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Chancellor Jackson to retire

Search for permanent chancellor underway; no date set



TERRY L. DEAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC interim Chancellor John Jackson ended speculation concerning his future Tuesday after announcing he will not seek the position permanently and will retire after a replacement is found.

The initial announcement was released in a press statement at 4 p.m. Tuesday. SIU President James Walker called Jackson "dedicated" for his willing-

ness to serve the University in any way needed.

"His many years of distinguished service to our University and our region are a testament to his character and his passion for teaching and learning," Walker said.

Walker said that plans for a national search for chancellor are underway. An announcement concerning the makeup of an advisory search committee will be made in the coming months.

As of October, Jackson was still unde-

ecided about pursuing the chancellor position on a permanent basis. Jackson said he will stay on until a new chancellor is appointed by the Board of Trustees. He said his decision came down to personal one.

"I just decided that it was a good time to break the chain with SIUC," Jackson said. "I want to try and find what my next career is going to be, and I'd like to look around for other opportunities."

Jackson, 60, said his decision was not a result of any personal conflict with

President **REACTION**

Walker, who officially members have mixed opened the feelings for Jackson's search for a decision. permanent chancellor in

October.

"I didn't have any problems in dealing with President Walker," he said. "My relationship with him has been very positive."

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Chancellor Jackson



Two-year-old Sydney and five-year-old Shersty Stanton tell their Christmas wishes to Santa, aka Henry Stockton.

Fall break extended at a price

Thanksgiving break axed down to four days in favor of the extended holiday

GEOFFREY RITTER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC students may again have their fall break in 2001, but the time off will come at a cost — three fewer days for Thanksgiving Break.

One month after revelers wrought thousands of dollars of property damage on the Strip during Halloween weekend, the Campus Calendar Committee voted 5-3 on Monday to recommend altering the 2001 University Calendar to include a fall recess.

Because Halloween falls on a Wednesday in 2001, the proposed break would close the University for the entire week. To compensate for lost class time, Thanksgiving break would be shortened to include only Thursday through Sunday.

Other options before the committee were instituting a three-day Halloween break, in addition to eliminating any break. While the proposed break still must be approved by President James Walker, interim Chancellor John Jackson said the proposed break is a good effort toward curbing future Halloween riots.

"There was a lot of feedback that the campus community was pretty well divided about this," said Jackson, who also serves as a committee member. "I certainly think it's a step in the right direction. We need to put an end to this nonsense [of Halloween]."

While Walker will be reviewing the committee's decision, the president's office is uncertain as to how long it will take for him to come to a final decision.

If approved, however, the break would make Halloween 2001 similar to the Halloweens of 1995 through 1999, when a five-year plan by the University sought to halt the Halloween rioting of the early 1990s. When the break was lifted for Halloween 2000, three nights of destruction enveloped

the man Behind the suit

STORY BY ANDREA DONALDSON
PHOTO BY EULALIE FRYE

Local man spreads Christmas joy as one of Santa's own

He may not travel with a soaring sleigh decked out in jingling bells and led by nine reindeer, but Henry Stockton does arrive at the University Mall to spread Christmas joy and excitement.

Dressed in a fuzzy red suit complete with a false beard and big black boots, Stockton has been spreading the Christmas spirit as Santa Claus to people of all ages for 31 years.

Stockton, from Elkhart, said he first remembers playing Santa in a 1961 grade school Christmas play.

"As the heavy-set child, I always got stuck with the part," he said.

And Stockton has been playing the role ever since. He has posed as Santa Claus at malls, parties and for volunteer fire departments.



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TODAY

• Christian Apologetics Club meeting to understand Christianity, every Wed., noon, Troy Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.

• Library Affairs PowerPoint, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• Ninth Street Tabernacle Ministries bible study, every Wed., 4 to 5 p.m., Student Center, Andrea 351-9420.

• Women's Action Coalition meeting to discuss issues that need your voice, every Wed., 5 p.m., Women's Study House, Greta 453-5141.

• Public Relations Student Society of America meeting, every Wed., 4:30 p.m., Cambria Room Student Center, Tim 453-1898.

