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Discussion builds bridges to help understand AIDS

International students talk about AIDS epidemic despite low attendance

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

The doors to Ballroom B where the discussion on AIDS was intended to take place stood open Tuesday night. The open doors exposed a room full of chairs but no students in them.

Outside the ballroom in the Gallery Lounge, the discussion organized by the International Student Council commenced despite a lack of attendance.

While the issue of AIDS in America is of great concern during this week of awareness, it is important to remember that although the disease exists in our country, this is certainly not its sole residence.

In recognizing the dire need for global attention to the subject, the four in attendance held an intimate discussion on the personal but necessary topic.

As Angela Titi Amayau, a graduate student in business from Cameroon, pointed out, there are places in South Africa where almost half of the population is HIV positive.

She sees the need for recognition of AIDS in countries such as Botswana, where 39 percent of the country is infected.

Although Saidou Hangadumbo, a student from Niger, said the AIDS epidemic is not a large problem in his country, he knows many infected individuals. His exposure to the disease has sparked his interest in advocating for awareness.

As the member of a board promoting AIDS awareness, Hangadumbo aims to emphasize this year's slogan of "Live and Let Die."

"What we mean by this slogan is that we hope to eliminate the stigmas and discrimination that exist with the disease," said Hangadumbo, a student working towards his doctorate in health education. "We want people to realize that you can't get AIDS from



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Saidou Hangadumbo (right), a doctoral student of Niger, discusses the problem of AIDS in Africa with a group of students during Tuesday evening's Bridges forum in the Student Center Gallery Lounge. Bridges, a group of students devoted to AIDS awareness, is led by the International Student Council and meets monthly to talk about international topics.

hugging or from sitting in the same place with someone with the disease."

Hangadumbo emphasized the importance of one specific area concerning the matter.

"I live in a country that is 80 percent illiterate," said Hangadumbo. "So how can these people read about the disease? Abstinence is a great idea but it's not realistic. There is a very simple solution — condom use. Until we have the vaccines to prevent the disease, it is important to emphasize the use of condoms."

Hangadumbo also said it was important for countries to help each other — a thought International Student Council president Ana

Velitchkova hoped to enforce during the Bridges meeting.

With the forum focusing on AIDS, Velitchkova hoped to hold a discussion that would prompt discussion on the personal but necessary topic.

"People like to think, 'It doesn't concern me,'" said Velitchkova. "No one wants to think 'Yes I'm in danger.' It's too scary. It's much easier for them just to put their head in the sand."

Although AIDS infection is not a large problem in Velitchkova's country, she thought the topic would be an appropriate issue for the

once a month forum considering the time peg of Aids Awareness Week.

"It's sad in a way," said Velitchkova, a senior in foreign languages and literature from Bulgaria. "I guess I'm a little disappointed. I'm glad for the people that showed up, but these are people who are already interested in the topic."

"It would have been nice to involve people who wouldn't have come to something like this anyway."

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City leaders says local economy will suffer if SIUC faculty strike

Mall, restaurants and rental market would be hit hardest

Kristina Herrndobler
Daily Egyptian

If the Faculty Association actually goes on strike, there is no doubt that SIUC students, faculty and administration would be affected. However, local businesses and city leaders are worried a strike at the University will go beyond campus boundaries and have a direct effect on the local economy.

Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty said a strike could have a "ripple" effect in the community.

"If there are fewer people in the community, it means there will be less spending and an adverse effect on business," Doherty said. Still, he said there are too many open-ended questions without answers to say to what extent the economy would be affected. He said details such as how long a strike might last, whether or not students would be sent home and if a strike could close down the University all together make a big difference into what extent the

community will feel negative effects.

Doherty said a strike would affect the obvious businesses such as the mall or restaurants. But he said it would also affect the rental economy in town.

"So many people depend on the rental market," he said. "If fewer people need housing, it will cause a terrible ripple effect."

If students are not in Carbondale to flourish the economy by pumping their money into it, it will affect more than those who own the cash registers.

"If you don't have customers, you don't need workers, so the ripple is that people will get laid off, there will be less spending and therefore less money in the local economy," Doherty said.

Doherty also pointed out that many of the SIUC employees live in nearby communities other than Carbondale. He said if there was a long, drawn-out strike, all of Southern Illinois could suffer. In addition, Doherty questions the message a strike or even talk of a strike will send to prospective students.

"There is no doubt a strike would have a very adverse impact on future enrollment at SIUC,"

Doherty said. "This must be a real concern for people who are making their choices for next year — they will undoubtedly take that into consideration."

Still, Anne DeLuca, assistant vice chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and director of Admissions, said talk of a strike has not affected enrollment for the spring semester. And although she said it is too early to tell how next year's enrollment numbers will be, she said she is hopeful they will be positive. In fact, she said they are receiving applications for fall and they are coming in ahead of where they were the same time last year.

"Of course we have had questions, but no one has told us they are not planning to come because of questions about a strike," DeLuca said. "There have been no indications that students are not planning to come because of confirmation that there could be a strike."

DeLuca said at this point, the matter is not a big concern and she is very pleased with that. Still, she said she is hopeful that the faculty and administration will come to an agreement.

Wendler sends students letters about negotiations

Mailing estimated to cost University \$5,900 in postage

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

The SIUC administration has been increasing efforts to help students stay informed about the ongoing negotiations with the Faculty Association.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler sent students a letter Nov. 21 telling them of the University's desire to reach a settlement without a strike.

"It is our strongest desire to resolve our differences with the Faculty Association without a strike," Wendler wrote.

The Faculty Association recently voted in favor of calling a strike if the union members believe progress is stalling at the bargaining table. Negotiations have been ongoing between the Faculty Association and administration since February, and the bargaining teams will meet today, Thursday and Friday for further labor talks.

Officials from the University's administration and Faculty Association have both said they hope a strike can be avoided.

Stricking points between both sides include salaries, workloads, tenure and student/faculty ratios.

Wendler said in his letter that education will continue at the University if there is a strike.

"If a strike happens, we will make every effort to stay in session and have classes meet," he wrote. "Students in good academic standing scheduled to graduate will receive their diplomas as planned."

Additionally, Wendler provided a telephone number for students or their family members to call with questions about the negotiations. The number is 453-5375 and the line is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays.

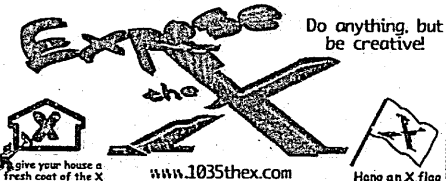
Wendler said Tuesday that the phone line hasn't been busy since sending the letter out. He said that on the busiest days, about 20 people call the phone

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NATIONAL NEWS

Postal workers to get the pill

WASHINGTON — U.S. postal workers will be offered potassium iodide pills to protect against thyroid cancer in the event of a radiological emergency.
"Employees are out there in all of these communities nationwide and we wanted to err on the side of caution," Postal Service spokeswoman Sue Brennan said.

The USPS said Monday it was buying nearly 1.6 million pills from Tampa-based AnbeX, Inc. for distribution to workers who want to have the tablets if a radiological emergency occurs.
Potassium iodide is the only medication for internal radiation exposure. It has just one use, to prevent thyroid cancer by blocking the thyroid from taking up radioactive iodine.
The pills are generally kept on hand in areas where there is a threat of a nuclear accident, but in recent years concerns have also increased that an enemy might include a form of iodine in a nuclear weapon.

The Food and Drug Administration-approved tablets will be available for all 750,000 postal workers nationwide.
Employees will be given counseling in advance to understand the use of the pills, which will be kept on hand for distribution if needed.

"It's a proactive approach regarding the safety, health and well-being of employees nationwide," Brennan said.
Brennan said the pills are being offered much like free flu shots were offered in the wake of the anthrax scares after the Sept. 11 attacks.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Britain upressed UFO info

LONDON — The British government tried to cover up one of the country's most famous sightings of an unidentified flying object, a parliamentary watchdog ruled Tuesday.

The "Rendlesham Files," which were finally published on the Internet Sunday, contain eyewitness accounts by U.S. Air Force officers at a military base close to Rendlesham Forest, near Ipswich in eastern England, who saw a brilliantly lit object land in the forest in December 1980.

The incident is widely regarded as one of the most significant UFO sightings, the British equivalent of the 1947 incident in which a spacecraft supposedly crashed at Roswell, N.M. with aliens aboard.

Several people had complained to the British parliamentary ombudsman, Ann Abraham, that the Ministry of Defense had refused to divulge full details of the Rendlesham witness accounts.

Abraham ruled the ministry had "withheld three documents relating to reported sightings of unexplained aerial phenomena in 1980, the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident."

A ministry spokesman said the files had not been deliberately withheld and had always been available to anyone who asked.

Police turn over campus porn movie report

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Police have completed an investigation of a pornographic movie shot on Indiana University's campus and turned their report over to school officials.

Sgt. Tim Lewis, spokesman for the IU Police Department, would not discuss the findings of the investigation Monday.
University officials had no immediate comment, said university spokeswoman Jane Iankovskii.

A film crew from Shane Enterprises in Van Nuys, California, taped several students engaged in sex acts with actresses during a visit to the university in early October for "Shane's World No. 32: Campus Inaction."

University officials ordered a police investigation October 23 after receiving a complaint from a resident manager at Teter Quadrangle.

Shane Enterprises spokeswoman Calli Cox said university students invited the crew to Bloomington and 20 to 30 students signed model releases to appear in the film.

University officials have accused the California-based Web site of exploiting students and have said they would pursue charges if the investigation determined any laws had been broken.
Cox has said the students who participated all were over age 18.

University officials have not yet determined whether any of the students violated school rules or may face disciplinary action.

Africa awaits encore solar eclipse

Hundreds of thousands of eclipse chasers, space scientists and Southern Hemisphere inhabitants expect to see the day-time sky go dark Wednesday as the moon blots out the sun over Africa for the second time in 18 months.

The total eclipse will be seen for more than two minutes in some places, creating the brief illusion of night that sometimes persuades birds to roost, can make stars appear to twinkle and causes the sun's usually hidden coronal ring to shine.

The lunar shadow will appear shortly after dawn over the Atlantic Ocean, race eastward over southern Africa and the Indian Ocean, then terminate at sunset over southern Australia.

It will travel about 7,500 miles 12,000 kilometers during an odyssey lasting three hours and 21 minutes. The first land to witness it will be the African coast of Angola shortly before 12 a.m. C.T.

"The total residents are indeed fortunate to witness a total eclipse twice within the span of 18 months," said eclipse expert Fred Espenak in a statement on NASA's eclipse website.

Today

High 30
Low 15



Winter weather advisory in effect today with 1 to 3 inches of snow expected.

Five-day Forecast

Thursday	Mostly Sunny	30/15
Friday	Mostly Sunny	37/22
Saturday	Rain/Snow	38/24
Sunday	Snow	35/26
Monday	Partly Cloudy	37/25

Almanac

Average high: 49
Average low: 31
Monday's precip: 0.00"
Monday's hi/low: 34/22

CORRECTIONS

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TODAY'S CALENDAR

Class ring sign-up and display
University Bookstore
10 to 5 p.m. today and Thursday

POLICE REPORTS

University

-Etabonno Rita Eruteya, 20, of Chicago was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting a peace officer at 6:25 p.m. Monday at Faner Hall. Eruteya posted \$100 bond and was released.

-Rickia Rondaiya Dominguez, 19, of Joliet was arrested at 5:37 a.m. at Schneider Hall on a warrant for failure to appear in court on an original charge of contempt of court. Dominguez was transported to the Jackson County Jail.

-Christopher G. Whitehead, 19, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving without a rear registration plate light at 11:54 p.m. Sunday on East Grand Avenue. He posted \$100 bond and was released.

Carbondale

-A television, video game system, stereo, DVD player and other property were stolen from a residence in the 200 block of East College between Nov. 23 and Dec. 1. Police have no suspects. The loss is estimated at \$3,500.

-Stamps and a picture frame containing baseball cards were stolen from Country Companies Insurance, 526 E. Main St., between Nov. 29 and Dec. 2. Police have no suspects.

-Cash was reported stolen from Keri's Nail Perfection and computer equipment was reported stolen from LA Services, both at 828 E. Main St. between Thursday and Monday. A third business in the complex was entered but nothing was reported missing. Police have no suspects.

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Simon runs for City Council

Molly Parker
Daily Egyptian

Her father once ran an unsuccessful campaign for U.S. president after a long senate career, but Sheila Simon is perfectly content running for the Carbondale City Council.

Simon, an SIUC law professor, wants to contribute to the city as a councilwoman advocating for zoning reforms and the formation of a Human Relations Commission among other issues.

