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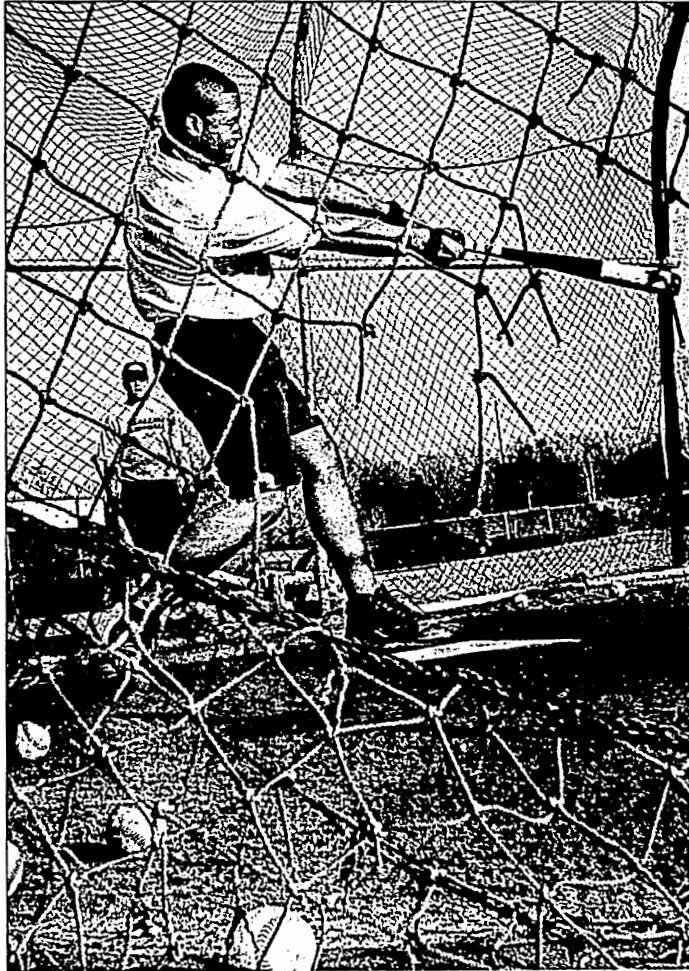
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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

DECEMBER 4, 2001

## All-star weather



Senior, Brandon Mells, a former point guard for the men's basketball team, practices batting Monday afternoon with the Saluki Baseball team. The team wore shorts for the unseasonably warm weather at practice.

MARY COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

## New bill probes board meetings

Argersinger trial  
begins in January

MOLLY PARKER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Board of Trustees could soon be required to certify that nothing illegal transpires behind closed doors as the result of a bill that passed the House and Senate last week.

The bill amends the Illinois Open Meetings Act and requires that the presiding officer, which would be Molly D'Esposito in the case of the SIU board, certify by signature that the board did not violate the rules of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. If signed by the governor, the bill will take effect on July 1, 2002.

The board has been under fire in recent years for allegedly violating the Open Meetings Act. The board is being sued by former Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger for allegedly making the decision to fire her in closed meetings on May 12, 1999 and May 26, 1999, rather than the open meeting June 5, 1999, which violates the Act. The trial is expected to be sometime in January, said Scott Kaiser, spokesman for the president.

The bill is meant to hold governing boards responsible for their actions in private sessions. A form will be provided by the state for the presiding officer to sign, and it must be made available seven days after the closed meeting.

"The board only meets in closed session to discuss items allowed by the law," Kaiser said. "The board will comply with the law, but it doesn't change how we do business."

Under the Open Meetings Act, the board may discuss such items as pending criminal or court cases filed against the University, the appoint-

ment, employment or dismissal of employees and collective negotiation matters in private. The board may not make a final decision in closed session.

The bill originally stated that minutes of a closed meeting must be recorded in verbatim, and the minutes could be disclosed to a court if the meeting was alleged to have violated the Act.

The original bill was amended because several legislators felt it would put an undue cost burden on small bodies such as a public school board or county board.

Chancellor Walter V. Wendler said the proposed change to the Open Meetings Act may help quell the fears that some people have about secret meetings.

**'The board only meets in closed session to discuss items allowed by the law.'**

Scott Kaiser  
spokesman for the President

"I can understand why people think that [the board] goes into a back room and makes all the decisions," Wendler said.

He added that the board is very careful about following the rules of the Open Meetings Act, and the small change would only help diminish some anticipation about what went on behind the scenes.

The new amendment is similar to the rule that Wendler is used to from Texas, where a general counselor or lawyer was required to sign off rather than the presiding chairperson. Before SIUC Wendler served as vice chancellor for Planning and System Integration at Texas A&M.

Peter Ruger, the University's general counsel, said it will just be an added procedure to standardize the process of closed meetings and keep the public confident that nothing illegal transpired.

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## Long hours walk the plank at Admiral

Lacking state funds  
blamed for hours cut

MARK LAMBIRD  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When the ax fell at the Admiral Child Development Center, extended care hours had to be cut to keep the ship afloat.

Deborah Lustman, director of the Admiral, said the facility will close five hours earlier on weekdays because the state does not offer enough reimbursements for the extended hours; as a result, hours had to be cut to increase revenue.

"We get the same amount of funding if a child is here from 7:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as we do for a child that is here until 11 p.m.," Lustman said. "We get the same rate, but we have all the extra staff and overhead."

She said the state does offer \$2 a day for the extra services, but that does not cover all the additional costs.

The cutting of hours will mean big changes for some students and residents. Lustman said 70 percent of her clientele are students. She said a lot of those students go to school during the day and work at night.

One mother of five children enrolled at the Admiral, who wished to remain nameless, said the changes will definitely affect her family. She said losing the evening

care closes many of her options for child daycare.

"I could take them to a private provider, but if my husband doesn't know the person, he doesn't want them keeping our children," the mother said.

She said she considered changing jobs to accommodate the new hours, but with the holidays fast approaching, that is not an option.

"The program being lost is a big loss to all the families," the mother said. "I knew with this program that I could rely on somebody to provide care even on a moment's notice."

The changes will not go into effect until Dec. 14, the last day of

## County, police start budget dispute talks

Layoffs scheduled for after Christmas

BRETT NAUMAN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A lawyer representing the Jackson County Board will meet today with the Fraternal Order of Police official in an attempt to resolve controversy surrounding Sheriff William J. Kilquist's budget.

County Board attorney John Huffman and union official Bill Mehrtens will address a grievance filed by the union against the County Board for \$218,000, money that Kilquist contends he

needs to run the Sheriff's Department and the county jail.

In an interview, Mehrtens told the DAILY EGYPTIAN Monday that outside forces might be needed to settle the disputes if both sides cannot come to an agreement during meetings.

"If we can't resolve it in meetings, we're going to have to arbitrate the matter," Mehrtens said. "We'll take it to arbitration if we have to."

**CORRECTION**

The U-Card advertisement that ran in yesterday's newspaper omitted the following event:

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**U.S., Canada to bolster border security**

DETROIT, Mich. — Canada and the United States will join forces in bolstering the security along the 4,000-mile border between the countries.

U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said the agreement between the two countries is an important step in the war against terrorism and in protecting the trade relationship between the United States and Canada. The border has become important since Sept. 11 because some of the individuals allegedly involved in the hijackings entered the United States from Canada. Ashcroft said Integrated Border Enforcement Teams with agents from both countries will work together covering more areas of the border. The countries will work together to coordinate visa policies and exchange more intelligence information about document fraud and irregular migration patterns. More than 400 National Guard troops will be placed at 43 locations along the border, which will also be patrolled by U.S. military aircraft. Ashcroft said the presence of the National Guard troops is a temporary step to provide help to the Border Patrol personnel who are overworked because of the increased security measures. An additional 120 agents from the Immigration and Naturalization Service have been assigned to the northern U.S. border.



**Anthrax letter traced to Bronx**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Postal Service announced Monday that a letter delivered to a New York City address near the home of a hospital worker who died of anthrax inhalation went through a New Jersey mail sorter the same time as two anthrax-traced letters were sent to two Senate offices.

However, the letter that could give a clue as to how Kathy Nguyen, 61, contracted the form of anthrax could not be found. Investigators visited 1205 and 1207 Whitlock in the Bronx because they are unsure of which address the letter was meant for. It is theorized that Nguyen and Otilie Lundgren, 94, contracted the disease from cross contamination.



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**Family, friends shocked American was Taliban soldier**

SHEBERGHAN, Afghanistan — Friends and family members of John Walker expressed shock and confusion Monday upon hearing the revelation that Walker, an American, had been fighting for the Taliban and was wounded in a recent prison uprising in Afghanistan. Walker's mother said he "must have been brain-washed."

Marilyn Walker told Newsweek magazine that her son was a "sweet, shy kid," with an interest in helping poor people. Walker, a native of the Washington, D.C., area, said he joined the pro-Taliban forces because his "heart became attached to them" after studying their movement.

Bill Jones, a family friend from San Rafael, Calif., described Walker as a "very sweet, unassuming, very spiritual young man — rather frail — certainly not a fighter." Walker was in the custody of U.S. Special Forces soldiers where in Afghanistan, officials said.



**Ring tightens around Kandahar**

Serious bombing demolished two bridges leading from the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, blocking off another route of the Taliban's last stronghold.

Airstrikes pummeled the area both Sunday night and Monday, and villagers report exchanges of gunfire and artillery fire in the area.

Though reports of civilian casualties continue to surface, Pentagon officials said they weren't certain the reports are true.

No negotiations appeared to be under way to hand over Kandahar. Anti-Taliban forces from the north and east were intent on seizing the airport east of the city, then the city itself, sources told CNN.

Those forces said they were working with U.S. and British Special Forces on the ground to guide the air attacks.

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SIUC Police are investigating reports of mob action that occurred at 9:33 p.m. Friday during a performance at Shynock Auditorium. According to police, a group from the audience advanced toward the stage, causing a disturbance. The suspects were gone by the time police arrived.

• William L. Walters, 42, was arrested at 8:26 a.m. Saturday and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and illegal transportation of alcohol on U.S. Highway 51 south of Dillinger Road. Walters was also arrested on an outstanding warrant for driving under the influence of alcohol and resisting arrest. He was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

• James T. Rushmeyer, 18, was arrested at 3:31 a.m. Saturday and charged with criminal damage to state property at Schneider Hall. Rushmeyer was issued a Carbondale pay-by-mail citation and released.

