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TUESDAY



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Gus Bode says I don't think fighting FIRE with fire is worth our time.



BRANDON CHAPPLE | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Construction equipment sits on the demolished rugby fields. Workers are scheduled to finish building the new intramural sports fields in March. The stadium lights were recently installed for the project, which is part of the first phase of Saluki Way, which includes renovations to the SIU Arena and construction of a new football stadium.

Construction firms play crucial role in campus overhaul

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With Saluki Way's first phase of construction less than two months away, Athletic Director Mario Moccia said the role of two construction management firms in charge of the projects will be vital.

Negotiations are ongoing for the involvement of J.E. Dunn and Holland Construction, two firms approved by the SIU Board of Trustees in October, Moccia said, though the \$83 million Saluki Way budget accounted for such contracts.

"They are the experts that monitor how the project is going," Moccia said. "We spent a little extra money to hire a construction management team on this project because it's such a critical project."

Bruce Holland, president of Holland Construction, said his firm would work more with the new football stadium while J.E. Dunn would focus on the SIU Arena.

Holland Construction, based in Belleville, is known for its local work, Moccia said. The firm's work has included Rent One Ballpark, home to the Southern Illinois Miners in Marion.

Tom Hegar, project manager for J.E. Dunn, will oversee the entire process.

"We'll be overseeing the construction on all phases, managing the contractors and working with the athletic department at SIU and the design team," Hegar said.

Moccia said J.E. Dunn, based in Kansas City, Mo., is known for its national presence. The company

has worked on such projects as the Sprint Nextel corporate headquarters in Overland Park, Kan.

Moccia said the two companies would oversee the project's specialists such as electricians, excavators and plumbers.

Crews began clearing the rugby fields in August, creating the space where the new intramural fields will be placed.

Scott Weber, the supervising architect engineer of the project,

said electrical and plumbing are in place at the future site of the intramural fields.

"Light standards are installed with the exception of the power, which will be done this winter," Weber said. "Seating will occur as weather permits."

Hegar said both the arena and football stadium are scheduled for completion by the 2010 athletic seasons.

BREAK on through

The long-term future of SIUC's historic campus overhaul will hinge on progress made this semester. As administrators continue a search for funds to cover the remainder of Saluki Way's \$83 million first-phase price tag, the majority of construction will begin in less than two months.

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With about 75 percent of Saluki Way's \$83 million budget accounted for, the athletic department is now turning to private donors to complete the financial goal.

Athletic Director Mario Moccia said a little less than \$6 million has been raised in private donations, which leaves \$16 million to be raised.

Funding for the project sits at nearly \$67 million.

The city of Carbondale's \$20 million donation to the project in July 2007 is included in the current total raised funds, said Rickey McCurry, chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation. Though the city has to vote on the donation every year, McCurry said he expects the gift to be locked.

McCurry said he does not foresee any problems in raising the remaining money to pay for the first phase of Saluki Way, which includes the renovation of the SIU Arena and a new football stadium.

"We'll continue to work with our donors who are supportive of the athletic program and we'll work with the fundraising staff and athletics," McCurry said. "We'll be contacting people and calling on them to support the project."

Moccia said private donations do not have to be paid all at once and can be spread over a few years.

Moccia also said the athletic department has explored alternative means of securing private donations, such as selling luxury suites in the new football stadium, which Moccia said should account for a small portion of the funding.

"We'll have eight suites and we'll sell them to individuals and corporations," Moccia said. "I think it's a pretty unique way to entertain at a ball game, while at the same time being a revenue generator for the athletic program."

McCurry said the SIU Foundation has identified potential donors including alumni, community members, corporations and foundations that will be contacted to make a donation.

See SALUKI WAY | 2



An aerial view of Saluki Way shows the new football stadium in place of the intramural fields, which were moved to the site of the old rugby fields. Construction on the stadium and renovations to the SIU Arena are expected to begin in March and be completed in time for the 2010 seasons.

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SALUKI WAY

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McCurry remains confident the money can be raised to complete the project on time.

"It's an exciting project," McCurry

said. "I think good progress has been made on it and I'm looking forward to the athletic season of 2010."

Moccia said people must be patient when considering the amount of money needs to be raised, and he compared the funding process to baking a cake.

"You keep staring at the cake through the oven window and it seems like it's never going to be finished," Moccia said. "It's just a matter of getting out there and working hard and soliciting the funds."

Calendar

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Thomas Danahy, a 21-year-old SIUC student from Billings, Mont., was arrested at 2:35 a.m. Sunday on South Washington Street at East Grand Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was released on bond.

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Working group to reveal sexual harassment policy suggestions

Group set to release recommended changes Wednesday

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Recommendations made by the sexual harassment working group in regards to the university's sexual harassment policy will be made public in a report released Wednesday, administrators say.

Peggy Stockdale, president of the Faculty Senate and a member of the working group, said the group met with Chancellor Sam Goldman Friday to discuss recommended changes to the university's revised sexual harassment policy, which had been drafted by constituency groups throughout last semester.

Michelle Miller, director of the working group that was formed in June, said the report is still in draft form. She said its release hinges on the completion of an introduction and context around the report, which she said she expects to be finished by Wednesday.

"(Goldman) will get the final version Wednesday," Miller said. "The meeting was regarding the recommendations we had and we wanted to make sure he had a copy available. The conversation we had was fruitful."

Goldman said the meeting was very productive and was encouraged the final report will be a solid document.

"(The working group's) approach was very sound," Goldman said.

Proposed changes to sexual harassment policy

- These additions and procedural changes were drafted by the SIU legal counsel and shared with the Board of Trustees in September.
- Campus constituency groups have reviewed the policy, and the Sexual Harassment Working Group will reveal the input Wednesday.

For full draft of proposals in PDF format, visit siuDE.com

Policy additions

All university employees, not just managers and supervisors, will be responsible for providing a harassment-free environment.

Must report conduct violations.

Retaliation will be prohibited.

Employees who supervise others are prohibited from having sexual relationships with them.

Sexually explicit materials not related to curriculum will be prohibited.

People who file false reports of sexual harassment will be reprimanded.

Procedure changes

Chancellors can establish or expand the office that oversees investigations.

Reformation of Diversity office into Compliance office. Scope of the office could include other harassment and anti-discrimination.

Appeals process added.

Specific time requirements for investigations and appeals.

University must report findings to Illinois Human Rights Department and Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Document disclosure

University will provide all related documents of investigations if required through litigation, while protecting confidentiality of alleged victim and witnesses.

Before litigation, associate vice chancellor has control over decision to disclose any documents. Decision is final and non-appealable.

Associate vice chancellor should take reasonable steps to inform accused about nature of the charges and provide accused opportunity to respond.

Source: SIU Office of General Counsel

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"They took a good university approach to it, which I really liked. They came in and said, 'This is how a university should approach this.' They did their homework and had reasoning with logic and backed it up with information."

Miller said she would not divulge what recommendations were made, but said she was confident the suggestions would make the policy stronger.

The informal meeting was to bring Goldman, who had yet to see the revised draft, up to speed on the working group's

progress, Stockdale said.

"The chancellor seemed to be very encouraged with our work," she said. "There was nothing promised and it is all still in draft form."

Stockdale said the recommendations were separate from the set of 10 amendments made by the Faculty Senate Nov. 18.

Miller said the group took suggestions from e-mails, phone calls and open forums.

"The task given to us was to bring together campus comments to the president and chancellor about what changes to the policy should

be made," Miller said. "We aren't pushing anything. Our job was and is to listen to the campus community and bring those ideas to the front."

Goldman said he would not rush the report to SIU President Glenn Poshard's desk just to get the policy done quickly. He said he would take his time and look at all the documents in efforts to pass along the best policy.

"My hope is to move it quickly, but I'd rather take my time at the beginning so we can get something that we all understand than

not take time and spend forever defending something that nobody supports," he said.

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Emotional at the last, Bush defends his presidency

Jennifer Loven
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WASHINGTON — With rare public emotion, George W. Bush sat in judgment on his controversial, consequential presidency on Monday, lamenting mistakes but claiming few as his own, heatedly defending his record on disasters in Iraq and at home and offering kindly advice to a successor who won largely because the nation ached for something new.

By turns wistful, aggressive and joking in his final news conference, Bush covered a huge range of topics in summing up his eight years in the White House — the latest in a recent string of efforts to have his say before historians have theirs. Then the White House said he would do it again Thursday night in a final address to the nation.