"I've been asked to run for office before, but that would have meant Springfield," Simon said. "I thought, hey, City Hall. I can ride my bike. I can be home for dinner. It sounds like we're made for each other."

Simon will be a candidate for a four-year term on the Carbondale City Council. The primary election for the council and mayor positions will be in February and the general election in April.

Although the name Simon, when said at SIUC at least, typically refers to former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, now director of the Public Policy Institute, Sheila has a list of accomplishments and is well known in the legal community.

She has experience in both civil and criminal law. She spent two years prosecuting domestic batterers as Jackson County assistant state's attorney. In addition, Simon spent three years in private practice and five years as a staff attorney at Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance.

Simon has been a professor in the Law School for four years and has taught family law, argumentation and legal reasoning and writing. She also authored the book "Divorce: A Client's Guide." She received her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and spent her last semester of law school at SIUC.

Simon said another important issue to her is what happens to the old high school once students move into the new high school next school year. She lives north of the current high school on Springer Street and said she would like to see that area be kept as a low density residential area rather than have apartments built there.

Simon has lived in Carbondale on and off since junior high. Her husband, Perry Knop, is a teacher at John A. Logan Community College. They have two children, Reilly, 12 and Brennan, 8.

Simon said another important issue the council will face is how to implement the Human Relations Commission. She said she would like to see a Human Relations Commission with more muscle to it.

"I'd like to see it have subpoena power because a commission is something that can get to problems before they become huge problems," she said. "Carbondale has such a tremendous resource by way of the diversity of people who live here; we ought to be using that as an advantage rather than waiting until we have some kind of festering problem."

Simon said she would be accessible



MOLLY PARKER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sheila Simon recently announced her bid to run for Carbondale City Council. She is an SIUC Law School professor and has lived in Carbondale on and off since junior high.

as a candidate and that "you will find that my phone number is in the phone book."

There are four seats open to the Carbondale City Council along with the mayor's position. The last day to turn in petitions is Dec. 16.

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Air conditioning system to be upgraded

New system to be more energy efficient.

Phil Beckman
Daily Egyptian

The 30-year-old cooling tower on top of the Communications Building is being completely replaced with brand new equipment that is expected to be more energy efficient.

D.R. Huppert, supervisor of construction, said he expects the construction will be completed by Feb. 1. Faculty and staff may experience some inconvenience during the construction as portions of the parking lot are used to store construction equipment and supplies.

"There will be some disruption for a few weeks," Huppert said.

The refitting is being done to com-

ply with an Environmental Protection Agency mandate to use a more efficient form of Freon in the air conditioning system. The project was initiated last December when the fan in the cooling tower and some pumps were changed.

Phil Gatton, director of plant and services operation, said the new equipment is expected to be 10 percent to 15 percent more efficient. The system has been operating with a one-speed motor, which is not as flexible in responding to demand. But the new two-speed motors will be able to vary their speed in response to demand.

The new equipment is expected to last 20 years.

Gatton said the project is costing \$750,000, with the funds coming from the Illinois Capital Development Board. The board manages renovation of state-owned buildings and new con-

struction of university buildings, mental health hospitals and prisons.

The purpose of the tower is to dissipate heat from the 3,500-ton centrifugal chiller in the basement of the Communications Building. The chiller is a giant air conditioner that cools water that is circulated to the air conditioning systems of 10 to 12 other buildings. There is also a chiller in the Neckers Building.

Heat generated in the chilling process is dissipated by water that flows through the chiller. The water is then routed through the cooling tower causing condensation on the pipes. A huge fan blows air across the pipes dissipating the heat through evaporation.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Associated Press correspondent to speak

Associated Press correspondent Susan Luke will speak at 6 p.m. in Room 1201 of the Communications Building over how to be a reporter overseas and how to otherwise avoid a boring career.

Luke has worked for CNN, TV stations in Boston and Chicago, as well as papers in Budapest, Prague and Sydney. Luke will share her tips on getting cool jobs in the U.S. or abroad, and other career-making tips she managed to learn outside of journalism school.

Raffle for former SIU football coach

The grand prize in a raffle to benefit Tommie Liggins, Murphysboro High School football coach and former SIU football coach, who is recovering from a heart attack, will be \$1,000 cash or a \$2,000 travel voucher.

The last prize, not the first, will get the grand prize in a reverse raffle Dec. 6. The grand prize winner need not be present to win the travel voucher, which may be used for a trip to Cancun or Las Vegas, or for a cruise.

Raffle tickets, which cost \$10, are available at Gibbs Barber Shop and Breadings' Shoes in Murphysboro and at the Murphysboro High School office.

Free performances tonight at Kleinau

Poems, stories and classical literature will be performed at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Marion Kleinau Theatre's upper-division speech communication students present the best of a semester's work in performance studies classes. The free event spotlights the best in poetry performance and storytelling, both taught by Associate Professor Elyse L. Pineau and literature performance taught by Associate Professor Craig S. Gringich-Philbrook.

National University of Ireland graduate to speak at Student Center

Michael Griffin will be lecturing at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center's Mississippi Room. The lecture is titled "Sheep and Pigs: Pastoral and Anti-Pastoral in Ireland."

Griffin is a graduate of the National University of Ireland in Galway and holds a philosophy degree from Oxford University. He is a post-doctoral fellow in Irish Studies at the University of Notre Dame, where he is pursuing scholarship on Irish literature and culture in the eighteenth century.

CARBONDALE

Carbondale Community High School mini-camp teaches young cheerleaders

The Carbondale Community High School cheerleaders are having a mini-camp to promote the positive aspects of cheerleading including teamwork, cooperation and skill.

Money is being raised in a fund that will enable all students interested in cheerleading to join without the burden of financial hardship. The mini-camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon for kindergarten through second graders and from 1 to 4 p.m. for third through eighth graders on Dec. 14 at CCHS Small Gym.

The performance date will be on Dec. 21. The cost is \$25 per participant and \$20 for each additional child. A T-shirt and snack will be provided. For more information, contact Helen Moon at 457-3371, ext. 212. Registration forms may be picked up at the CCHS Athletics Department in Bowen Gym.

ILAC support group to dedicate a special tree

The I Lost A Child support group will dedicate a special memorial tree honoring the lost children and their parents at 7 p.m. tonight in the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale lobby.

Parents are encouraged to bring an ornament to place on the tree in memory of their lost child. The ILAC support group is for parents who face the emotional pain caused by the loss of a child during pregnancy, childbirth or infancy.

Parents who have lost a child beyond the age of infancy have also found ILAC meetings helpful. Anyone who has never been touched by the death of a child is encouraged to attend this ceremony. The tree will be on display throughout the holiday season.

The former American Indian association of Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) is pleased to offer scholarship awards to current or new Native American undergraduate and graduate students. Awards will be made available for the 2003-2004 school year to support academic related projects and/or expenses. Deadline to submit application is February 3, 2003. For an application or additional information, please contact:

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Amendment to eliminate USG adviser fails

Amendment may be reintroduced in spring

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

The Undergraduate Student Government voted "no" last Wednesday on an amendment to remove all mention of a USG adviser from their constitution.

"I don't think we need an adviser, and I don't think we should have to have one," said Rob Taylor, the USG senator who wrote and introduced the bill.

The amendment failed with the votes split: 17 yes, six no, three abstentions and one senator who did not vote. The amendment required a two-thirds majority to be passed; it failed by only one vote.

Taylor hopes that removing the wording from their constitution will be the first step in

removing the adviser position from overseeing USG. The constitution currently acknowledges an adviser appointed by the University.

He said that USG is a constituency body, and the only one on campus with an administrative-appointed adviser.

Kim Taylor, the adviser for USG, said that the Graduate and Professional Student Council also has an adviser, and all other constituency bodies are for the faculty or administration. All of the student groups have advisers, several of which are University-appointed.

However, she said her position is still as the adviser of USG, and it is up to the office of the vice chancellor to decide whether that position will remain in the future.

"It really is immaterial to me right now whether they take it out of their constitution or not at this point," Taylor said.

Larry Dietz, the vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said he is adamant about not removing the position.

"It would be irresponsible of me to have any student government without an adviser," Dietz said.

He said the position allocates a good deal of money to the student body, and with that kind of money involved, they need an adviser to oversee and help them with the legal issues and university policies involved in it.

Currently, the constitution states that "the USG Adviser will advise members of the Undergraduate Student Government," and insure it is in compliance with SIUC rules and regulations. The amendment says that if USG requires advice, it is capable of soliciting it from any individual or group that it sees fit.

The second reason the amendment states the adviser position should be removed from the constitution is because it is paid for out of the Student Organization Activity Fund.

Dietz said that he is willing to look at the financial aspect of the amendment and consider reducing the salary of the position to make it proportionate to the actual time spent working

on duties for USG.

Taylor said he realizes Dietz will probably appoint an adviser no matter what their constitution says, but he believes removing the article will send a message.

"We want to be respected the same as every other constituency body on this campus," Taylor said.

Since he had not done much lobbying for the amendment, he said he thought that it did extremely well for his first time being presented to the senators.

Taylor said the majority of the people who voted against the bill believed USG did not have a choice in having an adviser. Since the vote, he has talked to a couple of senators and believes they may change their vote.

He hopes to reintroduce the amendment at the first meeting of spring semester.

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Fall concert to display variety of choral works

Jane Huh
Daily Egyptian

From Felix Mendelssohn to Jonathan Willcocks, a wide array of composers will have their work performed in SIUC's Fall Choral Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Shryock Auditorium.

The concert will feature two choral groups, the concert choir and the choral union, which will be led by John Mochnick, director of choral activities.

Mochnick said he thinks the audience will enjoy the concert because of the diversity of the performances. The groups perform at the end of each semester.

"I think the audience will get cultural enrichment and pleasure," he said.

The concert choir, comprised of 39 students singers, will perform two renaissance pieces by Mouton and Guerrero and the Bach Cantata No. 196 with the accompaniment of strings and a harpsichord. Contemporary holiday compositions, Christmas Rounds and O magnum mysterium, and gospel works are included in the show's program.

During the second half of the concert, the choral union, 75 students and community members, will take the stage with the orchestra. Mendelssohn's Psalm 42 will be sung in German by solo soprano Hae-Jeoung An, a graduate student in opera/musical theater. An will also do a solo for Magnificat, a contemporary piece by English composer Jonathan Willcocks.

Admission to the concert is \$2 for students and \$3 for others.

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Public Religion



Martin Marty, the Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus at the University of Chicago Divinity School, visits the Law School auditorium Monday evening to discuss "public religion" in today's society. Marty, who has written more than 50 books, spoke to a full and diverse auditorium about the importance of pluralism.

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Faculty showcase talent exhibit

Exhibit opens Friday in the University Museum

Brad Brondsema
Daily Egyptian

While some professors are busy grading papers and tests after class, others occupy their time making art — and starting at 4 p.m. Friday, they get to exhibit their talents in an exhibit in the University Museum.

The annual event this year will showcase 56 pieces made by 27 faculty members in the past year. Pottery, glasswork, paintings and sculptures will be on exhibit until Jan. 20. The opening is Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. and admission is free.

William Snyder, exhibit designer of the University Museum, said the event has a large turnout every year. He said the University Museum has been having the exhibit every year for as long as he can remember.

"It's unique because this is about the only venue that people will get to see all the work," he said.

Joel Feldman, a professor of print making and 30-year participant in the exhibit, said the

show offers faculty the rare opportunity to showcase their talents.

"I would say this is community service," he said. "It's an opportunity for professors to show the University and community at large our interests and skills."

Feldman's piece, "Mile Marker 81, Highway 57," revolves around the institutional relationship between the Big Muddy Correctional Facility and Rend Lake College's close proximity just north of Carbondale.

"I wanted to show the absurdity of the relationship between the two," he said.

He said the exhibit is unique because it showcases a lot of professors who are internationally known and a wide-range of media backgrounds.

In addition to the faculty exhibition, there will be other premieres including the Master of Fine Arts preview and Southern Glass Works showcasing student's work of the past year.

Snyder said like past years he expects a good turnout and hopes everyone to be excited.

"The more, the merrier," he said.

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Experts offer advice to students on trials of holiday shopping

Basma Douban
Daily Targum (Rutgers U.)

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (U-WIRE) — The week after Thanksgiving, the malls are packed, the lines are long and people are spending a lot of money. Shopping does not seem easy, but Rutgers experts offer advice to students on how to budget for the holiday season.

If a plan is created before going to the mall, shopping is made easier, said Patricia Brennan, a family and consumer-science educator at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County.

