all of those principles and try to balance them in this decision," said Victor把握, a New York lawyer, who filed a brief supporting the university on behalf of several black mayors. "They're not going to look at these principles without getting too entangled in the educational process or to be second-guessing decisions made by educators.

Kennedy also seemed to be searching for a way to balance these interests late in the argument. If the justices struck down Michigan's policies, he asked, would the responsibility for devising a better plan fall to the courts or the university?

The cases, separately challenge Michigan's use of race in its undergraduate and law school admissions, mark the first time since 1978 that the high court has considered such an important affirmative action case. The justices will make their decision by July.

Kirk Kolbo, an attorney for plaintiffs Barbara Gormley and Jennifer Grant, didn't get through more than a few paragraphs in his argument before O'Connor jumped in with some crucial questions. O'Connor first challenged Kolbo to explain how he would go about race and some other factor — prevented his clients from being accepted to the university, and then moved to his claim that race can never be used in admissions.

"You have some precedents out there that you have to come to grips with, because the court obviously has upheld the use of race," in certain contexts, O'Connor said. "You're speaking in abstractions, and it isn't quite that.

Kennedy then hearkened in several inquiries that questioned whether the small number of minorities on campus was a legitimate concern for universities to try to key.

"So if you say after year after year there's an under-representation, there is no cause for the state or the government or in educational experts to be concerned?" Kennedy asked incredulously. "I should think that's a very legitimate concern on the part of the state."

Kennedy was equally hard on Alphonse Mahoney and John Payton, the attorneys for the university.

Kennedy pressed several times that there was a reasonable debate over whether Michigan's desire to produce a "critical mass" of minority students on its campus is a thinly disguised quota system, which would be illegal.

Kennedy asked Mahoney if that was true, "also correct?"

Mahoney said no, but Kennedy was hand-holding the point, doubting whether the university's focus was anything beyond a quota, "because its staff during admissions considerations is constantly checking to see what the numbers have expanded to."

O'Connor was less reticent with the university's attorneys, but she expressed reservations about how long the university might have to consider race.

"In all the programs which this court has upheld, you could see an end to it," O'Connor said.

Alan G. Estrin, U.S. Solicitor General Ted Olson — who filed a brief in support of the plaintiffs — hammered away at the university's policy during their presentations.

Olson said Michigan's use of race "falls every test this court has articulated for the use of race."

He called it a quota several times and said it employed preferential and divisive racial stereotypes. Michigan has created a separate path for minorities to use the university, and "their door is always open," he said.

"It's a question of whether the university's focus was on producing a diverse educational setting that would expose students to people they had not encountered while growing up in America's segregated communities.

They also said their admission policy wasn't a disguised quota, because it entailed no fixed minimums.

"Mahoney said the university might want 10 percent to 17 percent of its students to be minority, but that was an 'aspiration' rather than a hard guideline.

Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, who rarely speak during arguments, claimed in Tuesday, focusing the idea that if a university might solve its problem by raising its school's academic standards.

O'Connell said there were enough about that racial imbalance, why doesn't it do as many other state law schools do, lower standards, and not have a flagship school?" Scalia asked.

"Your honor, I don't think there's anything in this court's cases that says it must make an election between academic excellence and racial diversity," she replied.
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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (April 2). You're a strong leader and can develop excellent managerial skills. Practice on an older person who seems to be blocking your progress this year. This is a test. 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 10. It's hard to be humble when you're so fabulous, but that would make you even more irresistible. You're in the groove. Enjoy the applause.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) • Today is 5. Don't wait any longer to get your message across. It'll go through more quickly and forcefully now than it will later.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) • Today is 1. Your job as a messenger has never been more important. Make sure everyone understands what's expected of them. Hold them accountable for their actions.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) • Today is 10. A distant friend understands the hassle you're going through. Seek compassion, but not on company time.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) • Today is 10. It's hard to be humble when you're so fabulous, but that would make you even more irresistible. You're in the groove. Enjoy the applause.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) • Today is 10. A person far away can provide the information you've been seeking. Holler if you need anything.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) • Today is 5. A military type, and with good reason. Although you're more of a pacifist, it's nice to know somebody who'll defend you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) • Today is 6. You don't like to be the last one charging over the hill. Let someone else do that. Hang back and watch so that you'll know which way to go next.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) • Today is 10. You've undergone some profound transformations over the past few years, and you're not done yet. You're at a very attractive point in your development. Relax and enjoy it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) • Today is 5. If you can manage to stay in one place, it's better than it would have been. You'll probably get what you want, but not the way you want it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) • Today is 8. In an argument, you'll undoubtedly get the best of everybody. You have the facts at your fingertips, the right words on the tip of your tongue.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) • Today is 5. An unexpected turn of events could bring an amazing windfall. Your generosity over the years is coming back to you.

