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DSR program helps disabled students stay fit and active

Numerous programs accommodate students with disabilities

Brian Peach Daily Egyptian

Like hundreds of other SIUC students, Maricela Hernández Uribe has the drive and motivation to work out at the Recreation Center, but her physical state makes it a real challenge.

but her physical state makes it a real challenge. Having suffered a spinal cord injury in a car accident 10 years ago, Hernández Uribe, a junior from Chicago in therapeutic recreation, relies on a wheelchair to get around campus, and by getting involved in the Disabled Student Recreation proshe stays physically fit. gram

"When I work out consistently, it helps my back muscles from tightening up when I push my wheelchair around campus," she said. Hernández Uribe is one of nearly 30 students

Memandez Unice is one of neury 30 students who participate in at least one of the programs that DSR has to offer, including a fitness program, wheelchuir tennis, adoptive horseback riding, hik-ing and more. Most of the programs take place at the Recreation Center.

Through the Discover Adventure Wilderness Group, which has a small fee, disabled students can even go on trips, such as one taken last spring when they went backpacking in the Smoky Mountains and in Texas, said Kathy Hollister, assistant director

and in Jezas, said Kathy Hollister, assistant director of intramural-internetional sports for DSR. Beginning disability may participate in the pro-gram's activities by getting in touch with DSR or Disabled Student Services workers such as Hollister. Hollister.

With only 30 students involved in the program, Hollister is always encouraging more to participate. I lollister said DSR is able to accommodate all

students with disabilities from the simplest, like joint problems, to the more restricting, such as quadriplegics. "A lot of people don't realize that even if they've

had numerous knee surgeries, or physically could-nit play a sport, they are eligible to participate, Hollister said.

DSR staff members, such as Dana Zack and Kim Helvey, are trained to accommodate and help students participate in the programs and decide which ones are right for them. "Right now, I want them to be able to explore

their own hobbies and activities," said Zack, a DSR student supervisor and personal trainer. Zack is also a junior in the apeutic recreation from Aurora, and has a disability of her own, being

legally blind in one eye. Like many programs, some problems arise in DSR that members work to resolve.

DSR used to have a lift van that could pick up



Dana Zack, a junior in therapeutic recreation from Aurora, aids Marcela Hernandez Unbe on the Versatrainer at the Student Recreation Center on Monday. "Out of all the wheelchair users, Marcela has such a great transitional attitude, and I'm glad to call her a friend," Zack said.

students who may have a hard time making it to the Recreation Center, but with funding cuts by the University, Hollister said the van is no longer available. The setback is that students often have to fend for themselves if they wish to make it to the Recreation Center for programs. Getting in touch with disabled students is also more of a challenge because of changes made by

the University: "Student Services is really good about putting out student information, but we used to get names of students with disabilities, and now we can't because the University doesn't give them to us," Zack said. "So, we have to recruit through

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Proposal may require **DNA** from all felons

Sara Hooker & Michael Brenner Daily Egyptian

Convicted felons in Illinois will be forced share their DNA with law enforcement

to share their DNA with law enforcement officials if a piece of proposed legislation meets with the support of the General Assembly. State Rep. Mike Bost, R.-Munphystorn, and DuPage County State's Artomey Joe Birkett introduced a bill Jan. 7 that would require all convicted felons to provide a DNA sample for the Illinois State Police database. "It's no different than taking fingerprints when a crime is committed," Bost suid. "The proposal is to meet the criteria that is being set

proposal is to meet the criteria that is being set by other states." her states.

by ourse states. State law currently requires sex offenders to submit DNA samples, which are tradition-ally taken from blood samples by a doctor or a nurse. The new proposal would require all individuals convicted of a felony, including juveniles, to submit their DNA.

The proposal has raised questions about the feasibility of the plan. The American Civil Liberties Union has

expressed "concern for the broad expansion of the collection of DNA," spokesman Ed Yohnka said, "DNA is much more than a fin-

gerprint." Yohnka said the proposal raises many questions such as who will have access to the records and how they will be used.

"One hopes that these questions will be asked and answered when hearing the proposal," he said.

DNA would be collected in one of two ways — from a special tape applied to the skin or by cotton swabbing the inside of the

Bost said samples would be taken by local w enforcement officials in the same method have indicement of the same method with the same method that fingerprints are collected. He said researchers predict the average cost would be less than \$50 per person, and the procedure would be funded through court costs and fines imposed by local city ordinances. The DNA would then be turned over to

the Illinois State Police database, which would be expanded to accommodate the informa-tion. The DNA would also be made available for federal databases, with FBI, state and local law enforcement able to access the information that will be held for the individual's lifes-

pan, Bost said. The database is enlarged so that if a crime is committed and DNA evidence shows up at the crime scene you have an avenue to, in

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Costello's son puts clamp on University records

SIUC admissions office allegedly gave out private records

Molly Parker Daily Egyptian

A former SIUC student who is the son of U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello signed a request to restrict the release of any student information after a Belleville newspaper made allegations that he may not have been truthful on a job application to the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.

John Costello, 26, was hired in the midst of a state hiring freeze by the Secretary of State's Office Dec. 4. Costello will garner an annual \$50,000 statyr and was recommend-ed by his father for the job, according to the Belleville News-Democrat.

to the Belleville News-Democrat. When a reporter challenged Belleville Democrat Jerry Costellos recommendation, Costello answered, He is well-qualified, he has a college degree and is a hard worker, according to information supplied by the newspaper.

But John Costello may not have obtained a degree from SIUC after all.

SIUC Three people from SIUC Admissions and Records told the Belleville News-Democrat that John Costello had failed two courses and did not receive a degree.

David Gillies, press secretary for Jerry Costello, responded with a prepared statement: "Receiving his degree was contingent on his retaking two classes and reapplying for graduation."

The statement also said that John Costello had completed both courses successfully and participated in commencement ceremonies in December 1998 but did not reapply for his degree. Now his job is in question

because of allegations he may have put false information on his applica-tion about whether or not he actual-

ly received a degree from SIUC. The Secretary of State's Office restricts the release of any information sup-plied on a person's application.

Although having a college degree is not essential for the job, officials in the Secretary of State's Office reportedly so that a person could be fired for putting any false information on the application. Also in question is the actions of employees. in the University Admissions, and Records office.

Belleville News-Democrat reporter George Pawlaczyk said three George Pawlaczyk said three employees from within the office verified Costello had failed two classes and thus not obtained his degree. Under the Buckley

Amendment, information about student grades cannot legally be given out to the public.

Dean Kahler, assistant director in the Admissions and Records Office, said he spoke with two of the three employees who gave the reporter the information, both of which deny they gave out any information about Costello's grades. Records regarding students can be obtained through the Student Information System. Before employees gain access to this system, they must sign a form stat-ing that they will not give out any unauthorized information. Kahler said he did not know who was the



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Student Center director pounces on renovation plans

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Rutherford brings new personality to old position Samantha Edmondson Daily Egyptian

T.I. Rutherford often cannot be found in his office. The new director of the Student Center is most likely of the Student Center is most likely bouncing throughout the building greeting the majority of his 375 employees, like one of his two pet bunnies, Entree and Lady Charlei. Along with the influence of his

redecessors and past employers, Rutherford incorporates his affection for his bunnies, who have become children to him and his wife Denise, through his job.

"I don't sit in my office and hide," Rutherford said. "I enjoy walking around and saying hello to employees in the dining services, going through the bookstore and looking around." By hopping around the Student Center, an estimated eight acres,

Rutherford said he can manage the operation with a different set of eyes than the regular employees. He to to be fair by not just trying to find the bad, but complementing the good.

Displaying such qualities as socia-ity, fairness and compassion, bility; Rutherford was named director of the Student Center on Aug. 1, after serv-ing as interim director since May ing a 2000.

Rebecca Collins, co-chairperson for the Student Center Board, said Rutherford cares about the feelings and opinions of others on projects

"You really know that he is listen-ing to your ideas," said Collins, a senior in radio-television.

ideas. Denise, who is a financial aid adviser, works for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management with her husband. They are both involved in some of the same programs, such as their department's Relay for Life ---is titled the Rabbit Racers.

the team Denise said she enjoys working for the same department because she can interact with her husband.

While caring for their bunnies at their Carterville home, the Rutherfords enjoy spending their free time traveling and tending their gar-den. Rutherford enjoys working in his yard and maintaining it himself. He said this activity brings out the farm boy in him from his rural childhood in Shipman, a small town in central

Taking many Student Center departments under his wing, Rutherford has tackled and supported several programs and improvements in the building, including helping to advance the physical and technologi-cal aspects of the Student Center.

"I have worked hard over the years to help the Student Center to do a lot of things, but to do it effectively, to use our resources and not have to ruse fee," Rutherford said.'

With the dawn of a new semester. Rutherford has specific objectives he plans to accomplish this spring. The largest project under the new director's belt is the renovations planned for the University Bookstore. As part of the Follett corporation, the bookstore is set for a \$590,000 remodeling job. The renovation will involve replacing carpets and fixtures and building a lounging area to provide a more com-

fortable, welcoming atmosphere. Also, the new director is placing a furniture order this week to replace the existing couches and chairs that decorate the building and is arranging Rutherford also listens to his wife's of or the fan system to be built during

66I don't sit in my office and hide; I enjoy walking around and saying hello.??

campus breaks. Rutherford said he is pleased to see the student, are getting full use of the building's equipment. Before becoming director,

Before becoming director, Rutherford has gathered extensive knowledge of campus life in Carbondale through past jobs. With a background and major in accounting and financial management, he has held several SIUC accountant and business management positions. He also served as acting director of the Student Center for six months in 1995.

As an alumnus, Rutherford has seen the Student Center change and evolve throughout his college and administrative career. Like most stu-dent unions, the Student Center is ing room and the front door of the University, providing students a social outlet while on campus.

"We need to have good program-ming and good entertainment for the students' extracurricular education," Rutherford said. "A whole education is not what you get out of your books and out of your classrooms, but to receive a broad education."

Backing the support of programs for the students, Rutherford also encourages students to volunteer and work for projects and departments such as the Student Programming Council and WIDB radio, which are both located in the Student Center.

"We provide a forum for volun-teers or student workers in SPC and WIDB has a laboratory of learning, Rutherford said.

While maintaining his yard and . garden at home is important to Rutherford, he said he will continue to work hard and use the same fun

ethics his "children" have taught him by acting as director of the Student Center. do and what I enjoy; I am not going to run away from this."

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Carbondale's economy fares well over winter holiday season

Arin Thompson Daily Egyptian

Although America has recently experienced questionable economic standing, the holiday sea-son showed modest gains and stability for local area ы

National retailers like Wal-Mart showed a16.6 ercent increase in sales for December. The Gap, whose sales were down 25 percent in November, n their 2000 numbers was only off 11 percent from their 2000 numbers in December, according to USA Today. The Stock Market, as well as business, have bounced up and down this year, especially since Sept. 11. But in December, the numbers came out ahead.

Sears came back from their annual conference toting a double-digit increase in revenue from the previo us ve

"We did well during the holiday," said Lill Searcy, owner of the Carbondale Sears, "Business was up from last year both for [December] and for

the year. The Carbondale Sears is part of a 13-district group, reaching Southern Illinois and Missouri. The Carbondale location was the leading store in the carbondale location was the leading store in the carbondale location was the leading store in the start and the store in this strong.

sales growth for the year in this group: "We've been open for three years and grown every month over the year," Searcy said, "I think

retail will continue to grow." Mike's Music on East Main Street met their

1972 SIU alumnus.

"When I retire I don't want to go play cards all day or work in the gar-den." Rutherford said. "This is what I

"It was not the greatest Christmas ever, in terms of how much merchandise we had on our hands," as ever, in terms said owner Mike Ricci. "But we weren't stuck without merchandise or with a surplus.

