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Human clones still far in the future

CREATIONS: Despite the hype, SIUC scientists say human duplication is a lifetime away.

Dana Dubinsky
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

In spite of Richard Seed's claim to duplicate humanity, one SIUC researcher believes a world of genetically copied humans is far from reach.

"There is no way that we have the capability right now to clone human beings," said Leonard E. Maroun, a professor of advanced cellular microbiology at the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield. The clone of Dolly was just one example and is not enough to make a conclusion. We are still 25, 50 — even possibly 75 years away from cloning humans.

On Jan. 7, Seed, an independent Chicago scientist, announced his intention to use the same technique used to clone the sheep, Dolly, to produce a human clone. Seed said he wants to begin his work as soon as possible, but he is waiting for private funds.

Last year, President Clinton issued a ban on federally funded human cloning research. After Seed's announcement, Clinton issued a statement that Congress move to ban all human cloning research through legislation.

On Monday, 19 nations signed an agreement to prohibit the genetic replication of humans.

The idea of genetic cloning evolved from scientists' search for cures of human diseases. Scientists looked towards animals to produce the answers. By mutating animal cells, some believe that organs produced in animals could be used in humans. The cloning of Dolly entailed taking an unfertilized egg from an adult ewe and removing its genetic content. The scientists then inserted the genes from another sheep's cell, carrying the genetic code of both parents.

The hybrid egg was implanted into a third ewe, and eleven months ago, an exact copy of Dolly was born.

Didrickson touts flat tax

The STATE MODEL:

Republican senatorial candidate Loretta Didrickson comes to Carbondale pushing plan based on Illinois' code.

Kirk Mottram
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Undersecretary of her campaign team of "smaller, smarter" government, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate Loretta Didrickson rallied against the endorsed federal tax code Tuesday, calling for a flat income tax system similar to that of Illinois.

In an election year when politicians are clashing to tax reform proposals like babies to security blankets, Didrickson's proposal comes as no surprise to tax experts like David Johnson, SIUC professor of law. As Johnson points out, a flat tax does nothing to simplify government but serves merely as a superficial campaign promise. Notions of streamlining bureaucracy through the implementation of a flat tax is political rhetoric at its finest, says Johnson.

"It's pure politics," he said. "It has nothing to do with anything except politics. The simplification argument is ridiculous.

"If you have a tax code, it's going to be complicated."

Didrickson argues the current tax code breeds a high level of corruption and dishonesty. A progressive tax, she says, discourages economic growth and allows for the wealthy to circumvent the system. Furthermore, it upsets the American dream in a campaign to redistribute income, penalizing the affluent merely because of their influence.

Johnson, like Didrickson, views a progressive tax as unfair. However, instituting a flat tax is impossible because it would never survive congressional scrutiny, he said. In its place, Johnson contends a two-tier system resembling Reagan's ill-fated 1982 plan instituted in 1986 be considered as an alternative. The system, which bases only a flat, increased graduated tax rates in favor of two flat rates, 15 and 28 percent.
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UPCOMING

- International Wives Friendship meeting, January 15, 1 to 3 p.m., University Baptist Church (South Oakland and West Freeman St.). Contact Kelly at 453-7374.
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Exhibitionists bare essentials in SIUC museum showcase

BRIEVED: Students, alumni display their "undergarments" through March 7.

JASON ADAMS
DE ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Just saying the words "interactive underwear" can elicit exactly the type of mind wandering from people that artists sometimes strive to achieve in their artwork.

But in the new exhibition "Underwear" at the University Museum, through March 7, terms such as "interactive underwear" need to be taken as seriously as "diabetic color sequence." After all, some of the pieces in the exhibition will be worn after their stint on display.

This is an exhibition in combination of your interpretation or impression of the underwear theme," assistant museum curator Michael Beam said. "So, it can be functional - meaning you can wear it - representational, photographic or a painting."

The exhibition features artwork from SIUC students and alumni that thematically revolves around underwear ranging from gym socks to long-forgotten

Beam wanted a theme that was unique to a museum that had normally focused on traditional art themes.

