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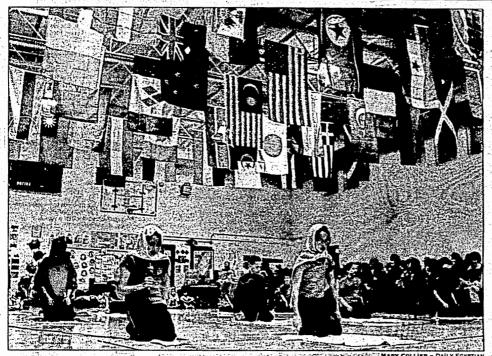
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# TUESDAY LY EGYPTIA

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY



Jenna Mathias (left) and Abby Bateman (right) perform the Sunset Prayer in the Islamic tradition along with the rest of Brenda DeLathouwer's fifth grade class Friday night at the annual International Children's Festival at St. Andrews School in Murphysboro. The prayer was translated directly from the Islamic Daily Prayers Manual from the School of Islamic Sufism. The students said they learned a lot about Iraq and they now know there are children in Iraq just like them. At the International Festival students also presented parents and friends with a showcase of artwork, memorabilia and customs from Taiwan, Canada, Germany, Mexico, Korea, Nigeria and the United Kingdom after researching them through textbooks, pen pals and the Internet. Festival-goers also enjoyed food from these countries including hummus, dodo, katayef, congee, nanaimo bars and bizcochitos.

# Newly proposed bill would split SIUE, SIUC

SIU administrators. local legislators say it would cost more, force program cuts

Jackie Keane Daily Egyptian

Several southwestern Illinois leg-islators think that Southern Illinois University Edwardsville should sever its ties from the SIU system in order to step from the shadows of the more-populated Carbondale

Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, a handful of other legislators, intro-duced HB3465 Friday that would abolish the current SIU Board of Trustees, which oversees SIUC and SIUE, and instead set up separate

SIUE, and instead set up separate boards for each campus.

While Hoffman said it would benefit the Edwardsville area, University officials say it would mean a bigger bill for texpayers and a cutback on programs for the school.

SIU currently operates as a multicampus organization, allowing the two campuses to share the same

campus organization, allowing the two campuses to share the same president and BOT. By operating as a multi-campus organization, SIU has a greater legal representation and purchasing power, as well as a greater tetum on investments and a healthier bond rating, said Steve Binder, SIU

President James Walker's spokes-

man. Hoffman predicted the bill would allow for a stronger focus on tailoring its programs to the local needs of the

its programs to the local needs of the St. Louis Metro-east region.

"To enable (SIUE) to stand on its own is vitally important," Hoffman told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "It's been in SIU's shadow for too long."

The St. Louis area legislators want The St. Louis area legislators want the Edwardsville campus to break off as its own university as a way of offering more prestige to the region. He also told the Post that it would trim costs by eliminating a layer of bureaucracy that administers the two campuses. SIU President Walker and his staff serve both campuses

SIU administrators and Rep.

Mike Bost don't see it that way.
Bost, R-Murphysboro, said the
bill goes against everything the governor has said about downsizing and eliminating boards and commis to save money, rather than creating

I think it is a poor idea," Bost said. "It is an expensive idea. It is not an idea that's time has come or will ever come."

The proposed bill, introduced during the last hours of the last day a bill can be introduced, does not come at the best of times. Allowing the Edwardsville campus to operate as a separate university would cost more

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# MTV to air SIU

Gus says:

I want my SIU!

# Camera crew chronicles SIU basketball team

Zack Creglow Daily Egyptian

There may not be a title yet, but one thing is certain — the SIU men's basketball team will be

on MTV.

The documentary filmed by Shadowbox Films, which will air March 20 at 9 pm. CST, displays the real life rigors and

pleasures of 2 men's college basketball team as the Salukis try to will their way back into a second-straight NCAA tournament berth.

But the show will concentrate more on the personal side of the game and the life that comes along with it.

I think we will give

[viewers] something good to watch. We have a lot of clowns on this

a lot of clowns on this
team, "said senior guard
Kent Williams. "Just going through
all of our lives, we all have different
things going on. That in itself is
pretty good entertainment.
"We talked about long-term
relationships with girlfriends and
friends and not getting to see our
families as much as we would want

what our lives are

Dearman Williams are both certain that this will provide great exposure for all of the players and could also help mensely since this season

This is a lot of fun, especially for me being in my senior year," Williams said. "This could be big

for us seniors to get noticed also."

The documentary will also serve as a great recruiting tool to sell high school standouts on SIU

"This could possibly land some recruits," Williams said.

are some [recruits] that are farther away and this are farther away and this
is going to be a nationwide show. They may
like what they see.

To provide a great
in-depth view of their
lives, cameramen fol-

lives, cameramen followed players everywhere they went ranging from the team bus to Pinch Penny Pub.

They went out with us. They interviewed our girlfiends.

They went around with some of our girls," Williams said. "They searched pretty deep. Everybody knows what happoens on the court. knows what happens on the court, so it will give people a chance for other people to get to know us better

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# No more free game tickets for lawmakers

Executive order ends practice of free tickets for legislators

Ben Botkin Daily Egyptian

At the governor's order, legislators now have to pay their own way to Saluki games, but SIUC isn't in the habit of doling out free tickets

to lawmakers on a regular basis. Gov. Rod Blagojevich recently issued an executive order instruct-ing all state universities to cease handing out free tickets to politi-cians as a way to curb excessive

cians as a way to curb excessive spending.
SIUC will no longer provide area legislators with tickets, but free entry to Saluki games is not commonplace to begin with, said Steve Binder, spokesman for SIU President James Walker.

Walker has six tickets at his disposal that are purchased through funds provided by the SIU not state tax dollars.

In the past, Walker has occa-sionally invited legislators to a free game, but he will not do so anymore, Binder said. The tickets, though, can still be used for other s. he said.

"We've told the governor that we will comply with that," Binder said. "We will no longer even offer even the occasional ticket. He will

continue to invite special guests and VIPs as a goodwill gesture." Before the governor's order, offi-cials at state universities viewed the practice as a means to keep commu-nication open with Springfield. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, for instance, has regu-larly offered lawmakers free tickets

larly offered lawmakers free tickets to home games, according to Tom Schafer, the governor's spokesman. And politicians sometimes do more than just attend the games. U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, recently made a trip to SIUC and toured the Coal Research Center in addition to roing to a baskerball game, said going to a basketball game, said Steve Tomaszewski, his spokes-man. He said this was the only time Shimkus received a free ticket.

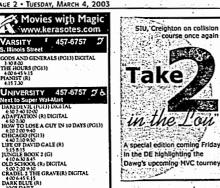
Blagojevich, though, has said the practice can create a conflict of interest when the legislators begin approving the budgets of universi-

In 1994, however, Blagojevich, who was a state legislator at the time, asked for a season pass to home U of I football games and his office received tickets for the next three years, Schafer said. He said the governor never used them, with the tickets likely going to supportor constituents.

ers or constituents.

But local politicians have accepted free tickets to SIU sporting

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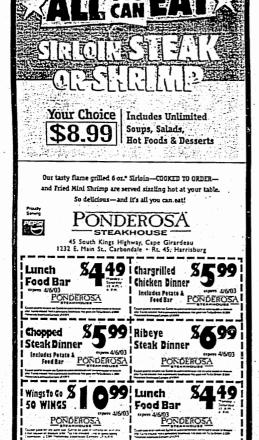
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# NATIONAL NEWS

# Case tests Congress' ability to make libraries block porn

WASHINGTON — When a special U.S. court was considering whether Congress may require public libraries to put hiters on their computers to block sexually explicit Web sites, it heeded testimony from young library patrons. Emmalyn Rood of Portland, Ore, used a computer at a local library to find information on lesbian issues when she was in her early teens and questioning her sexual orientation. College student Mark Brown went to a library in Philadelphia to look up cancer treatments and cosmetic surgery when his mother was diagnosed with breast cancer.

The special three-judge panel ruled last May that a filter requirement forces public libraries to violate the First Pemendment rights of users. The court said current software technology can block legitimate sites about homosexuality, breast implants and health concerns while allowing access to some hard-core pomography.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court will hear the government's appeal as it thes to revive the Children's internet Protection Act of 2001. The act requires public libraries that receive federal money to block access to online pomography and obscenity. Because of legal challenges by the American Library Association, library patrons, Web publishers and others, the law hasn't taken effect.

The dosely watched case tests the extent of Congress's ability to attach strings to its funding and to try to shield children and others from the abundance of online porm.

More broadly, it calls attention to the evolving importance of the Internet and the enduring value of the public library in

the internet and the endown of the American life.

Much of the world's knowledge is now available with a few computer keystrokes, and about 95 percent of all public libraries provide public access to the Internet.

# Design selected for Sept. 11 Pentagon victims' memorial

WASHINGTON – Victims of the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon will be remembered outside the massive Defense Department headquarters by a growe of trees. 184 lighted pools and bendes engrared with the names of those who died. Pentagon officials announced Monday that the memorials design, by two New York architects, had been chosen from among more than 1,100 entries in a competition.

The two-acre memorial will be 165 feet from the Pentagon, near the spot where the tenorists crashed into the building. The bendres will sit atop small lighted reflecting pools, arranged by age of the victims, from 3 to 71, and positioned parallel to the plane's flight path, officials said. The Sept. 11, 2001, crash kilded 125 people in the building and 64 on the plane. The five al-Queda hijackers are not among the 184 people honored by the memorial.

Officials said they hope to have the memorial complete by Sept. 11 next year. Its cost is estimated at 54.9 million to 57.4 million, to be paid from contributions and other funds with no federal money, officials said according to the Associated Press.

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# N. Korean fighters intercept U.S. spy plane

WASHINGTON — Four armed North Korean fighter jets intercepted a U.S. reconnaissance plane over the Sea of Japan and one used its radar in a manner that indicated it might attack, U.S. officals said Monday.

Lt. Crndr. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said it was the first such indient since Apnil 1969 when a North Korean plane shot down a U.S. Navy EC-121 surveillance plane, killing all 31 Americans aboard.

The latest incident happened Sunday morning, Korean time, and there was no hostile fire, Davis said.

The most recent crisis innoking U.S. reconnaissance aircraft was in April 2001, when a Chinese fighter jet collided with

a Nay EP-3 plane, forcing it to make an emergency landing on China's Hainan Island. The fighter pilot was killed and the American crev was detained for 11 days.

U.S. officials have said they have no plans to invade North Korea but are growing increasingly concerned about the North's reactivation of a nuclear reactor that is part of a suspected weapons program. Washington believes Pyongyang already has one or two nuclear weapons. The dispute over nuclear weapons development increased last week when North Korea restarted a 5-megawatt reactor that could produce plutonium for such weapons. North Korea said Saturday that nuclear war could break out at "any moment."

At the State Department, spokesman Richard Boucher

moment.

At the State Department, spokesman Richard Boucher said he had no comment on the latest incident beyond what the Pentagon reported. He did express concern about North Korea's nuclear program.

# Today.



Mostly doudy. Highs in the upper 40s to low 50s. Rain showers starting in the evening

# Five-day Forecast

# Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Sunday

Snow showers 35/21 Partly Cloudy 49/35 Mostly Cloudy 54/29 Partly Cloudy 52/31 Rain Showers 52/33

Average high: 51 Average low: 30 Monday's precip: 0" at the Monday's hi/low: 49/33

Almanac

# Corrections

The photo caption of Monday's page 3 article, "Student creates documentary confronting conflict" said that Chrissy Mazzone films in a Dheisheh refugee camp in the West Banks of Palestine. It should have read that Mazzone was filming in Dheisheh, a refugee camp in the West Bank. The West Bank is controlled by the Palestinian Authority and is not technically a Palestinian presentated.

The DARY ECYPTAN regrets this error.

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### CALENDAR

Kayak Club weekly meeting Student Recreation Center Pool 7 to 9 p.m.

Today

Campus Shawnee Greens weekly meeting Interfaith Center 5:15 p.m

### **Upcoming Events**

National Professional Social Work Day Monday, March 17 workshop, luncheon and ceren Student Center Ballrooms workshop -- 9 a.m. function and ceremony -- noon

# POLICE REPORTS

A Sony Playstation, controllers, memory card, video game and cash were reported stolen between 10 p.m.