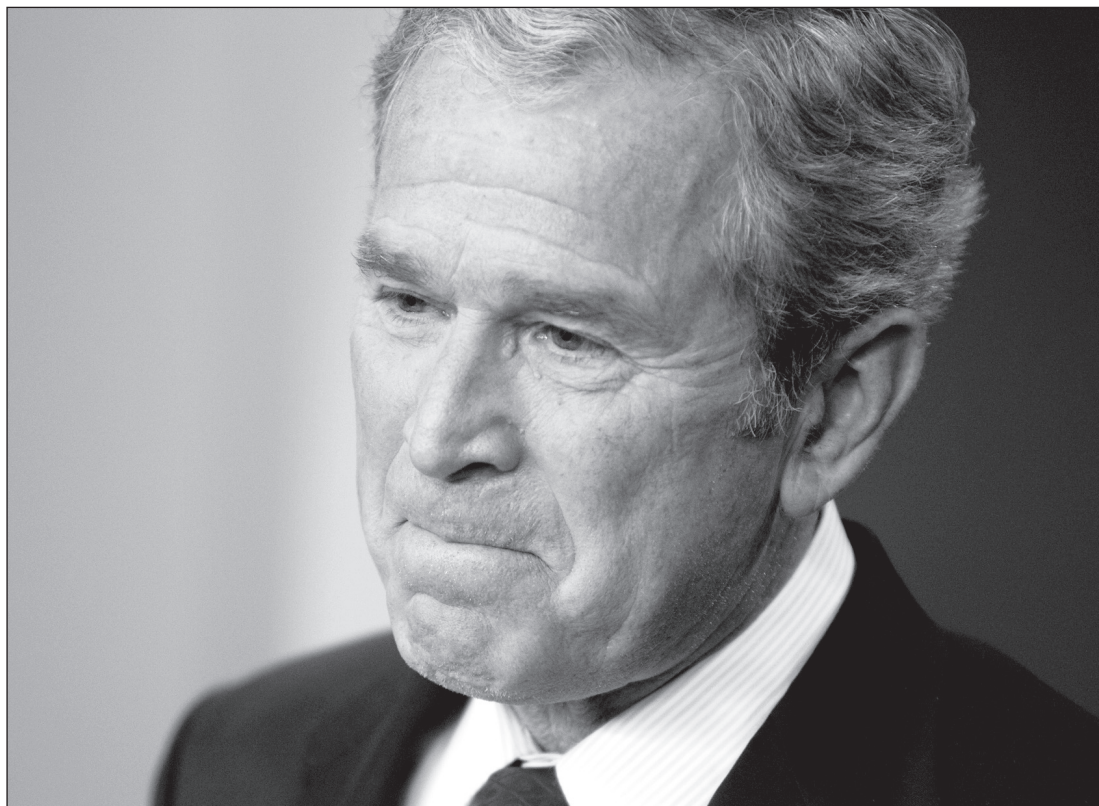
Reaching back to his first day in office, he recalled walking into the White House and having “a moment” when he felt all the responsibilities of the job landing on his shoulders. Barack Obama will feel that next week, he said, his tone gently understanding.

Indeed, he was full of supportive words for Obama, the nation’s first black president, and talked of being deeply affected while watching people say on television that they never thought they would see such a day, many with “tears streaming down their cheeks when they said it.”

“President-elect Obama’s election does speak volumes about how far this country has come when it comes to racial relations,” Bush said, seeming almost awe-struck.

He brushed off any suggestion that he’d found the job of president too burdensome or that Obama would find it so. “It’s just pathetic, isn’t it, self-pity?” he said. “And I don’t believe that President-elect Obama will be full of self-pity.”

At the same time, Bush showed his skin is not so thick as all that. “Sometimes the biggest disappoint-



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President George W. Bush speaks to reporters during his final press conference in the Brady press briefing room at the White House in Washington, D.C., Monday.

ments will come from your so-called friends,” he advised Obama. Bush’s former press secretary, Scott McClellan, released a scathing tell-all book last year that still stings around the West Wing.

Asked one last time by reporters about the major controversies of his presidency, Bush had a ready answer for each:

On the dismal economy he leaves behind for Obama, Bush said, “I inherited a recession, I’m ending on a recession. In the meantime, there were 52 months of uninterrupted

job growth.” The 2001 recession began in March, two months into his presidency, but economists agree the seeds were sown long before.

Bush also defended himself against economic attacks from his own party on the huge government bailout of Wall Street financial firms. He said, his voice rising, “If you were sitting there and heard that the depression could be greater than the Great Depression, I hope you would act, too, which I did.”

On the five-year-old Iraq war, the issue that will define his presi-

dency, Bush said history will judge his actions but it is a fact that violence diminished and everyday life became more stable after his decision in 2007 to send an additional 30,000 American troops into the fight.

He vigorously took issue with critics of the federal response to Katrina, the hurricane that devastated New Orleans. Gesturing and speaking with feeling, he said, “Don’t tell me the federal response was slow when there were 30,000 people pulled off roofs right after the storm passed,” he said. “Has the reconstruction been perfect? No. Have things happened fairly quickly? Absolutely.”

The president claimed progress toward peace in the Middle East, though any hopes for an accord soon have been dashed by, among other things, a bruising offensive by Israel in the Gaza Strip.

“I inherited a recession, I’m ending on a recession. In the meantime, there were 52 months of uninterrupted job growth.”

— George W. Bush
current President of the United States

Israel’s Olmert: Rice embarrassed over UN vote

Jason Keyser
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Israel’s prime minister said Monday that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was embarrassed by orders to abstain from voting last week on a U.N. truce resolution for Gaza that she helped arrange.

Israel had argued that the Security Council measure calling for a halt to the Gaza fighting — which passed Thursday in a 14-0 vote with the U.S. abstaining — was unworkable because it did not guarantee Israel’s security.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said he called President George W.

Bush to seek an abstention from the U.S., a key Israeli ally at the United Nations.

“I said: ‘Get me President Bush on the phone,’” Olmert said in a speech in the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon. “They said he was in the middle of giving a speech in Philadelphia. I said I didn’t care: ‘I need to talk to him now.’ He got off the podium and spoke to me.”

Olmert said he argued that the United States should not vote in favor, and the president then called Rice and told her not to do so.

“She was left pretty embarrassed,” Olmert said.

A senior U.S. official in

Washington disputed the account.

“The plan had been all along, as agreed by the secretary and the president, that if all of the pieces fell into place, we would abstain,” the official said on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the issue.

“The government of Israel does not make policy for the United States,” the official added.

The approved resolution called for “an immediate, durable and fully respected cease-fire, leading to the full withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza.”

Rice said later that the United States “fully supports” the resolution but abstained because it “thought it

important to see the outcomes of the Egyptian mediation,” referring to an Egyptian-French initiative aimed at achieving a cease-fire.

Still, Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki said he was surprised by the U.S. abstention.

“We were told that the Americans were going to vote in favor,” he said Friday, a day after the vote.

But when Rice came in to the Security Council chamber, she informed the Saudi foreign minister with an apology that she would abstain and would clarify later that the United States supported the resolution nonetheless, according to Malki.

Biden meets with Iraqi leaders; bombings kill 10

Jennifer Loven
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — Vice President-elect Joe Biden conferred Monday with Iraqi leaders after a trip to Afghanistan, capping a tour of U.S. battlefronts on a day when police reported bombings killed 10 people in Baghdad.

The four attacks were a reminder that major violence may still return, complicating the incoming administration’s plans to draw down troops in Iraq and focus more attention on Afghanistan.

Biden, a frequent visitor to Iraq as a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, met with President Jalal Talabani, Vice President Adel Abdul-Mahdi and deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh after arriving in Baghdad.

U.S. officials issued no public statement.

But Abdul-Mahdi said they discussed implementation of a security agreement that took effect on Jan. 1. The accord sets a three-year timeframe for the full withdrawal of American forces.

The Iraqis also stressed the importance of enhancing U.S.-Iraqi cooperation in fields other than security, the Shiite vice president said in a statement.

For his part, Biden renewed the U.S. commitment toward Iraq and stressed the need to continue developing state institutions, according to the statement.

Biden and South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham had dinner with the vice president-elect’s son, Beau Biden, and other members of the Delaware National Guard serving in Iraq, Biden’s staff said.

Biden’s trip to Iraq followed visits to Pakistan and Afghanistan this weekend, a little over a week before the Jan. 20 inauguration.

President-elect Barack Obama has promised to end the nearly 6-year-old war in Iraq and refocus U.S. military efforts on Afghanistan, where al-Qaida-linked militants and the Taliban are making a comeback after initial defeats in the U.S.-led invasion of 2001.

But Obama has promised to consult his commanders and the Iraqi government before ordering withdrawals.

American commanders worry that a quick departure could trigger more violence because Iraqi security forces may not be ready to take on more responsibility.

Although violence has declined sharply in Iraq, the U.S. military has warned that security gains are fragile and extremists are likely to step up attacks ahead of this month’s provincial elections.

ILLINOIS

Burr is certified by White House to be next Ill. senator

CHICAGO — Roland Burr is says he’s “humbled and honored” to be Illinois’ next junior senator, and is thankful for the opportunity to serve.

The former Illinois attorney general thanked Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois at a news conference Monday and said their scrutiny was motivated by trying to do the best thing for the chamber.

Senate Democrats said earlier Monday that they’ll accept Burr as President-elect Barack Obama’s Senate successor and expect to swear him in soon.

WASHINGTON

Advisers say Obama’s first order is the closing of Guantanamo Bay

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama is preparing to issue an executive order his first week in office — and perhaps his first day — to close the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, according to two presidential transition team advisers.