Though the underwear issue could be seen as too risqué or even obscene, Beam said there is nothing indecent about "Underwear."

"It's my suggestion on a topic such as this that would raise people's eyebrows and possibly gain interest," he said. "It's all pretty safe. There's nothing really perverse -- at least in my opinion."

One particular piece that could raise a few eyebrows -- mainly from its creativity and sparkling colors -- is Lisa Sharp's stained glass paper doll "Underwear Dance." The piece depicts a girl in a free and spirited pose, and, like most girls, the doll possesses a variety of different colored underwear she can wear.

"All the different underwear glass pieces are kind of funky. There's a bikini and a kind of girdle looking one for whatever mood you're in," said Sharp, a senior in art and design.

The idea for "Underwear Dance" came from an image in an old magazine that showed a woman surrounded by underwear in a paper doll format. Sharp enhanced the image from the magazine a little to fit a typical routine people sometimes go through white getting dressed.

"I changed the position of the figure into a dance because sometimes when you're getting ready you just kind of dance around in your underwear," Sharp said.

FLASHPANTS: A stained glass paper doll by Lisa Sharp, a senior in art and design, is on display at the new art exhibition "Underwear." The exhibition is taking place through March 7 at the University Museum.

Museum features faculty first-timers

JASON ADAMS
DE ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The annual Faculty Art Exhibition at the University Museum, which runs through April 5, has received a refreshing, artistic boost this year.

Michael Beam, assistant curator of the museum, said the interesting aspect of this year's exhibition is that it offers more artwork by instructors that had not displayed pieces in the exhibition before.

"Some of these professors are new, and I think they're going to bring some new and fresh excitement to the exhibition," he said. "There's going to be some exciting things to see.

Beam, who has organized the exhibition for three years, said this year is the best one he has worked on because of the variety being added by the new faculty artists adding work to complement that of exhibition veterans.

"This is a big changing time. It's been old school for a real long time," he said.

Art and Design Professor Jean Lister's contribution to the exhibition is a massive Siamese-foot quilt in the shape of an old-fashioned manuscript.

A medieval-style alphabet is depicted, and each letter is represented by an object that begins with the letter.

Linstedt said she gets a lot of feedback from students and people from the University about her work, and she will display her work every year.

"This is something I do until I drop dead or run out of ideas," she said. "Whichever comes first."

Bien Muza/DailyEgyptian

CONTAINMENT: Ponies on hangers exhibited at the University Museum for the "Underwear" art show that features SIUC students and alumni.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Federal agencies extend Family Friendly Leave Act

Federal agencies will continue to let workers use their own sick leave to care for a family member that is ill, even though the "Family Friendly Leave Act" expired in December. Congress enacted the legislation in a year's time, but didn't get around to extending it last year. The Office of Personnel Management has told agencies it is "appropriate" for them to allow workers to use their own sick leave to care for family members. That liberal leave program has been in effect since the new law was put in place several years ago.
Social Security in need of repair

Why would college students save for retirement when they can barely afford tuition? We need money now for an education to make ends meet, then save for retirement, but since our government promises we are too simple minded to do so, you have been taxed for it. It is called Social Security, and it is going bankrupt.

Ideally, a new plan to save Social Security would also put that tax back in your bank. 7.5 percent of your paycheck goes to retiree. Retirees checks are dependent on current workers. Retirees get back what they put in over the 15 years. Looking for solutions, the number of American retirees is skyrocketing.

With 25 percent of the national budget, it is not unrealistic to project government bankruptcy and depression if it is not allowed to happen.

Politicians love "solutions" such as means-testing (the higher a retiree's income, the lower the monthly payments). These measures would buy the system in additional years of life, not "solve" it.

If this means to 20-somethings, a 20-year-old has easily paid more than $1,000 into the trust fund already, which might have been saved for college. You will not see me one cent until retirement under any scenario the system brings forth. But what about plans 55, not around that Social Security will last through the decade. How does one pay for this plan? How can new plan to save Social Security today.