**Calendar**

**TODAY**

Student Programming Council Homecoming Committee meeting  
Tuesdays, 5 p.m.  
Activity room B-Student Center.

Student Programming Council Marketing Committee meeting  
Tuesdays, 5 p.m.  
Activity Room D-Student Center

Student Programming Council Travel meeting  
Tuesdays, 5 p.m.  
Activity Room C-Student Center

Saluki Advertising Agency meeting  
Tuesdays, 6 p.m.  
Room 1244 in Communications Building

Blacks In Communication Alliance RSO meeting  
Every Tuesday, 6 p.m.  
Student Center

Saluki Advertising Agency  
Every Tuesday, 6 p.m.  
Communication building - rm 1244

GPSC meeting  
Dec. 4, 7 p.m.  
Ballroom A-Student Center.

Student Programming Council Comedy Committee meeting  
Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Activity Room A-Student Center.

SPC Campus Events Committee meeting  
Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.  
SPC office-3rd floor, Student Center.

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# Fighting finals frustration

### Recreation Center plays host to study, workouts, relaxation

LIZ GUARD  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The third annual Saluki Finals Finish, a time for students to study, workout, relax and munch on some free food, is drawing near.

The event, which takes place Dec. 9 to Dec. 11, runs during finals crunch time at the Recreation Center from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Bill McMinn, director of the Recreation Center, said the event is a way of saying 'thank you' to the students of SIU.

"It gives them a nice opportunity to exercise, blow off a little of that steam and get some free food," McMinn said.

McMinn said the event also gives students a chance to interact with faculty members. All colleges in the University sponsor the event and faculty members serve the food to the students. Last year, the faculty served more than 4,900 students.

Professors are allowed to reserve some rooms in the Recreation Center as study areas and the laptop internet access area above the pool can also help students put their noses to the grindstone.

Many students feel the event is a good idea that gives opportunities to students who are pressed for time during the tense week.

Samantha Smith, a junior, visits the Recreation Center a few times a week and thinks the event is an awesome idea that will give students something to do.

"That's a huge benefit for students that don't have money to go out," Smith said. "You know everybody is going to be up late anyway so this gives them a chance to work out, relax and then get right back to studying."

Natasha Kowalczyk, an employee at the Recreation Center, also thinks the event is good for students.

"It's a good idea for some students who don't have other places to go," Kowalczyk said. "It's a good opportunity for them to get out of their dorm rooms and get a change of scenery."

Junior Ethan Weibrecht said he wouldn't use the extra hours to study, but thinks it's a good idea to allow students some extra time.

"I think that's a fine idea," Weibrecht said. "Finals are a tough time and people still want to get in and do their workouts and there's not a lot of time for that with all the studying."

McMinn said the staff at the Recreation Center wants to give something in return to the many students that keep the facility running throughout the year.

"It's really a nice thing to do for the students," McMinn said. "They're under enough stress during finals, and if we can do anything to relieve that stress, we will."

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Sunday December 9th	Monday December 10th	Tuesday December 11th	Wednesday December 12th
"Midnight Breakfast" Newman Catholic Student Center 715 S. Washington 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.	Lentz Hall 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Grinnell Hall 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Trueblood Hall 9 p.m. - 11 p.m.	Trueblood Hall 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Lentz Hall 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Grinnell Hall 9 p.m. - 11 p.m.	Grinnell Hall 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Trueblood Hall 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Lentz Hall 9 p.m. - 11 p.m.

## STUDY TIMES

BRIAN KITE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

### Campus services help cope with final stress

SARAH ROBERTS  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

So the end of the semester has crept up on you, complete with last-minute attempts to finish those term papers you've known about for three months. And in between frantic trips to the library and all-nighters, finals are looming on the horizon.

But in what has become a semester tradition, various campus services are reaching out to students to help stave off the stress that invariably comes with finals week.

The Newman Catholic Student Center, 715 S. Washington Ave., is offering its annual midnight breakfast from 10 p.m. Sunday to 2 a.m. Monday. The event combines college culinary favorites

like sausage and pancakes with tutoring services from professors and community volunteers.

Newman Center employee Susan Cauthen estimates that between 250 and 300 students showed up at the center last year, and she expects around that same number again this year. She said the combination of free food and dedicated volunteers keep the students coming back.

"They certainly like to eat; as long as you say 'free food' they come and respond," Cauthen said. "And it really does help them out to have a lot of professors and community members involved."

Residence dining halls are also doing their part to keep breakdowns at bay. Grinnell, Lentz and Trueblood Halls are on a rotating schedule to offer free massages and snacks from 5 to 11 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 through Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Kevin Hostetler, an assistant food

service manager at Grinnell Hall, said the cafeterias are in charge of providing the snacks and space for the massage therapists to work their magic fingers. He has been involved with the campus dining halls for each year they have offered the stress buster and has noticed as many as 175 students at a time taking advantage of the service.

"I've worked in all three cafeterias when they've done this, and the response has always been positive," Hostetler said.

Helping combat stress is a year-long affair for the Wellness Center, which routinely offers advice on time management and study habits in addition to preventing students from freaking out about finals. The center specializes in helping students reduce stress and set productive goals and is available for counseling year-round.

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# Organization promotes safety with Santa

### Safe Communities Coalition encourages healthy behavior with 'the head hancho'

JARRET O. HERZOG  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Valerie Hake and Nicole Guido pledged not to drink and drive, then they got their picture taken sitting on Santa's lap as a reminder of their oath.

"An oath to not drink and drive is just the smart thing to do," said Hake, a freshman in education from Freeburg.

Monday in the Student Center, the role of Santa was played by retired Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Harvey Welch. Pictures with Santa will continue to be held in the Student Center Hall of Fame. It is one of two promotions sponsored by the Jackson County Safe Communities Coalition. The coalition is comprised of 16 agencies, including the Wellness Center at SIUC and Jackson County Health Department.

The coalition will also be sponsoring "mocktails," which resemble mixed drinks but lack the alcohol. The mocktails will be available in the Recreation Center on Dec. 10 and 11 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The activities are part of National Drunk Drugged Driving Prevention Month, which was created by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Ken Culton, alcohol and drug prevention coordinator at the SIUC Wellness Center, said the events will heighten awareness about driving under the influence and promote healthy behavior.



KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Harvey Welch points out his picture in the Hall of Fame to Marla Tolliver, a safety education officer for the state police, Monday afternoon at the Student Center. Welch dressed as Santa to take pictures with students who vowed not to drink and drive. Santa will be at the Student Center today and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Our goal is to lay a foundation of behaviors and attitudes that a student can bring to their community, their personal lives, their professions, when they graduate from SIUC," Culton said.

Jomo Cheek did not sit on Santa's lap, but he took the oath not to drink and drive all the same.

"I don't want to take somebody's life," said Cheek, a senior in civil engineering from Chicago. "I don't want to be irresponsible and do

something like that."

Zena Sutherland, a junior in automotive technology from South Chicago, also took the oath and got her picture taken, but she does not think the promotion will prevent people from drinking and driving.

"People drink and drive because they think they can control their drinking," Sutherland said. "I don't think anyone sets out to drink and drive. They think it will happen to somebody else but not them."

Sutherland said a good way to deter drinking and driving would be stricter punishment for DUI.

In a press conference to start the activities, Linda Angarola, a registered nurse at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, said she likes to be involved in prevention. She said people don't understand that one bad choice can change someone's life forever. As a trauma nurse, she has seen what happens when people drink and drive, and she said it is

nothing like what people see on television.

"Sometimes in the ER you think you've cried your last tear," Angarola said. "You also think that you can't cry anymore, then something worse comes in, even worse than what you're taking care of."

Angarola said the force of a crash is so immense it can remold skin and body tissue.

"I've seen car crashes where people were literally blown out of their tennis shoes," Angarola said. "Blue jeans just totally ripped apart not because they were punctured, but because of the force of the crash and the remodeling of the skin."

Several Greek organizations and volunteers from the Saluki Volunteer Corps are helping out with the pictures with Santa. Torre Veteve, a member of Sigma Kappa, was trying to persuade students to take the oath not to drink and drive as they passed by.

"We're getting the message out there," Veteve said. "It might not convert people, but it will get people to think about it anyway."

Culton said that not all college students are irresponsible. He said data from the SIUC Core Institute reveals that most students make healthy choices about alcohol and drug abuse. About 70 percent of students report they have never drank and drove, Culton said.

"We want students to develop and realize dreams, not shatter their dreams by poor choices," Culton said.

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**SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN**  
See Santa Claus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Student Center Hall of Fame.



OUR WORD

SIU alumni, give back to your institution any way you can

Are you ready for graduation? Those departing in December will embark on a new journey that will take them to greater heights. Students graduating this month and in May 2002 will always be a part of the SIU family.

The University gives a great deal to students – social and extra-curricular activities, experiencing new people, and of course, and good education. When students leave the hallowed halls of SIU, they should remember to give something back to their institution. We're not talking solely about money, though that is one area where SIU can improve. The least alumni can do is spread the word that SIU is more than just the school that parties and tears up the Strip on Halloween.

SIU students' families frantically called their kids wanting to know why students were running amok on the strip last Halloween. And how many prospective students must reassure their parents that they won't be swept away in SIU's notorious party atmosphere.

The University's negative image has been a problem for years and you can be assured that future employers are very aware of it. Former students have a duty to share the positives about this great institutions.

This is one of the leading research institutions in the country. The College of Mass Communication and Media Arts is recognized as a leader in journalism and the performing arts. The School of Medicine offers some of the finest programs in

the medical field.

These are just some of our achievements. The SIUC campus is an aesthetic masterpiece. This is one of the most beautiful campuses in the state and perhaps the country. The University's storied history – from the Delyte Morris years from 1948 to 1970 and the civil rights era – is testament to its steadied growth and longevity.

But what do people talk about? What would they rather talk about? Rioting students, racial tensions in the city and anything other than what's good about the school. The SIU community is not naive enough to think these issues are insignificant. They are.

But it's just a part of the much larger SIU story. Here's where you, the proud SIU graduates, can help shake the pesky image problem. Take the other SIU story to the masses. As soon as someone says, "Ohhh, you went to S-I-U, huh," just politely remind them that they shouldn't believe everything they've heard or read.