• Model U.N. meeting, every Wed., 5 to 7 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Jill 351-9881.

• SPC News and Views Committee meeting, every Wed., 5 p.m., Sangamon Room Student Center, Gary 536-3393.

• Saluki Rainbow Network, every Wed., 5:30 p.m., Student Center, 453-5151.

• Gamma Beta Phi general meeting, 6 p.m., Illinois Room Student Center, Sara alouladlaugh@hotmail.com

• Egyptian Dive Club meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Pulliam 021, Amy 549-0840.

• Pi Sigma Epsilon meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Library Room 327, Nicole 549-1509.

• Chi Alpha Campus Ministries African-American bible study, every Wed., 7 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Kudzai 529-7088.

• Saluki Advertising Agency meeting, every Wed., 7 p.m., CRC Resource Center, Laura 529-8805.

• Little Egypt Grotto Carving Club meeting, 7 p.m., Life Science II Room 367, Geoff 453-1121.

UPCOMING

• Library Affairs WebCT Content Module, Dec. 7, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Room 15, Finding Books using ILLINET Online, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• Divorce/Relationship Ending Support Group screening for new members, every Thurs., 4:50 to 6 p.m., 453-3655.

• Women's Caucus Holiday Happenings, Dec. 7, 4:30 to 6 p.m., Dean's Conference Room Communication Building, Fran 453-4151.

• University Christian Ministries listening circle, Dec. 7, 5 p.m., Interfaith Center, Hugh 549-7387.

• Student Environmental Center and Campus Shawnee Greens meeting, every Thurs., 6 p.m., Interfaith Center, Andrew 351-9399.

• Japanese Student Association conversation, every Thurs., 6 p.m., Melange, Al 351-9198.

• Black Fire Dancers dance show, Dec. 7, 6 p.m., Ballroom D Student Center, \$5 admission, April 529-8865.

• Blacks in Communication Alliance RSO members meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Missouri Room Student Center, Erica 457-8197.

• Circle K International volunteer organization meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, Tammi 529-8996.

• Rodeo Club meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Agriculture Building Room 209 or 213, Rob 985-6615.

• SIUC Veteran's Association meeting.

Dec. 7, 7 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Inicia 457-3510.

• Sailing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, Kris 7900.

• Windsurfing club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Jeff 529-4954.

• SIU Swing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Daves Gym, Dave 536-8121.

• Choral Union and Orchestra Handel's oratorio, Dec. 7, 8 p.m., Shryock Auditorium, John 549-1756.

• Zen Meditation silent sitting, every Thurs., 8:45 p.m., Interfaith Center, Jim 453-4786.

• Library Affairs Research with the Web, Dec. 8, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• Friends of Traditional Music and Dance Old-Time Contra Dance, Dec. 8, 8 to 11 p.m., Murphysboro Community Center, \$4 admission, Joe 457-2166.

• NAOW Book Signing with author M.R. Sellers, Dec. 9, noon to 5 p.m., New Ages Other Worlds, Tara or Gail 687-5135.

• Small Business Development Center offers business start-up seminars, Dec. 11, 1 to 4 p.m., Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center in Carbondale, 536-2424.

• Women's Mid-life Career Development Group screening for new members, every Mon., 4:30 to 6 p.m., 453-3655.

• Alpha Phi Omega meeting, every Mon., 6 to 7 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Mike 457-4059.

• Outdoor Adventure Club meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Christy 529-7423.

• Saluki Suzuki Strings concert, Dec. 11, 7 p.m., First Christian Church, Fairya 684-5432.

WEATHER



TODAY:
 Mostly cloudy
 High: 33
 Low: 27

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

• Antonio Hilaire, 29, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass to state property at 10:20 a.m. Friday at the Stone Center. Hilaire was transported to the Jackson County Jail.

• David J. Pierce, 22, of Carbondale, was arrested at 3:52 p.m. Friday at 800 E. Grand Ave. on a warrant charging failure to appear on an original charge of driving on a suspended license. Unable to post the required bail, Pierce was transported to the Jackson County Jail.