# Carbondale

About \$70 was reported stolen between 9 a.m. and noon Saturday from a residence in the 400 block of South Washington Street. Police said a resident reported a rear door was forcid open and the home was ransacked.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

# Club touts safety, good times

New Carbondale nightclub promotes new image

Sara Hooker Daily Egyptian

A year, a management change and two names later, Club 618 is back on track and headed in the right direction, despite the city's initial reservations about granting the facility a liquor license. Club 618, formerly known as

Crossfades, reopened in January and new club manager Aaron Lee said the changes made since reopening have increased the level of professionalism as well as diversified patrons who attend the club.

"Once you come in and see, it caters people of all colors, shapes and ages," Lee said. "That's what makes us unique from all the other clubs.

In February 2002, the Carbondale City Council approved a liquor Ecense for the establishment, located at the Sun Inn. The decision overturned the Liquor Advisory Board's 9-2 vote against issuing a class D liquor license. The Sun Inn. 2400 W. Main St., formerly the

Knight's Inn.

The hotel's goal of obtaining the liquor license was to provide students and their visiting families different enterrainment options for

minorities.

The Liquor Advisory Board, composed of community members and one USG representative, made; of the recommendation on fears it might create an environment for minors to loiter and consume alcohol.

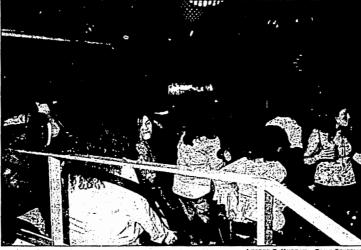
Student Undergraduate Student Government and the Black Affairs Council contested the decision, saying it would provide another outlet of entertainment for minorities and was unfairly applied to this establishment and not others.

Jacob Boateng, Sun Inn manager, said the club has strived to head many

of the city's concerns off at the pass. He said IDs are checked at the door and those who are 21 receive a wristband so waitresses and bartenders can easily identify who is of age. Furthermore, alcohol is not

allowed out of the bar premises and it does not sell package liquor, so patrons who are staying in the hotel cannot take drinks back to their The class D liquor license, a hotel/motel liquor incense, allows people to have liquor in all areas of the building, but Lee said safety reasons and liability are enough to refrain from the practice.

Lee said upon reopening, the



618 is a new club located inside the former Knights Inn now called the Sun Inn, located at 2400 W. Main St. The club has a non-stop music and light show. The club is under new management by

staff had to make the decision of what kind of club they wanted to operate. He said the main goal was to change the stigmas and start out

"We wanted to have a club that the masses could utilize," Lee said.

They implemented a dress code for themselves and patrons. All employees now wear black shirts with "staff" written on the back and "618" on the front. Club-goers are not allowed to wear sweatpants or bandanas and hats have to be worn either forward or backward.

He said when a business changes' its dress code, it changes its clients, and once clients are changed, there's no need for some of the security measures taken while the club was still considered Crossfades. Crossfades originally opened in September 2002 and closed briefly during winter break to reopen as Club 618.

Previous security measures required patrons to endure a metal detecting wand and have their purses

and coats and searched. "You set the mood when you do something like that," Lee said.

Katrina Phillips, 618 cashier from Carbondale, agreed with the decision to halt searches.

"You can't discriminate — if you're going to search guys, you have to search girls," Phillips said. "Besides, it's a club. People come out to have fun."

Boateng said turnout has been

"very decent" so far, averaging about 250 to 300 people Thursdays and Saturdays and fewer on Wednesdays and Fridays. Club hours are 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday. CILFM hosts a dance party every Saturday night. Discussions have been made to make Wednesdays and Fridays theme nights such as techno night or other genres.

The club continues to use security cameras and does parking lot checks every half an hour. Additionally, people are not readmitted without paying again. Lee said in a situation where a person wanted to go out to their car and get high, that person might choose not to come or choose not to go get high. He said both scenarios are fine by him.

Lee attributes the changes to the diversification of not just ethnicity, but age as well. He said people from age 19 to 50 come out on a regular

"When people feel safe and comfortable at an establishment, they'll patronize it more," Lee said.

He said they've not had any situation escalate beyond a minor argument and that "nightclub atten-dants," the club's term for bouncers. are trained to deal with altercations in the manner they would like to be treated. He said they do not issue threats, and their successes can be attributed to all of the changes made

since opening.

Carbondale Police Chief R.T.

Finney said it is not uncommon for police to keep an eye on closings at all the bars, but have not had any specific problems at the club.

"There hasn't been anything that's stood out with Club 618 that has been brought to my attention," Finney said.

Bar patron Jon Sullivan, from Chicago, has been to the club numerous times and said he feels safe for the most part." He said there are "some:disagreements"sbut those happen anywhere. He said different people take things in different ways, but any "talking" he has seen has n-violer

"All in all it's a pretty good place,"

Angela Beck, a sophomore in Carbondale, agreed.

"I think it's set up real nice — I just wish more people would come

out." Beck said. Lee said the club is currently

working on an addition that would serve as a cigar and piano bar, and another area to be a restaurant

Boateng said the end product is what he started out to achi

"I wanted it to be a place where people could come and have fun and feel safe," Boateng said. "I think that's what most of the people have seen it to bo."

Reporter Sana Hooker ~shooker@dailyegyptian.com

# NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

# **Backpacking begins** adventure March 7

There will be a Grand Canyon There will be a Grand Canyon backpacking. adventure and national park tour March 7 through March 17. The tour heading west costs \$325 for a student, Student Recreation Center member or emeritus and \$375 for anyone unaffiliated with the University. For more information, contact April Kosior at 453-1285.

### Adventure Resource Center to sponsor free bike maintenance clinic

There will be a bike mainte-nance clinic 7 p.n. Wednesday at the Adventure Resource Center in the Student Recreation Center. Instructors will go over basic tun-ing tips and answer questions. For more information, contact April Kosior at 453-1285.

# Science in the Scuth to present workshops for teachers, administrators

Science in the South will be presented from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 presented from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm. Friday at the Student Center. This conference will offer science-related workshops and presentations for K-12 science teaches and administrators. Hands-applied and activity-oriented workshops will be presented for teachers. This program has been approved for CPDUs. For more informatiop. call 536-7751. rmation, call 536-7751.

CARBONDALE

# **CROP** plans for walk against hunger to be discussed March 17

The annual Carbondale CROP Walk against hunger will be May 4. A planning for CROP Walk recruiters and others interested in helpers and others interested in help-ing organize the event is at 7 p.m. March 17 in the First Presbytenan Church, 310 S. University Ave. There will be two routes, as in past walks-a five mile and a one mile urse. Funds raised in the walk go to

Funds raised in the walk go to the ecumenical hunger relied organization, Church 'Lordd Services, to provide emergency food relief and to develop long-term projects to prevent mainturtition. One fourth of the money will go to the community, in this case to the Good Sarmaitan food pantry. For more information, contact Cary Shepherd at 457-7149 or at shepfam@siu.edu.





# Women's history



Pamela Smoot presents the historical significance of women in World War II. Smoot spoke about the roles of white and black women in World War II Monday. March begins Women's History Month.

# **Proposed legislation may** scrutinize university budgets

Bill to provide clearer picture of spending

Ben Botkin Daily Egyptian

State legislators are considering a piece of proposed legislation that would give Springfield more power in controlling the funding provided to public universities amid the governor's

calls for greater restraints on higher chucation spending. Sen. Jeffrey Schoenberg, D-Evanston, is sponsoring a bill that calls for a system of line-item appropriations for universities. This means that instead of approving one lump sum amount, legislators reviewing budget proposals would see both the specific where the funding goes and how much money would be spent for vari-ous parts of university budgets.

The bill comes at a time when the governor's office is predicting a \$4.8 billion deficit for the next fiscal year. Gov. Rod Blagojevich has instructed public university administrators to carefully review their budgets and

prepare for possible cuts.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education is expected to present the governor with a strategic plan to reduce administrative spending at Illinois' nine public universities by mid-March.

The governor's comments on administrative spending followed a story in the Chicago Tribune about excessive spending by the University of Illinois' Board of Trustees on airfare

Blagojevich spokesman Tom Schafer said the University of Illinois spending probably generated the con-cern and said the neither the governor nor his staff has personally examined SIU or any other university.

"But whether or not there are any other excessive university expenditures outside of the University of Illinois, the general overall belief is that istrative costs need to be looked at whether in state universities or state

"(The governor) thinks that all nine of the universities need to take a hard look at what they're asking the legislators to provide.

That is the aim of line item appro-

priations, Schoenberg said.
Funding proposals would be divided into four categories of administration, instruction, civil service and research, with separate line items for expenditures such as travel, office sup-plies and employment benefits.

The budget will be flexible,

but we will have a larger increase in knowledge of how the funds are spent, Schoenberg said. This legislation is consistent with the governor's call for greater accountability in how state funds are sent.

funds are spent."

Schoenberg said the bill is not a ne idea — only a return to a system that was used until 1996, when legislators started using lump sum budget plan-ning for universities.

It would require public colleges and universities to provide a far more detailed breakdown of where they are

allocating public dollars," he said. "The current system provides for too much ambiguity and leaves too many queswered."

With the budget system currently in use, the IBHE submits budget recommendations to Springfield. The recommendations show where increases in funding will go, and lawmakers decide on an amount for each university, IBHE spokesman Don Sevener said.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said he is not opposed to the bill because it allows legislators to see where money is spent. He said the bill would allow university administrators to shift about 2 percent of finances to different as, allowing some flexibility.
This is different from another type

of line item budgeting that calls for far more control, Bost said.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said he was not worried that state politicians would curb allocations under a line item appropriation system, but added that he wasn't sure how efficient the process might be.
Tim a little concerned that the line

item process might slow us down," he

Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Okawville, said he needed to review the sue more before making a decision.
"I'm not too sure that I'm for that,"

he said. I'd have to give that some thought. I'd like to listen to their

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# **Professor files** grievance with USF

Al-Arian indicates lack of due process in his dismissal

Moustafa Ayad Daily Egyptian

SIUC graduate and alleged North American Leader of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad has filed a grievance against the University of South Florida Wednesday for violating his right to due process under the current USF faculty contract.

Samuel Al-Arian, a computer engineering professor for USF, has filed a grievance on his behalf, stating that the university did not folov due process in his termination. In protest of the Florida university's ons, Al-Arian, a diabetic, began a hunger strike 11 days ago in pro-

according to an article in The Oracle, the University of South student newspaper. He was taken to

the hospital Friday for treatment and returned to custody later that day. The USF admin-

istration has released

Al-Arian from his contract because of an appearance on a talk show as a member of USF faculty, where he allegedly said "death to Israel Arabic. He also visited the USF campus after a series of events that included a verbal instruction to refrain and being put on paid leave.

He allegedly disrupted the university by his continued "behavior," according to a USF press release.

In another Oracle article, Al-

Arian's attorney, Robert Mckee, indicated his client's intentions for filing grievance with the university.
"As this situation with USF

dragged on, it became apparent to us that USF was waiting on federal law enforcement to do something ... before they were going to act one way or another." McKee said in the article. "If Al-Arian had not been indicted, obviously, he would still be on paid leave, (the indictment) was the ultimate trump card. They were praying for this event, at least from

a public-relations perspective."

Judy Genshaft, president of the
USF, had a news conference last week and said USF must sever all ties with Al-Arian and that he had repeatedly undermined the university's creditability by abusing his position and hiding behind academic freedom.

James Staul, associate provost at SIUC, said academic freedom in the classroom gives faculty the freedom to present academic subjects without the fear of censorship.

However, when a faculty mem-ber speaks as a private individual, he must make it known that he is speaking as a private individual, he said.

But a severe charge does not automatically result in a faculty dismissal, Staub said. The administration is not in the position to curtail academic freedom. If a faculty member is reprimanded for inflammatory remarks or violations of the law there is a progressive discipline review process that they

must go through. But if a vic violation is severe enough, the administration may have the right to dismiss the faculty member based on the gravity of the

situation.