And when you leave, don't stay away. Come back for Homecoming weekend if possible and for other events. Stay connected with institution and the people here. The faculty and staff work hard to provide students with assistance.

If there is one, just one person here who helped make a difference in your life, keep that individual as a part of your cadre of associates. And what else can you do? Carry yourself like a proud Saluki. Help create a new image of SIU through your own example.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*'The hopes of the Republic cannot forever tolerate either undeserved poverty or self-serving wealth.'*

- Franklin D. Roosevelt



COLUMNISTS

# Winning 'the good fight'

Just when I start to lose hope in people ... just when my faith in "The Good Fight" wanes ... just when desolation sets in and cynicism forbodes a near future where no one really cares about anything other than the trivial nuances of their own lives ... a week like this last one intervenes and reaffirms the solid beliefs that stir my optimism and I render an endearing smile.

It's been a tough last couple of months to be an optimist. Our president tells us there's nukes pointed at us with madmen behind the buttons. The economy is as shaly as a Jenga tower balanced on the Tasmanian Devil's head.

Our attorney general is ordering helicopters to the Canadian border. Watching Headline News is as depressing as pondering death, while hopes of a bright future seem as dim as the chances of bin Laden and Bush starting in an off-Broadway version of "The Odd Couple."

Yet, the courageous attempts of a few have set my spirits high again. I thank them for their vehement struggles in a time where dissent is seen in such a negative light.

Two people have decided to fight against sweat-shop produced merchan-

dise sold in the area, particularly at the University Bookstore. In addition, a group of concerned local citizens will stage a protest against Wal-Mart this week for their horrendous sweat-shop practices.

A number of different people have approached me with the fight to shut down the School of the Americas, a training ground for terrorists and dictators on American soil that our government continues to fund. Turning the other cheek to such a vast hypocrisy would be criminal for any of us. These individuals have taken the next step by making it their mission to inform as many as possible of our government's harboring and training of terrorists. Shutting down this school would be the equivalent of eliminating the al Qaeda network.

And, last but not least, the same Generation Z that I blasted last week for apathy and non-involvement came out in force last Wednesday to kick-off the campaign of 115th District State Representative candidate Rich Whitney. Students and young people recognized Whitney's objective to actually do something for people our age, as well as for SIU, a school that politicians in this state have for too long treated as the ghetto

of state universities. I felt such tremendous pride witnessing young people signing up for volunteer work, understanding Whitney's commitment to "The Good Fight."

Well, I guess the question some must wonder is: exactly, what is this "Good Fight?" To me, at least, it signifies everything I do, every goal I set. It's about making the world and America the best they can be, as well as Illinois, Jackson County, Carbondale, even myself. It can mean anything from bringing Universal Health Care to Illinois citizens (if all criminals are guaranteed the right to lawyers, then shouldn't all citizens be guaranteed the right to doctors?), to outlawing the current auction - like the environment that monied interests have formed around national, state and local elections alike. There's so much to fix and fortunately the immense freedoms our country affords us provides an unending supply of hope. No fight is unwinnable. Everything in America is subject to change, or at least improvement.

But social change in this country is still at a dismal drip. The flood will not burst through until those on the fence are moved to action. Those whose consciences tremble with every

quake injustice emits, but for some reason or another fall back into the ordinary pattern of everyday life. "Someone else will fight that fight. Someone else will vote the right vote." Until those fence-sitters realize they ARE someone else, the trickle will be seen as merely a symptom of leftist paranoia.

The flood will not come until liberals, conservatives and radicals can all embrace their conscience and muster the courage to continue the fight that began over 200 years ago with an experiment of colonial white guys thought just might be worth fighting for.

And they were right. It is worth fighting for ... and to me, the only thing worth dying for.

Uncle Sam Wants You - well, needs you - to enlist in a new war. Armed with information and commitment we can fight the fat cats and global corporations that have hijacked our democracy. And we can win.

OUTLAW NATION appears on Tuesday. Joseph is a sophomore in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



## Outlaw Nation

BY JOSEPH D. JOHNSON  
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# Column-writing isn't all it's cracked up to be

I'm sure all of you who sit back and read these columns every week must think it's really easy. You must think being a columnist is the funnest job in the world. I used to think the exact same thing. Well this column is for all of you, because I'm going to shatter that naive little reality.

If there's one thing I've learned over the past semester, it's that being a columnist isn't all it's cracked up to be.

I had a lot of expectations going into my venture as a professional DAILY EGYPTIAN columnist. Most of all, I thought writing for the DE would make me rich. I assumed they'd be throwing greenbacks my way.

Besides that, I thought I'd be getting lots of endorsements from local businesses since I'd be such a celebrity. I was anxious to sell out and offer my name and image to the highest bidder; this would have been a great accomplishment for anyone, especially at such a young age.

Isn't the American dream to

compromise your integrity and sell out for as much money as possible?

I wasn't able to do that. Instead, I've gotten nothing. Nada. Zilch. No money. I haven't even gotten complimented at local businesses for being the "Tongues of Fire" guy.

And even though I haven't gotten any money, I thought by having my opinions printed in the DE every week, I would at least get me some respect. I thought people would start to admire me and look to me for guidance.

The general public hasn't treated me any differently. In fact, I realize more people have been given the opportunity to disrespect me than ever before.

Do you know that I've seen copies of my DE columns lying in the men's room?!! That means people are reading my work while using the lavatory. That's disgusting! I hate to think of what else they do with the newspapers in there if they might happen to run out of toilet paper.

If nothing else, I had hoped that

by writing this column, I would at least gain some new friends and maybe even some fans. And I most definitely thought that women would be fawning all over me since I was such a star.

Unfortunately, nothing's changed. Don't people recognize greatness when they see it? Please, I'm in the DE every week. Maybe people just don't recognize me because I got a haircut; that could be it I guess. But quite frankly, I've gotten nothing. No friends, no fans, no girls.

If anything, I think I've actually developed a bitter rivalry with Grace Priddy.

I must confess, I also hoped to use this column to pursue my own personal agenda of self-promotion and generate some hype for myself. I guess I just wasn't controversial enough, though. I rallied against the evils of the Internet and corporate radio, but I probably should have insulted something people had a higher regard for.

Maybe if I had insulted kittens

and apple pie, I might have at least gotten some good negative publicity. I was even going to parlay my column into getting elected Homecoming King, but when I couldn't get on the ballot, I didn't even get a single write-in vote from you people. And I'm sure you're all still listening to corporate radio, to boot.

Next semester when you read these columns, remember what a service we're providing for all of you people. Hopefully, people will start to realize that DE columnists deserve a little special treatment because of our prestigious positions.

For those of you who actually know how to read, thanks for reading, Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah! Be good to each other this holiday season.

TONGUES OF FIRE appears on Tuesday. Steve is a senior in radio-television. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



## Tongues of Fire

BY STEVE 'SLIM' LANDGRAF  
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## LETTERS

### Bars could encourage more diversity

DEAR EDITOR:

Last week's issues on cultural diversity on the SIUC campus has been very fulfilling. But I cannot help but be offended by one reader's comment that he did not know anyone who would look down upon a minority in a bar.

Well first let me start by saying he must know over a thousand people that frequent the many "white bars" here in Carbondale. As a black woman, I feel that, yes, there is a short supply of black establishments here. And as far as I can see, no effort is being made by anyone except the black fraternities and black students, and I praise them for

that. We do not have a college street which students flock to every weekend, so we have to make due.

Yes, there are more white students here at the University, and events in these clubs around campus are aimed at white students. But if we are so welcome at these so-called bars, why aren't there nights when they can appeal to my people? We do not attend these bars because there is not an open door that says "come in" or "welcome" to our community.

So if we are so welcome in the Carbondale bars, then make an effort to invite us and then maybe if we have time in our busy schedules we will come and enlighten your crowd!

Ciera Ferguson  
freshman, pre-law

### Go Salukis!

DEAR EDITOR:

I have been to many games over the past three seasons since I've been enrolled at SIUC. Saturday's game was one I will never forget. This is what Division I college basketball is all about. Our basketball program has worked so hard to get national recognition, and I believe we achieved it Saturday! I was proud to be a Saluki fan.

The Athletic Department did a tremendous job with the fireworks and the pre-game hype for the game. Hats off to you. I hope the extreme fan support continues all the way to March! God bless America and the Salukis.

David Stephens  
graduate student, chemistry

## READER COMMENTARY

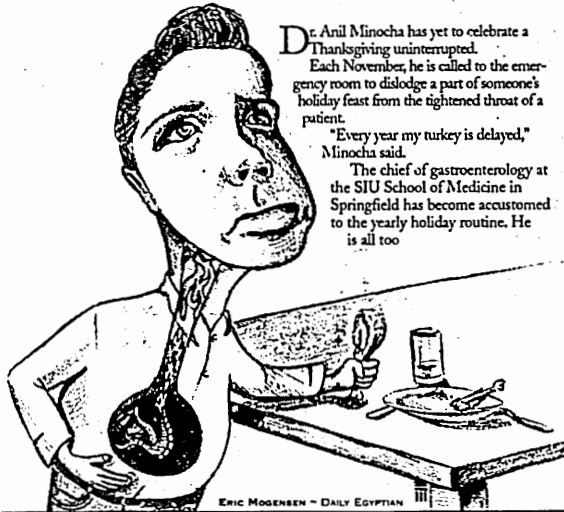
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# Holiday eating heats up the heartburn

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DAILY EGYPTIAN



**D**e Anil Minocha has yet to celebrate a Thanksgiving uninterrupted. Each November, he is called to the emergency room to dislodge a part of someone's holiday feast from the tightened throat of a patient.

"Every year my turkey is delayed," Minocha said.

The chief of gastroenterology at the SIUC School of Medicine in Springfield has become accustomed to the yearly holiday routine. He is all too

familiar with the consequences of ignoring gastroesophageal reflux disease, commonly known as heartburn.

Heartburn is the burning sensation in the chest that you feel when the stomach contents regurgitate into the esophagus. The acid that comes up from the stomach doesn't belong in the esophagus and can cause it to scar and shut.

An occasional case of heartburn isn't unusual; most people have an episode periodically, especially during the holidays. But for the 55 million Americans who suffer from the disease daily, neglecting the symptoms can lead to serious complications (like Minocha's tight-throated Thanksgiving patients.)

Minocha recently co-authored "How to Stop Heartburn: Simple Ways to Heal Heartburn and Acid Reflux," a book he considers a layman's guide to dealing with the disease.

