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On Feb. 8, the Southern Illinois region was shaken when a young married couple died after colliding with a drunk driver. See DRUNK BEHIND THE WHEEL story, page 8.

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Rilee French, 5, from Catlin Grade School is startled while feeding an apple to one of 19 reindeer at the Hardy's Reindeer Ranch in Rantoul on Monday morning. Though the Catlin Grade School only brought out five children, the ranch hosts tours of all sizes from all over the country August through December.

New contract negotiated with SIUC Police Department, University

Negotiations for higher pay lasted almost three years
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After almost three years of contract negotiations, the SIUC Police Department will finally receive pay increases.

The University and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council that represented the SIUC Police reached an agreement through an arbitrator Nov. 12.

Arbitrator Lamont Stallworth, professor at Loyola University in Chicago, sided with the SIUC Police Department on salary increases but agreed with the University on longevity pay and educational incentive pay.

The agreement covers three full contract years that will end in June 2004.

The arbitrator awarded police officers and corporals an 8 percent salary increase for hours

SIUC POLICE SALARY INCREASES			
SIUC Police employees will receive the increase in back pay for hours they worked in these contract years.			
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
POLICE OFFICERS	8%	0	2%
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SOURCE: Ill. Fraternal Order of Police Council

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worked since July 1, 2001. They will also receive an additional 2 percent increase for hours worked since July 1, 2003. They receive no increase for the 2002 to 2003 contract year.

Police sergeants, who have a separate contract with FOP, also negotiated a contract through the arbitrator. Police sergeants will

receive a 10 percent increase for their hours worked since July 1, 2001, and an additional 2 percent for hours since July 2003.

"I think the University respects the arbitrator's decision," said University Spokeswoman

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Minimum wage rises 40 cents on campus

Officials say increase will not affect student employment rates

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Student workers returning from winter break will receive some help to cover excessive spending over the holiday season when a 40-cent increase in minimum wage for student employees takes effect Jan. 4.

Student employment minimum wage will increase from \$5.65 to \$6.05. The increase will be included in paychecks issued after Jan. 30. The maximum student wage will also increase to \$7.80.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said the increase is a way to stair-step the 85-cent increase required by Illinois law by January 2005. Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed a minimum wage increase into law Aug. 21 that will raise state minimum wage to \$5.50 by 2004 and to \$6.50 by 2005. State minimum wage will increase by a total of \$1.35.

Wendler had already instituted a 50-cent increase from the state and federal minimum wage of \$5.15 in August 2002 using funds from increased tuition. Financial Aid Director Daniel Mann said federal, state and campus minimum wages have historically been the same, and 2002 was the first time the campus increased to higher than the state and federal levels.

While the University already meets the \$5.50 wage requirement, Wendler said breaking the increase into two parts will be easier than doing it all at once.

"This is a more prudent way to do it and because we value our student workers," Wendler said. "It neatly cuts the distance that we're looking for in half."

He said the remaining 45-cent increase may be put into effect as early as the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

The increase is projected to cost the University about \$207,000, which Wendler said will come from other areas of the budget and will mean cut-backs from other areas of campus.

"It is difficult to do in these budget times, especially when most full-time employees are not getting increases," Wendler said, adding that the University has been working toward a solution to the required increase since the legislation passed. "We have been trying to work through it and determine whether or not we can do it this

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Munchy Man to close Brush Towers business Dec. 31

University Housing plans to keep Rochman from selling in circle drives
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The University never gave him a phone call warning him that he no longer had permission to occupy what he believed to be his permanent spot on campus. All he received was a

letter from the University.

Munchy's gig had grown old and moldy. His days are numbered, 29 to be exact, and on Dec. 31, it's all coming to an end for James Rochman and the legacy of the sandwich truck stationed between Brush Towers.

"I thought we had been grandfathered in," Rochman said, "but apparently not."

University Housing has informed Rochman, often referred to as the Munchy Man, that he will no longer have the privilege of sandwiching himself in a spot he has occupied for more than 40 years. Rochman

thought the legacy of his father, who rode in his '55 Chevrolet truck serving sandwiches to the students, to be enough to maintain his permanent position in Brush Towers, but apparently the University believed differently.

Edward Jones, director of University Housing, said the Munchy Man creates crowd control issues. According to Jones, his presence each night causes large groups of people to occupy the circling cul-de-sac in front of the 17-story buildings.

"There have been larger and larger amounts of people congregating in front of

the truck at night," Jones said. "Rochman is not the root problem, but more attractions keep people out there."

Rochman has sold pizza, cigarettes, and a wide drink assortment to residents of the towers as part of the tradition of his father. But what bothers Rochman the most is the abruptness of the action.

"It bothers me and my family," he said. "They did it suddenly at the end of October and start of November."

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NATIONAL NEWS

Court will rule on covert international kidnappings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Monday it would decide if federal agents can sneak into foreign countries to arrest suspected criminals and bring them to America for trial, a case that tests the reach of the government's terrorism-fighting powers.

The Bush administration said covert kidnappings of suspects overseas are rare, but the government needs that authority.

A lower court ruling would block federal agents from bringing Osama bin Laden to America to face charges in the Sept. 11 attacks, Solicitor General Theodore Olson said, and jeopardizes U.S. efforts "to apprehend individuals who may be abroad, plotting other illegal attacks" on America.

The case that justices will review next spring dates back to 1985, when a federal drug agent was kidnapped, tortured and killed in Mexico.

American prosecutors pursued charges against a doctor they believed administered drugs to keep agent Enrique Camarena-Salazar alive for two days of torture to find out

what he knew about a drug cartel.

When Mexican authorities would not help bring Dr. Humberto Alvarez-Machain to America for trial, Olson said, the Drug Enforcement Administration decided to hire Mexican nationals to help.

Five slain in one of nation's safest cities

SAN JOSE, California (CNN) — San Jose — which averages only 23 homicides a year and is listed as one of the safest cities in the country — had five killings over Thanksgiving weekend.

The violence began Friday afternoon, when a 44-year-old man and his 49-year-old wife were found dead. Police declined to say how the couple died.

Another man was killed in a drive-by shooting Saturday night. Early Sunday morning, a 41-year-old was fatally stabbed at a nightclub, and half an hour later a 17-year-old boy was shot to death at a party.

A 2002 FBI report listed San Jose as the safest city in the nation with a population over 250,000. It has nearly a million people.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Largest firefight since war ends with dozens of Iraqis dead

BAGHDAD, Iraq (KRT) — In the biggest battle since U.S. forces captured Baghdad in April, Iraqi guerrillas ambushed two U.S. convoys in simultaneous attacks in the northern Iraqi city of Samarra on Sunday. But U.S. troops fought them off, killing 46 Iraqis and wounding at least 18, U.S. military officials said.

Eight Iraqi prisoners were captured, while five American soldiers and a civilian traveling in the convoy suffered non-life-threatening injuries, the U.S. military said. Many of those killed were wearing the uniforms of the Saddam Fedayeen, Saddam Hussein's irregular militia.

Guerrillas also killed two U.S. soldiers and wounded a third on Sunday near Husaybah, along Iraq's border with Syria. That brought the number of coalition deaths to 104 in November, the bloodiest month since the U.S.-led invasion began on March 20.

The ambushes appeared to be an effort to mount

larger attacks on Americans at the same time guerrillas are striking vulnerable U.S. allies in an effort to drive a wedge between the United States and its coalition partners.

Iraqi guerrillas killed 12 people from four countries this weekend. The dead included seven Spanish military intelligence officers killed in an ambush on Saturday. Their bodies were returned to Spain on Sunday. Two South Korean electrical contractors and a Colombian civilian working for a U.S. military contractor also were killed over the weekend.

The two convoys were attacked from rooftops and alleyways with mortars, roadside bombs, and rocket-propelled grenades as they rolled into Samarra. The guerrilla attacks came from the east and the west of the city, said U.S. military officials.

The guerrillas tried to block the road with a makeshift barricade, but the convoy managed to push through. U.S. troops using small arms, 120mm tank rounds and 25mm cannon fire from Bradley fighting vehicles repelled the attackers, with exchanges lasting for many minutes. The soldiers destroyed three building the guerrillas were using to stage their attacks.

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CALENDAR

Today

Southern Illinois-ACLU, ACLU-SIUC League of Women Voters
 Patriot Act Forum: For and Against Local Initiatives
 7:30 p.m.
 Museum Auditorium in Faner Hall

POLICE REPORTS

University

Carrie Dion Thornton, 43, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended driver's license, unlawful approach of an emergency vehicle and a seatbelt violation at 11:29 p.m. Wednesday at the intersection of South Wall and East Park streets.

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Blake E. Beckmann, 18, of Murphysboro was cited for underage possession of alcohol and possession of a false ID at 2:11 a.m. Thursday at the intersection of South Illinois Avenue and West Mill Street. Beckmann was released on a personal recognition bond.

John Michael Chamberlain, 24, of Carterville was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal transportation of alcohol and speeding at 4:06 a.m. Thursday in the 1200 block of South Illinois Avenue.

Clayton J. Parker, 18, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, squealing tires and a seatbelt violation at 12:29 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of Illinois and Grand avenues. Parker posted his driver's license plus \$100 cash bond.

Andrew A. Babington, 22, of Waukegan was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol and expired registration at 1:58 a.m. Sunday on East Grand Avenue. Babington posted his driver's license plus \$100 cash bond.

CORRECTIONS

In the Monday, Dec. 1 article "Students dismayed with devastating loss," it should have said the Salukis received recognition for being the Gateway conference co-champions.

In the Monday, Dec. 1 article "AIDS awareness week begins today at SIUC," it should have said the film "One Week" will be shown on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets these errors.

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Commission to advise police chief selection

Study Circles encouraging new step for HRC

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The Human Relations Commission discussed Monday the ways in which it could take part in the Carbondale Police Chief selection process that is to begin in January.

While the decision to find a replacement for former Police Chief R.T. Finney is ultimately left to City Manager Jeff Doherty, the HRC will have a representative to advise in the process.

"Advisory group members will meet and talk to the candidates and provide input," said HRC Commissioner Samuel Goldman.

Assistant City Manager Don Monty said Doherty was looking at the possibility for the representative to ask questions during the screening process. Monty said once all the police chief applications have been received and screened, the selection process would be very condensed over quickly.

The HRC will appoint one of its 11 commissioners to be the advisory representative in January. The HRC did appoint a media representative Monday for the newly approved Study Circle groups.

Study Circle Coordinator Lana Bardo will be in charge of the group's media relations.

While she did not necessarily want to be the mcuthpiece for the group, she did want a consistent message going out to



Lana Bardo (left) and Kathy Lane (right) listen to Yolonda Simon while she discusses the new secret shopper program Monday evening during the Carbondale Human Relations Commission meeting at the Carbondale Civic Center. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 12 at the civic center.

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the community when questions about the Study Circles emerged.

"I don't want to see a lot of different people saying a lot of different things that could hinder the recruiting efforts," Bardo said.

"We need to have a consistent message."

The Carbondale City Council unanimously approved the creation of the Study Circles Nov. 18.

The concept behind the circles is to create a way for a cross section of community members to identify and solve problems within the community.

Human Relations Commissioner Hugh Muldoon said he was encouraged by the council's reception to the Study Circle concept.