Bill provides a bill which privatizes Social Security as other nations have done. Under this bill, workers would choose either to stay with the current system or enter a new system. Opponents claim love to use scare tactics, but as the creator of Social Security System President Franklin Roosevelt said, "All we have to fear is fear itself."

The bill provides for a 10-year transitional period. Those older than 35 would be managed under the current system and those younger would have the investment option, with a 10-year, 2-percent deduction.

The result? Current retirees lose nothing, all working generations enjoy increased returns and control of your money is taken out of the government's power. Opponents claim love to use scare tactics, but as the creator of Social Security System President Franklin Roosevelt said, "All we have to fear is fear itself."

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Our Word

What makes a good chancellor?

Chancellor Begg's tenure at SIUC is about to come to a close as the chancellor search nears completion. Is it the way he approaches, it seems that the race is on. Four individuals will make their way into something that it is not. The incoming chancellor should be aware and look at with pride. The new chancellor should be willing and ready to respect that history when he last day approaches. It seems that the chancellor search nears completion. What needs to be remembered is that the job of a chancellor is a twisted image. And a chancellor must be able to juggle all these complex issues and not just gloss over them. A chancellor must be able to make a number of issues: 

The position of chancellor is a twisted one of responsibility. It stretches far past the boundaries of the University. The relationship with students is important, but the relationship with the surrounding communities is also important. A chancellor must be able to tug all these complex issues without just gloss over them. A chancellor must be able to handle diversity, while maintaining a historic image. And a chancellor must be able to raise money to support all of these ideas.

In the long run, the new chancellor needs to have dealt with a variety of issues, and it can be guaranteed that a variety of issues will be raised in the selection process.

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Drug lords buy beauty queens

**Los Angeles Times**

BOGOTA, Colombia - Girls in Colombia dream of being crowned queen of the sea, queen for a day, as they ascend the throne of a kingdom called "el reinado," the queen of the rice.

"The queen of the rice," Uribe says, "is our national princess, the Cartagena pageant."

But in recent years, separating el reinado from Colombia's national problems has become nearly impossible. The queen's obsession has become infested with a Colombian drug money.

As the focus has moved from the stage to the streets, the queen has been turned into a symbol of the cartels' efforts to clean up the image of the queen. The cartels have their own controversies, with charges of elitism and invasion of privacy.

The problems stem from the queen's court, which is run by an international organization.

"We need to give special attention to the number of international students," Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services Director said. "We are working with our partners to put in place the necessary procedures to attract more international students and we are trying to get them to transfer here."
Flat-rate tax nothing but political smoke screen, expert says

REFORM: Congress' investigation of IRS renews political efforts to change tax structure.

TRAVIS DEL REAL
DEPARTMENT EDITOR

Mounting criticism of the Internal Revenue Service is prompting legislative candidates to promise income tax reform, but one tax expert says that politicians are jumping on a flat-tax bandwagon that they hope to ride to the Capitol.

A flat-rate income tax has been tossed around for years, but it received national attention in 1996 when presidential hopeful Steve Forbes used the notion as the driving issue in his campaign.

The ongoing U.S. Congress investigation of the IRS has churned up stories of families torn apart after failing to meet requirements of grading audits.

William Schroeder, an SIUC law school professor and tax expert, says that in the wake of the IRS investigation, some politicians have been using a switch to a flat-rate tax as a solution to cumbersome paperwork required for graduated tax computation.

But he says, a flat-rate tax does little to eradicate paperwork.

"The promise of a flat tax is a red herring of sorts," Schroeder said. "It won't eliminate the need for paperwork."

Schroeder said "people who receive income from sources that require depreciation evaluation, such as rental properties, must calculate complex formulas to determine net income."

The calculations are time consuming and must be retained in case of an audit.

"It takes preciously forever to assess depreciation and cost of repair," he said.

Other minor problems are inherent in a flat tax plan, such as a lack of deductions for a home mortgage or charities.

One of Schroeder's colleagues, Keith Beyer, another law school professor, differs with Schroeder saying that a move toward a flat tax would improve the quality of the IRS.

Beyer said that some affluent individuals paying higher rates file tax accountants to find loopholes to reduce the tax they must pay.