There are certain misconceptions that exist about heartburn, Minocha said. Too many people overuse over-the-counter medication like Tums or Mylanta, when they have a chronic condition that needs to be addressed by a physician.

"I hear people say, 'I take it like candy,'" Minocha said. "But over the long time, a patient that is not addressing chronic heartburn is likely to have complications."

Gastroesophageal reflux disease can cause some atypical symptoms like asthma, nasal problems, bad breath, dental problems and chest pain, as opposed

to typical heartburn.

Chronic heartburn can mean an increased chance for developing esophageal cancer. If you have daytime heartburn, your risk for developing cancer increases eight times, and at night by 11. If you suffer chronic heartburn for more than 20 years, your chances are skyrocketed by 44 times.

That's why Minocha stresses seeking medical help for heartburn symptoms. And he offers some simple alterations that can be made to ease heartburn pain for occasional sufferers. Lifestyle changes like weight loss, waiting a few hours before eating, raising the head of the bed and sleeping on your left side can alleviate the discomfort. Minocha also stressed that limiting food intake is an easy way to avoid the pain.

"Just because the food is delicious doesn't mean you have to keep eating," Minocha said.

And avoid mints, chocolate, onions, orange juice and alcohol.

"Don't drink screwdrivers or Bloody Marys," Minocha said, pointing out that the combination of tomato juice and orange juice with alcohol is a one-two punch to causing heartburn.

Regardless of how a person chooses to deal with or avoid the pain, Minocha said heartburn is not something to be readily dismissed.

"It is not just a nuisance," he said. "It affects the quality of your life."

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# Russian scholar observes U.S. government at SIUC

Project seeks to increase interaction between America and Russia

JANE HUH  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Alexander Lubutoff is more than ready to introduce effective reform goals to Russia.

Lubutoff carries an expressive form of optimism for his native home while he has been visiting SIUC for the past nine weeks.

As part of an international project that seeks to engage interaction between non-profit organizations and the Russian government, Lubutoff, 50, is here to analyze the workings of the American government system and how these organizations can assist governments in various types of research.

Already three groups of Russian scholars, totaling 21, have visited SIUC under the program tied to the Political Science Department. Lubutoff arrived at SIUC in October and is scheduled to leave on Dec. 10, returning to his home in Moscow.

Lubutoff and the other scholars were chosen through a strict selection process that required participants to write a thorough analysis about government and business.

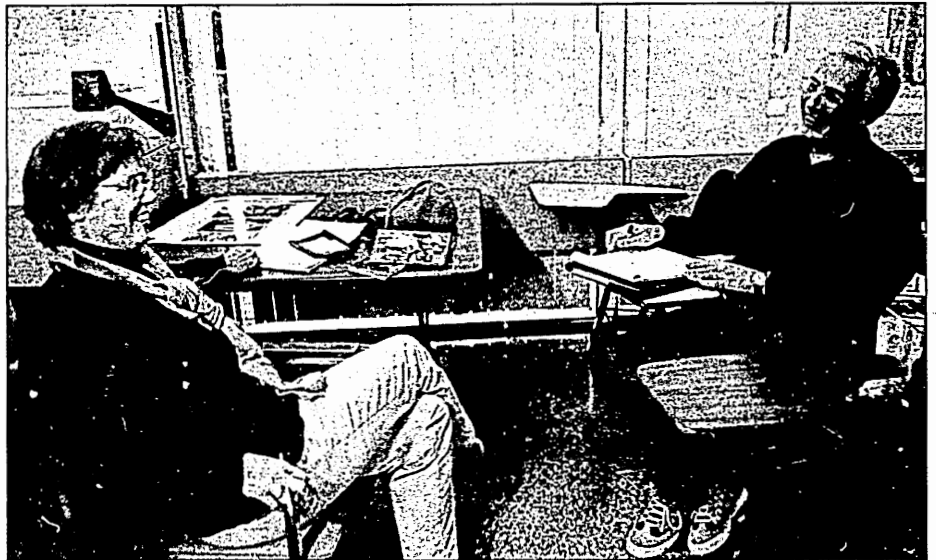
Lubutoff lists several dire situations Russia underwent in the past two decades which include staggering crime rates, a failing national education system and internal conflicts among residents.

Today, with closer ties to the United States, Lubutoff said Russia is progressing politically and socially.

"Now, it's more or less balanced," he said. Lubutoff credits the developing improvement to Russian president Vladimir Putin's pragmatic leadership in taking initiatives.

In contrast to the past, the Russian media is exercising more autonomy in disseminating formerly-censored content.

Russian TV stations broadcasting hot-topic discussions such as reforming the death penalty, drug enforcement laws and criminal laws are a strong indication of social change. A pop-



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Alexander S. Lubutoff, a visiting scholar from Russia studying political science at SIUC, speaks with CESL instructor Catherine Caldwell at Faner Hall on Monday afternoon. Caldwell is helping teach Lubutoff conversational English during his stay in the United States.

ular satirical puppet show depicting President Putin also illustrates how the government has allowed the media's freedom of expression.

With the United States and Russia working together to root out terrorism, Lubutoff believes the Sept. 11 tragedy has established closer political ties between the two countries.

"[Russians] face terrorism and we feel this problem. We understand that it's a kind of problem that is very difficult to stop," Lubutoff said. "It's very difficult to keep it in the frames to control it."

On Nov. 21, Putin conducted a public forum in which he addressed Russia's social and economic present state. "It was a very interesting speech. He estimated the situation and gave a balanced analysis," Lubutoff said.

Lubutoff, who has a wife and two sons — ages 16 and 20 — has studied English for years before arriving in the United States for the first time through the program.

The Political Science department took Lubutoff's request to further his knowledge of the English language and called the Center for English Speaking Language (CESL).

Catherine Caldwell is a CESL instructor who has been helping Lubutoff "fine-tune" his English speaking skills.

"We work a lot on listening and speaking,

addressing topics like education and plagiarism. [Lubutoff] wants to make sure what they study in textbooks is how we speak here," Caldwell said.

Lubutoff will also review what he's experienced with the program's events.

Through the program, Lubutoff visited major cities such as St. Louis and Washington, D.C. Last Monday, he left for Miami, Fla., for a conference regarding non-profit organizations.

"[The program] is about how non-profit sectors can be stronger so it can be able to be a real partner to government and business," Lubutoff said.

While Lubutoff's visit to SIUC is part of a government-sponsored program, Lubutoff has also taken the opportunity to absorb American culture.

"I've read a lot about America in Russia but when I got here I began to feel the American spirit and culture," he said.

Lubutoff was surprised to see America's preoccupation with religion.

"Religion is very important for Americans and takes a big place in their lives. It's a basis for many communities," he said.

Lubutoff adds that in recent years, the presence of religious influence appears to manifest in public governmental ceremonies and other

local secular events.

"It's a sign that church and government are together but as for the young people, religion is not popular. It also depends on the city and towns. Some cities don't have churches," he said.

Overall, the experience of living in the United States has highlighted minor differences as well as breakdown cultural barriers.

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"Americans are very friendly, yet at the same time very independent."

Caldwell has also enjoyed the company of Lubutoff and the cultural education she receives from him.

"It's been very meaningful to me because we've become good friends. I feel like it has broadened my experience. It makes me feel like the world is smaller. Our stereotypes change once we meet other people," Caldwell said.

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# Local landowner develops subdivision

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The Oak Subdivision, located on the newly formed Baine Drive, contains 15 available lots of ranging sizes. Baine, a roofing contractor, has been working on the project for about 10 years, and is in it for the fun. The 13- to 14-acre area is just off Sycamore Street near Denny's.

Baine has not decided how much each lot will cost, but because they range in sizes, it will not be one set price. He is uncertain whether the hobby will net him any money.

Baine has owned 40 acres behind Sycamore Street since 1980, when he bought the property next to him to prevent Jackson

County from buying it to build public housing.

Baine said he did not want public housing in his backyard. Only he and his son have houses in the area now, but Baine said having subdivision of single-family dwellings was optimal compared to apartments and duplexes.

Tom Redmond, development and services director for Carbondale, said the new subdivision will benefit the city. Although most of the housing in Carbondale was originally installed through subdivisions, Redmond estimates that there are 15 to 20 in the area with lots still available.

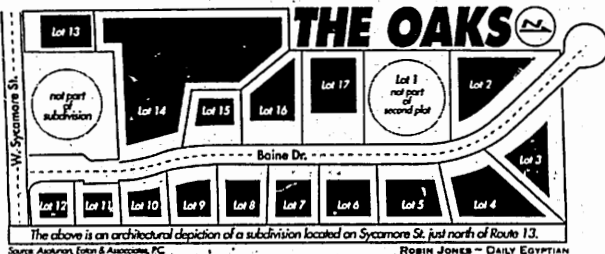
"The more subdivision lots that are available to prospective home buyers, the better," Redmond said.

Redmond said the city must still approve the completed street construction before the land will be under the city's surveillance for inspection and upkeep.

Redmond said it will probably be years before the Oak Subdivision is full of houses, depending on how fast the lots sell.

City Council members have discussed various plans to improve city housing. City Manager Jeff Doherty brought several points of interest to a September meeting, and will continue research before the matter is discussed further and decided.

Councilman Brad Cole sponsored one of



The above is an architectural depiction of a subdivision located on Sycamore St. just north of Route 13.  
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ROBIN JONES - DAILY EGYPTIAN

two plans introduced last summer to improve city housing. His plan included a seven-year property tax abatement program for those who want to build homes in town. Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan developed the other plan, suggesting the formation of a non-profit Housing Development Corporation, which would consist of 12 community members who would examine the housing problem separately and produce results.

Cole said while the city will continue to explore the issue, 15 new lots is a good start.

"This is exactly what we're looking for," Cole said. "The Baine's have a good piece of property. This is a step in the right direction."

Baine said there is a market for people interested in living away from the main area, but near enough to town to allow access.

"I wouldn't want to live miles out in the country when I can have it right here," Baine said. "It's like we're in the country but we're not. No one else in Carbondale can say that."

Baine said he will miss having the project to work on, but he has no future plans to build another subdivision on his property.

"I've got another 30 acres back there; I don't know I'll be thinking about that. But it's kind of doubtful."