"Students must figure out how much they want to afford or spend for the holidays," said Brennan, a certified financial planner who teaches noncredit courses in saving and budgeting, investing, and retirement planning. "They should set a specific budget that includes everything from traveling, dinner, parties and entertainment."

Brennan said students should set their target and live with it. They should let people know they're scaling back so those people won't spend so much money on them, she said.

Part of a student's holiday spending plan should include the method in which they are pay-

ing for items, Brennan said. "They should use cash if they possibly can and use credit as a convenience," she said. "If they do charge, they should write down the amount in their checkbook if they can."

Students should also be aware of shopping checks they receive in the mail and of purchasing items with no money down and no interest for a certain period, she said. "They shouldn't use these checks because they have a high interest rate and should avoid purchasing these items because if the bill isn't paid off at the end of that period, it will come back with a very high interest rate."

"It's just like Santa Claus. You make a list. You look it over twice and then you go," said Barbara O'Neill, a certified financial planner and an RCE educator for family and consumer sciences.

Some students will use cash while others will rely on credit cards, she said. However, credit cards should not be used excessively during the holiday season. By knowing when their previous bill is due and shopping a day later, students can use their credit cards wisely. "This way students won't have to worry about not having money to pay their bills because they give themselves some time before the next bill cycle."

Student's lawyer criticizes Berkeley's sex policy

Dana Hull and T.T. Nhu Knight Ridder Newspapers

SAN JOSE, Calif. (KRT) — Officials at the University of California-Berkeley are investigating the extent of the former Boalt Hall law school dean's sexual encounter with a female student and say they will review the effectiveness of their sexual harassment policies.

Although John Dwyer abruptly resigned from the school last Wednesday, the attorney for the woman said the university is moving too slowly to investigate the details of the incident and the way the complaint was handled by university officials.

"My client met with the university for two hours, she gave them all the information that she had and nothing has happened," said Laura Stevens in a phone interview from Amsterdam, where she is on vacation. "To my knowledge, the university has not talked to any of the other students who were there the night of the incident."

Dwyer's resignation is still a shock to Boalt students, who fiercely debated the news and the details of the case Monday. Dwyer announced his resignation in a memo Wednesday as many students were clearing out for the Thanksgiving holidays. Some students had not heard of

the resignation until they returned to classes Monday morning.

Dwyer could not be reached for comment Monday.

"The memo was poorly handled," said Benson Cohen, a second-year law student. "For 1,000 students to come back and have no dean is shameful. It's as if Boalt has something to hide. There should have been a press conference and the announcement of an interim dean immediately."

In his resignation, Dwyer said the incident was "a single encounter" that occurred two years ago. Dwyer said that the encounter was "consensual" but admitted that he had committed a "serious error in judgment."

But Stevens, a Berkeley attorney who is representing the student, who graduated in May, said Monday that the December 2000 encounter was anything but consensual, characterizing it as an assault that took place in the student's apartment after she passed out following a night of heavy drinking with Dwyer and four other students.

"I expected him to lie, and the most obvious one would be that it was consensual," Stevens said. "It's a complete lie."

University officials released a statement late Monday that attempted to answer many of the questions that have been

raised, including whether the student had told the university about the incident before graduating. Stevens said her client waited to file her complaint until after graduation out of fear of retaliation.

"She said she spoke with three members of the law faculty and met with the campus's Title IX officer," said the university in a statement. "Her discussions with the faculty members occurred in the semester following the December 2000 incident. She did not file a complaint at that time."

News of Dwyer's resignation quickly ricocheted across the Bay Area's closely knit legal community. Many attorneys flocked to legal Web sites, where anonymous postings about Dwyer and the investigation were rampant Monday.

"It's tragic in every possible way," said Art Shartsis, an active alum who graduated from Boalt in 1971. "It's tragic for the young woman, for him and for the law school. We have lost a good dean, and whenever you have a scandal at an institution it's bad."

Dwyer, 51, was a well-regarded expert on environmental law who succeeded longtime Boalt Dean Herma Hill Kay in February 2000. Boalt was recently ranked seventh in the United States in U.S. News & World Report's annual law school rankings.

Kerry criticizes Bush tax policy

James Kuhnhehn Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT)

— Sen. John Kerry launched his budding presidential campaign Tuesday with a plan to freeze President Bush's tax cuts and to prime the economy with a payroll-tax cut for workers and tax incentives for business to create jobs.

In a speech to the City Club of Cleveland, Kerry, a Massachusetts Democrat best known for his foreign-policy expertise, joined a handful of Democratic presidential hopefuls who have become increasingly noisy in their criticism of Bush's economic policy. With the president riding high in public opinion polls for his war leadership, his opponents are focusing on America's weak economy as his point of potential vulnerability.

Kerry denounced Bush's tax policy as "giveaways that reward the wealthiest Americans over tax cuts for everyday working Americans."

Instead, Kerry proposed to help workers with a year-long suspension of payroll taxes on the first \$10,000 of income.

The payroll tax finances Social Security. He also proposed an increase in the minimum wage and an expansion of the Earned Income Tax credit for workers whose incomes are so low they don't pay income taxes. To cushion the impact of these moves on the federal budget, he proposed to freeze Bush's future tax cuts, which

are scheduled to begin in 2006.

"It's fair, it's affordable and it will immediately put money into the pockets of most Americans, including the millions of middle-class Americans not helped by the president's tax giveaway," Kerry said of his proposed payroll-tax cut.

His speech was as much about sustaining his recent media prominence as it was about proposing new laws. He has emerged as the political flavor of the week in Washington, thanks in part to a generally flattering recent profile in the trend-setting New Yorker magazine and a one-hour appearance Sunday on NBC.

Kerry used that forum Sunday to announce his intention to run for president in 2004, becoming the first nationally prominent Democrat to do so. While most Americans aren't thinking about presidential politics at this time, the current positioning by potential Democratic candidates is important to their efforts to line up financial support, build credibility among activists and form campaign teams.

Only one other Democrat, Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, has officially announced that he will run for the presidency in 2004. Kerry said Sunday that he planned to file the necessary documents this week to set a presidential campaign in motion.

At their broadest contours, the Democrat's attacks on Bush and the economic alter-

natives they propose have been quite similar. Kerry, Dean, former Vice President Al Gore and Sens. John Edwards of North Carolina and Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut all have said they would suspend or reduce the next round of tax cuts scheduled under legislation that Bush pushed through Congress in 2001. They all have recommended short-term alternative schemes to give low-and-middle-income workers more money to stimulate the weak economy, but Kerry is the first to suggest a payroll-tax holiday.

Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., for instance, has called for \$75 billion in short-term tax reductions for consumers and businesses. But he and Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota have refrained from calling for a freeze on Bush's scheduled tax cuts.

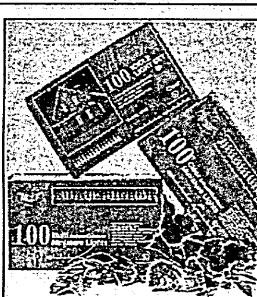
Kerry's condemnation of Bush's tax cuts came as the president himself called for the scheduled tax reductions to become permanent. Under the tax-cut law that Congress passed last year, the reductions would expire by 2011.

"Tax relief is not a political slogan, it's good economic policy," Bush said while campaigning Tuesday in Louisiana, where Republicans hope to gain a Senate seat Saturday in a runoff election. "We passed tax relief at the right time in American economic history, and now I need a senator to join me in making sure that tax relief is permanent."

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OUR WORD

Use precautions while driving

'Tis the season to be jolly ... By now everyone should have heard about the unexpected death of SIUC student Damion Vincent Zanon on Thanksgiving night. He and a friend were traveling to the movies when they collided with a van carrying a family — none of the family died, but both Damion and his friend were killed. At this point the cause of the accident has yet to be determined.

This is a sad incident, but all too common, especially during the holiday season. The DAILY EGYPTIAN would like to ask everyone to be careful and responsible while driving in winter conditions or after holiday festivities.

Statistics for Illinois driving accidents between Christmas and New Years in 2001 were not available, but in 1999 the number of fatalities from car accidents was 37, with eight of those involving alcohol and 19 in 2000, also with eight resulting from alcohol consumption from one or more parties. The second highest cause of those accidents was due to weather and road conditions.

Every year around the holidays there are campaigns to get people to act responsibly when getting behind the wheel, but it never seems to get through and make people realize the consequences of driving drunk or recklessly on icy roads.

It is understandable that people will drink during the holidays. The DAILY EGYPTIAN just wants everyone to not only think of their own lives, but the lives that would be put in danger if a drunk driver decided to get on the road.

If drinking is included in your holiday plans, please remember to choose a sober designated driver, take mass transit or a taxicab, or spend the night where the activity is being held. If you are out on the road and see someone who is driving recklessly, report them; you may save a life or two with one phone call.

Some accidents are unavoidable, but the majority of them aren't and taking a few precautions before getting on the road could do wonders and help lower the number of fatalities even more.

The most important thing, aside from not driving drunk, is knowing how to drive in winter weather, which is a major factor in protecting everyone on the road.

Several auto insurance and state police departments have created lists to help drivers get through winter weather on the road. Some of the tips include:

- *Drive as if everyone is out to get you; drive defensively.
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- *Remember: Bridges turn icy before roads do.
- *Drive slowly, even if it is below the speed limit.
- *Increase the distance between cars. It takes longer to stop, if you stop at all.
- *Make sure your brakes are in good condition.
- *Never pump your brakes, simply press firmly and let brakes do the rest.
- *Don't turn, brake or accelerate too fast or hard.
- *If you start to skid, don't hit the brakes, simply turn the wheel in the direction the car is skidding.
- *Stay alert by listening to the radio and staying abreast of the latest weather conditions and possible accidents.
- *Avoid following snow-plows and other large trucks; if you have to, try to stay at least eight seconds behind.
- *Never use cruise control on snowy or icy roads.

Some of these things may seem ridiculous, but are extremely important to help prevent a minor situation from turning into a major situation with fatalities.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our co-worker and fellow student. We hope that by taking extra precautions others will avoid such tragedy.

Remember that it is just as dangerous to drive in mild to extreme weather conditions which impair vision just as it is when you are sleepy or under the influence.

'Tis the season to be jolly ... but in the process, be safe.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Stress Free Zone: Surviving finals

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Maybe you should have studied more sooner, but now it is crunch time. Here are some tips on getting through semester projects and exams without panicking.

1. Avoid distractions: Before a test say no to TV, video games, your friend's invitations to go out, the phone and e-mail. During a test, ignore other students who may seem to be writing faster than you are. Concentrate only on the test.

2. Small amounts of caffeine may help alertness, but caffeine pills, diet pills or large amounts of coffee, etc. may add to stress and anxiety, leaving you too wired to focus. Try to get enough sleep. A recent study by Northwestern University showed that 70 percent of students with 3.8 GPA and above got at least seven hours of sleep each night.

3. Be positive. While this is easier said than done, don't worry yourself into hysterics about how this one assignment or test will determine your future. Your performance can only be improved by thinking that you will handle whatever comes along. You have gotten through difficult times before, and you can do it again.

4. Take study breaks to stretch, close your eyes and practice head rolls, shoulder shrugs or deep breathing. This can even be done during the exam and helps circulate oxygen in the blood to your brain where it is needed.

5. Use memory skills in last minute studying. Some ways to fix facts in your mind include using highlighters to accent main points of material, making flashcards or

using recall techniques such as assigning letters to a series of points (for example, remember ROYGBIV=Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Indigo Violet for the colors of the rainbow).

6. Don't grade yourself. You are more than your GPA. Many great people, such as Einstein and Edison, were dismal failures at school in their early years but with persistence became successful. Be realistic. Expect a certain amount of tension; it's normal during an exam period!

7. Fuel your brain. You really do need food to allow your thinking to work properly; now is not the time to diet. However, eating as procrastination or to comfort yourself may result in overeating and lethargy.

8. Use time efficiently. Carry a book or notes with you so that whenever you have a few spare minutes you can use it to your advantage to review material. Write down the things that you need to do, prioritize them and fill up spare moments with getting the top items done.

9. Plan rewards. Use your procrastinator activities (such as TV, friends) as rewards for after studying.
10. Know where to get help if needed. The Stress Management program at the Student Health Programs Wellness Center offers confidential individual sessions to practice relaxation skills, with information and support provided confidentially. Or you can visit the Oasis in Trueblood Hall for a quick time out, and listen to relaxation tapes or CDs.

Barb's views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There's no thief like a bad book.”

Italian proverb

WORDS OVERHEARD

“I just go out there and play hard, get in his face, do whatever it takes for my team to win.”

Stetson Halrston
guard, SIU men's basketball

COLUMNISTS

Millions affected by benefits

Last week most of us went home to be with our families and ate too much. In a few weeks, we are going to go home again for Christmas to spend time again with friends and families. Last week the United States Congress and Senate also went home to spend time with their families too.

