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Faculty and administration dispute faculty lines.

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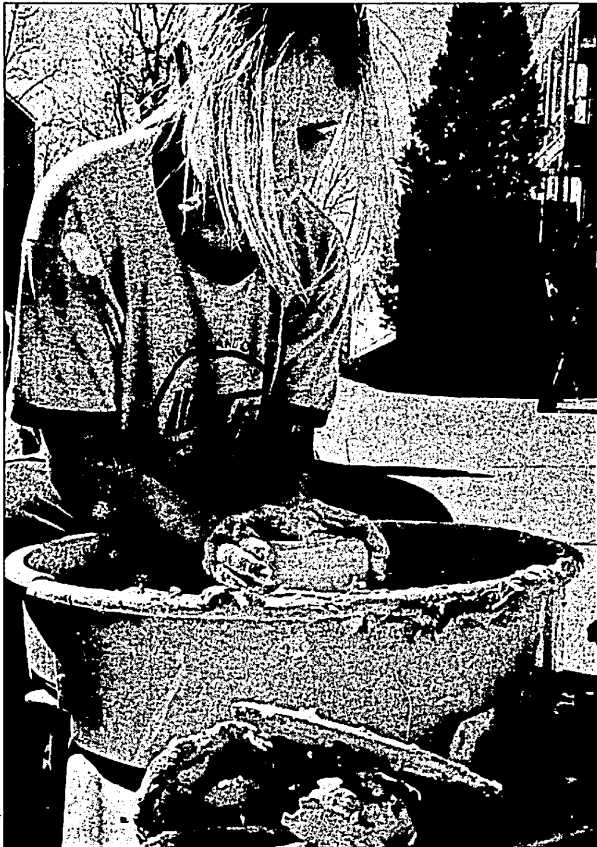
Correction
"Committee presented with 2001 budget" should have read that Gov. George Ryan recommended a \$320.6 million total budget for SIU, which is an increase of \$12.6 million. The *Daily Egyptian* regrets the error.

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BOB JACORINI - DAILY EGYPTIAN

THROWING HERSELF INTO HER WORK: Wednesday was a perfect spring day although the official beginning of spring is three weeks away. Brenna Joyce, a junior in advertising, took advantage of the weather to make clay pottery outside the Student Center.

Athletic director search narrowed down to three

Bardo left in second tier as search progresses

ANDY EGENSE
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The search for a permanent SIU athletic director was narrowed to three candidates Wednesday, and interim director Harold Bardo was not one of them.

Bardo has served in the position since January 1999 when former Athletic Director Jim Hart was reassigned within the University.

The committee will keep a backup group of three candidates in the second tier in the event that one of the first three candidates is not appointed. Bardo is in the second tier.

The finalists in the first tier are Robert Fournier, senior associate commissioner of the Mid-American Conference; Paul Kowalczyk, associate director of athletics at Northwestern University; and Daniel Spielmann, chief of staff and former athletic director at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson is pleased with the candidates and said the search procedure could be completed by the end of March if everything goes as planned. He hopes to have the new director in place by July 1.

"I think we came away with a strong pool of candidates," Jackson said.

Jackson spoke with Bardo Wednesday to discuss the decision. He characterized Bardo's reaction as "disappointed," but said Bardo responded in a business-like fashion and discussed the rest of his duties as the interim.

Bardo said he would not comment until the search plays its way through. When asked about the results, Bardo responded with a "no comment" and walked away.

Other reaction around the athletic offices ranged from a surprised men's basketball head

coach Bruce Weber, to Sports Information Director Fred Huff, who did not understand the elimination of Bardo from the top-three candidates.

"I'm unbelievably disappointed," said Huff. "It's just hard for me to believe."

Huff was a Bardo supporter and thought he would advance further "because of the superb job he has done."

In Bardo's brief tenure, he helped finalize a contract extension for Weber and has lobbied for facility improvements to help SIU compete with other MVC programs.

Jackson will bring the three finalists to campus later this month, likely after spring break, for interviews and meetings with constituency groups. Search committee members have been contacting various coaches in the athletic department collecting feedback.

But Julie Beck, women's basketball head coach and search committee member, said she did not even know who the finalists were.

Fournier has been in the Mid-Atlantic Conference for five years and served as its acting commissioner for six months last year. He was the assistant athletic director at the University of Akron between 1985 and 1995 and has been associated with Division I programs for more than 20 years.

Fournier played an integral role in securing funds that helped move the MAC office from Toledo, Ohio, to upstate Cleveland. Bryan McGowan, assistant director of communications for the MAC, said Fournier is an extremely energetic person.

"He would be a tremendous asset to the University and the athletic department," McGowan said.

McGowan, a former sports information employee at SIU from 1995 to 1999, described Fournier as a tenacious worker that fellow colleagues can look up to and said he has a great

Student trustee bill likely to pass Senate

House Bill concerning abolishing sunset clause of student trustee voting rights passes

BRYN SCOTT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Illinois student trustees will continue to have a binding vote on their respective Boards of Trustees, if the Illinois Senate passes House Bill 4182.

HB 4182 passed in the Illinois House of Representatives Wednesday after its third reading with a 117-1 vote.

The prominent purpose of HB 4182 is to amend a clause that would not give student trustees a binding vote beginning July 1, 2001.

The bill, if passed by the Senate and approved by Gov. George Ryan, will delete the "sunset clause" that is part of a present law. The clause denied Illinois student trustee binding votes beginning July 1, 2001.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, sponsored the original bill, and said HB 4182 is likely to pass.

"[The bill] should move right along through the Senate," Bost said. "It's a very positive thing for the University."

The Senate will vote on the bill by April 14.

Although many issues have already been dealt with through amendments to the bill, remaining conflicts may be addressed during the bill's venture through the Senate.

The bill, which has different provisions for each university, has garnered different levels of support from Illinois university officials. While SIU's administration supports the bill, other administrations do not.

John Thompson, student trustee for the University of Illinois-Springfield, said its Board of Trustees has not been in

support of the bill. "[Students at SIU] are lucky," Thompson said.

Ben Syfert, SIUC student trustee, plans to lobby in Springfield as early as next week, urging that part-time students be eligible for the trustee position at SIU.

Based on his experience, Syfert said the position interferes with academics and a part-time academic load would be more applicable to the job. Syfert will miss most of his classes next week for trustee-related responsibilities.

After communicating with student trustees around the state, Syfert said except for Northern Illinois University, Illinois public universities want the trustees to be elected, not appointed.

The bill, as introduced, amends the University of Illinois Trustees Act, stating that student trustees will be chosen by a campus-wide election.

"NIU wants their trustee to be appointed by the Governor. I don't know if we'll have any problems with them lobbying [against the bill]," Syfert said.

Bost said the possibility of NIU lobbying on the issue will not affect passing of the bill.

The bill, affecting the Southern Illinois University Management Act, allows the student trustee to "vote on all Board matters except those involving faculty tenure, faculty promotion or any issue on which the student member has a direct conflict of interest."

The election for student trustee is in April and Syfert's term ends in May. Under the new bill, the student trustees of SIU will be elected in a campus-wide student referendum.

HB 4182 gives nominating student trustees in various universities the power to cast advisory votes. Syfert has the advisory vote and Elizabeth Bell, SIUC-Edwardsville student trustee, received the binding vote. Ryan awarded the vote to Bell, instead of Syfert.

Money for nothing, chemistry for free

Chemistry professor gives \$3 million to SIUC

TRAVIS MORSE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

Cal Meyers, a distinguished professor emeritus of chemistry at SIUC, treated Wednesday's press conference announcing his gift to the University like one of his classrooms.

