Carbondale drums up culture

November is SIUC’s Native American Heritage Month

Aliison Petty  Daily Egyptian

Even though she has been president of the Native American Student Organization since 2002, Nichole Boyd said people constantly ask her if she is Puerto Rican.

Boyd said this is just one example of ignorance she and the organization hope to correct during Native American Heritage Month, which kicked off Thursday with a free Indian taco and a drum and dance exhibition performed by Maria Napin.

“Programming for the month cost more than $15,000 this year,” said Boyd, a graduate student from Chicago studying history. “All the money came from university funds and local businesses, such as Karma Tattoos.

Boyd said she and the dancers traveled to a local elementary school earlier in the day. She said a young girl asked the dancers, “If you’re Indian, do you live in a tipi?”

“I think you should attack the education system and the media that are providing kids with those images,” Boyd said. “They can realize that kids on Indian reservations are playing Xbox and watching plasma TVs.”

Lisa King, a Carbondale community member of the organization, said events throughout the month are important because they give people a chance to ask questions about American Indian culture.

King said the month might help to establish a stronger American Indian presence on campus.

“Some of the biggest misconceptions is that native people are gone, because we’re still here,” King said.

Boyd said she hoped the month would help discourage stereotypes about American Indian culture.

She said people often fail to realize the culture is active and thriving.

“When you see the drum group and you look at all the different faces, I think it’ll help people realize sometimes they don’t know what an Indian looks like,” Boyd said. “We’re not all walking around with feathers in our hair.”

Garrett Hoemmen appreciated the opportunity to learn more about NASO, because he wanted to join it.

Hoemmen, a sophomore from Springfield studying psychology, said he signed up for the organization because of his American Indian heritage.

He said he planned to attend more of the events throughout the month.

“I think events like this educate us on our past,” Hoemmen said. “You learn more about a heritage that has so much to offer and deserve the credit it deserves.”

For more information about Native American Heritage Month, visit http://www.stddev.siu.edu/ or call the Student Development office at 453-5714.

The corpse of a franchise

Vacant buildings remain in Carbondale

Danny Wengen

Daily Egyptian

Like a skeleton left to dry in the sun, the white walls of Taco Bell on West Walnut Street have remained unoccupied for almost two years.

While new businesses such as Dick’s Sporting Goods move into empty commercial buildings, other buildings scattered throughout Carbondale have remained vacant. Three establishments in particular have remained empty for more than a year — the former Taco Bell building, on West Walnut Street, the former Hardie’s location on Main West Street, and what was most recently Sambucca Joe’s on South Illinois Avenue.

Kevin Barry, assistant city manager for economic development, said some of the businesses relocated.

“Taco Bell relocated out in front of Wal-Mart,” he said. “The company who owned the building and business just moved and built a new facility and have this one for sale.”

Because of the unique design of the empty building, other businesses might not want to use it, Barry said. When the Taco Bell was built in 1986, it was designed with Southwestern architecture.

“These buildings are of a nature that they could be used, however a lot of people are looking to have their own facility that’s kind of their own trademark,” Barry said. “It’s kind of hard to reuse a taco place because it has a Southwestern motif to it.”

Senate approves Amtrak funds

Barton Lorimer

Daily Egyptian

A bill to provide Amtrak programs nationwide grants to maintain operations and upgrade equipment was approved by the U.S. Senate Wednesday.

The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2007 awaits action by the House of Representatives before reaching President Bush. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said the increased ridership, especially in Illinois, means Amtrak is a vital element to the national transportation system.

“Amtrak provides quick, cost-effective and reliable public ground transportation to 30 communities and more than 3 million people in Illinois,” Durbin said in a statement.

The passenger train service set a new record for number of passengers in a year. Nearly 25.6 million passengers boarded an Amtrak train during the 2006 fiscal year — an increase of 1.5 million.

Durbin was one of five bipartisan senators that introduced the bill in January.

Marc Magliari, manager of Amtrak media relations, said the bill would provide Amtrak Illinois a partnership with the national government. Currently, Amtrak is working closely with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The grants could be used for a high-speed rail plan that has been on Amtrak’s drawing boards since 2004, Magliari said. Amtrak has not laid out official plans if the bill is approved.

David Gilles, Chief of Staff for Congressman Jerry Costello, D-Ill., said he does not expect the house to vote on the bill until the early parts of 2008. Gilles said Costello wants to make Amtrak stronger with an increase of funds for maintenance.

“This is a step forward in the process. It increases funding for Amtrak,” Gilles said.

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Students charged in vandalism of high school's athletic fields

A four-year-old boy was one of several people who have been arrested for vandalism at Carbondale High School. The school has been forced to close down for the past two weeks after damage was reported. The school's athletic fields were also damaged, making it difficult for students to use them for practice or games. The principal said the vandalism was a result of a lack of supervision and that more security measures will be put in place to prevent future incidents.

State police search warrant home of sergeant, missing wife

State police have obtained a search warrant in the case of a missing wife and her 4-year-old daughter. The missing wife, Mary Jane Peterson, was last seen on May 20, 2007, when she left home with the child. She has not been seen since.

The couple's family is extremely concerned and has appealed to the public for information. Anyone with any information is urged to contact the police immediately.

Tribune closes sale of 2 newspapers in southern Connecticut

The Chicago-based Tribune Company announced on Thursday that it has sold two newspapers in southern Connecticut to Hearst Corp. for $62.4 million. The transaction involves the sale of the Advocate of Stamford and the Greenwich Time, both of which are owned by the Tribune Company.

The Advocate of Stamford and the Greenwich Time are both considered stable of newspapers to new owners. The Advocate has been in circulation since 1878, while the Greenwich Time has been in publication since 1992. The transaction does not include the sale of the Westport News, which is owned by the Tribune Company.