It is unlikely the detention facility at the Navy base in Cuba will be closed anytime soon. In an interview last weekend, Obama said it would be “a challenge” to close it even within the first 100 days of his administration.

GAZA STRIP

Israeli leader warns Hamas of ‘iron fist’ but militants do not waver

GAZA CITY — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert stood within Hamas rocket range Monday and warned Islamic militants that they face an “iron fist” unless they agree to Israeli terms for an end to war in the Gaza Strip.

Hamas showed no signs of wavering, however, with its leader, Ismail Haniyeh, saying the militants were “closer to victory.”

Despite the tough words, Egypt said it was making slow progress in brokering a truce, and special Mideast envoy Tony Blair said elements were in place for a cease-fire.

NORTH DAKOTA

Temperatures plunge as storm system promises miserable week

BISMARCK — A fast-moving blizzard brought snow and high winds to North Dakota on Monday, closing schools and causing more headaches for residents still trying to dig out from a record snowfall last month.

And, forecasters said a blast of cold air was on the way that could send the thermometer as low as 30 degrees below zero.

Travel was discouraged in the central and western parts of North Dakota because drifting snow, whipped up by high winds, made the visibility almost zero. No injuries were reported.

Roland Burris: From SIU to the Senate

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Senate Democrats announced they would relent and allow Roland Burris to join them, after weeks of confusion surrounding the appointment made by Gov. Rod Blagojevich, according to a statement released Monday.

Blagojevich appointed Burris to the seat vacated by President-elect Barack Obama late last month. Last week, Senate Democrats rejected Burris' credentials and refused to seat him, according to The Associated Press.

But a joint statement from Majority Leader Harry Reid and Assistant Majority Leader Dick Durbin said Burris would likely take his place soon.

"Barring objections from Senate Republicans, we expect Senator-designee Burris to be sworn in and formally seated later this week," Reid and Durbin said in the release.

Blagojevich was charged in federal court with conspiring to leverage campaign contributions from candidates for the senate seat in exchange for their appointment. Burris has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

By Illinois law, the governor has the sole responsibility of filling vacant senate seats. When an appointment is made, the paperwork is sent to the secretary of state for certification.

Burris, an SIUC alumnus, was elected comptroller in 1978 and held the position until 1991 when he was elected to his one term as attorney general. He was the state's first African-American elected to an executive branch office and also led

an unsuccessful gubernatorial bid in 2002.

Before he was elected or appointed to any public office, Roland Burris was first an SIUC student from Centralia who studied political science, according to a biography he provided the SIU Alumni Association.

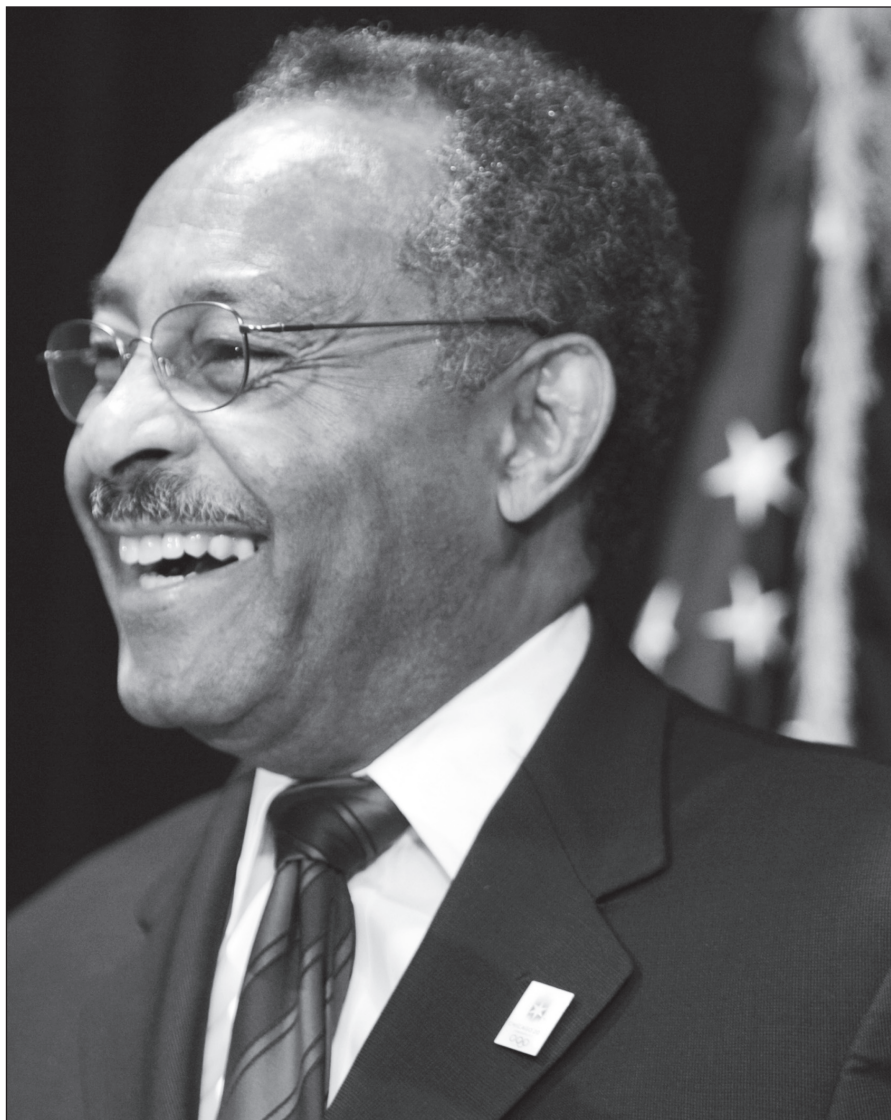
After he graduated from SIUC in 1959, Burris studied in Germany and later earned a law degree at Howard University in 1963. Burris, 71, was decorated in 1979 with an Alumni Achievement Award and named a distinguished alumnus in 1988, according to the biography.

While earning his bachelor's degree, Burris was a civil rights leader in Carbondale and on campus. His efforts in 1955 to turn Woody Hall into a non-segregated residence hall were supported and upheld by the late Delyte Morris, who was SIU's president at the time, according to DAILY EGYPTIAN archives.

Burris was also an opponent of segregation throughout Carbondale. During a gubernatorial campaign stop at the Student Center in February 2002, Burris said there were only four restaurants blacks were allowed to eat in when he first arrived on campus in 1955.

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement, said Burris has since supported the university by recruiting students, sponsoring alumni events and creating a \$100,000 scholarship for African-American students from Centralia or Chicago who are pursuing a degree from the College of Liberal Arts.

"To the best of my knowledge, Roland is a man of great character



Senate-designate Roland Burris meets with reporters at the Crowne Plaza for a press conference on Monday in Chicago. U.S. Senate leadership dropped their objections and Burris expects to be sworn into office this week as Barack Obama's replacement.
TERRENCE A. JAMES
MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

and integrity and I expect he would be a good representative of Illinois as a senator," McCurry said.

SIU President Glenn Poshard concurred.

"In terms of a candidate or

appointment for that position, I think Roland Burris has superior qualities," Poshard said. "I couldn't think of another candidate who would have been superior to his qualifications."



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OUR WORD



JAY ROLLINS ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Where's the fire?

Freedom of Individual Rights in Education has swooped in to save Southern Illinois University from unreasonable rules.

Or so it thinks.

FIRE has asked the university to fix something that was not broken in the first place.

As unreasonable and extreme as FIRE's reaction to a single rule is, the DAILY EGYPTIAN hopes the university will compromise to save SIUC from court dates and public humiliation it does not need and does not deserve.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN believes the RSO code, which restricts noisy protests to one

area of campus far from classroom buildings (except Faner Hall and its fortress-thick walls), is reasonable and necessary for learning. Students are free to protest quietly, pass out fliers and even hold undistruptive walk-outs anywhere on campus.

Members of the SIUC community have not complained about these restrictions, and the students should be the university's foremost concern. The DAILY EGYPTIAN believes this rule is the happiest medium possible: free speech for protesters and demonstrators and quiet space for everyone to

study and learn.

This rule also makes protests safer. Students know it is their right to yell and shout in protest in this area. They know they are subject to discipline if they loudly protest elsewhere. This also contains the protest, making it easier for law enforcement to step in if protests or spectators get out of hand. In this area, students' First Amendment rights are not being restricted. They are being protected.

The riots of 1969 shut down the university for the final days of the spring semester. This rule keeps protests from escalating

to the point that students who had nothing to do with the protest in the first place are harmed by it.

But if changing this reasonable rule means FIRE will leave SIUC alone, the DAILY EGYPTIAN implores Chancellor Sam Goldman and the rest of the university community to change the rule and change it quickly.

Some of us have been taught to never give into the demands of a bully, whatever the cost.

But sometimes feeling defeated by someone who is clearly wrong is better than actually having a broken nose.