Instead of speaking behind the podium in front of a bevy of microphones, Meyers paced the room like a restless lion excitedly telling the room of his love for chemistry.

This love and passion for his work is what drove the retired professor to donate \$3 million to

the University to continue his research into organic chemistry.

"I've never had money in mind as a goal in my life," Meyers said. "My heart has always been in chemistry."

A \$2.5 million endowed fund will establish the Meyers Institute for Interdisciplinary Research in Organic and Medicinal Chemistry and a \$500,000 annuity trust will designate the SIUC Foundation as the beneficiary.

Meyers hopes the money can be used to fund basic chemical research; something the professor fervently believes in.

"We have got to continue basic research," Meyers said. "We can't make new drugs without doing fundamental chemistry."



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KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jesse Poag, a law student from Evansville, and Stephanie Gaines, a sophomore in industrial design from Champaign practice submission grappling at the Recreation Center Monday evening. The SIU Martial Arts Club "Tap Out" Grappling Tournament is Saturday, March 4, at 11 a.m.

Grappling comes to Rec Center

SIUC Martial Arts Club sponsors submission wrestling Saturday

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Somebody is going to get their butt kicked Saturday, and it's happening at the Recreation Center.

The "tap out" grappling tournament, sponsored by the SIUC Martial Arts Club, is a low-key version of similar contests that take

place around the country.

The event features submission wrestling, which uses a variety of techniques called submission holds. The tournament begins at 11 a.m., with contestants weighing in at 9 a.m.

Instead of pinning an opponent to win, as in other wrestling matches, submission wrestlers attempt to force their opponents to submit by placing pressure on the neck or extremities. A win is scored when a competitor "taps out," or signals submission by tapping the victor.

Vincent Fields, president of the Martial Arts Club, drafted the rules for the tournament from the World Submission Wrestling website.

Some of the rules were modified specifically for this event to decrease the probability of injury. Fields, a sophomore in administration of justice from Carterville, stressed that safety is the primary concern at the event.

"Some tournaments allow certain techniques, such as twisting-ankle locks, that I'm not allowing," he said. "They're too dangerous and people can get hurt."

Some of the techniques that will be allowed include choke holds and neck cranks, arm bars, shoulder, wrist and hip locks and key locks. Choke holds that place pressure directly on the windpipe will not be allowed.

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This will be the first tournament for Jeff Jacobsen, a senior in biochemistry from Forsyth. Jacobsen has been involved in martial arts since the fall semester. He said he joined this tournament for the

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SiuLife model: I'm out

Model asks for her provocative photos to be pulled from website

BURKE SPEAKER AND
DAVID FERRARA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTERS

Within hours of SiuLife.com's launch — but after thousands of hits to the site — one of the provocatively dressed models backed out because of what she perceived to be a negative public perception of herself.

Rachel Lutrell, a freshman from Peoria, requested that the images of her in a bikini and other scant clothing be removed from the website that also features a myriad of student-oriented information including local bar links, party postings and online auctions.

Lutrell said the decision to yank her images, which occurred at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, was based on an unflattering public perception.

"I had people look at me funny throughout the day," Lutrell said. "The way I was being portrayed violated me in a way."

She said she thought the pictures, which included shots of her posing in a bathing suit poolside, strutting in tight clothing and sprawled across a bed semi-nude — were going to be "more happy, playful and tasteful."

"I kind of didn't know what to expect," said the 18-year-old Methodist who sings in her choir. "It didn't portray me the way I wanted to be looked at. I thought I would be able to censor what I could do."

SiuLife.com founder and SIU senior

Tim Beechler expressed disappointment with Lutrell's decision, but pulled the photos at her request.

"I respect my models first and foremost, and she said she got a lot of flak and some nasty phone calls, so I pulled the photos," Beechler said, adding that "she knew what she was getting into."

The controversy also caused SiuLife.com's other model, Misty Tuttle, to reconsider her online contributions, but in the end she decided the price of fame was worth it.

"I don't want to quit because this is my debut," said Tuttle, a junior in secondary education. "If people don't like it, they don't have to look at it."

Beechler called Tuttle shortly after speaking to Lutrell and asked if she wanted to remove her pictures as well. Tuttle asked that he remove the more racy pictures of her from the website, but the rest could remain.

The first month of the galleries are free and after that, the models are paid a percentage of the gallery membership sales. Lutrell will not receive any money, as her photos are no longer on the site.

In more possible turmoil for the student site, SIU legal council Peter Ruger told local media he would look into the possibility of



Rachel Lutrell

High speed chase ends with crash

Du Quoin police follow juvenile to Carbondale

DAVID FERRARA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A long, high-speed police chase ended in Carbondale when a juvenile boy crashed a minivan into a light post Wednesday afternoon on the south-east side.

Du Quoin police received a call from a Shell station that someone had sped off without paying for gas.

An officer initially attempted to stop the green minivan in the Du Quoin city limits, but the driver took off. The Du Quoin boy allegedly sped south on Route 51, weaving in and out of traffic at about 90 mph.

As the boy drove through Carbondale, apparently unfamiliar with the area, he headed the wrong way as Route 51 split.

Police from Du Quoin, Carbondale and Illinois State troopers were on the boys trail. He maneuvered through traffic until he came to Walnut Street and then proceeded east.

In the downtown area, a train nearly ended the boy's flee from police. But when the train passed, he bumped into a red pickup truck. The people inside were not injured, and the boy's journey was almost finished.

When he came to Logan Drive about one-quarter of a mile down the road, the boy decided to turn right. The turn was too sharp and the minivan, which had a spare, rear-right tire, hopped the curb and hit a light post on the east side of the street "and that was

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Students present cemetery studies in Lawson Hall

Students from Plant Biology 301i, Environmental Issues in the Contemporary World, will be presenting cemetery poster projects Friday in the hallway of Lawson Hall from 10 a.m. until noon.

The posters are made based on data and information collected from studies of a Murphysboro cemetery. The students looked at death patterns over time and made an analysis as to why people died when they did.

Sigma Phi Epsilon goes before Greek Judicial Board

The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity chapter will stand before the Greek Judicial Board for its hearing tonight at 8 in Woody Hall, room 145 B.

The chapter stands before the board because of an alleged Jan. 29 incident in which a Delta Zeta sorority member fell down the stairs of the Sigma Phi Epsilon house, 605 S. University Ave., during an alcoholic function.

The Greek Judicial Board will decide the guilt or innocence of the chapter and the appropriate punishment, if applicable. Possible sanctions include loss of charter, loss of Registered Student Organization status, suspension or expulsion. The Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter will choose whether it wishes to have an open or closed hearing before it begins.

EDWARDSVILLE

Fire safety remains a top SIUE housing priority

"I do not want to have just the minimum requirements met," said Robert Legate, assistant director of University Housing Facilities Management. Fire extinguishers, located in the walkways of Cougar Village and public areas of the residence halls, were recently put through "hydrostatic" testing by Fire Safety Inc. in Wood River, Legate said.

"The extinguishers were drained then put through a stress test to make sure they could handle extreme conditions," John Johnson, sales representative of Fire Safety Inc., said.

In addition to the hydrostatic testing, housing does weekly checks on the pressure level in the extinguishers and makes sure nothing is visibly wrong with them.

According to Legate, the extinguishers are sometimes drained by students, which adds to the need for weekly checking.

During Safety Week, which happens once a semester, housing officials thoroughly check all housing extinguishers. Housing officials also check to make sure smoke alarms are working properly once a year, according to Johnson.