The sale comes as part of a larger restructuring effort by the Tribune Company, which has been struggling with declining revenues and rising costs. The sale is expected to result in a $90 million gain for the Tribune Company.

The Tribune Company has announced plans to sell or spin off several of its smaller newspapers in order to focus on its more profitable operations. The sale of the Advocate of Stamford and the Greenwich Time is the latest in a series of sales and spin-offs that the Tribune Company has announced in recent months.

The Tribune Company, which is the second-largest newspaper company in the United States, has been facing increasing competition from online news sources and other media companies. The sale of the Advocate of Stamford and the Greenwich Time is likely to be seen as a sign of the company's commitment to focusing on its more profitable operations.

The sale is expected to be completed within the next 30 to 60 days, subject to regulatory approval. The sale is expected to generate $90 million in cash for the Tribune Company, which will use the funds to pay down debt and invest in its more profitable operations.
Liquor advisory board repeals smoking ban

Statewide smoking ban begins Jan. 1

Barton Lorimor
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It took the Liquor Advisory Board members two minutes to repeal city smoking bans that had been in the works for more than a year.

The bans against smoking in Carbondale restaurants and bars were repealed by an unanimous vote Thursday night after Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed a statewide smoking ban for all public places effective Jan. 1, 2008. Keeping the ordinances in place would be repetitive, City Clerk Janet Vaught said.

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IOWA CITY, Iowa — The epicenter of political activism in Iowa’s largest college town is the retail level of a four-story brick apartment building at the corner of Gilbert and College Avenues.

Tenants include the local presidential campaign offices for Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., the Rev. Al-Rahmael Giulani, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and Gov. Bill Richardson, D-N.M.

“Tornadoes here on campus are a year-round phenomenon,” said Anderson, 21, a leader of Students for Obama at the University of Iowa.

For now, however, the street fighting for the college vote is only starting to simmer, as the campaigns seek to harness voters whose activism often stems from actual voting, according to the Iowa State University Student Vote Project.

With the first balloting just more than two months away, the Democratic campaigns in particular are intensifying their courtship, offering everything from training on how to participate in the Iowa caucuses to free housing in January when many dorms will be closed for winter break.

In trying to tap the campus vote across the state, the campaigns are similar in that they are targeting the Latino, veteran and farmer, all in an effort to build a winning coalition of voters.

With as few as 50,000 votes potentially yielding a win in Iowa, the state’s tens of thousands of college students present a tantalizing target.

Some will caucus near their schools, while others, at home on break, could have even greater influence by participating in small towns.

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Tests for police applicants to be reviewed

Current methods have been used for more than 20 years

David Lopez  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The extensive tests and screening the Carbondale Police Department requires potential hires to take may soon get a facelift.

For the first time in more than 20 years, the city has decided to review the written portion of the tests taken by potential police officers. The decision was made earlier this week by City Manager Jeff Doherty and the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

“I don’t remember any other tests being used, and I’ve been around for 20 years,” Doherty said.

There are several reasons for the review of the tests, Doherty said, including the fact that Carbondale has been using the same tests from the same company for more than 20 years. Doherty also said minorities are under-represented within the Carbondale Police Force, something he hopes will improve with the new tests.

Currently, there is a 10 percent representation of minorities in the Carbondale Police Department and a 15 percent representation for women. Doherty said he hopes to bring the minority representation up to at least 17 percent.

One way of doing this might be to change the tests that are being used, Doherty said.

“I don’t want to be giving them a test that is not as fair as it could be to a particular group,” Doherty said. “I’m not saying that the one we have is, I don’t know, I just want to make sure that if there’s something better out there then we should use it.”

The current tests include a background check, a written test, a physical agility test and an oral test given by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

Afterward, the Board makes a list of possible candidates, and if a candidate is chosen, he must go through a 12-week training course and another physical as well as a psychological examination.

The Carbondale Police currently use tests from the International Public Management Association for Human Resources. These tests include several parts, such as a background data questionnaire designed to assess background and personal characteristics as well as a non-cognitive section called the police interest questionnaire.

According to the IPMA Website, the non-cognitive section is designed to assess characteristics essential to being a police officer, including motivation for police work, attitude toward others and a sense of responsibility.

Police Chief Bob Ledbetter said the testing is highly confidential. IPMA sends only the required number of tests and requests they be sent back after being used.

Ledbetter said he feels the tests have little to nothing to do with the minority representation in the police force.

“I don’t believe that the purpose of the test is to exclude or include any particular ethnic group,” Ledbetter said. “I can’t think of any way any ethnic group would have any advantage or disadvantage.”

Ledbetter said he thinks any kind of revision that would produce better police officers would only serve to benefit the community.

“What we try to do is find the best testing instrument that is most applicable to our community and that finds the best possible candidates for our police officers,” he said.

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A step away from the party image

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A couple of weeks ago I ran across a link on Yahoo news that seemed to scream out to me. The title of the link read something like: “Fraternities Move Away from Party Image.” The Associated Press feature story focused on the Missouri Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The Sig Eps, as they’re commonly referred to, were losing control of their organization. Performing mundane tasks, learning large amounts of unnecessary history and the usual verbal and sometimes physical abuse is what awaited those who were pledging.

Then, nationally got one too many complaints, so they cleaned house. After looking out a dozen members for not measuring up to their new standards (including a 2.6 GPA), more than 40 other members quit because they did not like the new system being put into place. Dubbed the “Balanced Man” program, parties and latexes have been replaced with morning yoga sessions, wine tasting trips and documentary screenings. They have also gotten rid of pledging.

Sig Eps aren’t the only ones on campus doing it either. Both Beta Theta Pi and Lambda Chi Alpha have done the same.