"They're getting the idea of the impact of people just talking to each other," Muldoon said.

Commissioner John Holmes said the approval of the new program is an indicator the commission could begin to wield legitimate power in the Carbondale.

Holmes said when the HRC was first

"I don't want to see a lot of different people saying a lot of different things that could hinder the recruiting efforts. We need to have a consistent method."

— Lana Bardo
coordinator, Study Circle

created, the issue of power was a concern. Now with the adoption of the circles, he said the role of the commission is changing.

He said the HRC is more focused on building relationships instead of finding groups that have done wrong and need to be punished.

The Study Circle Group will meet at 4 p.m. Dec. 10 in the Carbondale Civic Center to form committees and explain the objectives. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend the meeting.

The next HRC meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12 in the Carbondale Civic Center.

ACsE, University agree on arbitrator

Meeting to discuss wage dispute tentative for late March

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The Association of Civil Service Employees and the University have agreed upon an arbitrator and will probably begin meeting in March to resolve a dispute over wage increases.

ACsE filed a grievance Sept. 12 because of 2-percent raises allotted to non-union SIU-Edwardsville employees in July. Ruth Pommier, ACsE president, said under the current contract, union employees are promised equal raises to those granted to non-instruction staff on campus. Pommier said that since the contract is with the Board of Trustees and not the University chancellor, it extends beyond the campus to the system as a whole.

The grievance was denied by the University in September, so the union proceeded to request arbitration just a few days shy of the deadline in late October.

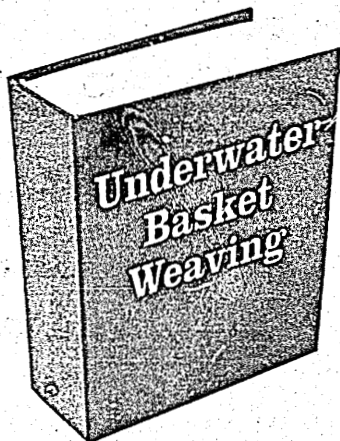
Pommier said ACsE received the list of local arbitrators sooner than expected, which led to an earlier selection of an arbitrator. She said the arbitrator bases his business out of Indianapolis, though she did not want to release his name at this time.

In order to select an arbitrator, the University and the union each selected individuals from the list of 12 they felt would best settle the dispute. Having no matches, the two groups then picked the ones they had the least objection to until an agreement was reached.

"We were guided by their own personal background as they were presented to us in résumés and brief descriptions and proceeded to slash names of people we felt wouldn't be labor friendly," Pommier said. "Of the five names we returned, the University did not have a match with us on any of them, so then we begin to rank who we had the fewest objections to, and the University and ACsE agreed on this gentleman."

The union was given two tentative dates for a meeting: March 23 and 30. However, if the groups are unable to meet on either date, the dispute could be pushed into the summer.

"We are very pleased that it is moving forward," Pommier said. "Obviously, we would hope accommodations could be made before March, but we are ready to move forward."



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National Aids Week to receive additional funding for minority

General Assembly approves \$5.1 million in funds for ADAP

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Gov. Rod Blagojevich increased state funding for minorities by \$1 million Sunday as the nation prepared to observe the 16th annual AIDS Day.

The funding will be used in addition to the \$2 million already earmarked for this fiscal year.

"The governor increased funding among minority communities because unfortunately that is where the disease is spreading faster," said Abby Ottenhoff, spokeswoman for Blagojevich.

"But overall, it's a serious public health threat. And we now know how it is transmitted, we know how to prevent it, and he wants to make

sure we're doing everything we can to spread that information."

The money, which has not yet been distributed, will be used for counseling, testing, housing, education and prevention among minority communities.

"There are a number of things people can do to reduce the risks," said Tom Schafer, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"You should limit your sexual partners, but if you do have multiple partners, you should make sure you are wearing a latex condom."

"If you're sharing needles, you shouldn't be. You should use a clean needle. But if you do share needles, there is a way to clean them in between use. Shooting up drugs is illegal, but we realize people do still engage in those activities, and we want them to be as safe as possible."

While African Americans represent only 15 percent of the state's

population, they account for almost 60 percent of the 3,100 AIDS cases diagnosed in Illinois since 2001, according to Schafer.

The Jackson County Health Department provides services for people living with HIV in the 15 lower counties of Illinois.

It has 98 clients who have been diagnosed with the virus, and of those clients, 17 are African American. Miriam Link-Mullison, administrator for the health department, said although state trends show an increase in the number of minorities with AIDS in relation to the total population, demographics in Southern Illinois do not reflect the rest of the state.

Illinois' AIDS Drug Assistance Program provides life-saving drugs to 2,818 clients a month who meet an income requirement at or below 400 percent of the poverty level, according to the Kaiser Report.

The General Assembly approved \$5.1 million in additional federal

funding for the state's ADAP program.

It accounts for \$35 million of Blagojevich's HIV/AIDS total budget of \$55 million for the Illinois Department of Public Health this year.

"It deals with treatment," Ottenhoff said.

"The purpose of this program is to make sure low-income people have access to the drugs and treatments needed to live longer, healthier lives with HIV," Ottenhoff said.

Link-Mullison praised Illinois' ADAP, saying many clients were thankful they did not have to be placed on a waiting list to receive funding.

"With drugs being so expensive, it would be unaffordable," she said.

"Not too many people have a job that allows them to pay \$24,000 annually on prescription drugs alone."

In Jackson County Health Department, 33 of 98 clients receive funding through ADAP.

The majority of clients who do not receive funding through ADAP receive assistance through Medicare, while there are a few clients who must rely on funding from private insurance companies, according to Link-Mullison.

She said the department focuses on individuals who are high risk by focusing on prevention methods and outreach efforts.

"I don't think the statistics would say we have seen decreases in infection rates, but we are definitely seeing decreases in mortality or death rates based on the fact that people are accessing the medication," Link-Mullison said.

"It's hard to tell whether we are seeing decreases in actual infection rates. It's leveled off rather than continuing to expand as it was, but we have failed to reverse the trend yet."

'Lady From the Sea' opens Wednesday

Cast members say hard work should pay off

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Kaeti Shields' hard work will finally pay off when she takes the stage for her seventh and last play, "Lady From the Sea."

Shields, a senior in theater from Louisville, Ky., has been involved in 75 percent of the plays put on in the Theater Department since she began at SIUC as a freshman.

She said she's auditioned for them all.

"Lady From the Sea" will run at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday with a matinee showing at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$6 for students and children. Discounts will be given to groups of 10 or more.

Shields will perform the role of Hilde, the youngest daughter of a small-town doctor who takes on a second wife, Ellida. She said her character provides some comic relief from the serious nature of the play, which centers on Ellida's search for her place in life.

According to Shields, the cast has been working on their characters since auditions in September, an unusually large amount of time — three months and numerous hours.

"It's been interesting," Shields said. "It's been a lot of fun — a lot of work."

According to Rebecca Fishel Bright, the play's director, rehearsal time is based on the needs of the actors and the needs of the play. Since Henrik Ibsen, writer of "Lady From the Sea," is not widely performed and many of her actors are new to performance, she said the play was more difficult to put together.

"Many people think rehearsals mean learning your lines and learning your blocking, then putting on a show," Bright said. "But you don't. An actor spends a lot of time crafting a human being."

"Lady From the Sea" centers on Ellida, played by first-time actress Simone Sulwer. According to Shields, Ellida's husband treats her like a daughter instead of a wife. He idolizes her, but in doing so, he places her in a position of idleness and dependency.

Ellida becomes more carefree,

indulging in her whims. When her ex-fiancee and partner returns from his exile at sea, she is forced to choose between leaving with him and staying in her unhappiness.

"It's all about wanting to find your place and wanting to find a home where you fit in," Shields said.

Shields said the best part of the play has been making friends with the cast and learning their habits. Her own personal ritual includes dancing to music by N'Sync in the dressing room to get her energy up.

Bright, a theater professor at SIUC, suggested the play by Ibsen, an internationally known Norwegian dramatist, for production. She said when the play was approved, she pounced on the opportunity to direct it.

According to Bright, Ibsen was the first to write about average people. She also said the play reflects the changes of the times he lived in, giving a feminist perspective to Ibsen's writing.

According to Shields, the play has been more difficult to put together.

The actors have had less than two weeks on the actual set and only a month on the full stage. They also left late and came back early during Thanksgiving break for rehearsals.

Despite the difficulties of rehearsal, Bright said she was pleased with the dedication and hard work of the actors. Although Bright has high hopes for her cast, she said the performance would tell if all the work paid off.

Jennifer Zupal, a theater student from Mt. Olive and assistant stage manager, said the work and time required has been stressful for the whole cast.

"It's a whole lot of responsibility," Zupal said. "It's overwhelming because I've been here for so many months when I'm used to doing, like, a week of work [backstage]."

However, she said she has seen a significant improvement in the acting since rehearsals began.

Bright, who acted professionally for 20 years before becoming a professor, said she was excited about the performance, calling the actors a "dream cast."

"It's going to be a challenge to come up to it on opening night and see what happens," Bright said.

"I'll be surprised. We'll all be surprised, but it's looking good."

The perfect tree



AMANDA WHITLOCK — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Brandon Prather, 9, and Marcus Lomax, 5, of Catlin Grade School carry their tree to be bundled Monday morning at Hardy's Reindeer Ranch in Rantoul. After searching through the Christmas Tree Farm, all five children and two of their teachers selected the 'perfect tree' for their classroom.

SRN fund-raiser boosts AIDS awareness

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With the holiday season fast approaching, the Saluki Rainbow Network is giving SIUC students the sweet chance to wish someone they love a safe and happy holiday.

SRN began its Safe Sweet Fund-raiser Monday in the Fanner Hall breezeway. For 50 cents, students could purchase candy canes with condoms attached to them.

All the proceeds from the fund-raiser will be used to buy toys for children who have either contracted AIDS or the HIV virus or whose parents are living with the disease.

"We are hoping to raise money so that children will have a good Christmas," SRN co-director Bradley Wilkins said.

"Everyone should have a nice Christmas."

SRN's fund-raiser is in conjunction with both World AIDS Day, which was Monday, and the Student Center's AIDS Awareness Week.

Although SRN has collected toys for the Jackson County Health Department HIV Consortium for several years, members of the RSO decided to do something different this year.

"I think this is a fabulous idea. I am very proud and very happy to see them come up with a creative concept to help a good cause," faculty sponsor Paulette Curkin said.

Curkin said she believes promoting AIDS with candy canes and condoms sweetens students' motives to become involved.

"People are always quick to pick condoms up when we give them away," she said.

"By selling the candy, we are drawing attention toward an issue that affects everyone."

Wilkins said it is important to not be afraid of those who are affected but instead raise awareness.

"You don't run from somebody with cancer," he said.

"You are just scared of them dying. I think the whole point of this week is to raise awareness and prove this could happen to

SRN will resume selling candy canes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

anybody. It has been 20 years since it was introduced, and it astonishes me that this disease is still affecting so many people. It shouldn't be that way."

Once SRN has collected the toys, Southern Illinois Regional Effort for AIDS will disperse them to the children.

Though SRN made \$33, Wilkins said he would like to see them double those sales.