Legate said the extinguishers inside the apartments will be changed instead of undergoing hydrostatic testing. The current extinguishers in the apartments weigh 2.5 pounds and have no hose to aim toward the fire. The new models will weigh 5 pounds and have a hose.

"The new ones will be safer and only cost a little more than the hydro-static test," Legate said.

—Brian Whittle
from the Edwardsville ALESTYLE

PEWAUKEE, WIS.

Student wrongly assumed officer would end chase

A student at Milwaukee Area Technical College told law enforcement officers who stopped her after a nine-mile car chase that she didn't pull over right away because she was told in a police science course that 99 percent of chases are called off, authorities said.

"I know this is no excuse," police quoted the woman as saying. "But I'm a police science student at MATC, and my teacher said that 99 percent of pursuits are called off, and I thought that if I kept going, I could get away."

—from DAILY EGYPTIAN News Services

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OUR WORD

Slave House has historical past

The Old Slave House near Equality, the only known location in Illinois believed to be involved in slave trading, has been closed to the public since 1996. The third floor of the house is where historians say slaves and kidnapped free blacks were kept. Before it was closed, people were able to visit the house and experience the lingering presence of slavery for themselves.

Efforts have been made by the house's owners to have it reopened by the state, but with little success. George and Janice Sisk, who have owned the house for 30 years, can no longer maintain the house on their own. The Sisks maintain the resistance they have encountered is rooted in a fear to embrace all of Illinois's true history. The effort to reopen the house has attracted the support of state leaders, including Congressmen Danny Davis and David Phelps, the local chapter of the NAACP, in addition to educators, historians and scholars.

The house, built in 1838 by John Crenshaw, is a symbol of the state's history and the history of America. The third floor is a powerful illustration of what the conditions may have been like for slaves. No history book can give that kind of context, or provide the understanding that can only be gained by seeing it firsthand.

Reopening the house as a historical site can create an opportunity for the entire Illinois community to recognize and learn from a part of our history. But in doing so, they must also be aware that such an acknowledgment might result in a probe into the possibility that slaves were secretly sold out of Illinois. Such a thought would fly in the face of the state's greatest legacy.

Illinois has long prided itself as the "Land of Lincoln," a term honoring the nation's 16th president who took the first symbolic step toward equality with the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. Illinois was also a free state, a part of our history that certainly

would warrant reexamination if the slave house were ever officially recognized.

Recently, new evidence has reinforced the theory that slaves were sold out of Illinois, and that Crenshaw was a prominent contributor in the effort. Just last September, Southern Illinois historians discovered letters dating back to 1827 that document the sale of 15 slaves by Crenshaw in the Tennessee region. Many Southern Illinois historians view that revelation to be consistent with the belief that Crenshaw had the prison-like third floor built to hide kidnapped slaves.

The Old Slave House and its history are something that the people in the state should have a right to experience. The house can play a role in creating a greater understanding of racism today. Museums, monuments and other facilities have been created around the country to help educate people about the Nazi Holocaust, yet Illinois does not have one site in the state recognizing the history of slavery. The slave house can fill that void.

Illinois residents can make a difference by calling their state leaders, U.S. Rep. David Phelps or State Sen. David Luechtefeld. Send the message that you, as Illinois residents, value the preservation of our whole state history. In addition, write the house's owners, George and Janice Sisk, at 4325 Crenshaw Lane, Junction, Ill., 62954, or call (618) 276-4410, and join the effort to maintain this piece of our past.

We should not fear the negative aspects of Illinois history. There were many more people in Illinois who supported and participated in the abolitionist movement. Recognizing the house will not overshadow that fact. Many died in the Civil War in order to preserve the Union, which is a great legacy in the fight against slavery. Having the doors of the Old Slave House reopened to the public will only enhance that legacy, rather than diminish it.

MAILBOX

Readers speak out against negative letter about homosexuality

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in regard to Dick Roush's letter to the editor Feb. 28. The main reason I am writing this letter is because I am in love with somebody. I have the same dreams as the next person of growing old with this person, owning a house, animals and having a family.

How much more normal can that be? Why should it matter that the person I am in love with is another woman? I guess I don't understand how anyone could view any form of love as "sickening."

I wish I knew what Dick Roush's view of normal is. He speaks of societal norms and behaviors, but we no longer have specific societal norms or nuclear families like they did in the '50s and '60s. Many aspects of society have changed, in my opinion, for the better.

As for the DAILY EGYPTIAN, its job is to represent every group at SIUC and not ignore prominent groups such as the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender society. If everyone was as open-minded as the staff at the DAILY EGYPTIAN, then we would not be needing to make this an issue at all.

Kendra Sweezy
Co-director of Salski Rainbow Network
Senior in Information Systems Technology

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to Dick Roush's close-minded letter Feb. 28. It is too bad that he can't applaud the DAILY EGYPTIAN for doing its job well, reporting many and varied news stories. A newspaper does not promote; it responds to the world around it and writes stories to inform the public about this world.

Dick Roush stated that "homosexuality is, statistically speaking..." I assume that you are trying to say that there aren't as many homosexuals as there are heterosexuals and because of that, one is not normal. There is nothing unnatural about being a smaller group. By your definition, bald eagles would be unnatural because there are fewer of them than other birds.

Also, who knows how many heterosexuals and homosexuals there are? Do you ask everyone you meet what their sexuality is?

Your statistics may say that there are fewer homosexuals in the United States, but did you ever stop to think that people are afraid to declare themselves as gay because of "unenlightened, homophobic...fanatics..." such as yourself?

You claim there is a "lesbian and gay agenda." Where? Do they have a manifesto? Where is my toaster? They must be pretty smart to have manipulated the entire staff of not only the DAILY EGYPTIAN, but the New York Times and hundreds of thousands of other people. You seem very afraid to have people with views that are different from your own get attention.

It is too bad that you have so much hate in your heart that you can't even observe two people "romantically embrace," two people expressing their care for each other. Personally, I think that narrow-minded, prejudiced, intolerant, spiteful people are far more sickening than seeing any couple in love.

Dawn Roberts
undclared sophomore

'The things that go bump in the night'

Not Just Another Priddy Face

GRACE PRIDDY



Not Just Another Priddy Face appears Thursdays. Grace is a freshman in architecture. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

was a gap between the roof and ceiling. One of my furry neighbors had decided the house-length crawl space would be a perfect place to set up his own bachelor pad. And what better place for the little bandit to keep warm than the furnace vent directly above my bedroo.?

Exasperated that I would have to share my home until we could get the roof boarded up, I waved goodbye to my parents and went back to bed. As soon as I began to drift off again, the noise came back. At first it was a little

scratching noise, but then it started getting louder and turned into a thumping. All of a sudden, I heard these strange little raccoon moans, like wheezing sighs.

Great. It wasn't enough that I had to put up with one animal sleeping above me — it had to be the world's furriest gigo. From the sounds of things, he had decided to throw a party and invite all of his lady friends.

I covered my head with my pillow and tried to ignore the horrid noises that could only be hot raccoon lovin'. I tried everything I could think of to fall asleep. First I tried counting sheep, but after a while the sheep started looking like raccoons. Then I tried meditating, but the creaks in the ceiling kept growing louder, right over me.

I couldn't sleep, for fear that my worst nightmare would come true: the raccoons would come crashing through the ceiling, land on me, claw me up, and I would have to spend the rest of my life explaining to people how I got those scars on my face.