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1. Adventurously.
2. Big picture.
3. Advertisement.
4. Ballad.
5. Germanic.
7. Principal outcry.
8. Pri "in your pizzazz.
10. Play group.
11. Labor group.
12. Unbridled verbal abuse.
13. Condensation.
15. Female attendants.
16. Prepare for the boss.
17. Canadian dine.
18. Make’s mead.
19. Lumber to birds.
20. Norwegian spirit.
22. Vice a varie.
23. Landlord.
25. Mother in Madrid.
27. Embarrass.
28. Tend.
29. Revealed, e.g.
30. Give the go-ahead.

**DOWN**
1. Tehran’s place.
2. MacNeely strip.
3. Old money in an anvil.
4. Plead.
5. June celebrants.
6. Actor’s residence.
7. Gives the go-ahead.
8. Auld lang syne.
9. Earlgrey or bOslshson.
12. Mares’ milieu.
13. Peril.
15. Character.
16. Enameled metal ware.
17. Flop.
18. Ants.
22. Pig.
23. Committed.
24. Rump.
25. Corner.
27. Top.
28. Perpendicularly.
29. Rump.
30. For Coach.
31. Place.
32. Cut across.
33. Tidewater thief.
34. Gnomes.
35. Little.
36. Adults.
37. Singer.
38. Condense.
39. Exploit.
40. Little.
41. Female attendants.
42. Prepare for the boss.
43. Earl grey or bOslshson.
44. Little.
45. Cincinnati nine.
46. Mare’s milieu.
47. Jules.
48. Little.
49. So.
50. Freckles.
51. Legroom.
52. Norwegian.
53. Great britain.
54. Finnish.
55. Ms.
56. Mayonnaise.
57. University.
58. Land.
59. On a diagonal.
60. Seahorse.
61. Mother in.
62. Singer.
63. Singer.
64. Man’s expanse.
65. Rosebud.
66. Takes off.
67. Advice.
68. Auld lang syne.

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COMMENTARY

Happy days are here again, at least for women's tennis

The women's tennis season, for the past year and a half, has been an awkward one to describe. I can only think of my bipolar cousin who screams, "I will rule the world!" and then in the next five minutes juts his toe on a piano and cries until his heart stops from exasperation.

Well, at the beginning of the season, all the players were fired and granted a year off from the season. They were so hyped and excited to describe. I can only think of my bipolar cousin.

At SIU, the Salukis had a solid core of young talent that had the potential to produce a high placing in the conference.

Head coach Judy Auld said she thought the team had that ability and it had some substance behind it, unlike Florida's witless--the world of politics at the moment.

But the whole season has been a blur. Like my cousin in France's military strategist Napoleon was whipped at Waterloo, and the tennis players are going down like his men. But this weekend was a little different as the Salukis swept their competition at the Tennessee-Martin.

The team hopes Dan Trapani, a freshman phenom, would return and display the skills that enabled her to be named Missouri Valley co-Freshman of the year way back in 2001. How have the years flown by...

She made it back to just one meet and has been hyped ever since. At the matches, fans and players

... worried about the state of Victoria, which is on the South coast of Australia.

"Australia?" you say? OK, if you don't think I've seen an Aborigin., in Melbourne, or Sydney, or Queensland. I saw a lot in the Northern Territory, though. Woop, woop, I did take an Aboriginal bus in high school, but that's the only exception.