However, when they went home, they left some unfinished business. They apparently forgot or did not care about the millions of people whose unemployment benefits will run out Dec. 28 — three days after Christmas. President Bush, with all of his talk about homeland security, also failed to realize that for these people Christmas time would feel very insecure.

These millions of people are not nameless, faceless people. They are our sisters, brothers, neighbors, students, parents, friends, boyfriends and girlfriends. They are husbands and wives. We cannot ignore these people and simply dismiss them as lazy bums who want to lie on the couch and watch reruns of "The Simpsons."

We all know that you cannot get unemployment insurance unless you have a justifiable reason to be unemployed such as layoffs or downsizing.

Volunteerism should NEVER replace governmental assistance

If you simply quit or get fired for a justifiable reason, it is quite difficult to get unemployment benefits. Moreover, we also know that in many areas — especially rural areas — finding a job is extremely difficult, especially if transportation is an issue.

The shame of it all is that the special interests groups such as the pharmaceutical corporations and others were rewarded in the Homeland Security Bill for their help in insuring victories for the Republicans. Unfortunately, the poor and unemployed who are struggling to survive were left out in the cold, in the literal sense for some people.

Last week, in President Bush's radio address, he stated that Americans should help their less fortunate neighbors and friends. I remember that we are all Americans. He also stated that more of us should volunteer to help the poor and those who are suffering from the economic downturn. To this, I say I agree with President Bush. Volunteerism is important and good. While the president was speaking about how we all should volunteer, I wondered if he had asked his wealthy friends and contributors to his presidential campaign in 2000 to help these families



Having My Say

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who will not be able to pay rent and buy food on Dec. 29. Maybe they could pay the rent for 15 or 20 families who will not be getting their unemployment checks.

Obviously, there will be more families in need, but if all the Republicans and Democrats who failed to act would ask their wealthy contributors to pay utility bills, buy groceries, pay rent, make house payments and make car payments, this could make a big dent, and we all know they have the money. This is evident when big contributors pay \$10,000 a plate to attend a fundraiser. Many of these families could use that money, I mean, who is in a better position to help than big corporate donors?

Nevertheless, there is only so much that ordinary poor and working class volunteers and private charities can accomplish. They are underfunded and overworked. Private charities and volunteers do not have the resources that the federal government possesses. Furthermore, employees did not pay volunteers and private charities out of their payroll deductions — they paid into this fund in the event that they became unemployed. As a former volunteer myself, I know that it is rewarding but time consuming and at times inadequate.

Volunteerism should NEVER replace governmental assistance because volunteers and charities cannot meet the needs of the millions of unemployed.

Therefore, in closing this column, I urge all of you who care about this issue to call, write and e-mail your representatives and ask them to show love and human compassion. For some people their unemployment check is all that they have — there is no savings, family assistance or charitable assistance. President Bush said help your struggling neighbor. I say to President Bush: Leadership reflects attitude — sign the bill to extend these benefits.

Lenie is a junior in history. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Jack Frost: Choke on an Altoid, you pansy

As I sit gnawing on a turkey bone and wishing Thanksgiving break had lasted just a bit longer, I realize how close to finals week it really is. I think back on this semester, and wonder where it went.

August wasn't bad. Moved into a new house, made new friends. Some girls might be intimidated by roommates who have gun-loading contests in the living room and leave chicken on the barbecue grill unattended for four hours, but I guess it's that on-the-edge lifestyle that makes our home the exciting domicile it is. There is a sort of rush that comes with wondering if your house will still be there when you get home.

I don't even really remember September. Oh well. Didn't win the lottery, didn't marry a Tish, didn't discover the meaning of life or even find out whatever happened to an M&M's. Pretty slow month.

And then came October. I'm sure my Op/Ed neighbor LeNie will argue October was the kind of month that puts hair on one's chest. (Proverbially, of course, or I would have spent all of November buying Nair after the column was that ensued.) While we may not have found a clear winner in the Chicago v. Carbondale battle, I made a new friend in the most unlikely of circumstances. And, hey, I enjoyed one helluva ego boost from columnist Damien Campbell in an epic poem titled, "Ode to Grace Priddy in B Minor."

November winds brought the early onslaught of Holiday fever, a gruesome, degenerate disease from which I suffer once a year when I pass my first Christmas tree lot of the season and inhale deeply. The thick, fresh air cripples my lungs like a can of Skoal right after an Altoid. High on the sweet aroma of nutmeg, I become insanely crazed with yuletide spirit and stop at nothing short of complete holiday breakdown before I realize no one else in Carbondale gives a crap.

And so here I am, December. I lay broken and bleeding in the hands of Father Christmas, who has abandoned me in my hour of Scrooge-esque pathos. Having spent my entire paycheck on ceramic snow-



Not Just Another Priddy Face

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men and peppermint candies in a moment of weakness, I hook my textbooks to buy presents for the loved ones who just can't figure out how to help me at this point. I watch new Jim Henson specials on network TV and long for the days when Emmett Otter's Jug Band Christmas was the latest and greatest in Muppet technology. I sprinkle tinsel over our ugly plastic Build-A-Tree and scowl at my roommate who vetoed the fresh scent of pine from our living room.

And so, my semester ends the same way it always does. A forlorn Grace sits in her living room, sulking her way through the seasonal festivity. I think it has some sort of hibernation effect on my senses, recharging my system. For the manic spring semester to come. Maybe the symptoms are psychosomatic, and I really rely on this bitter dejection just to function through the holidays. This is what my brother refers to as the "Nobel Prize in Keeping it Real." Just the same, I think it's justifiable grief. After all, why would a giant, needy sack of turpentine beside the fireplace be different from any of our other super ideas in the field of Dangerous Household Exploits?

Alas, I suppose the house will still be standing tonight when I get there. I sniff liquid floor cleaner for the synthetic pine smell and wait for Jack Frost to show his obnoxious little face. And in the meantime, I guess I'll sit here and scribble bitter columns for my January portfolio. Lord knows I won't have the energy when my brooding hits the after-Christmas sales.

Grace is a senior in architecture. Her views do not reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

In perspective

DEAR EDITOR:

During these times of faculty/administration negotiation and salary demands, I have been shown by my father that there is a perspective to life. Recently I was asked to put together a display for the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children. It lists names of children in abusive households who live in women's shelters and will not get anything for Christmas. It asks for our help for these kids.

Here are a few of the comments the kids made: A 12-year-old girl — "When we first came to the shelter I was scared. But now I feel safe. We all have our own rooms, but my mom has to go to a friend's house to cook because we don't have a stove or refrigerator, but somehow we always manage to make it." A 13-year-old boy — "A shelter is for women. It is a must for women who are thrown out of their home. We do things that relieve stress." A 10-year-old boy — "I like the Women's Shelter because they help us. They give us a place to stay. I learn ways to keep violence off my mind. I can get calm when I get help from them." A 14-year-old boy — "The Women's Shelter is a place where parents like your mom come. They come to a Women's Shelter because they will get beat up by husbands or boyfriends... I am not going to hit on a woman never in my life." A 12-year-old girl — "The reason I came to the shelter is because me and my mom needed housing. The shelter helped us with public aid they helped me to get into school. I like the shelter because they are so nice and are willing to let us come down here if the lights go out at our place and we can stay as long as we want." A 5-year-old girl — "I love my mom and my baby sister. My

mom loves me, too. We came to the shelter because we didn't have anywhere to live. My room is going to stay clean. The shelter is a good place. The Women's Shelter is very neat and my mom thinks so, too." A 12-year-old girl — "I like the Women's Shelter because they help us. They help us to get a good home. They help to get us a better life. They take us to our counselors, doctors, to the store, and court. They come to school and check on us. They help us to get our minds off things that are bad."

These are just a few, there are many more. These kids don't know if they will even have a home. They live in an environment of constant turmoil and violence. It makes me realize how petty my troubles are and how much God has blessed me and all of us who are lucky enough to have the good solid jobs SIU provides. We need to count our blessings every day and realize that there are so many others out there who are not as fortunate. Those of us who are can do something for those who aren't. Please come to the library in the main hall and find your own perspective. Happy Holidays.

Sharon Granderson
graphic designer, Library Affairs

Are we following the creed?

DEAR EDITOR:

Today my wife and I received letters from Chancellor Wendler Nov. 21. The chancellor wanted to tell us that "we put the well-being of students first." Further, "If a strike happens, we will make every effort to stay in session and have class meet." I feel better now (over session). Of course my own progress on my dissertation will be stalled since I am in no classes per se.

In order for me to graduate, my entire committee must cross the picket line. Would Chancellor Wendler find me another committee? Who might be on it? Are they qualified? Or would I simply receive my Ph.D. since I am a student in good standing? Would my pseudo-Ph.D. hold water on the job market?

The letter I received also stated the ongoing negotiations regarding "substantial issues, including salaries remain." What about the distribution of power in the University? Why does Chancellor Wendler not tell us in his letter about any of the other important issues that remain? I believe that he wants us to think it is all about money — it is not! Don't be fooled by disinformation linking the Faculty Association and its members to simple greed. The future of academics at SIUC is at stake.

The brief four paragraph letter from Chancellor Wendler irritated me further before I even opened it. In the upper right-hand corner of the envelope it said that it cost \$0.27 to get it to me. If you figure that there were roughly 20,000 recipients (which is slightly less than the number of students enrolled) the mailing of this letter cost the University \$5,400 (not to mention the cost of paper, envelopes and a somebody to put 20,000 packages together). Dear chancellor, why not use campus mail? Why send it at all? Through the Leadership of your office, my college, the College of Liberal Arts, has been facing negative budget cuts and is facing the potential for yet another cut. Other colleges are facing a similar situation. OK, times are tough. Then you spend \$5,400 to mail me a piece of public relations material?

Chancellor Wendler, perhaps your office would do well to take part in the budget cuts colleges, departments, faculty and students are all facing — and don't

forget your own words, "we put the well-being of students first." First cut 5 percent, then 8 percent and plan for an additional 5 percent — be equitable: what the colleges face, so should you. The letter I, and roughly 20,000 others received, tells me that you and/or your administration have money to burn.

The following statement of purpose was built into the Morris Library when it was constructed such that every person entering the main hall could see it. The display is roughly 30 feet high and about 10 feet wide. Clearly this statement was intended to be viewed as a guiding principle of Southern Illinois University.

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Website allows UWM students to post reviews

Sarah Carr
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE (KRT) — Some professors worry that courses promising easy As may soon be easier to find at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

A new online system, purchased by the Student Association at UWM, will give students access to the grading histories of professors, including the number of As, Bs and Cs they gave students the previous semester. The move has sparked a debate across campus about the potential for grade inflation and what some professors worry is a "consumer-driven" approach to education.

"Education should not be like a Coke machine where you put in money and get out whatever you want and what is easiest," said Jennifer Maher, an assistant professor of women's studies.

But association leaders said students need a more reliable and straightforward way to get information about courses.

"If you want to know about your class ahead of time, that's not always possible under the current system," said Raymond Duncan, a 22-year-old education major who is the academic affairs director for the Student Association. "You get whatever the university decides to present to you."

The association is paying Pick-A-Prof, an Austin, Texas-based company, \$10,000 a year from its budget so that students can post and read critiques and other comments about various

professors and check out their grading histories. Pick-A-Prof, which works with about 75 other colleges and universities, gets grading information through open-records requests.

The UWM site is now online, but grading histories will not be available until later this month. The critiques are not accessible to the public.

The administration does not plan to oppose Pick-A-Prof, said Ruth Williams, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs. But she said a joint student-faculty committee is continuing to work on an alternative online evaluation system in which the faculty would have more input in the set-up.

While students say the site will allow them to make better decisions, some professors worry that it will cheapen the educational process and the value of the students' degrees.

"I think it is a silly idea," said George David, a professor of computer science who also serves on the Faculty Senate. David said at least some professors will respond by awarding higher grades, and employers will eventually become suspicious of the grading system at the university.

But Mary Ryan, a 20-year-old political science major, said she does not think many students will use the site simply to find so-called "gut" courses.

"Certainly there are students who are going for the easiest classes; there are always going to be some of those," she said. "But the majority of students want to be excited by classes, and they don't just want an easy A and to be bored every day in class as a result."

Dozens of universities already use Pick-A-Prof, including the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Texas at Austin, said Karen Bragg, the director of university relations for the company. She said the company recently introduced a new feature that allows professors to post their own thoughts about their course and the workload.

Very few teacher reviews have been posted on Pick-A-Prof's UWM site so far, but organizers expect the number to grow rapidly after the site is officially introduced Wednesday at a news conference.

