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Carbondale Community Arts’ Fantastic Winter Weekend, which featured more than 10 events in Carbondale’s Main Street area. Open houses at several businesses as well as the basketball game and craft sale on campus were also a part of the weekend, which wrapped up Sunday with the Alternative Gift Fair at the Carbondale Civic Center.

The Lights Fantastic Parade featured more than 70 lighted entries, ranging from a traditional manger scene to an alien waving to the crowds from his spaceship. Children dressed as lighted snowflakes, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer with blinking noses and garland-covered angels warmed crowds along the parade route with their renditions of carols such as “Up on the Housetop.”

For some, the music the marching bands in the parade provided was the highlight of the night. Michelle Cohen of Carbondale attended the parade for the first time Saturday and said she enjoyed the marching bands the most. “I really liked the bands, especially the last one (Carbondale Community High School Marching Terriers) with the lights on their heads,” Cohen said.

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Second censure for pork prank

Brandon Weisenberger

The student accused of putting a cooked pig’s head on former Chancellor Walter Wendler’s car received his second censure of the semester on Friday, and he learns later this week if he will be punished for a “pig gift” he delivered to Anthony Hall in October.

Judicial Affairs coordinator Carlos Del Rio censured Garth Kiser, a 28-year-old senior from Murphyboro, after finding him guilty of harassment and disorderly conduct charges.

The charges stemmed from a May 11 incident in which authorities accused Kiser of putting a cooked pig’s head on the hood of Wendler’s car, along with a poster board stating, “Wendler, stop pigging out on tuition REE!”

Kiser also allegedly sent a mass e-mail with a picture of the pig’s head over the car and the typed message, “Next time it won’t be cooked!”

Kiser has not admitted involvement with the pig’s head or e-mail.

On Friday, Kiser has another hearing for disorderly conduct and harassment charges related to his attempt on Oct. 12 to deliver a package to Wendler, whose denunciation to professor of architecture was announced Nov. 8.

Inside the package were farm animal figurines, a package of pork chops, a Wild West toy gun and sheriff’s hat, plus handcuffs and a T-shirt that had on it a picture of the head on the car and the phrase “We’d better dry SIU’s resources dry.”

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Brandon Weisenberger
CALCULATION
Poverty and hunger in Africa: Think Globally, Act Locally
• Learn about global poverty with a focus on Africa, no “poverty meal” will be served
SIU Amateur Radio Club
• Meeting to be followed by F.C.C. Amateur License Examination session – all classes
IBM Mainframe tour
Saluki Launch Party
• To be Friday at the Engineering A Room 131
• Zumba movements and Ultra Wide Band ranging

CORRECTIONS
In Friday’s issue of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the page 3 story, “No more sunflowers,” should have stated that black women accounted for 68 percent of all women diagnosed with HIV or AIDS in America from 2001 to 2004. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

If you spot an error, please contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 226.

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Sheryl Lee Ralph is actively fighting the killer of many of her closest friends.

**One woman, one voice fighting against AIDS**

**Austin Fenner, Tina Moore**

NEW YORK Methamphetamine — once considered the drug of choice in the backwoods of America — is now sweeping up society. Experts say methods for “cooking” the drug have become less sophisticated, making meth labs a friendlier fit in apartment buildings like the one Ralph Robertson, a 45-year-old entrepreneur, moved into the Internet.

Robertson, who runs the Addiction Institute of New York, said the transformation from Sudafed to meth is extremely, "It's unsettling," said a neighbor. "I was dumbfounded." Of the men both professionals, were making the drug for personal consumption.

"How can we let it happen to us — with all the technology, all of the information, all of the money and all of the lawlessness?" Ralph asked. "It doesn't have to happen."

Elsa Marsh, a senior from Chicago studying social work, described the performance as "phenomenal."

"She's telling the lives of women that live with this disease. It was accessible for all people."

"She was talking about something that was very important, because on a college campus there's sex, there's 'some of everything.'" Ralph said.

"She said the realistic portrayal of women of diverse ages and ethnicities made the performance accessible for all people."

"To tell you the truth, she scared the hell out of me," Marsh said. "She's telling the lives of women that live with this disease. It was just said."

Student Program Coordinator Nikko Hornbsey said she asked Ralph to come to SECU because of the changes in the meth drug for personal consumption.

"It's going to say to the people who both precautionary and inspiring.