Mike's Music recently started taking their business to the Internet by selling some merchandise on eBay.

If we had not changed or expanded our market places, we absolutely would have suffered," said Ricci

The SIUC enrollment numbers, which

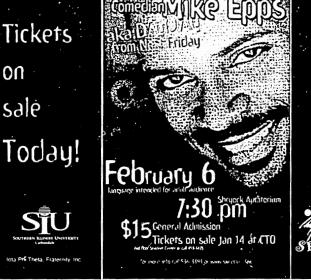
dropped by 954 students last fall, also affected Mike's business, Ricci said. "It's hard to run a business in a shrinking town."

For first-year business, Steve Hermdobler, part owner of G & S New and Used Furniture, the holiday season turned up better than expected.

hay season turnet up cetter train expected. People arch traveling so much, the economy is a little slower so people will spend more on their homes," said Hermdobler. "The slower economy might be helping us. People might want a little more value for their money."

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T.J. Rutherford is the newest director of the Student Center,

taking the position in August. A Carterville resident, Rutherford is a

NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Service award offered to seniors

Applications are now available for the Service to Southern Award, a \$1,000 monetary gift for a graduating senior with outstanding par-ticipation and service contributions to SIUC. The award is funded by the Inter-Greek Council.

Seniors who graduated in December 2001 or will graduate in May or August with a 2.75 cumulative grade point average and have been involved in co-curricular and volunteer activities are eligible. Students should also have participation with a residence hall, registered student organizations and/or campus or community service projects and activities.

Applications are available in the Student Development office, located on the third floor of the Student Center. For additional information, contact Katie Sermersheim at 453-5714 or sermersh@siu.edu. The deadline for applications is Feb. 8.

Attorney general candidate to visit SIU law school

Lisa Madigan, a Democratic candidate for attomey general, will be at the SIU School of Law in Room 102 at 4:30 p.m. today to meet with StU students and the Carbondale community. Madigan, the daughter of Illinois Speaker of the House Mike Madigan, currently serves as a state senator from Chicago.

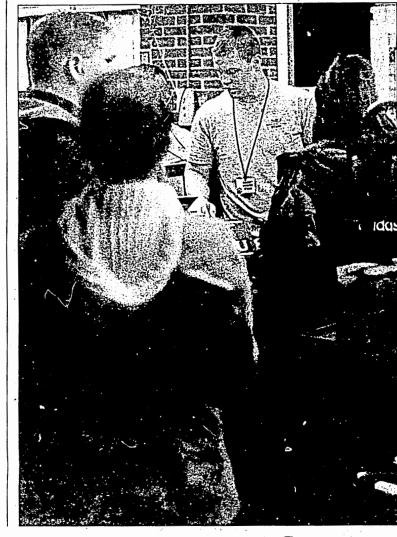
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Seasonal employment for Rend Lake begins

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Rend Lake is accepting applications for seasonal employment for the 2002 recreation season. Starting salary is \$8.56 per hour. Applicants may be hired to work in

onmental Management, Public Relations of Facilities Maintenance. Requirements include at least a six-hour course load and a 2.0 grade point average.

Deadlines for applications is March 1, 2002. For more information, call Dawn Kovarik at 618-



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USG makes changes for spring

Gus Bode

Seventeen senators added for upcoming election

Jane Huh Daily Egyptian

Undergraduate Student Government will add an extra 17 senator slots to its April election ballot, though it has had trouble filling its nine current vacant seats

At an October meeting, the of the coilege district. Currently, only two senators

represent each individual college. The new amendment calls for each college to have one senator for every 500 students, a requirement that residential district senators already adhere to. The USG senate has 14 senators representing colleges and 18 that represent residential districts.

The new requirement will add 17 seats to the current 41. add 17 seats to the current 41. Schools with disproportionately higher populations will have greater representation. For example, the College of Liberal Arts has 3,060 students, which guarantees six senators.

"It evens the stakes out and every college is different," said acting Vice President Valerie

Though Thompson Point

Senator Justin Davis acknowledges that there are already nine unoccupied seats, he said that adding even more seats next year will improve the quality of dis-

trict representation. Although it's realistic to say that we won't fill the seats, the fact that there are seats to be filled is a great thing," Davis said.

Climo cites student apathy for the nine open seats. The sitting members, however, have had a relatively consistent attendance, she said.

Senate elections for the 58 seats will take place on April 17. Until then, current members will pitch in their efforts to heighten

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Alters RSO fund guidelines Jane Huh Daily Egyptian

The annual task of doling out money to more than 400 Registered Student Registered Student Organizations may be made easier with a few procedural changes, including an earlier application deadline, a shorter interview process and a more simplified questionnaire.

Previously, RSOs had to have all applications for funds in by March 24. Now, the deadline has been pushed back to Feb. 15.

Though the new funding

66RSOs are going to get better funding this year.99

Michael Perry President, USG

guidelines for RSOs, organized by the Undergraduate Student Government Finance Committee, have yet to be passed by the Senate, USG President Michael Perry expects them to be passed smoothly. The resolution will be the first item on the agenda at USG's first meeting of the

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Presidential scholarships offered to freshmen this fall

Ginny Skalski Daily Egyptian

In an effort to attract more accelerated stu-dents, SIU will be offering 30 presidential scholarships to Illinois freshman beginning this fall.

The merit-based scholarships will offer recipients \$20,000, which will be dispersed throughout four years.

Illinois high school students who have been admitted to SIU before Feb. 1 and have all the necessary documents on file with the Admissions Office will be considered for the

scholarship. However, there is no application form for the scholarships. Recipients will be selected by a scholarship coordinator and other nembers of the Financial Aid Office based on the information contained in their application for admission.

We try not to make this more of a hassle for students because we capture what we need off the [admission] application form," Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Larry Dietz said.

Illinois students who attain an ACT score of 29, a 3.75 grade point average cn a 4.0 scale and demonstrate leadership qualities will be reviewed for the scholarships. Of the 30 schol-arships available, 19 will be offered to SIUC students, and 11 will go to SIU-Edwardsville students.

Dietz anticipates that many of the scholarship recipients will be students who are popular from their reputations in high school as academic and extracurricular activity leaders and will have several friends who will want to experience college with them, bringing in an additional

pool of accelerated students. SIU President James E. Walker developed the scholarship program and announced it dur-ing his Shared Vision plan in September. At a

November Board of Trustees meeting, Walker November Board of Trustees meeting, Walker announced that he would be donating \$30,000 to start the scholarship fund. Scott Kaiser, spokesman for the president, said the funds for the scholarships will also come from within the University and from donors. "Scholarships are a priority at both campua-es, "Kaiser said. "We need to do more in attract-ing good scudents and students with a diverse background, and it is certainly warranted and needed on both-campuses."

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Gus says: Perry doesn't have a prayer of

filling all those seats.



senate overwhelmingly passed Senator Erik Wiatr's proposal that asked that the number of senate seats he based on the size

Cancer Institute receives federal funds

Officials search for site of new facility

Ben Botkin Daily Egyptian

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Federal tax dollars will help pave the way for the construction of the SIU School of Medicine's new Cancer

Institute in Springfield. U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, helped obtain \$800,000 in federal funding that will be used

toward building the facility. The institute will serve as a source of research and additional training for students.

T.e University's medical students spend their first year of school in Carbondale, and continue their educaion at the SIU School of Medicine in

Springfield. The funding was included in an annual appropriations bill passed by the House and Senate in December. The SIU Cancer Institute was also given more than \$17 million for construction and operations costs by Gov. George Ryan and the Illinois General

Assembly last year. More than \$14 million will be spent on the facility's construction, and \$2.8 million will go

toward operation expenses. Administrators are in the process of finding a location for the SIU of finding a location for the SIU Cancer Institute, but expect the facili-ty to be within walking distance of two Springfield hospitals and the medical school, said Dr. J. Kevin Dorsey, inter-im dean and provost of the SIU School of Medicine.

Dorsey said the need for a cancer institute was highlighted by the SIU School of Medicine after a survey was

Communities said we need cancer care closer to home," he said.

Forty thousand Southern Illinois sidents will die from cancer between 2000 and 2005, according to a study conducted by the SIU School of Medicine and SIU Physicians and

Surgeons. The proposal for the cancer insti-tute was approved by the Board of Trustees on Feb. 10, 2000. The facility's construction and completion is expected to take several years. "John Shimkus understands the

ealth care benefits the SIU Cancer Institute will bring to this region, and his work to provide funding will help us build a top-notch facility to serve Illinois' citizens," SIUC President James Walker said in a written statement

The School of Medicine also hired consulting firm and began a search for a medical director, Dorsey said. The pieces will all come together,

he said.

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Study shows women economists in the minority

Fewer women enter field after boom in 1980's

Mark Lambird Daily Egyptian

"Math class is tough," was one of the last words Barbie ever said.

It was 1992 and Mattel, the maker of the immensely popular doll, released a schoolgirl Barbie that said these words and doomed her to speak no more. Many parents and teachers felt the doll perpetuated the stereotype that girls do not do well in math, so they put pres-sure on Mattel to pull the doll off from stores. The idea that "math class is tough," seems to carry over into adulthood, especially in the

field of economics.

A study presented to the American Economic Association at their annual meeting early this month outlined the declining ber of women teaching economics. nu

Shulamit Kahn, an associate professor of economics at Boston University, was the ciate professor of

author of the study that found the number of new female assistant professors reached its zenith in the early 1980s and then plummet-

ed to 20 and 25 percent, where it has stayed. The national trend holds true at SIU, where only one of 10 faculty members in the Department of Economics is female.

Allison Watts, an assistant professor of economics, said SIU is pretty normal when compared with other institutions.

"At Duke, I was one of three women in a' class of 25," Watts said.

Watts went on to Vanderbilt University where she taught for eight years. She said there were more women among the faculty but the number was still smaller than that of the men.

"Historically girls have not been encour-aged to go into mathematics, that plays a big part in the numbers we see," Watts said. A study Jasna Jovanovic and Candice

Dreves completed at the University of Illinois supports Watts. The study found a gap in boys and girls performance in math and sci-

ence. The study found that girls perform at the

same level as their male counterparts but usu ally do not to take advanced math and science courses once they enter high school.

One of the possible reasons for this is the young boys play with which includes blocks and simple machines.

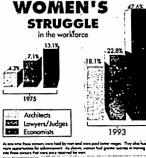
Because most girls do not play in the same way, the researcher, believe that this play helps boys develop basic mathematical skills during childhood: Helen Farmer, a psychologist at the University of Illinois, said the social environment that children are raised in plays a big role in their development later in life.

"Society doesn't give girls support for their careers in the ways it does boys," Farmer said. In 1980, Farmer conducted surveys on

more than 2,000 high school students and found that parental support played a major part in women following through with career plans in science or math.

She said boys generally are encouraged more to do well in science and math so they can get into college, while girls do not receive

the same type of support. "Girls need to be engaged in future plan-



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ning for a dual-career lifestyle where both husbands and wives work and raise the children," Farmer said.

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BBC adds daily lineup

Codell Rodriguez Daily Egyptian

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, Rahul Yadaz is a little more interested in world news.

Yadaz, a freshman in information systems technology from Centralia, said he keeps up with international such the recepts up with international events more than ever and has to look to local broadcasting for full world news coverage. To meet that need, Yadaz watches BBC World News on WSIU-TV.

'I've mainly been watching the conflict between India and Pakistan," Yadaz said. "Since I'm Indian, I really care about my country.

