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Weber accepts attractive package

SIU Foundation instrumental in substantial raise for men's basketball coach

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SPORTS EDITOR

A hefty salary increase and new long-term contract for SIU men's basketball coach Bruce Weber highlighted a handful of aggressive moves to strengthen Saluki athletics announced by acting chancellor Ray Lenti Tuesday.

Weber's unprecedented new contract includes a base salary of $400,000 annually plus incentives, for the next four years. A successful fund-raising campaign by the SIU Foundation that sought private donations for Weber's contract filled up $50,000 a year toward the base salary. Weber can also make an extra $40,000 from camps, television appearances and other interactions, along with additional performance-based bonuses. For example, Weber would earn a $5,000 bonus if SIU wins the Missouri Valley Conference.

The deal includes a buy-out clause that would allow the University to fire or extend Weber's contract. The deal also spells out exceptions to the duration of the contract. Weber, a 45-year-old from Moline, who was a longtime assistant coach at Purdue University, is in his second year at SIU. He said it is grateful to the University for rewarding his efforts, and is enthusiastic about building the Saluki program.

"Hopefully, it is a commitment not only to basketball but to athletics and the campus," Weber said. "People don't realize how special this is and you take it for granted. Hopefully this is a start of many special things.

Lenti, along with interim Athletic Director Harold Barto, also announced raises for women's basketball head coach Julie Beck and women's soccer coach Diane Laughray. Beck's salary was raised 37 percent to $45,400 a year, while Daugherty's 20 percent raise bumps her pay up to $35,000 annually.

But Weber's package, placing him among the best paid coaches in the MVC, was the focal point of the Foundation's "Field of 64" campaign. A handful of proud donors attended Tuesday's news conference, but not all would have felt as pleased as Weber.

"When I go into a recruiting house, the first question the parents ask is 'How long is the contract?'" Weber said. "Well for me three years and a half I've been lying, to be honest."

"The three-year contract helps with recruiting, but it also gives me the family some security."

After his first year with the Salukis, other schools, including Saint Louis University, showed interest in hiring Weber. The SIU Foundation did not have the budget to offer.

A group of high school students toured the campus and the Saint Louis University, showed interest in hiring Weber.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE

Southern Illinois high school students visit campus

RHONDA SIBBEN
STUDENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

For Mindy McWorther, a trip to SIUC and a day off from school at Carbondale Community High School allowed her to see a different side of University life.

Because she has lived in Carbondale for most of her life, McWorther said she has only seen SUCC's 'party image,' and has not been exposed to the University's academic side.

Though a recruitment effort initiated by the Salukis, McWorther, who is hoping that high school students who grew up in Southern Illinois will see the University differently.

Members of the senior classes of local high schools came to SUCC Tuesday from the Murphysboro, Pinckneyville, Carbondale and Du Quoin areas. During their visit to SUCC, students toured the Student Center and campus are in the residence halls and walked through the Recreation Center.

Their visit is part of "Senior Days," a series of visits by local high schools to the University. "Senior Days" will continue until Feb. 11. These Southern Illinois recruitment efforts began last fall.

"I was more impressed than I thought I would have been," McWorther said. "I was kind of sodium about SIUC before, but after seeing SIUC I have a new opinion of it."

Weber, who has a 20 percent raise, minced an annual salary of $200,000 for the next four years.

"This is a great opportunity for a young coach of my caliber," Weber said. "I'm excited about the opportunity to build a program that could compete at the national level."

The closure Doherty is recommending will coincide with the closing of the University's residence halls. The closing of the residence halls is a result of the University's financial problems.

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CARBONDALE

A Carbondale man told police someone used a wooden board to shutter the rear window of his truck. It was parked in the 400 block of West Jackson Street Sunday afternoon. Carbondale Police later discovered that someone left the victim's CD case in another vehicle. The case was returned to the victim.

Police have no suspects in this incident.

PSE

The Phoenix Committee, a group made up of the journalism, media and communication, and cinema and photography departments at SIU, has banded together in creating a new college of communications without putting a financial strain on the University.

SIUC’s gay rights organization gathered for its annual march on Washington in April, and local gay constituents to begin organizing its annual week long gathering in Washington, D.C.

CORRECTIONS

Today’s News-Carbondale

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the Dow Carbondale Accuracy Desk at 536-5311, extension 228 or 229.
Students aid Africa in Washington D.C.

