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Committee picks Saluki Way designer

11-member panel selects Kansas City firm; decision awaits BOT approval

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kansas City-based 360 Architecture topped two other firms for the opportunity to present its plans for Saluki Way’s first phase to the Board of Trustees.

An eleven-member committee composed of athletic and campus personnel — and SIUC quarterback Nick Hill — recently made the selection, which awaits BOT approval. SIUC Plant and Service Operations Director Phil Gatto said that while the process is ongoing, “I think we’ve got a good architect and I think we’re going to end up with a very happy with it.”

The firm will be recommended to the BOT, which must approve the contract for planning to begin. If approved, plans could be complete by spring 2008.

360 Architecture was one of three firms — including HNTB and Image Architects, Inc., said it was chosen and that his company was “offering local support.”

Each firm presented the committee with a team of consultants and the panel based its choice using those teams’ experience with construction projects of the same magnitude of Saluki Way.

Experience with construction, electrical and mechanical engineering also played roles in the selection.

Financial terms of the project were not discussed during the interview process with the committee.

Saluki Way’s first phase is an expected multi-million-dollar construction project that includes building a new football stadium and renovating SIU Arena.

Plans for a multipurpose classroom building and a student services center will not be included in the proposal. A separate selection committee will form in early February to interview firms for that aspect of construction.

Eric W. Spencer, president and chief executive officer of Carbondale’s Image Architects, Inc., said it was “correct” that 360 Architecture was chosen and that his company was “offering local support.”

“We are on the team and my understanding is that 360 is the team,” Spencer said.

Because of the size of the project, Spencer said his firm was one of about 10 firms that would work with 360 Architecture on the plans.

Spencer’s company has worked with SIUC in the past, most notably on plans for the renovation of Pollard Hall and the Tourott-Wittmann Academic and Training Center, a 12,000 square-foot addition to Langle Hall.

360 Architecture did not return multiple phone calls by the Daily EGYPTIAN and university officials would not offer a concrete date for an announcement because the BOT has not approved the selection committee’s choice.

The committee first met with teams of architects and planners in the weeks leading up to SIUC’s winter break.

Saluki Way, announced by former Chancellor Walter Wendler in September 2005, is aimed in part at bringing SIUC’s athletic facilities up to par with other Missouri Valley and Gateway Conference venues.

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Dean of the College of Science

Who’s gone: Jack Parker
Why: Retirement
When: Dec. 15, 2006
Interim: James Tyrrell
Search: Administrative Assistant to the Provost Tina Biggs said a search committee has reviewed all applications and “have narrowed the pool.”

She said they are currently awaiting permission to begin bringing in candidates.

Chancellor

Who’s gone: Walter Wendler
Why: SIU President Glenn Poshard cited poor communication, low enrollment and lack of leadership skills when demoting Wendler to professor of architecture
When: Nov. 9, 2006
Interim: John Dunn
Search: See adjacent story

University officials look to fill several vacancies

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Committee meets to find replacement chancellor

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After the November dismissal of former Chancellor Walter Wendler, the future of SIUC’s leadership is one step closer to fruition.

Susan Ford, chair of the 17-member committee formed in December to conduct a search for SIUC’s next chancellor, said Wednesday the group is “just getting going.”

She said the group is actively working on a “four-pronged approach” to secure interest nationwide for the position — including advertising, a letter from SIU President Glenn Poshard sent to roughly 700 higher-learning institutions, a Web site and Chicago-based search assistance firm, The Hollins Group.

She said advertisements for the position have appeared in several publications, including the Chronicle of Higher Education, Hispanic Outlook, in Higher Education and Women in Higher Education.

Time runs thin for fast test takers

Penalties possible for non-compliance on ethics exam

Ryan Rendleman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After Friday, some faculty could suffer the consequences of being fast test-takers.

The deadline is approaching for university employees to sign a non-compliance form after learning they took a state-required ethics exam too fast during the fall semester.

The SIUC Faculty Association Grievance Committee filed a grievance against the SIU Board of Trustees on Dec. 21 protesting the state’s stance that employees sign a non-compliance form admitting they didn’t follow instructions.

While the response to the grievance isn’t due for a few weeks, the deadline for signing the non-compliance form is Friday. After the deadline, those who don’t comply will suffer the consequences of being penalized, possibly fired.

By signing the form, the employee admits negligence toward state’s stance that employees sign a non-compliance form admitting they didn’t follow instructions. However, if not signed, faculty members could face punishment such as firing, termination, non-compliance form admitting they didn’t follow instructions.

The university’s ethics office said Wednesday that students who are late to classes will not suffer the consequences of being penalized, possibly fired.
Minneapolis — A factory that makes DVDs and compact discs in this southern Illinois community will close its plant by the end of March, costing the area 400 jobs as the manufacturer shifts to Mexico, the company announced Wednesday.

Technicolor Universal Media Services said its planned move during 2007 would cost about 1,200 positions, including about 640 in Cameron, Calif., Technician's base. About 70 jobs in Memphis also will be eliminated, the company said.

The plant has been Perry County's biggest manufacturing employer.

Employment at the plant will continue for 60 days, with the closure expected by March 31.

BELLEVILLE — Tina Marie Winston, 34, was sentenced to four years in federal prison and ordered to pay about $3,400 for various scams covering more than a decade, including $5,318 she defrauded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency after the hurricane.