Oh! Another thing I had to adjust to was the kangaroos. One of my American friends is going to Australia for a month and I'm not sure how to communicate with him.

"What's a dunny?"

"Pee-it." (I put on American accent) "Pee-it!" (Confusion on person's face) "Pedro?" "Pee-er." "Peter." (Put on American accent) "Peter?" "Ah, Mr. Peter!" (Dry snicker)

Then I had to get used to taxes. In Australia, prices include the tax so you have to be careful. For example, I once bought a shirt for $4.47 at a clothing store. I went to the checkout and asked for a size 1, as per the tag, which cost something like $4.15. The cashier said "that'll be $4.47 please." I was about to give him the money but stopped. I took it up to the pharmacist then at him. He said "This guy is trying to rip me off". I said "I love being taxed." I paid $4.55 up there, and he says "Yeah, but it's $4.47 including tax." I said "Oh." So, I had to adjust to a different way of doing things.

I have been getting a few stereotypicd comments about Australia, and no, we don't ride kangaroos to school, we don't live all in the bush, we don't wrestle crocodiles in our backyards and yes, we do have airports.

If you ever do go to Australia, I recommend going to Queensland. Queensland is basically the "Aboriginals" of Australia. Yes, we do have nice warm weather, beaches, hot girls — oh, yea mama! And to finish off, I want to make one last statement — you guys drive on the wrong side of the road.

Peter is a junior on the men's tennis team at SIU.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Australia vs. America

If any of you know me, you'll know that I'm from Australia. I live in the suburbs of Melbourne, Blackburn South.

"Melbourne?" you say? It's located in the state of Victoria, which is on the Southeast coast of Australia.

"Australia?" you say? OK, if you don't know where Australia is, you are the dumbest student there is.

What can I tell ya about Australia? Well, I have a lot of beautiful places to live in. We have our own country, and it's best place to be. Some of the things are:

- Beaches
- Hot girls
- Kangaroos
- Wildlife
- Nice weather
- Good food

The standard of living is easier in Oz, but I reckon if you want a job and want to earn a lot of money, being in America is the best place to be.

There were a few things I had to adjust to when I came here. First, it was the time lag. Australia is around 15 hours ahead of the states. The flight is around 22 hours. I still haven't caught up with my sleep yet, but my eating schedule is fine.

The next thing I had to get use to was the term "hey!" It's like saying goodbye. And to finish off, I want to make one last statement — you guys drive on the wrong side of the road.

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By Peter Bong

No. 1 singles player, men's tennis
Abigail Waldron, a graduate assistant in English and an Athletic Department tutor, helps Tomas Gonzalez, a freshman on the SIU men’s tennis team, with an English paper Monday evening. The tutoring program is just one way that SIU is attempting to combat low graduation rates among student-athletes, a problem that continues to perplex schools across the country. SIU’s efforts have paid off as its 54-percent graduation rate is above the average of the entire student body.

a flawed system

Low graduation rates among student-athletes across the nation are prompting officials to consider some drastic changes

Oklahoma came under fire from the NCAA last week for its 0-percent graduation rate among men’s basketball players, as did the other three No. 1 seeds in the NCAA tournament -- Texas, Kentucky and Arizona.

In a rare comparison to basketball powerhouse schools such as the ones mentioned above, if SIU had earned a return trip in the Sweet 16, it would have been scrutinized for the same statistic.

But as the NCAA threatens to tighten the noose on schools that do not graduate their players, threatening them with forfeited scholarships and even season banishment, athletics and the school’s college statistics guru. current system is misleading, a common criticism of the NCAA's current formula to measure academic compliance.

"In the 20 years I've been in college basketball they've talked about changing it," SIU head coach Bruce Weber said of what he considers a flawed system. "But it never happens and they keep publishing reports that make everyone look bad."

"It's almost like propaganda with the war," said Bruce Weber.

"Sometimes I feel I always have to justify not existence to the student body, and to the academics sometimes," Kowalczyk said. "People need to know that our athletes are actually doing better than the student body."

"But some numbers do not reflect that, which is why Kowalczyk also acknowledged the need for a system more accurate than the NCAA's current one to measure academic compliance."