At an off-campus meeting 14 years ago, Al-Arian was accused of saving inflammatory remarks concerning a olitical situation in the Middle East.

Under the Academic Freedom Act of 1940, which was formed by the American Association

University Professors, "Institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good and not to further the interest of either the individual teacher or the institution as a whole. The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition."

The AAUP is a nonprofit edu-

cational organization that promotes academic freedom by supporting tenure, academic due process and standards of quality in higher standards of quality in higher education. The AAUP has about 45,000 members at colleges and universities throughout the United

The association has noted recent restrictions on speech and activities should not entail limiting academic freedom. In a December press release the AAUP addressed the nation's security problems as well as the freedom of speech on

campuses.

The committee recognizes that our national response must protect against threats to security, while at the same time protecting the right to unfettered speech and free inquiry on the nation's university

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# Students lobby for higher education, submit three-part proposal · Gradually increase the percentage of total

Valerie N. Donnals

Almost 30 students "I be traveling to the state capital Wednesday to lobby for higher education and propose a long-term approach to maintain and improve support from the

Students and members of the Undergraduate Student Government will join students from universities across the state to meet with their representatives and members of the Board of Education in Springfield ucation in Springfield.

We hope to just get our ideas out there and let them realize that there's many issues facing higher education, and this is the first step in making those a priority, said Tony Di Domenico, USG senator for the College of Liberal Arts.

The proposal the students will be advocating consists of three parts.

Gradually increase the portion of total higher education expenditures contributed by the state to ease the fiscal burden to students.

state expenditures going to primary, secondary and higher education.

 Ensure that the money designated for higher education is being applied to the services for which it was intended, concurrent with the universities' academic missions.

Graduate student Ed Ford, who organized the lobby day, said that some people may think the University needs a large budget increase for the next year, but given the current fiscal context, it is unrealistic.

"Most universities are saying that if they get the same amount that they got this year, it is all they can hope for," Ford said.

The state is currently facing a \$4.8 billion budget deficit, and Gov. Rod Blagojevich has not announced all of his budget plans for the next fiscal year.

The governor is asking every state agency under his control to adopt cost-cutting mea-sures, but he said he will not slash any funding for elementary and high school education, health care or public safety.

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He is also keeping his campaign promise not to raise taxes to bring in additional revenue. Many people speculate that higher education will be expected to face some large cutbacks to compensate.

Chancellor Walter Wendler began prepara-tions last semester for the possible budget cuts by asking each department to submit proposals for a 5-percent cut.

His budget task force began weeding the proposals last month and i expected to complete their evaluations for what can be cut before the end of the semester.

However, the Board of Higher Education has still requested almost a 3-percent increase, and students will be going to show support for

"We just want to make sure they don't forget about us down here," Di Domenico said.

The students will rally at 2 p.m. by the

Lincoln Statue in front of the capitol. Speakers and possibly state legislatures are scheduled to speak on the value of higher education.

One of the most important parts of the day,

according to Ford, is to have students be aware that they have access to the system, and can get

Di Domenico said that the proposai is the base message, but members of USG will be using the opportunity to support resolutions they have passed throughout the year, such as ore student representation on the Board of

He said it was unfortunate lobby day fell in the middle of mid-terms. However, he hopes other students will supplement their numbers, and they will still do a good job of representing SIUC and higher education.

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Students interested in going to Springfield can centact Ed Ford for more information at edford sin.edu. The bus will be leaving at 8 a.m. Wednesday from the Student Center.

# SIUC students dominate broadcasting competitions

The Saluki basketball team isn't the only SIUC group to dominate opponents on a national level.

opponents on a national level.

Students and faculty in radiotelevision are finalists in competitions
of national broadcasting organizations.
The National Broadcasting Society is
holding its conference in St. Louis on March 5 - 8 and will include keynote speaker Bob Costas, NBC and HBO sports show host, along with other notable St. Louis broadcasters for educational sessions.

SIUC students are already finalists in at least eight of the categories for the student electronic media competition. The winners are announced at the conference, said Max Grubb, an assistant professor in radio-television.

Scott Hodgson, associate professor and executive producer for radio-television production, said that last year the University dominated the award ceremony, with 21 percent of the finalists coming from SIUC and taking away 23 percent of the grand prizes.

Grubb said the conference is a good

way for students to learn about the industry from professionals.

In Las Vegason April 4 the Broade Education Association is hosting Robb Weller, former Entertainment Tonight host and Gary Grossman of Weller/ Grossman Productions as speakers. The festival will have sessions on education in broadcasting.

Jan Thompson, assistant professor in radio-television, will attend the

chane to share ideas and information with other educators in the profession.

 SIUC professors won 10 awards this year. They won six in the paper competition, two in the festival compe-

competition, two in the festival compe-tition and two as panel moderators.

Also in Las Vegas April 7 - 10 the National Association of Broadcasters is featuring Bill Cosby as one of the keynote speakers. SIUC faculty and students could come away with a num-ber of national awards, but they won't be announced until later. Thompson said the convention is a good place to

nnology. see up-and-coming technology.

This is where everybody — ABC,
NBC, everybody who's got a television station — goes to see what new equipment and what new technology is coming out," she said. "This is where

you start to see it on the cutting edge."

The fact that SIUC student and faculty productions are abundant in so many contests me. That the school is still on the cutting e.t.c.

"It demonstrates that there is a high caliber of creative work and research coming out of our department,"
Thompson said. These types of conventions and conferences are perfect for our students to be able to approach inclustry professionals.

These professionals come with the expectations that they will be approached. They can get some good insight of things that are happening presently in the industry."

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# Theta Xi show exhibits spirit

'Twas the noon before game time and all through the tow

Salukis were restless, ready to take Creighton down. The greeks were no exception,

set to cheer the home team,

But they first threw a show, with "Holidays" as the theme. About five hours before the SIU

Arena was bombarded with students ready to show their school spirit, the Inter-Greek Council displayed their holiday spirit at the 56th annual Theta Xi Variety Show.

Using the theme "Holidays" the incil put on a show at Shryock Auditorium, Contestants in the program included three small ups, three large groups and one n-competitive group.

Small groups participating in the show were not required to present performances falling under the show's theme. They showcased performances such as a group singing "Picture," and the winner Kevin Wilson who sang a

self-written piece.
Friends and family of greeks
and greeks themselves filed into Shryeck Auditorium, filling the

majority of seats in the building.
"I really enjoyed the guy with
the guitar who wrote his own
song," said Maria Abbott of Du Song, said Maria Apport of Quoin who was attending the show for the first time to see her daughter Stacy Taylor perform. "The whole

show was great though and there's definitely a lot of talent.

Members of six Panhellenic organizations teamed up give their own interpretation of Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day, through three 13-minute skits.

Red and pink were the colors of a skit performed by Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Gamma Delta, which depicted a romance in Chicago during the 1940s. In the end, however, top honors went to Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and Sigma Kappa sorority for their presenta-tion of "The Man With the Bag."

During the skit that centered on a television crew searching for Santa Claus, the "man with the members rocked around the Christmas tree, and addressed their request to "Santa baby." Participants clad in several sutfits including a red and white Santa Claus inspired dress, while spoofing films such as the classic, "It's a Wonderful Life." While there could only be one

overall winner, the competition did recognize accomplishments in areas such as costume and visual design, both won by Sigma Pi fraternity and Delta Zeta sorority.

In spite of not receiving the top honors for her sorority's Valentine's Day inspired presentation, Allison Benning was not discouraged about the nights they had spent practicing

the past month and a half.
"I loved doing it," said Benning,
a member of Alpha Gamma Delta

practices were hectic, but in the end it worked out for the tary education from Pontiac. "The

In addition to the accomplishments presented that day an award for months worth of planning, the show also awarded accomplish-

show also awarded accomplish-ments made during the academic careers of three students.

During the presentation, the Betty Lou Mitchell Award was awarded to Sarah Schweizer, the Leo Kaplan scholarship given to Stephanie Clutts and Service to Southern Award honor was given to Kelli Belangee. Even those who were not

honored during the event such as Benning, were happy with the out-come of the show and ability of the greek community to come together and plan the event.

The bond formed by performers in the show, regardless of greek affiliation was evident as members of Alpha Gamma Delra rose to congratulate members of the win-

ning sorority and fraternity.

"Its always great to see the talent that's spotlighted during the show," said Katie Sermersheim, director of Student Development and an adviser to the intergreek council.
"Its just fantastic to see the hours of work and energy that goes into it. It's just nothing but good feelings."

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### MTV

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and see what we are like."

Dearman, a senior forward, said the mass of viewers might not be prepared for the more candid shots of Dearman.

He tears he was caught dancing by himself in front of a television as Black Entertainment Television aired music videos. Dearman fears that moment could be embarrassing for him and funny for others.

I was doing some goofy, silly little dances. Hopefully he doesn't put that on there and expose me like that," Dearman said of his vulnerable inci-dent. "I don't think America is ready for Jermaine Dearman. But people will probably find out what a Saluki is."

His close resemblance with rapper Ludacris could also leak its way outside

of just the SIU community.

"[AITV] will probably do something because everybody tells me I look just like him," Dearman aid. "But I am a lot taller and a lot prettier than him.

No matter what material is aired, the show will be resoundingly constructive for the whole SIU community.

"It is going to be a positive thing," Williams said. "It will get our University and our program out to

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# TICKETS

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events on occasion.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said inviting decision-makers to games can be a good means of maintaining

relationships, stopping short of saying he opposed the governors decision. There are positive sides of having that ability to bring those representatives," said Bost, who estimated that he has been to about 10 free SIU games as a legislator. "Quite often, it allowed the opportunity to bring legislators to the area. It's like any other sales pitch." He also said the governor should

focus on areas of more importance. Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Okawville, said he has attended about five games with Walker during the last

"Usually one time a year, I come down to the University and sit with the president there in his box," he said. "I

have no problem with paying for it."

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, has been to one game this year and doesn't object to the governor's decision, said spokesman David Gillies. "He has no problem with it," he said.

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### **PROPOSAL**

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money during a time when Gov. Rod Blagojevich is looking to cut administrative bounds as a way to fix the multi-billion dollar deficit Illinois currently struggles to control.

"I do think Rep. Jay Hoffman

deserves credit for wanting to improve higher education, but it is time to save money," said Gene Callahan, vice chairman of SIUs board. "I have seri-

chairman of 310's board. I have sen-ous reservations about this proposal," SIU is not alone in having multi-campuses under one board and president. Prestigious universities in California, Texas and Missouri operate

with more than one campus as does the University of Illinois.

"[Other multi-campus organizations] are good in their premier institutions in large part because of the structure that exists around them." r said.

SIU administrators are not in suport of this bill, though it commends Hoffman on the acknowledgment of his interest in higher education.

"Our thinking on this is SIU as a multi-campus organization is greater as a whole than the sum of its parts,"

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# In touch with your femininity

Feminism. ERA. Equality. The mere words send some running in fright.

March is national Women's History Month. It is a time to gaze back at the women who have led the way for centuries. In America, we can see women coming over on ships to start new lives. We can see them farming the land, and soon becoming involved in politics, stepping forward for women's rights and eventually achieving suffrage. We can see them as teachers and nurses, then as professors and doctors. They are always there, part of American history.

there, part of American history.

But not always the visible part. Sometimes, to see the we men who truly made a difference, we need a magnifying glass. We squint, for they are not blazing on the pages of history books.

March is the time not only to review the past and contemplate what we've accomplished, but it is the time to continue to look forward at what still graphics to be done. This way's

at what still remains to be done. This year's Women's History Month theme is "Pioneering the Future." It's time to make women a large part of future history. Women have stood, I part of future history. Women nave stood, nave spoken, have led. In a time when the Equal Rights Amendment has again returned for consideration, it is time to notice that women are part of this country. The Civil Rights Amendment changed many things, but there are still many necessary steps for all minority groups on the road to equality.

It is now 2003, a mere 83 years since women have had the right to yote Vet true equality still

have had the right to vote. Yet true equality still remains out of reach. Women are still paid less than men. According to the 2000 census, the median earnings of full-time, year-round working males was \$37,057. Females earned \$27,194. Women still have yet to lead the country as president, or even vice president. While there are a few female CEOs, women have yet to truly engage in capitalism on the same level as man. Women comprise 50.9 percent of population, according to the 2000 census. Even numbers do not, it seems, mean even keels.