Finally, I gathered up my blankets

and headed out to the car — the only place that seemed safe from the amorous little creatures. I spent the rest of the night out there, and when I woke up the next morning, I was bound and determined to reclaim my home.

According to Animal Control, the only way to keep the raccoons away long enough to board the hole up was to lure them out. I tried everything from peanut butter to shiny aluminum foil, but unfortunately these raccoons had found something much more pleasurable than anything I had to offer.

And so they remain. I can't crawl up there and get them out, so instead I get a nightly serenade of hisses and thumps. Luring hasn't worked. Beating the ceiling hasn't worked. Maybe a smoke bomb would do the trick. Or perhaps I could get them to agree to some sort of time-share arrangement. Something has to work. If it is the last thing I do, I will win my house back.

I'll get you, Mother Nature. And your little raccoons, too.

Gus Bode



Gus says: I didn't know the Chemistry Department was that well endowed.

ENDOWMENT

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Interim Chancellor John Jackson said Meyers has succeeded in creating a living legacy. "This money takes care of a lot of the important needs of students," Jackson said. "He has invested in the future of SIUC students."

The gift is the single largest ever given to SIUC by an individual. Interim President Frank Horton joked that it is not often the University could call a press conference to announce a gift of \$3 million.

"It's unique because the gift comes from a member of our own faculty," Horton said. "I anticipate breakthrough discoveries from the Meyers Institute."

Meyers, in addition to funding the new institute, will serve as its unpaid director.

He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Cornell University in 1948 and a doctoral degree from the University of

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JOHN JACKSON
interim chancellor

Illinois in 1951. He made the trip to SIUC in 1964 to become an associate professor of chemistry and was given the title of distinguished professor in 1986 for his various contributions to the field of chemistry.

Yet Meyers is not one to rest on his laurels. He promised to remain actively involved in his field and not lead the conventional life of a retired person.

"I just want to continue to do my research," Meyers said.

If his generous gift has brought him anything, it is the right to do just that.

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sense of humor. He described Fournier's experience in athletic administration, ability to raise funds and management skills as the "total package."

Mary Boyd, assistant athletic director of corporate sales and marketing at Northwestern University, has worked with candidate Kowalczyk for about seven years.

"I couldn't endorse anyone higher than Paul Kowalczyk," Boyd said. "He sees the big picture and pays great attention to detail."

Kowalczyk supervises and administers marketing along with the promotions and media services at Northwestern. He increased corporate sponsorship from \$588,000 to \$1.6 million. Northwestern's season ticket

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MARY BOYD
assistant athletic director of corporate sales and marketing at Northwestern University

sales have increased 295 percent in the past three years.

Spielmann, former athletic director at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, is now the chief of staff of the chancellor's leadership team. He plays a primary role in fundraising and strategic planning, and increased student-athlete graduation rates. The university's basketball program has increased its season ticket base from 1,000 to more than 5,000 during his tenure.

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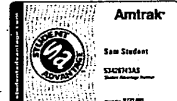
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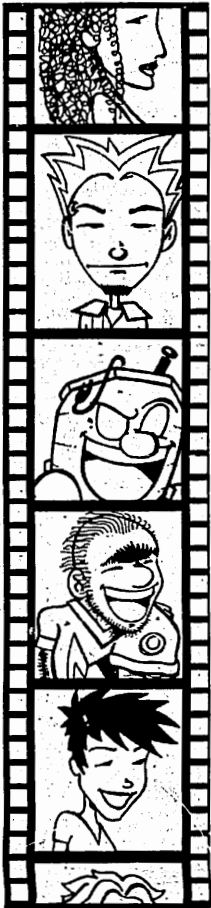
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Ryan Belleau, a senior in visual communication from Paris, auditions for the role of Moe in the Comic Striptease animated short Monday evening. The show is being created by Jason Adams, Andy Merczak and Jody Eklund, students at SIUC who are earning academic credit for the project.

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Comic Striptease goes animated

Group of SIUC seniors are working on turning comic strip into short animated feature

Nearly jumping out of his seat, Ryan Belleau searched intently for the perfect, goofy voice to define Moe, a character in the soon-to-be-animated "Comic Striptease."

"Comic Striptease" is a cartoon strip created by Jason Adams, a senior in visual communications from Springfield. It has been featured in the Daily Egyptian since August.

Adams, along with two other SIUC students, Andy Merczak and Jody Eklund, decided in January to turn the comic into an animated short feature.

Merczak, a senior in cinema and photography from Naperville, is the voice director, and Eklund, a senior in visual communications from Rochelle, will be doing the animation of the cartoon along with Adams.

The group held auditions and had about 30 people try out for the parts. Since the auditions, the group has been taping the finalists to put together the sounds and voices of the six speaking characters in the feature.

"It's going to be a lot of work, but also a lot of fun," Merczak said.

The feature is based on random editions of "Comic Striptease," that have been adapted to be on screen. Revolving the plot of the animation around typical college life, Adams' goal is for college students to be able to relate the cartoon to their own lives.

Belleau, a senior in visual communications from Paris, said that he relates well to his character, Moe. Moe repre-

sents the party animal college male who does not really care about classes and is always lusting after women.

"I think of myself as Moe," Belleau said, "without all of the drinking."

Belleau said he is excited about the opportunity to play Moe because it is something he has never done.

Adams, Merczak and Eklund will be graduating in May and are aiming to have the "Comic Striptease" animation done by April. The group is looking into having the feature shown on SPC-TV and possibly in theaters in Carbondale.

"I think it's pretty awesome," Adams said. "The comic strip will end in May when I graduate, and this is kind of a last testament."

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JASON ADAMS senior in visual communications from Springfield and animator of Comic Striptease

Gov. Ryan gets on board for black history

State-sponsored video will teach youth about Underground Railroad in Illinois

TERRY L. DEAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A state-sponsored video on the Underground Railroad is expected to educate Illinois elementary and high school students on black history, beyond the month of February.

Gov. George Ryan made the announcement Feb. 22 as part of Black History Month. The video will be distributed to elementary and high schools as an educational tool for students to

more about the states involvement with the abolitionist movement.

"It's something that can be [used] on a regular basis, rather than one month out of the year," said Wanda Taylor, assistant press secretary for Gov. Ryan. "The governor thought it would be a good idea to get this history out into the community."

The video, "Discover the Pride Inside," was produced by the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. The 45-minute film chronicles the history of the Underground Railroad in Illinois and other African-American history.

The documentary features interviews and comments from historians, educators, and scholars, including Paul Simon. That state plans to distribute 2000 videos around the state to educate children on a part of Illinois history.

"We wanted to give them something visual," Taylor said. "We wanted to teach the children about black history in Illinois, which is also American history."

The video is designed for middle through high school students. Taylor said the governors office is more the welcome to share the documentary with higher educational institutions.

"We certainly won't stand in the way of a [university] who wishes to incorporate the video as an educational tool," she said.

The history of the Underground Railroad in the state goes back as far as the early 1800s. The Illinois Central Railroad is believed to have been used to transport runaway slaves in the 1850s.

Joseph Brown, director of black American studies at SIUC, said that this history is something Illinois youth should know about. He said



The video is a wonderful idea because of the few opportunities that young people have to learn about such topics.

Brown hopes the video will do a lot to help educate all of Illinois' children on what was an important struggle for blacks and whites who opposed slavery in the state.

"The earlier our [children] know about the common history we share, the better we all will be," he said. "We need to know that over 250 years ago people worked together for freedom

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Is there a crisis in COLA?