GUEST COLUMN

University must change their ways

Jonathan Bean
GUEST COLUMN

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education approached ACLU and my association, the Illinois Association of Scholars, over Christmas break with their complaint about the Registered Student Organization Handbook's free speech zone. I read the Board Demonstration Policy, which appears to be fine. I interviewed a member of the committee that drafted that policy and he confirmed that the entire campus was open to protests.

However, he acknowledged that the RSO Handbook contradicted

the Board policy on free speech. All that the administration needed to do was clarify that point and rewrite the RSO Handbook. Monday morning, I was expecting a reasonable response and was ready to write a "thumbs up" to Chancellor Goldman.

Instead, I opened my DAILY EGYPTIAN to find the chancellor lashing out at those who questioned the RSO Handbook ban on speech outside a single "forum area." Goldman stated "they shoot first and ask questions later." I asked plenty of questions, wrote about this extensively and even sent my blog entries to Chancellor Goldman and other top officials. I also asked

questions of a committee member and sent an unanswered e-mail to Student Development.

Goldman went on to state, "FIRE has not even provided an example of the violation in question." Apparently, we need an incident to raise questions about the RSO Handbook. But the handbook is in violation of the board's own policy. As an official reporting to the Board of Trustees, Goldman surely knows this to be the case. Yet he simply refused to address the example given: the RSO Handbook. FIRE challenged the handbook, not the Board policy.

The handbook ban has a "chill-

ing effect" on student speech. That makes this a First Amendment issue, despite what the chancellor asserts. Thus, there could be a "facial challenge" to the handbook ban (on "its face," the RSO Handbook is in violation of the First Amendment). I am sure the SIUC legal counsel knows what that means.

So, please tell me, if all is "fine" with the handbook, what do I tell students? To obey the board policy or the handbook that binds them (and me)? Clearly, the handbook needs a rewrite.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We don’t need to make a movie out of the book. We are living it right now.”

David Kelley
president of the Atlas Society, on rumors that Ayn Rand’s famous book “Atlas Shrugged,” about wasteful government spending, will be made into a feature film.

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AP STYLE

The great frustrations of great expectations

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While the new year and semester brings a bevy of resolutions and good intentions, it is interesting to note the word “expectation” evolved from the Latin meaning “an awaiting.”

This should interest all of us, because we all expect things.

With crisp, white syllabuses in hand, we form plans to take notes, do the readings and really go to class this time. While thumbing through sex-sodden magazines or refusing to discard those jeans from five years ago, we vow to start jogging and order our lattes nonfat. Walking through the store aisles of Valentine’s Day merchandise with our heads down and eyes trained straight ahead, we promise ourselves a new love story, one that is always beautiful and never hurts.

Seniors studying journalism might have entered into their majors four years ago with expectations about intrepid reporting and the quest for truth. They likely did not plan for an industry that hemorrhages jobs and money, or a readership that seems to prefer its news fast and lite. Sometimes life does not fulfill our expectations.

At the beginning of last semester, I expected to write a column every other week. Instead, I wrote three columns over the course of four months. Sometimes it is our own fault when our plans fall through.

Because expectations are often just about waiting: for inspiration, for a miracle diet, for the perfect mate, for the economy to rebound, for our brains to get smarter, for our bodies to

get smaller, for things to change.

The problem is not that we make the expectations or even that we do not meet them sometimes. The problem is why.

Why don’t we go to class, lose the weight, fall in love? Usually it’s because we’ve screwed up somewhere along the way. We didn’t get enough sleep, so we’re not going to get out of bed and exercise. We went to dollar night last night, so we can’t drag ourselves to that 9 a.m. class. We were blindsided by heartbreak before, so now we’re quick to find the flaw in any fledgling relationship.

For journalists, it is that a source will not call us back and so we cannot get the quote we need. Or it’s that our story last week received 87 hateful comments online and now we cannot summon the self-confidence to continue. Or it’s that we were up until 4 a.m. working on yesterday’s assignment, and now we have to do it all again today.

But the DAILY EGYPTIAN is not going to wait anymore.

After years of planning a new Web site and then delaying it because the HTML fell through, the server crashed, the Web guy graduated, etc., we launched the renovated siude.com Monday. It offers a cleaner browsing experience and houses exclusive multimedia content.

We hope you will visit and enjoy, but we do not expect the renovations to make everything better. We will work every day to add more online content, from videos to photo galleries to extra stories.

As an advertising slump mandates smaller papers, it will become more important to develop the Web. We are prepared to embrace that challenge — even if it means we ignore sleep, refuse exercise, eat terrible food and sabotage all our relationships.

Our readers should expect nothing less.

WEEKLY WENGER

Growing up, what college is for

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If you will be graduating in May, please raise your hand.

If you feel kind of unprepared for the real world, keep the hand up.

If you realize you squandered your time and money for the last four years goofing off instead of growing up, use that hand to smack your own forehead.

Four years ago, many students came to campus with the idea of partying being more prominent than the idea of working towards a degree. Now with only four months to go, these same students are pressed to hunker down and somehow pull a viable degree out of eight semesters of binge drinking and hangovers. For better or for worse, they will be leaving the classroom and entering the workforce.

Well, maybe not for better.

Somewhere in the past decade or so college stopped being the gateway into adulthood that it used to be. Students get into the habit of showing up late, leaving early, putting little effort into homework and projects and then cramming in the last weeks and arguing with their professors for better grades. None of these practices translate well into the business world, but this is what is being learned in college.

For those in their last semester, the damage might be too much to reverse at this point. For everyone else though, let this bad example serve as a warning.

The most important step to take now is planning. With the nation’s economy limping along, now would be a good time to reas-

sess the marketability of your major. If you planned on being an investment banker for AIG, you might want to rethink things. This doesn’t mean you have to change majors per say but figure out more than one career for your degree. Picking up a double major or a strong minor might give you more options.

Once you find a good star on which to orient your ship, work. Come to class early and bring your laptop to further your learning abilities, not to check Facebook. Checking social Web sites can get you fired in the real world, so breaking that habit is strongly recommended.

Also, figure out how to work for someone, in this case the professor. Don’t argue about assignments and grading because that doesn’t fly well outside the classroom. Read the syllabus and stick to it. Employers value someone with personal flare almost as much as they value a person they can trust to follow instructions.

This doesn’t mean you have to quash any unique qualities you have, just figure out how to meld them into profitable skills. It’s part of growing up, which should be the reason for college enrollment in the first place.

For too many students, college is just an extension of high school. After the four years are up, they figure out that no one wants to pay high schoolers to be graphic designers, accountants, nurses, police officers or anything else.

If you haven’t started yet, grow up. Go to class on time, shower, take notes, do your work and get good grades. Although these values may seem foreign, they shouldn’t.

It’s either that, or sweat nervously at graduation.

Wenger is a senior studying journalism and Spanish.

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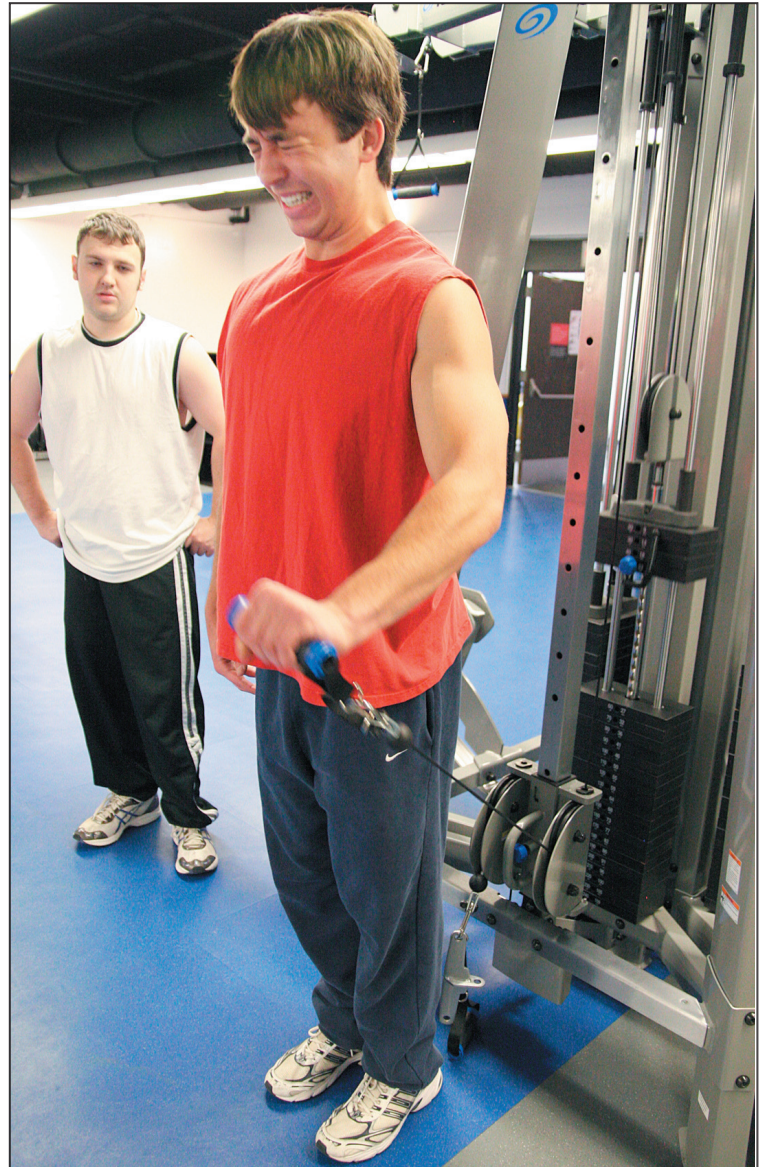
The 'weight' is over

James McDonough
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Brett Hull, a junior from Roselle studying radio television, does a set of front-shoulder raises on a Nautilus machine while Jeff Holub, a senior from Roselle studying political science, waits to use the equipment Monday in the Recreation Center's newly renovated weight room.