"We're trying to be educated in HIV and AIDS, and it shows you a similar unique depiction of those affected both precariously and inspiring."

"It actually gives you a vision of what can happen if you do have HIV and AIDS, and it shows you that life can go on," she said.

Sheryl Lee Ralph performs “Sometimes I Cry” in the Student Center on Friday night. In the performance, Ralph acts out different personas of people infected with HIV and AIDS.

**Saddam lawyers file appeal against death penalty sentence**

Qasim Abdul-zahra

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saddam Hussein's lawyers on Sunday formally appealed the death sentence against the Iraqi president for the killings in the town of Dujail, north of Baghdad, following a 1982 attack against the life of the Iraqi president. Saddam and two other senior members of his regime to death by hanging on Nov. 5 for the killings in the town of Dujail, north of Baghdad, following a 1982 attack against the life of the Iraqi president.

Under Iraqi law, death sentences are automatically appealed before a higher court within 10 days of their passage. But defense lawyers must file a formal appeal within 30 days, detailing the legal grounds for their action and presenting new evidence that could support their clients' claims of innocence. The lawyers could also make a plea for leniency.

"Today, defense lawyers came to the court and filed an appeal against the said verdict, presented the papers. Saddam Hussein and other sentences in the Dujail case," Iraqi High Tribunal spokesman Radu Jali told The Associated Press.

Saddam's chief lawyer, Khalil al-Dulaimi, phoned the defense team after the verdict and told the judge that the lawyers would appeal the death sentence against Saddam, Jali and al-Barzani must be carried out within a maximum of 30 days from the day they are upheld by the higher court.

If the appeals court upholds the sentences, all three members of Iraq's Presidential Council — President Jalal Talabani and Vice Presidents Tariq al-Hashimi and Addl Abdul-Mahdi — must sign death warrants before executions can be carried out.

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Pinocchio suffers heart attack

Eduardo Gallardo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SANTIAGO, Chile — Gen. Augusto Pinochet, whose 17-year dictatorship carried out thousands of political killings, widespread torture and it opened on Monday Barbra Streisand arrived in Chilean hospital Sunday after suffering a heart attack and being administered last rites.

Just eight days earlier, the 91-year-old former strongman took full responsibility for the actions of his 1973-90 regime after long insisting any abuses were the fault of subordinates. Pinocchio underwent an emergency angioplasty to restore the flow of blood to his heart, and doctors described his condition as "serious but stable." They planned to perform bypass surgery later in the day, state television reported.

"We are now in the hands of God and of the doctors. My father is in very bad condition," Pinocchio's younger son, Alejandro Pinocchio, said at Gen. Luis Felipe Brabo Military Hospital.

Dr. Juan Ignacio Vergara, a member of the team attending the former leader, said the heart attack was "indeed life threatening," especially because of Pinocchio's age.

Pinocchio's health had been deteriorating for years. Doctors implanted a heart pacemaker in 1993, and he suffers from diabetes and arthritis. He is considered by many of his countrymen to be a promising candidate for the presidency in 2009.

The health problems helped Pinocchio escape trial for the human rights abuses committed during his regime, with courts ruling out proceedings at least twice in recent years as victims of his rule pressed efforts to try him to justice.

Last week, Pinocchio was put under house arrest after being indicted in the executions of two bedguards of Salvador Allende, the social liberal Marxist president who was toppled in a bloody 1973 coup led by Pinocchio as commander of the Chilean military.

The heart attack came barely a week after Pinocchio's 85th birthday on Nov. 25, an occasion he marked by issuing a statement for the first time taking full political — though not explicitly legal — responsibility for abuses committed by his regime.

Clinton, Bayh step up efforts for White House run

B eth Fouhy
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS NEW YORK — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton met on Sunday with New York's Democratic gov- ernor-elect to solicit his support for her likely White House bid, the latest indication she is stepping up plans to join a growing field of potential con- tenders for 2008.

On a New York and Indiana swing, Sunday Bayh announced Sunday he was establishing an exploratory committee to raise money for a possible presiden- tial run. He expects to decide over the next weeks, if looking at the country's problems including a war in Iraq, Clinton is in a much stronger position.

A top aide to Clinton said he did not know when the former first lady would decide about pursuing the presidency or set up an exploratory committee. Clinton aides, however, have been discussing possible campaign strategies in recent weeks, Howard Wolfson said.