Debate over data within department causes some worry

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Everything is subject to interpretation. Recent data about faculty losses in the College of Liberal Arts lead to three different interpretations, including the theory that the college is in crisis, there are reasons for concern, and it is too soon to tell.

Mary Lamb, a faculty senator, thinks COLA was in trouble after gathering data for a Dec. 7 report to the Chancellor's Planning and Budget Council. Lamb collected data on the numbers of tenured or tenure-track faculty from 1998 to fall 2000, comparing losses and gains.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson responded to Lamb's data with an official report on COLA faculty losses from Academic Affairs. The data stated that from 1998 to 1999, there were 59 losses and 58 hires, totaling one loss.

However, it is difficult to compare the two sets of data, because the data from Jackson did not contain projections for fall 2000 and was not limited to tenured or tenure-track faculty.

Shirley Clay-Scott, dean of COLA, has compiled another list of COLA losses in an attempt to clarify the numbers.

Scott said she wanted reliable data available after seeing the two conflicting sets of data from Lamb and Academic Affairs.

"Neither one of those seem accurate from my point of view," Scott said.

Lamb's initial data, collected from each of COLA's department chairs, stated that by the fall 2000 COLA will have lost 61 professors and hired 41, with a total loss of 20.

Lamb said these numbers present an alarming crisis within COLA, and are not being addressed.

"Chancellor Jackson owes it to the chairs of COLA to meet with them and explain why there is no crisis," Lamb said.

Jackson said he is not in a position to meet with the chairs.

"It's not my role to manage the chairs of COLA," Jackson said.

Jackson said it is clear he and Lamb do not agree; however the welfare of COLA is a priority.

"I am, of course, concerned with my own home college," Jackson said.

In response to concerns that the faculty positions are

being lost and administrative positions are not, Jackson said the vice chancellors have looked for administrative positions that can be lost.

He said people do not want to hear that the administration has no places to cut.

"People perceive the problem as being in the other person's back yard," Jackson said.

The data collected by COLA states that between the 1998-1999 school year and the 1999-2000 school year, COLA lost 16 faculty members.

Scott had no response to Lamb's data because she said she had no way of knowing what the numbers will be in the fall. Scott said she cannot know for sure who is leaving and how many will be hired until it happens.

Cutting the number of faculty is a factor in dealing with budget shortfalls, Scott said.

"We will be down, but we will find a way to cope with that," Scott said.

The issue of losing tenured faculty affects students as well. Students may attend specialized classes taught by non-specialists and graduate students.

James Allen, faculty senator and the director of Core Curriculum, said he is concerned with the loss of faculty. For the past four years, the percentage of tenured and tenure-track faculty teaching core curriculum has dropped to from 55 percent to 35 percent.

"If we don't have the experience and expertise in teaching the courses, who's going to pay the price — students," Allen said.

Allen said the problem with Lamb's and Jackson's data is that both only focus on a small section of time and do not represent the whole picture.

The real issue is not which data is correct, but how the loss of faculty is damaging the University's mission to educate and do research.

"In some programs, we are coming fairly close to failing that mission because we don't have the expertise," Allen said.

Because the number of students directly relates to the University's budget, in order to increase faculty, students must be recruited and retained.

Allen said the loss of experienced faculty coincides with the loss of courses, which could contribute to the Universities lack of retention.

"Folks will decide, I can't get the courses I need, I'll go somewhere else," Allen said.

Jackson said the loss of faculty is one of many factors contributing to the lack of retention.

Although there may be problems now, fall with the loss of professors, Jackson said he does not foresee any problems that cannot be dealt with.

"I think we'll be able to serve students who show up in the fall," Jackson said.

The tender Trapp

Organist and SIUC alumna named director of recital series

TRAVIS MORSE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

Lynn Trapp's love of the organ goes beyond mere music appreciation. He has made this instrument his life's work.

"It has such a broad color spectrum of sound and it's one of the oldest instruments we have," Trapp said. "It produces grandeur power and majesty like no other instrument."

A successful organist and composer, Trapp will use his expertise to attract some of the best organists to SIUC as the new principal artistic director of The Marianne Webb & David N. Bateman Distinguished Organ Recital Series.

The series brings a world-renowned organist to Shryock Auditorium each fall to perform before a large audience.

"The recital series pulls a marvelous audience every year," said Marianne Webb, co-creator of the series.

Webb, professor of music and University organist, started the series eight years ago to bring the majesty of organ music to Carbondale.

She said Trapp was chosen for this position because of his connections with the University.

"He has taken an active role in this series since its beginning," Webb said. "It seemed appropriate to have someone associated with SIUC in the position."

David Bateman, Lumpkin Distinguished Professor in Business at Eastern Illinois University, said Trapp is more than qualified. In addition to him being an SIUC graduate, Trapp is a young, successful organist, Bateman said.

"He's young and he's going to be around for a while," Bateman said. "Plus, the respect he has in the music industry makes him a great choice for director."

Trapp attended SIUC from 1981 to 1985 and is one of Webb's former students. He said this is a way to pay the University back for all it has given him.

"SIUC has certainly treated me well and I'm happy to contribute in this way," Trapp said.

The newly appointed director also said the recital series is important to the community of Carbondale for cultural reasons. Trapp said the series continues the legacy of organ music started by former SIU President Delyte Morris.

"Morris saw the organ as the king of instruments and he was responsible for bringing the organ to Shryock," Trapp said. "This series is important because it brings a major cultural event to this area each year."

Trapp currently lives in Minneapolis, Minn., where he works as the director of worship and music at the St. Olaf Catholic Church.

Having played in the recital series himself last fall, Trapp said he would be happy to do so again if invited.

"Certainly, upon invitation, I would play at Shryock again," Trapp said. "I'm happy to support such one of a kind event any way I can."

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LYNN TRAPP
organist and composer

SAN FRANCISCO

Provocative student performance causes controversy

It was a performance that several students at the San Francisco Art Institute aren't likely to forget.

About 25 people — including two professors and one of the college's security guards — watched as a student artist performed a piece that included defecation, an enema and oral sex with a blindfolded volunteer. The performance,

delivered last month, has prompted university officials to investigate. In the meantime, the artist, 24-year-old Jonathan Yegge, told The Chronicle of Higher Education that school officials have removed him from the class for which he staged the piece, put him on a year-long probation and prohibited him from having sex on campus.

Yegge said he landed in trouble after the male volunteer, whose name was not released, told administrators he felt violated by the performance, which happened last month. Though the volunteer wasn't told exactly what the perfor-

mance would entail, Yegge said he did sign a consent form stating he wouldn't take complaints to school administrators or a court and that he would agree to participating in "acts of a violent and sexual nature."

Yegge also said he and the volunteer agreed beforehand that if the volunteer felt uncomfortable at any time, he could say "stop," and the performance would end. Yegge said no one — including those in the audience — every directed him to stop.


A spokeswoman for the institute said "we will have no comment until our investigation is

complete."

Yegge said his instructor, Tony Labat, approved the general content of the piece — which Yegge called "an exploration of the notion of the master-slave dialectic in Hegel" — before it was performed.

However, Labat has denied discussing the work with Yegge at all. Labat called the piece "bad art," but also said that wasn't reason enough to stop it.

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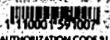
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New Software improves life for DSS students

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Open-book system to aid students

Tedious hours of textbook reading will no longer be a problem at Disability Support Services, thanks to the new "open-book system."

The open-book system is new software that allows a computer to scan text from books and record it onto cassette tapes, save it onto a disk, or to be read aloud for students with disabilities.