For its part, the DAILY EGYPTIAN will examine

to vote.

local women and their contributions, It is now 2003, a mere by looking at the salaries of women and men in the area, the standing of women faculty at SIUC and the students of the University. We hope to the students of the University We hope to the students of the University. that through these and other stories, we can take time to ponder change, equality and feminism without fear of

what these concepts might bring.

Nationally, the women being honored and recognized are those such as Rebecca Adamson, a Native American advocate; Mae Jemison, a scientist and former astronaut, Rachel Carson, a scientist and former astronaut, Rachel Carson, a scientist and former astronaut. tist and environmentalist; Tania Leon, a composer tist and environmentatist; tanta Leon, a composed and conductor, Linda Chavez-Thompson, a labor leader, Wilma Vaught, a retired brigadier general; Harilyn Rousso, a disability rights activist, Margaret Chase Smith, a senator, and Rebecca Walker, a youth organizer and writer.

Women such as these are pioneering their way toward a better future, just as women pioneered this land with men to create a great country. Women's History Month provides a magnifying glass for history -– and a telescope for the future. All you have to do is take a peek.



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# GUEST COLUMNIST

# Begging for breasts a sign of materialism

Trevor Chichowski The Lariat (Baylor University)

WACO, Texas (U-WIRE) - It's that time of the week again fair readers — news made possible only in a land as free and as wide as America. So without further ado, let's see what idiocy has graced the media outlets this week.

In New York City, several members of the city council have banded together to try and push throu a bill that would ban the sale of any toy that "could reasonably be perceived to be an actual firearm." In other words, no water pistols or cap guns would be sold within the city of New York.

Even more radical than this proposed ban is the Manhattan Libertarian Party's response. In a program entitled "Guns for Tots," the party is trying to keep alive one of the most cherished rites of childhood," in the words of party spokesman Jim Leszynski. On Feb. 6, the group distributed toy guns and water pistols outside a public school in Harlem, where Leszynski said they

a public scroot in Framen, where Lesczynski said they were trying to "bring a little joy into the lives of New Yorks youth — while such joy is still legal."

At first I thought a ban on toy guns was ludicrous enough, but giving away free toy guns to elementary school children is even crazier. In Harlem no less! As if the one thing Harlem didn't have enough of was inci-dents of youth violence. Hopefully the next lesson in the public school in question won't be related to firearm

maintenance.

This next story is so outrageous, that it could only have happened in Texas. In Lubbock on Wednesday, 36-year-old Carl Wiley was in court to take part in a learning during his aggravated assault trial. During the hearing, be began to verbally assault District Judge Jim Bob Darnell. When Wiley refused to calm down and return to his seat, Darnell ordered the bailiff to duct tray Wiley's pouth they in order but the besides.

return to his seat, Damell ordered the bailiff to duct tape Wiley's mouth shut, in order that the hearing could continue uninterrupted.

"He was being very disruptive, and he was trying to fire his second court-appointed attorney; and I informed him that when the attorney is appointed by the court, only the court can fire the attorney." Darnell said.
"Mr. Wiley continued to interrupt [his attorney], so the court duct-taped his mouth until the jury came in. Then I had him removed from the courtroom," Darnell explained.

While I may give Jim Bob high marks on legal know-how, I have to question whether the duct tape was really necessary as a restraint. If you thought that

Texas had a bad image for its "cowboy brand" of justice, can you imagine what everyone is saying now? Did rip-ping the duct tape of Wiley's mouth later count as part of his punishment? I say just duct tape him to the chair and be done with it.

I wanted to devote plenty of space for my last item, because you will never believe that this one is for real. I only wish that I had a pack of my very own feminist

I only wish that I had a pack of my very own feminist troops that I could sic on this girl.

A 20-year-old Houston girl named Carnien is now operating a Web site with the URL of www.donateboobs.com. Her goal is to try to raise donations from sympathetic site visitors to help her reach \$7,000 in order for her to get breast augmentation surgery. I kid you not. Check out the Web site if you don't believe me.

believe me.

Obviously, Carmen put a lot of thought into this

Web site. Running down the left hand side of the page
is a list of links you can check out, including "Why I
am Doing This" (a question we all want to know the
answer too), "Boob Jokes" and "Boobalicious Dreams!"

Now, I might understand her wanting implants if
she weren't already substantially endowed, but Carmen

wants to go for the whole enchilada. She doesn't just want implants, she wants a D-sized bustline. Oh yeah,

she wants you to pay for it too.

Her reasoning for seeking the surgery follows something like this: she is not satisfied with her breast size,

thing like this: she is not satisfied with her breast size, she can't change it without surgery and that by getting the surgery she "will not only feel more confident that I look better, but I will cony myself like the true woman I am and finally feel womanly? (her words, not mine). At first I didn't know if I shauld be laughing or crying when I read this story of Carmen's life. Then I read one poignant line in her "Why I am Doing This section that made my heart sink." This is how I feel. I am certain that by having this procedure, I will finally be able to feel beautiful. Finally be able to feel beautiful—this is what it takes for an American girl to feel beautiful and confident with herself in our modern socious. beautiful and confident with herself in our modern society? I shudder to think what our media has portrayed as "beautiful" to make Carmen so unhappy with the body

God gave her. That's it for this week, but thanks to Leslie for pointing me on to Carmen's story. And remember that crazy stories like these are always plentiful — only in

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

6 Quit worrying about your health. It'll go away. ? ?

# WORDS OVERHEARD

66 The music reminds me of home. And it's just a great way for people to get a better understanding of who we are. The more we know about each other, the more we grow as people.??

Deanna Haywood
junior in biological sciences
on the Hisponic Student Council Carnival

# COLUMNISTS

# Shadow of the empire

A specter is haunting the world. Acros the earth, 10 million men and women dem onstrated against war. Institutions like the United Nations and the European Union are now divided and traditional allies are turning into bitter "enemies." African leaders who seldom participated in international relations are now noisily voicing their opinions as the global Left cheers louder every time its unlikely new leader, the conservative French President shouts out "NON a la guerre."

In the United States artist organizations, anti war groups and over 100 local cities and town councils have sided against their own president. Panic and fear are the new behav-ioral norms of the day. What is it then, that has anguish disfiguring men's faces across continents, bull markets turning into lazy bears, oppressors and oppressed — joining hands and sing in chorus? It is obvious that this shared sense of fear and the new patterns of association and disassociation not uniquely created by a potential war in Iraq; there is something of a greater impor-tance that is at play here. What is then? I

A war in Iraq would asking. Well I hate not essentially turn to be the bringer of not essentially turn the American sovereign or president into a

bad news but darkness has enveloped the earth. It is night at the midday hour. Behold, my fellow men, bow your Roman emperor. heads or stand in

defiance; the empire is here.
On a less dramatized note, a war in Iraq would not essentially turn the American sovereign or president into a Roman emper or. Rather it will dramatically strengthen the idea that after the fall of the Soviet empire we are now living in a unipolar world that is a world with a single pole of power and will serve as a test of that power. Can the will serve as a test of that power. An the United States unilaterally, according to its own accord and judgment, declare war upon another state without being attacked by it and subsequently design for that state a new form of government? If you answer by the affirmative, you believe the United States would now have established a precedent that would allow it to go anywhere in the that would allow it to go anywhere in the world just like any emperor to his distant provinces going about his business of polic-ing populations, e-tracing frontiers and designing forms of governments for its own interests. The American administration does not agree with this representation of things,

The policy of preemption and the actual



City of Geopolitics

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negotiations about war in Iraq have no hid-den imperial agendas. On the contrary they are the result of a pragmatic approach to the post 9/11 world. A preemptive war would be justified because the terrorists always enjoy justified because the terrorists always enjoy the advantage of attacking secretly and by surprise whenever and wherever they wish; and to this new threat the sole possible defense consists in getting them. defense consists in getting them before they can materialize their plans. Their position seems legitimate to this writer.

France and their allies disagree. Although they have not clearly stated that the "empire is at the gate; there has been talk of a hegeower doomed to fail in its aspir to finally use its strength for the "Good."
French Foreign minister Dominique de
Villepin was quoted as saying, "We are convinced of the need for a multipolar world because one power cannot guarantee world peace." They understand the impact this war could have on their position as world powers and are resolutely engaged to fight it. Beyond their fear of the hegemonic beast they contended that although preemption could somewhat be acceptable, the case to attack Iraq has yet to be made. For them, peace can only come about in a world with

any centers of power.

Despite the American administration's assertion that it does not seek imperial status, if or when the war occurs, the other status, it or when the war occurs, ine other world leaders will in effect be in the presence of an emperor, a peculiar emperor at best. One denuded of any imperial ambition, one diligently and solely bent on securing peace and freedom. In crude terms, the emperor will not be wearing clothes. But how long can an emperor without clothes remain naked or alive with the potentiality for infi-nite power at the tip of his sword? And in the presence of power-hungry political animals roaming around caves, great walls and

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# Manhood in hibernation: Falling in love

Scottie has indeed

beemed you up,

but not aboard the

Starship Enterprise

but instead aboard

the Relationship

Compromise.

When faced with the daunting ques tion of how you feel for someone, and how to address these feelings, it becomes paralyzing at times. The body can com-pletely lock up and take the brain with it. All senses go haywire and everything you know or thought you knew goes soaring out the window.

out the window.

Now you find yourself in the land of crimson rivers with boats in the shape of hearts, floating along as if in a blissful dream. All of a sudden those great 80s love songs are good again and you make a complete turn from hard rock or rap to soft rock or smooth R&B. The channel turns from "That 70s Show" to Hallmark specials. Movies quickly fade from action/thrillers to romantic comedies and deep dramas. Yes, life as you once knew it is dramas. Yes, life as you once knew it is

All of a sudden your life becomes a ovie and the entire new CD by John Mayer is the soundtrack...you can't take

mn thing out of the CD player... not as if that is entirely a bad thing, but it just adds to the complete overwhelming take over of your mind and soul that you didn't auth rize. It seems Richard Marx and Wilson Phillips plotted some twisted, love-mush

scheme to thwart any chance of survival

scheme to inwart any chance of survival for the single person inside of you.

Scottle has indeed beamed you up, but not aboard the Starship Enterprise but instead aboard the Relationship Compromise. Scottle might as well have been you was about the section with a section with beaten you up; either way you are in a world of hurt. Because no matter how hard you try to deny it, and how much you even lie to yourself, one simple fact remains: You have met someone you relike. They have something that scares the living bacteria out of you, one word ... potential. That word in itself can move mountains in the world of love. This person has the key to your heart and you didn't even give it to them.

With that is the danger. It carries with it the worst fear in the whole world ... getting your heart broken. No mat-ter how much you like someone, the fe



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can always send you running in the other direction. Especially if your heart has been used as a dartboard in the past. All in all it sucks. Because deep inside you just want that person to know how you feel, but

your fear cripples you.

Maybe all you want is to sit next to
this person and enjoy the same thing they are enjoying. Maybe if your hand had its own mind it would reach out and grab her hand, and maybe your lips would shut up

for once, close together and do what they were intended to do ... connect with her lips. And by doing this you may communicate more than you have the whole time you have known each other.

Oh what do I know? I am just a silly boy that

didn't even have enough courage to write this column in first person. I guess if I did have enough courage to address a certain situation in my life involving a certain organ in my body that rhymes with cart, then I would tell someone really special that they have brought poetry back into my life, something I have been missing for quite some time. With it came color and smiles ... lots of them.

Even though I am in this em match of tug and war, not sure which way to go, life is sappy, but good right now. It feels really good to be alive. But I could do without the Richard Marx and Wilson Philips.

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# GUEST COLUMNIST

# Overlooking terror not acceptable

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U.S. troop movements and other escalations leading to imminent war against Iraq, along with the recent homicide bomber attacks in Israel, have prompted the world to be wary of a continued path towards violence as a means, of resolution. One of the other explosive situations in a near part of the world is that of the terrorism in Kashmir. In 1999, we watched as both India and Pakistan announced their nuclear capabilities by detonating underground devices. Considering Pakistan's proven involve-ment in training and funding terrorist atrocities, the United Nations has a duty to address the terrorist activities in Kashınir, and to enforce Pakistani withdrawal of that region.