"Basically what we have now is a system where people in similar economic situations are paying different amounts of income tax," Beyer said.

Schroeder said that eliminating income tax and creating a national sales tax would alleviate current IRS problems.

He suggests a rate of 15 to 20 percent would make up the money lost from an income tax.

Beyer said that a national sales tax could be implemented as a value-added tax, where a tax is levied on each component of a product and not the final product.

Consumers would have no idea how much they were being taxed, he says.

Other criticism is that the tax burden of a national sales tax would fall hardest on the poor.

But Schroeder said that such a plan could provide exemptions for food, medicine and basic necessities.

Though he sees his plan as a better solution than a flat tax, Schroeder said he is not optimistic about any politicians endorsing a national sales tax because of the popularity of flat-tax rhetoric.

"It might get someone in office, but it doesn't address the real problems of income tax," he said.
University retains Student Center Bookstore

PROFITABILITY: Policy change, price matching provide increase in sales.

J. MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ, DAILY EAGLE STAFF REPORTER

University administrators say that the University bookstore will remain under the management of the University, disposing of Student Center location soon could be leased and that sales were up in the near future.

Gregory Tatham, Student Center director, said that although many private companies have expressed interest in leasing the bookstore, no offers have been taken from private companies. The University is not sure if they are waiving to lease it out just yet, he said.

Skiersch said that the selection of merchandise also would decrease and that it would be hard to tell if students would see an increase in merchandise prices.

"It's hard to say if prices of books would increase," he said. "That would depend on the new operators.

Tatham said that although there are no plans to lease the bookstore now it always remains an alternative.

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The Carbondale Police Department is sponsoring its eighth Citizen's Police Academy in hopes of creating improved communication and dialogue between the community and the department.

The four-week session, which is limited to 25 people, begins Feb. 2 and runs 11 consecutive Mondays from 6 to 9 p.m. There also will be two Saturday classes that will be scheduled at a later time.

"The classes offer the opportunity for citizens to understand how the police department works and how they interrelate with connections, so that if they ever wanted to reach out on what is going on in the community, they would know who to go to within the department," Carbondale Police Community Resource Officer Jeff Vaught said.

The class topics, ranging from police perspective to criminal justice, are taught by Carbondale Police officers and professionals in related fields.

"No one goes in and teaches unless they have considered finishing in that field," Carbondale Police Sgt. Luanne Brown said.

Vaught said one of the only problems is that people want more information from the class than can be provided in the limited time.

"It will be a 10 at night and people will still be sitting there wanting to know more," he said.

Most of the classes are held at the Southeast Waste Water Treatment Plant, which is the department's training building.

Participants also get to tour the crime lab and the police department and experience other-officer training. They are instructed on the what an officer's equipment includes, and what standard operating procedures in situations such as DUI, hostage negotiations, youth operations, internal operations and patrol tactics.

"People walk away with a good understanding of our police department, how it works and how it's structured," Vaught said.

At the end of each session, a graduation ceremony is scheduled and all alumni are invited to attend.

"People usually complete the program singing it's praises," Brown said.

Some German economists want Euro currency halted

WASHINGTON POST

BERLIN — A group of prominent economists filed a petition Monday with Germany's highest court seeking to block plans for a single European currency on the grounds that it would violate the nation's postwar constitution.

The challenge, posed by four professors, including an ex-member of the Bundesbank, Germany's powerful central bank, argues that the historic project would jeopardize a basic right to economic stability by forcing Germany to swap its cherished mark for the euro. A symbolic blow to German sovereignty, the petition argues that opposition to the euro has increased, rising to 56 percent from 49 percent a year ago. Three out of four Germans said they expect the euro will be weaker than the mark; only one in five expect to benefit from the change.

The skepticism reflects the failure of a campaign by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government to persuade Germans that the euro will nurture European unity. In speeches, Kohl says a single currency could even spell "the difference between war and peace" in the next century.