Clinton, who long has topped national polls of Democratic hopefuls, spent two hours with Gov.-elect Eliot Spitzer at his Manhattan home.

"We just had a great, wide-ranging conversation on so many issues that affect the city, the state and the country," Clinton said as she left the meeting.

Last week, she contacted lead- ing state lawmakers, including Democratic Reps. Charles Rangel and Nita Lowey, and the state party chair,nnn Denny Farrell, to assess her prospects and seek their support.

I think she'd make a very good president, but let's wait and see. Everyone's sort of jumping the gun.

— Chuck Schumer New York Senator "I'm fine with what I did before. — Wolfson said.

Clinton's Senate colleague, Chuck Schumer, told reporters Sunday that Clinton had called him to arrange a meeting next week. But he was coy about the purpose of the get- together.

"She wants to sit down and talk next week, which we're going to do. It could be about legislation. I have no idea what's 'about,' and until we sit down and talk, that's all I'm going to say about it," said Schumer. He added, "That process has begun," Wolfson said.

Florida
Caribbean cruise ship docks in Miami with nearly 400 suffering from Norovirus

MIA M I (AP) — More than 380 passengers and crew aboard the world's largest cruise ship were sickened by a virus during a seven- day Caribbean cruise, cruise officials said Sunday.

Norovirus sickened 318 passengers and 44 crew members aboard the Royal Caribbean's Freedom of the Seas, and they were treated with over-the-counter medication, the Miami-based company said.

The ship, which had roughly 3,800 passengers and 1,300 crew members, returned Sunday as scheduled to the Port of Miami.

Crew members sanitized frequently touched surfaces such as railings, doorknobs and elevator buttons after the short-lived outbreak began, officials said.

A guest previously exposed to norovirus likely brought it on board Nov. 26, the company said.

Norovirus is characterized by stomach flu-like symptoms, affecting about 23 million Americans annually, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Iraq war
Women cope with emotional scars of war

O H C A D O (AP) — The nightmares didn't start until months after Alicia Flores returned home. The images were stark and disturbing. In one dream, a dying Iraq man desperately grabbed her arm. In another, she was laid in a blinding sandstorm.

Sometimes Flores awakened to discover her mouth was dust-dry — as if she were really struggling through the scorching terrain.

The nightmares bring Flores back to Iraq, and her service in the Army's 92nd Chemical Company. She was just one of many who during the short 23-week deployment, left with memories of war and women's children being killed, of dying bodies, of shooting a teenage Iraqi leftist. ("It was him or me," she says.)

"Chileans say, ‘It was a good thing, it really didn't bother me.’ The only thing that bothers me is I just want to sleep more."

Flores is one of a new generation of women who have returned from war to cope with emotional scars or physical wounds that linger long after the sounds of mortar and gunfire have faded. Studies of Vietnam and Gulf War veterans have documented post-traumatic stress in females — with higher rates than men, in some cases.

Medical
Pfizer ends development of cholesterol drug after unexpected number of deaths

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Wire reports

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More than 50 students and administrators gathered in the basement of Grinnell Hall on Sunday wearing ribbons of black, green and red to participate in the 36th annual Kwanzaa Fest at SJC.

The event, hosted by the Black Togetherness Organization, was to celebrate the upcoming holiday of Kwanzaa, which runs Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. Sunday’s Kwanzaa Fest included poetry, song, dance and laughter.

Kwanzaa focuses on seven principles defined as unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

Maudaha Karenga, a professor of black studies at California State University, founded Kwanzaa in 1966, ITO President Damian Harvell said. The word Kwanzaa comes from the phrase “matunda ya kuwaita,” which means “first fruits” in Swahili, he said.

“It can unite both the campus and the community,” Harvell said. “It lets them know there is another route other than the traditional way of Christmas to celebrate that time of the year.”

Andres Burns decorates before Kwanzaa Fest on Sunday night in Grinnel Hall. Burns is a sophomore in architectural studies and treasurer for the Black Togetherness Organization.

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No question left unanswered

Last week, the first in a series of focus groups under the banner of Student Leadership Task Force met in the Agriculture Building to brainstorm and provide answers on a set of six questions involving Undergraduate Student Government. Students from five of SIUC's colleges — agricultural sciences, applied sciences and arts, engineering, science and the School of Law — broke into four groups and tackled the questions. In the near future, the recommendations provided by this focus group-like activity will be available to everyone, and if you think that your school was left out, don't worry, another task force meeting will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Muckelroy Auditorium in the Agriculture Building and will involve the remaining colleges.