Black American Studies
Department works to better African/U.S. relations

USG will continue to discuss Judicial Affairs

Applications available for the Swinbume Scholarship

China releases Dickinson College Librarian

Four suspects arrested in connection with robbery
Understanding our differences in the millennium

As we celebrate Black History Month in the new millennium, we see still plagued by the knowledge that racism continues to be a problem that will not go away. We are also still confronted by two important questions. Will racism ever cease to exist? And will we ever learn the truth about racial harmony?

No matter how nice it may sound, it is impossible to achieve these two goals. The University, one of the most racially and culturally diverse in the nation, strives itself on being a leader in promoting racial awareness. Since the 1960s, SIUC has been a trailblazer in confronting racism on campus and in the Carbondale community. Our student body has shown a desire to discuss racism, both on and off campus, during several race discussion groups full semester.

However, the University is by no means immune to this issue. Former SIUC student Matt Hale, with his open hatred of African-American, homosexuals and Jews, has been his disinterested views. And two SIUC students have proudly displayed the Confederate flag, a symbol for slavery and upholding of civil rights for many Americans, in their resident hall room.

But these examples of racial discourse actually show the strength of the SIUC student body in developing a positive dialogue by which members of the University community can work toward solutions. People need to be able to express themselves no matter how unpopular or politically incorrect. SIUC has done more than most Universities to create awareness and dialogue on campus.

However, there may be work that can be done by the entire University. Black History Month is an excellent opportunity for students of all backgrounds to learn more about yet another active participation in cultural activities. Many of our students are interacting, perhaps for the first time in their lives, with people from different backgrounds. This can be a chance for students to learn about each other with each student from different races. Several cultural events, such as plays, lectures and discussions are planned for the month. Historically these programs have meant that African-American students are learning about African-American history. Students of all races should take upon themselves to attend some of these events — not only to learn about African-American culture, but to experience aspects of a different culture that they might have never been exposed to before.

The only way to truly understand how prejudice affects all of us is by having the courage to find out about our personal stories. The only barrier that keeps us from having a real conversation about racism on this campus and society at large is fear — fear that we offend someone or that someone will offend us. Unfortunately, many times that fear is fueled by ignorance.

People base their beliefs on stereotypes. By learning the truth about who we are as people, we develop distorted opinions about those who are different. And for an unfortunate few, those opinions turn to racist, prejudiced and hate.

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Area politicians required to report campaign contributors

JASON COKER
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Rep. Mike Bost and Sen. Dave Luechtefeld have successfully closed out contributor information in compliance with the law for 1999.

Gov. Jim Edgar signed a campaign finance reform bill into law in 1997 that forbids candidates from keeping money contributed to their campaigns for their personal use.

The comprehensive law mandated that candidates for public office electronically file the names, occupations and employers of all contributors who give $100 or more to their campaign. Everybody who gives $100 must have at least their name reported.

More importantly, it banned candidates from pocketing unspent campaign funds, although they are still allowed to give it away to charity or save it for a future campaign.

Previously, according to Bost, Republican elected officials let the money build up over time; and when they retired they would use it as their own "personal nest egg."

Luechtefeld, R-Oliver, said he thinks politicians should not have been allowed to keep the remaining campaign money in the first place.

"It doesn't bother me; I never planned on keeping it anyway," Luechtefeld said.

However, Luechtefeld said he is not optimistic about the law changing things much. He believes there is as much corruption now as ever, and he points to federal elections as proof.

"It's pretty hard to keep things honest," Luechtefeld said. "At least people can quickly find out where [politicians] got their money."

Bost said he believes campaign reform laws should give more power to the individual and not to party bosses. He said this law provides "freedom of information" and this is good for Illinois.

For the past two years, campaign funds have been monitored from the moment they leave the contributor to when and where they are spent. They were also monitored during the time after the campaign ends; provided any money went unspent.

The goal of this law is for Illinois to have a more open, honest campaign. This week, Bost reported to the Illinois Board of Elections all of his contributors for the upcoming election year from the last six months; from July 1 until the end of December. Likewise,

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PAUL SIMON
chairmen of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform

Bost’s Democratic opponent Robert L. Kohn of Ava, also complied.

In this election year, Illinois residents can access the Internet and find out if anyone gave money to a candidate. Anyone can find the name and address as well as the type of contribution, coming from any contributor by going to either the Center for Responsive Politics website (www.opensecrets.org) or the Illinois State Board of Elections website (www.elections.state.il.us).