Having visited Missouri’s Greek scene on more than one occasion, I can tell you that hazing, sexism and racism are very much a part of their life. While only four of the traditional 28 fraternities have made this kind of overhaul, it is a start that has already made national news. What I find interesting, however, is that the two fraternities we are heavily focusing on Yahoo news that seemed to scream out to morning hazing, sexism and racism are very much a part of their life. While only four of the traditional 28 fraternities have made this kind of overhaul, it is a start that has already made national news.

We support the men and women in Iraq

Dear Editor:

My name is Celeste Williams and I am one of the organizers of the “Outside Iraq” march Oct. 27. We were pleased the Daily Egyptian came and tried to help us about the march and why we were marching. We still left the impression that we were not in support of our young men and women who are in Iraq. It is important for us to make clear we marched to honor and with respect for those young people, and while we may not agree politically with the reason for being in Iraq we do stand beside those who are serving in Iraq and with their families.

We want to re-assure the young men and women who are there and who are about to be deployed that our thoughts and hopes for their safety go with them. We also want to express that we do not in any way want our expression of the basic right of free speech to bring discomfort to them or their families. Our hope is that our brothers and sisters, mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, the sacred members of our community can come home and never be sent to war again.

Celeste Williams
Murfreesboro student

Mission Statement

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

Words Overheard

“History would say neither one of us is going to turn it over very much, and that won’t give anyone an edge.”

Don Patterson
Western Illinois Football coach

on the No. 6 Saluki’s Saturday contest against Western Illinois
The guitar gods have smiled on gamers once again with the release of the highly anticipated "Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock." The company departed Harmonix. The company departed "Guitar Hero" in 2006, and "Guitar Hero Encore: Rocks the '80s," released earlier this year, were developed by the former "Guitar Hero" maker. The game also contains a hint of the popu-
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Students, faculty can’t agree

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Three weeks after Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz said a resolution would come soon, a dispute between students and faculty has kept funding for fine arts events at a standstill.

The Fine Arts Fee Committee allocates money for roughly 50 events each year, said Christy Poggas, the faculty chair of the committee. Under current operating guidelines, the committee is composed of one faculty member and one student from each of the seven fine arts departments.

The Departments of Art and Design, Speech Communication, Architecture and Interior Design, Cinema and Photography, Theater, Music and English are the fine arts departments. The committee uses money taken from the student activity fee to fund fine arts events, such as guest lecturers.

However, the committee cannot allocate any money until Undergraduate Student Government President Demetrous White and Graduate and Professional Student Council President Steven Middleton appoint student members.

White and Middleton have said they refuse to appoint members until students from all areas of the college are allowed to serve on the committee.

All students pay the student activity fee, so all students should be eligible to determine how the money is spent, White said.

White said he and Middleton submitted a proposal to Poggas calling for 14 student representatives on the committee, seven from the fine arts departments and seven from any area of study. The proposal also suggested faculty act as advisers on the committee rather than voting members.

Poggas said she and the other faculty representatives did not agree to the proposal because they were not sure students could handle the committee’s workload.

“My personal concern was the logistics of 14 students getting together and being able to put on 50 events a year,” Poggas said.

She said students have never complained about how the committee spent the money or selected events. USG and GPSC approved the committee’s guidelines in 2003, and Poggas said she saw no reason to change them now.

Dietz said he was disappointed the two sides were unable to resolve the dispute, but he found fault with neither party.

“The students want control over the (committee), and that’s a legitimate and rational perspective. The faculty are saying they have more expertise in this area, and that’s a legitimate and rational perspective, he said.”The two don’t always mesh, and I think that’s what we’re finding.”

The committee typically begins meeting in September but has not been able to do so this year because of the dispute, Poggas said. Funding for event proposals is frozen until the committee can meet.

Poggas said she and the other faculty members wanted the committee to continue operating under the current guidelines but would accept any changes made by Dietz.

Dietz said he is responsible for the money allocated by the committee and would intervene after speaking to deans from the fine arts areas.

He said he would meet with the deans in the next two weeks and make a decision that will end the stalemate.

“A little bit of the drama continues, though I hope it doesn’t continue much longer,” Dietz said.

“We’ve had enough acts to this play.”

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Scientists find no evidence erosion causes lower Great Lakes levels

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TRaverse City, Mich. — Video images from the St. Clair River bottom show no evidence of erosion causing water levels on Lakes Michigan and Huron to drop, scientists working for a U.S.-Canadian advisory group said Thursday.

Leaders of the research team said they were concerned by reports of sediment flow on the river. But they said the underwater video — taken in September along a roughly 30-mile stretch — showed the riverbed is covered with gravel, pebbles and stones up to 10 inches long. The rock layer is stable, meaning “the bed cannot be eroding,” the team’s report said.

“On a preliminary basis, we’re finding that ongoing erosion does not appear to be a cause of low water levels,” said John Nevin, spokesman for the International Joint Commission (IJC), which advises the U.S. and Canadian governments on Great Lakes issues.

Researchers acknowledged many questions remained unanswered, such as whether river flow rates have changed over time and how long the riverbed has been stable. The rock layer holding it steady may have been covered previously by sediment that washed away, said Ted Yuzyk, co-chairman of the study team.

Additional measurements will be taken to provide further information, he said.

The video was taken by Bonmanna Krishnapann, a research scientist with the National Water Research Institute Ontario, who also reviewed previous reports of sediment flow on the river.

A spokeswoman for the IJC said the initial Fraser’s report was unconvincing and contained errors.

“It’s premature for them to be releasing this information,” said Mary Muter, chairwoman of the group’s environment committee.

“They’re wasting time and wasting money.”

Low water is causing ecological and economic problems on the Great Lakes, particularly for commercial shippers and recreational mariners.

Michalison, an assistant professor at the SIU College of Business, said one reason both businesses moved and remain empty is location.

“Harder’s 1 think is location,” he said. “They aren’t situated where a lot of the main lunch traffic is going.”