Duncan said Pick-A-Prof was more appealing than some of its competitors because screeners at the company review all of the student critiques before posting them.

Comparable sites include teacher-review.com and MyProfessorSucks.com, both of which allow students to be vulgar in their critiques.

Maher said she worries that even if the company takes this precaution, Pick-A-Prof still mistakenly encourages a "consumer's model of education. That is not what education is supposed to be," she said. "It's about getting people to engage with difficult ideas."

"We shouldn't be expected to advertise our courses like we are selling cars," she said.

But Ryan says Pick-A-Prof is "an extension of choice. Any time you have a more knowledgeable course selection process, that can only be good."

U.S. contemplates response to Iraqi statement on weapons

Warren P. Strobel
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — Iraq signaled Tuesday that it will soon declare it is free of weapons of mass destruction, setting the stage for a renewed confrontation with the Bush administration.

A senior U.S. official said that President Bush will launch an aggressive effort to demonstrate that the expected Iraqi claim is false, using U.S. intelligence data and pressing the United Nations to conduct weapons inspections with that goal in mind. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Bush's top national security advisers met Tuesday at the White House to discuss U.S. responses to Iraq's expected claim. They plan to reconvene on Thursday, after Secretary of State Colin Powell returns from a two-day trip to Colombia.

Under a resolution adopted unanimously by the U.N. Security Council last month, Iraq has until Sunday to make a full confession of its programs to develop nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and the missiles to deliver them.

A senior Iraqi official suggested that the document, which he said will be delivered Saturday, will declare that Saddam Hussein's government no longer possesses such weapons.

The United States has promised Britain, its closest ally, that it would not launch a war against Iraq solely on the basis of a weapons declaration

that it deemed false, said a senior Bush administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Rather, the senior official said, Bush and his aides are expected to launch a full-scale effort to prove the Iraqi document is false. That effort could take until next month, meaning the president could face a decision in January on whether to go to war.

First, the United States will carefully scrutinize the Iraqi document and compare it with U.S. intelligence information, a process that could take days or more.

Then the United States will press chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix to "really do an audit, in effect, of the final declaration," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "The end result of that ... is to show the declaration to be false."

As part of the effort, Washington is expected to share additional intelligence data with Blix, other officials said.

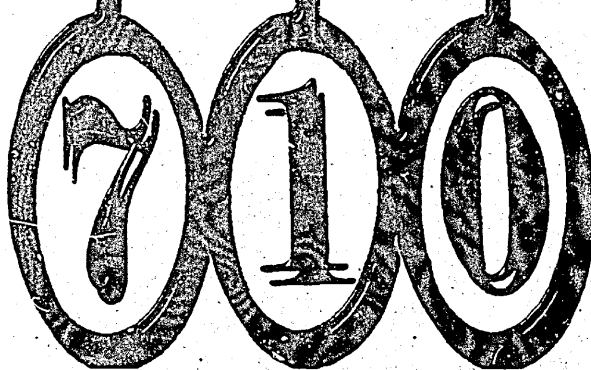
Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday that in the event of a false Iraqi declaration, the United States could begin ratcheting up pressure on Saddam by accelerating a buildup of U.S. ground forces in the Persian Gulf region for a possible invasion.

Top U.S. officials predict that Saddam will never admit the full scale of his weapons of mass destruction programs.

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High court takes on University of Michigan admissions lawsuits

Megan Hayes & Jordan Schrader
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — A new national precedent clarifying the use of race-conscious admissions policies is forthcoming, with the U.S. Supreme Court set to hear oral arguments for both lawsuits filed against the University of Michigan's admissions policies next spring.

The Court's decision will mark an end to five years of legal wrangling over the University's admissions policies and resolve conflicting opinions issued in the nation's lower courts.

"We are ready to defend ourselves vigorously," University President Mary Sue Coleman said after the Court Monday announced its decision yesterday to hear the cases.

The university was sued in 1997 by two white applicants, Barbara Grutter and Jennifer Gratz, who were denied admission to the Law School and the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, respectively. The plaintiffs claim they were rejected from the university while less qualified minority applicants were admitted.

The Supreme Court will hear both the Law School and undergraduate admissions cases although the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals has yet to rule on the undergraduate case.

The 6th Circuit upheld the University's Law School admissions policies in a decision in May.

Despite previously asking the Supreme Court not to hear the cases, University officials said they were optimistic about the chances for a

favorable Court ruling. The decision comes as little surprise, University Assistant General Counsel Jonathan Alger said.

"All along we have developed our legal strategy with this possibility in mind," Alger said. "We do believe we have very strong cases here — we are ready to go."

The Center for Individual Rights, a Washington, D.C.-based law firm, represents the plaintiffs in both cases.

CIR attorney Larry Purdy said they welcome a new Supreme Court standard on the use of race in admissions that will affect the entire nation.

"I would hope that they'll agree unanimously that the use of race and the manner in which the University uses it is inappropriate and wrong," Purdy said. "Such a ruling, particularly a unanimous ruling in that regard, would be ... wonderful for every student of every race."

Purdy said he was always confident the Supreme Court would hear the admissions cases given the division between the lower courts that have ruled on cases challenging the admissions policies of other public universities.

"These are clear splits in the approaches taken, and that is one reason the Supreme Court will step in to resolve these cases," Purdy said.

While it is rare for the Court to hear a case not yet ruled on by a federal appeals court, it chose to hear Gratz v. Bollinger because it parallels and supports Grutter v. Bollinger, Wayne State University law Prof. Robert Sedler said.

"The Court wants to make clear that its decision will not be limited to law schools," he said.

Brainy bunch of rockers flunks on the sales charts

Jim Farber
New York Daily News

(KRT) — These are frightening times for thoughtful folk-rockers. A gaggle of them — including the Wallflowers, Counting Crows, David Gray and Tom Petty — has been getting the El Kabong treatment on the charts.

Jacob Dylan's Wallflowers came into their new project, "Red Letter Days," at a disadvantage. Their previous album, "Breath," bombed (following their 4 million-selling "Bringing Down the Horse").

When "Breath" was released, the same rock radio stations that had boosted the band started favoring yowling rap-metal instead. While those stations have since lightened up a bit — tipping toward the alterna-rock of Nickelback or new music from original grungers like Pearl Jam — they still haven't found a place for folk rock.

Which explains why the Wallflowers have gotten most of their play on Adult Top 40 stations — though presumably not enough to put "Red" into the black. After three weeks, it nosedived to No. 123 on Billboard's Top 200.

That same scenario helped shoot down Counting Crows. While the group had been able to fly high enough on its fan base to withstand radio's lessening ardor, it was brought down by its latest CD, "Hard Candy." It's the band's first album to not only fall below


platinum status (1 million sales), but even to miss going gold (500,000). After five months, "Candy" has sold a sour 470,274 copies. The group got no support from MTV. The fact that the Crows set up the album with a crass product endorsement (not just lending its music to a Coke ad, but committing the cardinal sin of touching the product) didn't help.

By contrast, singer-songwriter Gray had hardly any profile going into his "New Day at Midnight." Gray's last album broke on a radio favorite, "Babylon." But in the meantime, the singer suffered from a confusing rush of recycled releases, to cash in on "Babylon." An "unofficial" album of demos was released, along with Gray's old catalogue, muddying the market with product. Also, for all the new album's charms, it lacks anything as attention-getting as "Babylon."

Petty had no trouble snagging attention for his new "The Last DJ." But was it the right kind? The press loved the lyrics' theme — namely, capitalist corruption as seen in the greedy music biz and soulless radio — but that didn't endear Petty to the very outlets he needed to promote him.

The singer tried to fix things by going on key stations to say, "Well, I don't mean you" — but that wasn't enough to keep his album from plopping to No. 145 in seven weeks. So, contrary to what thoughtful people believe, honesty isn't always the best policy.

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Former President Bill Clinton tries to rouse Democrats after election losses

Dick Polman
Knight Ridder Newspapers

NEW YORK (KRT) — Bill Clinton played Knute Rockne on Tuesday, exhorting demoralized Democrats to storm the playing field and kick some Republican butt.

The loquacious ex-president, looking fit and ruddy, told several hundred party colleagues in a meeting at New York University that the Bush administration and the GOP humiliated the Democrats in the Nov. 5 congressional elections for one big reason: Republicans had a coherent message, especially on national security, and Democrats did not.

"Without a national message that has positive proposals for the future, we can't win a midterm election or a national election," he said. Americans have "a psychological need for unity," in the aftermath of Sept. 11, which means that Democrats can't afford to be seen as "missing in action on national security."

He warned, "If we look weak at a time when people are scared, we lose. Insecure people would even rather have someone (in office) who is strong and wrong, than someone who is weak and right." So unless Democrats can convince voters that they're serious about national security, "we won't be able to access it. They will not hear us on other issues."

And on domestic policy, Clinton insisted that Democrats try to replicate the glory days of his administration, by stressing the ideas that helped sustain his popularity: family leave, flex time for working mothers, targeted tax cuts for the middle class, health care reform (although he chose not to critique ex-partner Al Gore's new proposal for national health insurance).

These days, Democrats are in bad need of guidance from somebody. And even though Clinton is still mocked by many — David Letterman did another Clinton sex joke last Friday — he retains credibility within the party because of the way he often won support from liberals and moderates alike while serving as the only two-term Democrat since Franklin D.

Roosevelt.

Democrats have been flagellating themselves since they lost the U.S. Senate a month ago, and old internal tensions have resurfaced. Liberals insist that Democrats now need to move leftward and draw sharper distinctions with President Bush, even to the point of sounding more antiwar, but moderates contend that such a move would make matters worse, by driving middle-of-the-road suburban voters into the Republican camp in 2004.

Tuesday, Clinton appeared to side with the moderates: "We don't have to be more liberal, but we do have to be more relevant."

The party's factions do agree, however, that the party was largely substance-free during the recent campaign. Democratic candidates complained about the sluggish economy, but few wanted to oppose Bush's big tax cuts or propose alternatives. Meanwhile, top congressional Democrats ultimately supported Bush's aggressive policy toward Iraq, but left the impression that they wanted the whole topic of war and terrorism to just go away.

As a result, diehard Democratic voters were far less motivated than their Republican counterparts on Nov. 5. Democratic strategist James Carville noted recently that the GOP's "clarity of thinking" gave their core voters a reason to show up — and that the Democrats' lack of coherence will be remembered as "one of the biggest fumbles in election history."

Clinton said Tuesday, "You can't just attack the other guy's ideas, unless you have something to say."

Some political observers insist that Democrats need not panic. Charlie Cook, a Washington analyst, says that a swing of only 94,000 votes — out of 75.7 million cast nationwide — would have given the Democrats control of the House and Senate. But results are what count, and Democrats fared badly last month among key constituencies: seniors, married women, and residents of the new exurbs (the burgeoning bedroom communities that are springing up on former farmland).

At the moment, Clinton alone seems positioned to fill the leadership vacuum (particularly since his

sidekick, national chairman Terry McCauliffe is in the dog house in the election aftermath). His talk Tuesday was sponsored by the Democratic Leadership Council, a moderate group that he helped create when he was governor of Arkansas. Later, as a presidential candidate he used their ideas (on welfare reform and fighting crime, among others) to wean the party from traditional liberalism.

His advice comes with a caveat, however: He remains anathema in certain regions, particularly his native South. Many Democratic strategists are wary of using him in their clients' campaigns, because his presence on the stump tends to stoke turnout among Republicans who still love to hate him.

Ron Kirk, the Democratic Senate candidate in Texas, didn't want Clinton to campaign for him this year; nor did Max Cleland, the party incumbent in Georgia. David Pryor, the Arkansas candidate, avoided Clinton until late October, when he finally acceded to a single joint appearance. And out in South Dakota, incumbent Sen. Tim Johnson kept Clinton away.

Clinton did stump in Florida, where he tried to stoke black turnout for gubernatorial candidate Bill McBride, but blacks didn't respond. That probably wasn't Clinton's fault; blacks weren't drawn to McBride. But a Clinton appearance in Hawaii arguably backfired. After he flew there to stump for gubernatorial candidate Mazie Hirono in October, her poll numbers took a dive and she never recovered. A Democratic pollster said it was Clinton's fault.

And the party is so fractious at the moment that Clinton's advice probably won't be treated as gospel.

Liberals may not welcome his argument that Democrats stress foreign policy as a first priority. Moderates might wince at Clinton's suggestion that Democrats openly oppose Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy.

"So we lost a couple of elections, big deal," he shrugged. "Take a deep breath, decide what you believe in, rear back, and move on." Although I can say these things, because I don't have to run for anything."

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number with questions.