Despite popular concerns, polls also show that a majority of Germans are resigned to seeing the euro become a reality. All of the country's major political parties have endorsed it. Along with Kohl's center-right governing coalition, the opposition Greens and Social Democrats back the euro as a way to ease anxieties among Germany's neighbors about its enhancing Germany's influence in the wake of the nation's unification in 1990.

Germany is expected to be in the vanguard of as many as 11 European Union (EU) countries that will embrace the euro next year. Leaders of the 13-nation EU will choose the participating countries and countries starting in May when they assess who has fulfilled criteria of low inflation, debt and budget deficit.

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In 1997, Ayers led a delegation of 15 students and 10 faculty members to visit state institutions in South Korea and China. From 1988 to 1996, he taught English in China.

- Jared H. Dom — He received his bachelor's in History from Pomona College in 1979. From 1985 to 1997, he served as the director of International Programs and Services at PSU, responsible for international recruitment. From 1971 to 1996, he served as executive campus for over 80 million in projects.

- Robert Gurevich — He served as director of International Programs and Services for Western Carolina College of Education at Ohio State University since 1996. From 1986 to 1996, he served as executive director of the Center on Education and Training and for Employment at Ohio State University, during which time he was principal investigator for over $70 million in projects.

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University places priority on student retention

ENROLLMENT: SIUC's new strategy to boost sagging figures means means bringing students back year after year.

WILLIAM HAYFIELD
DEAN OF MANAGING EDITOR

The University's focus on enrollment has begun shifting toward retention with the development of a University retention plan that incorporates individual college's methods for retaining their best students.

Jackson, vice-chair for Academic Affairs and provost, said the dean of each college has submitted their retention plans to his office.

"Out of that I am going to synthesize a single set of some sort of overall plan for the University based on what these colleges are doing," he said. "This whole year we've been trying to get the act out on retention, and this is one way of accomplishing that." Jackson stated each college's retention efforts should be compiled into a University plan within 10 days.

James McGuire, dean of the College of Agriculture, said the plan will help facilitate University retention efforts.

"We've always had a good retention program in the College of Agriculture because of the attention we pay to students, but overall this plan will help create an even better job of retaining students," McGuire said.

Jackson said the College of Agriculture's retention plan states that the College of Agriculture has a mandatory mentoring program for their majors.

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Hutton said a University retention plan should encourage students to ask questions.

"It's important that the students know that they have professors because they do the work and assignments but then suddenly don't come back," she said. "Students need to be encouraged to ask for help if they need help or need questions answered.

Hutton also cited the faculty mentoring program, specifically the Theater Department, which has a mandatory mentoring program for their majors.

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sequence themselves in classes and can subsequently graduate on time. It also allows faculty members to teach students about improving their grades and pathways to pursue.

Jackson said the comprehensive University plan, though not including all college's retention efforts, will create guidelines for the whole University.

"We have the plan to gear toward academically-minded students, and that some programs will always fluctuate," Jackson said.

"I have basically made it plain from the start that we have some students from academic difficulties that are justified," Jackson said. "We are not trying to absolutely throw anybody from flunking out because inevitably some are going to flunk and should flunk, but we have lost good students that we are not in academic difficulty when they left.

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Mexican police commander charged in slaughter of Chiapas Indians

WASHINGTON POST

MEXICO CITY — A police commander has been charged with assembling the weapons stockpile used in the massacre of 45 Indian peasants in the southern state of Chiapas on Dec. 22, as well as ordering the use of police, according to federal prosecutors.

Federal prosecutor allege that Felipe Vazquez Espinoza, commander of the state police in Los Chorros, a village near the site of the massacre, ordered his officers to turn their guns toward the crowd.

The charges against Vazquez say the police chief told his officers to arrest villagers associated with the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, to carry illegal weapons. Vazquez has said in statements to prosecutors that he was acting on the orders of higher ranking state authorities, according to a statement by the federal attorney general.

"We as scientists, work for the public," he said. "We want to look at the information and how it concerns the general public. The fear the public now has for science must be cured by education."
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HIATUS: Football returns to CBS after four-year drought.

WASHINGTON POST

LOS ANGELES -- First NBC lost "Seinfeld." Now it has been staked again.