"I would really like to make it seem that SRN and SIUC are making a difference in that situation," Wilkins said.

"The whole point behind this is not to just help the children and raise awareness but to prove this disease is out there."

"If we take all those toys over there" and SIUC proves that we care and that we are not just a bunch of heartless college students that are going about their business and going to parties, we would like to be able to make an impact."

MUNCHY MAN

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Public safety officials have asked Jones and the University about limiting the amount of people who are allowed to stand in areas of heavy traffic such as the circle drives and lanes adjoining the parking lots.

Jones has proposed another preventative measure for the raucous crowds — steel gates. The gates would secure the circle drives and prevent people from driving up to the towers at night, something that has caused noise disturbances in an area designated as a quiet zone.

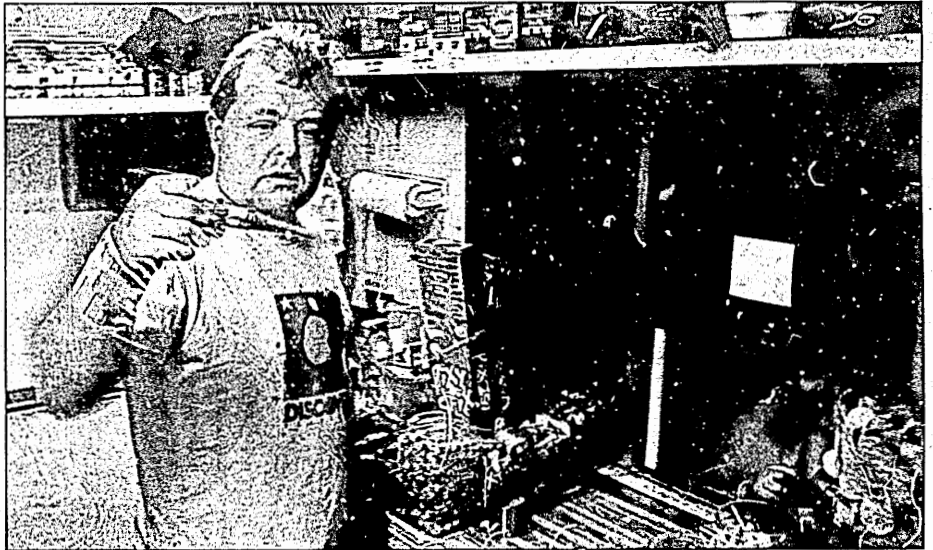
The University has offered alternatives for Rochman so he could pursue his business ventures. One is setting up in the abandoned gas station on the corner of Wall and Grand streets. Jones has personally offered a vendor's permit to Rochman so he could deliver food as Dominos and Papa John's does. Students, he said, would call on Rochman to deliver.

"We don't want this to feed the crowds," he said, "literally and figuratively."

University officials apparently dug up an old bond covenant which states items sold on University property are to be pumped directly back into the area where transactions occur. Jones said they did not actively pursue this covenant; it came to their attention only recently.

"Those vendors permits we give would allow him to deliver just like Dominos," Jones said. "We are not trying to take away his right to sell to the students."

Capt. Todd Sigler of the SIUC Police Department said the issues that arise from the vendor's presence are solely about the quality of life. Loud noises, such as those of amplified car stereos, honking horns and the trash, all



DEREK ANDERSON — DAILY EGYPTIAN FILE PHOTO

James Rochman, better known as The Munchy Man, grabs two Black & Milds for a customer March 21. Rochman's business is going to be forced away from University Housing as of Dec. 31.

contribute to the declining health of the residential areas known to the rest of the campus as the towers.

"It is an unfortunate by-product of an individual trying to provide a service to students," Sigler said. "There is a desire on the part of

the student population to have that type of service. But is this the best way to provide that service? I don't think it is."

Sigler said he has been at work on the gated residence hall proposal that would direct traffic away from the halls. The gates would

provide a route for cars to drive, maneuver and avoid the avid loitering that both Jones and Sigler have witnessed.

"It's a quality of life issue," he said. "With that attraction gone, there may be a less of a reason to congregate. Maybe one less reason."

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year, but we think it's the right thing to do." Bill McMinn, director of Intramural-Recreational Sports, one of the largest student-employers on campus, said he received a memorandum from the Financial Aid offices Nov. 24 notifying him of the increase.

"Because of the budget challenges we have, I certainly do [agree with the increase]," McMinn said. "Students are so valuable. They play vital roles in our operation and all aspects of it."

The money from the budget will only go to fund wages for student employees hired on a state account, Mann said. State accounts include

most academic departments on campus.

If it's a non-state account, the departments will be responsible for coming up with the money. Departments with non-state accounts include the Student Center, the Recreation Center and other fee-based areas around campus, which could result in higher student fees later on.

"Fees won't be increased for this year," Mann said. "But I'm sure that the increase in state minimum wage is being considered in developing their fee proposals for future years."

According to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, SIUC student employees account for about 2.8 percent of all staff earnings, about 1.6 percentage points higher than the state average.

Wendler said he does not intend the

increased payrolls to affect the number of students employed by the University, but future budget challenges could result in cutting back positions.

Mann said the money provided to the campus areas should help them to cover the increases.

"Because there's going to be an increase for state accounts, there's some money provided," Mann said. "They should be able to maintain the same amount of students for the same amount of hours."

He said non-state accounts will need to find additional funds or reduce the number of student employment hours available to make up the difference.

McMinn said though his office is a non-state fund, the number of student workers, which

ranges from 475 to 200, will not be affected by the increase. The department includes several areas around campus such as the Recreation Center and the boat docks.

Wendler said despite possible reductions, students provide an essential contribution to the University, and the wage raise should not prevent them from finding University employment, the only way many are able to attend college.

"Not everybody can have a scholarship, but there's a lot of places people can work on this campus," Wendler said. "If a student wants to work, we can put them to work."

"It would be rare for us to have a student who wanted student employment that we could not put to work; there's a lot of work that needs to be done around here."

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OUR WORD

AIDS education is responsibility for all

There have been more than 26,200 reported cases of AIDS reported to the Illinois Department of Public Health between January 1981 and December 2001.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, multiplying the number of reported cases by nine would show a more accurate number of HIV cases. That startling statistic shows just how many go unreported.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus, which can lead to AIDS, can be contracted through high-risk activities such as sharing drug needles or having sex with an HIV-infected person.

AIDS Awareness Week began Monday at the Student Center in conjunction with World AIDS Day. Special Programs and Center Events have devoted an entire week because they know how important the subject is.

Condoms are one way to reduce the risk of contracting HIV. Earlier this year, a columnist suggested that bars offer condoms to their guests.

But they do, according to HIV Prevention Coordinator Paula Clark. The Jackson County Health Department supplies many area bars, tanning salons and cafes with a bulk supply of condoms and condom kits every two weeks. She explained the columnist might not have seen the condoms because many of the establishments run out within a few days of receiving them.

The condom kits include information packets on HIV, testing and condoms.

Such a service is great, but the health department shouldn't have to be the condom provider for the campus. We would hope that seeing these condoms in bars, people would take them but also remember the kits from the bar the night before and purchase their own.

Condoms are not a surefire way to prevent contracting HIV, however. The health department offers free, confidential testing every first and third Thursday at the Newman Catholic Student Center and every second and fourth Thursday at Longbranch Coffeehouse.

The worry that these environments may not be as sterile as a hospital is no longer necessary thanks to a new needle-free test, Ora-sure.

Also on Monday, Gov. Rod Blagojevich pledged \$1 million to AIDS education. The General Assembly approved another \$5.1 million of federal money to go towards the AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

This program helps Illinois residents pay for drugs to treat the virus. This can be needed relief because medications can range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 a month.

Getting tested is not a death sentence. But if people do get tested and do have the virus, they may live a longer life because the combination of catching the virus early in its term and drugs to treat it can greatly increase a person's chance to live a longer, happier life.

If the test comes back positive, the HIV Care Consortium, which is also a part of the Health Department, offers many programs to help people cope with the news and live a normal life. This program was established to let people know they are not alone.

Displays and speakers are being featured at the Student Center all week, including a lecture from former Playboy magazine model Rebekka Armstrong, who is living with the disease.

We could all learn something from this week, whether it be about condoms, the disease or how to help. HIV can be prevented if people make wise decisions. Condoms are only one way of prevention. AIDS does not discriminate, and we can never know enough about it.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Young Beltway sniper is product of his environment

Joe Shaw
The News Record (U. Cincinnati)

CINCINNATI (U-WIRE) — When the first reports of the D.C. sniper attacks hit the national airwaves, people were stunned. Everybody wanted to know who the snipers were and why they did what they did. Everybody wanted the culprits found and brought to justice.

In the heat of the moment, almost everybody agreed that the death penalty was an apt sentence for such a horrible crime. The trial would be swift, we thought, and the punishment just.

But now that the killers have been apprehended, the situation is different. One of the shooters, Lee Malvo, was only 17 years old at the time of the shooting.

That's not child status by any stretch of the imagination, but Malvo's early years of abandonment by his mother and influence from John Allen Muhammad might have played a significant part in molding him into a killer.

And for these reasons, Malvo should not be given the death penalty.

Defense attorneys brought in witnesses who testified that Malvo had an unsteady upbringing, attending several different schools in the Caribbean. While his mother went to look for work, Malvo stayed with anybody who would take him in.

Malvo's father, Leslie Malvo, testified that his relationship with Malvo's mother, Una James, was a rocky one. He claimed that she beat him and abused him, often for no apparent reason.

When his mother left him under the care of John Allen Muhammad, Malvo finally found some guidance. Unfortunately, that guidance came from a man who was given the highest Army award for marksmanship and who faced disciplinary charges while in the Louisiana National Guard.

While under the care of Muhammad, Malvo traveled across in the Caribbean and into the United States. Muhammad took Malvo to visit his family in late 2002, and a family member reported that Muhammad kept him on a strict diet, allowing him to eat only crackers, honey and nutritional supplements.

Sheron Normal, Muhammad's former sister-in-law said, "You could tell [Malvo] was scared. He was very, very quiet. You could tell he didn't like the way he was living."

Judging from the evidence, it seems clear that Muhammad exerted a powerful influence over Malvo, and it leads us to question whether the death penalty is right in this instance.

Patty Hearst, granddaughter of newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst, was kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army in 1974 and was later convicted of bank robbery. She claimed that the mental torture experienced while under the influence of the SLA was such that she feared for her life if she didn't follow her captor's orders.

People are different when they're in a captive situation.

Reality is altered to a point where the only truth that exists is that which is extolled by the person in power. Malvo's captivity was the same. The only difference was that his captors were supposed family members.

Yes, Malvo is responsible for the deaths of several people in the Washington, D.C., area. Yes, he will go to jail for his crimes. But given the hardships he has already faced throughout his young life, the death penalty should be out of the question.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Only the educated are free.”

Epictetus
Discourses

WORDS OVERHEARD

“We got our butts kicked.”

Tom Kouzos senior running back, on Saturday's Division I AA playoff game against No. 3 seeded Delaware where the Saluki's lost 48-7

COLUMNISTS

Degrading political ads need to stop

"Some are now attacking the president for attacking the terrorist. Some call for us to retreat putting our national security in the hands of others."