Before WSIU-TV had the BBC in the evening, they gave students a look at international news with World News for Public Television. However, after several years of run-ning the program, WSIU lost World News because the corporation that provided it did not receive national funding. To make up for the hole in programming the station will now run BBC World News in its place. The station used to show BBC

North News at 5 a.m. and World News at 5 p.m. Now the BBC will rule both times. Richard Kuenneke, news director of Channel 8 TV, said the extra showing of BBC World News will be a welcome addition to the station.

"I think it's a great show because it'll give our students important access to international news," access to international news," Kuenneke said. "That's the style of news we're missing desperately in this country.

Trina Lyons, program coordina-tor for WSIU-TV and WUSI-TV, said the BBC World News and its predecessor are important programs to follow after the terrorist attacks.

"I hope they are more interested now because of Sept. 11," Lyons said.

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USG's visibility. "There's a proportion of under-graduates who don't even know USG existy." Davis stid. Last semester's lowered GPA

requirement from 2.5 to 2.0 allowed for more eligible undergraduate stu-dents. USG President Michael Perry's veto on the GPA adjustment was overturned by the senate. Though Climo initially disagreed with the lowered GPA requirement, she said she is behind the senate's decision.

"Personally, I felt that we com-promised by lowering the GPA,"

she said. "If we're giving students money and the students have a say where the money goes, then it shouldn't matter who's sitting in senate.

Beginning in February, senate election guidelines and other infor-mation will be made available

throughout campus. Climo said introducing non-members to the regular meetings and other USG functions is the first crucial step in garnering a larger interest in student government.

"I've been trying to challenge senators to bring one person to a meeting," Climo said. Reporter Jare Huh can be reached at jhuh@dailyegyptian.com

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OUR WORD

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Graduation prayer incident should have been handled better

DAILY EGYPTIAN

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Undergraduate Student Government President Michael Perty led a prayer at two SIUC graduation ceremonies Dec. 15. Students, faculty and local residents upset about the use of the prayer flooded the chancellor's office with some 100 complaints.

Some opposed the prayer outright, while others felt that there should have been more input from the Carbendale and University communities on the matter. Perry, who was elected USG president in spring 2001, indicated his intentions during a USG

meeting last semester. Only one senator, an atheist, voiced opposition to the prayer. Perry said that he made an adequate effort to engage public interest. We disagree. Yes, the matter was brought up at a public meeting, and The DALY EGYPTIAN, which covers such meetings, failed to pick up on the prayer issue before the graduation ceremonies.

That does not, however, remove the responsibility of elected officials to fully engage their constituents on important issues. Prayer given before public ceremonies is a very important issue. This issue was probably worthy of USG senate resolution. Faculty, students and community leaders other than the few religious leaders Perry spoke to could have been consulted.

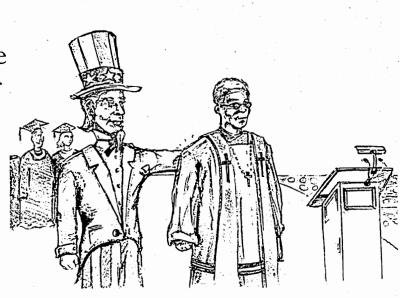
We also wonder why there was only one objection at the USG meeting. Prayer in school is a controversial subject. The issue deserved a broad discussion and should have been brought back to constituents

for their input. Perry and Chancellor Wendler, who approved of the prayer, assert that it was not their intention to force a religious belief on the audience or aggravate those who felt the prayer was inappropriate. The prayer was not illegal, though the constitutional argument has never been 100 percent absolute.

The main issue is that more thought should have gone into this decision than was More thought given. The separation of church should have into this founding principles. This is a pubgone into this lic university with a diverse camdecision. pus constituency. A prayer of any faith or religion given before the

graduation ceremony would have been inappropriate. Having a quiet moment for reflection is a reasonable alternative. One can reflect on his/her past academic career and what's in store for the future, or on their families, friends or their particular faith. Perry made the point that the University should nurture the students' spiritual needs as well as their academic, physical and social needs. This is very true.

It is for this very reason that SIUC and other universities have religious organizations and clubs in place for students. These are all voluntary to students and cover a broad range of faiths --- Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and so on. Spiritual guidance should be given by these outlets. Let's save the graduation ceremonies for say, graduation.



GUEST COLUMNIST Free Mumia

Stan Hansen staned1@yahoo.com

December 9, 2001, marked 20 years since Murnia Abu-December 9, 2001, marked 20 years nice Nutural About Janal, 46, was arrested for the murder of Daniel Faulkner, a Philadelphia police officer. With the Daily Egyptian's recent Focus on Diversity series, and columnists Tommy Curry and Mars Bigby binging to light race relations surrounding this campus, there is no better time to bring this campus attention to the trace of Mursin 4 Multi-Janal e story of Mumia Abu-Jamal. to th

to the story or Mumia Abd-Janal. Mumia Abd-Janal, whose real name is Wesley Cook, was a Philadelphia radio celebrity in the early '70s. Known as the "voice of the voiceless," he prached about racism, prejudice and affirmative action over the Philadelphia airwaves. A for-iner member of the Black Panther Party and president of the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists, Mumia was one of the ton names in Philadelphia radio interview. of the top names in Philadelphia radio, interviewing such peo-ple as Jesse Jackson. He won a Peabody Award for his cover-

age of a visit by the Pope. The Philadelphia Inquirer called him "an eloquent activist not afraid to raise his voice," and Philadelphia megazine called him "one to watch." But on the night of December 9, 1981,

him one to watch. But on use upon vs Setemate everything changed. He approached a scene of police brutality where he saw his brother, William Cook, being beaten by a police officer follow-ing a traffic stop. Mumia has said he heard a shot and passed out after suffering a gun shot wound from the Philadelphia police.

police. After awakening the next day still suffering from the gun-shot wound, Mumia Abu-Jamal was charged with the shoo: ing death of Officer Faulkner. According to witness accounts published in Philadelphia newspapers, another shooter was said to have fled the scene. Despite a pile of evidence a mile high of his innocence and a police cover-up about as sloppy as wy domn room, Mumia was convicted of naturder and sen-terced to death by. Philadelphia Judge Albert 7: Sabo. Sabo, who has been known as a prosecutor's dream judge, has sentenced more people to death (31) than any other in the history of the United States. Of the 31 sentenced to death,

only two were white. A life member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Sabo was allegedly overheard saying "I'm going to help

Four, sub was megenly overneed using Tim going to help them for the nigger. This case is full of violations of the constitution, including Mumia not being allowed to defend himself or testify in his own defense. He was not even allowed to be present at his trial (his dreadlocks were scaring the jurors). Mumia's legally regis-tered 38 was never officially linked to the Faulkner shooting.

tered. 38 was never officially linked to the Faulkner shooting. His supporters charge that evidence proving his innocence was not allowed into trial. The prosecutor in the case was later rep-rimanded for withholding evidence in another trial. Also, a confession of the murder of Officer Faulkorer by hitman Arnold Beverly was thrown out because t e statute of limitations had expired (even though there is no t. tutte of lim-itation for muder.) Despite all of these findings, for 20 years Mumia has sat in a cell the size of an average bathroom. Usage was finder for his freedom, he will be muclered by the Unless we fight for his freedom, he will be murdered by the

Unless we fight for his freedom, he will be mundered by the United States government. The reason I am writing this column is to make you aware of Mumia's case and to encourage you to find out more about this revolutionary. Thankfully, his death sentence was over-turned Dec. 18, 2001, by a Pennsylvania federal judge who cited problems with the original jury charge and verdict. The judge denied all of Mumia's other claims and refused his reverse for a new trial.

judge denied all of Mumia's other claims and refused his request for a new trial. Mumia and his supporters have been fighting for a new trial since his conviction. His appeals thus far have gone nowhere. There is an innocent man sitting in jail, and he needs all of our help. I will leave you with a quote I recently saw in the DAILY EGYPTIAN by Voltaire. "It's dangerous to be right when the government is wrong." Free Mumia.

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WORDS OVERHEARD

66It is not a small measure of irony that county governments, among others, are seeking to impose their religious views on the nation at the same time the nation is fighting those overseas who impose their religicus views on others.??

David Friedman, Kentucky ACLU

Seople should just stop whining about it.??

> Tim Davis, the only duate Student Government senator to raise questions about the prayer about the p at graduation, also an a

QUOTE OF THE DAY

6 Prayer for many is like a foreign land. When we go there, we go as tourists. Like most tourists, we feel uncomfortable and out of place. Like most tourists, we therefore move on

before too long and go somewhere else.??

COLUMNISTS What Will It Take?



Don't Get Me Wrong

BY MARS BIGBY thered planet@hotmail.com

So here we are at the start of a new semester. Did you folks happen to catch the column by Terry Dean about the fraternities on the or the campus of Auburn University in Alabama? You know, the ones who dressed up in black face while others in KKK outfirs had nooses around their necks. I'm just wondering what around their necks. I'm just wondering what you people out there are thinking about it. Specifically, I want to hear from those people who dared to write in to The DAILY EGYPTIAN that we "Africans" were perpetuat-ing this so called "myth" of racism and we real-ly didn have anything to complain about. According to you folks, everything is hunky dory and we don't need things like affirmative action and social programs to even the scale. Can a brother get some feedback? Please? What I want to know is what will it take, short of an IQ and social conscience trans-plant, to get through to you folks? You tell me.

and I will try my best to give it to you. Every day we hear about racially motivated violence. and twin it in the state give in order to be the state day we here about racially motivated violence. We see statistics about the alarming percentage of minorities in prison. We look at graduation, hiring, powerty and every other statistic known to man, and the evidence is clear. There is

inequality everywhere. Yet there are still those of you who believe that I am whining, playing the victim, being a reverse racist and whatever other terms you would like to throw out there. I have to tell you, I don't hold out much hope. I really and truly believe that people who hold the belief that racism has disappeared are just as hopelessly embroiled in ignorance as the racists that I know are out there. You are so quick to complain when something like the Miss Eboness Pageant occurs and so very silent when racially charged acts occur. Come on, I want you to defend yourselves.

Show me why I have no reason to talk about the treatment of minorities in America today. Explain to me why it's OK that there are more blacks in prison than in college? And when you are explaining it to me, don't tell me about any "surveys" and "studies" that show this-and-that because I'll laugh at you. I'll laugh at you in the exact same way that I laughed when I read about a survey conducted about higher education. Let me explain a little something to you that for some reason is being overlooked.

When you ask a hundred white males if When you ask a hundred white males if they think hiring practices should take into account race and gender, they're probably going to say "no." Can you guess why? Well, I'll tell you. If race and gender are taken into account, it will be those white males who are affected. It will be their "old boys club" that are rendered asunder. It's not rocket science, man; i's not ense orth science. And as for a the it's not even earth science. And as far as the educational benefit, is that quantifiable? I mean, really. I know I appreciated the fact that my class on diversity was taught by a minority. It definitely benefited me that the teacher had a minority perspective and wasn't spouting stuff he had read in a text, but things he had

lived, When a white male tells me that a survey of other white males shows that 99 percent don't want anything that helps minorities get on an equal platform with them, it's expected. That is exactly why those programs exist. As the great Frederick Douglass once said, "Pow use great recence Douglass once said, "Power" concedes nothing without a demand." So like I said, you tell me. What do I need to show you, say to you, explain to you, sing, sign, e-mail or write to you to get the message through? What, exactly, will it take?

Don't Get Me Wrong appears on Tuesday. Mars is a senior in University studies. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGUPTLAN.

Commencement Prayer Out of Whack

DEAR EDITOR:

I was glad to read in Monday's DE that so many

I was glai to read in Monday's DE that so many have spoken out against the paryer at SIUC's om-mencement ceremonies, and I hope Chancellor Wendler takes their opposition to heart. SIUC prisk iself on its diverse student body, and with that divensity come religious differences as well. And, just as all international students are not Christians, nother are all Annerican students; Carbondale, after all, has a very large Pagan popula-tion.