Winston, who also goes by Tina Gilmore, pleaded guilty in October to defrauding FEMA in Katrina's wake in September 2005 by using a bogus Social Security number to file for hurricane assistance online.

Winston also admitted spending $5,318 on an electronic debit card she got through FEMA after she claimed the hurricane left her jobless. The agency deactivated the card when Winston exceeded the spending limit, the government said.

Before her scam was exposed, Winston stuck with her warrantless re-earning account of how Katrina’s floodwaters washed away her two daughters, ages 5 and 6, and displaced her, destroying everything she owned and forcing her to flee to Belleville. Winston moved to the St. Louis suburb of Belleville from Arkansas in July 2004 and wasn’t close to the Gulf Coast when Katrina hit a little more than a year later.

POLICE REPORTS

Residential burglary occurred at 2:30 a.m. Sunday at Schneider Hall. A PlayStation and game cartridges were reported stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

STUC student Lucas Anthony Velebrez 18, of Springfield raised two citations for possession of cannabis and possession of drugs paraphernalia. Both citations were Carbondale City notices to appear.

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Pedestrian death rate high in city

Danny Wenger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Illinois Department of Transportation and Carbondale Police statistics show Carbondale's pedestrian death rate is 58 percent higher than that of Chicago.

Matt Vanover, spokesman for IDOT, said the number of pedestrian deaths might be cause for concern.

"It shows that you may want to monitor that situation," Vanover said.

Vanover said heftily populated areas have a lower accident percentage because of traffic control.

In rural areas, you don't typically have a pedestrian/traffic interface like you do with the traffic control devices in Chicago," Vanover said.

"Anytime you put pedestrians closer to traffic without those devices, the potential is greater for problems."

On the SIUC campus there have been near accidents involving pedestrians since 2002. Although there were no deaths, there were reports of injury.

Four citations were issued to the drivers involved, and, in three of the accidents, the driver left the scene.

Despite the drivers receiving citations, SIUC Police Officer Scott Miller said it's just not the driver's fault.

"In pedestrian/vehicle accidents it's the duty of both parties involved to pay attention," Miller said.

Miller advised that pedestrians should be aware of the distance between themselves and cars.

"Cars don't stop on dimes," he said.

Miller said weather conditions can increase the stopping distance of cars and pedestrians should pay attention to road conditions.

He also said eye contact was another important safety factor.

Along with eye contact, Vanover said bearing is important when dealing with traffic.

Vanover recommended taking off headphones when crossing the street.

"Having the headphones off will give that extra, added hearing of what is going on around you," he said.

Miller said it's important to understand who has the right of way.

According to Illinois Vehicle Statutes, pedestrians have the right of way marked crossings such as crosswalks.

When crossing in an area that is not marked, pedestrians should yield to vehicles.

At stop light intersections, pedestrians are required to follow the walk signals.

"When you don't follow the traffic control devices, you lose that protection that the drivers are naturally used to seeing," Vanover said.

"Although the statistic said that drivers should exercise "due care to the pedestrian,"

"The old adage, 'Look both ways before you cross the street' – that's something that's very real," Vanover said.

Jim Abrams
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A far-right majority in the Senate, as well as row majority in the House, decided Thursday to scuttle legislation to curb conflicts of interest among lawmakers by blocking and receiving gifts from lobbyists and special interests.

Democrats, who seized a narrow majority in the Senate, as well as the House, after campaigning on the "corruption of Congress" when Congress was controlled by the Republicans, had promised to start off with a major effort to break the links between lawmakers and lobbyists and reassure voters of the integrity of members of Congress.

The legislation would have barred lawmakers from accepting gifts and travel paid for by lobbyists, made it more difficult for former lawmakers to lobby their old colleagues, denied pensions to lawmakers convicted of serious crimes, required more reporting on lobbying by lobbyists and required disclosure of the pet projects lawmakers slip into legislation.

It was also joined by Senate Democratic leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

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House moves to lower student loan rates

Bush opposes interest rate cut
Jim Kuhnhenn
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House voted overwhelmingly to cut interest rates on need-based student loans Wednesday, steadily whittling its list of early legislative priorities.
The legislation, passed 356-71, would slice rates on the subsidized loans from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent in stages over five years at a cost to taxpayers of $6 billion. About 5.5 million students get the loans each year.
Though clearly popular, the legislation sparked a debate over where to set the nation’s education priorities — helping college graduates pay off their debts or expanding federal grants for low-income students.
Democrats conceded Congress needs to do more to make college more affordable. But they said reducing student loan rates was a significant step toward tuition relief.
“Many young people find themselves where I was when I was at age 18, wondering what they will do with their lives,” said Rep. Linda Sanchez, D-Calif., a daughter of immigrants who is still paying off her student loans. “To those students, especially those whose parents didn’t go to college, the prospect of student loan debt is frightening.”
The Bush administration opposes the bill and Senate Democrats plan to bring up a more comprehensive bill that could compromise its prospects.
The House bill aims to reduce the $6 billion cost by reducing the government’s guaranteed return to lenders that make student loans, cutting back the amount the government pays for defaulted loans and requiring banks to pay more in fees. Lending institutions opposed the bill.
“A strategy of raiding a financial aid program to fund modest proposals is inadequate to the challenge,” said Kevin Brunt, executive director of the American Student Loan Providers, a group that represents leading lenders.