This new ad was unleashed by the Republican Party in Iowa on behalf of President Bush. This ad is a preview of what we are going to see in 2004. It has a menacing tone and degrades those who disagree with Bush's handling of the war. Some in the Bush administration have leaped to explain that this ad is not questioning the patriotism of those who disagree or, as the ad says, attacked the president. Yet their proclamations of innocence are disingenuous. It is obvious that the "some" that the ad is referring to are the Democratic opponents, two of whom are highly decorated Purple Heart and Bronze and Silver Star veterans. Yet the ad that ran in Iowa makes the contemptible insinuation that those who disagree with President Bush support terrorism. This is dirty politics, and it equates disparagement with spinelessness.

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The irony is that the ad presents the president delivering the 2003 State of the Union speech which we now know was a colossal embarrassment of admitted distortions, including one based on a forged document that Iraq was a nuclear threat. It was in this speech President Bush banded the imminent threat scenario. The undiscovered weapons of mass destruction were discussed, and, of course the implication that Saddam Hussein collaborated with Al Qaida on the Sept. 11 attacks, a charge that the president recently conceded was without merit.

In fact, the Iraq war has proven that preemptive self-defense is not a sound premise because the intelligence that it was based on turned out to be the proverbial house of cards. People are dying every day, and unfortunately the terrorists seem to have become reenergized. American soldiers, Iraqi civilians and coalition troops from other countries are being killed and shot every day. Yet President Bush told us major hostilities had ended.

Many Iraqis who have been interviewed by the BBC have stated we didn't like Saddam and we are glad he is gone, plus we appreciate the help, but now we want the Americans to leave too. An Iraqi cleric has also requested the occupation end immediately. Children such as Kodes Kennings



Having my say

BY LENIE ADOLPHSON
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want their parents home NOW. Are all of these people sympathetic to terrorism because they see Iraq is a debacle?

All of the democratic nominees were contacted about the ad, and all of them said it was outrageous to imply any of the candidates support terrorism simply because they do not concur with the handling of the war. Gen. Wesley Clark summed it up well when he stated, "I am not critical of President Bush because he's attacking terrorism; I'm critical because he is not attacking terrorism."

In spite of these ads, what would be truly unapologetic is if the presidential candidates and Americans stop talking about this military action. Every day more and more people are seeing that it was a farce, and now it's a political football.

The Iraq war and occupation have been a major distraction from the war against al Qaida. Despite the fact that fair-minded people are distressed at these types of negative and polarizing ads, it shouldn't come as a surprise.

Karl Rove, a major adviser to President Bush, planned to use Sept. 11 and the war to frame President Bush in as a tough leader and the Democrats as wimps who are cavalier about terrorism. Former Sen. Max Cleland of Georgia, a triple-amputee Vietnam veteran, voted for the Iraq war authorization. His Republican challenger, Saxby Chambliss, defeated war hero Cleland in 2002 by using attack ads that questioned Cleland's patriotism. In these ads, Cleland's face was presented alongside Bin Laden and Hussein as if they were one in the same.

Terrorism is appalling, and it has to be stopped. Nevertheless, to imply through veiled hints and malvolent innuendo that any of the candidates running support terrorism is despicable and repulsive. In conclusion, it has been stated, "The appeal to patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."

Having my say appears every Tuesday. Lenie is a senior in history. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Best Thanksgiving ever

Holidays have never been a big deal in my family. Even when I was a child, my mom would run to the grocery store on Thanksgiving Day and pick up our feast already prepared. This was probably a good plan during her menopause years due to the risk of having hot flashes in an already steamy kitchen. The last thing I wanted to see was my mom emerging from a cloud of steam covered in sweat and holding a knife as her hormones dragged her from her happy place to the lowest level of hell and back again in a matter of three seconds.

Most of the dinners ended with my mom wishing a happy holiday. I'd usually respond with a heartfelt "Right on" and escape to my room for some Super Mario Brothers.

One year — before I came out of the closet — my sister convinced my mom to have a traditional Turkey Day by actually cooking the meal together. At some point during the meal preparation, mom and my sister started bickering at each other about something insignificant like which is the best brand of mayonnaise or the flavor of greeting card envelopes.

As they rattled off, I took advantage of the situation by whispering, "I'm gay," in front of them. They were too caught up in their spat to notice. I walked out of the kitchen with a grin on my face and a bizarre sense of satisfaction.

Another year, my friend Glitter Boy and I went to the local gay establishment for Thanksgiving dinner, or Thanksgiving and Receiving as we liked to call it. We were ravenous as we devoured our meals. I don't know if it was the gay turkey or our extreme hunger, but that was the best Thanksgiving dinner I have ever had. I finished it off with the best dessert ever, a beer and a cigarette.

Afterwards, Glitter Boy gave me a gift. He was finishing up massage therapy school and had to do so many hours for free. I found myself lying on his massage table fully content after my dinner and dessert while my friend gave me an amazing massage.

I also found myself running to the bathroom in order to un-eat. Glitter Boy stood next to me as I vomited and said, "Yeah, I guess you shouldn't get a massage after you just pigged out and had a beer. You might throw up or



How about ... no

BY ED VILLAREAL
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something."

So this year, when my mom called and said, "I don't know. I guess I'm making a ham or something," I opted to stay as far away from Thanksgiving as possible, also known as locked up in my hole-in-the-wall house in Carbondale. I ate generic shells and cheese and played on the PS2 all night. There was no family, no menopause and no puking. This was the best Thanksgiving ever. Wait! There's more.

I opted to stay as far away from Thanksgiving as possible, also known as locked up in my hole-in-the-wall house in Carbondale.

Frequent readers of my column know that I have major dating issues. Well, I finally got the gumption to ask someone out. He was an extraordinary gentleman and an overall great guy.

Sure, after one date, I have no idea where things are going. But one thing I do know is I have a newfound

faith in men and my skills with them, at least for a bit. So thanks, man.

Sure, this holiday weekend wasn't spent the way the Pilgrims intended. I wasn't carving up the turkey or sneezing on Indians. They probably never thought some half-Mexican would spend their blessed time playing video games and gay dating.

But you know what? Screw it. My family and I tried to force ourselves into the traditional holiday standards and practices. It's just not worth it.

If you need to spend some time away from the folks, by all means, take some time away from the folks. Besides, Christmas is the time when all the stress really comes to a boil.

And let me tell you, the only thing scarier than seeing mom with a knife during menopause is seeing mom with a knife after menopause. Now she doesn't have an excuse; she's just crazy.

How about ... no appears every Tuesday. Ed is a junior in speech pathology. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Contribute to underprivileged children with inmates

DEAR EDITOR:

The inmates here at the Federal Prison Camp in Marion, Ill., are celebrating Christmas a little early this year.

I'm on a committee here at the prison that recently spearheaded a project among fellow inmates to raise money to provide Christmas presents for over 600 underprivileged children living in shelters here in the Marion area. We teamed up with retired Congressman Glenn Poshard and his foundation that helps needy kids every year at Christmastime.

I'm happy to report that the inmates here have

raised almost \$2,100 to help make Christmas special this year for these children, who are all in difficult and painful circumstances. Since many of us make an average \$12 an hour on our job, \$2,100 was quite a feat for us.

Personally, I felt privileged to not only give from my "pocket" but also from my "heart." Why? Well because I am separated from my own children at this holiday time, and I'm somehow more aware of their needs as well as the needs of other children in bad situations. It's funny, but as prisoners, it seems that we are able to really be in touch with what these kids deal with — the sense of abandonment, the need for hope and the need for tangible, practical love.

Our camp goal was originally only \$1,000 — but because so many here dug deep, we were able to more than double that amount for the needy kids that the Poshard Foundation will help this year.

Could you help us help them also?

Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to: The Poshard Foundation, Care of Pat's Kids, 1431 Country Aire Drive, Cartersville, IL 62918.

One hundred percent of the funds donated are used to purchase gifts for these needy and deserving children here in Southern Illinois.

Thank you for your consideration and Merry Christmas!!

James Patterson
Marion Federal Prison Camp inmate

Was I sent here to be broken or used?

Was I given the gift of life to be shattered or abused? I am a ray of hope, in need of guidance and love. I am a child, a seed of our father above.

I am a smiling face, who enjoys my friends. I am tomorrow's teacher, doctor, the future at hand. I am a blazing day of sunlight with warmth to share. I am a loving flower, who needs love and care.

I am an empty face, who needs compassion and a chance.

I am a broken spirit, a victim of circumstance. I am the one who believes in hopes and dreams. I know with love, I can be almost anything. If given a chance, I will shine for all to see. I just want to be the person, Lord, you intend me to be.

For the children, inspired by God through James Patterson, Darrell Elam and Derek Cantrell

What About Me?

Why, Lord, do these things seem so real? Is it me, why do they hurt me still?

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DRUNK BEHIND THE WHEEL

DAILY EGYPTIAN SPECIAL REPORT

The toll of death is heavy for both families and communities. But such a toll can be even more harsh and resounding when the deaths involve alcohol and vehicles. A fatal car crash in February involving an SIUC student and her husband continues to reverberate in their respective communities, striking a chord with whoever has heard the tale. The actions of one night play such an important role in the lives of numerous people. Family and friends who are left contemplating the answers search for a sense of normalcy through the cluster of pain.

the LONELY Holidays

story by MOUSTAFA AYAD

A late-night phone call, and a family sits at a table with the chairs that were once full but are now empty. The stockings hung above the trees, void of life and the fullness of presents. The sounds of children are replaced by the priest's last words as two sets of parents lower the caskets of a son and a daughter.

The laughter that once filled the homes during the holidays is silenced in an instant, an instance replaced by a mother's memories of a happy child content in the spirit of the holidays.

This was Michelle Miller's favorite time of the year.

The eggnog, the smell of burning wood, crisp, white, pale snow as it lay on the ground and everyone's favorite part — the presents. She had always loved the holiday season, not for the shopping but for the brotherly love that allowed people to see past differences and come together, a bond that was as genuine as her smile. Emma Harrison, Michelle's mother, can still remember how Michelle's face lit up during the holiday season.

"This was her favorite season," Emma said as she broke into tears. "She loved everything about the holidays, the materialistic part and the true meaning of Christmas."

It was Michelle's first year as a law student at SIUC; a career in law is what she had always envisioned. Her husband, Gregory, was a correctional officer at a Pittsfield prison and a former high school wrestler. The couple had ventured from Pittsfield to Carbondale regularly; they commuted each week to be with each other, often to work and coach the high school team Gregory had been a part of.

Late Friday evening on Feb. 7, 2003, the two loaded up their Chevrolet Cavalier. Gregory was helping support the two by working at the correctional facility, while Michelle devoted her life to academics. As they merged onto Highway 11 and the car turned, a truck slammed into the car.