And some students continue to wish for more communication about the situation. The letter was good, but more interaction is needed, said Peter Normand, a senior in architecture from Effingham and an Undergraduate Student Government senator.

"Without communication people get the wrong idea and the wrong message," he said. "I wish the communication would be more consistent."

Another student expressed disappointment that the chancellor spent funds to send the letter to all the

undergraduate and graduate students.

"He should not have used my money to send out his propaganda," said Neal Young, the vice president for USG, who stressed that he was speaking his individual opinion, not the student government's stance.

Wendler didn't have the exact cost Tuesday, but said the mail was sent out at bulk rate to undergraduate and graduate students. With an enrollment of about 21,873 and each letter costing 27 cents to mail, postage costs totaled roughly \$5,900.

Students who are new to SIUC remain open to the possibility of transferring if necessary. Gavin Volkert, a freshman in radio-television from Pecatonica, said he realizes the Faculty Association has important issues.

"I'm completely for the teachers," he said. "I can't deny teachers are underpaid."

But Volkert also said he will transfer if a strike takes place at SIUC.

"If that happens, I really can't trust this school anymore," he said. "I'm a little apprehensive about what's going to happen."

And despite Wendler's promise that classes will continue if there is a strike, students remain uncertain.

"I don't know how we can do it," said Joel Landry, a senior in economics and political science from Chatham. "We can't do it with graduate students."

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Randy Johnson, manager of 710 Bookstore, said that although he recognizes the seriousness of the issue, he thinks the parties involved will work together to resolve the situation.

"It is fairly obvious a strike would not be economically beneficial for anyone in the Carbondale community, so we are hoping they will work something out," Johnson said. "And I

think they will."

In the meantime, Michael Kimmel, president of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, said the organization of local business people has a committee — the Saluki Pride Committee — to help promote the area to prospective students.

"A lot of the shoppers in the Carbondale economy are SIU students, so if the students aren't here, the shoppers aren't here, the landlords don't have tenants and so on."

All the possibilities are endless

because all the "what if" questions remain unanswered.

"In the worst-case scenario, the University shuts down, and it has a terrible effect on the Carbondale economy," said Doherty. "In the best, an agreement is reached and we can move on to help strengthen the University and attract new students to come here."

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Hurdles for foreign students take toll on colleges' scientific work

Linda K. Wertheimer
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DALLAS (KRT) — America's move to shut the spigot on student visas after Sept. 11 has created a brain drain for universities that rely on top foreign students to help with scientific research.

Professors, graduate school deans and officials from national science societies say hundreds of foreign students recruited to work on projects in such areas as physics, math and petroleum engineering were kept out this fall because they couldn't get visas.

Some gave up and went to other countries instead.

"Basically, some research projects are dying," said George McMechan, a scientist at the University of Texas at Dallas who is missing eight Chinese researchers this fall — a third of doctoral students he admitted. "There aren't enough people to work on them."

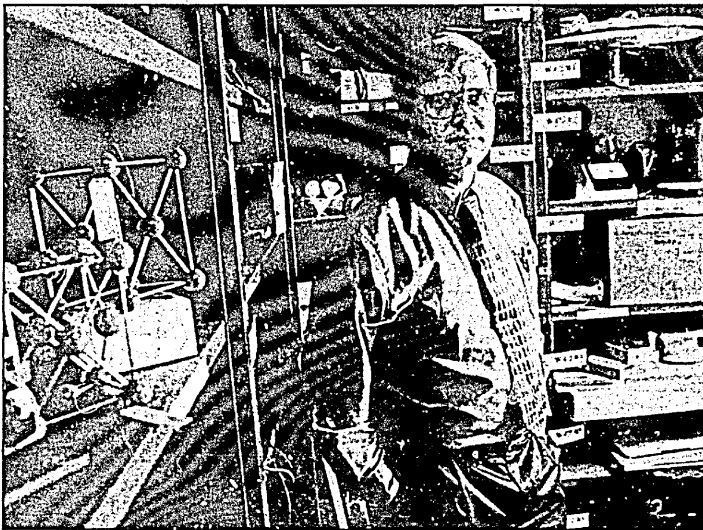
There is no national count of how many students are missing from graduate schools, but recent surveys of universities indicate few are exempt.

University and science academy officials, who acknowledge the need for tightened national security, are pleading with the State Department to come up with a speedier way to screen visa applicants.

"There has to be a balance between openness in the global scientific enterprise and protecting ourselves," said Jordan Konisky, Rice University's vice provost for research and graduate studies.

Konisky, a microbiologist, said he understands the government's concerns about stopping students from taking sensitive research information back to certain countries.

"We have to worry about this technology that's just flowing back



Fred Olness, Southern Methodist University physics professor and department chairman, is one of hundreds of science professors around the country worried about losing international students due to visa restrictions.

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and forth across international borders. This threat, no one likes it," he said. "But we have to have some kind of reasonable response."

A State Department spokesman said the denial rate for visas has gone up for all categories, not just for students.

During the 12 months ending Sept. 30, 27 percent of applicants were denied, up from 23 percent in the previous year, said Stuart Patt, spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of

Consular Affairs.

"We've heard about the concerns from the scientific community, and we are looking at how we can accomplish our national security responsibilities, and at the same time, improve the visa process so there won't be undue delays," Patt said.

Students lose, universities lose

The affected students — mostly from China, Russia and the Middle East — were denied admittance to the

United States or were stuck in the approval process when the fall semester began. Many remain in limbo.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, all applicants from seven countries identified as state sponsors of terrorism have had to go through extra screening.

Some applicants from 26 other nations also get additional scrutiny, Patt said. The visa process that once took two or three weeks now takes three to five months.

The American Physical Society, a national group based in College Park, Md., surveyed 185 advanced-degree physics programs recently. The 79 universities that responded said 123 of 595 foreign students admitted for this fall had been denied visas.

That's just a percentage of all students kept out this fall.

A consortium of five universities — University of Texas, Texas A&M, the University of Kansas, the University of Tulsa and Colorado School of Mines — say they lost about 70 Iranian students who were to have come to the United States in a partnership with an Iranian oil company. UT lost all 11 recruits, and Texas A&M lost 11 of 14.

Some of UT's recruits told the university by e-mail that they would instead attend schools in Norway, England and France, said Kamy Sepelmoori, a UT professor and graduate adviser in petroleum engineering.

Thomas Blasingame, the assistant head of graduate studies at Texas A&M's petroleum engineering department, said the students would have helped U.S. and Iranian efforts to extract oil and gas.

In all, Texas A&M lost 22 of 66 petroleum engineering students admitted this year because of visa issues, he said.

McMechan, director for the Center for Lithospheric Studies at UTD, said his missing Chinese researchers would have helped in the search for new oil reserves. The center also hunts for oil that was missed in existing fields.

Losing even a few international students can damage a program, said Fred Olness, chairman of the physics department at Southern Methodist University.

"This year, we got no foreign students," Olness said. "One or two more years of this could virtually devastate the program."

SMU physicists are doing research in high-energy physics, including

development of high-speed computer modems for the future. The department usually has 10 graduate students, most from abroad because that's where SMU finds top physics students, he said. This year, it has just six.

"I feel like we're losing because we're missing the chance to train future scientific leaders," Olness said.

International students in demand

SMU is still trying to get 24-year-old Zhiling Chen of Beijing. Chen, who has missed the fall semester because of visa problems, works in high-energy physics, SMU's focus.

Reached via e-mail, Chen said he began applying for his visa in June. He has gone through three interviews and is awaiting a fourth in December.

"I am very disappointed and frustrated," said Chen, whose father earned a doctorate in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "I really do not understand what the policy is for the student visa application at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. It breaks the dreams of many Chinese students about the democratic system in the U.S."

Patt said the State Department pays special attention to Chinese applications because of concerns about the transfer of technology.

The Sept. 11 attacks highlighted longtime problems monitoring students from abroad. Several hijackers got into the United States to attend flight school. Others were approved for student visas.

Konisky, the Rice researcher, said the government had little choice but to crack down.

"We all found ourselves in an impossible situation," he said. "The system was so broken in terms of tracking. These students would come, they wouldn't show up at school. Nobody knew where they were. Their visas had expired. The State Department and the INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service) had to take serious steps quickly, and they did."

Still, university officials say they need international students, who staff research labs, work as teaching assistants in undergraduate classes and act as collaborators on research before and after they finish their degrees.

They are recommending solutions to the government, including giving more resources to federal agencies that screen visa applicants.

Irving Lerch, director of international affairs of the physics society, said the nation should look to protect the investments it has made in the sciences. The National Science Foundation gave \$3.6 billion this year to universities for scientific research.


"The United States sees fit to make a huge investment in these laboratories," Lerch said. "The success of the labs is tremendously dependent on foreign investment and collaboration."

"We have to have some kind of security. Nobody is suggesting to throw open the borders to anybody who wants to come."

The government also needs to give consular offices better instructions on who can be admitted and what areas of science are of particular concern, said Victor Johnson, an associate executive director at the Association of International Educators in Washington, D.C.

"Because the government has not yet defined the criteria to describe what they're worried about, they're tending to cast a very wide net," Johnson said.

"Anybody can get caught up in this, from a guy majoring in chemistry at UT to a world-renowned researcher who wants to come to Cal Tech or MIT to participate in the frontiers of research in physics."



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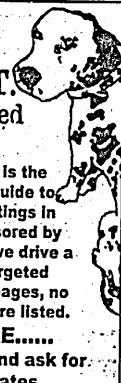
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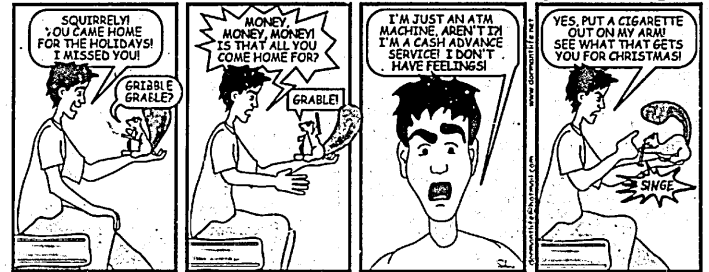


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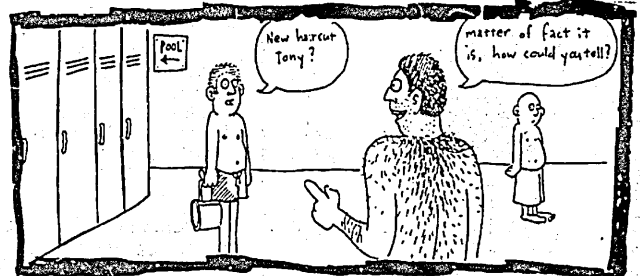
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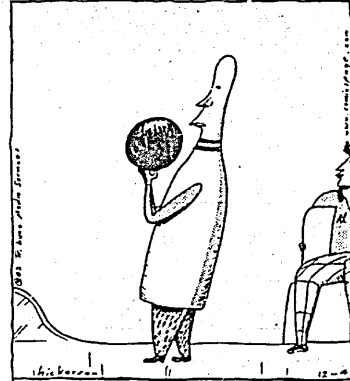
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Daily Horoscope



By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Dec. 4). You'll use the things you already know this year, plus whatever you discover, to make big changes. Things will never be the same, so don't let it happen by accident. Figure out what you want to accomplish. The Force is with you.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 9 - Leave your old limitations, and maybe your old neighborhood, behind. Reach out for something you've always wanted to know. You can have it all if you try. Well, almost.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - Don't be obsessive about money. You don't need more of it; you need to figure out how to spend less but still get everything you need. This is possible.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - There are a few points that you feel you must make. Something that you had to learn through experience is being overlooked. Contribute, but don't block a worthy effort.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - Have two or three backup plans and an exit route in mind. Things may not exactly go wrong, but they're not likely to go as expected, either. Look sharp!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - You're usually the one who gets things started, but now it could be somebody else's turn. Don't fret - you're a major object of affection. You can't lose.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - The more you get into it, the more you discover that needs to be done. There is an end to it, so don't freak.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 9 - When you get interested in a new subject, don't want to do anything else. That's how you learn, so stop thinking about it. Just do it!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - The money could be slipping away like sand through your fingers. Even if you start with a lot, it won't last if you don't get a grip. Or a bucket.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 9 - You're great at getting the message across, but don't tip your hand. There's no reason to tell all you know, and there are a couple of good reasons why you shouldn't.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - There are so many things on your list, how will you get them all done? Your superpowers kick in around now, and miracles happen. Prayer is a requirement, not a suggestion.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - You're having a knack for getting a lot of people to focus on the same objective. That's good, because they could use your leadership and planning, abilities.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - You can't do or provide everything everybody wants, though you're probably trying. Lighten up and just do what you can.