The public is now able to know who pays for elected officials to run for office, and every citizen can personally monitor what that money pays for regardless of whether or not they contributed anything.

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Census offers temporary jobs to students

Good pay and flexibility are benefits of helping count

Karen L. Litch
Government Editor

Students who are looking for a temporary job may want to turn to the U.S. Census Bureau, according to Dave Bockhorn from the Census office in Marion.

The U.S. Census Bureau is now hiring for positions working for the Census 2000. Most positions are temporary and part-time, but could lead to permanent positions in the bureau.

Bockhorn said the Census needs students to fill positions to better reach other students who need to be counted in the Census.

"We want to have a representation of the population show up at doors," he said. "Students would much rather see another student give them a form to fill out, than a stranger.

The bureau will be hiring all throughout the Census process. All positions working for the Census are paid, starting at $10 an hour, with mileage reimbursement and paid training.

The hours work around most schedules, and are primarily during evenings and weekends.

Heather Paratore, a graduate student in education administration from Carbondale, works in the bureau office in Marion and said her job takes her on the road.

"I like the flexible hours," she said. "It gives me a chance to make extra money on my own.

Not only can the student Census workers aid themselves, but they aid the bureau.

Bockhorn also said students give a knowledge of the student body and of campus that only they can provide.

There are a variety of positions available in the Census, including enumerators, crew leaders and field operation supervisors, which all can be good revenue builders. The biggest position that needs to be filled is actual census takers, or enumerators.

Each enumerator is given a certain number of cases, with names of people who have yet to fill out the census forms. All of the jobs have a large amount of responsibility and supervisory skills, according to Bockhorn.

"It's a bit of a job, but a huge amount of responsibility," he said. "You have to be a self-starter and responsible to get your job done.

Qualifications for the positions include being at least 18 years old, with two forms of identification, pass a written exam and pass a background and reference check.

The test consists of 28 multiple-choice questions designed to measure the abilities and skills that are needed to perform the Census. The skills consist of reading, math, following instructions and map-reading skills. Thirty minutes are allowed to complete the test.

All-employees of the Census are required to take an oath of confidentiality. Positions may last until July.

Miller said her job for the Census gives her a great opportunity as a student.

"The flexibility is good," she said. "Pass the pay is better than a minimum wage job."

Are You Qualified to Work for the Census Bureau?

You can qualify if:

- You are 16 years old or older. (Those aged 16 and 17 may be hired for positions that do not involve driving, so long as they meet state and local employment guidelines.)
- You have a high school diploma or GED.
- You are a legal resident of the United States.
- You agree not to take part in any partisan political activity within 24 hours of performing work.

In Illinois, you must be at least 18 years old, with two forms of identification, pass a written exam and pass a background and reference check.

You must be registered with Selective Service. Interested persons should apply at any local census office.

All applicants will be asked to provide a valid Social Security number in order to process their employment application.

Jason Adams - Daily Egyptian

IFC Men’s Rush Schedule

Monday, January 31st ~ Friday, February 4th

Meet the Fraternities • Wednesday, February 2nd • 7:00pm • Student Center Ballroom-D

Alpha Gamma Rho • 116 Greek Row 536-8661
Alpha Tau Omega • Thursday, Feb. 3rd • 7:00-9:00pm (House)
109 Greek Row 536-8568
Beta Theta Pi • Thursday, Feb. 3rd • 7:00-9:00pm (House)
505 W. Main 549-4602
Delta Sigma Pi • Thursday, Feb. 3rd • 7:00-9:00pm (House)
510 S. Poplar 536-7680
Phi Delta Theta • Thursday, Feb. 3rd • 6:00-9:00pm
549-2139 All meetings in the Missouri Room
Pi Kappa Alpha • Thursday, Feb. 3rd • 6:30-8:30pm (House) • Tuesday, Feb. 8th • 6:30-8:30pm (House)
408 W. Mill 549-1126
Sigma Nu • Friday, Feb. 4th • 6:00-8:00pm (House)
606 W. Mill 351-6820
Sigma Phi Epsilon • Thursday, Feb. 3rd • 6:00-8:00pm (House)
605 S. University 549-5112
Sigma Pi • Thursday, Feb. 3rd • 7:00-9:00pm (House) • Friday, Feb. 4th • 7:00-9:00pm (House)
307 W. College 549-2818
Theta Xi • Thursday, Feb. 3rd • 6:30-8:30pm (House)
605 S. University 529-8536

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Theater Department needs renovations to keep up with technology

Travis House
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Both the McLeod Theater and the C.H. Moe Laboratory Theater have long been training grounds for the finest theater students, but their equipment is in dire need of renovation, said Sarah Blackstone, chair of the Theater Department. She cites loose electrical distribution systems, antiquated lighting equipment, windows that can be ripped and stained carpet as just some of the problems facing the two theaters.