Hull said the new weight room has more of what students need and is better organized than in the past. Corné Prozesky, assistant director of the facility, said the new design was based on input from students, faculty, the weightlifting club, the kinesiology department, athletic trainers, personal trainers and the Recreation Center advisory board.

Prozesky said the monthlong project began during finals week and ended Monday in order to minimize inconvenience to patrons. In addition to the new equipment, the weight room now has a full-time student employee trained in proper lifting technique. The new employee will enforce safety and keep the room organized.



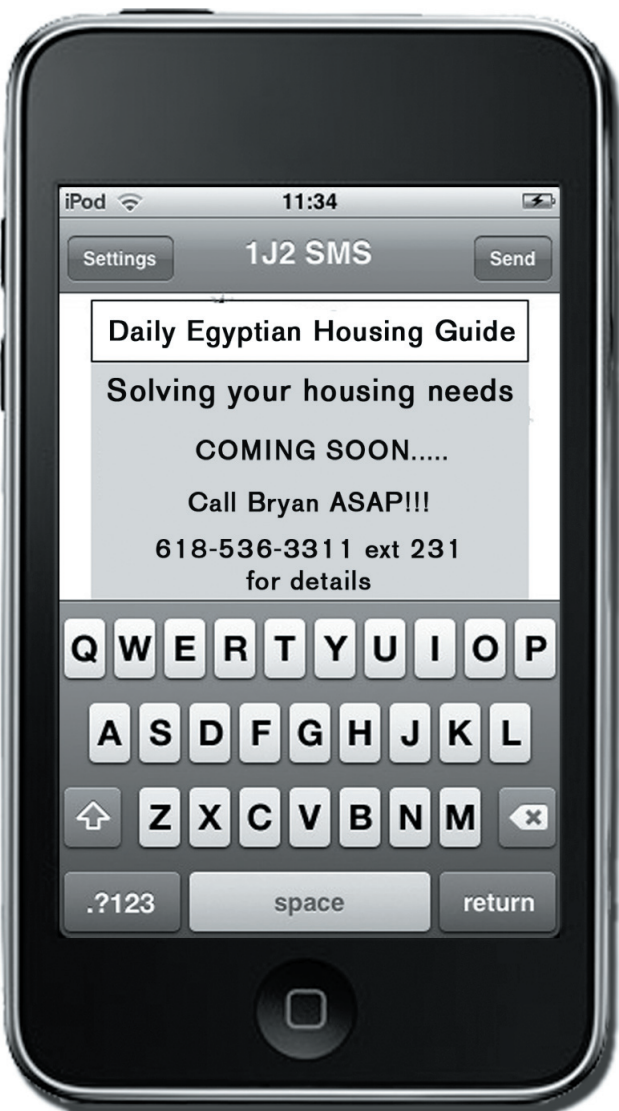
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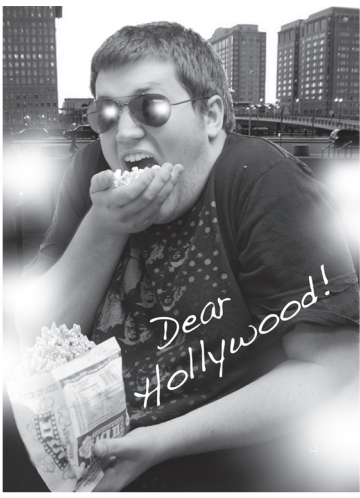


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Dear Hollywood: Not so golden



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The Golden Globes were on Sunday, and for the five of you out there who care, here's what went down: "Slumdog Millionaire" took Best Picture in a surprise upset. Kate Winslet received two Globes, and we're not talking

about her chest. Heath Ledger got a Supporting Actor win, just a little shy of a year after his death.

And once again the red carpet was laid out for an event that has without a doubt one of the most pointless nights in Hollywood.

The Golden Globes always take place in January in a somewhat informal ceremony that involves booze and celebrity worship. The ceremony is similar to the Academy Awards, which happen a month later, although the boozing at the Oscars comes after the ceremony. The Golden Globes are awarded by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which is composed of roughly 90 journalists from around the world who vote on the best in film and TV.

This may seem like a fair number of voters, but consider the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS). That group, which votes on the Oscars,

includes roughly 6,000 voters — a far more substantial number. That means if one of the 90 journalists decides not to vote or not to see a film, the voting is skewed.

It happened before. Some critics said the 2005 "Best Picture" Oscar for "Crash" was the result of older, conservative AMPAS members being turned off by the concept of "Brokeback Mountain," making them unwilling to see it, which several prominent members admitted. So if there is bias in the committee that decides the Golden Globes, it's going to leak through far more easily than in the Oscars.

The Golden Globes have largely been viewed as a prognosticator for the Oscar nominations that come toward the end of the month, but more and more, the individual critics circles around the country are the ones picking the nominees weeks earlier. The Producer's Guild of America,

which gives its nominations about three weeks before the Globes are awarded, have picked at least four of the five of the eventual Best Picture nominees every year for seven years running. The Los Angeles Film Critic's awards are usually a good prediction of who will take home trophies.

Looking at the total number of awards given to each film by the various critics, "Slumdog Millionaire" should be taking home "Best Picture" at the Oscars, which it did at the Globes. This should be no surprise, as it has been awarded "Best Picture" already by almost 50 other groups.

Ultimately, what is the point of having the Globes? It is a bit unclear. Perusing the footage and pictures of last night, the general consensus seems to be that the dresses were pretty but the ceremony was long and boring. Kate Winslet gave two enormous-

ly bloated speeches, "Mad Men" and "30 Rock" won the top TV prizes again (an interesting note that "Rock" is aired on the same network that airs the Globes. Hmm ...) and Tina Fey told her Internet critics to suck it, which was the night's best moment. And Sacha Baron Cohen offended everybody by joking about Madonna.

Sure, it is nice to see celebrities play dress-up, get together and award each other for being awesome, but how many of these televised ceremonies do we really need? It would be far more prudent to cut the Golden Globes entirely from the awards season and give the glory to the Independent Spirit Awards. They are held the day before the Oscars, involve plenty of booze and are aired uncut on IFC, which means f-bombs and laughter abound.

It is certainly far more entertaining than another Sunday night slog through Golden Globe boredom.

PULSE

Sunday night on the Golden Globes Red Carpet, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt ignored Ryan Seacrest as he dashed down from his podium to meet them on the walk way.

Do you think it was right of the celeb super-couple to snub Seacrest or should they have given the E! News host the interview?

Luke McCormick

A snub was certainly in order. I'm sure Pitt is still fuming about Sanjaya's early exit from "American Idol" in 2007 and Jolie was (insert adopting another child joke here).

Sean McGahan

A snub was certainly NOT in order. Pitt should have been a real man and responded. Maybe he could ask Seacrest, "When a person is insane, as you clearly are, do you know that you're insane? Maybe you're sitting around, reading 'Teen Idol Weekly,' bathing in your own leftover hair gel, do you just stop and go, 'Wow, it's amazing how self-involved I really am!'" Then Seacrest could retort by leading Pitt on a voyage down the Oscars' Red Carpet and present him with his wife's severed head in a cardboard box.

Christian Holt

While my colleagues seem to think the snub situation is a joke, it is important to realize how serious it really is. Maybe Jennifer Aniston was right behind them, or maybe one of the couple's hundreds of kids came down with the flu and the babysitter was calling over and over. They're people too, guys.

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Ten-Year Itch

Cloudy with a chance of greatness

Luke McCormick

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Editor's note: Ten-Year Itch is a weekly column that takes a peek back at an album or film that is at least 10 years old and deserves a second look.

In the rock 'n' roll world, it is commonplace for members of popular, genre-defining bands to go it alone and strike up solo careers.

John Lennon, Paul McCartney, Don Henley the list of the artists who continued to be relevant after leaving their respective groups could go on for days. Only rarely does a seminal artist embark on a solo career with such little fanfare as Joe Strummer (former frontman of The Clash) did in 1989.

"Earthquake Weather," released in 1989, was barely noticed by fans of Strummer's work with

The Clash. He continued along the same lines of genre-bending sounds, which The Clash approached along the second half of its career.

He threw together reggae, dub, world music, rock 'n' roll and a slew of other sounds to birth an interesting, albeit somewhat haphazard, solo debut.