CBS, which lost the NFL in Fox four years ago, wrested it away from NBC on Monday.

According to sources, CBS will begin carrying the AFC package next season as part of a new television contract that could generate nearly $15 billion over the next eight years.

All the pieces won't be in place for a few days, but the new contract could generate $1.67 billion per year in rights fees for the NFL. That breaks down to more than $60 million per team.

"We're still negotiating with NBC for, they won't be playing last-place teams, but she sustained an injury midway through the first half," Jackson then got a chance to prove why she was one of the cornerstones of the team. She was playing well, but she was unable to provide the leadership the team needed during those trying times.

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A run for the money
Officials hope new $700,000 all-weather track will help boost recruiting, reduce travel expenses

CORY QUICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC's track and field teams will know what it feels like to compete at home next season when a new all-weather track is installed at McAndrew Stadium.

The Salukis have been unable to have a major meet in Carbondale in recent years because of the track's poor condition. Holes in the track where the supporting concrete has surfaced pose a major injury threat for the athlete.

Both teams hope that will change soon because the Salukis are scheduled to play host to the 1999 Missouri Valley Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Men's coach Bill Cornell said he hopes the track is installed by September, but it possibly may not be completed until the summer of 1999. That would force the Salukis to move the competition to another MVC school for the second time in four years.

In 1995, the MVC Championships were scheduled to take place at McAndrew Stadium, but because of the poor track conditions, the meet could not take place at SIUC.

Cornell said the new track has been one of the highest priorities for the Athletic Department in recent years.

"Money doesn't grow on trees, but this is a major need for our program," Cornell said. "It's just a deplorable sight to look at and try to run on."

The SIU Board of Trustees approved $700,000 to replace the worn-down track at McAndrew Stadium Dec. 11.

Of that amount, $500,000 will come from the $2.3 million the Saluki Futures fund-raising campaign has set aside for athletic improvements. The other $200,000 will come from the athletic facility reserves.

The project will be constructed by Design Architects Inc. of Hillsboro, the company that designed the new floor at SIU Arena. The design will move the field events to the east side of the stadium.

Women's track and field coach Don DeNoon said not having home meets forces the Athletic Department to spend more money for the team's transportation.

"We have a greater need for travel money because we don't have home meets, and we have to travel to every meet," DeNoon said.

The addition of the new track will be a valuable opportunity for the SIUC track and field program and the University. The track will allow the school to schedule home track and field meets every spring and build public interest in the school and athletic program.

DeNoon said the new track will be a major aid in the recruiting process.

"It will make a tremendous difference in a recruiting aspect," Cornell said. "We are ashamed to take new recruits to the track we have now.

Saluki runner Joseph Parks said track conditions play a vital role in a recruiting visit.

"When I looked at schools, I looked at the track and facilities because everyone wants to run on a quality track," Parks said.

DeNoon avoids letting recruits draw too much attention to SIUC's facilities during a recruiting visit.

"I don't even take my recruits to the stadium," DeNoon said. "I drive by and tell them, 'This is our outdoor track.' And then I tell them, 'We're getting a new one this summer.'"
Leaders must shine forth for women cagers

It was a month. It was six games. It was six losses. It was a losing streak.

But now it is over. The SIUC women's basketball team beat Evansville Monday night — barely.

It was not pretty. The Salukis had a seven-point lead going into halftime, but they allowed the Aces to stay in the game.

They were outrebounded 15-9 on the offensive boards, but they only scored 18 points off those rebounds.

But the only reason the Salukis won is they got something they have lacked all year — leadership.

Shyla McKibbon, who averages 13.7 points, was one of the main reasons the Salukis won.

She scored 25 points and 10 rebounds in the game.

When her teammate, Theia Hudson, was double- and triple-teamed, McKibbon stepped up and scored.

"It was six losses. It was six losses. It was six losses. It was six losses. It was six losses." Hudson said after the game.

But late in the game, he told me "Boy" died. And at that point it was like the world had stopped.

"Boy," whose real name is Aldrick Lackey, was Tilmon's closest friend. Lackey was killed in an automobile accident at age 19.

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