The electrical systems are a major problem in both theaters, said Mark Vast, technical director for the department.

Blackstone said resolving the situation depends on how much money the department will receive in the future.

"We're hoping for state money to get the Lead up to snuff," Blackstone said. "We're eight on the top-10 list of deferred maintenance issues, so we hope to see some of it soon.

Blackstone said poor theater conditions greatly affect the recruitment and retention of students in the department.

"There are very important factors because they can't make productions without the proper equipment," Blackstone said. "It also affects or ability to attract good new students and keep them here."

General safety is also a concern for the costume shop, which has ventilation problems. This could really become a problem when dry- cleaning is being used on the costumes.

Blackstone said giving students a poor working environment does not properly prepare them for the real world.

One acting student who knows about such poor working environments first-hand is Tom Miller, an unclassified graduate student from Carbondale. Miller remembers times when productions and rehearsals were delayed because of equipment problems.

"In C.F.E. Moe, we had to move back a tech rehearsal because they weren't going to have all the lights ready," Miller said. "When you are in at 12 opening to go over and then get delayed with tech problems, it can be very frustrating."

There is also the issue of attracting more people to the production.

"We want to put chairs on stage to allow for a more flexible performance space," it's a two-day project we're working on right now," Blackstone said. "We want to make it a nice place to bring in more of an audience."

The overall cost of all the renovations would be about $100,000. Blackstone said they have raised $20,000 for the first stage in the process of new chairs for C.H. Moe Laboratory Theater. But the rest of the renovations will be addressed as soon as possible.

The world of the psychic

Seeing a psychic may be an option for someone looking for guidance

Annie Marie Tavella
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Loving Rose does not lack for the future in a small hall. She does not use tarot cards or rune stones. She said it is similar to theton of love and light," Rose said. "I want to help make life a healing process."

Rose began studying metaphysics for comfort. She said she uses intuition to sense what is going on in a given situation, divine the future of a person or figure looking for guidance.

"It's like a gut feeling," Rose said.

In 10 years, Rose said she has counseled over 6,000 people. She said two people were unwilling to open themselves to her and were testing her abilities. Rose refused to read for them.

"I don't feel I need to prove myself," Rose said.

Dorese Ogundibi, a senior in radio-television from Nigeria, said she would run to the top of the O'lin Building if she was not skeptical, but because it conflicts with her religious beliefs.

Rose said if you are a Christian, you believe that to see a psychic would be to disrespect God.

"You don't have enough faith in God to trust him enough in what he's doing," Rose said.

Rose began studying metaphysics more than a decade ago and transformed her ability to help people into a career as an intuitive consultant and energy healer, or a psychic.

She says the feelings she receives are from an angle formed during a reading.

"I connect with their energy," she said.

Rose said she cannot read minds or predict exact dates. She can only help a person see all sides of a situation.

For example, she may be able to point out when a person's subconscious is holding them back.

In her career as a psychic, Rose also practices holistic medicine.

"I help people learn how to release negative energy stored within themselves," Rose said.

The Neathorpe Company offers this service for $25.

The company represents many companies that offer services that focus on individual needs.

"The energy passes through me and helps direct people to a higher vibration of love and light," Rose said.

Ogundibi said Rose's methods may be an outlet for people looking for comfort.

"I think they already know the answers; they just want to have someone else say it," she said.

She also said it is similar to the anxiety of a child, who wants to make sure they are doing the right thing.

"We all have problems, we all have issues and especially when a person feels they are not balanced enough.

University refurbishes housing

New furniture in University Housing will help make life a little easier for students

Geoffrey Ritten
Daily Egyptian Reporter

After years of wobbly chains and broken dressers, students will soon be living in an updated residence hall with new furniture.

A multi-million dollar project being undertaken by University Housing will bring new and improved furniture into the residence halls in the near future.

Assistant Director of Housing for Flawless Affairs Glenn Stine said the replacement of old furniture will start about May 15, when students in the Residence Hall Administration complete their exams.

"We hope in the next four or five years to have everything done," he said.

Stine said a $225,000 project this summer will see the new furniture installed in the first floor of Schneider Hall. He plans to have the remainder of University Housing completed within the next year.