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# Israel hits Arafat's helicopters, declares war on terrorism

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JERUSALEM (KRT) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared his nation at war Monday as warplanes and helicopters blasted Palestinian targets in the West Bank and near Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's headquarters in Gaza City.

Early Tuesday, Israeli tanks reportedly tumbled into Gaza and toward the West Bank cities of Kamallah and Nablus. Palestinian officials said Israeli bulldozers dug up the runway at Gaza International Airport, which opened in 1998. Israeli officials had no immediate comment on the reports.

"This will not be an easy war," Sharon said, echoing President Bush's declaration of war against international terrorism after the September 11 attacks in New York and Washington. "This war will not be a short war. But we shall win."

Sharon laid the blame for the weekend's suicide assaults on Arafat, whom he described as "responsible for all that has happened," and in Washington U.S. officials pointedly said it was up to Arafat to stop the terrorist attacks.

Monday's Israeli targets included Arafat's helipad in Gaza and his office and police headquarters in Jenin, a center of Palestinian militancy in the West Bank that some call the "city of suicide bombers." About 10 Palestinians were wounded.

"He who is going to kill us, his blood will be shed by us," Sharon said.

The first of the Israeli strikes occurred in Gaza as Palestinians were sitting down to their end of the day Ramadan meals, which may have accounted for a "intentional" or not the relatively low number of casualties.

Apache helicopter gunships backed by Israeli navy patrol boats off shore rained missiles on Arafat's Mediterranean seafort compound. Two of Arafat's helicopters were destroyed to limit his freedom of movement, an army spokesman said.

Arafat's nearby house was not targeted, and Arafat was known to be safely ensconced in Ramallah, the West Bank seat of his Palestinian

Authority.

Some U.S. officials viewed the somewhat limited Israeli attack as final notice to the Palestinian leader that he must curtail the actions of radical Palestinian groups and stop the assaults on Israeli civilians.

"It was a pretty dramatic warning to Arafat, but still a warning," said a senior administration official who asked not to be identified.

Fearful that all-out war between Israel and militant Muslim groups would undercut support for America's own war on terrorism, undermine pro-Western Arab regimes and strengthen zealots, U.S. officials were trying to persuade Israel to give Arafat one last chance to rein in terrorists — and just as desperately trying to persuade Arafat to seize that chance.

"Open warfare between Israel and the Palestinians would be good for Osama bin Laden, Saddam Hussein and the worst elements in Iran, among

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Ariel Sharon  
Prime Minister, Israel

others," said one senior administration official. "It would be bad for Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan and the moderates in Iran."

The Israel attacks also hit an underground fuel depot, sending plumes of thick black smoke over the largest city in the crowded coastal strip of Gaza.

Within an hour, an Israeli warplane attacked a newly built but empty Palestinian police headquarters in Jenin, as well as an office Arafat maintains in that northern West Bank city, according to Israeli officials and Jenin Gov. Zuhair Manshreh.

Addressing a nation steeled to violence but jolted by recent events, Sharon pledged that Israel would "chase after those responsible for terror, those who carry it out, and those who assist, and they will pay the price."

He called Arafat "the main impediment to peace and stability in the Middle East."

"Arafat will not succeed in deceiving the government I head," Sharon

said. "Arafat has chosen the path of terror... to try to make diplomatic gains through murder."

Those statements were rejected by Palestinian leaders.

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat reacted angrily to both Sharon's address and the military action, which he called "a declaration of war. He is saying war, war, war now — peace later."

By attacking Palestinian police headquarters, he added, "They're tying Arafat's hands, blinding him and throwing him into the sea and asking him to be a good swimmer. This means that more Palestinians will be killed and more Israelis will be killed."

Hanan Ashrawi, a key Palestinian intellectual and spokeswoman for the Arab League, called Monday's attacks "a truly dangerous escalation... that is leading and feeding this cycle of violence. It seems that Sharon does not want Arafat to succeed."

Monday's retaliation came at a time when Arafat has vowed to crack down on Muslim extremists.

Amid scuffles and occasional stone-throwing with Palestinians loyal to the militant Islamic Jihad and Hamas movements, forces of his Palestinian Authority arrested about 100 suspected militants over the weekend, including five on a list of 15 men from Jenin, which was all but surrounded Monday by Israeli troops.

In Gaza, reports said Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the Hamas spiritual leader, was under house arrest.

But Israeli leaders say they don't believe that Arafat's current arrest campaign is enough to stop further attacks on civilians.

Sharon did not detail what additional steps Israel might take, but he cast Israel's "war on terror" as an existential struggle similar to the U.S. campaign against bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

He said Arafat was responsible because it was within the Palestinian Authority's self-rule territory that radical Muslims trained, plotted and deployed into Israel on suicide missions.

"Just as the United States acts in its battle against world terror, under the brave leadership of President Bush, just as it acts with all its strength, so shall we do," Sharon said, "with all the means at our disposal."

# The tax system can help meet college expenses

GAIL MARKSJARVIS  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

ST. PAUL, Minn. (KRT) — With the mammoth task of paying for college stressing many households, parents and students need to take advantage of every opportunity they can to stretch education savings.

With the clock ticking toward the end of the tax year, households can use the next few weeks to reduce this year's income and position themselves to get the best education tax benefits possible in 2001 and 2002. Thinking about next year takes on extra significance because that's when enhanced tax advantages kick in.

So consider the following. Take advantage of Hope or Lifetime credits for kids in college. Your parents won't want to miss out on either the Hope or Lifetime college credits because they can get as much as \$1,500 back from Uncle Sam for higher education expenses if their income qualifies.

To qualify, it's critical to pay attention now to their adjusted gross income. That's their income before they take deductions. By whittling that back between now and Dec. 31, they may stand a better chance of meeting income limits for the tax credits when you fill out your 2001 tax return.

Their right to take the tax credits is "phased out" for adjusted gross income between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for single individuals, or between \$80,000 and \$100,000 for married couples who file jointly. So the lower their income within those parameters, the larger their potential tax credit.

To lower their income, they should consider contributing more money now to a 401(k) plan at work, opening a deductible IRA, billing a client next year for work they are completing this year or delaying a bonus until January.

Also, they can sell stocks or mutual funds that have declined in value since they purchased them so they can produce a capital loss. But they should avoid selling any investment before the end of the year if it will give them a gain.

Either a financially independent student or a parent paying for a dependent child can qualify for the

education tax credit if the student is pursuing postsecondary education at least half time. So make sure you are taking enough classes now to qualify.

Keep in mind that the credit won't exceed actual expenses. So your parents will only be covered for up to 100 percent of \$1,500 in educational costs.

Remember that the Hope credit can be claimed for only the first two years of college or technical school. So if you are close to becoming a junior, and your parents want the \$1,500 Hope credit for this year, make sure you don't complete enough courses to become a junior before Dec. 31.

After the first two years of college, however, your parents can still claim the Lifetime credit. Although it's capped at \$1,000 a year, your parents can take the credit for each year of higher education, including graduate school.

Pay student loan interest for a deduction. If your parents are paying interest on student loans and are within income requirements, they can deduct up to \$2,500 in interest each year — even if they don't itemize on their tax form.

Singles with incomes below \$40,000 can get the full deduction, and partial deductions are possible up to \$55,000. Married couples filing jointly get the full deduction if their income is up to \$60,000 and a partial deduction with income up to \$75,000.

If your parents' income qualifies for the deduction and they haven't paid \$2,500 in interest yet this year, they should consider making their January payment in December to enhance their deduction, says Joseph Hurley, a Pittsford, N.Y., certified public accountant.

Keep in mind, however, that income limits for the student loan deduction are changing next year — with the phase-out occurring between \$50,000 and \$60,000 for singles and \$100,000 and \$130,000 for couples. So if your parents' income is too high for the student loan deduction this year, they should wait to pay their December interest in January if they don't incur a sizable penalty.

Wait to withdraw education IRA funds until next year. With new tax laws going into effect in 2002, using Education IRAs will become more attractive. In 2001, they carry a lot of unpleasant baggage.

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Building a subdivision may seem like a strange hobby, but for Jerry Baine it has been a decade's worth of entertainment.

"The fun is working with it and seeing what you've accomplished with it," he said. "Seeing the land change, having the ideas of how you want things to look — it just makes you feel good to know that a lot of your ideas are used for things and see it happening."

The Oak Subdivision, located on the newly formed Baine Drive, contains 15 available lots of ranging sizes. Baine, a roofing contractor, has been working on the project for about 10 years, and it is in for the fun. The 13- to 14-acre area is just off Sycamore Street near Denny's.

Baine has not decided how much each lot will cost, but because they range in sizes, it will not be one set price. He is uncertain whether the hobby will net him any money.

Baine has owned 40 acres behind Sycamore Street since 1980, when he bought the property next to him to prevent Jackson

County from buying it to build public housing.

Baine said he did not want public housing in his backyard. Only he and his son have houses in the area now, but Baine said having subdivision of single-family dwellings was optimal compared to apartments and duplexes.

Tom Redmond, development and services director for Carbondale, said the new subdivision will benefit the city. Although most of the housing in Carbondale was originally installed through subdivisions, Redmond estimates that there are 15 to 20 in the area with lots still available.

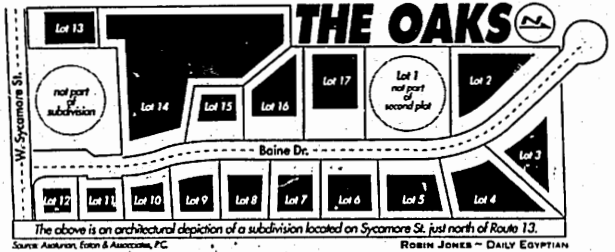
"The more subdivision lots that are available to prospective home buyers, the better," Redmond said.

Redmond said the city must still approve the completed street construction before the land will be under the city's surveillance for inspection and upkeep.

Redmond said it will probably be years before the Oak Subdivision is full of houses, depending on how fast the lots sell.

City Council members have discussed various plans to improve city housing. City Manager Jeff Doherty brought several points of interest to a September meeting, and will continue research before the matter is discussed further and decided.

Councilman Brad Cole sponsored one of



two plans introduced last summer to improve city housing. His plan included a seven-year property tax abatement program for those who want to build homes in town. Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan developed the other plan, suggesting the formation of a non-profit Housing Development Corporation, which would consist of 12 community members who would examine the housing problem separately and produce results.

Cole said while the city will continue to explore the issue, 15 new lots is a good start.