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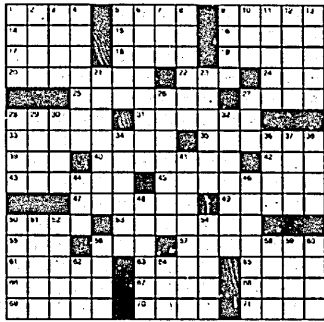
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 9 Preside at a meeting
 14 Spiny African plant
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 16 Rock shell
 17 Kitchen utensils
 18 Light source
 19 Skaters' jumps
 20 Smiles derisively
 22 One in Emden
 24 "The Haven" poet
 25 Used tire
 27 Put on cargo
 28 Feelingish
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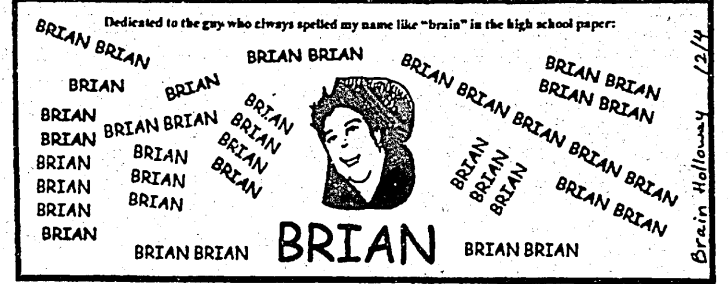
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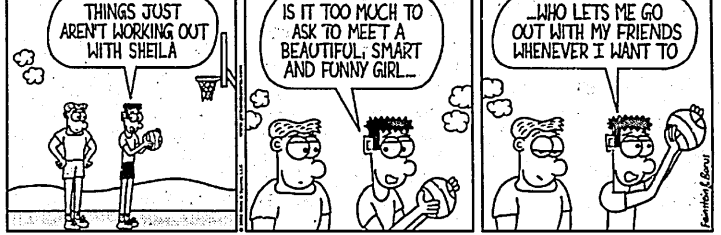
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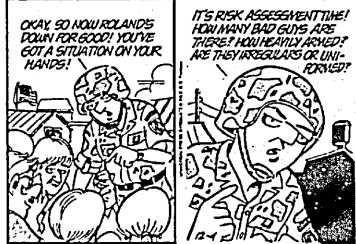


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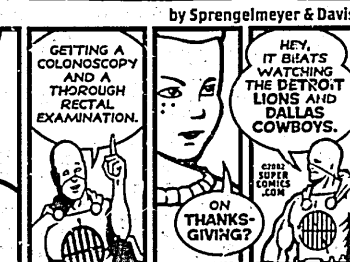
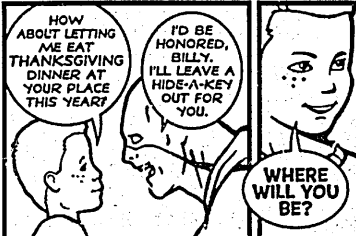
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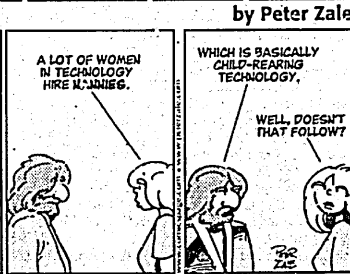
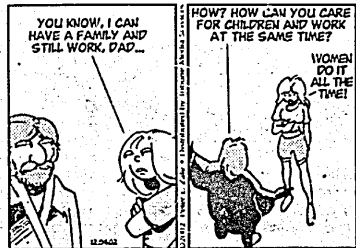
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PRIDE & Prejudice

SIU athletes and coaches speak out about homosexuals in sports in the wake of the Esera Tualo controversy

STORY BY MICHAEL BRENNER

Everyone talked about it, but at the same time did not.

It was obvious and out in the open but officially in the closet.

Her players began to notice her girlfriend at their games, but no one talked about it — at least around her. It was a topic of conversation among the school's faculty, students and staff when the coach was not around.

But for SIU volleyball player Tara Cains, her high school coach was simply that — a coach. It did not matter that she was a lesbian.

"I didn't have a problem with it," Cains said of her coach at LaPorte (Ind.) High School. "I thought she was a great teacher. I thought she was a great coach and I stood up for her if anybody ever said anything. I thought she was a great person."

Cains had run into the touchy issue of gays in sports at an early age, around the same time Esera Tualo, an ex-NFL player, was playing for the Green Bay Packers.

Tualo, who came out of the closet a month ago, told ESPN the Magazine that he became suicidal while playing because he was living a lie and could not tell the truth because he feared for his safety.

Tualo's revelation has sparked questions about whether the athletic world is ready for homosexuals

the same way retired NFL player Dave Kopay's coming out did in 1975.

Columnists across the nation are asking whether the gay community and the athletic community can co-exist and whether their community is ready for it.

SIU's answers to those questions

depend on who is asked, and many did not want to talk about it. Saluki football quarterback Joel Sambursky declined to comment extensively on the subject, saying it would be difficult for an athlete to come out but that no one wanted to know what he thought.

"I'm not gay, so I don't know what it's like," Sambursky said. "To sit in someone's shoes and to think whether it's wise for him to come out — I don't even have that perspective so it would be unwise to even speak about it."

Sambursky and the rest of the football team were less than thrilled about speaking about the topic of gays in sports, but their coach, Jerry Kill, was candid and rather blunt about his feelings on the subject.

Kill said he would accept anyone on his team if he played or coached well.

"You hire gay, black, white, purple, green. I could give a rat's a** what anybody is as long as they're a good person," Kill said. "That's their opinion, that's their right and that's the great thing about America. I judge people about what kind of person they are, that's the bottom line."

He added that he would be clueless as to what he would do if one of his players came out and jokingly suggested separate showering facilities for gay players could help the team get a new stadium. Kill is unsure how his team would react, but said the player would not be a problem with him personally.

That was the reaction of nearly all coaches and some athletes at SIU. Volleyball player Kristie Kemner said her coach, Sonya Locke, would not care if one of her players decided to reveal their homosexuality, and neither would she.

"A teammate is a teammate — black, white, in between — it doesn't matter," Kemner said. "You all



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Senior outside hitter Tara Cains, who played for a homosexual coach during high school, is mystified by discrimination against gays in athletics and said she would welcome a gay teammate, regardless of what anyone else thought.

have common goals of trying to achieve something, and I think it's wrong when people ridicule other people for that decision.

"As a team, we would not treat that person any different, so at least that person would feel safe within us."

It was the same in smaller sports. Men's tennis coach Missy Jeffrey said she could not imagine her team skipping a beat if one of her players came out. She said homophobia would not be tolerated on her team and that she could not understand why anyone would even care.

"I would expect people would be mature enough to get over it," Jeffrey said. "I can't foresee how there could possibly be a significant problem. I can't imagine why anyone would tolerate abuses."

The stances of Jeffrey and Kill are not a coincidence. Due to the university's non-discrimination policy, which includes sexual orientation, they would risk termination should they discriminate against a gay athlete or assistant coach.

Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said harassment of openly gay coaches and athletes would not be tolerated by the SIU Athletic Department in the same way it does not condone racial or ethnic discrimination. He said that based on the school's history, SIU athletics would be more equipped for a gay athlete than most other schools.

"We are firm believers in equal opportunity across the board, so we definitely preach non-discriminatory practices and behavior and expect that from all of our student-athletes," Kowalczyk said. "We've been very aggressive at this institution historically, whether it be for admitting and graduating minorities or the gay community."

SIU ranks fourth among the nation's traditionally white institutions in the total number of undergraduate degrees earned by black students and has an 18 percent minority population.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Larry Dietz is attempting to extend SIU's commitment to diversity to the gay community, and for the most part, has done it. Statistics are impossible to keep on homosexual enrollment but according to Dietz, homosexual tolerance at SIU is high.

Excluding the slurs painted on the Greek rocks last October, which is rumored to have been perpetrated by a single person, Dietz said he has not seen any discriminatory acts toward homosexuals on the SIU campus or received any complaints in his two and a half years in Carbondale.

He said October's incident at the rocks, which he believes was isolated, was not an indication of the student body's feelings and that the school is very accepting for its level of diversity.

"When environments are diverse, there are occasional folks at the fringes of intolerance that will make some statements or comments which, taken to the extreme, will be the perpetrator of an incident such as the one that happened at the rocks," Dietz said.

Dietz did say, however, that being an openly gay athlete would still be difficult because of the level of exposure athletes receive. A homosexual athlete or coach would be forced to deal with media questions, slurs from opposing players and fans and the uncertainty of how their own fans would react.

Paulene Curkin, student development coordinator and adviser to the Saluki Rainbow Network, said

although she believes it could be done, a gay athlete at SIU would face discrimination and possibly physical harm.

"I think that there would be a concern for his or her safety, but I think it's entirely up to the individual," Curkin said. "There is homophobia on this campus and on every other campus."

That existing homophobia tends to be magnified with athletes and anyone who receives media attention, which some athletes, including Cains, believe is the reason gay athletes stay in the closet.

Cains said she hopes homosexuals such as her high school coach will someday be accepted in mainstream athletics.

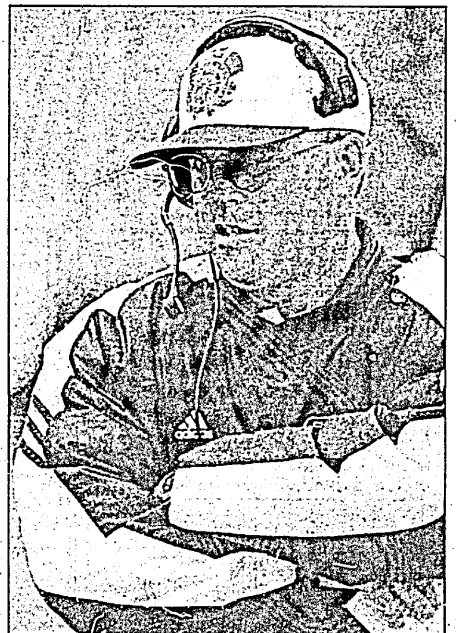
"I think some people are ignorant," Cains said. "Some people are terrible when it comes to that kind of thing."

"I hope someday people can do that and it will be accepted just like it should be."

Reporter Michael Brenner

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DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU football head coach Jerry Kill had not given much thought to the possibility of coaching a gay player and said he would not know what to do if a situation would arise, which might cause discomfort among the team. Kill himself has no objections against homosexuals on his team.

Football team earns slew of awards

Two weeks after the SIU football team completed its best season since 1999, the Salukis were honored with several post-season awards.

Junior running back Muhammad Abdulqadir was named the Gateway Conference Newcomer of the Year and redshirt freshman quarterback Joel Sambursky earned Freshman of the Year honors.

It was the first time in the conference history that a school had swept the two awards in a season.

Joining the pair on the All-Newcomer Team were junior wide receiver Courtney Abbott and freshman linebacker Royal Whitaker.

Abdulqadir was also named First-Team All-Gateway along with sophomore safety Alexis Moreland. Senior center Mike Fitzer earned second-team honors.

Sambursky, Abbott and sophomore offensive tackle Brian Atkins all were named honorable mention.

A trio of Saluki seniors were also named to the Gateway All-Academic team. Offensive guard Matt Anderson, defensive tackle Matt Scheffer and place-kicker Scott Everhart were all named to the second team.

Athletic Department announces winners of scholarship

The SIU Athletic Department announced last week the recipients of 15 endowed and three non-endowed scholarships for the 2002-2003 school year. Through the scholarships, 19 student-athletes will have a part or all of their athletic scholarship paid for.

The recipients from the golf team are Alison Hiller (Charlotte West Scholarship), Sara Pate and Stephanie-Pate (SIU Women's Golf Team Scholarship), Jennifer Schutt (FMGR Golf Scholarship), Jason Furlow and Amy Rankin (Ken Davis Memorial Golf Scholarship) and Furlow and Brad Dunker (Clyde Webb S15GA Scholarship).

From the football team, winners were Stanley Bryant (Kenny and Lisa Trout Scholarship), Brad Bracheer (Williams and Laverne O'Brien Scholarship), Joel Sambursky (R.B. and T.A. Newton Scholarship) and Bilal Rashid (Wrophas and Diane Meeks Scholarship).

Baseball team winners are Marshall Tucker (Saluki Booster Club Scholarship) and Eric Haberer (H.

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Mundo Baseball Award). Swimming team award winners include Ashley MacCurdy (Saluki Booster Club Scholarship) and Brigitta Olson (R.B. and T.A. Newton Scholarship).