Michael Hernandez, a graduate student in anthropology from Louisville, Ky., is dyslexic and dysgraphic. Dyslexia is a condition in which words are jumbled in the brain when read. Dysgraphia is a similar condition in which the person mixes words when writing.

Hernandez attributes his success in school to the new software, which cost \$2,400.

"Without the system, there is no way I could get as far as I have,"

Hernandez said.

The program also saves hours of time for readers, who read books aloud to record them on cassette tapes for students with disabilities to listen to.

Students with disabilities are no longer forced to wait for readers to read the books, which can take hours. If a student is using the software at DSS, he/she can find any given page in the text, instead of slowly rewinding the cassette tape. The program even allows options for voice and speed changes.

DSS has been interested in the program for several months, but time was required to do research and locate the funds necessary to purchase to program. The program is comparable to Jaws, computer software that reads everything on the computer aloud, including text from online and

Microsoft Word. But Jaws cannot record the text onto cassettes.

"This serves a completely different need," said Kathleen Pleško, director of DSS. "[Students] have been upset in the past with the turnaround time. Now we can bring it back to you in a few minutes."

Michael Whitney, assistant program director at DSS, pointed out some downsides to the new program. For example, it cannot read graphics or math problems.

Hernandez also reports difficulty with some copied papers his professors have handed out. If the photocopy or textbook is not in good condition, the scanner has trouble reading the text correctly, requiring them to revert to the old system.

But Whitney and Hernandez said the program is worth the small drawbacks.

"We'll do the best we can. It really does get [the tapes] back to them fast," Whitney said. "Our main thing is to help out the students."

Without the system, there is no way I could get as far as I have...

MICHAEL HERNANDEZ
graduate student

CHASE

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the end of it," said Du Quoin police officer Jamie Ellermeier. The airbag popped out of the steering wheel and the light atop the light post was knocked off. The boy, unhurt, was handcuffed and taken into police custody.

At the crash site in Carbondale on Logan Street near Illinois Route 13,

Ellermeier said the boy was driving through traffic faster than 90 mph for most of the nearly 20-mile chase.

Workers inside the Cash Store, 401 E. Walnut St, which is about 20 feet from the crash site, said they did not see or hear anything until police arrived.

While police were attending to the scene around 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, an ambulance arrived for safety measures and a tow truck took the mini-

van away. Traffic headed east on Route 13 was slowed for about 25 minutes. Small crowds of people gathered along the street to watch the end of the incident, mostly speculative chatter about what happened.

The boy will be charged with stealing the gasoline and fleeing from police. On Wednesday, police were still determining whether the car was stolen.

MODEL

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filing litigation against SiuLife.com, citing copyright infringement on the name SIU. But Beecher contests that his lawyer assured him because SiuLife.com is one word and the "i" and "u" are lowercased, the name is no way connected to SIU's copyright.

Beecher's controversial site has garnered about 7,000 hits in its opening day.

And while Luttrell said the web-

site was "just a here and now thing" and "a quick opportunity" to make some money, the shame lingers.

"I didn't want to go to class [Wednesday], I was embarrassed," she said.

I respect my models first and foremost, and she said she got a lot of flak and some nasty phone calls, so I pulled the photos.

TIM BEECHER
SiuLife.com founder and SIU senior

Beecher, a Peoria native majoring in management information systems, said the majority of the feedback he received was positive despite the loss of a model and a potential suit from the University.

"I knew I was going to take a lot of heat down here," he said. "It's just a shame people are so close minded."

GRAPPLING

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the experience and the chance to compete.

"It's a chance to test myself in a competitive environment and should be a lot of fun," Jacobsen said.

The tournament is opened to everyone, with the majority of the contestants coming from outside the University. With 30 people signed up for the event, only 12 are SIUC students.

Ian Shankey, a sophomore in graphic arts from Lisle, was the 1997-1998 Midwest Circuit Top Heavyweight Champion in point fighting, a style similar to sport karate.

Shankey said he also competed as a kick boxer for 14 years until an

injury forced him to stop. He was looking for a place to train when he joined the Martial Arts Club and developed an interest in grappling.

Shankey said while it was very different from the style of fighting he was used to, grappling has been a very interesting transition.

Fields said that flexibility and technique will win out over size and strength.

Four women have signed up for the tournament, as some may be matched against men, as competitors are matched by weight class only.

Fields said that a woman, with a few months of training, could readily defeat a man twice her size who relied on his size alone.

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 27 Foreign peace
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 29 Service charge
 30 Amy-Julia
 31 Smoked salmon
 32 Tied in load
 33 Tied in a snark
 34 Saranovs
 37 Decays casually
 41 Fuel carrier's letters
 44 Bureaucrat
 45 of some, Fr.
 49 Co-worker on "Alice"

52 Like a little Scotswoman
 53 Actor Marvin
 54 Period
 55 Money
 56 Son, Kennedy
 57 East
 58 Nonsense
 59 Star of the 80s
 60 Medicine qualification
 62 Also known as
 64 Col. employee
 66 Will VP
 67 George of "Cheers"
 68 Ceremony
 69 Slip on a slipper
 70 Borders
 71 First partners?
 72 Worst last

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1 Establish irony
 2 Marilyn's blonde part
 3 Having more greenery
 4 German river
 5 Prayers, perhaps
 6 Ivo and Don
 7 Holiday lead-in
 8 Pop Art master
 9 Border cuisine
 10 Ginger
 11 East London Robinson poem, "Chevy"
 12 Certain English schoolboy
 13 Trumpet flourish
 21 Proportion
 22 Wedding vow
 34 More indicator, briefly
 35 Sore
 36 Aen call abbr.
 38 Having a zigzag pattern
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At practice Tuesday afternoon, SIU women's head basketball coach Julie Beck demanded her players make some noise on defense.

Why? Because the atmosphere was too quiet at practice. Only the sound of the SIU Arena crew's vacuum could be heard as the Salukis scrimmaged on the court — a small preparation for Illinois State University — tonight's opponent.



Christine Bolin
Daily Egyptian
Reporter

It appeared the team lacked enthusiasm at practice, much like the fans at SIU women's basketball games.

Attendance at the women's basketball games has been miserable, an embarrassment to the SIU basketball program. It is impossible for the struggling Salukis to have any sort of confidence when less than 300 people show up to cheer them on.

But all that can change. One lucky SIU student will leave the Arena tonight with two free tickets from TWA Airlines to anywhere in the continental United States.

Is this what the Salukis have to do to get students to a women's basketball game? Bribe them with free airline tickets?

Apparently so.
Despite the Salukis' 2-10 home

record so far, this season, Beck would rather have the final two games of the season at home than on the road.

"I think it is time for the fans around here [to catch] on to women's basketball like the fans have in the rest of the conference," Beck said.

"If the students come to the game, it is going to make us a better ball club. We need their support to try to get us to the conference tournament."

The Salukis' chances for making the Missouri Valley Conference tournament are on the line this week. They need at least one victory to secure a spot in the tournament and a chance to compete for an NCAA Tournament bid.

There is no better time for SIU to win than tonight against the Redbirds, who hold the last-place spot in the MVC.

If SIU falls to the Redbirds, it must defeat Indiana State University Saturday night. The Sycamores are tied with the Salukis for the seventh spot in the MVC.

The injury-plagued Redbirds are on an 11-game losing streak, and tonight, SIU has the opportunity to end the Redbirds' season with a 12th-straight loss.

That is, if the fans, especially the students, come to the Arena tonight with the enthusiasm I know all Saluki basketball fans have.