"This is exactly what we're looking for," Cole said. "The Baine's have a good piece of property. This is a step in the right direction."

Baine said there is a market for people interested in living away from the main area, but near enough to town to allow access.

"I wouldn't want to live miles out in the country when I can have it right here," Baine said. "It's like we're in the country but we're not. No one else in Carbondale can say that."

Baine said he will miss having the project to work on, but he has no future plans to build another subdivision on his property.

"I've got another 30 acres back there; I don't know I'll be thinking about that. But it's kind of doubtful."

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## Israel hits Arafat's helicopters, declares war on terrorism

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JERUSALEM (KRT)—Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared his nation at war Monday as warplanes and helicopters blasted Palestinian targets in the West Bank and near Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's headquarters in Gaza City.

Early Tuesday, Israeli tanks reportedly rumbled into Gaza and toward the West Bank cities of Ramallah and Nablus. Palestinian officials said Israeli bulldozers dug up the runway at Gaza International Airport, which opened in 1998. Israeli officials had no immediate comment on the reports.

"This will not be an easy war," Sharon said, echoing President Bush's declaration of war against international terrorism after the September 11 attacks in New York and Washington. "This war will not be a short war. But we will win."

Sharon laid the blame for the weekend's suicide assaults on Arafat, whom he described as "responsible for all that has happened," and in Washington U.S. officials pointedly said it was up to Arafat to stop the terrorist attacks.

Monday's Israeli targets included Arafat's helipad in Gaza and his office and police headquarters in Jenin, a center of Palestinian militancy in the West Bank that some call the "city of suicide bombers." About 10 Palestinians were wounded.

"He who is going to kill us, his blood will be shed by us," Sharon said.

The first of the Israeli strikes occurred in Gaza as Palestinians were sitting down to their end of the day Ramadan meals, which may have accounted for — intentions? or not — the relatively low number of casualties.

Apache helicopter gunships backed by Israeli navy patrol boats off shore rained missiles on Arafat's Mediterranean seafront compound. Two of Arafat's helicopters were destroyed to limit his freedom of movement, an army spokesman said.

Arafat's nearby house was not targeted, and Arafat was known to be safely ensconced in Ramallah, the West Bank seat of his Palestinian

Authority.

Some U.S. officials viewed the somewhat limited Israeli attack as final notice to the Palestinian leader that he must curtail the actions of radical Palestinian groups and stop the assaults on Israeli civilians.

"It was a pretty dramatic warning to Arafat, but still a warning," said a senior administration official who asked not to be identified.

Fearful that all-out war between Israel and militant Muslim groups would undercut support for America's own war on terrorism, undermine pro-Western Arab regimes and strengthen zealots, U.S. officials were trying to persuade Israel to give Arafat one last chance to rein in terrorists — and just as desperately trying to persuade Arafat to seize that chance.

"Open warfare between Israel and the Palestinians would be good for Osama bin Laden, Saddam Hussein and the worst elements in Iran, among

**'He who is going to kill us, his blood will be shed by us.'**

Ariel Sharon  
Prime Minister, Israel

others," said one senior administration official. "It would be bad for Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan and the moderates in Iran."

The Israel attacks also hit an underground fuel depot, sending plumes of thick black smoke over the largest city in the crowded coastal strip of Gaza.

Within an hour, an Israeli warplane attacked a newly built but empty Palestinian police headquarters in Jenin, as well as an office Arafat maintains in that northern West Bank city, according to Israeli officials and Jenin Gov. Zuhair Manasreh.

Addressing a nation steered to violence before jolted by recent events, Sharon pledged that Israel would "close after those responsible for terror, those who carry it out, and those who assist, and they will pay the price."

He called Arafat "the main impediment to peace and stability in the Middle East."

"Arafat will not succeed in deceiving the government I head," Sharon

said. "Arafat has chosen the path of terror... to try to make diplomatic gains through murder."

Those statements were rejected by Palestinian leaders.

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat reacted angrily to both Sharon's address and the military action, which he called "a declaration of war. He is saying war, war, war now — peace later."

By attacking Palestinian police headquarters, he added, "They're tying Arafat's hands, blindfolding him and throwing him into the sea and asking him to be a good swimmer. This means that more Palestinians will be killed and more Israelis will be killed."

Hanan Ashrawi, a key Palestinian intellectual and spokeswoman for the Arab League, called Monday's attacks "a truly dangerous escalation... that is leading and feeding this cycle of violence. It seems that Sharon does not want Arafat to succeed."

Monday's retaliation came at a time when Arafat has vowed to crack down on Muslim extremists.

Amid scuffles and occasional stone-throwing with Palestinians loyal to the militant Islamic Jihad and Hamas movements, forces of his Palestinian Authority arrested about 100 suspected militants over the weekend, including five on a list of 15 men from Jenin, which was all but surrounded Monday by Israeli troops.

In Gaza, reports said Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the Hamas spiritual leader, was under house arrest.

But Israeli leaders say they don't believe that Arafat's current arrest campaign is enough to stop further attacks on civilians.

Sharon did not detail what additional steps Israel might take, but he cast Israel's "war on terror" as an existential struggle similar to the U.S. campaign against bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

He said Arafat was responsible because it was within the Palestinian Authority's self-rule territory that radical Muslims trained, plotted and deployed into Israel on suicide missions.

"Just as the United States acts in its battle against world terror, under the brave leadership of President Bush, just as it acts with all its strength, so shall we do," Sharon said, "with all the means at our disposal."

## The tax system can help meet college expenses

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ST. PAUL, Minn. (KRT)—With the mammoth task of paying for college stressing many households, parents and students need to take advantage of every opportunity they can to stretch education savings.

With the clock ticking toward the end of the tax year, households can use the next few weeks to reduce this year's income and position themselves to get the best education tax benefits possible in 2001 and 2002. Thinking about next year takes on extra significance because that's when enhanced tax advantages kick in.

So consider the following. Take advantage of Hope or Lifetime credits for kids in college. Your parents won't want to miss out on either the Hope or Lifetime college credits because they can get as much as \$1,500 back from Uncle Sam for higher education expenses if their income qualifies.

To qualify, it's critical to pay attention now to their adjusted gross income. That's their income before they take deductions. By whittling that back between now and Dec. 31, they may stand a better chance of meeting income limits for the tax credits when you fill out your 2001 tax return.

Their right to take the tax credits is "phased out" for adjusted gross income between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for single individuals, or between \$80,000 and \$100,000 for married couples who file jointly. So the lower their income within those parameters, the larger their potential tax credit.

To lower their income, they should consider contributing more money now to a 401(k) plan at work, opening a deductible IRA, billing a client next year for work they are completing this year or delaying a bonus until January.

Also, they can sell stocks or mutual funds that have declined in value since they purchased them so they can produce a capital loss. But they should avoid selling any investment before the end of the year if it will give them a gain.

Either a financially independent student or a parent paying for a dependent child can qualify for the

education tax credit if the student is pursuing postsecondary education at least half time. So make sure you are taking enough classes now to qualify.

Keep in mind that the credit won't exceed actual expenses. So your parents will only be covered for up to 100 percent of \$1,500 in educational costs.

Remember that the Hope credit can be claimed for only the first two years of college or technical school. So if you are close to becoming a junior, and your parents want the \$1,500 Hope credit for this year, make sure you don't complete enough courses to become a junior before Dec. 31.

After the first two years of college, however, your parents can still claim the Lifetime credit. Although it's capped at \$1,000 a year, your parents can take the credit for each year of higher education, including graduate school.

Pay student loan interest for a deduction. If your parents are paying interest on student loans and are within income requirements, they can deduct up to \$2,500 in interest each year — even if they don't itemize on their tax form.

Singles with incomes below \$40,000 can get the full deduction, and partial deductions are possible up to \$55,000. Married couples filing jointly get the full deduction if their income is up to \$60,000 and a partial deduction with income up to \$75,000.

If your parents' income qualifies for the deduction and they haven't paid \$2,500 in interest yet this year, they should consider making their January payment in December to enhance their deduction, says Joseph Hurley, a Pittsford, N.Y., certified public accountant.

Keep in mind, however, that income limits for the student loan deduction are changing next year — with the phase-out occurring between \$50,000 and \$60,000 for singles and \$100,000 and \$130,000 for couples. So if your parents' income is too high for the student loan deduction this year, they should wait to pay their December interest in January if they don't incur a sizable penalty.

Wait to withdraw education IRA funds until next year. With new tax laws going into effect in 2002, using Education IRAs will become more attractive. In 2001, they carry a lot of unpleasant baggage.



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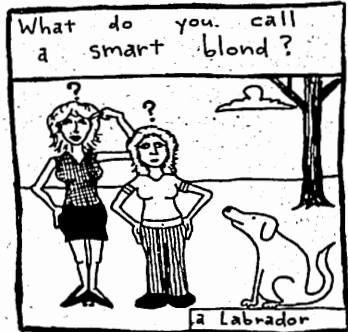
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 ENMOY \_\_\_\_\_  
 ENTELG \_\_\_\_\_  
 UNGAMM \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: "MUNAH" (Mud) (Answer tomorrow)  
 "ENMOY" (Mud) (Answer tomorrow)  
 "ENTEGL" (Mud) (Answer tomorrow)  
 "UNGAMM" (Mud) (Answer tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: MADLY APPLY DEAFER NICELY  
 Answer: Why the all star in left never get married - HE PLAYED THE FIELD

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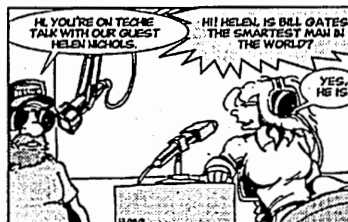
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Daily Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Valet's nation
- 6 Breaker-breaker buddy
- 10 Seasoning herb
- 14 QI bars
- 15 "Dern Yankee" role
- 16 Steps shell
- 17 Guy with many hats
- 20 Sought a date
- 21 First-aid topical
- 22 Mudding marks
- 23 Brief
- 24 City on the Arno
- 27 1st companion
- 29 Appear to be
- 33 Desk bin
- 36 Put down
- 39 Got a bite
- 40 "The Magic Flute" role
- 41 OAS member
- 44 Tune for two
- 45 Wood racing
- 46 Money

By James E. Hall, Edgewater, Pa.