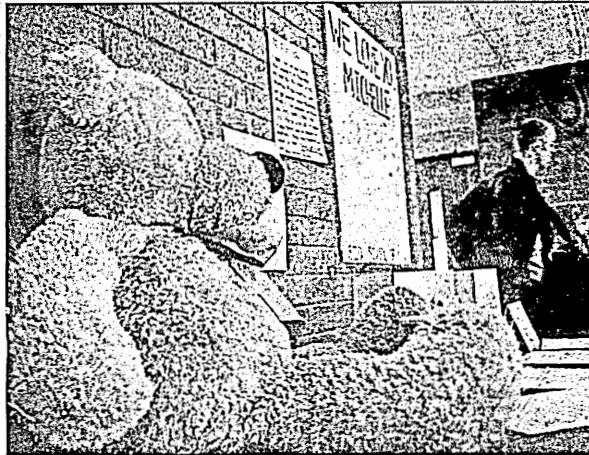
The driver of the truck was John Anstine, a would-be first-time driver under the influence case. The car careened off the bank near the exit, killing Gregory instantly with the force of the impact. The 1975 Chevrolet truck overpowered the smaller compact car, crumpling its shell like a fet crushing a soda can. The brush guard ripped through the metal, exposing the inside of the smaller Cavalier.

Michelle was airlifted to St. John's Hospital in Springfield, where they would monitor her for brain activity. She lingered for three days in a coma, succumbing to her injuries.

Anstine, a 25-year-old with no prior arrests or convictions, had been returning with friends from a local tavern. He would be released later that morning on a \$3,000 bond. Both Gregory and Anstine, who were driving the cars involved in the crash, had been drinking. Autopsies later revealed Gregory had a blood alcohol level higher than Anstine.

Inside each car were unopened bottles of liquor. Both drivers had been wearing their seatbelts, but Michelle had not.

Anstine would later plead guilty to two counts of driving under the influence, serve a one-year probation and pay the fines and costs of the process totaling \$942.08. Anstine refused to answer any questions regarding the case or his driving, saying the case has taken a toll on him and his



DAILY EGYPTIAN FILE PHOTO

As word spread of the Millers' fatal crash, friends and classmates at the SIUC Lesar Law Building built a memorial dedicated to Michelle Miller, 31, a first-year law student. The crash came at a time when Miller was anticipating a much-needed break with her husband.

family. His lawyer, Andrew Schnack, also refused to comment on the case.

According to Pike County State's Attorney Frank McCarthy, this was a common first-time DUI case, with the defendant entering a guilty plea. And as with all the DUI arrests in Pike County, first-time offenders receive one-year mandatory supervision and pay local and state fines. Anstine received "non-reporting supervision."

While in the hospital, Michelle's friends at school corresponded with each other, e-mailing one another about her progress and keeping good spirits. Emma and Larry Harrison hoped for a recovery as they drove from LaBelle, Mo., to Springfield, where their daughter was spending what would be her final days. Those three days were the hardest for the parents, as they hurried to the hospital to see Michelle, who lay motionless in a coma. Tim Brown, a friend of Gregory's for more than 30 years, and his wife, Kim, learned of the crash the following day.

The couple rushed to the hospital in Springfield hoping to spark Michelle's recovery. Kim had been friends with Michelle in St. Louis where the two had earned their undergraduate degrees, and Michelle even introduced Kim to Tim.

"It is still hard to grasp," Kim said. "She had e-mailed me that day about her coming to town. We were going to have a girls' night out on Saturday. But that didn't happen because of the crash."

"I have her picture on the fridge. It's almost like she is still in Carbondale because I didn't see her a lot. She was gone all the time, but now she's really in. . . And it's still hard to grasp."

"I do hear the helicopter that night as it flies over the small town. The blades sliced through the wind, leaving an ominous sound that still resounds in the Browns' heads. Kim didn't think her friend would ever have been a passenger on that airlift.

"Greg and Michelle had been drinking as well," she said. "We should all learn a lesson

from the both of them. It's just so hard.

"What would have happened if the choices they had made were different?"

For Tim, the choice cut close to the bone. He and his wife now stood in the hospital room of St. John's, watching the person responsible for their union slip away. With Larry and Emma nearby, they had to console not only themselves but keep the Harrisons from losing their grip as well.

"I'm still not over it," Tim said. "It's not like him. It's a travesty. It has affected a lot of people."

It was Gregory's dream to see a self-supported wrestling club in Pittsfield, one that would encourage the children who participated. And with his death, the Saukewee Youth wrestling program took both a blow and a gain. Patrick Stendback, the coach of the wrestling team in Pittsfield, had known Gregory to be a man who had always supported the community and wrestling with the heart of a lion. The crash occurred when the team, the same Gregory had mentored and nurtured as youths, was on the brink of regionals in Carlton. Children who had grown up with Gregory as a coach came to school that Saturday morning for a road trip and a setback.

"It was an awful, awful day," Stendback said. "We were all walking around like zombies. I was in tears. Randy Butler, my assistant coach, who was a friend of Greg's for years, was in tears. And there you are trying to convey to your team to do well."

"You can't just stop. We had to go ahead and go."

Week after week, Gregory traveled between towns, coming to visit his wife with never an incident. And now less than a mile away from their home, the two collided with fatal repercussions.

"They didn't even get back," Tim said. "They were less than nine-tenths of a mile away. And you know you always hear that's when crashes happen, but you never believe it. They were less

Local police enforce DUI prevention methods

Officers dispel common drunk driving myths

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Police officers in Jackson County know that detecting any possible DUI cases is an important task that could mean the difference between life and death, so they follow a strict set of guidelines to make sure they do the job right.

Law enforcement agencies in the county follow statewide systems of field sobriety testing to determine whether an arrest is needed. According to the field sobriety standards, officers look for three factors to determine how sober a potential DUI arrestee may be: the nature of the person's eyes, the person's ability to follow instructions and the person's balance.

Carbondale Police Officer Doug Wilson, who has a department-high 15 DUI arrests this semester as of Wednesday, said he always uses the statewide field sobriety standards in possible DUI cases.

"Standardized field sobriety tests are all about the same, so I tend to stick to it," Wilson said. "The first one is ydu check their eyes to see if they have any signs of drunkenness. Then, you check their walk-and-turn test to see if they can follow the instructions you gave them as well as they should. Then, check their one-leg stand test to check their balance."

Besides the state's field sobriety standards, officers also have their own intuitive methods to see how intoxicated a person is.

SIUC Police Capt. Todd Sigler, whose department has made 29 DUI arrests this semester as of Wednesday, said one of the things he has used to see a person's level of drunkenness is performing exercises with the alphabet.

"I've utilized the alphabet by asking them to say it, not sing it," Sigler said. "A lot of them can't get past the first 25 percent. That obviously doesn't demonstrate that the individual is sober. In addition, that's pretty persuasive in court."

Wilson said simple things like noticing the smell of alcohol on a driver's breath or seeing how hard it is for the person to concentrate on more than one thing are also very revealing.

"I see people fumbling through their ID card three or four times before they find it," Wilson said. "They can't do things a sober person would find easy to do."

The next step after an officer completes field sobriety testing is often asking the potentially intoxicated person whether he or she would like to breathe into a Breathalyzer. Local officers usually perform the breath test to determine a person's blood alcohol level through the use of portable Breathalyzer testing. If a portable breath test is not available, officers can take the driver to the police station to operate the department's stationary Breathalyzer.

Murphysboro Police Officer Gib Bastien, who has a county-high 26 DUI arrests this semester through Wednesday, said many people do not realize the breath test is not required. It is only an option.

Bastien said although the results of the breath test cannot be used in court, it is still a very effective tool to determine a person's level of intoxication.

In addition to providing a valuable gauge for officers to determine a person's sobriety, the Breathalyzer can also work in the potential arrestee's favor. If a person does not believe they are above the Illinois legal blood alcohol of .08, Murphysboro Police Chief Jeff Bock said the breath test can save that person time and headaches.

Bock said the Breathalyzer gives people the benefit of the doubt because it is a less accurate reflection of a person's blood alcohol content than a reading from a blood sample or urine sample, which are also options for a person pulled over for possible drunken driving.

"If at the same point I would take a breath sample from you I also took a blood sample, the true blood alcohol level will actually be higher

DRUNK BEHIND THE WHEEL

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Fight to strengthen DUI laws saves lives

Traffic fatalities drop from 2,100 per year during 1970s to 1,411 in 2002

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Illinois is one of the toughest states in the country regarding the issue of driving under the influence and the severity of being caught. But as recently as 20 years ago, it found itself near the bottom of the list.

The average number of fatal deaths on the road in Illinois during that period of time was around 2,100. Compared to today — with an increased number of drivers on the road — the fatalities have substantially subsided. There were 1,411 traffic deaths in Illinois in 2002, with alcohol being involved in 46 percent of those crashes. In 80 percent of all fatal crashes, first-time offenders were the cause.

Smaller, less-populated areas, such as the Southern Illinois region, generally have had more than their fair share of deaths as a result of driving under the influence.

"I'll tell you why; it is because it is rural there," says Mary Bellushchi, a board member of the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists and former director of the Illinois Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "I live in the city of Chicago. I can go to the bar and walk home. We are always trying to reach the people of Southern Illinois that you cannot drink and drive."

In January 1981, when Jim Edgar was appointed secretary

of state, Illinois' DUI laws were among most feeble in the union.

"Illinois finally started to take a long look at its weak DUI laws," said Allen Grosboll, who was one of Edgar's key advisers during the battle to toughen the DUI laws. "That was because Jim Edgar believed, and a lot of people believed Illinois had the weakest drunk driving laws in the nation."

Prior to Edgar's arrival, Illinois law stipulated that a person had to be given two Breathalyzers for the evidence to be admissible in court. If the person failed the first test, they were given the choice of taking the next, and if they didn't, they were let off no matter of their blood alcohol concentration.

"It makes no sense," Grosboll said. "Ninety percent of people arrested for drinking and driving didn't lose their license. That is the best example of how pitiful our laws were."

After being arrested with the charge of driving under the influence, the courts would punish the offenders with only court supervision.

The system allowed for so many multiple offenders to go unscathed by the secretary of state's office because counties at the time didn't share records.

"A person could get a DUI in one county and be arrested for being drunk in another county and they just give him another one," Grosboll said. "Nothing was recorded. Theoretically, a person

TALE OF TWO DECADES IN DUI LAWS

Table comparing DUI laws in 1980 and Now. 1980: Among the weakest in US, Two Breathalyzers to be admissible, .10 legal limit, 90 percent of offenders retained license. Now: Among the toughest in US, One Breathalyzer is admissible, .08 legal limit, 90 percent of offenders' licenses suspended.

could get arrested in 102 counties in Illinois, and not a single county would know that that individual was arrested in another county."

The first phase in reinforcing the DUI laws in the state was to eradicate the loopholes defense lawyers used to shield offenders, such as making the first Breathalyzer admissible and making the counties share information on offender with the state.

"The penalties for drunk driving were substantially increased," Grosboll said. "That was all accomplished in the early 1980s."

Edgar then approached the state legislature to allow the secretary of state's office to administratively suspend licenses for people who failed Breathalyzers or opted not to take one. In the mid-1980s, the secretary of state was granted those administrative powers. Afterward, 90 percent of people arrested on DUIs lost their licenses, the exact reverse of before.

In the late 1990s when Edgar was in office as Illinois' governor, the issue of lowering the illegal blood alcohol concentration from .10 to .08 began to surface.

"Most of us never heard of the .08 before we started becoming more sophisticated on the drunk driving issue," Grosboll said.

Inside the traffic safety industry, the theory was people began to feel the effects of alcohol before .10. In retaliation to Edgar's campaign to lower the illegal BAC limit to .08, some factions began to criticize to decision, namely those involved in the hospitality industry and defense lawyers.