The crowd is the sixth person, so to speak, for us. I think it is

absolutely crucial to have fan participation at the game," Beck said. "Maybe we could feed off some of the excitement. [Tonight] is a big night for us. The more fans we get, the better."

Sure, SIU is coming off a brutal loss in Evansville, but that doesn't mean these ladies are out of their game.

Junior guard Terica Hathaway has consistently led the Salukis in scoring all season long (11.1 ppg). Lone senior Melaniece Bardley (8.6 ppg), who will wrap up her SIU career Saturday, has been a vocal leader, both in practice and on the court.

Molly McDowell, Illinois' Ms. Basketball in 1999, is leading all freshmen on the team in scoring, with 7.8 points a game. She recently secured a tough win at Creighton University with two clutch free throws. That win gave SIU strong confidence in itself and proved it can play with the big teams.

The Salukis have so much potential waiting to be uncovered. But who can see it if nobody goes to the games? I think it is time for the women's basketball team to experience what having a packed Arena is like, just like the SIU men's basketball team.

If you claim you are a Saluki basketball fan, prove it. Go to the women's game tonight and see what you have been missing...or what is about to begin a tournament run. I expect to see you all there.

I think it is absolutely crucial to have fan participation at the game.

JULIE BECK
SIU women's basketball coach

COLLUM

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"He just hates to lose. He brings it to practice every day and I think that's been a key tool in the development of our program."

It's no wonder Collum is a business major, because he is all business on the court. Collum knows the value of a possession. He does not try the risky, highlight reel plays that are likely to result in a turnover, opting instead to make a smart pass and get the Salukis into their offense.

"He's a safe point guard," Weber said. "He doesn't always make the great pass, but he does take care of [the basketball] and he gets angry when other guys turn it over."

Collum credits his ability to avoid the razzle-dazzle trend many modern-basketball players fall into to the lessons he learned from his father Rudy, whose coaching career included 10 years at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

"That's fine to have all the dunks and flashy plays, I think that's a great part of basketball," Collum said. "But for those people who can't do those things, which there's a lot of them out there, you've got to be good at what you do, and I think I'm good at what I do."

As effective as Collum is on the court, he may be just as misunderstood off of it.

Collum, who is easily recognized from afar due to his curly, fuzzy hair, has a tendency to avoid eye contact and often mumbles when speaking. Smiles are scarce, and Collum is as likely to utter an "F-bomb" as to shoot a three-point bomb.

But Collum's demeanor belies his true character.

"He's a very good person," Weber said, citing Collum's willingness to interact with children. "If you got to know him, you'd see that

he's funny. He's just going to sit there and laugh and enjoy his teammates. He's not going to be the one doing the talking, he's more doing the listening."

Collum understands why some people may have a negative impression of his personality, but said there is a misconception about him.

"I know there's a lot of things I do I probably shouldn't do. I say bad words and some of my actions aren't the best," Collum said. "But a lot of people that know me know I'm not a mean person. You shouldn't just judge people by what you see."

SIU freshman forward Brad Korn was not quite sure what to make of Collum upon arriving on campus.

"I didn't really know what to expect when I first saw him because he never talked, never smiled," Korn said. "I thought he hated it here, but once you get to know him, he's just like anyone else."

But not everyone else can boast of their past like Collum can. His steady play enabled his Racine (Wisconsin) Lutheran High School team to win back-to-back private school championships. The success continued at the junior college level at Kankakee Community College, where Collum led the team to a 49-15 record during his two seasons.

There is not much Collum won't do for a win. Of late, he has taken on the role of being the Salukis' defensive stopper, filling the hole left by Monte Jenkins' departure in 1999.

"You've got to play your heart out every time you play," Collum said. "I just love playing and competing.

That's what it's about, going out and trying to beat someone else."

This season, Collum has rotated between playing point guard and off-guard, as sophomore Brandon Mells has seen a lot of time at the point. Collum, SIU's third leading scorer, is averaging 9.5 points per game this season. Most impressively, though, is his excellent assist-to-turnover ratio. Collum has 99 assists this season compared to just 43 turnovers, a ratio of 2.3-to-1.

Collum's head leadership helped the Salukis to an 18-11 regular season finish. SIU is now gearing up for the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, and its quarterfinal matchup with the University of Evansville Saturday night.

But even after the season ends, there could still be a "Collum" on the Saluki roster. Collum's younger brother, Robby, is having a successful season as a guard at Kankakee College, and is interested in coming to SIU. The Saluki coaching staff has not made a final decision on how seriously to pursue the younger Collum.

Meanwhile, Collum is not fretting about the end of his days as a Saluki. He said there will be no need to feel glum when it is all said and done, because he knows he took advantage of his opportunity by always supplying his optimum effort.

"I've had a great career and when it's over, it's over," Collum said. "As long as I played as hard as I could and gave everything I got, I have no problem with it."

He just hates to lose. He brings it to practice every day and I think that's been a key tool in the development of our program.

BRUCE WEBER
SIU men's basketball coach

SIU slams Racers in grand style

Saluki baseball uses two grand slams to annihilate Murray State, 26-10

JAVIER J. SERNA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Maybe the umpires should have called the game after the third inning, like in little league.

By then, the SIU baseball team had a 10-run lead over Murray State University, 13-3, highlighted by Saluki third baseman Jeff Stanek's grand slam. The third was a long inning for Murray State, which had already substituted pitchers twice.

SIU scored 12 runs in the third inning.

The Salukis went on to cruise to a 26-10 win Wednesday in Murray, Ky. The 26 runs scored ties the SIU record, set in 1988 against Murray State and earlier in 1970 against Morehead State University.

The Saluki batters were led by catcher Andy Cenkush and shortstop Luke Nelson, who both tied SIU's runs scored in a game record with five. Cenkush had four hits, two home runs and also tied SIU's all time RBI record at eight.

Shawn Tomes (0-1) started the game for Murray State and pitched two innings, giving up six runs. Jason Glosser was then brought into the game in the third inning before giving up seven runs.

"We got into their pen early and they probably left some guys in there longer than they would have ordinarily," SIU head coach Dan Callahan said. "When that happens, it's got a chance to get ugly, and that's what happened."

Meanwhile, Saluki pitcher Brendon Fort (1-1) started and pitched five innings, giving up four runs. Victor Hockett, Charlie Reed, Pat Hon, and Chad McCann all pitched an inning a piece for the Salukis in relief.

The Salukis finished the game with seven runs in the ninth inning, during which, Cenkush hit his second home run of the day, a grand slam.

The Salukis are now 6-2 going into the Pepsi/Johnny Quick Classic in Fresno, Calif., starting Monday.

Promise yet to be delivered

Softball facility improvements could be delayed as long as three more years

ANDY EGMEN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Continuous softball facility improvement delays have left the SIU softball program wondering if the administration's promise for a new field will become a reality anytime in the near future.

An estimated \$2 million is needed to move and renovate the softball facilities. A new softball complex was tentatively scheduled to be built in the fall of 2001, but now could take a few years longer.

SIU head softball coach Kerri Blaylock said she is hearing a number of reports about when, and if, the softball facility will be built.

"It seems like it has kind of stalled a little bit," Blaylock said. "We thought 2001, but now we are hearing 2003, 2004."

The SIU softball program has been one of the most successful sports programs at the University. Last year, the team posted a 38-20 record and has gone 111-53-1 in the past three seasons.

Julie Meier, a junior softball player, said she understands the politics surrounding the hold-up, but thinks it is an injustice to the program.

"We work our butts off and we don't even have a bathroom," Meier said.