"Florida State, Georgia Tech, Arizona, they are the ones that do poorly every year, but for some reason their graduation rates are higher," said SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk.

"People need to look at transfers. "It's almost like propaganda with the war."

"I think you have to try to reward those who try to do some of the right things," Kowalczyk said. "But some numbers do not reflect that, which is why Kowalczyk also acknowledged the need for a system more accurate than the NCAA's current one to measure academic compliance."

"Sometimes I feel I always have to justify non-graduates when they say the men's basketball graduation rate is misleading -- a common criticism of the current system.

"If I looked at this 2002 rate right now, it reads 0 percent," said Kristina Therriault, director of student services for intercollegiate athletics and the school's college statistics guru. "I know how many student-athletes that refers to and I base it on that, it doesn't show what we're doing right now."

"I think you have to try to reward those who try to do some of the right things," Kowalczyk said. "But some numbers do not reflect that, which is why Kowalczyk also acknowledged the need for a system more accurate than the NCAA's current one to measure academic compliance."

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Break in the action
SIU takes a one-game hiatus from the Valley to face rival SEMO

Michael Brenner  Daily Egyptian

Following the best start to a Missouri Valley Conference season in the history of SIU, the baseball team will take a one-game hiatus from the Valley schedule but so far, has been very good to it.

The Salukis will face Southeast Missouri State on Tuesday, April 1, after coach Dan Callahan said he has maneuvered his team over the last four years, this afternoon at 3 p.m. at Abe Martin Field. Though he said his players have been working hard and had a great team, he didn’t think anything could go wrong as the Salukis sit 24-0 overall and 14-0 in Valley play.

The team will have a game against Missouri Valley Conference leader Evansville this weekend, but Callahan said it will be a tough test for the Salukis. The Salukis will face their first conference game in 457 days, which is the longest streak in valley history.

Callahan and his team are looking forward to the challenge and know they need to keep working hard to maintain their success. The Salukis are currently in first place in the Valley and are hoping to stay there for the rest of the season.
Built for success

SIU men's tennis player Lucasz Soswa has one huge oddity for a tennis player — a ripped body

Zack Greglow
Daily Egyptian

The body has always been an interesting aspect to SIU men's tennis player Lucasz Soswa.

That is why he is built more like a linebacker than tennis player with definition on every muscle which he has benefited from numerous lifting sessions.

He spends a lot of time in the weight room.

His fascination of lifting and building his body should make it easy to realize why he is planning on going into the medical field.

He wants to lift more and more, or flowed his school, me and some friends were going said Soswa, who actually had to miss Soswa md. “We are not supposed to lift and someone to

died right then in my arms. From there aided him in his development.

But his main reason for venturing into that field is much deeper than that.

“Where I was a sophomore in high school, me and some friends were going to a party,” Soswa said. “We had a group light and someone ran it and hit my friend. Just before that in high school, they taught us CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation).

“I knew he was badly hurt, so I tried not to move him, but I knew I had to get him out of the car. When I was performing CPR, the ambulance came and basically pronounced him dead.

“I suppose he was in the same car as him. I was driving right behind him and saw him get hit. I basically drove right through in my arms. From there, we had to perform a defibrillation on same.

Soswa, who now competes at No. 3 singles for the Salukis, stands at an imposing 6-feet-10 and he hails from a six-foot-210 pounds. He said he has always been big, even though his parses are relatively small with his height at 5-feet-2 and his father being 5-foot-10.

But his week ethic is the weight room is the reason for his ripped physique.

His three-effort came in the summer of 2004, prior to his arrival at SIU, when Soswa was out of service because of an injury and what seemed like bad luck turned into a Godsend.

“I was actually a little hesitant when I came down here,” said Soswa, a sophomore on the squad. “I couldn’t play because I tore some ligaments in his back, but didn’t hurt me to lift. And then I couldn’t stop lifting. I just wanted to lift more and more.

“Is just such an adrenaline rush.”

The effort has diminished since then.

“We lift about five times a week,” said Soswa, who actually had to miss a match last spring season after dropping a baseball on his face. “Right now, I am currently going in on my bench press at 300 pounds. I’ve been lifting since my junior year in high school.”