• A 22-year-old reported the theft of a credit card from Morris Library Sunday. The theft was discovered when the victim learned the credit card had been unlawfully used at several businesses between Nov. 15 and Nov. 26. Police have no suspects.

• A domestic battery was reported to have occurred at 9:15 p.m. Monday in Mac Smith Hall. The case has been referred to the state's attorney's office for consideration of charges.

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1967:

• Carbondale City Council postponed a bid to purchase the Good Luck Glove Company Warehouse, which is now known as SIU's Glove Factory, for art and design students.

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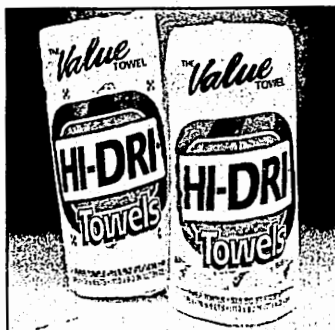


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USG attempts to shake past, spit shine image

USG hopes to reverse the pendulum swing of its public image

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As Undergraduate Student Government prepares for the last meeting of the semester, USG President Bill Archer is looking to the future.

The present semester has been called the "do-nothing" semester. Most meetings have been spent discussing summer funding, the Election Commissioner appointment and seeking ways to improve USG's image and viability in the eyes of the student body.

One of the methods for reaching students has been through the use of technology via websites, listservs and now, a call-in format television show on SPC-TV.

In order to gain more student interaction, USG Senator Peter Normand announced that he is hosting a television show on SPC-TV that allows students to call in and ask questions of the guest. Last Sunday, Archer was the guest and student response was extremely positive.

"As soon as they announced the phone number to call in and ask me questions personally, the phone started ringing," Archer said. According to him, the program went 15 minutes longer than its half-hour slot in order to accommodate the volume of phone calls.

Archer said the questions he was asked concerned City Council matters, fee allocations and other USG-related questions.

USG Chief of Staff Dyani Peebles said the SPC-TV opportunity would help "USG get out into the public's eye." He said that while Archer's administration has not had the difficulty the previous Sean Henry administration faced, a definite



DOG WALK: Kay Sanders takes her dog, Freya, dressed in a warm coat, for a walk on a chilly Tuesday afternoon.

MINDOOK PARK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

SIUC Police issue campus safety alert

SIUC Police have issued a campus safety alert in response to an attempted sexual assault that occurred Saturday.

Police are investigating the incident that occurred at the intersection of East Park Street and Logan Drive at 2:26 a.m. Saturday. The assailant is described as a white male, about 20 years old, 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 9 inches tall, medium build, with short, thick, dark brown hair and dark eyes. He is also described as having crooked teeth. The suspect was wearing blue jeans and a long-sleeved blue shirt over a white T-shirt.

SIUC police ask that anyone with information about the incident call the SIUC Police Department at 453-2381 or the Crime Stoppers hotline at 549-COPS.

Medical society offers scholarships

The Jackson County Medical Society is accepting scholarship applications from Jackson County residents for the 2001-2002 school year.

One \$1,000 scholarship is available to a medical student who exhibits financial need. Letters of recommendation are required. Applicants must be enrolled or accepted in a medical school in the United States. Preference will be given to medical students beginning the first year of medical school in the year 2001.

Two \$500 scholarships are also available for two graduating high school seniors who are interested in pursuing college degree programs related to medicine. Financial need and academic potential must be demonstrated. Applicants must also have been accepted to an accredited college or university.

Applications are available by calling or writing the Jackson County Medical Society in care of Kim Balsano, 2601 W. Main St., Carbondale, IL 62901. Applications are due March 1.

For more information, call Kim Balsano at 549-5361, extension 419.

TMS CAMPUS

EPA proposes \$500,000 fine at Brown U.

(U-WIRE) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed a \$500,000 fine for Brown University last Thursday for 15 violations of federal environmental laws.

The university was cited for 13 violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and two violations of the Clean Water Act, which could total as much as \$500,000.

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Jackson's resignation leaves mixed feelings

KATE MCCANN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Interim Chancellor John Jackson's decision to resign when a permanent chancellor is hired sparked jumbled reactions from past and present SIUC community members Tuesday evening.