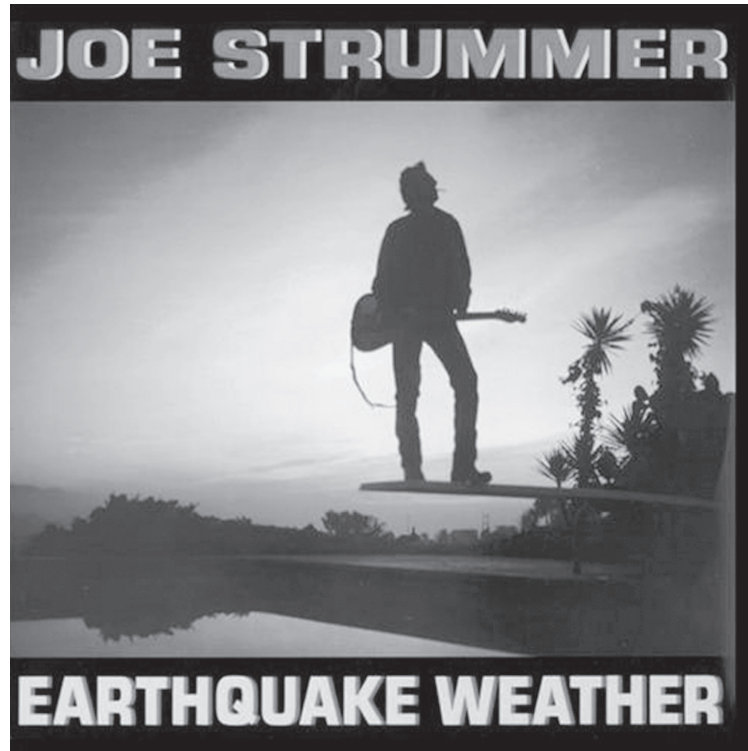
The record's faults, though they are few, exist because of Strummer's attempts at stuffing so many different sounds into each track. Also, the mixing of the record leaves a lot to be desired. The percussion is mixed too low and the bass sometimes turned up too high. The one bright spot of the album's production was the decision to put Strummer's vocals at the forefront of the music.

Strummer's voice still con-

tained all of the gruff emotion that made The Clash so endearing. Anytime Strummer put vocals to tape, it demanded attention. For a majority of this record, the vocals carry the songs. The lyrics on the record are usually quite cryptic, but when sung with such a high degree of passion, they coalesce, bringing together an incredibly strong record.

Strummer's vocals and songwriting keep the record from sounding dated as much rock music from the '80s. The slight missteps (funky, Flea-esque bass lines) can be forgiven when they are part of songs delivered with as much magnetism as Strummer always brought to the table.

"Earthquake Weather" is a highly rewarding listening experience, but only hinted at the greatness Strummer would achieve with backing band The Mescaleros at the beginning of this decade. The ideas he only touched upon during "Earthquake Weather" are explored



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fully and deliver wonderful results. However, to fully appreciate those recordings, it is essential to trek back to his solo beginnings and see his sonic ideas in their infant stages.

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Need a good laugh? Check out the comics on page 13!

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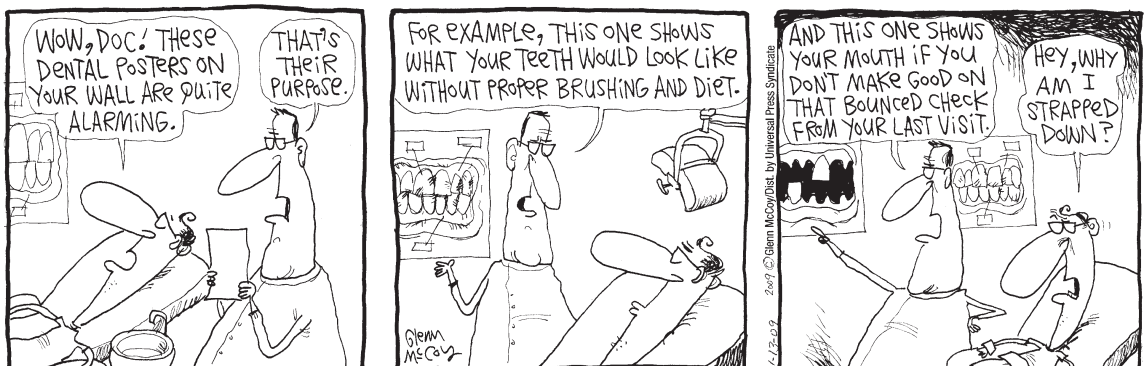
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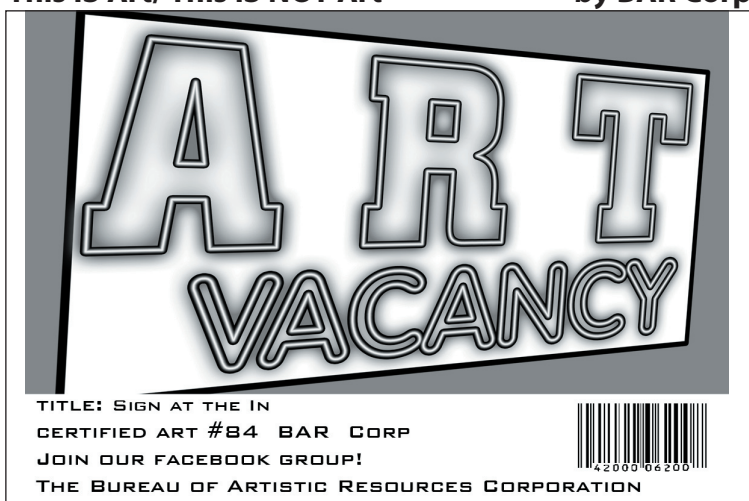
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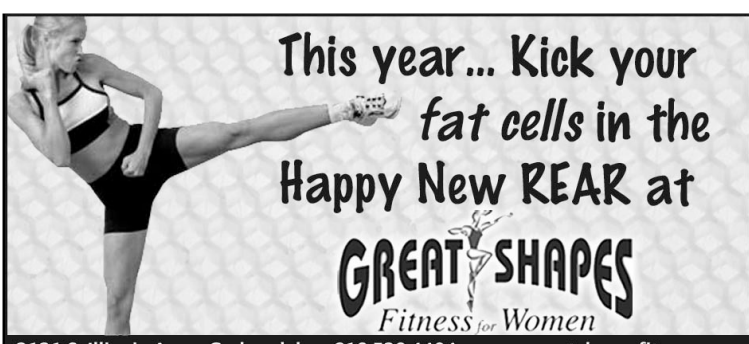
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Spring '09: A fan's guide to Saluki sports

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Saluki fans will have a lot to look forward to this semester with basketball in full swing and baseball and softball on the horizon.

7:05 p.m. Wednesday – SIU men's basketball vs. Creighton

The Salukis' trip to Omaha, Neb., to face the rival Bluejays will be the last for seniors Bryan Mullins, Tony Boyle and Wesley Clemmons, and the first for freshmen Kevin Dillard, Anthony Booker and Ryan Hare. SIU split its two games with Creighton last season, but won eight in a row against the Blue Jays between Feb. 7, 2004, and Feb. 10, 2007.

7:05 p.m. Thursday – SIU women's basketball vs. Creighton

The Salukis will host the Bluejays in the first of the teams' two meetings this season. Last year at the SIU Arena, the Salukis pulled out a 75-74 overtime victory. However, the Salukis lost at Creighton last year, 62-59.

3:05 p.m. Saturday – SIU women's basketball vs. Drake

The Salukis will hope to fill

the SIU Arena for their tilt against the Bulldogs, dubbing it "Pack the House". The goal is to set an attendance record for the women's basketball team at the SIU Arena. The record was set Nov. 12, 2006, when 3,367 turned out to watch the Salukis host Missouri.

6:05 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18 – SIU men's basketball vs. Bradley

The Salukis have scheduled a "White Out" against the Braves, for which all fans are expected to wear white shirts.

4:05 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 – SIU men's basketball vs. Creighton

SIU will attempt to extend its seven-game winning streak over Creighton at the SIU Arena, which dates back to Feb. 20, 2002. This matchup is one the Salukis traditionally sell out the SIU Arena for, and brings out the passion from the Saluki faithful. A "Maroon Out" is scheduled for this game.

Saturday, Feb. 21 – BracketBusters

The SIU men's basketball team has won back-to-back games in ESPN's BracketBusters weekend and will take part in the event again this year. The Salukis will be on the

road this time against an opponent that has yet to be determined. It could be a daunting task for an SIU team that owns a 3-13 mark in road games since the start of the 2007-08 season.

2:05 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 – SIU women's basketball vs. Indiana State

The Salukis will hold their third annual "Pink Out" when they host the Sycamores. The tradition began in the 2006-07 season when the second largest crowd to ever watch a women's basketball game at the SIU Arena supported the Salukis against Evansville.