But his workout seeped outside the weight room has made its way into the everyday working world — thanks to his dad’s connections.

A friend, who owned a painting company, hooked him up with some construction companies to work for over his summer’s time and the only aided him in his development.

SIU head coach Mike Jeffery said if heard she was getting a lifetime member when she registered Soswa.

She now appreciates the effort from Soswa, who has always been a good kid and thinks it provides an excellent example to the other men’s tennis players on how they should approach lifting.

But to Soswa, lifting and being a built individual is something he has to do.

“I think tennis is all mental,” Soswa said. “If I feel like I am stronger than every single guy I face, then it gives me that mental edge over that guy. If I have to be on the court all day to beat some guy, I know I can do it.

Yes, me, it is just something that I need.”

As for being built his coach, Soswa said he does not typically use it as an intimidation technique.

He said he has not verbally threatened or minor his arms at another individual, and instead he tries to follow by ma-

ind his gentleman’s role. But then there are times when tempers flare up.

“Tennis is not a contact sport,” Soswa said. “We are not supposed to threaten another player. Our repertoire is supposed to be professional. But like any sport, tempers do flare and some stuff is said.”

Jeffery, though, said his bright enables him to have advantages beyond any intimidation factors.

“Height is a huge advantage on the court,” Jeffery said. “It is big on the serve and he has a good serve. And his leadership is not taken for

granted either.”

Jeffery is currently looking at making him a captain when he is a senior, Jeffery said.

And Soswa, who has always had a keen interest in health care, will keep his life-altering moment in his mind every time he is in the weight room and out of it.

“Feve had dreams of what I

positively wanted to go into.”

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The SIU baseball team takes on SEMO today
See story, page 19
Graduation rates are still low across the nation
See story, page 18

SIU sophomore tennis player Lucasz Soswa returns the ball during a match against Evansville. At 6 feet three inches tall and 210 pounds, Soswa has an unusually large build for a tennis player.

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

The SIU men's golf team finished sixth at the Southeast Missouri State Four Ball Tournament after a disappointing second day.

The tournament was played in a match-play format, and SIU fell to the Kangaroos of Missouri-Kansas City Monday before defeating conference rival Bradley.

The Salukis fell to Saint Louis Tuesday to wrap up the event, the team's second of the spring season.

“I think we're moving along this spring,” Saluki head coach Larry Newman said. “That was our second tournament. We shot some good numbers as a team, now we just gotta put it all together.”

Newman also added that his team played well until the final nine holes of the event.

Fredonia Andrew Givtows showed signs of excellence, shooting 34-in each of his first four rounds before shooting an 84 in the final round.

The second day, I couldn't seem to get the ball close enough to the hole to make a putt,” Givtows said. “It was only my second tournament. Hopefully I can take it as a learning experience.”

Sophomore Roger Welch, who finished with a 228 for his three rounds of play, said his perform-

ance was less than stellar to close out the event.

“People making 30-40 footers three a round and we don’t make any. Those are not par-

success,” Newman said.

Welch said. “This week, I played pretty solid the first day, but still want the greatest.

The last two days, I just didn't play well at all. That's the very goal is.

He also said he has not been with his team as of yet.

“Don't get the breaks and we haven't gotten the breaks,” Welch said. “Seeing other teams get breaks that you probably aren't playing on, we want on you after a while.

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success,” Newman said.

The wind also played a part in the team’s perfor-

mental swings and mentally.

“Mentally, it affects you because you have to concentrate just that much harder thinking about what then you need to hit, what clubs you need to hit,” Welch said.

Great Golfs Inv the Salukis with a 222, good for nine over par and just behind the tournament’s top 10. Robert Laeger tallied a 225.

Newman said the team's showing at SEMO will have an impact on practices later this week, when he will decide which golfers to take to Branson, Mo., for the Branson Civic Invitational.

“It’s great make some smiles as well as some underclassmen play hard for the qualifying round,” Newman said. “They’ll want to go because this is a great trip and every one of them will want to go.”

I just think they’ll bear down and play a little harder.”

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