Riots, lawsuits, pies and contract negotiations are only some of the challenges that have confronted Jackson since he replaced Jo Ann Argersinger as chancellor in June 1999. And every SIUC drama stemming from the last 18 months has birthed both loyal admiration and harsh criticism of Jackson's managerial style.

The unexpected and controversial firing of Argersinger prompted a wave of bitterness directed at administrators. Her termination sparked the creation of the now-defunct HOPE and SEE

organizations, both of which chastised management and struggled to re-instate Argersinger.

HOPE founder Jane Adams said she was pleased to hear the news because she feels Jackson lacks the experience and qualifications to be permanent chancellor.

"He has not been able to spark the kind of energy and imagination that Jo Ann Argersinger did wherever she went," Adams said.

But Adams called Jackson's decision "honorable" and credited him with maintaining some of the organizational changes instituted by Argersinger.

Despite the disapproving rhetoric that has plagued his tenure, even one of Jackson's most

vocal critics is wishing him well.

"I think all of us acknowledge his hard work and the immense dedication he has committed to SIUC," said Faculty Association vice-president Mary Lamb, who has clashed with Jackson while involved in the Faculty Senate and faculty union.

Last December, the Faculty Senate and the Graduate Council passed separate resolutions asking former President Ted Sanders to launch a national chancellor search instead of recommending Jackson as he originally

He performed under circumstances that would make other people collapse, that would break them.

TED SANDERS
former SIUC president

Ted Sanders to launch a national chancellor search instead of recommending Jackson as he originally

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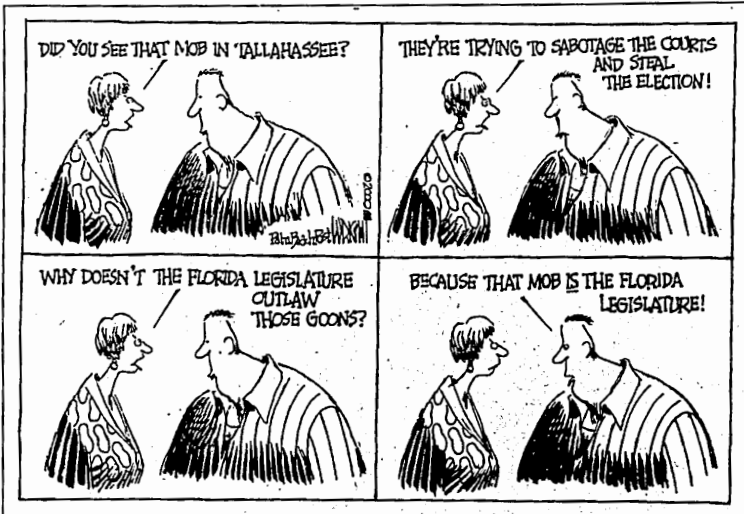
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OUR WORD

New USG legislation speaks well for the organization's future

Undergraduate Student Government took two solid steps toward a more efficient, respectable constituency group last week.

Five senators were impeached Nov. 29 for dereliction of duty after repeated absences to USG meetings.

USG then passed an amendment that will diffuse the president's power to allocate money during the summer. Past problems with multiple USG administrations were rooted in the unrestricted check-writing power allotted to USG presidents during the summers. Now a five-person summer finance committee will be created to review any allocations made while the rest of USG is on break.

The decision to impeach consistently absent senators was likely not an easy one, as some USG positions were already vacant and eliminating five more leaves gaping hole in this year's roster.

But empty seats are better than second-rate senators.

Symbolically, the move shows USG is taking itself seriously. Once USG has been streamlined to include only those who faithfully represent undergraduate

students, a higher caliber of applicants will want to get involved. Better and more innovative ideas from a broader body of senators will help USG connect to student life in positive ways.

Fewer passive senators will also make it more difficult to use proxies to vote in resolutions or amendments. Senators have often blamed the use of proxies for underfunded passing of legislation. Whether or not the accusations were correct, elimination of those who regularly miss meetings will at least decrease the risk of abuse.