"The furnitures are in the same ballpark," he said.

Stine said though he has no official design provided by University Housing, and therefore all of the furniture will be uniform in style.

"We want the style of furniture chosen by the RHA offers many benefits that will hopefully improve the quality of residence hall life," said Tamaki Imanishi, a senior from Japan, plugs equipment into a career as a psychic.

"The equipment is in dire need of repair, and the aging patch panel of the light control booth of the Aging systems is from Miller, a classified graduate student in residence hall furniture has been completed.

The furnishings from six or seven furniture companies to University Housing goes through a bidding process each year. 

Furniture into the residence halls in the 2000s--McClure Hall, floors of Schneider will be addressed as soon as possible.

A number of vendors brought actual furniture down and actually let the students look at it.

Steve Kenning, Assistant Director of Housing, goes through a bidding process each year.

Any furniture, book, or any other item that is being considered for the residence halls.

"The published design is available now," he said.

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Deposits made on fall’s PlayStation 2 release

Many are eager to purchase machine that plays DVDs, CDs and PlayStation games

CORDEL RODRIGUEZ
CHICAGO EYEWITNESS REPORTER

A clerk at Babbage’s thumb through a reserve list to see how many people have made their $5 deposit on an item that does not arrive until fall. Jason Blue expects 15 to 20 names of people who are ready to buy the PlayStation 2. Sony’s PlayStation 2 will not only feature state of the art graphics (128 bit), but it will also play music CDs and DVDs right out of the box. What many students may like is that this could be the end of shuffling our cash for a CD player and a DVD player. Manisa Amison, a freshman in Business Management from Chicago, is definitely interested in what the PlayStation 2 has to offer.

“I’ll get it because you get the game and the DVD player in one package,” she said.

However, many students are not impressed by what the PlayStation 2 has to offer. Dan Livingston, a junior in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics from Decatur, said that the PlayStation 2 may be popular when it comes out, but he will probably not spend money on the machine.

“I doubt I’ll buy it,” Livingston said. “I’m growing out of playing video games.”

Many other people may not be growing out of playing games. Michelle Wilkinson, assistant manager at Electronics Boutique in Marion, said the main audience for the PS2 will probably be 20 to 30 years old.

“A lot of younger kids won’t get it because their parents won’t pay that much,” Wilkinson said.

The PS2 will be released in Japan March 6 for 39,800 yen (nearly $390) and in the United States sometime this fall. While the official price in the United States has not yet been announced, it may be around the same price as the one in Japan, or may be as low as $390. It will come packaged with a Dual Shock 2 Analog Controller and an 8 MB memory card which has 64 times the storage capacity of the original PlayStation.

Many of the people who are willing to pay for it are not willing to wait until the launch to find out if they can get one. Electronics Boutique in Marion and Babbage’s in Carbondale already have a reserve list for people who want to ensure they get a PS2 when it is released. Electronics Boutique has people putting down a deposit of anywhere from $10 to $30. Babbage’s charges a $5 prepayment. All of the prepayments go toward the total price of the PS2.

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Furniture

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"I had [my bed] lofted last year and it was nice," she said. "The furniture is much nicer, and we have a lot more space." Kirsch added that newer innovations in students’ lifestyles, such as the invasion of personal computers into the residence halls, created the need for more upgrades as well.

"There was a real dilemma in terms of desk size," he said. "We were looking for something as flexible as possible."

Kirsch said balancing the needs for more desk space without introducing furniture with too much bulk was somewhat tricky, but a satisfactory compromise was eventually reached.

[The desks] fit most of the computers on there pretty easily," said Bunk.

Amanda Emmerich, a sophomore in finance from Newton and a resident in Thompson Point, said she is not immediately concerned the renovations will not reach her side of campus for another four years.

"There’s really nothing wrong with our furniture," she said. "I think they have a lot more traffic (in the towers) and a lot of people running through there, so they probably need it more.

Kirsch said the condition of the old furniture is splendid with constantly changing student needs made this an important project and a step that University Housing needed to take.

"We just kind of looked at it and said it’s time to look at this style of furniture and see if maybe we can do something different," he said. "We’re sort of taking it to the next level."

Psychic

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they want assurance," Ogunbiyi said.

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This is the best snowman I've ever seen! We really out did ourselves, Rein!

I agree! Wait, what are those guys building?

Damn art student showoffs!!

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"Those meteorologists know as much about weather as I know about calculus."