One group that can't and won't take part in the meetings is the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board, but we could offer our own answers to the six questions provided at the first meeting. Some recommendations are original, others simply co-sign things that were brought up previously. Here they are:

1. How could we improve communication between student government and the student body, colleagues, faculty and administration?

As a 20,000+ student body it is a nebulous thing to grab hold, student government should make better use of the resources available to it and use those that are used most by its target audience — students. The DE can be found in almost every room on campus — particularly in bathroom stalls and lecture halls. This newspaper would love to continue to be a forum for USG to get its word out to each and every person at SIUC. Proactive measures will have to be made by both the DE and USG for this to work well. Plenty of senators and student leaders have used this space in the past, and that shouldn't stop, but some more inventive ways are needed to grab the consciousness of the constituents. In other words, see No. 1.

2. How could representatives be selected?

It should first be established how not to do this — no appointments should be made by any administrators, let's keep the elections process going at SIUC. The idea of schools selecting their own representatives is a good one, but this is how the process should be tweaked. Senators from the College of Liberal Arts should only be elected by COLA students and so forth, while the highest offices are elected campus-wide. Before students run for office, though, they should be put through a more rigorous application process involving in-depth interviews at the least. An answer to this question as well as number one, is to create more polling places, such as in each building, to make voting more accessible to students who aren't on campus or who don't make it to the Student Center often.

3. How could we improve the budget allocation process?

Funding and USG's troubles with it is one of the main reasons this task force was even created. This question largely applies only to those students who are involved in organizations that receive money from USG. If the task force truly wants to revamp the funding process, it should schedule a meeting with the major players in RSOs and umbrella organizations and ask them about the current system's flaws or redundancies. At the same time, it should be time to get more financially savvy students and faculty involved with the allocation process. As interns or advisers, a business student or accounting student could do wonders in making things go more smoothly when it comes to applying financial priorities.

4. What areas could student government address?

Increased student fees, high textbook prices, dining hall food and two of the most important issues at SIUC — recruitment and on-campus safety — are the main issues that stay on students' minds. Yet students are provided with little direction regarding what to do about them. A word of caution: Present the facts, then ask for the opinion, don't just look for the knee-jerk reaction.

5. How could we improve the focus group-like activity?

For most of the issues at SIUC, be loud, be heard, but don't forget to be mature. This year, it seems that many of those at the meeting — we don't feel comfortable espousing our ideas for Graduate and Professional Student Council until we do more reporting. Yet questions involving its organization and structure should be addressed, and the best people to do that would be the council's constituents — graduate students. Also, USG and GSPC should become more activist-oriented. For most of the issues at SIUC, be loud, be heard, but don't forget to be mature. This year, it seems that student government is just getting around to tapping into the immense power that it could have, but sometimes the system can set an organization up for failure.
The holiday season is once again approaching. It’s that time of year when people are giving and receiving lists of requested items. I have also found myself making a list with my desires for the New Year.

1. I would like SIUC to continue to highlight student service and student retention. SIUC is a wonderful school, but there are problems. It is a sad fact that students have often been met with hostility and indifference when maneuvering back and forth into various university offices. University employees should treat students with respect and courtesy, recognizing that students are notauses interruptions but are instead the reason for your employment. Clearly, the decrease in employee enrollment confirms that students have the ability to satisfy the customer service they received.

2. I would also like better security for SIUC students. Crime on campus is underreported and often overwhelms our student workers. It is a very real danger to students, especially in the middle of the night and in vulnerable areas on campus.

3. I would like SIUC to create a book rental program. It is ludicrous that parents as well as students shuffle over several hundred dollars every semester for textbooks. Furthermore, students often receive little or nothing that has been returned at the end of the semester. SIUC, you can do better.

4. I would like to see women’s studies and all ethnic studies become majors just as they currently are at prestigious universities.

5. I would like SIUC to truly respect its tenured faculty. The level of disrespect given to long-term faculty is appalling.

6. I would like SIUC to seriously address the Student Conduct Code and recognize that an on-call code will continue the downward spiral related to student retention.

7. I want to see students' studies union flourish and succeed.

8. I would like to see President Bush and Dick Cheney impeached and prosecuted for lying about a war that has resulted in the deaths of thousands.