Both changes increase USG's credibility to students and SIUC administrators. Because the organization's power is almost completely advisory, the reputation it projects can be its best asset or its greatest obstacle.

After last week's meeting, the DAILY EGYPTIAN is optimistic for USG's future. We hope the two actions taken at the meeting are the beginnings of a trend. Students will benefit in the end if USG can continue down this road, maintaining high expectations for themselves and carrying through important procedural reforms.

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How the election fiasco can benefit college students

Some of my best friends are illiterate. Always a good first sentence. Throws off those who spent two minutes sounding it out, and then you can safely write about how dumb they are without hurting their feelings.

Don't tell them I wrote that, it only never hurts if they don't find out.

Don't get me wrong, I love illiterates exactly because if I e-mail them a note, I can be honest about my feelings and even my fears, about my love of women's clothing and what size I wear, it's liberating. It's like telling a Russian, "I love you, but you have an odor." As a matter of fact, I had a roommate who was deaf and I farted around him all the time and there wasn't a thing mean about it. It just meant I felt more comfortable around him.

Who in Steve Wonder's entourage hasn't stuck out their tongue?

Once worked with this guy I hated who just so happened to be illiterate — Big Mack, a secretly saucy character. Whenever I got really frustrated I'd compose these brutally pointed critiques of his personality and leave them on his windshield. We were both happier. I'd say what I had to say, and he'd scrub the graffiti off without ever realizing.

All I'm saying is that to them we're part of a secret club so what's the harm in once in a while acting like it.

Just try it. If you think right now there might be an illiterate person by you, shake your head and disgustedly say, as if to yourself but loud enough for them to hear, "condoms in ice-cream."

It's fun, isn't it? Besides, illiterates are just like you and me, they have no idea what my columns are about either.

Thinking Gooder

SEAN HANNIGAN



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Thinking Gooder appears Wednesdays. Sean is a graduate student in English. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

These elections are taking longer than a Texas death penalty case. I thought appeals were something used to fire up the gas chamber? Boy George is probably wondering why Al Gore isn't dead yet.

Forget reading, I think the great fun of this never-ending election is that it exposes our inability to count. We have Rainman who won't shut up about every split Chad, versus a guy who might have difficulty counting up all the people he's executed, or at least maintaining his interest.

Maybe I'm wrong, but if your government can't count, doesn't that kind of call everything else it does into question? Maybe we should use dollar bills for ballots. They know how to count other people's money. Then if someone steals the election, it'll be for real.

Last year, NASA lost a Mars probe because they got mixed up between metric and standard measurements.

We are entering a new age of fallibility and I, on behalf of the highly fillible, am excited. We are nearing a time when the last of us lose faith in our heroes and institutions and come to accept that things are messed

up. Just like the founding fathers planned it.

And so, in the spirit of the season, I suggest that after you've received your bad grades for Christmas you, "call into question," the accuracy of those multiple choice Scan-Tron sheets.

You didn't fail algebra. Did you know that Scan-Tron technology is over forty years old? Did you know fire dates back to the time Moses discovered red rivers? And that you change all you want to, but that unless you apply for a patent some one else is going to lay claim to your metamorphosis?

That's why I say, down with the Scan-Tron. If you find you've accidentally spent your semester studying bongos, and yet still figure on taking the final, then have I got a plan for you.

If you really have no idea, ignore the joke answer and pick the best two.

Write hard in one circle and erase it and soft in the other so that when you go before the courts you can argue either case. (I used to randomly fill in the blanks on my statistics tests, thinking that if I got an A, that'd show 'em.)

Would you believe that on its website, Scan-Tron actually acknowledges that on any given test an error rate up to 3 percent is acceptable? Now, I'm no statistics major (though I did earn a random B) but I figure if everyone in the class gets cheated out of a different 3 percent, and you've got 33 people in your class, that's almost a hundred percent. And a lot of our classes are bigger than that, so were talking potentially thousands of percentiles. Talk about your pregnant chads.

(Now quickly, look up at your can't-read-buddy and say, "Chad's pregnant again." If they ask you who Chad is, hand them the paper and say, "you know, that thing with the fish." Quickly, walk away.)