Although Sambucca Joe’s is on the Strip, Michalison said its location on the south end could be a problem.

“It could also be location too if they are located in a spot in that is not really central to where students are going because a lot of people are walking,” he said. “The farther they have to walk the less inclined they are going to be to go somewhere.”

Bairy said he goes to trade shows to try and bring business to Carbondale, but most corporations no longer open corporate stores. For the most part, corporations are looking to open franchises, and they need both people and property to do so.

“They’ll say, ‘We’d like to have a facility there, do you have someone to open it?’” Bairy said.

Opening a franchise could be seen as very speculative and risky because of the significant investment required up front, Bairy said.

According to the franchisemall.com, the initial franchise fee to open a Harder’s is $25,000, and the total investment is over $1 million.

Bairy said corporations often require franchises to pay for equipment and advertising as well.

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**The Duplex**

by Glenn McCoy

Sunset Boulevard is the address for a **WHAT?**

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**By Linda C. Black**

Today’s Birthday. Some of the assignments you’re facing this year are tough. There’s nothing you can handle. You’re tough but the next level.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating. It’s the easiest day of the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 7 — Temporary confusion leads to a better plan. Don’t push, that won’t help. Your artistic blues don’t like to be shoved. Trust that the idea will come.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is an 8 — By using your own creative talents you’re saving a lot of cash. You’re getting a better product, too. Or you will, if you take the time. It draws.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is an 8 — By using your own creative talents you can achieve your goal. Trust that person’s judgment, especially when worried about your own.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is an 8 — Increase efficiency and you’ll increase profits. This works whether you’re in business or not. If you’re not, start one now. You’re hot.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Befriend someone from a person who believes you can win the game. Your competition is fierce. Appreciate support from your fans, it’s important.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Get something you’ve been needing for your place, quite thrifty. Either do it yourself using what you have, or find a great deal. Check the close-out sales.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 7 — It’s getting a lot easier to make up your mind. Partially, it’s because they’re listening better. You’ve gained their respect.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is an 8 — Friends keep you up to-date on all the latest news. It takes more sleuthing to get the advantage you’re seeking. However, Call a person who owes you a favor.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is an 8 — Your friends are pressuring you to come and play. Should you succumb to the temptation? Actually, yes, it looks like you’d be the life of the party.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is an 8 — Someone you’ve been dreaming about has great financial potential. Could be an idea for a new business. Find something to sell.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 7 — Your spokesperson can make the arrangements for you. Don’t even worry about all the details. Leave them to an agent you can trust.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 7 — Important people are thinking of more jobs for you to do. Actually, yes, it looks like you should.

Find something to sell. Be the life of the party. Find something to sell. Be the life of the party.

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**Sudoku**

**By The Mepham Group**

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

**Thursday’s Puzzle Solved**

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**The Daily Crossword**

**Edited by Wayne Robert Williams**

**Across**
1. Center of action
7. Egg/eggplant, maternal
12. Old Testament prophet
16. Produce store
17. Glad-handing politicians, road sign?
19. Missouri
20. Fender impression
21. Pig’s dig
22. Shell game item
24. Budd smears
28. Frame watching
30. Actress Lupino
31. Victorian Secret
34. Off the moon
35. Off the road sign?
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**Down**
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1. **Anahiem Tournament:** Nov. 22 to Nov. 25, Anaheim, Calif.

The Salukis get the season started on a good note, likely with their first true test(s) of the year. If the team makes it past round first opponent Chattanooga, who went 15-18 in the Southern Conference last season, they will have their work cut out for them. The likely second round matchup will be Mississippi State, still reeling from a tough, last-second loss against West Virginia in March to miss the NIT title game by one point. The Bulldogs are anchored by point guard/forward Jermaine Gaffney, who exploded in his sophomore season with 16 points, 7.1 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 1.3 steals per game. Gordon’s team just missed out on the NCAA tournament, and takes some serious looking for a season early. Whether or not the voters wrong. If the Salukis prove themselves that nationally televised Turkey Friday matchup, they figure to be in the mix again. The Nov. 24 matchup will be current No. 18 USC, who is also coming off a Sweet Sixteen last season. In what was likely to be the biggest game of the conference season, the Salukis will be in a must-win situation.

2. **Vs. Indiana:** Dec. 1, SIU Arena

An unexpected benefit of the two universities’ football matchup last season was the home and school scheduling of two previous top-25 programs. The Salukis are the only two teams in the MVC, and by far the only two in the nation to be ranked, in the top-10, throughout the season, and the Hoosiers outscored the 57-47 victors in a key game that could be what it takes to put them over the top in the conference.

3. **At St. Louis:** Dec. 15, St. Louis

In a game that was pegged one of 10 ups for both ESPN and the Salukis, the Salukis will not overlook a hungry St. Louis squad. First-year coach Rick Majerus was at St. Louis last season as he announced the ESPN BracketBusters upset of Butler in Indianapolis, and his squad will definitely be looking to make a statement in its first-ever MVC game. It’s a test that could be what it takes to put them over the top in the conference.

4. **Vs. Butler:** Dec. 28, SIU Arena

Last season’s St. Louis game was arguably the most shocking in MVC history. The Bearcats were pegged one of 10 upsets to watch for, but the Salukis were able to ensure more balance in the conference. This season, the Bearcats are the ones to beat. The Salukis should not overlook Butler, a team that is very much capable of making a run to the NCAA tournament.

5. **At Drake:** Jan. 2, Des Moines, Iowa

The Bulldogs enter the new year with a new coach and a new outlook. The Bulldogs have a history of sleeping through mid-season contests with league bottom-feeders, and were nearly upset at Drake last season in a 69-64 contest at a similar time last year. Senior Ryan Koner has been one of the players to beat this season, but Koner said his team’s perimeter shooting has improved drastically during the offseason. “Hopefully we’ll live by them and not die by them,” Koner said.