9. I would like a law passed that declares no adult worker will be paid under the poverty line. In a country that is extremely wealthy and claims to value hard work, it is a tragedy that many hard workers live below the poverty line.

10. I would like an end to the genocide in Darfur. The world should line up and collectively work to end this tragedy of unbelievable proportions.

11. I want Americans to become more aware of the scourge of diabetes and its consequences. To see our overconsumption of food and the unforgivably willingness to exercise.

12. I want the Chicago Bears to win the Super Bowl, and for an early birthday present, the Cubs to win the World Series!

13. I want the insane War on Drugs to end, for it will never be won. Instead I would like to resume the War on Poverty.

14. I want Barack Obama to stay in the Senate for a few more years. Obama is akin to a superior soufflé that should remain in the oven a little longer.

15. I want the death penalty eradicated, but I want life in prison to mean life in prison for violent criminals.

16. I want all children regardless of their income or residence to receive a spectacular education and all the obstacles that currently hinder them from achieving those goals removed.

17. I want to see the day when there are more black men graduating from college than sitting in jail cells.

18. Last, but certainly not least, I want to see the end of racism, sexism, homophobia and bigotry, for these diseases are hideous stains on the fabric of our country.

19. I want Americans to realize that loving America does not mean blind allegiance.

20. I want an end strategy in Iraq. I don’t care who creates it. It could be the Baker & Hamilton Report or “The Colbert Report.” We must get our troops out of Iraq.

21. I want our civil liberties and our constitutional rights to be fought for and heralded, and I do not want any laws, rules or policies that abridge or infringe upon our freedoms in the name of lightning terrorism, for any small loss of freedom is the first step to tyranny.

22. I want the world to be a better place. I never thought I would say this, but I want world peace. I want life to be better, not just for the people in my generation, but for the generations to come. I want all children regardless of their income or residence to receive a spectacular education and all the obstacles that currently hinder them from achieving those goals removed.

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"(My favorite part) is making people laugh and having a good time, and also messing around with the band, like playing jokes on them and playing jokes on the band director," Ardaugh said.

Before the Lights Fantastic Parade, Gray Dawg received a little help with his Christmas decorations and got a big kiss from the Marching Salukis director before assuming his position with the band.

Ardaugh said his last venture in uniform was a good one.

"It was a real emotional experience, but after being suspended and marching the parade and hearing people cheer ‘Gray Dawg,’ it makes me realize how important I am to the community and the school," Ardaugh said. "It made me feel really good."

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Many of the marching bands in the parade had lights strung on their members’ instruments, on their hats and even around their shoulders. Some members of the Carbondale Marching Lions were brave enough to twirl flaming batons and also used the flames to warm their hands.

Randi Immon of Macomb, who stood by Cohen during the parade, said she also viewed it for the first time. She said she thought an entry in the parade featuring Disney characters was the best, even though Winnie the Pooh’s head was falling off. However, the 70 entries were not quite enough for Immon.

"I liked it," she said. "I just thought it was really short."

Though short, the length of the parade might have been a blessing for Myeshia Davis, a senior from Matteson studying sociology.

"I’ve just been breathing into my hands to keep warm," she said.

Saturday was Davis’ second time seeing the parade. She said she also attended her freshman year. She waited through the procession to snap pictures with her cell phone of just one person—Santa Claus.

Santa rode through the parade last on a lighted sleigh with all of his twinkling reindeer. Equipped with a microphone, Santa wished a merry Christmas to the crowd and asked what everyone wanted for the holidays.

When someone in the audience shouted “Money,” Santa was quick to answer.

"That’s more of a mom and dad and grandma and grandpa thing," he said. "Santa doesn’t do money."

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A poster board and cooked pig’s head sit on former Chancellor Walter Wendler’s car on May 11. SIUC senior Garth Kiser was censured for the incident on Friday.

The guilty verdict issued Friday came after appeals officer Stokes on Nov. 13 sent the case back to Judicial Affairs for a second hearing.

Kiser appealed an Oct. 13 censure for the incident and sentence to write an 8-page paper, in which he was to interview Wendler about how the university spends tuition dollars.

Kiser is now only censured for the pork prank.

"Although I don’t agree with the guilty verdict, Del Rio honestly tried to explain his own position on the matter," Kiser said. "Considering his positive attitude and the fact that there was no condition to the censure, I will not appeal the decision."