"When you draw a chart that shows the number of drinks and the crash probability, it is right at .08 when the line increases exponentially," Belluschi explained. "That is when people of all weights and all sizes are impaired."

As Edgar left to assume the role of Illinois' governor, George Ryan, who replaced him as secretary of state, finished the final push to lower the BAC. In 1997, legislation voted to lower the BAC to .08, and Edgar signed the bill into law on July 2nd of that year.

"Everything was a tough fight," Grosboll said. "Getting every one of these laws passed was a tough fight."

Offenders pay substantial price after DUI charges

After long night of drinking, Ely Lane woke up with \$3,000 hangover

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He pulled up to the red light on Wall Street. The 15 beers he had downed earlier were beginning to take effect. After pounding away at the bar counter, he decided to penuse the party scene. Ely Lane was your average 22-year-old college senior at SIUC. And now he sat only two miles away from home on the verge of passing out ready to go to sleep. Stay awake. Stay awake. As if his foot was no longer under his control he punched the accelerator. The car took off through the red light. A right turn with no turn signal.

In his system the numerous Guinnesses he had consumed now turned his blood into a sea of alcohol, flowing through his every artery and clogging his judgment. In the rearview mirror were the flashes of blue and red and an officer with a standard DUI stop.

Out of the car, Lane stumbled. The sobriety test was a complete failure.

"Say the alphabet without singing," the officer asked.

Lane stood there attempting, fumbling over standard sounds and turning once-simple tasks into an opus. Standing on one foot in his own parking lot, Lane, who had finished his last beer an hour and a half ago, his blood alcohol still permeating through his pores reaching a level three times the legal limit.

"He didn't offer me the Breathalyzer," Lane said.

The officer reached for his handcuffs and made the arrest. Then the questioning began. "Where were you drinking at? What did you have for dinner? How much did you have to drink?"

All Lane could answer was with "a couple." They didn't intimidate him into testing his blood alcohol level.

The chances of him blowing the legal limit were out of the question. An hour after 15 some beers and an unknown amount of drinks, he now sat in the back of a Carbondale police cruiser leaning toward blowing for his freedom.

He blew a .238.

There was no jail, no shoelaces coming off at the booking station, simply a ticket and a mug shot in the backseat and what would amount to a \$1,224 fine. Any price was greater than an injury or even death due to a need for sleep after a hard nights drink. His car was towed, allowing police to legally search the vehicle for contraband. After the booking in the backseat of the car, he was released on foot. A short walk and the longest night of his life later was the security of his bed.

"They put a 12-hour hold on your vehicle to prevent you from getting back into the truck and going for another drive," he said.

The next day was one of financial reckoning. The 15 beers and after party drinks were beginning to cost more than any six-pack. Lawyers fee: a standard \$1200. Fines: \$1224. And \$15 for a donation to a panel of Mothers Against Drunk Driving as well as anti \$80

dollar evaluation. Four hundred dollars and 20 hours of counseling, and the night he decided to turn blindly into the red flash of the signal turned into a \$3,000 nightmare.

"I had to go to counseling because I blew so high on the Breathalyzer," he said, "even though my alcohol evaluation said I wasn't at any kind of a risk level. I was just basically a normal kid who made a bad mistake."

He didn't lose his license. Many DUI offenders are stripped of their right to sit behind the wheel. Lane's lawyer was able to negotiate one-year probation and an exemption from the community service that came along with the fines.

There was also the court-mandated dry year of his life. That however, was not an obstacle, after spending more than \$3,000 in costs; a year free of the poison that left him in the backseat of a police cruiser was something Lane actually embraced.

"For a first-time DUI, I came out pretty lucky," he said. "I didn't lose my license. It cost a lot more money than I wanted it to, but it could have cost me a lot more had something else happened like, maybe, if I could have hit somebody."

Listening to mothers who lost their sons and their daughters was pain enough. Letting go of \$3,000 only added insult to injury, but walking away with no deaths, not adding to the 17,440 fatal crashes caused by drunk drivers meant twice as much to Lane.

"Drinking and driving, it's just not worth it," he said. "It's not worth the press, it's not worth the chance, because it's getting harder and harder. Right now, if you get caught on a DUI, you're pretty

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much done driving in the state of Illinois."

The Classes

It was there that Lane saw the faces behind the multiple offender statistics jotted down on paper. DUI offenders who had broken the law so many times that when they exhausted the leniency of the legal system in the state they resided in, they simply moved.

"From dealing with the people in the alcohol classes," Lane said. "There are a lot of guys out there who spent \$30,000 to \$40,000 on a DUI. A lot of them totaled brand new vehicles." Feeling like a criminal in a justice system bent on persecuting offenders to the fullest was enough for Lane; now he wants people to see the error in his ways.

"You feel like a criminal," he said. "You really do. It's not fun, and it's really not worth it. Especially in Carbondale, there's no reason not to take a cab. There's no reason not to walk. At least you'll burn off part of the booze you were drinking. Call a friend."

than a mile from home. It was a terrible thing.

"It wasn't something they did. It was abnormal because on his days off he would visit Michelle. And she was going to come back and visit. She needed a break, and what a break it was."

The shock of the Millers' deaths has affected those who knew them in different ways. Those who knew them best cannot ever contest that the two had been model individuals; instead they now walk understanding that life screams to a halt at any moment.

"Greg affected everybody," Tim said. "It's just so unlike him. He was a second-degree black belt in taekwon do, and he had wrestling. He was all about doing the right thing. And Michelle was the same."

"Life is just crazy how it just jumps up and bites you. I don't even know how to look at it. It's opening up some scariest issue right now."

It is the parents of both people who have taken it the hardest. Both fathers have covered in the face of their children's deaths. Tim said the death has left Gregory's father, Paul, who had been proud of his son, all of Gregory's life, with an indelible mark on his psyche. And the same pain resonates at the Harrison home with Larry after nearly 10 months of grief-stricken pain. Burying a daughter silences hopes and deters dreams.

"Larry has taken it hard," Emma said. "It's been hard for both of us, especially now with the time of year and Michelle being gone."

The two lives lost that night in Pinesfield were more than just the average fatality to the sets of parents, more than missing presents and more than just empty chairs at the Thanksgiving dinner table.

"It's an open wound. It never heals," Larry Harrison said.

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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Dec. 2). Romance is on the menu for you this year, especially if you get your place fixed up first. Don't procrastinate - you'll soon see why. You'll have tons more fun the latter part of the year if you do all the major rearranging early on.

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 an 8 - If you can keep your head down just a little while longer, you'll soon have the opportunity and the energy to advance. Don't assume that your commanding officer is a jerk. He or she is smarter than you think.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You know how important it is to do what you said you'd do. You're a person who hardly ever lets a stack of stuff build up. It may have happened recently, however. Find your shovel, and get to work.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - It's best to proceed with caution until conditions become more stable. Your ruling planet, Mercury, is going into Capricorn. For the next few weeks you'll find it easier to think about investments, insurance and financial planning. Get matters resolved.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - You're going to be asked some tough questions soon, but you can emerge triumphant. Your trick? Get the answers you'll need right now, by asking the people who know.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Even with a recent setback, your enthusiasm hasn't dampened. You'd better pay attention to business, however. It's important.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Don't offer your opinions unless asked. You're more likely to be on that way. You'll find it much easier to express your love soon. Make a date.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're leaning rapidly, and that's making you look good in the eyes of others. Better not get cocky, though. You still could make a mistake.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Don't go full speed ahead until you've had more practice. You'll soon be acquiring a lot of new skills. Exercise patience now.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Your sense of humor is scheduled to return soon, so don't get yourself in a snit. Something you've been struggling with for days may finally get fixed.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Bring a subconscious idea to the surface - it could be quite profitable. But don't tell anybody about it yet. Try it out at home first.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Although you're pretty much up to speed, there still are some things to learn. Don't let the next few days go to waste. Things won't be getting easier.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - It's a good idea to be cautious while you contemplate your next move. It's possible for you to get more money, and soon. Wait till tomorrow to ask.

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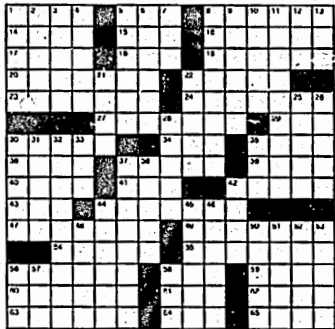
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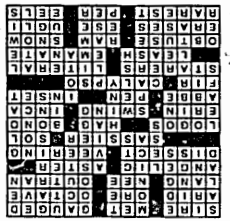
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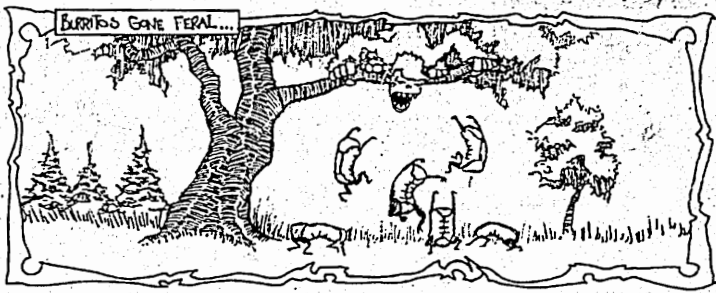
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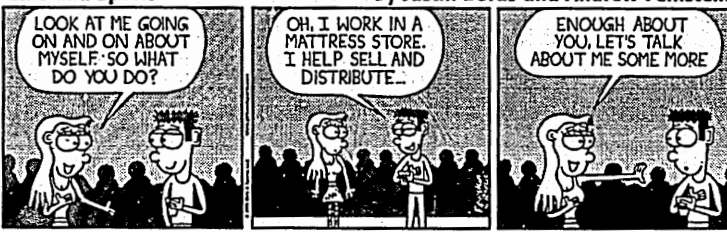
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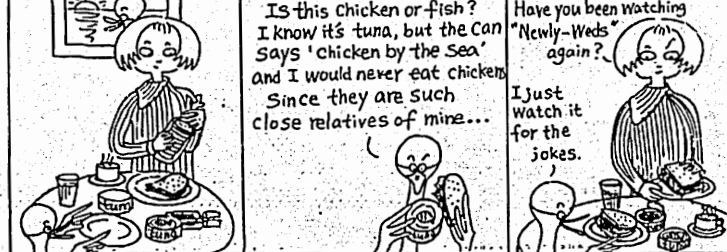
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» SWIMMING AND DIVING

Water Dawgs wrap up fall, prepare for spring

Saluki men, women defeat big-name teams to end fall seasons

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With their fall seasons complete, the SIU men's and women's swimming and diving teams have time to reflect and prepare for the spring.

Both teams came up with strong finishes in events featuring numerous big-name schools prior to Thanksgiving.

The men finished fourth in the Purdue Invitational Nov. 23, just 33.5 points behind third-place Iowa and ahead of Wyoming and Ohio State, among others.

Men's head coach Rick Walker spoke of the significantly bigger budgets afforded the bigger-name schools, but he's proud that his team was able to hold its own on the strength of its work ethic.

"Here we are, kind of a blue collar program and just working our heinies off trying to make things work and it's coming together," Walker said.