6. **At Missouri State:** Jan. 23, Springfield, Mo.

The Mountaineers have been on the bubble in recent years, and Missouri State boasts a league-high two preseason All-MVC first team picks in seniors Christian Wood and Armon Bassett. The Bears have been one of the biggest surprises in the MVC this season, and Missouri State could be what it takes to put them over the top.

7. **Vs. Creighton:** Jan. 26, SIU Arena

With the ESPN GameDay crew in tow, the yearly rivalry between the two most successful teams in MVC history will still be a tight one, even with the heart of Creighton’s roster last season out of the picture in Nate Funk and Anthony Tolliver. While these two gave the Salukis some tough battles last season, senior forward Daniel Mayes will be one of the Salukis’ top performers, and Mitchell said a solid performance against the top team in the conference could be what it takes to put them over the top.

8. **At Northern Iowa:** Feb. 2, Cedar Falls, Iowa

The Panthers got the best of SIU in their home contest last season, 66-61 on the back of departed senior Grant Stout, who compiled 11 rebounds and four blocks. With Stout out of the picture, senior center Eric Coleman, who averaged 9.1 rebounds and just less than one block per game last season, looks to fill the void. Coleman said this year’s team is more athletic and looks to run the floor more than last season, but doubts the change from the half court set to the full court pressure. The Bears have a roster that could give SIU some problems, but the Salukis are more balanced now, and new coach Jack Flynn has a roster that could give SIU some problems.

9. **ESPN BracketBusters:** Feb. 23, SIU Arena

The Salukis return home to the BracketBusters format this year, and will likely be the favored team in the contest for the first time since the event’s inception. The late-season rivalry between the two teams is crucial to bubble teams in the MVC, and will decide the fate of books. With the win, the Salukis’ position in the world of college basketball, could be a true right of the regional opponent.

10. **At Bradley:** Feb. 26, Peoria

A battle of the two preseason polls to finish at the top of the MVC, this end-of-season battle could just determine the regular season champion. Bradley boasts a league-high two preseason Mid-Major All-Americans in seniors Jeremy Gruch and Daniel Ruffin. The two are also the league’s best returning scorers, with both averaging 13.8 points as the heart of the Braves’ offensive attack. Ruffin had this team in a very familiar situation last season, but an increase in size should allow them to be more balanced and therefore more potential fast break opportunities. Ruffin said the Braves should match up well with the Salukis. “We just got to play aggressive and match their intensity, because everything else is a going to weigh heavily,” he said. "As long as we come out and play as hard as we do, I think we can stand a chance.

11. **BASKETBALL PREVIEW GUIDE**

Sean McGahan – DAILY EGYPTIAN

10 don’t-miss-games for the men’s basketball 2007-2008 season

1. **Calendar Circles**

- **November**
  - Nov. 3: King
  - Nov. 10: Lincoln Memorial
  - Nov. 17: Northern Iowa
  - Nov. 22: Chattanooga
  - Nov. 23: Western Michigan
  - Nov. 25: Western Michigan

- **December**
  - Dec. 1: Indiana State
  - Dec. 8: Charlotte
  - Dec. 11: Saint Mary’s
  - Dec. 15: Saint Louis
  - Dec. 18: Western Michigan
  - Dec. 22: Western Kentucky
  - Dec. 28: Butler
  - Dec. 30: Missouri State

- **January**
  - Jan. 2: Drake
  - Jan. 9: Illinois State
  - Jan. 12: Indiana State
  - Jan. 15: Evansville
  - Jan. 19: Wichita State
  - Jan. 23: Missouri State
  - Jan. 26: Creighton
  - Jan. 29: Evansville

- **February**
  - Feb. 2: Northern Iowa
  - Feb. 5: Indiana State
  - Feb. 10: Creighton
  - Feb. 13: Drake
  - Feb. 16: Wichita State
  - Feb. 20: Northern Iowa
  - Feb. 23: ESPN BracketBusters

- **March**
  - March 1: Illinois State
  - March 6: MVC Tournament St. Louis
  - March 7: MVC Tournament St. Louis
  - March 8: MVC Tournament St. Louis
  - March 9: MVC Tournament St. Louis
Don’t call it a comeback

Lowery revs up for fourth season as SIU coach

Scott Mieszala

SIU men’s basketball coach Chris Lowery said he never thought about leaving the Salukis, contrary to any speculation hinting otherwise.

In the end, one team contacted athletic director Mario Moccia requesting permission to talk to Lowery about filling the head-coaching position, and the Salukis re-signed Lowery to a seven-year deal worth $750,000 per season in April. Speculation is what it is, Lowery said, and all the while he simply focused on improving SIU, not on any other program.

“I was focused on coming back last year, regardless of what happened,” Lowery said. “But it worked out, I’m here, and I’m excited about coaching this team.”

Senior forward Matt Shaw said with the possibility of Lowery going elsewhere, he was happy the coach stayed at SIU.

“I know we’ve all very appreciative that he made any sacrifice that he made to stay here,” Shaw said. “He’s a great coach, without a doubt. I don’t think anybody would argue against that.”

Last season, the Salukis advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament as a No. 4 seed. SIU lost to No. 1-seeded Kansas, 61-58, but was in the game until the final buzzer.

On the way to the Sweet Sixteen, the Salukis set school records with 29 wins and a No. 11 national ranking.

Seniors forward Randal Falkner said even with the possibility of Lowery departing to other schools with open positions at head coach, he never envisioned SIU without Lowery.

“That never crossed my mind, actually,” Falkner said. SIU enters this season ranked 23rd in the nation, and Lowery carries in a 78-26 record as the Salukis’ head coach and two Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year awards.