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**Ex-KGB officer claims to have given police name of spy poisoning suspect**

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LONDON — Britain’s senior law enforcement official said Sunday an inquiry into the death of a former KGB agent had expanded overseas, and a U.S.-based friend of the former agent said he told police the name of the person he believes orchestrated the poisoning.

Yuri Shvets said he had known the poisoned ex-spy, Alexander Litvinenko, since 2002 and spoke with him on Nov. 23, the day Litvinenko died following his exposure to a rare radioactive element, polonium-210.

"The truth is, we have an act of international terrorism on our hands. I happen to believe I know who is behind the death of my friend Sasha and the reason for his murder," Shvets said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press by telephone from the United States, referring to Litvinenko by his Russian nickname.

Shvets, also a former KGB officer, declined to confirm the name of the person he believed was behind Litvinenko’s death because of concern it could disrupt the investigation. He also declined to offer details on a document he said he had given to the British officers.

"This is firsthand information, this is not gossip," Shvets told the AP.

Repeated attempts by the AP to reach Lugovoi in Moscow through a business associate have been unsuccessful. Litvinenko said in interviews from his deathbed that he believed Russian President Vladimir Putin was behind his poisoning. Putin has dismissed the accusation as "nonsense."

Meanwhile, another person who met with Litvinenko on Nov. 1, the Italian security consultant Mario Scaramella, underwent hospital tests Sunday after he showed lower levels of the same radioactive substance that was found in Litvinenko’s body.

University College Hospital said in a statement he was well and showing no external symptoms. In an interview with Italy’s RAI TV television news, Scaramella said doctors told him that his body contained five times the dose of polonium-210 considered deadly. "So my mood isn’t the best," he told the channel.

At their meeting on Nov. 1, Scaramella told Litvinenko that he had received a phone call from a source named the purported killers of Russian investigative journalist Anna Politkovskaya, who was gunned down on Oct. 7 at her apartment building. The e-mail reportedly said that he and Litvinenko — a friend of the reporter — were also on the hit list.
A late-game comeback by Weber State University wasn’t enough to overcome the difference in the basketball team’s first-half prowess.

The Salukis outscored Weber State 46-20 in the first half and continued their strong second half onslaught before defeating the Wildcats in Ogden, Utah, 69-65.

Head coach Dana Eikenberg said the game was “a trip on a positive note in what she anticipated would be a ‘dogfight’ against Weber State.”

“It was a great win for us,” Eikenberg said. “I just thought it came down to a defensive battle and the fact that we just gutted it out.”

Eikenberg also praised the Salukis’ defensive intensity and post play against Weber State — the Salukis controlled the boards, 36-24, including a 16-5 margin on the offensive boards.

Senior forward Carlai Moore recorded two defensive rebounds and scored a team-high 24 points, which should benefit SIU.

“Eikenberg said. “I thought she did a great job of reading what was available and taking the shots she was able to get.”

As a result of her strong first half scoring output, Moore said rebounding was the difference in the game.

“She’s a tough schedule but also kind of plays into how tough we are,” Moore said. “If we can buckle down and stay with this road, it’ll be great for us when we get back home.”

The Salukis are in the midst of a tough stretch in the schedule — SIU won’t play in Carbondale until Saturday.

Kill said the defense played well enough to get a shot at their first semifinals appearance since 1983, but the offense couldn’t get into a rhythm throughout the game.

The Salukis will first travel to Mobile, Ala., on Tuesday to take on the University of North Alabama in the second of four second road games.

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Tony Young guards Tommie Liddell during the Salukis win over Saint Louis University on Saturday afternoon at the SIU Arena.

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The stirring slam brought a crowd of 7,118 in its first game and was the highlight of an SIU 1-40-0 run that stretched through both halves and put the Billikens up, 37-27.

SIU used the burst to combat a hot-handed Kevin Lisch. The sophomore SLU guard paced the Billikens by shooting 5-for-6 from the field in the first half and 2-for-3 from the three-point line.

Lisch single-handedly kept SLU in a first-half 17-17 south battle with the Salukis and scored 12 of the Billikens’ 25 first-half points.

SLU coach Brad Soderberg said it was clear SIU made defensive adjustments on Lisch, who scored only two points in the second stanza.