The Saluki men defeated Lincoln College, Drury, last year's

Division II national champions, and Missouri earlier in the fall.

The Saluki women also wrapped up their fall season in the pool of a Big 10 foe, finishing third and defeating Ohio State. During that meet, five Salukis made the SIU list of all-time school-best times.

"Our last meet was tremendous. We had great times," women's head coach Jeff Goelz said. "We beat Ohio State, which is a pretty big win and had a lot of lifetime bests."

"We're definitely going in the right direction."

The women's team defeated Drury and Lincoln College in other fall action in addition to falling at Nebraska, Illinois and Iowa State.

Both the men's and women's teams will head to Puerto Rico during the upcoming break as part of a training trip.

Several other college programs will also be there and will train with the Salukis.

"It's great training," Goelz said. "It's a good chance to get outdoors. It's warm. It's long course training. There's no school or any classes to worry about, so the kids basically get up and swim and sunbathe and lift some weights and sunbathe and

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SIU men's head swimming coach

swim again.

"It's good because they can really focus on taking care of their business in the water."

Both teams begin the spring season in early January with the conference championships taking place in Carbondale in February.

"Western Kentucky, I think, will be the team to beat and then I think it will be Southwest and ourselves that are really kind of hammering it out to either knock Western Kentucky off or take second place," Walker said of the men's field.

Goelz and the women's team are also hoping to improve for the conference championships.

"We've got some good competitions coming up," Goelz said, "and hoping to get obviously some big swims in, hopefully a couple more wins here and there."

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10-2 in their its go-around.

Making the turnaround even more spectacular was that little was expected from the Salukis outside of the team.

In the Gateway Conference pre-season poll, the Salukis were picked to finish sixth and there was next to no one who expected this to be the year SIU returned to the playoffs as the drought neared 20 years.

Then the Salukis knocked off perennial Ohio Valley Conference powers Southeast Missouri State and Murray State in back-to-back games and people questioned whether the team was for real.

Next came a string of six straight wins over Gateway opponents, including road wins against national

powers Western Illinois and Western Kentucky.

In the process, the once football-impaired Salukis set a new league mark with 10 consecutive wins to start a season and, despite a close loss to Northern Iowa, clinched a share of the league title, the first for SIU since joining the league for its inception in 1985.

The winning record marked just the third time the Salukis have finished above .500 since the 1983 season. SIU went 7-4 in both 1986 and 1991.

Also, for just the second time in school history, the Salukis finished a season with double-digit wins.

"We've come a long way from last year and a couple of years ago," sophomore cornerback Yerni Akisanya said. "We appreciate that because we know what we've come from."

The playoff appearance was the

first for SIU since winning the national championship in 1983, and the Salukis plan on making the postseason a regular occurrence.

SIU should return close to 30 players who have started at one point or another during their careers, including a long list of postseason award winners — Alexis Moreland, Royal Whitaker, Joel Sambursky, Brent Little, Frank Johnson and Jamarquis Jordan.

Underclassmen such as Akisanya said they felt sorry for the fashion in which the seniors lost their final game, but for the players coming back, it will only serve as motivation to return to the playoffs and have a better showing.

"We have something to look forward to," Akisanya said. "The program is moving in a positive direction, and we're going to keep working hard and hopefully get it to the top."

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coming via the fumble and five beating interceptions.

Only three times did SIU even turn the ball over multiple times in a single game.

Four times, the Salukis made it through the game without committing a single turnover.

On Saturday, the Salukis turned it over twice in just six touches of the football. Before the 48-7 first-round beating concluded, the Salukis would turn the ball over six times, more than half their season total.

The four fumbles were the most for the Salukis since fumbling away the ball four times against West Virginia Tech in the fourth game of the last season.

In the end, the turnovers were too much as Delaware scored 27 points off the SIU giveaways.

Finalists for Payton Award announced

On Monday afternoon, the Sports Network released the names of the three finalists for the coveted Walter Payton Award, Division I-AA's equivalent of the Heisman Trophy.

The three finalists are Colgate running back Jamaal Branch, Grambling State quarterback Bruce Eugene and Delaware quarterback Andy Hall.

The winner will be announced at the 17th annual I-AA College Football Awards Dec. 18 in Chattanooga, Tenn., the eve of the I-AA national championship game also in Chattanooga.

Branch ran the ball 338 times for 2,026 yards and 25 touchdowns for the undefeated Raiders.

Eugene completed 285-of-528 passes for 3,808 yards and 34 touchdowns.

He also ran the ball for 489 yards for 9-3 Grambling.

Hall completed 195-of-303 passes for 2,285 yards and 21 touchdowns as well as running for 630 yards for the 12-1 Blue Hens.

Votes were due Nov. 26 and were made by select media and Division I-AA sports information directors. Results will not be known until the awards show.

The finalists for the Buck Buchanan Award and the Eddie Robinson Award have yet to be narrowed to the three who will be invited to the awards show.

Buchanan finalists were as follows: SIU safety Alexis Moreland,

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Idaho State defensive end Jared Allen, Bethune-Cookman defensive end Steve Baggs, Harvard linebacker Dante Balesstracci, Cal-Poly linebacker Jordan Beck, Northeastern linebacker Liam Ezekiel, Illinois State linebacker Boomer Grigsby, Montana State safety Kane Ioane, Delaware defensive end Shawn Johnson, Colgate linebacker Tem Lukabu, Wofford safety Matt Nelson, Eastern Illinois linebacker Nick Ricks, McNeese State linebacker Roderick Royal, Western Illinois linebacker Lee Russell, Monmouth linebacker Joe Sentipal and Appalachian State defensive end K.T. Stovall.

The coaches who were on the ballots sent to the voters were: Jerry Kill of SIU, Mike Ayers of Wofford, Al Bagnoli of Pennsylvania, Dick Biddle of Colgate, Kevin Callahan of Monmouth, Charlie Coe of Alabama State, Jack Crowe of Jacksonville State, Mark Farley of Northern Iowa, K.C. Keeler of Delaware, Pete Richardson of Southern, Howard Schnellenberger of Florida Atlantic, George Small of North Carolina A&T, Jerome Souers of Northern Arizona, Tommy Tate of McNeese State, Mark Whipple of Massachusetts and Doug Williams of Grambling State.

Gateway in the playoffs

Despite the loss by SIU in the first round, the Gateway still has three teams playing in search of the national championship.

All three teams will be on the road for the second round after Northern Iowa and defending national champion Western Kentucky had home games last weekend.

Northern Iowa, who shared the regular season league title with SIU, will face Delaware at 11:30 Saturday morning.

Western Illinois, who won on the road last week against Montana, will face Colgate for an 11 a.m. kickoff.

Finally, Western Kentucky will battle Wofford Saturday at 3 p.m.

In the one non-Gateway playoff game of the day, Florida Atlantic will go to Northern Arizona, which knocked off No. 1 seed McNeese State in the first round, Saturday for a 7:05 p.m. showdown.

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I felt strongly that, given only those two choices, Carbondale belonged on the negative end. And I stood by that feeling for several months.

But now, after witnessing the support that fans gave to the football team this season and what I have seen the past few years, I have come to realize that Carbondale really is crazy about Saluki athletics — fans just express themselves in different ways.

So what if most students wouldn't go to a football game if there weren't a tailgating area outside the stadium? At least some of them will occasionally stumble into McAndrew to watch some of the game.

I have a feeling, judging by the way things are going with Saluki sports programs, most will continue

to progress during the next few years and SIU will become the premier mid-major program in the nation.

I'm sure when I return to Carbondale in the future to watch a football, basketball or baseball game, I will be more than entertained by what I see on the field. But at the same time, I also know that I will inevitably think back to my time here as a student and remember the good ole days when I sat in the stands, half-buzzed, watching guys such as Tom Kouzotz, Kent Williams and Jake Alley obliterate the competition.

But I'll also remember lesser-known athletes such as Noa Beider, Jodi Heiden and Tana Trapani.

Athletes at SIU have run the gamut in recent years; some were good, some were bad and some were mediocre. But in the end, they all have one thing in common — they're all Salukis.

So am I. And I always will be.

» WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis off to slow start

Optimism still high for SIU despite losing record

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After an off-season in which seven new players and three new assistant coaches came aboard, the SIU women's basketball team is still trying to adapt through the first portion of its non-conference schedule.

The Salukis have dropped their opening four games — all on the road against Southeast Missouri State, Middle Tennessee State and Alabama-Birmingham and Long Island in New York — by an average of 13 points per game.

Despite the poor start, the Salukis understand it is a long season, but more importantly, they remain focused on improving.

"We're still optimistic," junior guard Danette Jones said. "Obviously we are disappointed we've lost our first four games, but we have a long way to go."

SIU head coach Lori Opp doesn't take it as if it's the end of the world, either. In fact, she talks as if the slow start was somewhat expected.

"We played inconsistently... like a team that has three new coaches and seven new players," Opp said. "It's not anything I'm overly concerned about just because I'm there. I see it and I know what it's going to take to get better."

After all, it's not like they haven't done well in flashes.

The Salukis exploded to a 7-0 lead in the season's first game against SEMO on the strength of three jumpers by Jones then did likewise versus UAB in New York, using six early points by Tiffany Crutcher to jump

out to an 11-0 advantage.

But foul trouble put Jones and many others on the bench at SEMO, giving way to a big run, and a first-half spurt by UAB negated the lead on its way to a 10-point advantage over the Salukis at the intermission.

In both cases the Salukis put up additional runs of their own to make the games competitive — SIU got to within six of the Ouhkians before falling 73-64 and went on a 14-4 run late against UAB that closed the gap to 10 — but in each case, it was too little too late.

"We definitely know we can play with these teams and sometimes better than these teams, but we haven't been able to string 40 minutes of basketball together," senior forward Katie Berwanger said. "We had stretches where we played really good ball, but at other stretches we just didn't."

Key to playing consistently for 40 minutes will be protecting the basketball. After averaging 21 turnovers per game during last year's 7-20 campaign, the Dawgs have committed an average of 23 so far this season.

Just like a year ago when the Salukis started off 2-2 in the first four games, the key to getting on the winning track this year is cutting down on the turnovers.

The Dawgs committed 21 turnovers in the 64-48 loss to Long Island, 26 in the 85-72 loss to UAB, 17 in the 76-62 loss to MTSU and 28 in the season-opening loss to SEMO, a game in which the Ouhkians applied immense full-court pressure on the ill-prepared Dawgs.

"They took us out of our flow and we played helter-skelter," Opp said. "They dictated the tempo of the game."

As a result, the Dawgs saw some pressure from their following opponents, but Opp had her team more prepared this time around and it broke

the press with relative ease.

But the mistakes are still coming. Many of the turnovers have been the result of mental lapses. While it is frustrating to have so many avoidable miscues, it relieves Opp that the errors are just that — fixable.

"We just shoot ourselves in the foot," Opp said. "We make a little run and we'll travel; we'll make a little run, and we'll throw the ball out of bounds. They're silly turnovers, so they're easy to fix."

Opp has been working many different lineups to try to find the right combination of ball control, scoring and defense. Nearly every Saluki has seen action to this point with none being more impressive than Jones, who has evidently taken over the scoring load in the backcourt left vacant by last year's leading scorer Molly McDowell.