Assistant coach Rodney Falker, who averaged a team-high 2.08 points per game last season, said he never crossed my mind, Lowery going elsewhere.

“It’s hard to even think about that now,” Falker said this season would have been different if Lowery went elsewhere.

“It’s hard to even think about that now, and I think that’s because there’s a lot of people that could be here,” Shaw said.

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SIU men’s basketball coach

The file on Chris Lowery:

• 78-23 career record at SIU
• 3-3 career record in NCAA Tournament in three appearances
• 6-2 career record in MVC Tournament
• 2 MVC Coach of the Year Awards (2007 and 2005)
• 1 Sweet 16 appearance (2007)

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— Bryan Mullins
SIU junior guard

SIU moves on from Tatum and Young

Scott Mieszala

This season’s SIU men’s basketball team will call upon some key cogs from last season to move on from graduated senior guards Jamaal Tatum and Tony Young.

It’s fitting, coach Chris Lowery said, that the Salukis have to do the same thing in the past while the team went on to reach greater heights.

“We’re not dwelling on the fact of what we lost,” Lowery said. “We’re totally supportive of what we have here right now, and I think when you dwell on it, they see it.”

Tatum took him with him Missouri Valley Conference Larry Bird Player of the Year award in 2007, while Young won a school-record 107 games with the team and was named to the MVC’s all-defensive team three times at SIU.

Young also scored 9.9 points per game last season, while Tatum led the Salukis with 15.2.

Senior forward Randal Falkner, who scored 12.3 points per game last season and finished third behind Tatum in the Player of the Year running, said increasing his scoring isn’t all that’s going to help SIU fill the void left by Young and Tatum.

“Scoring more points isn’t necessarily going to win you ball games, but I plan on being a little bit more aggressive and trying to do a little bit more,” Falkner said, who led the conference in blocked shots with 2.0 per game last season.

Also to be filled is a void in the backcourt, as Young and Tatum were both guards.

Lowery said senior guard Bryan Mullins, the Salukis’ primary ball-handler, will now be the guy in total control of SIU’s offense.

Mullins, who averaged a team-high 3.5 assists per game last season, said it will be up to him and the other guards — senior Tyrone Green, sophomore Josh Bone and junior Wesley Clemmons — to replace Young and Tatum.

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SIU men’s basketball coach

But like I said, we’re extremely happy that he got a chance to stick around. It just makes it a lot easier to not have to adjust to a different coach this year.

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Junior Guard Bryan Mullins cringes after catching an elbow to the eye while trying to block sophomore guard Josh Bone. Both Mullins and Bone will be looked upon to make up for the scoring production lost by the departure of Jamaal Tatum and Tony Young.

Shaw said he’s been more vocal with the team, and Falkner said the little things are what he’s going to do to become a better leader, such as calling team meetings and leading by example.

Lowery said Mullins will also be taking on more of a leadership role, and each player is different in filling the role of a team leader.

“Randal’s obviously more outspoken, Matt’s more quiet and leads by example and Bryan’s really talked a lot more now than he’s ever talked, so that’s a good thing as far as that’s concerned,” Lowery said. “And Tyrone Green’s been very good as far as leadership and talking, and knowing what it takes to win a championship.”

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From right to left

Green to see bigger role for SIU

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— Tyrone Green
SIU senior guard

Switching his shooting hand isn’t all that has senior forward Tyrone Green poised for a strong season.

Green transferred to SIU for the 2006-2007 season after two years at Southeastern Illinois College, where he switched his shooting hand from his right to his left.

He said he was always able to use both hands equally, so he wrote left-handed.

Green’s high school coach said it was too late to change shooting hands, Green said, but his coach at Southeastern Illinois College told him to make the switch.

“I can use both hands equally,” Green said. “But I just picked the ball up, shot with my right hand all my life, until I got in college.”

Green said his shot is improving as he shoots more, and junior guard Bryan Mullins said Green would play a big role in the Salukis’ offense this season.

Green did play big minutes late in the season for SIU last year, averaging 35.7 minutes per game during the NCAA Tournament, playing both guard and forward.

“I just had to step up for my team,” Green said. “The team needed me, whatever I could do. I could play guard, power forward, whatever. Whatever coach needed me to do, I was willing to step up, and it worked out for the best.”

Green played 24 minutes against Virginia Tech in the second round, pulling down four rebounds and adding two assists. He then scored two points and grabbed three offensive rebounds in the next round, against top-seeded Kansas.

“His toughness was immeasurable,” coach Chris Lowery said. “He played so hard whenever he was in games, and he really gave his heart and soul to the team, and he was very emotional. So we expect those type of things from him, even more so, by playing more minutes.”

Green said the big minutes he played last season would pay off with the Salukis’ tough schedule this season.

Key individual match-ups for Green include heralded guards A.J. Graves of Butler, Courtney Lee of Western Kentucky and possibly O.J. Mayo of USC.

“I’m going to have to play big-time minutes on big-time athletes coming up,” Green said. Mullins said it was tough for Green to come in from junior college and learn the Salukis’ defensive concepts, but he has improved as time has gone by.

“He’s had a great offseason and a really great fall,” Mullins said. “He’s going to play some big minutes this year and he’s got great experience playing in the Tournament last year.”

Green said he wants to improve his shooting and get to the free-throw line more this season, and Lowery said the focus for Green and the rest of the Salukis this offseason has been individual improvement.

“I think we’ve tried to really improve his game and help him get better and not just be an athlete,” Lowery said. “But now I think you’ll see him have more confidence on the floor and really be more productive offensively.”