Graduation is intended to celebrate the accomplishments of all students. Elevating Christianity over pustiments of an students, Elevating Crimitativity ore other religions at this type of ceremony degrades stu-dents holding different religious beliefs. What Chancellor Wendler needs to remember are the words of one popular humper sticker. Freedom of religion means freedom of all religions.

> Rebecca Evon Donnell graduate student, English nt, Englis

Graduation Praver: Ode to a Nothing

It's not surprising that Perty's graduation prayer spurred objections, how dare the University allow those 'value statements' to creep into our minus' What an affront to my person. If the goal is 'no offered, 'I have a few suggestions for Chancellor Wordlaw computing Wendler's committee.

First or sconneittee. First, there should be no regalia at all this nostal-gia, of course, is rooted in the Medieval Christian concept of the university. Have not pastors worn robes?

moor: Second, our language should be cleansed of value. Words like "good," "bad" and "congenutations" amply value, excluding them from the realm of science. The startment "Good lick, ye graduates" will be replaced by more perspicatous declarations such as "You may lave now."

Ears now." Third, classrooms should be purged of any private infingement of the public sphere. Faculty should refrain from T statements such as T graded your papers or I am religious or T have cats." The community must understand that our nation was formed and founded not by Judeo Greeco-Clustian-Romanicids, but by published professors from Prague. Everyone knows this region is populat-

ed by a myriad of contradictory world views: The Baptist, The Catholic and, darn it, even the wily Presbyterian. It's damnable, I tell you. If our versable commencement plear remains, I offer my services in rewriting Mr. Perry's prayer

<u>Letters</u>

below

xx, "Gracious unknowable thing called God, Oprah, Gracious unknowshib thing alled God, Oprah, or Frogman, it's without an empirically-writibable feeling for your many blessings that we declare this the day of graduation. We do not know if you have supported us and speak to the air, saying. These tedious labors may have an impact on both flora and funa. We ask that Frogman continue to form us in his/her image and inspire us with his/her Frogbreath and all rights appertaining thermunto. And please lower interest rates on school loans. God save the every. queer

No animal's feelings were hurt during the writing of this communiqué.

Harrison Scott Key

Apologize Wendler

In responding to complaints about his decision to return prayer to graduation, Chancellor Wendler reveals a vision of SUIC as a parochial institution "reflecting the culture of this region." Unfortunately, this principle simply modes the universitism and spir-it of critical inquiry that the University should embody.

enhody. Readers who have followed the issue over break are aware of the rancor it raises. Opponents of prayer have been dubbed 'dangerou and traitorous by local citizens, and 'intolerant' by a local columnist skilled at double-bink. Such responses make it clear that graduation prayer is appealing to many, but it ill-befits the University to catter to their sentiments, founded as they are on equiting the United States with Christianity. This reserved.

they are on equating the United States with Christianity. This equation is rejected by many Christian denominations, which themselves oppose prayer at bablic school graduations. Among these are the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Seventh-Day Adventises, the American Baptist Churches, the Prodynamic Church and the United Church of Christ. Given their stance and the strong opposition to graduation prayer oppressed in the numerous letters Wendler has received, this is not a matter to refer to a committee. Indeed Wendler church and hading this miscommittee. Indeed, Wendler should admit to react up take, return us to the status quo ante, and then better inform himself about the values of this University.

> Mark A. Schneider . Sarickogy h fé or g

2001 was a red-letter year for George W. Bush. The goofy, kooky Texan "officially" won the presidential election (kind of) and then skated through economic hazards to a lofty 90 percent approval rating for bombing the ho hell out of Afghanistan. Well, as the saying oly goes - the chickens are finally coming ho e to roost.

Just as 2002 began, the economic missteps of the Bush administration were becoming quite clear. And that's the least of Bush's prob-

quite clear. And that's the least of busits prob-lems. The fail of Enron, a new French book and a disagreeing pretzel ail mean trouble for our child-like president. First, the Enron fizeco. Enrongate has sur-faced as what may be the biggest beltway scan-dal since Monica Lewinsky fiddled around with a circu line horizont and weilling at with a cigar. I'm hoping to make millions scripting an "Enrongate for Dummies" book, because this large-scope scandal is pretty com-plex. I'll attempt to explain it and show how it relates to our becaguered leader. In the simplest of terms, Enron was a cor-

poration h."- most American corporations. It was run by a group of greedy, cocky hacks who involved themselves in shamelessly unethical practices and covered themselves by spewing out gigantic clumps of money to practically every politician who'd accept.

The "experts" are sparing over just what led to the energy giant's spectacular downfall (the largest in U.S. history) – crime or fantastic foolishness. Exactly how much criminal muck



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muck is ... the Bush administration just may be neck deep in it. Enron's chief executives frequented the

Attorney General John Ashcroft had to step down from the investigation because of past campaign donations he received from the cor-

is now in charge of the investigation. However, Bush's relationship with Enron appears the most worrisome. The president was so close to Enron CEO Kenneth Lay, that he nick-named him "Kenny Boy." Kenny Boy showered millions on Bush's campaign endeavors through Enron and through private donations of his own. Keep your cyse wide open as this interesting situation continues to develoo. There are plenty more problems for

develop. There are plenty more problems for Bush An explosive new book claims Bush was in An explosive new book claims Bush was in negotiations with the Talban early last year, which quelled FBI investigations into the al Queda terror network while they were alleged by planning the Sept. 11 trronist attacks. The book alleges the United States was in negotia-tions to make a deal with the Taliban for an oil

bins to make a deal with the Fandan for an of pipeline in Afghanistan, as reported by CNN. Oil and gas fields in Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan (countries north of Afghanistan) are damn valuable, and the U.S. has been try-

ing to install a pipeline through Afghanistan for some time to get those resources. The rea-son being that the United States doesn't want to have to go through rivals Russia or Iran, making Afghanistan the ideal alternative.

The only problem had been the ongoing civil conflicts between the Taliban and Northern Alliance. However, when the Taliban officially took control, the Bush administration was prepared to look the other way while drug trade and terrorist activity ran

rampant through the government - as long as a deal for the pipeline could be hammered out. However, 9/11 presented a unique oppor-tunity for the Bush administration to go ahead and eliminate the Taliban and install their own government, which would be more than happy to welcome an oil pipeli .e within the Afohan to welcome an oil pipeli e within the Afghan borders. While the proof is still minimal and not all the facts are in, it is certain that what-ever the entire truth is, it doesn't show Bush in a good light.

a good light. Finally, another omen that 2002 will spell big trouble for Dubya came as the president momentarily forgot how to swallow while shoving a big pretted down his throat on Sunday. Bush choked and collapsed. He's in good condition, though. The condition of the prettel remains unknown. Whether all of the stores will have to the

Whether all of the above will lead to the downfall of America's illegitimate president remains to be seen. J just hope some of these illicit wrong-doings will eat away at his con-science. If not, maybe the slughtering of thou-sands of innocent civilians as a result of America's cowardly assault on Afghanistan will.

NEXT WEEK: An open letter to Matthew Hale!

Outlaw Nation appears on Tuesday. Joseph is a sophomore in journalism and cinema. To read more of his work go to www.outlaw-nation.com. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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Big troubles for Bush

BY JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

was involved is still murky, but whatever the

White House last year, meeting with Vice President Dick Cheney and possibly other administration figures. The administration and Enron are by no means strangers. Bush's top economic counselor was a paid adviser of Enron. Bush's chief political strategist and Cheney's chief of staff were investors in the

Contrary's used or many second and company. And Enron's reach goes well beyond the White House doors. Everyone from Republican Sen. John McCain to Majority Leader Tom Daschle have ties to Enron. poration.

Now, there are reports that tie Enron to Deputy Attorney General Larry Thomas, who

VOICES

Present-day images of Africa on display

Exhibit attempts to break stereotypes of African civilization

Keva Gaston Daily Egyptian

John McCall wants to educate SIUC about African culture by presenting contemporary images of Nigeria. McCall, an associate professor of anthropol-

ogy at SIUC, collaborated with Christey Carwile-Routon, a doctoral student in anthro-pology to create "Other Africas: Images of Nigerian Modernity." The exhibit lasts until

April 21. "We have this primitive tribal perception of Africa," McCall said.

McCall also said museums and the media contribute to the "imaginary Africa" by display-ing ancient masks and ritual objects and by pri-marily focusing on images of animals rather than

He said society fails to acknowledge the African modernities that are currently emerging. This exhibit was designed to break stereotypes of African civilization by featuring present-day images accentuating Africa's rich and distinct cuit

The exhibit features a wriety of images such as popular posters from African markets showligious diversity and political commentary, ingr city landscapes, African garments and movies

DNA

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legal cases, show the presence of this particular person at the crime scene," Bost said. "DNA is more effective than fingerprints and more prevalent in a scene or at a location when somebody's been there.'

County State's lackson Attorney Michael L. Wepsice said about 45,000 felons existed in Illinois Prisons in 2000, and the large number of felons may cause problems with costs and process-

"I don't disagree with the pro-posal," Wepsiec said. "I just think it needs to be fine-tuned. Logistically, it will create a nightmare.

Bost also recognizes that the proposal may need some work down the road.

down the road. "This is in the early stages of this bill. I can see where going back 15 or 20 years may be a prob-lem," Bost said. "We're not going

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to send out the DNA police." In Virginia, police have had access to criniinals' DNA for the last decade. A Virginia State Police sergeant who wished to remain unnamed said the policy is effective in putting criminals behind bars.

He said his department has even been able to help solve crimes in other states, with about one arrest made per day in DNA- con-nected crimes. nected crimes. Bost said if the proposal passes, it will likely take effect on Jan. 1,

Michael Brenner contributed

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Students interested in partici-pating in the Disabled Student Recreation program may con-tact the Office of Intramural Recreational Sports at 453-1265.



John McCall, an associate professor of anthropology, stands besides Nigerian made videos as part of the exhibit "Other Africas: Images of Nigerian Modemity," that is opening at the University Museum at Faner Hall Tuesday.

educed and directed by Nigerians for

Nigerians. There will also be a reception at 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 1 on the second floor of the University

Museum in Faner Hall. Immediately following the reception, there will be a lecture by McCall and Carwile-Routon beginning at 5 p.m. In the lecture, "Blood Money and Vulture Men: Picking the Bones of Nigerian Culture with the help from a Native Doctor," McCall will discuss his field research on Nigerian movies

Carwile-Routon will speak about Nigeria's religious diversity, focusing on the varied reac-tions to the institution of Islamic Sharia law. In addition, Carwile-Routon is teaching a new women's studies course outlining gender relations in sub-Saharan Africa. Both McCall and Carwile-Routon conduct-

Both McCall and Carwile-Routon conduct-ed their research in Africa for two months in summer 2000. The field research for their project was sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and SIUC's Office of Research Development and Administration. The exhibit was sponsored by the SIUC Women's Studies Program and the University Museum. Tedi Thomas, head secretary of the Anthropology Department, said this exhibit symbolizes "the University Museum and the Anthropology Department's attempt to incor-

Antiropology Department's attempt to incor-porate more integration within the Museum opposed to in the past, catering to the School of Art."

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Other Africas: Images of Nigerian Modernity' starts today at the University Museum in Faner Hail on the second Boor. For more nformation, call Donna R. Bachman at 433-5388 or visit the Museum's website at wow.museum.siu.edu.

PROGRAMS

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[Disabled Student Services] and ord of mouth."

Since DSR is a collegiate pro-gram, primary funding comes from the University, but donations also come from alumni and various businesses and corporations. Money goes to personnel wages, providing stu-dents with the specialized equipment they need to engage in activities and other costs.