Under British protection prior to partition, Kashmir was the independent state of January Kashmir, ruled by a Hindu Maharaja (prince).

to create India and Pakistan in 1947, Maharaja Hari Singh first sought to keep his state inde-pendent. But when Pathan tribesmen, support ed by Pakistani forces, invaded from Pakistan, he decided to merge with India. By the time of partition, over 500 princely states had already merged with India. This merger was officially recognized by Lord Mountbatten, sent by the British government to carry out the transfer of power to end British rule in the subcontinent. India sent troops to aid the Maharaja in containing the advance of Pakistani forces, and thus began an undeclared war ending in 1949 at the intervention of the United Nations. A United Nations resolution called for a complete withdrawal of all Pakistani forces as a condi tion for holding a commission to ascertain the wishes of the people of Kashmir. To this day, Pakistan has refused to comply with the UN resolution.

ity of the population of Kashmir is Muslim, Kashmir should be a part of Muslim Pakistan. This is unfounded in view of the fact that over lion Muslims live in India, more than the entire population of Pakistan. India is a secular, democratic country where Muslims have equal rights and privileges. Moreover, Islam was introduced to Kashmir towards the end of the 14th century after Arab-Muslim invasions of India Before that the entire population was Hindu for thousands of years.

It is common knowledge now that militants trained in Pakistan have wrought havoe in the Kashmir valley, killing thousands. There are those who claim that these terrorists are merely freedom fighters.' However, according to Amnesty International reports, Pakistani militants have killed more than 60,000 Kashmiris during the last ten years. They have made it impossible for Hindus and Muslims to live in

eland, and hundreds of thousands have fled Kashmir to escape terror. Further, the atmosphere of fear, death, and destruction has taken a heave toll on the state's economy.

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India believes that this conflict is basically a clash of two different ideologies. India is a secular democracy, while Pakistan, a U.S. ally, is an Islamic state ruled by an unstable military dictatorship. Since 9/11, the U.S. has been utilizing Pakistan to provide military bases for the Afg-hanistan campaign and has urged the Pakistani President to crack down on al-Qaeda and the traveiet foreign. Manufich. and other terrorist factions. Meanwhile, it and other terrors I factions. Meanwhile, it seems that overlooking the Pakistani murder of Kashmins has been acceptable. If we are to relieve the sufficing of the Easthmin people and work to prevent future terrorist atrocties in this region, the United Nations must play a supervisory role in enforcing Pakistani withdrawal.

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Left: Adam Brandt, a senior in cinema and photography, rewinds Mboutoukou, one

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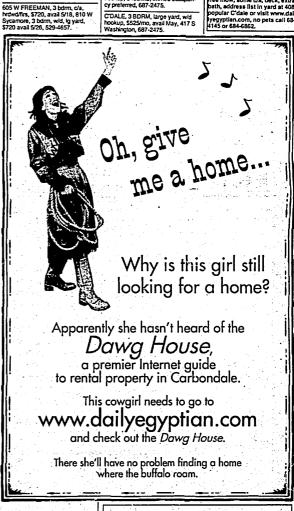
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# **Daily Horoscope**

By Linda C. Black

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needs doing. Make it happen.
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is
the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Without
even pushing yourself, you'll notice you're growing
stronger. You're metamorphosing. Soon you'll be ready
to exceed old limitations. Breathe deep.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Consult our collaborators. They'll have some great ideas. You can be the magician and help them figure out how to turn fantasy into reality. Gemin! (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Is some-

body trying to rain on your parade by offering negative reactions to your great ideas? Assimilate and use their criticisms. Don't argue.

criticisms. Don't argue.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - As you investigate new areas, you may also find new money-making opportunities. Be willing to try something different. It could be much better than you thought.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're on the brink of a new endeavor, or you ought to be. Tomorrow and Wednesday will be great for launching, and tonight's not bad, either.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - By now, you should know what you want to accomplish. Now, how much will it cost? Prepare carefully in order to keep expenses down.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - You may feel as if you can't do everything. You shouldn't have to. A hero will show up to help. All you have to do is

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - With a little more work, you may be able to get by on a lot less money. Either that, or you'll make more come in.

Win-win.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today-is a 7 - If
you've got your place fixed up by now, you're ready to
have company over. If not, get busy.
Capitcorn (Dec. 22-lan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Having
the idea is easy. Making it happen is tougher, You love
challenges, so keep at it, even if your first try doesn't
work.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Advise a friend to be cautious, and be cautious yourself. Ru any proposed action through a reality test. If it's not profitable, don't do it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You'll soon get an opportunity to bring in a little more cash. Don't worry about what you had already scheduled. Your friends will help you with that.

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# SIU softball is nationally ranked

Salukis are 8-1, closing in on Top 25 in two polls

**Christopher Morrical** Daily Egyptian

Southern Illinois University has been gaining some national attention recently for its softball team.

After an 8-1 start, the Salukis

vere ranked No. 29 in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Top

25 poll.
The Dawgs were also tabbed No. 35 in the nation by the ESPN.com/ USA Softball Collegiate poll. This is the first national rank-

ing for SIU softball since 1997 when the team was ranked in the

"I think it says a lot for the tw weekends we played," said SIU junior shortstop Jenny Doehring. "We would have liked to played this last weekend, but it says a lot about the caliber of play we try to get in our preseason. In order to get ranked, you

have to play some pretty good teams. I think that attributes to me of the teams we actually been

playing."

The Salukis have been playing some pretty good teams, including then-No. 22 Alabama, which SIU beat at last month at the Crimson Tide's own Bama Bash.

The Salukis ended up finishing second at the tournament after falling in extra innings to Alabama in the title game, the Dawgs' lone blemish thus far. They had won eight in a row before the loss in 11

SIU head softball coach Kerri Blaylock said the team's success lies

in the way it has played.

"We've just been consistent,"
Blaylock said. "We've had some
great pitching, great defense and
some really timely two-out hit-

"We've had contribution from all 17 players. Our versatility is the thing that has pleased me. We just need to get back out there."

Getting back out there has been the problem. The team's talents were to be showcased in the home opener of the new Charlotte West adium-Rochman Field weekend, but it was canceled due to inclement weather.

The team will not play in Carbondale until March 15, when it opens conference play against Bradley.

For now, the team will have to settle with going to Tallahassee, Fla., to play Nebraska, Troy State and Miami (Ohio) in the Tallahassee Democrat Invitational.

The Salukis are thinking more about their upcoming games than the national ranking, but remain excited about it as well. "It's great," said junior catcher-infielder Adie Viefhaus. "It's so

exciting. Anytime we can get our

rame up there where everyone else can see it, it's really good for us.

"It's really good for our team. We enjoy it. We get excited. It just pumps us up a little bit more."

Reporter Christopher Morrical cmorrical@dailyegyptian.com

# RANKINGS

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thern Illinois 15. South lor 12, Louisiana-Uda te II, Hawaii nsas 7, Tulsa 6, Florida 5, Six o received votes totaling 28 points.

# No regrets for Hoosiers' Coverdale

Pete DiPrimio Knight Ridder Newspapers

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. KRT) — Don't talk regrets to Tom overdale. He doesn't have any.

Indiana's senior guard stands Assembly Hall, the epicenter of Hoosier basketball, the place he wanted more than anywhere else to be, starring for the program he dreamed

be'd play for.

"It's been everything I always
wanted it to be," he says. "I grew up
wanting to play here. It's something
I'll always miss."

Everything to play here. It's something

For now, the stands are em Tuesday night, they'll be filled with 17,400 fans following his every on-court move, listening to his every

The way I want to go out is to be the first Indiana team to ever go to two straight Final Fours, he says. To be able to say that you've done something no Indiana player has ever done, to say you've done something no Indiana team has ever done, is something I want to have.

If you close your eyes, you can see and hear it: Coverdale waving his arms, a red-haired conductor exhorting the Cream 'n Crimson faithful o an opponent-breaking roar.

"When he's playing with passion and confidence, we are a very good team," coach Mike Davis says. "When he's playing his best, there's no one bet-ter than him."

For three years Coverdale has rsonified the IU spirit. Feisty and fiery, he has overcome a perceived lack of quickness and talent through strength and savvy.

e looks like an unshaven choirboy. He plays like a seasoned boxer.

You can never count Coverdale out," Davis says. "No matter who he faces, no matter how they rank as a guard, nine times out of 10, he wins the battle.

You can't measure his heart." Tell somebody else to turn the other cheek. On the court Coverdale

is too busy taking no guff.
"It probably started at an early age, but it's something you either have or you don't have," he says. "You don't uire something like that. It's the way I've always known how to play.

It surfaces most fiercely aga Ohio State guard Brent Darby. Like Coverdale, he is a fierce competitor who bows to no one.

Coverdale says Darby talks too much. Darby says Coverdale plays too rough. In their last meeting, things got heated enough for referees to stop the game and warn both coaches.

"I wouldn't say I'm feisty," Coverdale says. "I don't talk to anybody unless they say something to me. Darby has always been one to talk and I'm not going to back down. I'll say something right back."

Growing up battling older brothers Mark and Brad for family athletic supremacy honed his tenacity. Exchanging his Noblesville hometown pickup games for the downtown Indianapolis challenges sharpened his

Coverdale won Mr. Basketball as a high school senior at Noblesville. A year later, he was co-captain for his New Hampton Prep School team. As a freshman under then-coach

As a freshman under then-coach Bob Knight, he was a non-factor, playing a total of 41 minutes. Under Davis, he became a double-figure-scoring star whose tough-minded play was personified during last year's Final Four run when he played through a pair of ankle injuries. And as for those bested moments when his plare could heated moments when his glare could

freeze a charging bull?
"I enjoy it," Coverdale says. "I think it's fun. It's part of basketball. I'm not talking about trash talking. I'm talking about too competitors going against each other. That's what it's all about.

That's why you play the sport."

In the high-pressure world of Indiana basketball, critics are cerywhere and Coverdale has had his share, most recently in the pages of the

student newspaper.

"I use the papers and the media as motivation," he says. "I want to prove everyone wrong." For this season's first six games

proof was on the court. Coverdale peaked with a 30-point, six-rebound, five-assist performance against Maryland in which he willed the Hoosiers to an overtime victory.

Then he lost his shooting touch and, it seemed, his confidence. He stopped driving and started hesitating. He didn't go to the free throw line in the entire month of February. He faded behind the glow of freshman sensation Bracey Wright.

Davis had the answer.

"I want him to play aggressive. When he is, he's an outstanding player. He's one of the best players in the Big Ten.

Davis has been Coverdale's biggest critic and best friend. He has ripped Coverdale for lack of leadership and aggression. He has benched him. He has slapped a curfew on him after a couple of minor alcohol related incidents. He pulled him from the Big Ten European trip before his junior year.

Davis also has praised and played him. He has called Coverdale the most under-rated player in the country while admitting that he doesn't know if he would recruit him now because

he wants top-25 caliber players.

And yet Coverdale's career numbers

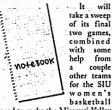
worthy of such consideration. He has 1,128 points. His 184 three-pointers are two behind Brian Evans for second on the school list. He is fifth with 466 assists and should pass the 474 totals of Damon Bailey and Jamal Meeks. He has more steals (135) than Bailey (132) and A.J. Guyton (132), and one less than Isiah

nomas,

"He's worked so hard in his career
and done so much," freshman forward
Sean, Kline says. I wish he had one
more year because he really didn't get
to play as a freshman."

# women have no margin tor error

Ethan Erickson



of its final two games, from couple other teams for the SIU basketball

squad to make the Missouri Valley

Conference tournament.

After dropping both games of their two-game homestand, the Salukis will need Illinois State. and Evansville to lose all of their remaining games to have a chance at the tournament.

The Salukis finish the seasor at Southwest Missouri State and Wichita State Thursday and Saturday. Evansville plays the same two opponents in opposite order, while Illinois State has only one game left, a contest at Indiana

If SIU wins two games and Illinois State and Evansville lose their remaining games, there would be a three-way tie for the eighth and final position in the conference tournament, which takes place March 13-15 in Des

Moines, Iowa.