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Missouri Valley Conference outlook

**Evansville**

Nickname: Purple Aces
Preseason MVC rank: 10
Head coach, years, record: Marty Simmons, 8 years, 129-81
Last year's overall record: 19-12
Last year's MVC record: 11-12
Returning letterwinners: 9
Returners: 3
Key returnees: Rubiah Parker (Sr., 15.3 ppg, 5.7 rpg), Courtney Felker (Sr., 10.0 ppg, 5.4 rpg)
Outlook: Returning this season is Rebekah Parker, who was named MVC Defensive Player of the Year and MVC All-Conference First Team. The Purple Aces will face a tough opening schedule in the pre-season, including Northern Iowa and Bradley.

**Illinois State**

Nickname: Redbirds
Preseason MVC rank: 5
Head coach, years, record: Dan Mullin, 7 years, 146-108
Last year's overall record: 22-11
Last year's MVC record: 12-8
Returning letterwinners: 6
Returners: 4
Key returnees: Nikki Reynolds (Sr., 16.4 ppg, 4.2 rpg), Nicole Lewis (So., 9.8 ppg, 4.0 rpg)
Outlook: The Redbirds will return a solid core of a team that finished 7th in the MVC conference last season. The team will also incorporate six new freshmen to their lineup with senior Klayton Burris and Erin Pauk to carry the load this season.

**Indiana State**

Nickname: Sycamores
Preseason MVC rank: 7
Head coach, years, record: Terri Scroggins, 3 years, 33-32
Last year's overall record: 9-17
Last year's MVC record: 4-12
Returning letterwinners: 9
Returners: 4
Key returnees: Nyla Miles (Sr., 20.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg), Dana Freed (Jr., 11.5 ppg, 7.6 rpg), Paula Buscher (Sr., 10.0 ppg, 6.0 rpg)
Outlook: The Sycamores finished at the bottom of the MVC conference last season. The team has a new coach in Terri Scroggins, who has been named MVC Coach of the Year. The team will be led by senior catcher Klayton Burris and senior Leta Dryer, who tallied 12.1 points per game.

**Iowa State**

Nickname: Cyclones
Preseason MVC rank: 2
Head coach, years, record: Jim Boylen, 4 years, 70-58
Last year's overall record: 22-11
Last year's MVC record: 11-7
Returning letterwinners: 11
Returners: 4
Key returnees: Dylan Windler (Sr., 16.4 ppg, 8.2 rpg), tenemos, Tim Jankovich, 3 years, 39-7
Outlook: The Cyclones will return a solid core of a team that finished 7th in the MVC conference last season. The team will also incorporate six new freshmen to their lineup with senior Klayton Burris and Erin Pauk to carry the load this season.
The best of the bench

Jeff Engelhardt

When the going got tough for the Salukis last season, the bench got going. The SIU women’s basketball team was able to post a 16-2 conference record last season, which was 10 wins better than the previous season. The turnaround was due in part to the play of junior Jasmine Gibson and senior Cortney Sales and Erin Pauk off the bench, coach Dana Eikenberg said.

“Our bench gives us a huge lift when we need it and we expect them to continue to do that,” Eikenberg said. “You are going to be in games if you are on the bench and you have to be ready to come in and play at any time.”

Gibson’s strong play has made her a likely candidate to take over for either Caitlin Most or klass Olen. Moore and Olen were the starting forwards for last season’s squad but Moore graduated and Olen left the program after her freshman year to return home. Pauk and Sales were both able to contribute in different ways off the bench. Paul was the go-to guard off the bench as she was third on the team with 69 assists and also third on the team with 23 three-pointers.

While Saline’s numbers may not match those of Pauk or Gibson, she brought a physical presence to the floor that Eikenberg said raised the aggressiveness of the team.

Saline scored only 7.5 minutes per game but still managed to rip down 50 rebounds. Eikenberg said Sales’ aggressiveness and willingness to keep her spots in the starting lineup, sitting out and playing at any time.”

Sales said coming off the bench does not hinder her ability to be aggressive right away.

Reserves provide spark for team

On the bench I still have adrenaline rushing through my veins just waiting for that moment that I get called to help my team,” Sales said. “There is never a moment when I am cold on the bench because I am keeping myself ready to contribute any way I can.”

Bench players have to be ready to step in and fill any role that might be needed at the time. Eikenberg said she will substitute based on foul situations, situational match-ups or an area the team is struggling in.

When bench players are not on the floor, they still have a responsibility to their team. The bench is able to see things players on the floor don’t notice and can help their teammates make adjustments, Eikenberg said.

Sales said she tries to help not only in a coaching aspect, but emotional as well.

“Too the girl that gets everybody hyped,” Sales said. “If someone comes to the bench with their head down, I tell them they are stronger or quicker than that girl and try to keep them up.”

The turnover to the bench is not always easy. This season, the Salukis have six new freshmen joining the team. All of the freshmen are being used to bring the star of the team and now have to transition to a new role.

Sales said she knows it can be difficult and tried to tell them to stay positive and be patient because they will have their time.

Eikenberg said she expects the freshmen to have an immediate impact for the team no matter what their role may be.

“I expect our freshmen to come in right away and have a big impact and give us a lift,” Eikenberg said. “We tell them from day one they can’t be freshmen anymore because we need them to make big plays. We know they will make mistakes, but we will continue to teach them and give them confidence.”

Senior forward Cortney Sales squares up for a jump shot while senior guard Erin Pauk encourages her.

Pauk and Sales both contributed significantly to helping the Salukis off the bench last season and look to make an even larger impact in more time this season.

Six freshmen bring fresh look to Saluki lineup

Young, Worden, Campbell expected to see starting roles

Megan Kramper

Some returning players on the SIU women’s basketball team might have to fight a little harder to keep their spots in the starting lineup.

The Salukis added six freshmen to their lineup this season, and some are vying for roles in the starting lineup, coach Dana Eikenberg said.

Guard Erin Young, Tanaya Worden, Brenna Saline, Natalie Taylor, center Paris Campbell and forward Katrina Swingle all join the roster this season with expectations of contributing to a team that took the Missouri Valley Conference regular season crown last season.