The specialized equipment stu-nts are offered include a dents Versatrainer, which works chest and arm muscles and a hand cycle, which works like a regular bicycle, except the rider uses his or her hands to peddle instead of their feet.

The equipment provides students with added energy, additional fitness, more blood circulation and really increases their range of motion," said Helvey, a certified recreation specialist and graduate student in therapeutic recreation from St. Louis. While Hernández Uribe enjoys

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Marcela Hernandez Uribe, a junior in therapeutic recreation from Chicago, works out on the hand cycle in the Student Recreation Center on Monday afternoon.

the programs and equipment she uses with the help of DSR, it's the atmosphere and friends such as Zack who keep her coming back and give such a positive attitude. "She's one of the most upbeat peo-ple in the program," Zack said.

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When Pawlaczyk was asked by the DAILY EGYPTIAN Monday how he had obtained the information, the reporter said he simply asked the three employ-ees and they provided him the informa-

tion. "I'm standing by what I wrote," Pawłaczyk said. "It is information that is true.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and Kahler were confi-dent their staff did nothing wrong, but

neither would confirm the newspaper report was inaccurate. Dietz acknowledged that while employees are trained on the privacy rights of students, mis-takes do happen.

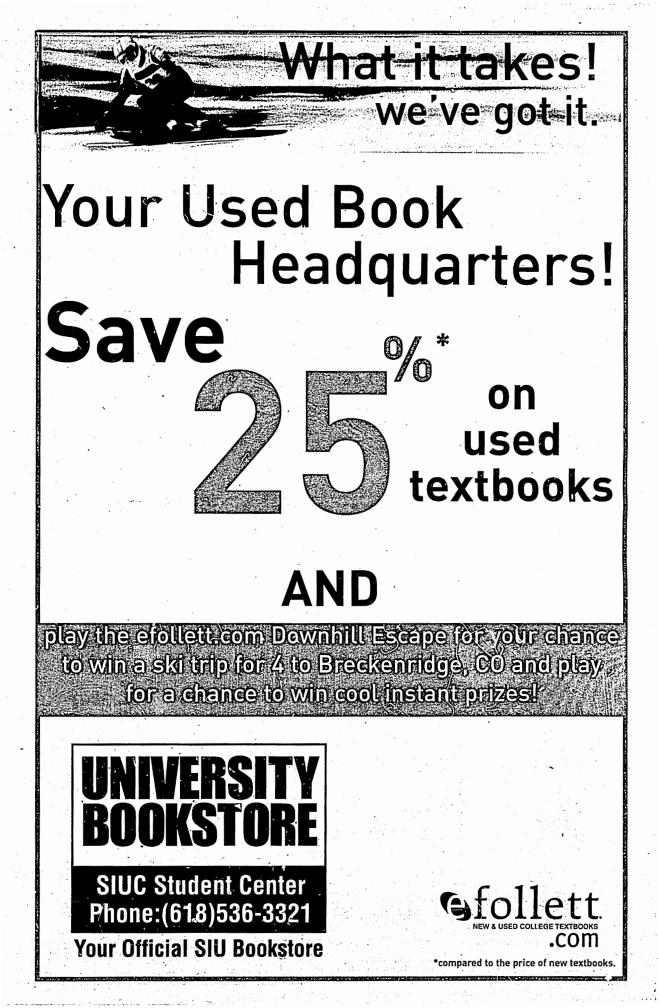
"I guess I would find it highly probable that anyone in our admisimprob sions and records area would talk about any information that is private," he said.

Rep. Jerry Costello's spekesman refused to comment on the situation, although he said John Costello was expected to release a statement today. Attempts to reach the Secretary of State's Office were unsuccessful.

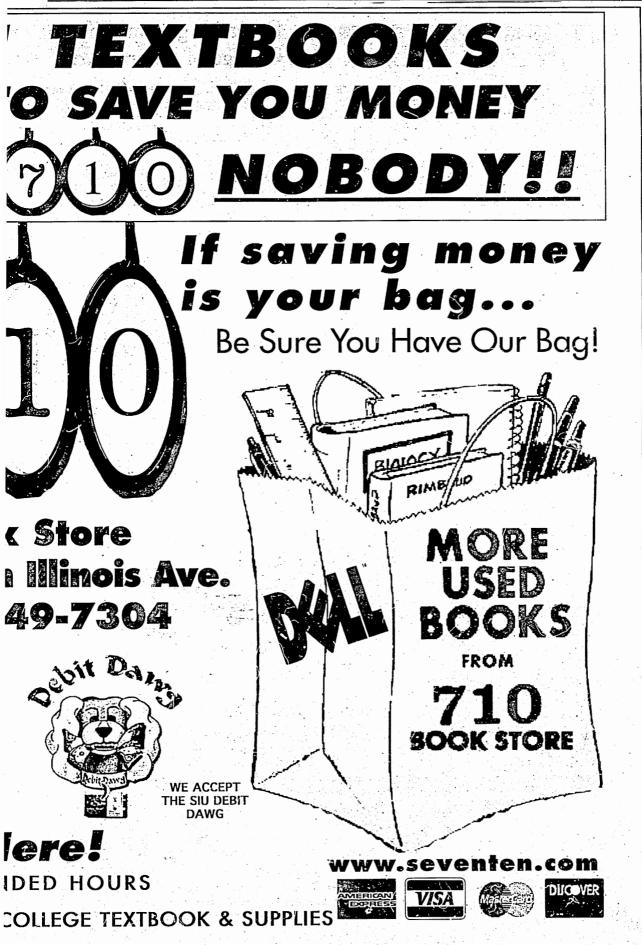
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NEWS







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for the Women's Center

Story by William Alonso ~ Illustration by Robin Jones

If the sight of ordinary chocolate isn't enough to get your taste buds gush-ing, perhaps a buffet of chocolate upside down cake, butter creams and tiramisu may suffice.

may suffice. The Women's Center is hosting its second annual "A Taste of Chocolate Benefit" at 7 p.m. Friday at the Carbondale Civic Center. The Women's Center provides comprehensive services for the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in 12 counties across Southern Illinois. Tickets for the benefit are \$25 each and are available at the Center.

The sweet and dark delicacies are provided by local culinary artists from six area businesses. A sensational array of gooey choco

late creations such

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66 It seems like a perfect blend, to have women and chocolate together.??

chocolates will be tva Dell Clay provided by Tom's Place in De Soto

and The Chocolate Factory in Golconda. "It just seems like the perfect blend, to have women and chocolate together,"

said Iva Dell Clay, development special-ist at the Center. "Chocolate will always be a good thing." The decadent event raises money to

match state grants that help the Center provide shelter programs and rape crisis

services

Aside from the pounds and pounds

of rich, succulent treats, the local band Mercy, will provide a jazzy groove for chocolate lovers. Also scheduled for the benefit is a

ent auction of original artwork denated from area artists as well as memora-bilia from Ray Charles and Steven Spielberg. More than 100 art pieces have been donated so far, covering

have been donated so far, covering numerous media. Chris Myers, self-proclaimed artist at large, has donated pieces for both benefits and has been networking with other artists to gather pieces for this year's event. The piece he donated last year, a painting expressing strength in women, was kept by the Center and is on display in its reception area. Myers said the offerings are his way of giving back to the Women's Center. back to the Women's Center. "A couple of years back my girlfriend

"A couple of years back my girlfriend at the time needed the Center," Myers said. "Through our relationship, I was going to the Center with her. She passed away. The Women's Center helped me through that." Clay encourages chocolate lovers to come and indulge in the savory array of chorolate acodire.

chocolate goodies. "It is a nice blend of activities. We

have booze, tunes, a silent auction and lots of chocolate, "Clay said. "It's going to be a great time."

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Research gets facelift in College of Liberal Arts

Department of Social Work receives grant for gerontology research

Arin Thompson Daily Egyptian

The college recently received a certificate which grants \$20,000 a year to integrate geriatric education into the social work curriculum.

The grant, awarded by the John A. Hartford Foundation, is set up on a three-year plan. The first year the college is awarded \$20,000 as we's as a contribution from SIUC of \$12,626. The following year the department will again receive around \$20,000 and a slightly smaller amount of around \$10,000 from the

University: The plan is to prepare the college so that by the third year, the college can sufficiently run its own program and eventually branch out into other possible areas of study as well.

"The program will also allow for the mental health of the elderly to be monitored," said Dr. Elaine Jurkowski, who is heading the project this semester.

Jurkowski said it is not uncommon for an aging adult to become depressed during the period in their life when they lose some of their independence and motor skill func-

tion. She said the elderly also spend an increasing amount of time alone as they get older — this is another cause for the discontent and mental disdain that the aging often feel. Jurkowski said another aspect of

the need for gerontology content in the human development courses is that the population of aging adults is on the rise in America.

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66 Especially in Southern Illinois, we know that our population is growing older.??

Dr. Elsine Jurkowski heading project

ing older," said Jurkowski, "and many adults return to Southern Illinois [after retirement], so it's important to train people to deal with this trend." She said as well as the need to pay

more attention to the elderly, future professionals will need to know more about the programs that affect aging adults.

Programs like Medicare and Social Security will need to be thoroughly understood and this grant allows for those programs to be dis-cussed in classes — as well as understanding how to assist in the opera-tion of hearing aids, wheelchairs, walkers and oxygen tanks.

The program will work directly with area venters and councils on aging. The Egyptian Area Agency on Aging, the Midland Agency on Aging and Southeastern Illinois Agency will be involved in the train-ing and future staffing of graduates in the neurone

the program. Sixty-seven programs were awarded nationwide this year, accord-ing to Sharon Keigher, director of the school of social work. Twenty-four of the programs were rural programs and the rest were urban.

"Older adults feel better dealing with younger, professional agencies," Jurkowski said. That's exactly the type of social workers that SIU will be turning out is the form

in the future.

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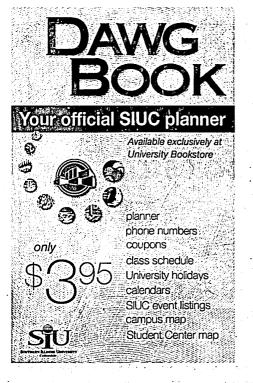


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year on Jan. 23.

Perry had hoped for guidelines to be set by the spring semester, but a long-running debate about future fee increases ate up meeting time and delayed activn. The Finance Committee decid-

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ed to modify its funding guidelines in response to the 2000 Supreme Court case University of Wisconsin v. Southworth. The Court's decision sparked added pressure to redefine the allocation procedures. According to the decision, any institutions that charge mandatory fees to students must allocate funds through a strictly "viewpoint-neutral" system.

Perry believes the new guidelines will speed up and simplify the com-plex process of allocating tunds to the wide array of student organizations.

"RSOs are going to get better funding this year," Perry said, adding that more money will be adding that more money will be available because funds from the 2001 student fee increase will be available in Fall 2002.

Perry pointed out that smaller RSOs may have more access to funding because of the simplified structure and the results from last

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Nick Gale general manager, WIDR

year's fee increase.

"I don't think we'll see half the disputes we've had before," Perry

valerie Climo, USG's acting vice president, believes the more clearly defined guidelines will also provide continuity amid the transition of veteran and new senators. Nick Gale, WIDB's general

manager, said he appreciates USG's efforts in devising a clear-cut pro-cedure to allocate funds as fairly and efficiently as possible. WIDB is a campus radio station and an RSO

"In my opinion it could turn out

to be a good thing," Gale said. Late last semester WIDB was approved to receive funding for equipment worth \$3,735. "I think it's great that USG is

trying to give everyone a fair shot. It's a trial run and we'll see what happens," Gale said.