Jones leads the team with 11 points per game and is one of only two Salukis with a positive assist-to-turnover ratio.

"Coaches tell me when I get in the game to just pull the trigger, and that's something I've concentrated on, not passing up open shots," Jones said. "Sometimes they fall, sometimes they don't. But when you are a shooter you just have to keep shooting."

The Salukis will keep shooting for their first victory of the season Wednesday when they hit the road yet again to face Tennessee Tech, a team the Dawgs narrowly defeated last season at the SIU Arena.

The game is no doubt an important one for SIU, but winning is on the backburner for the Dawgs. The Salukis just want to make progress, and if a win comes as a result, so be it.

"We've made improvements and changes as we've gone," Jones said. "We're really excited about Wednesday and the opportunity to get better at Tennessee Tech."

» SPORTS FLASH

Hann, Miller, Harman receive postseason awards

The SIU volleyball team received some good news shortly after concluding the season with a disappointing record of 7-23.

SIU freshman outside hitter Haley Hann was named to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Freshies' Team after posting a remarkable inaugural season for the Dawgs.

Hann started 29 of 30 matches for the Salukis and finished second on the team in kills (253) and block assists (69) and third in kills per game (2.26), total blocks (74) and blocks per game (.66).

Hann had a career-high 21 kills and .400 hitting percentage in a win against Evansville Oct. 18 at Davies Gymnasium. Also receiving honors for the Salukis were junior libero Erica Miller and senior outside hitter Kelly Harman.

The two were named to the MVC Scholar-Athlete First Team, which goes to starters or important reserves with at least a sophomore standing who have maintained at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average.

Miller holds a 3.84 GPA in the rehabilitation services and physical therapy assistant program, and Harman has a 3.65 GPA in civil engineering.

Men's basketball to sponsor kids' clinic Sunday

The SIU men's basketball team will sponsor a basketball clinic for all boys and girls grades three through eight from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Recreation Center.

It takes just two cans of food or a new toy to attend the clinic.

Food will be donated to local pantries, and the toys will be given to the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

Participants will receive a T-shirt, a one-day pass to the Recreation Center, a Saluki Basketball poster and a free ticket to an SIU men's basketball home game.

Call the Saluki Basketball office at 453-4667 to register your child.

MVC announces weekly awards

Wichita State's Rob Kampman was named the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week Monday.

Kampman averaged nearly 24 points and 7.5 rebounds per game last week.

Marcellus Sommerville of Bradley was named the Newcomer of the Week.

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Sue Davis. "I would note that the arbitrator looked at additional wage increase requests and educational requests and denied those."

The University wanted to compare the SIUC Police Department to other departments in Southern Illinois, including Jackson and Williamson counties.

Bill Mehrtens, FOP field representative, said the arbitrator relied on comparing the SIUC Police Department with other universities in the state of Illinois.

SIUC was compared to SIU-Edwardsville, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Northern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois

University, Western Illinois University, Illinois State University and the University of Illinois Springfield.

SIUC officer salary generally starts around \$34,000, which is \$4,500 less than officer starting pay for officers at SIUC. FOP statistics indicate SIUC officers with 15 years experience are paid close to \$5,000 less than officers with the same experience at SIUC.

"We're very positive about the decision because we were making the point in arbitration that SIUC police officers should properly be compared to police officers at other universities throughout the state of Illinois," he said.

During the time the University and police department were negotiating, officers did not strike or take

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— Sue Davis
University spokeswoman

job action because of an Illinois law prohibiting such actions.

"The officers work under the terms of the old agreement while the new one is being resolved, so there was never a time that they were not under contract," Mehrtens said.

"We're glad that this is behind us. We look forward to a new and positive relationship with the University and will get ready to write a new contract in the spring of 2004."

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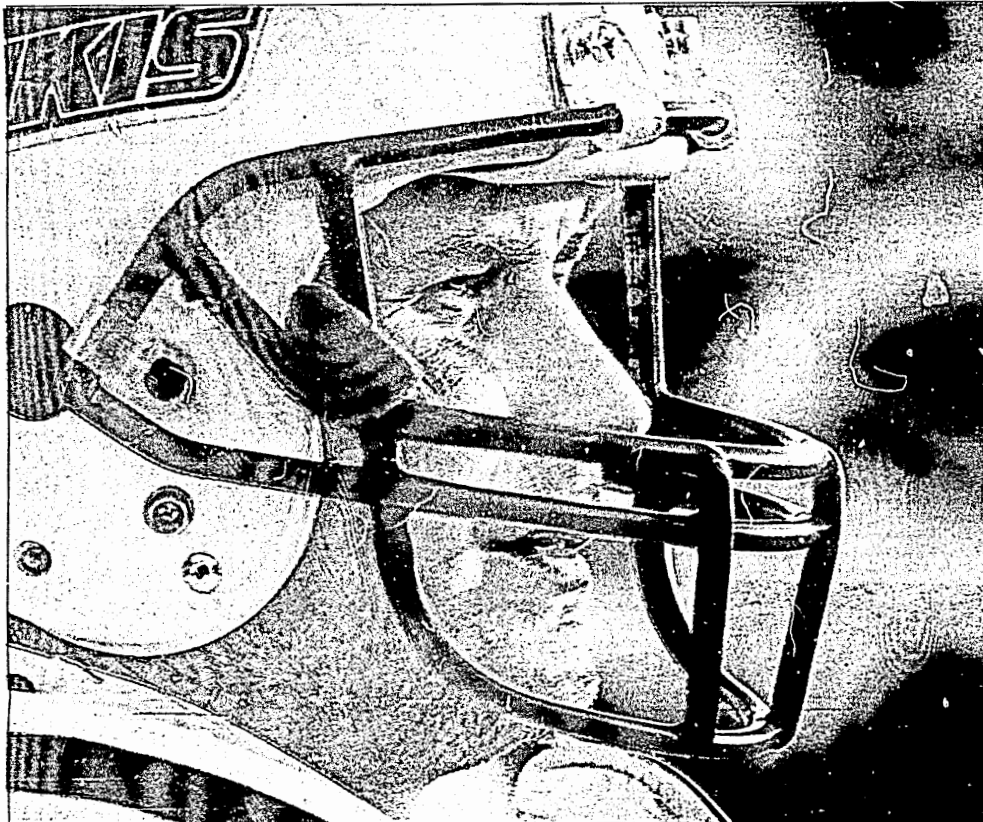
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» FOOTBALL



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SIU sophomore quarterback Joel Sambursky locks on during Saturday's first round playoff game at Delaware. Despite the embarrassing 48-7 loss, the Salukis refuse to let the defeat ruin their memories of a great season.

Salukis will not let defeat keep them down

Despite loss, SIU still embracing one of greatest seasons in school history

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NEWARK, Del. — A tearful Lionel Williams hugged fellow defensive lineman Billy Beard as the two tried to cope with what had just occurred.

In another part of the locker room, linebacker Eric Egan sat down balling, wearing just his shoulder pads and his underwear.

Then, leaning against his locker was senior wide receiver Courtney Abbott, who, like Egan, had just finished his final collegiate game in a disappointing 48-7 loss to No. 2 seed Delaware in the first round of the Division I-AA playoffs.

Yet, Abbott was still able to take something positive out of the beating SIU had just received.

"We put Southern Illinois football on the map," Abbott said as a twinge

of pride made its way through his bloodshot eyes.

Despite the loss, SIU finished the season with a 10-2 record and saw its national ranking hover in the top 10 most of the season and peak at No. 2 overall.

Head coach Jerry Kill said the reason the team was able to make SIU known for something other than basketball is because of the hard work of his seven departing seniors.

Despite being small in numbers, Kill said the group — consisting of Abbott, Egan, Muhammad Abdulquadir, Tom Koutsos, George

Mooney, Brandon Robinson and Wesley Proctor — made history during their Saluki tenures.

"They're a part of one of the biggest turnarounds in college football, and nobody can take that away," Kill said.

"These kids have done maybe the biggest turnaround that I have ever seen or ever heard of in college football."

The group witnessed the Salukis turning from a 1-10 team two seasons ago during Kill's first year to a 4-8 team last season to an unbelievable

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SIU places five players on All-Newcomer Team

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Just two days after completing its season with a disappointing first-round playoff loss to Delaware, SIU received a few more honors from the Gateway Conference with the announcement of the All-Newcomer Team.

Elmer McDaniel, who was also named to the Gateway's all-conference first team, was SIU's lone representative on the offensive team.

On the defensive team, the Salukis had four players in defensive linemen Linton Brown and James Fields and safeties Frank Johnson and Jamarquis Jordan. Both Brown

and Johnson were on the all-conference honorable mention lists.

Northern Iowa running back Terrance Freency was named the Newcomer of the Year while Western Kentucky quarterback Justin Haddix was named the league's Freshman of the Year. Last season, SIU's Muhammad Abdulquadir and Joel Sambursky won the awards, respectively.

SIU develops severe case of fumbleitis

Before the Delaware game, SIU had turned the ball over just 11 times all season, with six

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SIU punt returner Quorey Payne is stripped of the ball by a Delaware defender. In the Salukis 48-7 first-round loss to the Blue Hens Saturday, they turned the ball over a season-high six times resulting in 27 points for Delaware.

» COMMENTARY



Objects in mirror are closer than they appear

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Always a Saluki

There was something my former editor once told me a couple years ago that has stuck with me throughout my career here at the DAILY EGYPTIAN. He said the best teams to cover are those that are doing really well or really poorly; the mediocre teams are just plain boring.

As I prepare for graduation in a couple weeks, I think back to those words and realize just how sage they truly were.

During my six semesters at the DE I have seen my share of good and bad performances, as well as all of those in between.

I had the pleasure of watching firsthand as the SIU men's basketball team taught the nation the definition of a Saluki, and I also sat courtside as the women's team reeled off a school-record 15 consecutive losses.

I've seen the volleyball team make a miracle run to the conference championship game a year ago before returning to mediocrity this season.

I have witnessed Jerry Kill resurrect a football program that had lain dormant for two decades. I even saw the baseball and softball teams become some of the best in the Midwest.

In fact, every single sports program at SIU has made great strides during my time here, except of course for the aforementioned struggling women's basketball team.

The only thing I find disappointing is that I never had the chance to cover all the biggest stories.

During the Saluki men's run to the Sweet 16, I was watching the women's squad lose game after game. When Bruce Weber announced that he had taken the job at Illinois, I was designing pages instead of reporting the breaking news. And as the football team climbed into the national spectrum this fall, I was covering the cross country and tennis teams.

But in retrospect, I wouldn't trade any of it. Rather than having to write unbiased stories on all the big events, I was able to sit back and cheer on the Salukis from the stands. I was able to experience the best of both worlds — enjoying the action with the rest of the fans and then hearing the inside scoop from my co-workers.

Now, after saying all that, I have a confession to make. Earlier in the year, Carbondale was voted the worst college sports town by Sports Illustrated On Campus. There was an uproar among the Saluki faithful, and many called for a boycott of SIUC.

I should now admit that I played a key role in Carbondale earning the dubious distinction. As a contributor to the magazine insert, I was given the choice of nominating my town as either one of the best or worst sports towns in the nation.

At the time I made my submission, which was during the summer,

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