Secret court to oversee spying program
Lara Jakes Jordan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration changed course and agreed Wednesday to let a secret but independent panel of judges oversee the government’s controversial domestic spying program. Officials say the secret court has already approved at least one request for monitoring.
The program, which was revealed last week and authorized by President Bush shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, has drawn criticism from lawmakers and civil libertarians who questioned its legality.

Airline says pilots violated cockpit rule before crash
Jeffrey McMurray
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the minutes before the crash of a commuter jet that took off from the wrong runway, the pilots discussed their families and job opportunities, violating a rule against extra-cockpit conversation, the airline said Wednesday.
The National Transportation Safety Board released a transcript Wednesday of the cockpit recording aboard Comair Flight 5191. It was the first public disclosure of the language of the ill-fated flight, which was the deadliest American aviation disaster in five years.
The transcript “did reveal our flight crew did not follow Comair’s general cockpit procedure,” Comair spokeswoman Kate Marx said. “It is unclear what role, if any, this played in the accident, so it would be premature to determine that.”
In 1981, the Federal Aviation Administration approved the “stereo rule” to prevent during other things, extraneous conversation during taxi, takeoff and landing.
Capt. Jeffrey Clay talked about his young children having colds, and co-pilot James Polehinke discussed his dogs. They also discussed pay and working conditions, even as the controller insisted they cut short their conversation.

While the legislation matched the Democrats’ pledge to pass measures in the first 100 hours of legislative action by the new Congress, it fell short of their broader goal of lowering interest rates for parents who take out college loans for their children.
During the 2006 congressional campaigns, Democrats also said they wanted to scale back the maximum Pell Grant award from $4,050 to $3,500. Pell grants go only to the neediest students and do not have to be paid back.
On Capitol Hill, there were signs that Democrats had chosen a politically expedient way to make good on a pledge, instead of finding ways to increase federal college grants to help the poor meet rising college tuition.

Kidnapping charge accused against suspect
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Brook Waggoner’s transition to life at SIUC has been rocky.

Waggoner, a senior from Salem studying plant and soil science, sighed as she described her experience transferring from Brigham Young University to SIUC. Her graduation will be delayed due to several key classes that didn’t transfer.

“Ther have been a lot of people who have helped and been really nice about it,” she said.

Waggoner was one of about 50 students who attended the New Student Reception Wednesday night in the Student Center.

The exact enrollment figures for the semester would not be released for more than a week, Carmen Suarez, interim associate vice-chancellor for enrollment management, said, because students are still registering for classes.

Recently, SIUC has been plagued with rocky enrollment figures, suffering a loss of nearly 2 percent of its student population from fall 2005 to fall 2006.

Interim Chancellor John Dunn said he expects the declining enrollment trend to carry on into the spring semester.

“Our primary focus is on fall of ‘07,” Dunn said. “Our applications are up for fall of ‘07.”

He said the university is employing several tactics to boost enrollment, including processing applications more quickly, making phone calls to potential students and hiring additional recruiters.

“We know that we’re on a longer path here and what we really anticipate seeing is trying to stabilize in fall of ‘07,” Dunn said. “The fall of ’08 would really be the time we think we can begin to pop out of that.”

Those who are enrolled for the semester, however, said they are glad to be at SIUC.

“Seems like a good place,” Chris Hunsinger, a sophomore from Tokyo studying political science, said. “A lot of people are here and everyone’s friendly, the ones I’ve met, and it looks like a real party school.”

Hunsinger said he investigated Air Force ROTC programs at SIUC and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville before deciding on the Carbondale campus. He said he plans on becoming an officer in the military.

“That instructors there seem too relaxed and they don’t care about their cadets as much,” he said. “Over here, ROTC care about their cadets, so that’s why I’m over here.”

Patrici Lewis, a junior from Jones town, Miss. studying avia tion flight, said she was attracted to SIUC because of the aviation program, but has been especially impressed with the university’s diverse student population.

“Where I come from there’s not a lot of diversity,” Lewis said. “I’m glad I chose this school.”

Dunn stressed the importance of diversity when he addressed the new students, announcing that SIUC ranked in the top 20 universities in the nation in graduating black students.

“We are one of the most diverse universities in the United States,” Dunn said.

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**SIUC ushers in new students**

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interim chancellor

**SIU students and their parents participate in a new student welcome reception Wednesday evening in the Student Center International Lounge.**

Joe Crawford

**DAILY EGYPTIAN**
Let’s continue the progress

The first residents to live in one of the newly built Wall and Grand apartments jump for joy as they moved into their residency over the winter break. As you know, all Wall and Grand residents experienced constant delays moving in yet it seems that the residents only express happiness for their arrival instead of saying, “It’s about time.”

These dormitory condos were originally scheduled to be open in the Fall 2006 semester. But, as you all know, the official move-in day has been extended quite a few times. Many students have been inconvenienced with temporarily living in Wright Hall with lack of amenities residents were looking forward to last semester. Students that lived in Wright Hall were compensated for this inconvenience with reduced rates compared to actual dormitory occupants. Of course, University Housing or the residents didn’t expect a five-month delay. Many residents were considering canceling their contracts because of the living conditions they were offered. While the residents temporarily living in Wright Hall were paying reduced rates, Wall & Grand apartment occupants would lose their five hundred dollar prepayment. And even through the five-month extension, University Housing was not dealing with their issues. Many residents took action by voicing their opinion and made University Housing aware of what they’re doing.