Meier said since the project was talked about before she arrived at SIU in 1997, and continues to be put on the back-burner.

SIU did not get to host the Missouri Valley Conference tournament because of sub-standard condi-

tions plaguing the current facility, located across the street from the Recreation Center. The current field has about 10 rows of seating, leaving some spectators sitting on lawn chairs alongside the sidewalk or standing just feet from Grand Avenue.

The new field is projected to seat 1,400 and overlook Abe Martin Field, just south of the SIU Arena.

Blaylock said financing has been the core problem and hopes it will not hinder an already successful program.

"We've been so fortunate to recruit top-notch kids to play in a very sub-par facility," Blaylock said. "Pretty soon that is going to catch up with you to where you won't get the biggies to come play here because there are stadiums popping up all over the place."

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said the University is pursuing private donations from alumni, plus any generated state funds to go toward the new field. He said a private land-planning firm has been hired and improvements to the softball facility is on the list.

Blaylock is disappointed that the project did not come through as she expected and anticipated.

"Ideally, I would like to play in it in 2001, like I've said in our media guide and I've told our recruits," Blaylock said.

Blaylock said with a modern facility, SIU softball could compete with not only the best teams in the Missouri Valley Conference, but in the nation.

"I'm not going to say facilities do everything, but it makes it much harder to recruit," Blaylock said. "On the flip side, if you have something like that, you can compete with the best programs in the Midwest to get kids. Because not only can you play at that level, but you have a facility at that level."

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averaging eight points a game.

SIU's leading scorer junior guard Terica Hathaway has the advantage over Johnson. Hathaway is averaging 11.1 points a game, while senior center Melaniece Bardley is averaging 8.6 points per contest.

Beck thinks with all the talk of the MVC tournament buzzing around, SIU will be fired up for Illinois State.

She knows the Salukis are well-aware of how important this win tonight is, and that the only way any post-season action will be feasible is if the Redbirds are sent home with their 12th-straight loss.

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Kurt Williams, SIU

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Service with a Smile

Senior guard Ricky Collum utilizes intensity, old-school style of play to lead Salukis.



Editor's note: This is the second story in a three-part series profiling the three senior starters on the SIU men's basketball team, as they prepare for their final Missouri Valley Conference tournament this weekend in St. Louis.

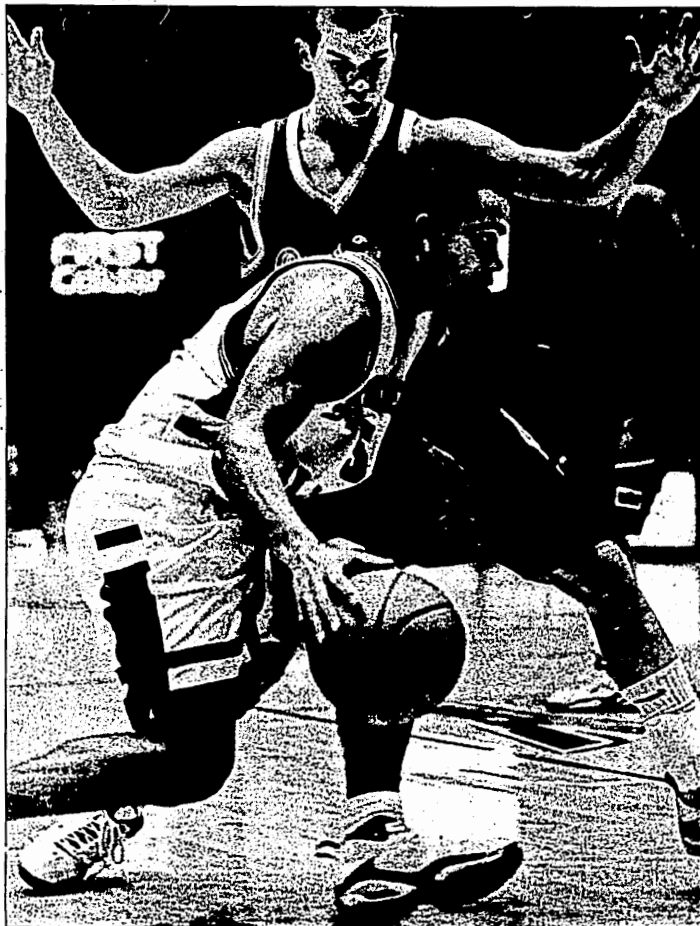
JAY SCHWAB
SPORTS EDITOR

When there is a loose ball during an SIU men's basketball game, and bodies are slamming against the floor, elbows are flying and cuss words are floating, you can bet Ricky Collum will pop out of the pile with the basketball.

No player on the SIU men's basketball team better exemplifies the squad's scrappy, industrious approach to basketball than Collum, SIU's steady senior point guard. Collum, a stocky 5-foot-11-inches tall, has earned admiration from teammates and opponents alike with his ferocious intensity and willingness to give up his body for the team. One of the most efficient point guards the Salukis have had in many years, Collum is the glue that keeps SIU together when the going gets tough.

"He doesn't look the part, but he plays the part and plays it very well," SIU head coach Bruce Weber said. "He's not the tallest, he's not the most athletic, but he has just a fierce competitive nature."

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Ricky Collum has earned the admiration of his teammates and opponents with his scrappy play and intense approach. The 5-foot-11-inch senior point guard has 99 assists this season and low turnover ratio of 2.3-to-1.

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A meeting at the bottom of the Valley

SIU and Illinois battle injuries and each other to escape MVC cellar

CHRISTINE BOLIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

While some of Katie Berwanger's teammates were getting taped up and iced in the training room, the SIU women's basketball freshman was on the floor practicing her jump shot with graduate assistant coach Sue Syljebek 40 minutes before the start of practice.

Berwanger knows all too well the situation Illinois State University, SIU's opponent tonight at the SIU Arena, is in. The Redbirds' star player, freshman Steph Reichle, is out for the remainder of the season with a torn ACL.

Berwanger has been one of the few Salukis who have not been sidelined with injuries at SIU.

"I know we had a lot of injuries last season, and no one took pity on us, so why should we take pity on them?" Berwanger said. "We will take any breaks to beat them."

The Salukis (7-18, 4-12) are seeking revenge on the Redbirds, who beat SIU earlier this year, much in part to Reichle, who scored 22 points in the 59-47 Redbird victory Jan. 2 in Normal.

But Reichle will not be on the court this time around. The Salukis have big plans to take advantage of the ailing Redbirds (6-19, 3-14), who are on an 11-game losing streak.

Most of the Salukis have the

destruction of Illinois State on their minds, however freshman guard LaToya Graves thinks the Salukis should focus more on themselves, not the competition they are up against.

"I wouldn't say we should take advantage of [Illinois State], I would say it is time to take advantage of our own talent," Graves said. "We have nothing to do with them. This game is a must win because our pride is on the line."

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The Redbirds' pride is on the line as well. Tonight's game is their last game of the season. Although their chances for the MVC tournament are slim, if the Redbirds win tonight, the Salukis' chances for a run at the tournament will be determined Saturday against Indiana State University. The Sycamores share

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seventh place in the MVC with SIU.

"[Illinois State] has an emotional advantage—they have to win this one because they have nothing to lose," SIU women's head coach Julie Beck said. "They are going to come in here, ready to go. They can make it really hard for us."

In Reichle's absence, sophomore forward Kellie Johnson has picked up the slack for the Redbird offense. In Illinois State's last 11 outings, she has led the team in scoring six times. Johnson is

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