The tie would be broken with a point system that rewards teams for victories against the conference's

top squads.

This means SIU's victory over
Creighton Feb. 16 would loom large

The Bluejays recently overtook Indiana. State for the conference

The Salukis' win against Creighton would give them more tiebreaker points, putting SIU into the tournament.

Molly's movin' on up
With her 28 points Saturday,
Molly McDowell jumped two
spots to No. 8 on the SIU career scoring list. McDowell has 1,232 points, six behind No. 7 Terica Hathaway.

If she can score a combined 39 points her final two regular season game, McDowell could finish with the sixth most career points in

Saluki history. McDowell is also in third in MVC career free throw percentage

at 89.5 percent.

She is making her free throws at an identical 89.5 percent clip this season as well. This ranks tops in the conference and 12th in the nation as of the last NCAA report eight days ago.

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Connie Price	1980-84	1,271
Terica Hathaway	1997-01	1,238
Molly McDowell	1999-pt.	1,232
Bridgett Bonds	1984-88	1,227
Mary Berghuis	1984-88	1,218

Turning it over
The Salukis' 12-turnover effort Saturday was the lowest of the season. SIU averages 21.5 turnovers

per game.
Point guard Dana Pinkston
has 112 turnovers for the season. Pinkston has given up seven or more turnovers in six games this 

A tough trip
The Salukis' season-ending
SMS-Wichita State road trip has proven to be a tough one for confer-

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SIU junior forward Katie Berwanger and her Saluki teammates are still hanging on in the conference tournament race. SIU needs Illinois State and Evansville to lose all of their remaining games, and the Dawgs need to win their final two games against Southwest Missouri State and Wichita State to earn a tourney berth.

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ence teams. Only five teams have swept the trip in the past 15 years. Illinois State is the only team to

Lady Bear backers

The Salukis will not only have to contend with the SMS Lady Bears Thursday night, they'll also

have to face a mammoth crowd. SMS leads the conference in attendance at 6,664 per game, more than twice the attendance average of any other conference

SIU finished the home season averaging 423 spectators per game, about half of the next lowest total.

**Shockers finish strong** 

Under head coach Darryl Smith, Wichita State is 7-1 in its final two home games of the season. SIU

will try to beat the trend March 8. The Salukis fell to the Shockers 79-49 in Wichita, Kan., in the second-to-last game of the 1998-1959 season.

Reporter Ethan Erickson can be reached at eerickson@dailyegyptian.com

# STANDINGS :

MVC Women's Basketball

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Drake				
No. Iowa			15	10
Bradley				12
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Wichita St.			12	
Evansville	5	11	II.	14.
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Thursday's games: Creighton at Bradley, 7 Drake at No. Iowa, 7 Evansville at Wichita St., 7 S. Illinois at SMS, 7

# SPORTS FLASH Dearman named player of week

SIU senior forward Jermaine Dearman was named the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week Monday. The Indianapolis native made 15 of his 19 shots and averaged 175 points and 4.5 rebounds per game in victories over Evansville and Creighton.

Dearman tallied 18 points and grabbed seven boards in the Salukis' 70-62 victory over the then-No. 17 Bluejays Saturday, which helped them dinch a share of the regular season conference title.

### Salukis continue rise in national polls

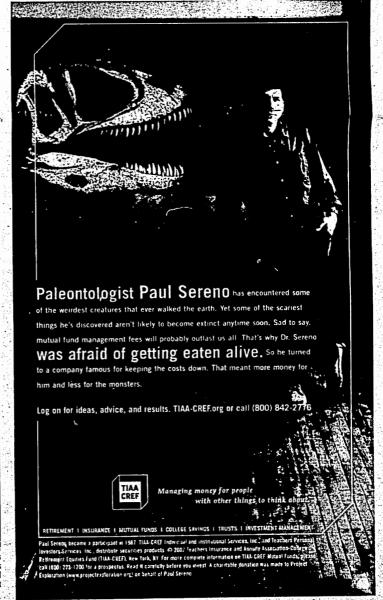
The SIU men's basketball team con

The SIU men's basketball team con-tinues to reap rewards after their 70-62 upset over Creighton Saturday night. The Salukis received 58 points in the most recent Associated Press Top 25 pul released Monday, ranking the Dawgs 30th in the nation.

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30th in the nation.

Anzona picked up 1,787 points,
including 59 first-place nods, to remain
atop the poll, just 50 points above
Kentucky, which picked up 13 first-place
votes. Creighton tallifed 48 points, falling two spots from last week down to
No. 19.

The Salukis also totaled 11 points in
the ESPI/JUSA Today Coaches Poll, placing them 31st in the country. Creighton
moved down a spot to No. 19.



# Carbondale City Calendar

# March

Date	Meeting	Place	Time
Hon/3rd	Citizens Advisory Committee	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois	7:00 pm
HOW 3rd	Park District Board	Chric Conter/Tolerhood - CityYhinn 16	7:00 pm
Tues/4th	Partnership for Disability Issues	Chric Center, 200 S. Illinois	1:30 pm
Tuesday 4th & 18th	Carbondale City Council	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Televised - CityVision 16	7:00 pm
Wednesday 5th & 19th	*Planning Commission	Chric Center, 200 S. Illinois Televised - LityYision 16	7:00 pm
Thurs/6th	*Liquor Advisory Board	City Half, 200 S. Illinois	S:30 pm
Wed/12th	Carbondale Library Board	405 W. Main	4:30 pm
Hon/17th	Preservation Commission	City Hall, 200 S. Illinois	7:00 pm
	Information & Telecommunications Commission	City Hall, 200 S. Illinois	7:00 pm
Tues'20th	CCHS School District #165 Board of Education	300 Springer Street	7:00 pm
Tues/25th	Elementary School District #95	Carbondale Middle School 1150 E. Grand Avenue	7:00 pm

# April

Date	Meeting	Place	Time
Wednesday 2nd & l6th	*Planning Commission	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Televised - CityVision 16	7:00 pm
Thurs/3rd	*Liquor Advisory Board	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois	5:30 pm
Mon/7th	Citizens Advisory COmmittee	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois	7:00 pm
Tuesday 8th & 15th	Carbondale City Council	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Televised - CityVision 16	7:00 pm
Wed/9th	Carbondale Library Board	405 W. Main Street	4:30 pm
Hon/Hth	Park District Board	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Televised - CityYision 16	7:00 pm
Thurs/17th	CCHS School District #165 Board of Education	300 Sp. inger Street	7:00 pm
Hon/21st	Preservation Commission	City Hall, 200 S. Illinois	7:00 pm
Tues/23rd	Elementary School District #95 Board of Education	Carbondale Middle School 1150 E. Grand Avenue	7:30 pm





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by Cindy Nelson, Animal Control

# How to Rescue a Cat from a Tree

- Place enticing food as high in the tree as you can reach with a ladder.
- Do all your coaxing from the base of the tree, not the house, deck, porch, etc
- Just before you go to bed, concentrate on talking the cat down. Most cats come down in three to five days, generally at night.
- Keep all dogs inside until the cat comes down.
- Kittens four months of age or less should be rescued quickly; they tend to go to the top of the tree. Prompt rescues are also needed for cats who are declawed (declawed cats can not come down without help), ill, or on medication.
- For experienced tree climbers: Take a pillow case and a rope up the tree; approach the cat calmly; gently put the cat in the pillow case and tie it securely closed with the rope: lower the cat gently to a person waiting on the ground; take the cat inside before untying.
- Depending on your community and the circumstances, a cable TV or utility company (especially if the cat is atop their pole), fire department, or tree service (which will charge) may be able to help. Ask your humane society if there are any tree-climbing cat rescuers in your area.



# What Dogs Do for Us

Catch Frisbees - Keep a night alone from being truly lonely - Get us outside on beautiful fall days, rainy days. and snowy winter days - Listen to our singing - Treat us like celebrities when we come home - Warm up our beds on cold nights - Make our hearts more vigorous - Alert us to the arrival of the mail - Help us live a little longer - Make us smile - Agree with everything we say - Warm our knees with their chins - Provide a use for old tennis balls - Signal when a thunderstorm is coming - Pull sleds - Help lower our blood pressure - Test how fast we can run - Keep squirrels from overtaking our yards - Teach us the meaning of unconditional love.

# JUST A LITTLE REMINDER . . .

To get your dog's 2003 City Dog License. If you haven't licensed your dog yet, please give the City Clerk's Office a call, 457-3281 and we will be happy to send you a form. All dogs that live in the city limits of Carbondale, and are over four (4) months of age must be licensed. Return the completed form with a check or money order (\$7.00 - non-neutered; \$1.00 - neutered) for each dog. We will mail your dog's license to you. You may also come to the City Clerk's Office at 200 South Illinois Avenue. We are open from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# Plan Ahead to Save **Summer Energy Costs**

During the winter, people focus their energy reduction efforts on reducing heating bills. But before long, we will move from cold weather to hot weather. Summer air-conditioning bills can be a major expense for many people. There are many ways to reduce air-conditioning demand. The same insulation that helps reduce your heating bill will reduce air-condi-

tioning costs. Proper ventilation of attics will cut the need for air conditioning. Proper use of window shading and heat reflection films on windows will significantly reduce air-conditioning needs. Sealing leaks around doors and windows also helps.

One significant way to save energy is to replace older inefficient air-conditioning units with newones. When shopping for air-conditioning units, look for high Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ration (SEER) equipment. The higher the SEER number, the more energy efficient the equipment. Depend-ing on the SEER rating of your present equipment and that of the new equipment, you can save hundreds of dollars per year. Often it takes very few years to save more in energy cost than the new airconditioning equipment cost. Also, look for the Energy Star label on equipment, items with the Energy Star label have been identified as meeting more rigorous energy efficiency standards.

For more information on how to save energy during the upcoming summer months, contact the Rebuild Carbondale Director, Dr. Manohar Kulkarni, at SIUC by phone at 453-3221 or by e-mail at kulkami.siu.edu.

# IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER.

We cannot prevent severe weather, nor can we predict where or when it will strike, but there are some precautions that we can take to minimize danger to people and property. As severe weather season approaches, we need to be informed and prepared. Know the difference between a watch and a warning when it is issued for your county.

A watch means that conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop. This is the time you should consider where you will take shelter if severe weather should occur. During a watch you should also pay close attention to weather broadcasts for a change in weather conditions.

A warning means severe weather is occurring and you should take shelter immediately. Take a battery powered radio and flashlight with you.

With a little planning you can prevent unnecessary panic and confusion if severe weather were to strike:

- Learn the sounds of the outdoor warning sirens and take shelter immediately if they are activated.
- Have a NOAA Weather Alert Radio that will alert you to severe weather.

  Make a severe weather plan. Conduct drills in the home, at work, and in school.

  Make a severe weather kit and place in a water tight container. Your kit should Include a batt my operated radio, flashlight, extra batteries, first aid kit, emergency tools; special items
- for the elderly or infants, and extra eye glasses. Make an inventory of your possessions for insurance purposes and keep the list or video tape in a safe place away from your home.

Flying debris and lightning are the greatest hazards during severe storms. When seeking shelter, always keep away from windows and go to a basement or interior room. Crouch next to the wall covering your head. If you are caught outdoors, try to get inside. If there is no place to take shelter, lie down in a ditch or squat down as low as you can and don't get under a tree Lightning is known to seek out the tallest objects, so don't be that object and don't get under one.



# **Carbondale Communiqué**

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# **Election of Mayor and Four City** Council Members Scheduled for April I

On April 1, citizens will go to the polls to select the person they wish to lead Carbondale through 2007. Mayor Neil Dillard, who has served as Mayor since 1987, announced in November that he would not run for re-election. As a result, two incumbent Council members are pitted against each other for election as Mayor.

Councilwoman Margaret
"Maggie" Flanagan, 1111 W. Hill,
and Councilman Brad Cole, 205 S. Hewitt, have filed petitions for the four-year term as Mayor. Flanagan has served on the City Council since 1993; Cole has served on the Council since 1999. A third candidate, Tim Barrett, originally filed petitions for Mayor but withdrew his petitions in late December. As a result, no primary election was necessary for the position of Mayor and Flanagan and Cole automatically advanced to the April 1 General Election.