The residents were notified about a possible delay of moving in while signing their contracts. Of course, University Housing or the residents didn’t expect a five-month delay. Many residents were considering canceling their contracts because of the living conditions they were offered. While the residents temporarily living in Wright Hall were paying reduced rates, Wall & Grand apartment occupants would lose their five hundred dollar prepayment. And even through the five-month extension, University Housing was still going to withdraw their prepayment. Although with the miscommunication and the inconvenience among the students, Wall & Grand apartments are the luxurious way of living on campus. The first residents are just happy to finally be in their deserving residency. A good job goes to the finalization of the one apartment building. In sake of those awaiting Wall & Grand occupants, let’s not drop the ball and keep the hard working progress going.

President stubbornly keeps blundering ahead

Rhonda Chriss Lokeman

I come not to bury the Decider, but to praise him. At least when the Bush speech on the Iraq war was televised, it didn’t cancel new episodes of “House,” “Boston Legal” or “Grey’s Anatomy.” As debate ensues over Bush II’s surge solution, it helps to look to the report by the 10-member Iraq Study Group. “A must-read,” as critics would say. Regrettably, the president’s speech indicated that he skipped some key parts. Before Bush even spoke, Harry Reid was drumming up bipartisan support against him. Chuck Hagel said, “This is a dangerously wrong-headed strategy that will drive America deeper into an unwin- nable swamp at a great cost.” All true. Bush, who watched staff-compiled DVDs of news reports of post-Katrina New Orleans, probably didn’t do much heavy lifting to prepare for this keynote.

On matters of national security beyond terrorism obsession, Bush is as useful as a brick for a cell phone and as stubborn as a Missouri mule Bush dynasty. Bush especially won’t listen to the American people, most of who have lost confidence in his leadership and ability to bring bin Laden to justice.

In his Democratic rebuttal, Sen. Richard Durbin said, “Twenty thousand American soldiers are too few to end this civil war in Iraq and too many American lives to risk on top of those we’ve already lost.” It is not a stabilizing force, but an occupation that would instigate further unrest in the Middle East.

The Iraq Study Group report, “The Way Forward: A New Approach,” is a serious report, but Bush only took from it the title. He calls his plan “A New Way Forward.” Just as he ripped off “No Child Left Behind” and made a mess of that, he now has burgled the study group. Instead, Bush offers the same old, same old to the tune of Sinatra’s “My Way.”

On matters of national security beyond the terrorism obsession, Bush is as useful as a brick for a cell phone and as stubborn as a Missouri mule. Elsewhere, the generals would have staged a coup by now. But in the great U.S. of A, we suffer fools gladly because we feel guilty for electing them. We make our beds and sleep in them because we feel guilty for electing them.

What besides 3,000 dead Americans, one dead dictator and a civil war have we to show for all this? Some 21,500
Dear Editor:

As representatives of all Graduate Employees working at SIUC, we would like to bring to your attention a problem that affects graduate employees working at SIUC. It has come to our attention that some graduate employees with 50 percent appointment are working considerably more than the 20 hours for which they are compensated. We recognize that 20 hours is meant to be an average number of hours worked, but we have become aware of instances across campus where individuals are consistently working 30 hours or more per week. These individuals often feel pressured into working these extra hours since refusal can lead to intimidation and worsening of the working atmosphere.

We are seeking to work together with the SIUC Administration in remedying this situation. While we realize you may not be aware of these instances, we strongly believe it is in the best interest of all parties concerned that attention is paid to this serious matter. We especially ask you to take all necessary steps to ensure that all departments are aware that no employee should be obliged, without additional monetary compensation or time off, to work more than an average of 20 hours a week if their appointment is for 50 percent. We also ask you to ensure that all employees are aware that there will be no supervisory acts of retaliation or intimidation taken against an employee who might object to work assignments that exceed the 20-hour average rule.

Marina van Kullenburg
Shelly McGraith
co-chair of Graduate Assistants United

An open letter to Chancellor Dunn,
President Poshard

Messing with the music

Photo column by Dan Celvi – DAILY EGYPTIAN

Guitar riffs and bass lines blare through speakers to the capacity crowd in the Elk Grove VFW, with dozens more people waiting to get in from the cold and snow blankets outside. The venue, which has built up a reputation in the last two years by hosting Chicago area and nationally touring bands, is far too hot and reeks of sweat. A small portion of the audience stands in the rear of room while the majority is in the middle immersed in the music. I, on the other hand, work my way around the room taking pictures of the band and audience members cutting loose. My passion for photography started at concerts and with bands, where I made many close friends and even more memories.

I have experimented in every way I can imagine, including lighting at concerts, taking every cliché shot and being hit by and dodging, flying fists and feet from an audience-gone-too-wild. Yet, I still continue to enjoy photographing bands and concerts. I have met bands that have gone on to fame and record labels. Even more, I’ve seen bands fizzle out, met hundreds of people, attended scores of small and large concerts, and record labels. Even more, I’ve seen bands that have gone on to fame and record labels. I, on the other hand, work my way around the room taking pictures of the band and audience members cutting loose.