Saturday, Feb. 28; time TBD – SIU men's basketball vs. Wichita State

SIU will look to see its seniors off with a win over the Shockers when they are honored for Senior Night. In Mullins' career with SIU, the Salukis are 6-1 against Wichita State with the only loss being on the road in his freshman season. In the two teams' first meeting this season at Wichita State, SIU won 74-62 to earn its first conference win of the season. In that game, Mullins had seven assists, zero turnovers, and hit a key 3-pointer en route to a 13-point performance.

2 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 – SIU baseball vs. Tennessee-Martin

The Saluki baseball team will host its first game of the season at Abe Martin Field. SIU has won its last five home openers at Abe Martin Field.

2 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 – SIU softball vs. SEMO

The Salukis host their first home game of the season at Charlotte West Stadium against Southeast Missouri State. SIU went 30-24 last year, but will look to return to its form from the 2007 season when it went 41-16 and was ranked as high as 18th in the nation.

Thursday, March 5 in St. Louis – MVC men's basketball tournament

The SIU men's basketball team has not won the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament since 2006, which had extended its streak of consecutive years in the NCAA Tournament to five. If SIU doesn't catch fire soon, winning the conference tournament will be its only chance at making the Big Dance, which Mullins, Clemmons and Boyle were a part of during their first two seasons with the

Salukis.

2:05 p.m. Saturday, March 7 – SIU women's basketball vs. Evansville

The Salukis will host the Purple Aces for Senior Night, which will be the final regular season home game for seniors Kaci Bailey, Jasmine Gibson and Erica Smith. As sophomores during the 2006-07 season, Gibson and Smith played important roles in SIU's run to the regular season conference title.

Thursday, March 12 in St. Charles, Mo. – MVC women's basketball tournament

SIU is still looking for its first conference tournament championship since 1990, when the team went 21-10 in the regular season and toppled Illinois State 71-54 in the season finale.

6 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 in Marion – SIU baseball vs. Illinois

The Salukis will play a home game at Rent One Ballpark in Marion, the home of the Southern Illinois Miners. SIU was winless in three games last season at Rent One, losing once to Illinois and twice to Northern Illinois.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	MEN'S BASKETBALL	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL
Senior forward Jasmine Gibson, the SIU women's basketball team's top scorer (13.6 points per game) and rebounder (7.2 per game), has scored in double figures in 10 of the Salukis' 12 games this season. She has two double-doubles this season, and three other times she has come within two rebounds of a double-double.	Freshman guard Kevin Dillard is the SIU men's basketball team's leading scorer, at 12.2 points per game. Over the last six games, Dillard is averaging 17 points per game.	The SIU baseball game will play a night game against Illinois at RentOne Ballpark in Marion on April 15. Last season at RentOne Ballpark, the Salukis lost all three games — 3-1 and 9-4 to Northern Illinois, and 5-2 to Illinois.	The Saluki softball team returns only eight of the 16 players who played during SIU's 2007 season, during which the Salukis finished 41-16 and obtained a peak rank of No. 18. Last season, SIU had 13 holdovers from the 2007 squad.

Colts coach Tony Dungy retires after 13 seasons

Michael Marot
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy always considered football just a career path.

Not his life's mission.

On Monday, Dungy began the transition from head coach to full-time dad and devoted volunteer by announcing his retirement after seven years leading the Indianapolis Colts.

"We just felt this was the right time," Dungy said. "Don't shed any tears for me. I got to live a dream most people don't get to live."

The move triggered a succession plan Indianapolis put in place a year ago, making Jim Caldwell, the associate head coach, Dungy's replacement.

But the culmination of a 31-year NFL career, which started with Dungy winning a Super Bowl ring

as a player in Pittsburgh and ended two years after he became the first black coach to hoist the Lombardi Trophy, brought out some rare emotional moments from the usually stoic Dungy.

"My wife Lauren told me to bring some Kleenex. I thought I would make it a little farther than the first sentence," Dungy said, his voice cracking.

He told owner Jim Irsay of his decision Sunday.

"And we spent about 212 hours crying," Dungy said. "But I had a real peace about it."

The 53-year-old Dungy informed his staff of the decision Monday morning, then met with some players after the traditional one-week waiting period ended. Dungy and his wife, Lauren, spent the last five years discussing whether he should continue coaching.

Receivers coach Clyde Christensen, who served as Dungy's assistant the last 13 years, said he was 95 percent certain Dungy would return as recently as Friday. Others, like safety Melvin Bullitt, were still hopeful Monday afternoon that Dungy would change his mind.

Unlike the previous four years, when Dungy ultimately decided to continue coaching, he decided it was time to stay home and work in the community.

Perhaps for good.

"I think I've got a responsibility to be home a little bit more, be available to my family a little bit more and do some things to help make our country better," Dungy said. "I don't know what that is right now, but we'll see."

Dungy made a remarkable impact around the league. In an era when there were few black head coaches, Dungy helped open the door to ris-

ing stars and a growing number of minority candidates. Among those from his Tampa Bay staff who have had head coaching jobs are Herm Edwards, now with Kansas City, Chicago's Lovie Smith, Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin and former Detroit coach Rod Marinelli.

Dungy also set league records for most consecutive playoff seasons (10) and consecutive 12-win seasons (six), and leaves with the highest average of regular-season victories of any coach in league history (10.7).

And those around the league acknowledged Dungy's legacy will be the way he won.

"People often say that teams reflect their head coach, and that can be said of Tony Dungy's teams, which are consistent winners every single year," New England coach Bill Belichick said. "Tony has been such a fixture in this league that his absence will take

some getting used to."

Dungy has always considered faith, family and football to be his priorities.

But he always wound up back on the sideline. Last year, he returned to help open the Colts' new stadium after Irsay agreed to let Dungy commute home on his private jet.

Although Dungy said the travel was not a burden and enjoyed this season, clearly, the time away from home was something that tugged at Dungy's heart.

Even Irsay sensed this would be Dungy's last go-around before their Sunday night meeting.

"I knew this day would come some time, it always does in life," Irsay said, tearing up. "It's been an incredible journey, and as an owner, I think, you dream of having the kind of relationship with a head coach that I've had with Tony."



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Saluki Insider

The 2009 Baseball Hall of Fame class was announced Monday, with Rickey Henderson and Jim Rice set to be inducted this spring. Among the other candidates were Mark McGwire, Andre Dawson, Bert Blyleven, Alan Trammell, Tim Lincecum and Harold Baines. Was anybody snubbed?



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"Luis would like to honor Mr. Henderson by speaking in third person, adding that he would like to see Andre Dawson in the Hall of Fame. Luis will ignore his .323 career on-base percentage and note his Rookie of the Year award, his MVP playing for a tremendously terrible Cubs team in 1987 and his 438 home runs, 1591 RBI and 314 stolen bases. Dawson is an all-around talent if Luis ever saw one."

"Personally, I think Luis wanting Dawson to get in has something to do with the fact that Luis is beyond obsessed with the Cubbies. The man owns Cubs shoes. On the other hand: Ron Santo, Lee Smith, Andre Dawson? It'd be nice to get someone from the north side in. I guess there's always next year, Chicago."



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"Scott thinks McGwire should be in. Maybe in all likelihood he used PEDs, but he was never officially caught using anything banned by baseball, so you can't hold him out of the Hall. Sure, his induction speech might be slightly awkward, but what do you call that congressional hearing from a few years ago? Oh, Blyleven should be in too."

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Kee was a three-time All-American during his career on the track and field team from 1976-1978.

Simpson was an outside hitter on the SIU volleyball team from 1987-1991, winning the Gateway Conference's Player of the Year award in her final season. She also ranks sixth in school history in career kills with 449 and 10th in career digs at 935.

Smothers excelled in multiple sports, playing baseball, football and track at SIU. He was named second-team All-MVC in 1992 and led the baseball team in batting average at .315 in 1993. He also lettered as a pole-vaulter during his time with the Salukis from 1990-1994.

Harrer, who was a thrower for

“He wanted to win as much as any baseball player I have ever seen at SIU, and he wanted to compete, and he wanted it in the biggest moments.”

— Mike Reis
Salukis' radio announcer

the track team from 1985-1988, said he started in humbler beginnings than most other SIU Hall of Fame members. Harrer said he attended small high schools and never finished high in state competition, which led to little recruitment efforts from the Salukis.

"I just walked on down here, very little expectations and so getting this far is pretty awesome," said Harrer, who also said his best memory was when he was named the MVC's most valuable track and field athlete in 1987.

Harrer's type of underdog spirit is also what Hairston said is what he's carried with him during his long career in Major League Baseball.

"I think everybody would attest to this being at Southern you're kind of, sort of the underdog, and that's what I loved about southern Illinois. I think I take that with me when I'm in the major leagues," Hairston said. "I'm not the biggest guy; I'm not the strongest, but I definitely have that underdog fight and that's definitely carried me."

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"Coach (Lowery) called on me to play the four spot. That's something we never worked on in practice, but he just had the confidence in me to go guard and play

the role and that's it. Lowery said he could use the four-guard lineup in future games if opponents' lineups dictate favorable matchups for SIU.