However, on February 25 a primary election was scheduled to be held to narrow the field of candidates vying for four seats on the City Council. Although the primary election had not yet been conducted as this article was prepared, when this issue of the Communiqué is published in early March the primary election results will be final.

Thirteen candidates filed for the three four-year terms on the City Council. Of those thirteen, the six candidates who received the highest number of votes in the primary election will advance to the April 1 general elec-tion. Ballot placement is determined by the number of votes received in the primary election, with the top vote-getter placed in first position on the general election ballot, the second top votegetter being placed in second po-sition on the ballot, etc. The candidates vying for the three four-year terms on the Council at the primary election were: Michael G. Neill, 512 Deer Lake Drive East; Sheila Simon, 404 N. Springer; Dan David, 305 Or-chard Drive; Lance D. Jack, 1026 N. Bridge; Matt Woods, 217 S. Hunt Road; Earl Czajkowski, 516 S. Rawlings, Apt. 204A, Patrick Richey, 606 W. Mill; Steven N. Haynes, 605 E. Burke; M Stalls, 407 N. Robert A. Stalls Avenue; Robert T. Gallegly, 807 N. Almond; Priscilla R. Pimentel, 600 W. Pecan; James Rooney, 209 W. Walnut, and Sigrid Putnam, 500

Eight candidates filed for the single two-year term on the City Council. Of those eight, the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the primary election will advance to the April 1 general election. Again, the top vote-getter will be placed in first position on the general election ballot. The candidates vying for the two-year term on the Council at the primary election were: Chris Wiss-mann, 1111 W. Walkup; Pat Kel-In M. Walkup; Pat Kei-ly, 500 W. Oak; David G. McAuley, 917 W. Sycamore; Andy White, 910 S. Taylor Dri-ve; Jim Syler, 2461 S. Illinois Avenue #92; Joel Fritzler, 305 S. Dixon; John Alan Taylor, 606 E. Park Apt. T and Jeff Bissing, 1103 N. Carico.

A list of polling places for the April 1 general election will be published in local newspapers the week prior to the election. Citizens who wish to doublecheck the location of their polling place should contact the City Clerk's Office at 457-3281 or the County Clerks' Office at 687-7366. The polls are open from 6:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.



# CARBONDALE POLICE COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER (CSO) PROGRAM

In August 2002, a concept became reality for the Carbondale Police Department (CPD) when four young men and

conceived by Police Chief R. T. Finney as a recruiting effort to combat a national problem of dwindling police officer appli-



# CARBONDALE POLICE COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Damien Blackmon and Tim Porter (Top) Mandi Holder and Karissa Killian (Bottom)

women became Department's first Community Service Officers (CSO's). The individuals chosen to inaugurate this program are Damien Blackmon, Mandi Holder, Karissa Killian, and Timothy Porter.
The CSO Program was

cants. Chief Finney stated, "Our recruiting numbers have declined drastically over the past decade, and we needed to explore creative ways to attract local youth toward a policing ca-reer. Our hope is this program will guide some of the CSO's

into a career as a CPD officer." Southern Illinois University De-partment of Public Safety has utilized students in a similar program, the Saluki Patrol, since 1959. Several CPD officers began their policing careers with the Saluki Patrol. Larger police departments, generally in metropolitan areas, have utilized CSO's for years. CSO's, who are not sworn or armed, work about 20 hours a week. Their assignments are generally supportive in nature to both sworn officers and civilian police personnel, freeing them up for other technical duties. The CSO Program is supervised by Police Services Sergeant Paul Echols.

The CSO's have received training from both sworn and civilian employees of the CPD in several police related areas. During the first several weeks of orientation and training, the CSO's rode with officers on each shift and spent time in Telecommunications to familiarize them with the CPD. The ongoing training process expands as the duties of the CSO's expand. CSO's are trained in traffic direction, report writing, telecommunications, fingerprinting, use of pepper spray, handcuffing techniques, and other police-related topics. The CSO's have also performed a variety of tasks such as school crossing guards, transporting victims to and from court, writing basic police reports, organizing crime scene pho-tographs, filing fingerprints, house watch and business patrols, role playing for the Special Response Team, and a host of other helpful duties. During this past holiday season, the CSO's were assigned on week-

# Youth Forum 2003: How to Get the Best Out of Your Relationships

Youths in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend this year's forum entitled "How to Get the Best Out of Your Relationships." The forum is to be held on March 20, 2003, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center, and will focus on providing insight to youths on how to avoid unhealthy relationships and will also touch on the topic of teen dating violence. The workshops will be conducted by facilitator's from the Women's Center, Inc. Refreshments, along with wonderful drawings, will be provided.

The Forum on Youth Issues/Youth Services Committee has held forums for over five years. The Committee is comprised of numerous area agencies committed to providing education and awareness to youth.

For more information on this event, please contact Julie Cross, Community Youth Coordinator at 457-3286 or send email to jcross@ci.carbondale.il.us.

# NOTICE TO MEDIACOM CUSTOMERS

Effective March 3, Mediacom is moving Channel 3 to Channel 4 due to interference which has caused unclear pictures for some cable customers.

ends to patrol Carbondale business parking lots and walked through some businesses including the University Mall. In a letter of appreciation, Univer-sity Mall Security Manager Beb Steele stated, "The CSO's were a tremendous help to us and the customers of this mall. We sincerely appreciate the service the CSO's have offered to the community and us."

Applications for CSO positions will be available again in May from the Carbondale City

Clerk's Office. Applicants must meet minimum requirements of completion of the junior year of high school and be at least 17 years of age. High School gradu-ates must be interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement with enrollment or planned enrollment in college progressing toward a minimum of 60 hours of credit. Applicants must also have or obtain a valid !llinois drivers license and pass a police background investigation and drug screening.

# **Preservation News....**

# Family Photographs Preserve the City's History

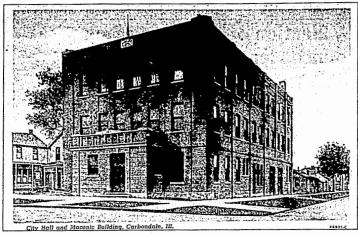
In recognition of the City of Carbondale's 150th anniversary, (the original plat of the City was recorded on November 27, 1852), the Southern Illinoisan published 150 Years of History, A Pictorial Celebration of Carbondale's Sesquicentennial. The newspaper solicited photographs from area residents to develop this publication, and the response was tremendous.

This pictorial history of Carbondale confirms, that while photographs from private collections provide vital information regarding family history, the photographs may also be important to the community. Photographs in family collections often depict what life and commerce was like in Carbondale's early years.

This concept was recognized by the Carbondale Preservation Commission several years ago. In 1997, the City received a grant from the Illi-

nois Historic Preservation Agency to train the Commission and other volunteers to copy historic photos from family collections. The Commission took this project one step further to develop the Carbondale Photographic Archives. The goal of the City's photo archives is to record photograph information and make an archival copy of private photograph collections which are of significant interest to the community.

The Commission periodically sponsors photo copying workshops to further develop the City's photo archives. If you know of an organization that would be interested in sponsoring a workshop, or if you have photographs which you think are of community interest, please contact the Planning Services Division at 549-5302, ext. 235, for further information about the City of Carbondale's Photographic Archives.



City Hall and Masonic Building

# CITY OF CARBONDALE FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION

The Carbondale area has a number of creek systems which are susceptible to flooding during or soon after heavy storms. These creek systems include the Little Crab Orchard Creek, Crab Orchard Creek, Piles Fork Creek, Plum Creek, Glades Creek, and Drury Creek, Flooding in Carbondale is relatively infrequent; however, there is potential for flooding and road closures in low lying areas from overflows of these creek systems.

The City of Carbondale Planning Services Division can assist property owners, lenders, insurance agents, and real estate agents in determining flood hazards for individual properties within the City and within the City's mile and one half zoning jurisdiction. The Planning Services Division can be reached at 457-3235. Flood maps and flood protection references are also available at the Carbondale Public Library.

There are several things you can do to reduce flood hazards in the community:

 Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or streams. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. A plugged channel cannot carry water and when it rains the storm water is likely to flood adjoining areas.

• If your property is next to a ditch or stream, please help keep the banks clear of brush and debris. The Public Works Street Maintenance and Environmental Services Division also has a stream maintenance program which may help remove major blockages such as downed trees. To report illegal dumping or debris in ditches and streams you should contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237 or the Street Maintenance and Environmental Services Division at 457-3275.

 Always check with Planning Services Division before you build on, alter, regrade, or fill on your property. A Floodplain Development Permit may be needed to ensure that floodplain development regulations are met. It is important to report unapproved construction activity within designated floodplains to the Planning Services Division at 457-3235.

### FLOOD SAFETY

Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive, six inches of moving water can knock a person off their feet.

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers, as the water levels may be higher than expected and/or the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to the America Cips or Eygptian Electric Cooperative. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet, unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried. If flooding is imminent, turn off the electricity at the main electrical panel.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage.

Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated. If flooding is innninent, turn off the gas at the gas meter or propane tank.

### FLOOD INSURANCE

If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because the City of Carbondale participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even fer properties that have been flooded.

The City of Carbondale has been designated by the NIFP - Community Rating System as a Class 9. The Community Rating System classification applies flood insurance premium credits to help lower the cost of flood insurance for property owners within the Carbondale community, based on the City's efforts to exceed minimum NFIP require-

ments for floodplain management and public information activities.

### FLOODPROOFING

Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sanitary sewers that may back up into the basement during heavy rains. A backwater valve can be installed in a floor drain and sanitary sewer drain to prevent backflow into a building. They can be purchased at a hardware or plumbing supply store for under fifty dollars. A licensed plumber may be consulted for the installation of a backwater valve.

Other ways to protect a building from flood damage is to make
the walls waterproof and place
waterlight closures over the doorways. If flooding is imminent,
sand bags can be installed around
doorways and basement windows
to prevent stornwaters from
entering a building, In addition,
you may keep the water away by
regrading your lot to direct water
away from your building. Contact
the Building and Neighborhood
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# CITY OF CARBONDALE ZONING/SUBDIVISION BOUNDARIES

The City of Carbondale exercises zoning and subdivision jurisdiction on property within the city limits and extending one and one-half miles from the City. The City's control over the subdivision of land automatically extends out one and one-half miles anytime the City annexes property that expands the extra-territorial limit. Expansion of the zoning boundaries occurs once the City Council adopts an ordinance zoning the property after the formal process of public hearings on the zoning of the new area.

The map depicts the current City zoning/subdivision boundaries. The shaded areas on the map indicate areas in which the City has subdivision control only. On the west side of the boundary, an agreement with the City of Murphysboro limits zoning control to the east side of Country Club Road, north of Chautauqua Road. On the east side of the map, the City expanded in the Reed Station Road area and has not yet gone through the process of expanding the zoning boundaries in this area.

Anyone having questions regarding the zoning or subdivision boundaries or how these regulations may affect their property should contact the Planning Services Division at 457-3235.



# **Employee Spotlight**

# **New Employees**



Thomas "Ray" Landers Cook, Child Care



Dawn Crider Telecommunicator



Mayer Fire Fighter



Clinette "Clair" Hayes Secretary, Child Care



Harry Foster Police Officer



Matthew Dunning Police Officer

# Housing Rehabilitation and **Homebuyer Assistance Program Grants Approved**

The City of Carbondale has received approval from the State of Illinois for four housing program grants in recent months. Three of the grants are to assist lower-income persons with the cost of rehabilitating their owner-occupied homes. One grant will assist lower-income persons with the cost of acquiring, and rehabilitating if neces-

sary, a home. The first program is a continuation of the Community Devel-Assistance Program (CDAP) housing rehabilitation program administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) with matching grant funds from the Illinois Housing Development Authority. This program will target homes located in Northeast Carbondale, north of East Green Street. It also provides funds to make mobility and accessibility improvements to homes occupied by persons with disabilities at five pre-identified homes

Eligibility for the CDAP housing rehabilitation grants is limited to low- and very low-income families which are owner-occupants of the homes, Income limits set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for participation are as follows based on the number of persons in the household: one person- \$26,150, two persons-\$29,900, three persons-\$33,600, four persons-\$37,350, five persons-\$40,350, six persons-\$43,350, seven persons-\$46,350, and eight persons-\$49,300. These figures may be

adjusted upward if new ones are received from the State before the applications are reviewed.