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Chamber of Commerce seeks new director

Brandon Augsburg
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Whoever the new executive director of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce turns out to be, they will be charged with a daunting task to keep the business community’s momentum going forward and create a little push of their own.

Executive Director Joel Thorne turned in his resignation last week, and Emily Doherty, newly appointed president of the chamber board of directors, said the search committee — comprised of members of the board of directors — has begun the search for a new director.

They hope to find a new executive director by the end of January.

"It’d be fair to say we’d like to do it as soon as possible, but we’re more interested in getting the right person than doing it within some artificial timeline," Thorne said. "And we want to kind of keep that momentum going forward."

He said, during Mechler’s three years as the president and especially during Sambursky’s year as executive director, the chamber has "nudged closer to a nuclear apocalyptic and environmental disaster, a trans-Atlantic group of prominent scientists warned Wednesday, pushing the hand of its symbolic Doomsday Clock two minutes closer to midnight."

It was the fourth time since the end of the Cold War that the clock has ticked forward, this time from 11:53 to 11:55, amid fears over what the scientists are describing as "a second nuclear age" prompted largely by atomic standoffs with Iran and North Korea.

But the organization added "It’s important to emphasize 50 of today’s nuclear weapons could kill 200 million people," he said.

The decisions to move the clock is made by the bulletin’s board, which is composed of prominent scientists and policy experts, in coordination with the group’s sponsors.

"As citizens of the world, we have a duty to alert the public to the unnecessary risks that we live with every day, and to the perils we foresee if governments and societies do not take action now to render nuclear weapons obsolete and prevent further climate change," said Stephen Hawking, the renowned cosmologist and mathematician.

"This realization that we are changing our climate for the worse," he said, “That would have catastrophic effects. Although the threat is not as dire as that of nuclear weapons right now, in the long term we are looking at a serious threat.”

The threat of nuclear war, however, remains by far the organization’s most pressing concern.

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DEAN of the College of Education and Human Services

Who’s gone: Keith Hilikirk
Why: Took chancellor position at Pennsylvania State University-Schooll campus
When: Aug. 30, 2005
Interim: Carmen Suarez
Search: Biggs said the search committee would meet today to review the job description and decide if changes are needed and continue to advertise.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management

Who’s gone: Tina Collins
Why: Decided to return to position as director of records and registration
When: Sep. 25, 2006
Interim: Carmen Suarez
Search: Biggs said the committee would meet to discuss the university’s policies and procedures for searches and Interim Chancellor Dunn would present the committee with its responsibilities.

Director of International Programs and Services

Who’s gone: Jared Dorn
Why: Dorn took vice president position at the International College of Business School in Thailand
When: June 30, 2006
Search: Carla Coppi
Search: Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Larry Dietz said a search opened in July for the position but was recently ended so a job with greater focus on recruitment could be made. Coppi is not a candidate for the permanent position.

Director of Undergraduate Admissions

Who’s gone: Anne De Luca
Why: No one could be reached for comment
When: March 2006
Interim: James Carl
Search: No one could be reached for comment.

**Chancellor**

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New barbershop, salon puts spin on the follicle industry

Alejandro Gonzalez
Daily Egyptian

Scissor snips and hairspray aren’t all that shaggy-haired patrons will find at Carbondale’s newest business:

Kampus Kuts, a joint barbershop and hair salon located next to Harbaugh’s on the Strip, also offers a pool table, air hockey, television — and in the near future — wireless Internet access.

“We’re just trying to give people something different when they come to the barbershop,” said co-owner Barma Staten, an SIUC alumnus who opened the shop recently with Moshe Anderson, a graduate student in workforce education.

The shop’s grand opening runs through Sunday. Men’s haircuts cost $12 and women’s styling ranges from $5 to $45.

Andersen and Staten, both members of the Kappa Alpha Phi fraternity, readied the shop in two months at a cost of about $10,000.

“It wasn’t too expensive,” Staten said.

“It looks more expensive than what it was. We had a lot of people who came to donate.”

Kampus Kuts employs four barbers and one stylist.

As customer Temika Henyard, a senior from Chicago studying social work, waited in the shop with a shower cap on, she touted the work of stylist Aaron Mackie.

“He specializes in short hair and my hair is long, but I like the way he does my hair,” Henyard said.

Both Staten and Anderson said they’re not trying to fiercely compete with other local shops. All they want is to offer an alternative, they said.

“We’re just giving people a choice,” Staten said. “If they decide to come here, they come. If they don’t, they don’t.”

Besides operating a successful business, Anderson said he has another vision for Kampus Kuts.

“Our goal is to cater to the SIU students and to the community,” Anderson said.

“There hasn’t been anything down here like this as far as a barbershop slash beauty salon, so we’re the first.”

— Moshe Anderson
co-owner of Kampus Kuts

Derek Diggs, left, an SIU alumnus from Carbondale, waits in a barber chair as Moshe Anderson, part owner of Kampus Kuts, finishes cutting Diggs’ hair Friday afternoon.