From the men's basketball team, awards went to Kent Williams (Emma and Earl Tally Fund) and Jermaine Dearman (Semour Bryson Men's Basketball Scholarship). The final two awards went to the volleyball team's Britten Follitt (Shikworn Saluki Futures Scholarship) and tennis player Tana Trapani (Shirley Davis West Award).

Women's diving adds Division Champion

Nadine Shawah, a junior college national champion diver, has committed to join the SIU women's diving team for next season.

Shawah, a native of Valrico, Fla., comes to SIU from Indian River Community College where she was the 3-meter title winner and runner-up in the 1-meter diving event at the 2002 National Junior College Athletic Association championships. The Durant High School (Plant City,

Fla.) graduate was a four-time NJCAA All-American during her two seasons at Indian River.

Baseball camps set for January

The SIU baseball team will sponsor three camps next month for players in fifth to 12th grade. Head coach Dan Callahan, associate coach Ken Henderson and pitching coach Ty Neal will be present at each of the camps.

The pitching and catching camp will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 6-7 at Davies Gymnasium. There is a \$50 fee for the camp, which will be headed by Callahan, Henderson, Neal, Harrisburg High School coach Jay Thompson and Chicago White Sox AAA pitching coach Kirk Chalmers.

The infield and defense camp will take place 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 8-9 at Davies Gymnasium. There is a \$50 fee for the camp, which will be headed by Callahan, Henderson, Neal and SIU assistant coach Kevin Kimball.

The winter camp will take place Jan. 13-15 at Davies Gymnasium with

a choice of two different sessions — 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m. This camp will also be headed by Callahan, Henderson, Neal and Kimball and has a \$50 fee.

For more information, check out the SIU Athletics website at www.siusalukis.com or call SIU baseball at 618-453-3794. Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Enrollment is limited.

Softball camps set for January

The SIU softball team will sponsor three camps next month for players in fifth to 12th grade that will be headed by SIU head coach Kent Blaylock and assistant coach Buddy Foster.

The hitting camp will take place Jan. 17-18 at Davies Gymnasium and has a \$55 fee. The pitching camp will take place Jan. 24-25 at the Recreation Center and has a \$55 fee.

The youth camp will take place Jan. 26 at Davies Gymnasium and is open to first through fifth graders. The camp has a \$55 fee.

For more information contact Blaylock at 618-453-5466 or Foster at 618-453-5455.

COMMENTARY

These women can excite

Forget the 1-2 record, with any luck they will equal it 2-2 after tonight's game at Tennessee State.

Lay no inanity toward the 0-for-23 three-point attempt streak — it happens.

Erase last season's 6-21 record from your memory bank.

Why?

Because the SIU women's basketball team isn't bad. The Salukis, in my humble opinion, are a team that is easy to root for.

The 2002-2003 Salukis have many attributes that should bring SIU students to the Arena to watch something other than Kent Williams' perfect stroke and Jermaine Dearman impersonating my athletic prowess.

No, the women's games are not B.Y.O.B. either. And although one could argue that would make for a tad bit more rowdy fans, the Shakers would end up getting harassed to no end, so for legal reasons it just isn't possible.

But for PG-oriented people, the reasons to come watch are as follows:

Molly McDowell's final campaign

When the guard was a player at Nokomis High School, she was a god, or goddess to be politically correct. I lived nowhere near her hometown or high school, and although I was just freshman when she was dawgging up the competition, her name was one I was much familiar with, especially after "Good Golly Ms. Molly" read in the Illinois Ms. Basketball award.

Now the senior is leading the Saluki squad after three games with an 11.3 points per game average. I can promise that number will only rise as the season goes on and her legs get in shape. It is only respectful to her and her career to show up for a few contests.

Runnin' and gunnin' basketball

Admittedly, watching the Salukis scream up and down the court can cause headaches, nosebleeds, and if you are pregnant or nursing, you should consult a doctor before trying to fixate your eyes on players during a game.

But if healthy, it is quite fun to watch.

They don't stop running, though, which I have heard has angered the Energizer Bunny. But the hare is



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short, pink and has short arms, which leads me to believe the bunny is a sissy and couldn't take on all 14 players that comprise the team.

Screw the long-eared rodent, run-and-gun basketball requires extreme hustle and hard-nosed play, which, as a poor college student, I can easily get into.

Trust me people, it is not like sweet potatoes or cocaine — their style is for everyone.

The hired gun

Junior college transfer Dana Pinkston is part Slim Shady, part "Pistol Pete" Marovich and a whole lot of attitude all packed in a 5-foot-4 female body. Jason Williams — the white one, not Jay or the future jailbird Jayson — does not even have the gall to pull off some of the flash Pinkston displays throughout a game.

You'll gasp and cringe and throw popcorn kernels toward her at times. But her exploits will kick you in the back repeatedly and often until you are sitting on the very tip of the seat.

Thirty-foot threes, behind-the-back passes, or a toss around another appendage is not abnormal for Pinkston to attempt.

There is no reason not to have a couple thousand fans in attendance at the SIU Arena. Thousands, not hundreds. Big difference.

This team probably will not take down the Vols of Tennessee and cause Pat Summit to quit being so Anti-christish. She does seem abnormally evil, even if it's just on TV. Enough of that, it is Christmas season. And this team is actually exciting to watch and root for.

Make it your New Year's resolution, because you're not going to lose any weight or quit smoking. But it is possible to get into SIU women's basketball.

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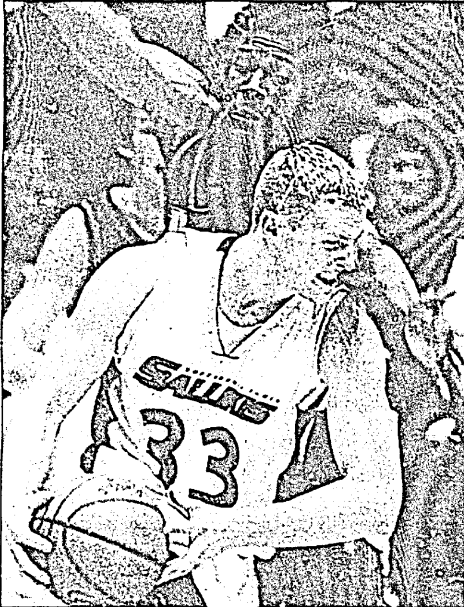
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Saluki men run over Racers

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Saluki Kent Williams drives past Cuthbert Victor of the Murray State Racers during the 85-56 beating of Murray State. Williams had 13 points, including three three-pointers, during the game.

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

The special light show before tip-off of the men's basketball game between SIU and Murray State was only the beginning of the fireworks seen at the SIU Arena Tuesday night.

The Salukis (3-0) used a first-half offensive explosion to coast to their third consecutive victory to open the season, an 85-56 drubbing of the Racers (2-1).

"We need to have fireworks more often," said sophomore guard Stetson Hairston. "Every time we have fireworks, it's a good win."

The last time there were fireworks in the Arena, SIU upset Indiana 72-60 in front of a sellout crowd. Wednesday night's attendance was 7,049.

Both teams began the game a little shaky, missing open shots and turning the ball over several times.

About five minutes into the game, the Salukis began to open up a nine-point lead when they went on a 13-3 run. It was capped off by an alley-oop from Hairston to junior forward Sylvester Willis that put SIU up 23-14.

After a pair of Racer field goals, the Salukis proceeded to blow the game wide open with a 26-0 run that gave SIU a 49-18 lead.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said his team played with a lot of energy during the first half, and a key to its big run was its defense.

Murray State head coach Tevester Anderson agreed, saying that the Salukis' defense created a lot

of their offense.

"When a team has their kind of intensity on the defensive end ... it ignites your offense for you," Anderson said. "Their defense really ignited their offense."

Murray State notched four points to cut the Dawgs' lead to 49-22 as the teams headed for the locker rooms at the half.

The Salukis shot the lights out during the first stanza, hitting 55.9 percent of their shots as a team, including 50.0 percent of their three-point attempts.

Three SIU players scored in double figures in the first half, led by Jermaine Dearman's 11 points. Hairston and Brad Korn each chipped in 10 points in the half.

The second half seemed almost anticlimactic, as the teams went back and forth trading short scoring runs.

The Salukis' lead hovered around the 30-point mark and eventually peaked when freshman forward Blake Schoen hit a jumper to make the score 85-49 with 2:32 left in the game.

For the second straight game five Saluki players scored in double figures, led by Dearman's 19. Hairston and Korn each tallied 14 points while Kent Williams and Willis added 13 and 10, respectively. Willis led the team with nine rebounds.

Dearman, who scored 10 points against the Racers last season, said he didn't know what to expect.

"I know they always play hard, it was a hard, tough game last year," Dearman said. "We knew it was gonna be a battle.

They're a very athletic team, we just wanted to stop their transition game."

SIU's swarming defense caused Murray State to commit 20 turnovers and forced the Racers to shoot a meager 30.2 percent from the field.

Anderson admitted the Salukis' pressure was difficult to shoot against, but he said the main cause of his team's poor field goal percentage was its inability to make easy shots.

"We couldn't put the ball in the basket," Anderson said. "We just couldn't score. We had shots and we missed shots, we missed lay-ups, we missed put-backs."

Junior forward Antione Whelchel led the Racers in scoring with 13 points, while James Singleton grabbed a game-high 17 boards.

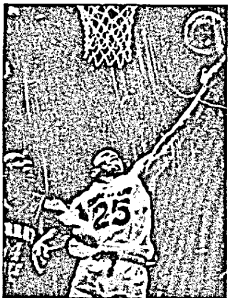
SIU will be back in action Saturday when it travels to Cape Girardeau, Mo., to take on rival Southeast Missouri State at 7:05 p.m. at the Show Me Center.

Weber said the first three home games to start the year have been helpful to his squad, but Saturday's game will show just how far the Salukis have developed in this young season.

"I told the team when you play home games, two exhibitions and three home games, I said this was kinda like getting ready," Weber said. "Now you go on the road, this is where you find out if you're good."

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Big first-half run sparks SIU victory



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Stetson Hairston puts up a shot during SIU's win Tuesday. Hairston had eight points during the Salukis' 26-0 run in the first half of the game against Murray State.

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

Late in the first half, SIU senior guard Kent Williams was scrambling around trying to find someone to pass to while keeping the Murray State defender from taking the ball away.

As he dribbled the ball, he saw freshman forward Blake Schoen running down the baseline and fired a pass at him.

The pass was off and Schoen had to dive to keep the ball from sailing out of bounds.

While in mid-air, Schoen saw Brad Korn open beyond the three-point line and swatted the ball toward him.

Korn immediately grabbed the ball and fired away, swishing home the three-pointer.

This play highlighted a 26-0 run by the SIU men's basketball team in the first half of its 85-56 thrashing of

Murray State Tuesday night at the SIU Arena.

Senior forward Jermaine Dearman said seeing your teammates dive around even when you have a comfortable lead can do nothing but motivate you as a player.

"Once you see guys like that, playing hard, man it just spreads like wildfire throughout the team," Dearman said. "We were all feeding off of it, everybody getting energized and juiced and feeding off of the crowd and just digging down on defense."

The Salukis were up 23-16 when Racers forward Antione Whelchel made a lay-up to make the score 23-18 with 9:05 remaining in the first half.

Murray State would not score again until there were about 40 seconds remaining in the half when Kevin Paschel made a pair of free throws.

During the interim six different SIU players scored en route to a 26-

point run during which time the Salukis built a 49-18 lead over a team that went to the NCAA Tournament last season and was supposed to be even stronger this time around.

The scoring was highlighted by Stetson Hairston, who chipped in eight points, including two three-pointers. Dearman and Korn each added five, Darren Brooks had four and Schoen and Josh Warren knocked in two apiece.

SIU shut out Murray State play after play and caused turnover after turnover, and the Racers grew ever more frustrated as the Salukis lead continued to grow.

Dearman said the 26 straight points wasn't what impressed him the most as the Salukis had several victories last season by 20 or more points.

What impressed him was all the defensive stops.

"We've [scored a lot of points] before, but to have that many defensive

shutouts in a row, I think that was amazing," Dearman said. "It just shows how our defense has been stepping up the intensity. People are taking pride in stopping their man."

When the Racers finally did score again, there was a collective groan from the crowd of 7,049 as the fans obviously hoped to keep Murray State at just 18 points going into halftime.

Korn said that was something the players were hoping for as well.

"The coaches are over there yelling at you, shut them out, shut them out, don't let them score again, so you're just playing hard to see how long you can keep it going," Korn said. "Just play it out as long as you can."

By the time the Salukis run had ended, so had the Racers hopes of leaving Carbondale with a victory.

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