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U.S. destroys network of caves in eastern Afghanistan

By Tom Infield Knight Ridder Newspapers

DAILY EGYPTIAN

WASHINGTON (KRT) -Although it has involved little fighting, the military effort to scour and close a network of 50 se a network of 50 caves in the Zawar Kili region of eastern Afghanistan has turned out to be one of the most extensive operations of the 100-day-old war in Afghanistan.

After 10 days of bombing, the Pentagon said Monday it was nearing Penagon sub Montay it was nearing the end of the campaign, which began Jan. 3 when intelligence sources picked up indications that al-Qaida or Taliban fighters were attempting to

regroup in the area The task, which involved ground operations by U.S. Special Forces, turned out to be harder than anybody in the military had expected - a job nearly on the scale of efforts last month to clean out caves in the Tora Bora area, to the north of Zawar Kili. Because the U.S. military did not have allies in this part of the country early in the war, officials have said, it did not know the extent of the warren of hideouts.

"Systematically; the forces on the ground have been inspecting these facilities and then calling in strikes, " Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem said at the Pentagon. "... Most of the cave entrances have been closed and all of the above-ground (buildings) have been destroyed" so that they could not be used again.

in the area at the beginning of the month. Ground forces did not encounter opposition, Stufflebeem forces on the ground said.

A number of Taliban tanks and artillery pieces were found in the caves and then dragged out by special forces soldiers so that they could be bombed and destroyed. Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said last week he would not disclose what intelligence materials were found.

Sixty buildings and other struc-tures were demolished. Zawar Kili, near the town of Khost, had been a terrorist training cump prior to the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. Hundreds of al-Qaida members, now scattered around the world, may have passed through the camp.

Al-Qaida and Taliban fighters may yet be hiding in other Afghan caves, Stufflebeem said. There is no way for the United States to routinely inspect

the United States to routinely inspect-every hole in a Swiss cheese landscape. "This is not a unique area," Snufflebeem said."...This entire part of the country is riddled with hills and valleys, of caves and above-ground structures." He said U.S. forces would continue to hunt for al-Qaida and Taliban forces and search facilities they have used in the past.

Jack Shroder, a geologist with a ccial interest in eastern Afghanistan, said in an interview that warriors of the ethnic Pashtun group in the region

have been inspecting these facilities and then calling in strikes??

Rear Adm John Stufflebeem

"Once they got skilled with modern engineering techniques, they started digging through very tough rocks, like granite....You can virtually dig a hole down through a mountain." After the search of the Tora Bora

a and other former hideouts, the U.S. Central Command reported that it had found loads of intelligence data, including computer disks and pro-

grammed cell phones. Using B-52 and B-1 bombers to close the Zawar Kili caves with 2,000pound satellite-guided bombs proba-bly ended all chance of gathering further data there. Air Force Maj. Bill Harrison, a

Central Command spokesman, said that before caves were sealed they were searched by what he called "evidenceintelligence exploitation teams.

A former high-ranking official at the Pentagon said he could not imag-ine the United States sealing the caves if U.S. forces had not gained all they could from them.

"I don't think they'd close them up if they felt they were foreclosing on useful infortation," said Noel Koch, former director of special planning for the Defense Department, a position that involved counterterrorism unt

Additional tuition hike probable at the U of I

By Angle Leventis Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN (U-WIRE) Parents and students likely will have to start planning for a tuition hike next semester in anticipation of state budget cuts and the stag-

Although numbers will not be Autholigh numbers will not be concrete until the state plans its fis-cal budget in February, the University of Illinois is planning an increase for each student of \$196 a semester in fall 2002.

This is on top of last year's increase, which raised fees at the University and at the Chicago cam-pus by 37 percent during the next two years.

Chancellor Nancy Cantor and Student Trustee Eamon Kelly said the Board of Trustees intends to discuss the proposal at its next meeting Wednesday and Thursday in Chicago but will not vote on any specific tuition hike.

Last year the board raised the tuition of each successive incoming class until fall 2004 by \$500 a semester - increasing tuition for semester — increasing tuition for this year's freshmen from \$3,724 to \$4,410, and to \$5,106 for fall 2002. The \$500 increase is in addition to the annual tuition hike of 5 percent. The proposed \$196 increase then would be on top of each classes'

would be on top of each classes extra \$500 charge. "We're thinking about asking students to help with the future of this institution," Cantor said. "We're still here to help the institu-tion to move forward."

She added any change in fees would be a one-time boost, not accumulating like last January's increase. The surcharge originally was added to help fund programs in the humanities and the core curriculum, and Cantor said the looming economic slump won't change that.

"The contract with students around the tuition surcharge needs to be protected, "Cantor said. "Curriculum is [changing], and we can't treat it as a stagnant thing." In addition to proposals for next

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Nancy Castor Chancellor, U of I

year's fees, the entire University system will face a cut of \$32.5 million in this year's fiscal budget, after the state decided to reduce funds allocated to higher education. Universities throughout Illinois will have to contribute to the health care costs of their own employees - usually paid by the state -- to fund the cut. The Urbana, 111., campus now

incounters a deficit of \$14.8 million, and about \$7 million likely will come from spending cuts in campus departments. and Provost Richard various Cantor and Herman said the proposed plan includes requesting administration and service units to cut spending by 2.5 percent; academic units will cut

spending by 1.25 percent. None of this year's 75 newly hired faculty will be fired; Cantor "most units will come up with the cash without laying people off.

Herman said the library is one of the administration's top priori-ties, and they will not ask this department to take a cut.

Administrators agree the University is not alone in its dire economic straits; Herman and Cantor said higher education is being hit hard across the country, and many universities will be forced to cut their budgets and raise tuition as well.

· A number of public universities began suffering cuts last year," Cantor and Herman wrote in a mass e-mail sent to faculty and staff Jan. 5. "Many of our peer institu-tions face [cutbacks] deeper than ours. It has been clear for many years that all universities, especially, publics, need to diversify their funding."

have been digging caves for hundreds - maybe thousands - of years. "Most of the caves in that area are manmade," said Shreder, a professor at There was no sign of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden despite reports that he might have been seen the University of Nebraska-Omaha. High quality and low prices 25% OFF 25% OFF are guaranteed at Meineke: LIFETIME BRAKE LIFETIME MUFFLERS PADS & SHOES • EXHAUST • STRUTS . TIRE BRAKES
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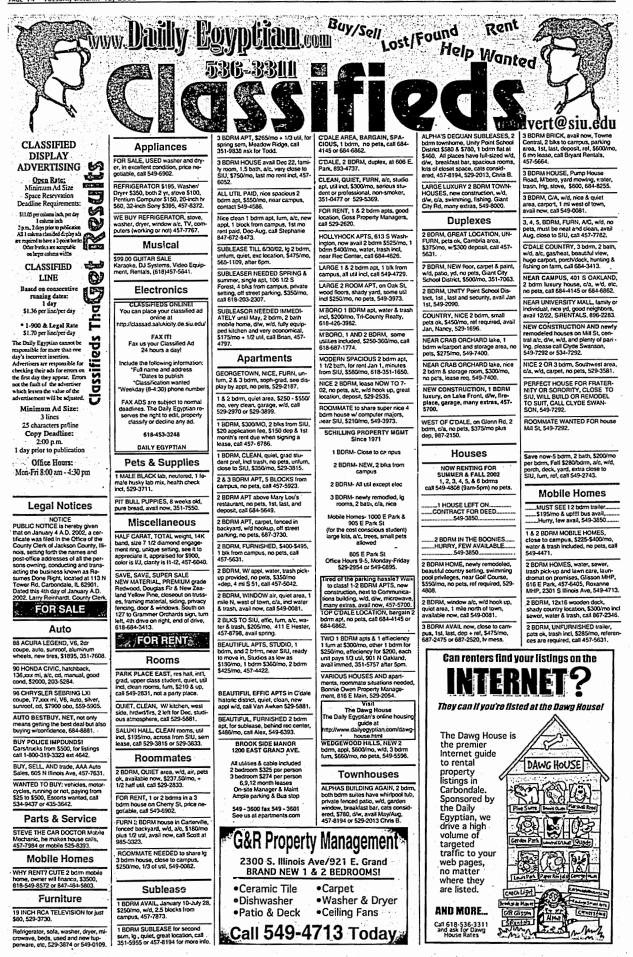
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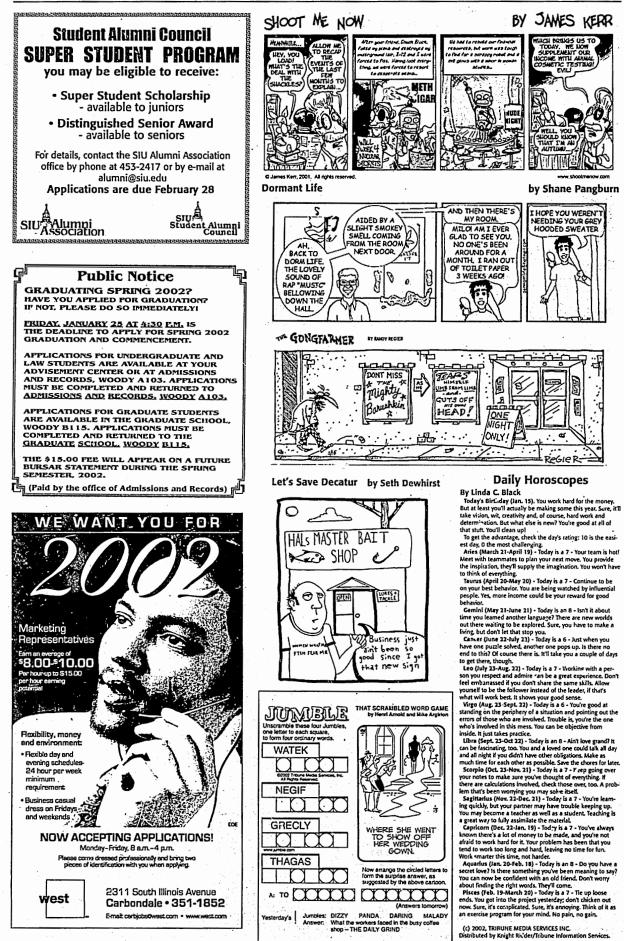


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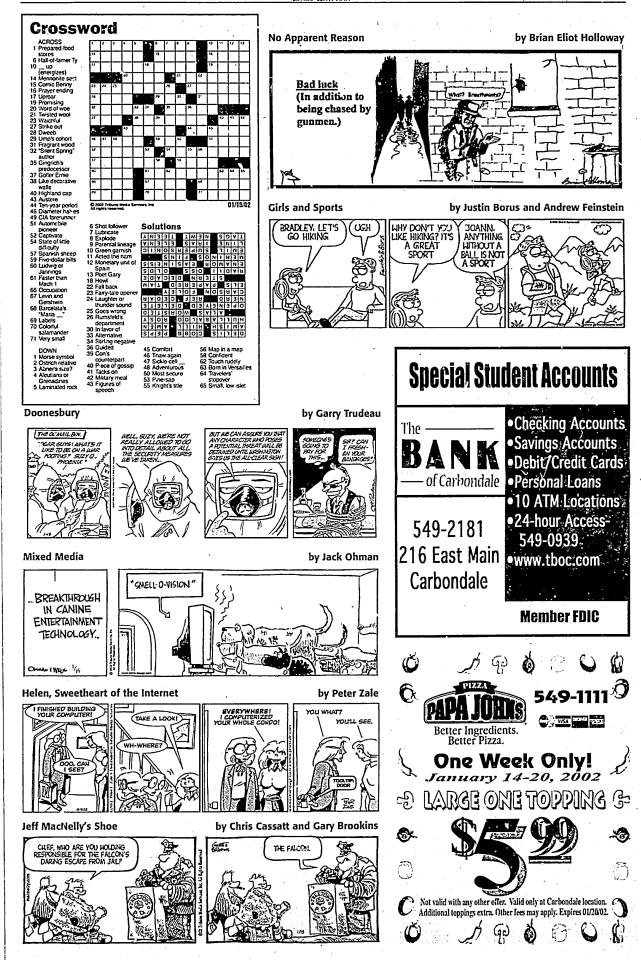
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Oregon tops Stanford behind balanced attack

By Jeff Smith Oregon Daily Emerald (U. Oregon)

EUGENE, Ore. (U-WIRE). - An emphatic fist pump and a hard clap was Oregon head coach Ernie Kent's immediate reaction when the final buzzer sounded.