Aaron Mackie, left, a senior studying social work, styles Kenya Gray’s hair in the salon part of Kampus Kuts off South Illinois Avenue.
Malik Davis, left, 2, from Carbondale, gets his hair cut by Terry Jackson, a sophomore at John A. Logan studying theatre, Friday afternoon at Kampus Kuts.
WASHINGTON

President Bush will try to keep his promise to balance the budget within five years in part by again delaying his plan to add private accounts to Social Security.

The step is a bow to political reality that also makes it easier to erase the deficit without draconian cuts to federal benefit programs. Bush's Social Security plan bogged down under a Republican-controlled Congress less than two years ago.

Now that Democrats are in charge, private accounts are a non-starter, though Bush will leave at least a placeholder in his budget plan rather than abandon them entirely.

Combined with above-average growth in tax revenues — and continued pressure on domestic agency budgets — the decision to purge costs associated with his plan for private accounts makes it much easier to achieve balance without politically dangerous cuts to Medicare or other popular programs.

Even though Bush's plan for Social Security private accounts collapsed in 2005, he proposed $82 billion over 2010-2011 for such deficit-financed accounts in last February's budget proposal. That represented a one-year delay from 2005.

Now, the White House is planning another one- or two-year delay in which the costs of private accounts won't show on Bush's budget ledger until 2011 or 2012 — which is the year by which the president promises balance.

"It gets easier" to erase the deficit by putting off Bush's dormant Social Security plan, said White House budget director Rob Portman.

"The question is whether to delay it for one or two years."

Direct comparisons aren't available, but a two-year delay would wipe more than $30 billion from the 2012 deficit based on earlier White House estimates of the costs of the private accounts.

A one-year delay would save far less but would demonstrate a continuing commitment to the idea despite the political obstacles.

Continued improvements in revenues from earlier White House and congressional estimates promise to close much if not all of the remaining deficit gap for 2012.

The White House has yet to produce an estimate for the target year, but the CBO predicted last March the Bush budget plan, if enacted, would have produced a $158 billion deficit gap.

Revenue improvements have already narrowed that gap considerably and the picture continues to improve.

"There's no real magic here," Portman said about meeting Bush's pledge to balance the budget.

"It is fiscal restraint on the one hand — spending discipline. And on the other hand it is a steady economy."

Bush credits two major rounds of tax cuts for the cruising economy, and his upcoming budget plan will again propose making them permanent law instead of expiring in 2010.

Democrats have long said Bush and his budget team fudge budget numbers by making unrealistic assumptions about spending cuts and for failing to account for the long-term costs of the Iraq war and expensive changes to the alternative minimum tax.

They are sure to register similar complaints when the White House reveals its new budget Feb. 5.

Still, both Portman and Democrats such as Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., say that regard- less of the near-term deficit picture, major changes are needed for benefit programs such as Social Security, Medicare and the Medicaid health care program for the poor and disabled in order to absorb an influx of baby boomers.

Portman also said that he does not see a "major difference" with congressional Democrats as they piece together a catchall spending bill that wraps up about $463 billion in leftover appropriations work from last year.
‘Alpha Dog’ should be put down

Ben Erwin
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rated: R
Starring: Bruce Willis, Emile Hirsch, Justin Timberlake, Sharon Stone, Shawn Hatosy, Ben Foster, Dominique Swain
Directed by: Nick Cassavetes
Run time: 117 minutes

Loosely based on the real-life story of Jesse James Hollywood, writer/director Nick Cassavetes’ Alpha Dog is more criminally bad than it is “true crime.”

In real life, Hollywood was a low-level drug dealer in California who became one of the youngest criminals to ever hold a spot on the FBI’s most-wanted list. Unlike other true-crime dramas, however, Cassavetes’ film offers little in the way of suspense, intrigue, mystery or story, as his narrative is painted only with the broadest of strokes and is “true” only in the loosest sense.

In the suburban-sprawl wasteland of tract housing and new-money mansions of southern California, the characters in Alpha Dog spend their days blissfully peddling and ingesting drugs while living out “gangsta” fantasies for which rap videos have provided the hedonistic, consequence-free archetype.

The film rechristens Hollywood as Johnny Truelove, but the character still drips with sleaze. Emile Hirsch plays ringleader to an insipid gaggle of mindless miscreants such as Justin Timberlake’s sensitive faux-thug Frankie “Ballin Bacher” When one of Truelove’s customers, Ben Foster as “Crazy” Jake Mazursky, refuses to pay a drug-related debt, the wannabe Tony Montana’s nab 15-year-old Zack Mazursky and hold him captive. This setup holds promise, but the fact that Mazursky’s “captivity” is more akin to a summer camp concocted by Tommy Lee than it is to Abu Ghraib says a lot about Cassavetes’ sensibility and skill as a writer.

Alpha Dog combines traditional cinematic devices such as split screens and frenetic cutting while inexplicably splicing “interviews” into the mix as if to denote some sort of documentary style into the mix. Although it’s easy to see where Cassavetes is trying to inject some sort of realism into the picture, these haphazard and out-of-place moments play like something out of the worst moments from This is Spinal Tap.

The director may intend for his white bread, suburban hooligans to come off as gangsters, but they show little more mental acumen than the merry pranksters of Jackass and are far less entertaining. Alpha Dog isn’t unmatchable, but the film never excels in the few places it shows promise.