At the halftime talk, they probably said ‘We can’t let him go crazy on us,” Soderberg said.

SIU made the necessary adjustments to thwart the trigger-happy Lisch.

Lowery said it started with a more intense approach to guarding the perimeter.

“I told them we had to be stillness on defense — we had to be our three, four, five or four,” he said.

“Tatum’s a big time player for the Salukis,” Lowery said. “Coming here is the best thing I have ever experienced,” Whitlock said. “I will be a Saluki until I die, and I will blend inover here. Being a senior, it is going to hurt to go out like this. It’s something I can do anything to our team.”

Whitlock will get one more opportunity to represent SIU on Jan. 14 when he will participate in the 2007 Cornerstone Bancard Hula Bowl in Honolulu.

In another prep win, Youngstown State University defeated Defiance State University, 28-21, on Saturday. Youngstown will be the only Gateway Conference representative in the semifinals and is one win shy of a championship appearance.

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Kill said before the game that Montana fans were some of the most educated in the country, and it would be a great experience for his team — after the game, though, Kill probably had different thoughts.

The fans, who served as a 12-man sub crew, played a major role in the Salukis’ demise.

The noise level, on the offensive line and created confusion for the SIU offense all day.

In an effort to offset the noise produced in Washington-Grizzly Stadium, the Salukis installed a silent snap count. The same plan was implemented in the 2005 season when SIU visited the University of Northern Iowa, which has been known to have loud fans.

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Kill said the loss was a result of the team’s inability to hit three-pointers throughout the game. He said “Evidently, the strategy didn’t pay off.”

Perhaps no Saluki felt the crowd pressure more than the offensive line and quarterback Nick Hill.

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Florida (3-2) was picked off Michigan (11-1) by a group of computers and humans to play in the BCS National Championship game against Ohio State (12-0). After UCLA upset USC on Saturday, much debate has gone into who should play for the national crown. Now that the two teams are chosen, did the BCS get it right this year?


Florida opened up the first sizable lead of the game at the end of the first half when Michael Cyprien followed up on a missed Quennell Green 3-pointer and hit the left corner for a 30-19 lead. The Flames outscored Youngstown State 32-12 in the paint and never trailed while jumping out to an 18-3 lead to start the game and 44-22 at halftime.

The Eagles (6-2) led 36-19 with 10:17 left in the first half. Winthrop shot 3-of-11 from beyond the arc. Winthrop went 11-for-32 from the floor.

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Illinois State 86, Texas-Arlington 61

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Salukis eliminated from playoffs by Montana

Salukis offense dominated by UM

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— Arkee Whitlock senior Saluki running back

“They are a team that played hard and a team that you can’t make any mistakes against,” Whitlock said in a postgame interview. “They play hard the whole game, and you can’t take anything from a team like that. They were able to just make some big stops in the first half, and they played good defense.”

The Saluki offense posted 129 yards of total offense — a season low — and recorded only one first down in the first half and seven throughout the game. Montana converted plays for 22 first downs.

Head coach Jerry Kill said the lack of production from his offense could be attributed to the crowd, which he labeled as “the best in the United States of America.”

Kill said the crowd noise made it virtually impossible to get into a rhythm.

“We mentioned rhythm, and there was no way to hear a snap count out there,” Kill said in a postgame interview. “It was very hard to communicate out there. Their loss are coached up.

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Reserves key to SIU’s victory over SLU

Jordan Wilson

Chris Lowery told his reserves he didn’t trust them.

In a Florida tournament and the Salukis’ last game against Louisiana Tech University, the third-year head coach expressed his discontent with his bench.

On Saturday against Saint Louis University, those same reserves gave their coach a reason to smile.

Thanks to 11 points from their bench, the Salukis were able to hold off the Billikens, 65-56, at the SIU Arena.

Lowery didn’t overlook the contribution from his nonstarters.

“It seems when we were in dire straits, our kids stepped up,” he said. “That’s what you want from your bench. You want them to step up.”

Sophomore guard Wesley Clemmons exemplified that statement.

With two minutes remaining in the first half, Clemmons gave SIU a much-needed lift when he followed the shot of his teammate, senior Jamal Tatum.

Tatum’s jumper rimmed out, but Clemmons rounded the lane to crash the boards and emphatically slam home the rebound.

“We had a beautiful pass at the top of the key with a roll-up and a tip-in,” Lowery said.

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Silas, Lucious

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