He then quickly composed himself, walked over to Stanford head coach Mike Montgomery, and shook his former boss's hand.

Oregon's message-sending \$7-79 victory over No. 14 Stanford on Saturday at McArthur Court not only meant a lot to the Ducks after ending = 10-game losing skid to the Cardinal -- it also represented a personal hurdle that Kent finally cleared.

Kent was an assistant coach under Montgomery at Stanford for the 1990 and '91 seasons. But since taking over Oregon in '97, his team hadn't been able to conquer Stanford under his guidance.

So after the roar of the sold-out crowd of 5,087 helped push the Ducks to the win, there wis indeed obvious happiness for Kent. But more so, he said in his postgame press confer-ence, the satisfaction came in finally seeing his team reach that next level.

"For me and for my staff, it's great that we finally beat Stanford because they've been such

an elite program and we've Leen playing catch-up for so long," Kent said. "But more impor--p. for so long, "Kent said, "But more impor-tantly for me, the joy is for our guys. "They have worked so hard and they're see-ing the results."

Right now, the results can be seen in the

Right now, the results can be seen in the Pac-10 Conference standings. Southern California tops the league at 5-0, but Oregon is second with a 5-1 league record. It's still early, but the Ducks (12-4 overall) know that the league is up for grabs. Winning at the Pit will be key and protecting their home court against the Cardinal is the kind of game that can give them the momentum to

"This is the biggest win I think this pro-gram's had in a long time," point guard Luke Ridnour said. "We're starting to prove ourselves. This is huge." The difference in Saturday's game was bal-

The difference in Saturday's game was bar-ance of scoring with five Ducks scoring in double figures versus just two for the Cardinal. While Stanford's Casey Jacobsen and Curtis Borchardt each tallied career-highs with 32 and 29 points, respectively, the other nine Cardinal players combined for just 18 points.

"If you had told me that both me and Borchardt would have what we had and we would still lose, I would say you're crazy," said Jacobsen, who admitted that he loves playing in Eugene despite being the constant target of the Pit Crew.

For Oregon, Luke Jackson poured in 27 and Chris Christoffersen had one of his better games, scoring 16, including 6-of-7 from the foul line. Freddie Jones (12 points), Ridnour (11) and Brian Helquist (10) also contributed to the win.

The biggest key for us was we got off to a great start and stayed pretty much in control of the game," Kent said.

In the first half, Jacobsen was lights out,

In the first nail, Jacobsen was lights out, scoring 22 points, but the Ducks still held the 42-36 halftime advantage. "If Casey didn't have 22 in the first half, we would have been sucking grapes,"

would have been success be-re---Montgomery said. Oregon jumped out to a 57-48 lead on a Ridnour three with 15:28 to play, but Stanford came back to close the gap to 63-60. The Ducks responded with a 10-3 run to take the 73-63 lead at the 8:27 mark that sent Mac Court into a frenzy. The Cardinal wouldn't quit, though.

Stanford answered with its own 10-1 run that was capped by the second three-pointer made by Borchardt, the 7-foot center.

"I was warned about it, but I didn't quite believe it," Christoffersen said of his opponent's shooting ability. The rest of the contest consisted of the two

Lukes stepping up and Jacobsen messing up. Trailing by three with 3:16 to play, Jacobsen went to the charity stripe and missed both free throws. Jackson scored four of the Ducks' next five points, setting up the game's biggest

turn With less than a minute remaining, Oregon leading 83-79, Stanford's Chris Hernandez passed the ball to Jacobsen, who fumbled it out of bounds and essentially fumbled away any chance his team had of winning. Ridnour was fouled, made both of his free

throws and the long-awaited win belonged to Oregon.

That's what you live for as a player," Ridpour said of his free throws.

And playing games that mean something are what the Ducks live for as a team. A year ago, in a similar matchup with Stanford, Oregon saw its seven-point lead evaporate in the closing minutes as the Cardinal scored 20 of the last 26 points to win. Of course, it wouldn't matter as the Ducks went a dismal 5-13 in league play and didn't even make the NIT.

But that was way back in 2001, which is

treated like ancient history by Oregon. "We don't talk about last year," Jones said. "This is a whole new team. Last year is in the past.

And the future is promising.

NCAA investigates Arkansas

Dallas businessman associated with UA allegedly gave athletes extra benefits

By Rachel Howard Arkansas Traveler (U. Arkansas)

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (U-WIRE) - The NCAA has begun an investigation of possible violations by the University of Arkansas athletic department, said David Price, vice president for NCAA Enforcement Services, in a letter dated Dec. 10 to UA Chancellor John A. White.

Price said the investigation was initialized based on the UA's selfreport of violations in July 2000 of providing extra benefits to athletes by Ted Harrod, a Dallas businessman and representative of UA athletic interests. UA Athletic Director Frank Broyles described the alleged violations in a letter to SEC 43

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Commissioner Roy Kramer dated July 3, 2000. Harrod allegedly overpaid UA athletes who were working for him

from 1994 to 1999. Some allegedly received more than the market hourly rate for their work; others were paid for days they

did not work. The UA athletic department had no idea of the violations until a Dallas newspaper reported a minor-ity shareholder in one of Harrod's businesses, J & 11 Trucking, filed a lawsuit against Harrod, Broyles said.

The lawsuit alleged Harrod misspent company funds, including overpaying the UA athletes for work at the company. The same day, Harrod's former

daugi, ter-in-law and vice president, Karey Harrod, appeared on televi-sion in Dallas and made the same claims.

The athletic department began investigating, Broyles said. Several violations were found, including four cases of deferred payments for work, which also is in violation of

NCAA rules. The deferred pay-ments were sent in December for work during the summer and may have been improperly paid, Broyles said. Broyles also said Harrod temporarily employed athletes from another NCAA institution and non-ath!=tes. His compensation practices were similar for all employees. "Mr. Harrod's businesses appear

to have lacked oversight of employ-ces and relied on careless bookkeep-Broyles said.

ing," Broyles said. "It is important to note that no member of the current football staff had any close contact with Ted Harrod.

None of them contacted Harrod in an attempt to find jobs for play-ers. Indeed, none of them knew that current players were working for Harrod."

There was one "current" player who had worked for Harrod at the time of the self-report. The uniden-tified "current" player no longer is enrolled at the UA, NCAA officials said Dec. 21 in a telephone conver-sation with UA officials.

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now that conference play is underway. Longtime Saluki observers have the

memory of Rich Herrin's team being excluded from the NCAA field in 1989-90 — a season in which the Salukis won 26 games — firmly embedded in their minds. Although SIU played a tougher schedule this season than they did that year, the fact remains that a 20-something win season is anything but a guarantee of a spot in the field.

Saluki head coach Bruce Weber would feel good about his team's chances of securing an at-large bid to the tournament if it winds up with 25 or more wins, but that won't come easy, even in a struggling league. SIU is cur-rently 14-3 and can ill afford to lose more than about three more Valley games before heading to St. Louis for the conference tournament.

So far, the Salukis have played great ball at home. But compiling the amount of W's needed to make themselves attractive to the NCAA com-mittee will require the Dawgs to finetune their road show, as evidenced by last week's setback to an up-and-coming Shockers team.

"The way we play at home, we've got to translate that over to the way we play on the road," freshri in guard Darren Brooks said. "Our leaders emphasize that a lot and keep drilling it into our head that we have to come to play on the road and hopefully win a title."

As exasperating as it can be for a socalled mid-major to stay afloat in the national picture, Weber and his team won't do themselves any good by ago-nizing over variables out of their con-trol. The RPI rankings, the Internet projections of the tournament field and the blather from TV commentators can't detract from SIU's sense of purpose the rest of the way.

Pose the rest of the way: "Right now we've got to focus on the Valley, and Bradley next," Weber said of tomorrow's looming date in Peoria. "If we do what we're supposed to, we don't have to leave any doubt. That's what we got to do.We did what we had to in the nor-conference. Now let's see if we can do it in the conference and win the thing. Now you put them in a bind, and they have no choice." For now, the Salukis are the ones

without a choice. They have to Leep winning, or their dream season will meet a rude awakening.

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By Dan Cortez Indiana Daily Student (Indiana U.)

IOWA CITY, lowa (U-WIRE) - With not even two minutes gone by in the second half Sunday, the Indiana Hoosiers found themselves in a situation similar to the one they were in the last time they visited Iowa.

A double-digit halftime lead had been cut to five, 42-37. And former Hoosier and Iowa senior guard Luke Recker was warming up after a cold first half. For a minute, IU coach Mike Davis thought he was about to

The Davis thought in the accent of the like bary par's nightmare. I thought, 'Here we go. (We'll) end up losing by three or four points late in the game," Davis said. 'I know Luke Recker. But our guys kept their composure."

And by keeping their composure, the Hoosiers (11-5, 4-0 Big Ten) the robusters (11-5, 4-6 big fein) were able to fight through a number of Iowa runs, a tough full-court press and hang on for a 77-66 win against the No. 13 Hawkeyes in front of 15,500 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. In the process the incoming extended their season-long winning streak to four and ended a string of In the process the Hoosiers six straight losses at Iowa. The Hoosiers are now 4-0 in the confe: ence for the first time since they opened the 1992-93 Big Ten season with 13 straight wins en route to

their last conference crown. IU beat Iowa with the some combination of offense and detense that led to the blowout of Michigan State at home last Tuesday. Sophomore guard Jared Jeffries led the Hoosiers guara jarca jettnes ted the Hoosiers with 26 points. Junior guard Tom Coverdale had 15 and senior guard Dane Fife and junior forward Kyte Homsby each added 11. Bedies for the date of 2 and 10

Recker finished with 12 points, 10 of which came after the break. Reggie Evans was held to just seven Reggie Evans was neid to just seven points, 11 below his season average. Ryan Hogan ied the Howkayes with 15 points off the bench. "We didn't have the scoring "We didn't have the scoring

punch that we usually get and the defense that we usually get in a cou-ple of areas," Iowa coach Steve Alford said.

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No shocker: SIU crumbles

Women's basketball team' falls 0-5 in MVC, after Wichita State loss

Todd Merchant Daily Egyptian

The losing streak has run to seven straight games for the SIU women's basketball team. The Salukis lost their fifth consecutive

Missouri Valley Conference game Monday night, falling to the host Wichita State Shockers, 85-53, in front of 1,107 fans at Levitt Arena.

Senior guard Holly Teague's 16 points led SIU (4-10), which has lost eight of its last 10 games, the last four of which by more than 30 points.

The Salukis, who are in last place in the MVC with their 0-5 record, fell behind 14-5 early in the first half and never led during the contest

SIU was able to stick relatively close to the Shockers during the first half, trailing by only 10 points at halftime, 39-29.

Teague scored 13 first half points as the Salukis shot a cool 35.5 percent from the field in the half.

Things would worsen in the second half. wever, as Wichita State (8-7, 3-3) went on 32-8 run to open the frame and led 71-36 with 8:10 left in the game.