While Timberlake isn’t nearly as terrible an actor as one might expect, it’s almost impossible for him to transcend the laughable caricature of a man who apparently feels the need to “bring sexy back” while dancing a jig. Likewise, Hirsch never comes off charismatic enough to lead his unquestioning pack of lemmings, and the rest of the film’s characters are little more than poorly constructed stereotypes.

Alpha Dog may be Cassavetes’ attempt to follow in the controversial footsteps of Kids director Larry Clark, but the film says nothing about adolescent ennui and stupidity that hasn’t been said hundreds of times before.
**Sudoku**

By Michael Mepham

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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**Yesterday’s Jumbles**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

**JUMBLE**

Unspeakable is... the answer to this puzzle, but you have to work for it. Hint: The answer is a common phrase.

**Tangy Weary Kowitz Brazeny**

By Linda Black

Today’s Birthday (01-18-07).

It’s a combination of skill and imagination that serves you best this year. The challenge is to learn how to produce what you can visualize.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 5 - The person who assumes the most responsibility gets to make the most decisions. If you’re not quite there yet, keep heading in that direction.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 6 - Follow through on the plans you’ve had simmering on the back burners of your brain. Just as you knew would happen, they’re just about perfect by now.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is an 8 - Follow through on the projects you started yesterday, and before. Don’t begin anything new, especially regarding buying, selling and trading.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is an 8 - You’re still on the job, although you appear to be relaxing in the audience. You know, although nobody else does, that you’re actually pulling the strings.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 9 - Push yourself past a barrier that had you stopped before. You’re stronger than you realize, when your adrenaline’s pumping.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 9 - There’s lots of work to do and it must all be done correctly. That said, cheerfully assume that you are the person who can make it happen.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is an 6 - Be patient with a person who’s getting agitated. Listen, acknowledge and stay out of the way. Offer your suggestions tomorrow or the next day, not now.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 7 - You’re discovering valuable information. You know you’re on the right track. Don’t waste a minute; you won’t have this opportunity forever.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is an 8 - You may feel guilty for having so much, when some others have so little. Don’t give away what you have, help the others generate more.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is an 8 - Once you get this project started it’ll take off on its own. Push yourself to get things right. You can relax later.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 5 - As you sort through the details swirling around in your head, be confident. You have a natural talent for finding the jewels among the rubble.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is an 8 - Make the commitment, close the deal, join the organization. A group you join now will help you achieve the success you so richly deserve.
out there and put forth their best effort,” Tatum said in a post-game radio interview. “Sometimes the shots aren’t always contagious. I’m not in a position to judge how hard everyone’s playing.”

The Salukis were losing Wednesday night’s contest with Evanville for most of the night. With 4:10 left in the contest the Salukis had a shot. Down by a score of 56-49, Saluki center Randall Falker caught a pass from the baseline and slammed home a dunk to pull the Salukis within five points for the first time since the half.

Evanville came right back with two of their own. Jamaal Taturn answered with a big 3-pointer from the baseline making the Purple Ace’s lead five points once again, with just over three minutes remaining.

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For the Salukis, it was the story of the night – until it was too late. Anyone with the loss.

Tatum said he looked forward to the chance to work with Moccia and the university’s new boss at SIU sporting events and on the phone.

“The more I talked to Mario I learned about the passion that the Saluki fans had and I had the opportunity to hear about the University’s commitment to the future through Saluki Way,” Savage said. “The more I learned about it, the more I wanted to be a part of it and I was fortunate enough to get that opportunity.”

Moccia now plays the role of mentor and boss to a youthful administration. Savage brings a little more experience to this hire than his new boss to a youthful administration.

“On the road you have to be sharp, and we haven’t been sharp in our rotations on the road.”

Tatum will be back in action for the first time since the half.

“Tell you the truth, I’m always flabbergasted by a loss.”

— Chet Savage

— Scott Mieszala

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Freshman guard Josh Bone didn’t play in the first half after receiving his first significant minutes of the season in the past two games.

In the Salukis’ home victories over Missouri State University and Drake University, Bone averaged nine points and 15 minutes in the two contests.

Bone entered the game in the second half and missed both of his shot attempts and notched two assists in 13 minutes.

“That was Josh Bone’s first road game he played in and he wasn’t comfortable and he had open shots and he didn’t even look at the rim,” Lowery said. “But now, since he’s done it, now he’s got to get his feet wet and just go play and not worry about it.”

After Wednesday’s loss, SIU’s road record stands at 5-4. Only two other teams in the MVC have winning records in away games – Wichita State and Missouri State, both at 4-3.

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Sports

Thursday, January 18, 2007 17
The SIU women’s basketball team is looking to keep things rolling at home. SIU (9-8, 5-1 Missouri Valley Conference) is coming off a two game road trip that included a pair of conference wins and is off to its best start since the 1996-97 season. The Salukis can continue their success against Creighton University (5-11, 2-3) tonight. Tip off is 7:05 p.m. at the SIU Arena.

Much like the Salukis, the Blue Jays have a two game win streak of their own.

The game will be critical for the Salukis as they try to gain ground on first place Illinois State University (13-4, 6-0), which is still undefeated in the MVC.

The focus on practice all week has been on post defense. Sophomore forward Jasmine Gibson said Creighton has a good all around team that knows how to win.