Shoot Me Now!! by James Kerr

Phil, I agree, you came at least to see the mother who ruined mom and dad. Let's leave.

My baby boy, I hope you come to take the mother who ruined mom and dad. Let's leave.

You will have to explain this to your dad.

Nerdy! Nerdy! Nerdy!

You won't have to explain this to your dad. I agree, you came at least to see the mother who ruined mom and dad. Let's leave.

Doug's here! Doug's here!

Why are you coming to our home to see the mother who ruined mom and dad? And you know I'm not married by the way, this is just, Phil.

Mother Goose and Grimm by Mike Peters

Uh-oh...

Grime and Punishment.

Mixed Media by Jack Ohman

Out-of-work comedy writers...
Gus Bode

WEBER
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Weber. The new contract was designed to make Weber less inclined to leave SIU for a program with deeper financial resources. The new contract is a necessary step if UIUC is to remain competitive in the crucible of the University League, which it has been, at least in recent years. Weber is just one of the key players in the battle for control of the conference.

Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute and former U.S. Senator, is serving as a national honorary co-chairman for the summit, which will speak to the estimated 5,000 attendees at the conference.

"We simply haven't paid that much attention to Africa as we tend to be more European-oriented in terms of focus areas," Simon said. "Africa is the poorest continent in the world and receives little attention except in dire emergencies. This conference is an attempt to focus United States' attention on Africa."

Dawson hopes the conference will bring more bureaucratic and legislative attention to Africa. Four presidential candidates will be addressing these issues promoting their political agendas in Africa if they are elected to the nation's highest office.

"Hopefully the president and members of Congress will look at the policy recommendations being made and try to use some of them," Dawson said.

In order to engage America's political attention, each state in the union will submit three policy recommendations that will eventually be converted into one Draft National Policy Plan of Action.

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Edwin Sez

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Recreation Center living up to name

Extracurricular activities offered for variety of interests

SILUC is a community within a community. The SILUC community is composed of students from every walk of life with diversified interests in everything from movies to food. "We will feature one of the best martial arts training in the world," said Coach Chivichy. "Our students will be taught techniques and learn to be competitive again."

The SIU Martial Arts Club normally meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. in the martial arts room in the Recreation Center. For more information, e-mail Vincent Fields at vincentfields@hotmail.com.

Intramural Basketball Tournament

Every year in the spring, the Recreation Center has an intramural basketball tournament for SIU students. This tournament attracts the largest number of participants of any of the SIU programs. Sophomore Khalid Hassan and Adam Book are very excited about the intramural event. Book, a Thompson Point resident and student, said, "It gives em a chance to be competitive again."

"The intramural basketball tournament gives non-athletes a chance to display their athleticism," said Hannan.

Games for the tournament occur Monday through Thursday and Sunday from 6-8 p.m. For more information on Recreation Center programs and intramural athletics, stop by or call 536-5531.

Who is overrated? Duke or North Carolina

"Basiclly they’re the same team as last year without (Adomada) Chidom, but they replaced him with Form. They’ve won 13 of 14 ACC games so far," said Coach Krzyzewski. "Now is the perfect time to quit and this is the perfect time to maximize their potential and make the most of the program."

"The only thing that’s going to have to play really well is to have a chance to beat themselves in Chapel Hill," said Coach Krzyzewski. "We want to expect," said Duke freshman Michael Dukayou, who chose the Blue Devils over North Carolina and Stanford. "They were picked to win the ACC, so we want to be a team to be respected."
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Weber tries to keep his team's legs fresh for the remainder of three-game trip

Missouri Valley Conference road games

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Weber gave his team Super Bowl Sunday off. On Monday, Weber was out practicing for travel. He knew the team needed to get some running and conditioning in.

"(Tuesday) we had a real practice, you know an old-fashioned practice," Weber said. "We went pretty hard for a couple of hours.

"I figured basically, after two days off, we needed to get some running and conditioning in.

Freshman guard Kent Williams was named the MVC Player of the Week. Williams recalled the 91-56 loss at Indiana State University Jan. 19 as an example of how the Salukis are struggling.

The Salukis are struggling the most devastating fact is there is no advantage in playing in front of a scattergun line-up and they are an exhibition game. The Salukis are struggling.

So much for the term "home court advantage."}

Recreation Center

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Weber was quick to point out other MVC teams are struggling. The Salukis' legs have only two freshmen, Illinois-Chicago and Evansville, are the only teams that stand between S"