Eikenberg said each player from this freshmen class brings her own unique style of play that will bring more versatility to the squad. She said each player also understands they won’t have a long transition period to the college game.

“They know that they’re going to be relied upon in a lot of ways,” Eikenberg said. “They’re not going to be able to sit back and cheer on the sideline. They’re going to be in games.”

However, injuries are already affecting the freshmen six, with Young, who was expected to be in the starting lineup, sitting out Thursday’s game because of a groin injury and Saline out indefinitely with a stress fracture.

Senior guard Erin Pauk said the freshmen have been quick to adjust to playing college basketball and can see them fitting into the system well.

“We explained the goals and expectations we have for this team and they’re right on with us,” Pauk said. “They’re on the same page. They want those same goals.”

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Freshman center Paris Campbell practices her post moves during practice at the SIU Arena. Campbell is one of six freshmen on the team that coach Dana Eikenberg hopes will make an impact and see extensive minutes early in the season.

Senior guard Erin Pauk is healthy again will be vying for a starting role.

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Eikenberg coaches with consistency

MVC Coach of the Year accepts five-year extension

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EDITION

SIU coach Dana Eikenberg's coaching career has taken her all over the Midwest, but the reigning Missouri Valley Conference women's basketball coach of the year said she has firmly established her place as the future of Salukis women's basketball.

Eikenberg is entering her fourth season with the Salukis after a historic run last year that included the first MVC regular season championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

"We've not quite settled yet because our recruiting has taken another step. Our players have made it to where we are recruiting against the best schools in the Midwest now," Eikenberg said.

Recruiting has always been a strong point for Eikenberg. As an assistant coach at Indiana State, she recruited 1997 Newcomer of the Year Ashley Landing. As an assistant at Iowa, she established its national recruiting strategy, which helped them capture the Big Ten title in 1998.

At SIU, she has already landed an MVC Newcomer of the Year in Dana Olsen. As an assistant at Iowa, she established its national recruiting strategy, which helped them capture the Big Ten title in 1998.

"I think that's where we are at as a program," Eikenberg said. "We are recruiting against the best schools in the region."
**Saluki Insider**

What is your upset pick this weekend?

**SEAN MCGAHAHN**

I’m going to say the Broncos win one. I think they are the best team in the nation and have a very tough schedule that will prepare them for the big stage.

**SCOTT MIESZALA**

With the Big 12 South still up for grabs, an unranked Oklahoma State will make it more interesting after they upset No. 15 Texas in Stillwater. The Horns were able to squeak out a hard-fought win against Nebraska without asbestos fourth quarter rushing effort, but the Cowboy D will not be as easy to scrape enough.

**MEGAN KRAMPER**

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

Ronald Folkers

“I have all the motivation I need. I mean, coming in here playing in front of these fans and playing this atmosphere and it being my senior year — it doesn’t get any more motivational than that.”

*Saluki Insider that you want answered?* E-mail: editor@siude.com

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**Offense explodes for SIU**

Salukis put up 104 in exhibition game against Harris-Stowe, allow just 31

Jeff Engelhardt

Daily Egyptian

New faces showed they were ready to join the defending regular-season Missouri Valley Conference champion Salukis Thursday.

SIU defeated Harris-Stowe 104-31 in Thursday night’s opening exhibition game, and three freshmen saw at least 12 minutes each in the blowout.

SIU successfully mixed veteran leadership and youthful production as the team dominated Harris-Stowe in almost every category. The Salukis outrebounded the Hornets 42 to 20 and had 16 steals on their way to forcing 27 turnovers.

“The first half was a defensive show for the Salukis as they held the Hornets to 30 points and 18 percent from the field.”

SIU coach Dana Eikenberg said the team played sharp for the first game, but there is always room to improve.

“I liked the way we started and I challenged them with energy and I challenged them with defensive teamwork,” she said. “I thought there were a lot of positives but definitely the film will give us things to really work on.”

Junior forward Jasmine Gibson led the Salukis with a strong performance, finishing with a team-high 28 points and five rebounds for a double-double on the team with six rebounds. Gibson did most of her damage in the first half when she put in 20 points and two steals.

Gibson said the team has an emphasis on veteran leadership so she knew she had to perform.

“It has been a part of our talks this year that leadership roles are supposed to step up,” Gibson said. “Being a junior on the team I know it’s my time to start.”

Freshmen Tanaya Worden and Ellen Young made immediate impacts in their first game as Salukis. Worden ran the point and finished with 24 points, three assists and two steals, while Young contributed 11 points, three assists, and two steals.

There was a stretch in the second half where Worden and Young combined for 15 out of 17 Saluki points.

Worden had an impressive second half as she hit three shots from behind the arc and went two-for-two from the field with a perfect five-for-five from the free throw line. She also hit the first three-pointer for the Salukis near the end of the half.

When Gibson hit the bench, Smith picked up the slack. Smith went four-for-five from the field with a two steals and one block in the first half.

Young and Worden also helped in the first half.

Young’s first three points as a Saluki came after the Hornet defense switched to a 1-3-1 zone, which she dribbled around before hitting a jumper. Young scored seven points in the first half, including a baseline drive after a quick move past her defender.

Young, who played through a minor groin injury, said she felt fine in her first college game.

“The game moves a little faster and the competition is going to be better,” Young said. “Tonight I don’t think it was that hard, but I know it will get harder.”

Worden was at point guard for eight minutes of the first half and went two-for-two from the field with an assist.

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**Freshman guard Tanaya Worden goes up for a layup in the Salukis 104-31 blowout of Harris-Stowe Thursday night at the SIU Arena. Worden was one of three freshmen to see playing time in the contest and stood advantage, recording 24 points and three steals.**

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**DVOA Recap**

**Junior forward Jessica Gibson.**

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