The Shockers grabbed their biggest lead of the night when freshman guard Jessica Smith hit a three-pointer to put her team up 77-40

with 6:50 left to play. The Salukis, who shot only 20.7 percent from the field in the second half, were able to crawl back to within 29, but could not serious-

ly challenge the Shockers. Junior guard Molly McDowell was the only other Saluki in double figures as she chipped in 13 points in the defeat. Hillary Phillips led SIU on the boards as she pulled down nine rebounds.

Sophomore forward Katie Berwanger only her third game back after being out for more than a year with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee — scored four points and grabbed seven rebounds in 27 minutes of actic

Wichita State also had only two players in double figures as Jennifer Kaczka scored 18 points and Smith added 10. Forward Angela Buckner tallied nine rebounds for the Shockers.

SIU out-rebounded Wichita State 49-48; it

on the forst time the Sultie 3-40, it was the first time the Sultie 3-40, it on the boards since Dec. 19 against Winthrop. The Salukis have lost their last four games by an average of 35.3 points per game. The Salukis have lost their last four games by a combined total of 141 points, which is an aver-are of 35.3 points per game, which is an aver-

age of 35.3 points per game. The 0-5 start is the worst conference start for the Salukis since the the SIU women's basketball team joined the MVC in 1991.

The loss was SIU's sixth consecutive defeat the hands of Wichita State, and its sixth straight loss at Levitt Arena.

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MVC Women's hoops roundup

Creighton 79, Indiana State 46 The Bluejays had three players scor-ing in double figures as they improved their conference record to 5-1, and 10-5 overall.

Creighton was led by Laura Ferguson who scored 16 points, and Traci Jones and Jenni Burns added 14 and 10

points, respectively. Courtney Mennen's, 25 points accounted for more than half of the Sycamores offense as Indiana State fell to 5-9 overall, and 1-4 in the confer-

SW Missouri State 66, Evansville 54

The Lady Bears — The defending The Lady Bears— The deterioing MVC Champs improved their confer-ence record to 4-2, and evened their overall record to 7-7 with the win. With the loss, the Purple Aces, fell to 2-3 in the conference and 7-8 overall.



SIU's next game is this Thursday when the Salukis host Indiana State at the SIU

the ticket office. For a diagram of the SIU Arena, please visit the tickets page on the offi-

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cal athletic website at www.susalukis.com. Also, for the remaining Saturday night games, Jan. 19 against Indiana State and Feb. 9 against Drake, the Lingle Hall ticket office will be open from noon to 4 p.m. and then it will move to the SIU Arena lobby ticket office at 4 p.m.

SIU students can continue to pick up tickets on a first-come, first-served basis by showing a valid student ID. Approximately 2,000 tickets are set aside for students for each home game.

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University rejects more money for skydiving club

Erika Blackman Daily Egyptian

The skydiving club is excited and eager to start the semester off with jumps and dives. After a month-long break, members are more than ready to get back in the air to show their adventurous skills.

Although anticipating a success-ful semester, the club is faced with a funding problem and is trying to receive assistance from the receive assistance from the University in obtaining the money it needs. However, the Office of Risk Management is denying the club's proposal.

proposal. According to Shane Ravallette, coordinator of sports clubs at the Student Recreation Center, the sky-divisor club was recognized for funddiving club was recognized for fund-ing, but risk management pulled ing, but risk management pulled back because the sport is too danger-

"They were denied club status under our office," Ravallette said. "It would take a lot of convincing to us and risk management to get fund-

Tony Weber, a member of the skydiving club, said most schools with skydiving clubs help them with funding. SIUC's club would like the University to provide it with a rig, which costs about \$2,000.

One factor that hurts the club in the long run is the fact that skydiving is lou;"d upon as a risky sport. Weber noted that the Recreation Weber noted that the Recreation Center and Office of Risk Management view skydiving as a dangerous sport, so they tend to shy away from the club. Someone jumping out of a plane with only a parachute to break the Club sector days of the form

fall is perceived as a risk factor. All the expenses that come with skydiving are paid for by the club members themselves. The club has been involved in various fund-raisers such as working the concession stands at football games and working at the Sonic Drive In restaurant for an afternoon.

There are currently 50 members in the club, with about 30 actually being active. They jump every week end, unless the weather is cloudy or rainy, in Charleston, Mo. The fee to ioin the club is \$10, and the first jump is \$120. Every jump after that is \$31. To become a licensed skydiv-er, an individual has to make 20

jumps. The skydiving club recently went to Florida for a national collegiate competition which included clubs experiencing similar monetary nches. cn

Weber said it was interesting to meet the different colleges because some lacked funding while others enjoyed the financial support they eđ. ner.

In February, the club will travel to Mississippi to atted the Mardi Gras Mississippi to atted the Mardi Gras Boogie, a popular skydiving event that attracts hundreds of people. "We definitely like to travel a lot," member Jason Hines said. Travel Peneric is the chick ordering

Tracy Bryant is the club's adviser and said the club is dynamic and

and said the club is dynamic and does quite well. "Parachuting has a deep history at this ...hool," Bryant said. "They are doing a good job with keeping it nue to the tradition."

For spring break, the skydiving club is setting its sights on traveling to South Padre Island in Texas,

where it hopes to be able to make jumps on the beach. Early in the year, the club had planned to make a jump at the Homecoming football game, but that was canceled after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Club members would still like to jump on campus so the students can see what skydiving is all about.

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Those interested in trying skydiving o becoming a club member should co tact Tony Weber at 549-3946.

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Track reaches for the conference rainbow

Men's track optimistic after one helluva start

Samantha Robinson Daily Egyptian

After placing first in the Booster Club Invitational, the SIU men's track team has taken the first step in what it envisions to be a successful year.

This year's squad is made up of four seniors, 10 juniors, five sophomores and 10 freshmen. Included on the roster are top returnees Kevin Mills (sprints), Greg Denagall (jumps), Nyles Stuart (jumps), Dan Harrell (pole vault) and Adam Judge (throws).

"We have a good young squad, and if they continue to get better at every meet, then there is a good chance they will finish in the top three at conference," said SIU head coach Cameron Wright.

After placing fourth at the 2001 MVC Indoor Finish and fifth at the 2001 MVC Outdoor Finish, a top three placement at con-ference is the team's ultimate goal.

"We have a lot of young guys and the guys returning have more experience, which will help us make it to conference," said senior distance runner Joe Zeibert.

At this point the team is in good shape, but is waiting for its top 400-meter runner, as well as the long, high and triple jumpers, who are out with injuries.

One of those missing is Denagall, who is

One of those missing is Denagall, who is nursing a hamstring injury. "If I can fight through the hamstring injury, I can make it to conference," Denagall said. "Once we get them back, we will be even stronger," Wright said. Not only will they be stronger as a team, but individually as well. With the many different events, there is always someone taking charge and helping to motivate the other team memand helping to motivate the other team mem-

bers "Nyles Stuart and Marvin Primo are leaders in their own right, but there is no one leader on the team," Wright said. "There are so many guys on the team that stand up and lead the others at different times."

Freshman Steve Murray (distance) believes that this is the reason the team is so close.

"We are coming together as a team and no one person thinks he is above the other," Murray said

Denagall shares Murray's sentiments, and believes that there is more team unity this year. The team unity does not only come from the

athletes, but the coaching staff as well. One reason the coaches are able to relate to the athletes is because they were all athletes themselves.

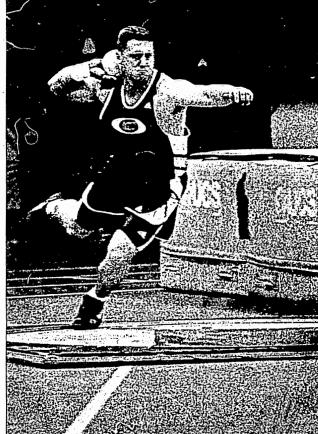
"All coaches have been successful, and that

is important because the athletes know you have been where they want to go," Wright said. Murray wanted to make it a point to stress

Salukis

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Adam Judge, a junior from Des Moines, Iowa, competes in the 35-pound weight throw at the Booster Club Invitational on Saturday. The Salukis are in the early stages of the season

the dedication of the coaches. One coach he confidence in them. firmly admires is distance coach Matt McClelland.

"None of the mid-distance or distance guys could perform to their full ability without Matt McClelland because he really pushes us to excel," Murray said.

He believes that McClelland is a great coach and even though he is hard on them, he supplements it by being supportive and having

The confidence goes both ways. Wright believes that the team will perform admirably and have a successful year.

"If they continue to improve, by the end of the year, they will do some special things," he said.

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If the SIU men's basketball team is the ready-to-strike cobra of the Missouri Valley Conference, then the rest of the league so far has

mide for fat and sedated prey. The MVC is a quality league, but even the conference's have little staunchest defenders recognize it is watered-down this season. Outside of SIU's exceptional performance and a handful of impressive but iso-lated upsets, there hasn't been much for the Valley to crow about.

It hasn't helped that preseason Player of the Year Tarise Bryson was lost for the season to injury and

erized rankings favored by the college hoops powers. With Korver back in the fold, Schwab

Creighton figures to be the only team capable of providing SIU with a stiff run at the MVC title. Currently in a three-way tie for first with the Blue Jays and fresh-off-a-spanking Northern Iowa, the Salukis are in the tight spot of knowing they need to focus on each of the final 13 MVC games with the pressure of knowing their NCAA tournament fate hangs thickly in the balance.

SIU's margin for error is Brad

New women's coach aims for top three

Samantha Robinson Daily Egyptian

The Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Track Championships aren't until February, but the women's track and field team is already

working toward a top-three finish. First-year SIU head coach Connie Price-Smith, an SIU alumna and former Olympian, believes the team is in good shape because it

As been training hard. "As long as they are doing the training that we provide for them, then they really should be improving. Price-Smith said. With fresh team members and the more

experienced members returning, the team is

looking forward to a great year. There are no injuries and Price-Smith said everyone is ready to work harder than ever. This year's roster includes six seniors, seven juniors, five sophomores and 13 freshmen.

With four meets before the conference competition, the team is training diligently to make sure it places in the top three. "Our goal is to get to the conference meet

and try to go on from there," Proc-Smith said. Once they make it through conference, the next big event for SIU will be having members

compete at nationals. Sophomore Noa Beitler (mid-distance), a standout runner from Israel, is glad to be a part

of the team.

of the team. "We are learning about each other everyday and growing together as a team as well as indi-vidually," Beider said. Working together is important as well as communication. Through communication, Price-Smith believes the team will go even fur-tion Work betwing a four-time Ohmnian. ther. With her being a four-time Olympian, she believes she can talk to the team on a level in which they will both understand one another.

Price-Smith encourages each woman to stand up and be seen. "All of the women are important and each

one stands out in their prospective events, Price-Smith said.

A few women at the top of their game are-junior Latrice Gray (jumps), freshman Marian Ahuna (distance), Beitler and team captain, senior Julia Roundtree (distance).

Events that the women are expected to perform well in are the triple jump, high jump, 600-meter relay, 200-meter dash and the 60meter hurdles.

Time will tell how successful the Salukis are this season, but the early indications captivate the team's new coach.

"They come and work hard and I am pleased with that," Price-Smith said.

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Korn-slim. For a college basketball team not among the privileged class of being in a power conference, you don't want to tempt fate when it comes to earning a spot in the tournament field.

When the Salukis were upset on Thursday at Wichita State, their RPI ranking at writing outs, then RPI ranking — usually a strong barometer of a team's postseason chances — dipped all the way to No. 61. That's shaky ground. SIU's ranking had been in the top 50 for most of the season but is suffering

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that Creighton star Kyle Korver, Indiana State leading scorer Kelyn Block and Southwest Missouri State's Scott Brakebill have all missed action with injuries. But there isn't much room for sob stories in the callous world of comput-

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