“There’s nothing we need to do more than have good post defense,” Gibson said. “I need to put myself in good positions defensively as well.”

In addition to quality post defense, the Salukis will also be charged with slowing down junior guard Alayn Thrall. Thrall is the only returning starter from the 2005-06 Blue Jay team and averages 11.1 points per game and 3.4 assists per game.

Junior guard Jayme Sweere will be one of the Saluki guards defending Thrall. During the two game road trip Sweere scored 19 ppg en route to being named the MVC player of the week. Her play will also be key on the defensive end because she leads the Salukis in blocks and steals with 11 and 39, respectively.

Sweere said she expects the trend of success to continue for her team against Creighton.

“I’ve watched tons of clip tape on them and they play defense like ours,” Sweere said. “It’s one game at a time for us because at this point, the MVC is anyone’s game.”

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Saluki women’s basketball head coach Dana Eikenberg talks to the players during practice Monday morning at the SIU Arena. The Salukis play Creighton tonight at home at 7:05 p.m.

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INTER-PATRHYNITY COUNCIL

INTER-PATRHYNITY COUNCIL RUSH EVENTS

The Inter-Fraternity Council is hosting Rush events this week, starting Monday. The Rush process allows students to gain membership to Greek organizations on campus.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22: 6:00pm IFC All-Chapter Open Houses, Student Center, Room 202

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23: 5:30-7:00pm: Chapter Open Houses, various locations in Student Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24: 5:30-7:00pm: Chapter Open Houses, various locations in Student Center

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25: 5-7pm: Chapter Preference Parties, Locations TBA by each chapter

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26: 11:30am-1pm: Bid Day at Student Development, 2nd Floor Student Center, 525-3774

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SPRING RUSH 2007

Hit up the latest sports news with Daily Egyptian.
Any time Shaq is on the court it changes the entire game. If I remember right, Shaq didn’t start out well last year when Shaq was injured. It’s only a matter of time, Miami and Dallas will play in the Eastern Conference Finals because they have the talent and the smarts. They know playoff basketball.

“An aging may bring the Heat back to respectability, as they are tied for the eight seed in the East, but the Heat are three games under 500 and without Pat Riley’s greasy hair. Even if they do make the playoffs and Riley comes back, the magic is gone. This is an old team that is struggling.”

**NHL Capsules**

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Beware of the Valley**

Scott Mieszala

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aybe it’s been said already — numerous times by announcers and sports writers — but I want to say it again: the Missouri Valley Conference is good.

But I don’t think the fourth best rating percentage index in the nation says it all.

Sure, it says enough that the three conferences ahead of the MVC each boast a team in the top four of the rankings with Duke University, the University of North Carolina and Florida University. But there’s more to it than that.

SIU is the fifth best defensive team in the NCAA, holding opponents to 49.4 points per game. The Salukis held Bradley University to six points last week — and lost by two, in the final minute, on a shot that seemed just as likely to roll harmlessly off the side of the rim.

Less than a month ago, Wichita State University was ninth in the nation and ranked eighth in the country.

During their 9-0 start, the Shockers beat 2006 Final Four qualifier George Mason University, then eighth ranked Louisiana State University and No. 15 Syracuse University — then proceeded to lose four in a row and six of seven before winning two in a row and knocking off Creighton University, the Valley leader at the time.

The Salukis gave Wednesday against University of Evansville its third loss of the same in the MVC — you have no idea for sure what’s going to happen. The two squads split their regular season games last year and the Salukis knocked the Purple Aces out of the MVC Tournament.

With two more possible wins, SIU could very well be a Top 25 team. Saluki men’s head basketball coach Chris Lowery said he’s more focused on winning the conference and performing well in the MVC Tournament, which the Salukis have played in five straight years now.

In last year’s NCAA Tournament, SIU lost in the first round to West Virginia University, but two MVC schools — Bradley and Wichita State — made it to the Sweet 16 before being bounced.

Since the Salukis’ Sweet 16 appearance in 2002, they have won one game in the NCAA Tournament. In 2003 and 2004, they lost both first-round games by a single point.

But each year, SIU has gained experience, and last season won the MVC Tournament. They also retained the third starters from last season, which would normally put the Salukis in a very favorable position.

But in the Valley, you never know.

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

**SIU falls short at Evansville, 75-68**

Scott Mieszala

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The Salukis scratched and clawed their way back into the game after an early deficit, but ultimately the Purple Aces proved to be too much.

SIU's 75-68 loss to Evansville Wednesday night.

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**SIU men's basketball team trailed by as much as 16 points in the second half, when a senior guard Jamaal Tatum pulled the Salukis within one point with 1:16 remaining.**

Junior forward Randal Falker was fouled splitting the regular season matchups. The Salukis lost their leading scorer on the first 12 minutes of the second half, plagued by foul trouble and poor shooting all evening, hoping to spark his team to victory, but the Salukis never got within 10 points in the first 12 minutes of the second half, plagued by foul trouble and poor shooting all evening.

"I feel like everybody always wants to get D.W. Norris

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**Men's Basketball**

**Jamaal Tatum drives the ball past Missouri State Saturday afternoon at the SIU Arena.**

The Salukis leading scorer on the season scored 29 points in the Salukis' 75-68 loss to EvansvilleWednesday night.

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