The Salukis might get a chance to use their four-guard lineup again as soon as Wednesday against Creighton.

"I don't know if we can do it all the time; it depends on what kind of teams they play, if they have smaller forwards," Lowery said.

"Ryan Hare is pretty tough, so he'll be able to guard some of those guys like that. I'm just happy that they're continuing to improve."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Small lineup sparks Saluki victory

Four-guard lineup excels with speed and quickness

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With sophomore forward Carlton Fay glued to the bench due to a pair of early fouls and inconsistent play from reserve forwards, the SIU men's basketball team needed a cure to prevent penetration from Evansville's speedy guards and forwards.

That is when the Salukis' depth at the guard position rescued them from an early deficit and helped deliver a 70-63 win at the SIU Arena Saturday.

The Salukis erased a nine-point first-half deficit by using guards Bryan Mullins, Ryan Hare, Kevin Dillard, Wesley Clemmons and Justin Bocot along with senior forward Tony Boyle to match the Purple Aces' speed and agility in SIU's seven-point win.

Head coach Chris Lowery said the offensive flow of the game picked up with the change in game plan.

"(The offense) is better when Bryan (Mullins) and Kevin (Dillard) are in. It's a huge improvement from what we've had in the past because they are both true point guards," Lowery said. "But Kevin has the ability to score and turn into a scorer. And with Ryan (Hare) out there, that gives us three guys that can attack the rim and go to the basket."

Dillard, who rejoined the starting lineup Dec. 31, is averaging 12.2 points per game and is the team's leading scorer. The freshman guard has scored double figures in seven of the last eight games, is leading the team in 3-point shooting percentage (51.6 percent) and is

among team leaders in overall field goal percentage (50 percent).

Teaming Dillard with Mullins, a four-year starter at the point guard position, has paid dividends for the offense. Mullins has averaged 9.5 points, 4.7 assists and only 1.5 turnovers per game since Dillard rejoined the starting five.

The senior leader said the four-guard lineup could cause matchup problems for future opponents if the team executes its system.

"When you've got all four guys who can make plays off the bounce, it's going to be tough to guard," Mullins said.

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— Brian Mullins
Saluki basketball guard

The Saluki offense has been sizzling as of late, scoring at least 70 points in its last two games, something it had done only four times in its previous 14 games.

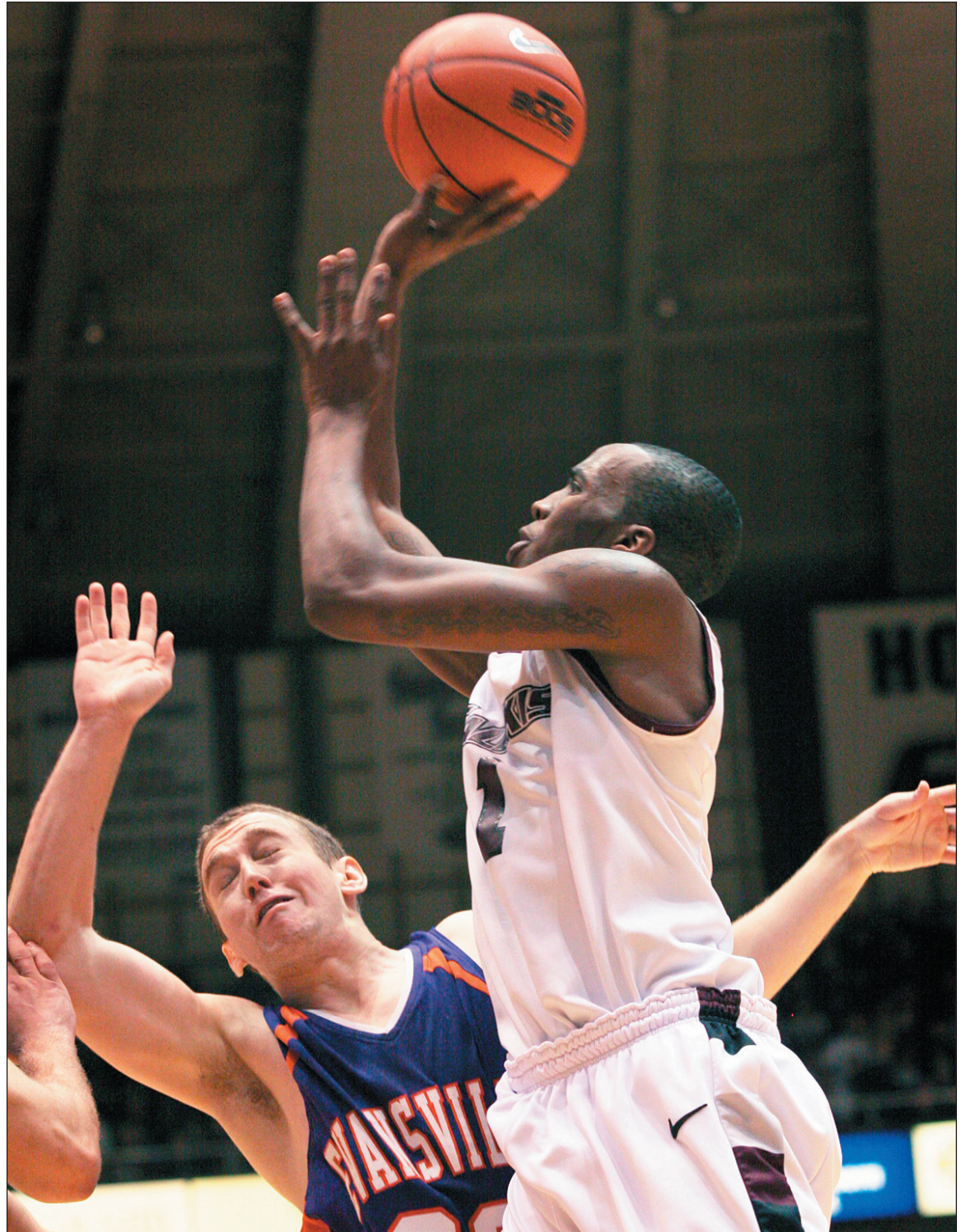
SIU also ranks sixth in the nation in 3-point shooting percentage, connecting on 41.3

percent of its attempts. The Salukis have four players who have made at least 40 percent of their 3-point attempts, while Fay has hit 39.6 percent of his shots from beyond the arc.

Not only did the smaller lineup help the team land in the win column for the second straight game, it helped clear the log jam SIU has at the guard position. When using the four-guard lineup, Clemmons, a 6-foot-3-inch guard, played the role of a 6-foot-8-inch forward by crashing the glass for rebounds on the offensive and defensive end.

"I'm just looking to play my role, get in where I fit in basically," he said.

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Saluki guard Kevin Dillard makes a basket attempt over the head of Evansville's Jason Holsinger Saturday. Dillard is the team's leading scorer, averaging 12.2 points per game.

HALL OF FAME

Six inducted into SIU Hall of Fame



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Cincinnati Reds veteran player, former SIUC student, and now Hall of Famer Jerry Hairston Jr. fraternizes with the crowd before his introduction Saturday. This was Hairston's first trip back to SIUC since he was drafted to the Baltimore Orioles in 1997.

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When Jerry Hairston Jr. starred on the SIU baseball team in 1996 and 1997, Salukis' radio announcer Mike Reis said he knew Hairston would get a shot to play in the majors.

After 11 seasons with the Baltimore Orioles, Chicago Cubs, Texas Rangers and Cincinnati Reds, Hairston came back to Carbondale where he was inducted into the SIU Hall of Fame with five other former Saluki athletes during halftime of the men's basketball game against Evansville on Saturday.

The 2009 class was made up of Hairston, pitcher Dale Kisten, track and field athletes Ron Harrer and Mike Kee, volleyball player Lori Simpson and multi-sport athlete Clint Smothers.

"It feels great. It's definitely a

tremendous honor," Hairston said. "Something, obviously, you don't really think about, but when I got the call I was really, really pleased and excited, and definitely proud to be a part of it."

Reis said Hairston, who hit .360 in two seasons with the Salukis, carried himself differently than other players.

"Certain players you can just see, and the more I got to know him, there was just something different about him," Reis said. "He wanted to win as much as any baseball player I have ever seen at SIU, and he wanted to compete, and he wanted it in the biggest moments."

Hairston will continue to have opportunities to compete in big moments after signing with the Reds last week to ensure himself a 12th season in Major League Baseball.

Reis said Kisten, like Hairston, was a player to whom SIU turned during

big games. Kisten, a starting pitcher for the Salukis from 1986-1988, was named first-team all-conference in the Missouri Valley Conference in 1986 and 1987.

He holds the school records for most career complete games with 24, and most career games started with 44. Kisten's 25 career wins ranks third of all-time in SIU history.

Kisten said he is most proud of the frequency with which he completed the games he started, which is less common today now that pitching roles are more specialized.

"Even when I did sign with the St. Louis Cardinals after SIU, I went into the short relief role as a stopper," Kisten said. "We had a set-up guy, we had a stopper, you had middle relief. And that's just the way the game is played now."

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