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

48 Cat  
 50 Woody's boy  
 51 Waucused grass  
 54 Eyeballs, in poems  
 57 Mae, Larry or Curly  
 60 Put to flight  
 64 Lon  
 66 Quachua sweater  
 67 Adolescent  
 68 Man and Capri  
 69 Observed  
 70 Word with box or bucket  
 71 Urgent wants

**DOWN**

- 1 Gays painting, "The Rialto" ...
- 2 Gather and others
- 3 Ice-cream taste
- 4 Proceed with caution
- 5 Battery terminal
- 6 Contract
- 7 Lightning unit?
- 8 Bulking wrap
- 9 3.1, pi
- 10 Window
- 11 druggies
- 11 Auckahn, cruiser
- 12 Secluded valley
- 13 Chevre
- 18 Opponent
- 19 Baldentash
- 23 Geneva man
- 24 Wound the pride of
- 25 Currency
- 26 Emulate
- 26 Emulate
- 28 Affect adversely
- 30 Chomping at the bit
- 31 Lucy's best friend
- 32 DO subway system
- 34 Morover
- 35 Face in the mirror
- 37 Gun an engine
- 38 Compass pt.
- 41 Simple plant
- 42 Sort of
- 47 Catch phrase
- 49 Tour guide
- 52 Before now
- 53 Women habits
- 55 What's in the Fest
- 56 Boston player
- 57 Hit the stops
- 58 Part of a tort
- 59 Balise
- 60 Man's name
- 61 Eye accurately
- 62 Lift the score
- 63 Actor Partner
- 65 Dining spot

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**LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!** Saluki players enter the Arena Saturday night through clouds of smoke and fire and are greeted by a hysterical sell-out crowd. More than 10,000 people were on hand to witness a fireworks and light display as well as an upset of the #24 Indiana Hoosiers.

## Recreation Center activities heat up winter

Students can keep warm playing winter intramural, club sports

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There are a variety of athletic activities available to students through the Recreation Center in the winter months. Although the winter season may seem dormant, students can still participate in intramural sports such as an indoor water polo tournament or a month-long basketball league. A variety of sport clubs are also available for students to join for little or no cost. The clubs remain active through the winter months and plan for the upcoming outdoor season. The Recreation Center staff aims to provide students with fun and free activi-

ties throughout the year.

Here are a few upcoming offerings:

**Intramural Sports for Spring 2002:** The Office of Intramural-Recreational Sports offers a variety of sporting events throughout each semester. The Spring 2002 semester will bring even more novel activities for students. All events are U-Card approved and free. For more information, call 453-1273 or visit [www.siu.edu/~oirs](http://www.siu.edu/~oirs).

**3-on-3 Schick Super Hoops Tournament:** Sign-ups for the 3-on-3 basketball tournament runs Jan. 14 through Jan. 22. Tournament play begins on Jan. 25 and ends Jan. 26. All times are to be announced.

**Wallyball Tournament:** Registration for this tournament involving a mix of volleyball and rac-

quetball starts Jan. 14 through Jan. 28. Play begins Friday Feb. 1 and ends Feb. 2. Both time and location are to be announced.

**Basketball League:** Registration for the month-long league starts Jan. 14 through Jan. 22. Games take place Jan. 28 through Feb. 28.

**Innertube Water Polo Tournament:** Sign-ups for participating in this tournament, which involves the exhausting sport of water polo with the help of sitting in innertubes, starts Jan. 24 and goes through Feb. 4. Tournament days are Feb. 8 through Feb. 10.

**Sport Clubs in Winter:** Although many sport clubs' activities take place outdoors, the clubs remain active throughout the winter months. Clubs such as sailing, water-skiing, windsurf-



ing and outdoor adventure see this dormant time as their busiest part of the year. Clubs concentrate on fundraising and techniques that can be worked on indoors. Most of the clubs continue to have weekly meetings to discuss upcoming events and plans for the next season. Clubs continue to seek out new members through the year. For more information on any of the sport clubs, call 453-1256. For a complete list of active sport clubs visit [www.siu.edu/~oirs](http://www.siu.edu/~oirs).

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## SALUKI SPORTS NOTES

### Williams MVC Player of the Week

SIU guard Kent Williams was named the State Farm/Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week on Monday. Williams averaged 21.5 points and 3.5 rebounds in Saluki victories over Illinois-Chicago on Thursday and Indiana on Saturday.

It was the second straight week an SIU player took the conference honor after Rolan Roberts won it the week before. Williams, who had 17 second half points against the Hoosiers, leads the 6-1 Salukis with a 17.6 point scoring average.

## Oregon Ducks may play in national championship

JOEL FOWLKS  
OSU DAILY BAROMETER  
(OREGON STATE U.)

**EUGENE, Ore. (U-WIRE)** - Mike Bellotti isn't going to waste any time worrying about rankings or BCS formulas.

As his Oregon Ducks now look toward the postseason, the seventh-year head coach isn't concerned that his team's shot at the playing for the national championship will be decided by a computer.

"We've done about all we can do," Bellotti said. "I feel we can play with anybody in the nation, but if we'd gone 11-0, it wouldn't be in anybody else's hands."

True enough. After beating Oregon State 17-14 on Saturday in a wet and wild Civil War contest, the

Ducks are 10-1 and will at worst be going to the Fiesta Bowl. Finishing up conference play at 7-1, Oregon took the Pac-10 title for the third time in eight years.

If not for a 49-42 home defeat to Stanford on Oct. 20, in which the Cardinal scored 21 straight points in the fourth quarter, the Ducks wouldn't be worrying about their winter break plans. They'd be facing Miami in the Rose Bowl for the national championship on Jan. 3.

"I'm sure a lot of guys will think, 'Damn, what if we hadn't lost? If those two blocked punts hadn't occurred, we'd be playing for the national championship,'" said OSU cornerback Rashad Bauman. "But they happened, and they made us a stronger team."

On Sunday, Oregon moved up to No. 3 in the country in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA

Today polls. The team is behind undefeated Miami and 10-1 Tennessee, who beat then-No. 2 Florida on Saturday.

Tennessee has to play Louisiana State in the Southeastern Conference Championship on Dec. 8. If the Volunteers prevail, they will likely be the other team in the national championship. If they lose, Oregon is a strong possibility to take the spot.

Much will depend on how the computer formula ranks the Ducks in comparison to Nebraska, who had a slight lead over Oregon in last week's poll.

But that will be determined by BCS rankings, and that is out of the Ducks' hands.

What was in Oregon's control was the Oregon State game. While it was a win that was satisfying all around, Oregon was outplayed for much of the game and knew it.

*"We've done about all we can do. I feel we can play with anybody in the nation, but if we'd gone 11-0, it wouldn't be in anybody else's hands."*

Mike Bellotti  
head football coach, Oregon Ducks

The game breaking play came early in the fourth quarter when Keenan Howry went untouched into the end zone on a 70-yard punt return. It gave Oregon a 10-6 lead, and swung the momentum squarely in Oregon's favor.

Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington fumbled with 1:38 to go, giving the Beavers another shot, but cornerback Rashad Bauman stepped in front of a Jonathan Smith pass to seal the win with less than a minute to play.

### McDowell named MVC Player of the Week

Juniour guard Molly McDowell was named this week's Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week, announced by the league office on Monday.

McDowell scored 52 points in two games, including a 29-point effort against Tennessee Tech on Sunday. She also grabbed 13 rebounds, dished out nine assists and had four steals.

McDowell is leading the team by averaging 19.8 points per game this season. This is the first time in her career that McDowell has earned this honor.

McDowell is also the first Saluki to earn the honor since Danielle Lawry did it on Dec. 27, 2000.

**RANKING**

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1992-93 season.

The Salukis are closing in on that feat as they have nipped at the heels of the list and have a battle this Saturday against Missouri of the Big 12, which could propel them over the barrier.

"That's a lot of national spotlight," Helvey said. "That'd be awesome to crack the Top 25 man. That's a major goal for us to get in there. Having that national spotlight on us would just be freaking awesome."

While the Salukis say they aren't going to concentrate too much on their lofty ranking, they know other teams are going to use that as inspiration and look to knock off the giants of the Mid-Major division.

"At No. 1, players are looking at you so you have to swim a little harder and faster," said senior Corne Prozesky. "Everybody is looking at the No.1 guy, always gunning for the No.1 guy, so we have to keep our heads straight and just go for it."

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first opponent — George Mason — is playing good ball.

For an early season road trip, this is a big one. A seemingly routine game against George Mason or Cal-State Northridge that a few weeks ago would have received minimal attention all the sudden will be scrutinized by everyone wondering whether the Dawgs will have staying power.

The Salukis have snapped Southern Illinois out of its apa-

thetic haze. As they've shown through a wildly successful first seven games, they have the ability to do great things. Huge home crowds during the conference season, climbing into the Top 25 and a major postseason run all seem legitimate possibilities.

How the Salukis deal with the mental side of having success will determine whether the ecstasy created Saturday is the climax of the season, or merely an indication of great things to come.

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# South Bend coach fired for failing to meet Notre Dame standards

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**SOUTH BEND, Ind.** (KRT) — A coach who won 10 more games than he lost, and on whose watch the graduation rate of football laborers reached 100 percent, has been fired.

The charges against Bob Davie are that he failed to meet Notre Dame standards.

A winning record and a perfect graduation rate might suffice on other campuses, but not at South Bend, Ind.

It says here that if Notre Dame can find a coach who can produce a national championship, graduate every one of his players, and all the while not lower admission standards or water down that cruel schedule, and keep NCAA investigators off the doorstep, then he should not only be hired but immediately bronzed.

The man who fired Davie, the athletic director Kevin White, is also the same man who signed Davie to a five-year contract extension this time last

year. So in just a year, Davie apparently went from someone you want to keep to someone you can't shed fast enough. That is the unfortunate nature of the business.

White noted that Notre Dame has won 11 national championships in football. True enough, but only one in the last 23 years, and that one was a dozen years ago.

There is a school of thought that White and Notre Dame live not so much in a fantasy world as in a time warp, that what worked before won't work now. Idealism has gone out of style.

Their argument is that it is not possible to keep pace with, oh, let's pick somebody at random here — Miami, say — and still maintain demanding admission policies and stem academic requirements.

Whether they like it or not, goes the argument, there have to be some accommodations made, some adjustments for the times.

There has to be ... what's the word? Ah yes. "Compromise. Let us hope with the most severe

sort of passion that they are wrong in this contention, that this argument is misguided, benched and just plain ... what's the word? Ah, yes. "Wrong."