The second housing rehabilitation program is the Single Family Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (SFOOR) program. This program is administered by the Illinois Housing Develop-ment Authority which is providing a grant to the City to assist lower-income owner-occupants with the rehabilitation of homes in three parts of the City. The three areas are Northeast Carbondale, Tatum Heights, and the part of Northwest Carbondale east of Little Crab Orchard Creek and south of the former rail line to Murphysboro. Income limits for participating in the SFOOR program are the same as for the CDAP pro-gram.The assistance will be in the form of a forgivable loan at zero percent interest. Depending on the amount of assistance provided, if the person owns and occupies the home for five or ten years, the loan will be completely forgiven. If the home is sold or vacated sooner, then the amount to be paid back will be prorated based on the length of time the home was owned and occupied.

The Homebuyer Assistance Program assists lower-income persons with the purchase and rehabilitation of a home. Once again, the income limits are the same as listed above. The home purchased must be inside the Carbondale City limits. The City can provide up to \$7,000 towards the down payment on a home and up to \$1,500 towards

closing costs on the purchase. The home purchaser must provide at least \$1,000 towards the purchase price. If the home being purchased does not meet federal, state and local housing standards, it will need to be rehabilitated. The Homebuyer Program can assist with the rehabilitation cost also. The maximum the City can assist with the purchase and rehabili-tation of the home is \$35,000. The assistance provided is in the form of a forgivable loan as described above for the SFOOR program. The majority of the home purchase will be financed by the purchaser securing a loan from a participating bank. Con-sequently, applicants must have credit histories acceptable to the banks, and the debt to income ratio of the purchaser must meet the bank's standards. The City will be contracting with the Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council to administer the Homebuyer Program.

Anyone interested in any of these housing programs or hav-ing questions about the application process should contact the Development Services Depart-ment at 457-3248 or visit the Development Services Office in Room 251 of the City Hall/Civic Center. It is anticipated that applications will be taken beginning in March 2003. The application period for each program will last for only a short period of time. Consequently, it is important that interested parties contact the City to get on a mailing list to receive application

# **Spring** Cleanup Day

On Saturday, April 12, 2003, many members of our community will gather for a citywide Spring cleanup day. This event is spon-sored by Keep Carbondale Beautiful with the assistance of several groups. The center of activity is Turley Park. The day begins at 8:00 a.m., where participants will be assigned areas for litter collection. Over the next four hours, the participants scour their assigned areas collecting litter. (Come for as long as you can. You don't have to arrive at eight, and you don't have to stay until noon.) The litter is returned to Turley Park or left in bags at curbside for collection by City crews. Food and drinks are available at the Turley Park shelter all moming for the participants. There is a friendly competition among groups to see who can collect the most litter. There are prizes for the vinners of the competition. Bonus points will be awarded to individuals and organizations that register in advance to participate in Cleanup Day. For more information or to preregister, contact Keep Carbondale Beautiful at 529-4148 or by e-mail at keepcb@midwest.net. Please come out and help clean up your community!

# **Carbondale Spring Cleanup Schedule**

The City of Carbondale will conduct a residential SPRING CLEANUP beginning April 25, 2003. The program serves single family dwellings up to 4-units inclusive. The cleanup will address household items, and general rubbish generated from the residence being served. Items will be collected from curbside only. Collections are scheduled by zones on Fridays and subsequent Saturdays as volumes require. Your specific col-lection day is specified below:

### MONDAY'S CITY REFUSE ROUTE (ZONE #1)

 Collected - Friday, April 25 All East of ICRR

# WEDNESDAY'S CITY REFUSE ROUTE (ZONE #3)

 Collected - Friday & Saturday, May 2 & 3 • Friday & Saturday, May 9 & 10

All west of ICRR, south of Main Street and east of Oaklans, Avenue(inclusive); and All west of ICRR, north of Main Street, and south of Sycamore Street(inclusive)

### TUESDAY'S CITY REFUSE ROUTE (ZONE #2) Collected - Friday, May 16

All south of Main Street, east of Little Crab Orchard Creek and west of Oakland Avenue(excepted)

### THURSDAY'S CITY REFUSE ROUTE (ZONE #4)

 Collected - Friday, May 23 All west of Little Crab Orchard Creek; and All west of ICRR and north of Sycamore Street(excepted)

- Only Household Rubbish, Please
- No Contractor's Remodeling or Construction Debris
- Please Cut Household Lumber to Five Feet or Less
- The Following Items Cannot be Collected
- Tires Yard Waste White Goods

Place trash at curbside NO EARLIER THAN FIVE (5) DAYS prior to your zone's collection day, and NO LATER THAN 8am on collection day. Do not to inhibit or obstruct drainage or block sidewalks. Allowing items to remain at curbside outside these times may subject you to a citation. If you have any questions, please contact the office of the Environmental Services Manager at 457-3275.

# **WANTED:** HOUSING REHABILITATION CONTRACTORS

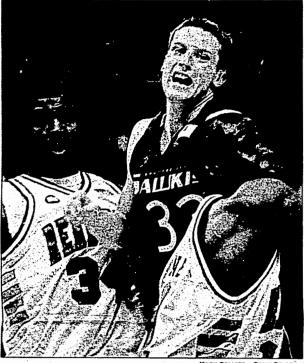
The City is continuously seeking additional contractors to work in the Housing Rehabilitation program. Contractors experienced in building and renovating homes are encouraged to contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237 if they are interested in participating in the Housing Rehabilitation program. The City is an Equal Opportunity contractor and encourages minority- and women-owned businesses to consider this contracting opportunity. The City also is seeking contractors who are licensed by the State of Illinois to perform lead-based paint mitigation in homes being rehabilitated.

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SIU senior guard Kent Williams for position with two Illinois State defenders during Monday night's game. The Salukis thrashed the Redbirds 78-62 in Normal to secure their first outright Missouri Valley Conference regular season championship since the 1989-1990 season. The Dawgs have a bye in the first round of this weekend's MVC tournament and will play either Illinois State or Drake noon Saturday in St. Louis.

# Salukis cruise past Illinois State, win first outright MVC title since 1990

NORMAL — There will be no co-champions in the Missouri Valley Conference this

The SIU men's basketball team entered Monday night's game at Illinois State knowing that a win would give it the title outright. A loss combined with a Creighton win over Wichita State, and the two teams would share the crown ne second consecutive season.

The Salukis played with that sense of urgency and left Normal with a 78-62 victory and the title

Last year Creighton went into the season finale against Drake needing a win to clinch. The Bulldogs pulled off the upset giving the Salukis a share of the title.

"That happening last year let us in on a little ecret about this year," said senior guard Kent Villiams. "We don't want to give it away to

ambody."

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With the win, the Salukis finished MVC play with 16 wins, becoming just the fifth team ever to accomplish that feat. The last team with 16 league wins was Illinois State, which went 16-2 in 1998.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said that is a

great accomplishment, especially after the Salukis were just 5-3 in non-conference play. "I don't know how many times it's been done, but I know not many," Weber said. "That's not an easy task."

The Salukis started the game a little sluggish

and led at the half by just two points against the underdog Redbirds (7-20, 5-13 MVC). Illinois State used a 10-2 run in the final three

minutes of the half to close the game to 32-30 and give the 6,650 fans in attendance something er abou

Weber said he felt his team came out a little

lethargic and was not taking smart shots early.

The second half was a different story as SIU
(22-5, 16-2 MVC) outscored the Redbirds by 14

"We really 'D'-ed them up in the second half,"
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Weber said. "We didn't give them anything."
Seniors Jermaine Dearman and Williams

especially stepped up their play in the second half. They combined for 21 of SIUs 46 points.

Williams said the pair came out of the locker room at halftime knowing what they had to do. He said they told their teammates if they

eren't ready to play harder, the seniors would do

"We're not giving this up, we're not sharing this championship and it you guys aren't going to help we'll do it by ourselves if we have to," Williams

Sophomore Darren Brooks was a moor factor in the win as he tallied 20 points, grabbed nine rebounds, dished out five assists and pocketed four steals.

Brooks said the Salukis didn't want to risk

brooks said the Saudes didn't want to risk sharing the tide and said this game finally thrust. SIU ahead of the nationally ranked Bluejays. "Creighton's been getting a lot of respect the whole season," Brooks said. "Finally we separated ourselves from them."

Next up for SIU is the MVC tournament this weekend in St. Louis. The Salukis have clinched the No. 1 seed and will not have to play until

Saturday at 12:05 p.m.

Their opponent for the second round will be the winner of a Friday night game between Illinois

The fact the Salukis could potentially be play-ing the Redbirds again so quickly is one of the reasons SIU neglected to cut down the nets at

Weber said the team still wants them, but chose to celebrate the title-clinching win in the locker room by themselves and not rub it in the Redbirds faces.

"I didn't want to make a big deal here," Weber said. "I've asked them if we could have the nets. I'll pay for them if we could get them, we'll take them home and we'll have a celebration there. The nets the Salukis want to cut down are the

ones in the Savvis Center in St. Louis. They want to earn the automatic bid into the NCAA tournament that goes to the tournament champions.
"We still have some unfinished business,"

Weber said.

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# Brooks proves he's not one-dimensional

# Sophomore sensation follows defensive clinic with a 20-point effort

Michael Brenner Daily Egyptian

NORMAL - Two days removed from stilling the best player in the Missouri Valley
Conference in Kyle Korver, SIU's Darren
Brooks showed off his skills at the other end of

The sophomore guard, who averages 12.7 points per game, scored 20 points on 9-of-16 shooting to lead the Salukis to a 78-62 thrashing of Illinois State and an undisputed conference title Monday night.

Brooks dished out five assists and pulled

down nine rebounds, six of which were on I just wanted to be consistent," Brooks said

after the game. I got going early and my team-mates really set me up on a couple of plays." Brooks was not half-bad on defense either. He swiped four balls and two of them led to open dunks. He now has three dunks in the last three games as a result of his defense, though his teammates and coach constantly dog the 6-foot-3 guard for making every one look uglier than

His two dunks Monday night barely made it

over the rim.

"It didn't look very pretty and our players laughed at him, but he got that thing down," said SIU head coach Bruce Weber.

Brooks also held Brett Gillan, Illinois State's

Southern Illinois Illinois State 62 starting shooting guard, to six points. The Redbirds' other prominent shooting guard,

Gregg Alexander, scored only eight points.
Weber told Brooks that he would have an assignment nearly as tough as Korver in trying to guard Alexander and Vince Green, who was guarded by Kent Williams for most of the night.

Green scored 22 points

reen scored 22 points. "They've got pretty good shooters that are a lot like Korver," Brooks said. "Green and Alexander, both of them. I did what I could to shut them out and try to win the game

Weber said after the game he thinks Brooks has proven himself enough to deserve the MVC's Defensive Player of the Year award. He also said Brooks should be the third Saluki on the all-conference team along with Jermaine Dearman and Williams.

"I think Darren should have a chance to be the defensive player of the year," Weber said. "He's shut people down all year. Quietly, he

Dearman said he could have told anyone Brooks would have a successful night. Brooks and Dearman were roommates at the hotel Sunday night, and engaged in a lengthy discussion about the seriousness of Monday's matchup with the Redbirds.

Both agreed the win over Creighton would have been pointless if their team lost Monday, and that the Salukis would have blown any remaining hope of an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

"Darren stepped up big," said Dearman, who scored 17 points against Illinois State. "He was



SIU sophomore guard Darren Brooks attempts to break up a pass during the Salukis' 78-62 victory over Illinois State Monday night in Normal. Brooks, who held the league's top player, Creighton's Kyle Korver, to just 10 points on Saturday, showed he is equally talented on offense as he poured in 20 points against the Redbirds.

ready. He was mentally ready at the beginning of the game and he came up big."

Brooks may need to accomplish the same feet Saturday. If Illinois State wins its first round matchup with Drake, SIU will face the Redbirds for the second time in a row

And Brooks will need to shut down Gillan and Alexander again.

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