Let us hope that someone will fight to keep the standards, not lower them, and resist retreat or surrender or alibi even if it is all dolled up and passed off as compromise, as though the word alone would excuse the sin.

The argument that admission standards are detrimental and discourage the prime beef from signing on is a lame one. The fact is, Notre Dame has a built-in recruiting advantage that far exceeds any disadvantage. For a long, long time, it was the automatic destination of Catholics with speed, size, strength, or, preferably, all three.

And Notre Dame is still a magic name, still a place of overpowering mystique.

And if that sounds hopelessly idealistic, well isn't that part of what the college experience is supposed to be about, fighting the good fight, immersing yourself in a cause in which you believe?

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and ourselves out in the community and getting involved, and I think that's an important part of anyone's life experience and education," said SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk. "It's just important to know that we're pretty fortunate people and we should be giving something back to those who are less fortunate."

Most think only big time sports such as football, basketball and baseball can have an impact on the community, but even the low-profile sports can make a huge difference.

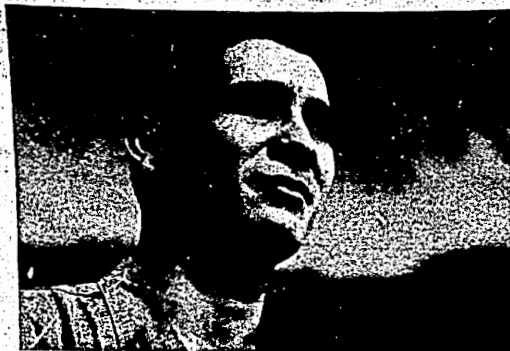
SIU women's swimming head coach Jeff Goelz said community service is one of the most important aspects of being a student-athlete and donating time to the community is something they should just do and not question.

"A lot of these college athletes are role models whether they want to admit it or not," Goelz said. "They need to do things in the community and reach out and go talk to people and let the community know what they're about and who they are and where they're from and what they do."

Therriault said it's important that the entire department get involved in this program and not just a select few to show how thankful the Athletic Department and its student-athletes are to the community which has given them so much.

"One thing we're trying to do this week is get every one of our student-athletes to go over there at least one time during the week so that all 360 of them are involved in the program. That's our goal," Therriault said.

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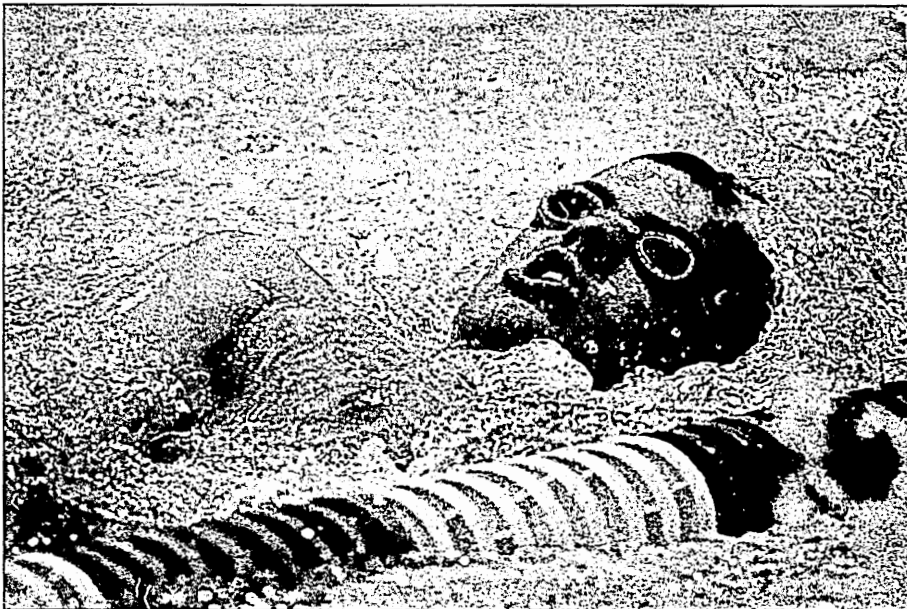
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Bryant Ellam, a sophomore swimmer, practices swimming with the men's swim team at the Recreation Center Monday afternoon. The swim team was recently ranked as the number one mid major team in the country by collegeswimming.com.

## Water Dawgs embrace No. 1 rank

Men's swimming and diving team stands atop mid-major poll

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Now presenting the No. 1 team in the land — your SIU men's swimming and diving team.

That is how the Salukis can be introduced now, following the release of the first Mid-Major Poll on collegeswimming.com, a nationally renowned collegiate swimming website, which featured SIU in its top spot.

The Mid-Major poll is a ranking that excludes teams from power conferences such as the Big

Ten, Big 12 and Pac 10.

The Salukis had 239.40 points in the poll and were followed by Eastern Michigan University (238.13) and fellow Missouri Valley Conference member Southwest Missouri State University (233.37).

"I'm real proud of these guys man, we've been swimming our hearts out," said senior Jeremiah Cortez. "We've had real tough workouts the past three weeks. It seems like we haven't gotten any rest, it's killing us. It's good for us though because obviously it paid off. We're number one in the mid-major poll so we're doing something right."

The hard work has shown in the pool and the Salukis have been able to hang with teams from powerhouse conferences such as the Big Ten and the Big 12.

While they didn't quite expect to get the No. 1 ranking, the Salukis knew they'd be near the top when the list finally came out.

"We kind of had a feeling because we were ranked third all last year in the mid-majors," Cortez said. "It feels good to finally get that No. 1 ranking. It wasn't expected, but it was a nice surprise."

Cortez wasn't the only member of the team to be pleasantly surprised by SIU's ranking, as sophomore Derek Helvey said he too was caught off guard by the announcement.

"We have a really strong team this year, but I wasn't expecting to be No. 1 in the mid-majors," Helvey said. "There's a lot of strong teams in the mid-major conferences and I did not think

that we'd be up there."

While most teams might feel pressure to maintain the top spot over the course of the season, the Salukis aren't worrying about that. They know it's more important to be on top at the end of the season, when it counts most.

"Being ranked No. 1 is a really cool thing, but it doesn't really put that much pressure on us," Helvey said. "We want to back it up, but it doesn't put the pressure on us to do it."

While toping the Mid-Major poll is a big step forward for the program, SIU has its eyes on a bigger prize. That prize is breaking into the Top 25 list, something SIU hasn't done since the

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## Season turns mental for Salukis

Bruce Weber said before Saturday's game against Indiana that his team would need a magical performance to beat the Hoosiers.

"I'm not sure if the Salukis' effort qualified as magic. But when you're as good as SIU has been, sorcery becomes less important."

The Salukis were head and shoulders better than IU on Saturday. Indiana had no answer for SIU's defense, the raucous Arena crowd or Rolan Roberts' omnipresent palm.

Now 6-1 on the season, with its only defeat a narrow one to Illinois, the Salukis are sitting pretty. Indiana, Iowa State and Saint Louis are among the Salukis' early season victims. National recognition is there for the taking.

Yet we were reminded of the absurdity of college basketball politics on Sunday night. A quick glance at the latest ESPN/USA Top

25 poll revealed the red-hot Salukis still shy of breaking into the poll. Not a major surprise there, as it takes a while for a program like SIU to be noticed and there are several excellent teams ahead of them.

Then you look at the others receiving votes section, SIU drew 28 votes, just six spots out of the nation's Top 25. Who checks in with 29 votes? Sure enough, those old Indiana Hoosiers, fresh off a sound beating by the Salukis on Saturday.

Maybe the Hoosiers get bonus points for their stylish candy-cane warm-ups.

Though some of the thick-headed pollsters will be slow to toss accolades SIU's way, the Salukis will eventually make their mark if they maintain the resolve they've demonstrated early in the season. SIU has shown it has the personnel to compete against top flight competition and the craving for success to routinely out-work teams during games.

It's that last quality that becomes most important as SIU seeks to keep rolling toward an NCAA bid. The most important thing the Salukis need to do is remain hungry.

The emotional frenzy created by Saturday's win was special. It was one of the most successful events of any type that has taken place on this campus in years. But real accomplishments for college basketball teams come in February and March, not December.

One of the most telling indications of a team's character is its killer instinct. Whether that means finishing a team off during a game, or as in this case, the ability to not lose focus, a team's capacity to keep plowing ahead after experiencing success can be the difference between having a good season and a truly special one.

Now the Salukis are headed for a three-game road swing, beginning Saturday at George Mason. The Salukis will also visit Cal-State Northridge and Colorado State. The trip will pose serious challenges for SIU. Winning on the road anywhere is a hellish task, and the Salukis'



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## Athletic Department receives prestigious grant

SIU one of only 10 schools to receive Verizon grant

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If you can read this sentence, it is because someone cared enough to teach you to read.

The SIU Athletic Department is doing their best to ensure that local area children will also be able to read sentences like this.

Thanks to a grant from Verizon, SIU will be sponsoring "Verizon Reads with the NCAA Week" at Lewis School in Carbondale Monday through Friday.

The \$5,000 grant from Verizon is part of a \$50,000 package that includes just 10 colleges in the United States. The other schools receiving the grant were the University of Alabama-Birmingham, the University of Dayton, DePaul University, Hartwick College, the

University of Illinois, James Madison University, Notre Dame University, Ohio University and Westfield State College.

With the money they received, SIU bought 300 books and 300 T-shirts for second and third-graders at Lewis School and will be sending their student-athletes to the school to teach the children the joy of reading.

The student-athletes will go to the school and talk to the children about the importance of reading as well as helping them read a book. Another activity lined up by the Salukis is helping the children make a poster with the theme of "Reading is Fun." The classroom with the best poster wins a pizza party with the SIU men's basketball team later in the month.

Kristina Theriault, coordinator of the student services department of intercollegiate athletics, said the children will be tested on the book they read and if the student receives a 100 percent, they will get to keep a book.

"We're going to make sure every kid gets a

*"We really try to get our student athletes and ourselves out in the community and getting involved, and I think that's an important part of anyone's life experience and education."*

Paul Kowalczyk  
SIU athletic director

book," Theriault said.

Giving back to the community is nothing new to the Salukis. They participate in several community service activities over the course of a year including their own literacy program, "Reading with the Dawgs."

"We really try to get our student-athletes

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