MAILBOX

Politicians failed to protect children from Internet

DEAR EDITOR:

A bill that would've required Illinois schools to block illegal Internet pornography and material harmful to minors was left in the hands of heartless politicians this year. The bill, House Bill 1812, got lost in the political shuffle. Instead, Illinois representatives made sure that the new Bear's football stadium bill got passed. While big \$\$\$ are in motion to make one family richer and football fans more comfortable, politicians extended open season on children for predators and porn peddlers.

Nearly 2,000 illegal Internet sites are added daily. Smut peddlers use toy names to lure kids into their depravity. A mistyped or innocuous-sounding Internet address can lead to unthinkable perversion. Moisturers need not lurk around playgrounds for victims. Online they befriended them, gain their trust and then meet.

Parents, politicians have not protected your children. They've ignored this important bill for two years. Children surfing an unfiltered Internet are in great danger. Make sure your legislators vote to protect children.

Kathy Valente
executive director, Citizens for Community Values

DE editorial used unfair comparison

DEAR EDITOR:

I was disappointed in your editorial on Tuesday regarding treatment of suspected Halloween rioters in local courts. You imply that Judge David Watt treats these defendants tougher than Judge Kimberly Dahlen does. This implication belies your complete misunderstanding of how the local court system is set up.

Your first example is of a preliminary hearing before Judge Watt. The fact that someone is having a preliminary hearing means they are charged with a serious crime, a felony. They are being prosecuted by the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office.

Someone who appears in City Court in front of Judge Dahlen is only charged with a Carbondale City Ordinance violation, a petty offense. They are being prosecuted by the Carbondale City Attorney.

The decision of where to prosecute is not made by the judges but by the police, Carbondale City Attorney, or the State's Attorney. It is presumably based on the evidence against the defendant and the seriousness of the offense alleged. A judge can only work within the penalties provided by the offense. Felonies carry with them the possibility of jail or prison sentences; City Ordinance violations do not; and usually only result in fines.

Judge Dahlen was not being "gentle" to the defendants as you stated in the second example in your editorial; she was handing out sentences in accordance with the law. The decision to treat the defendants in City Court and therefore less seriously than those sent to State Court had been made long before they appeared in front of her.

Mark Costa
Jackson County Public Defender's Office



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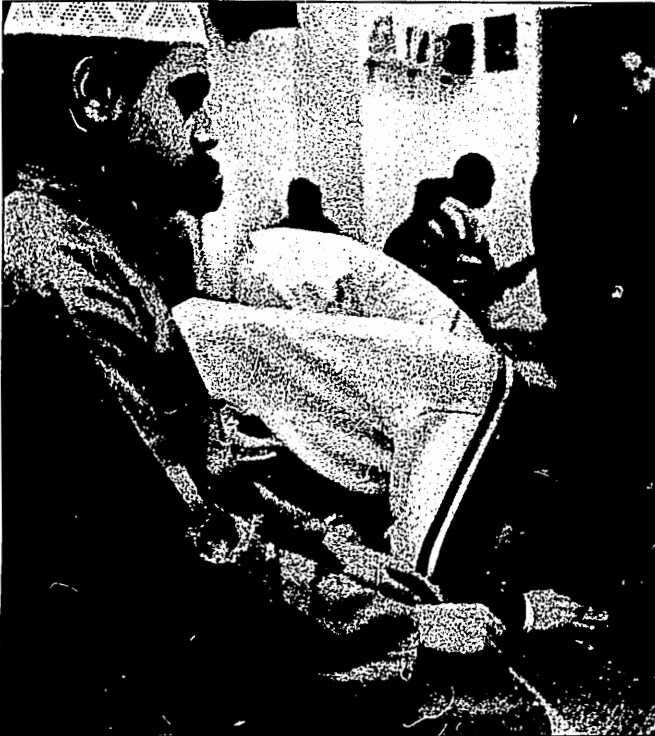
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Holy month of fasting a welcome feast for Muslims



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Students and community members gather to fast and pray Tuesday night at the Islamic Center of Carbondale in honor of the Muslim Holy month of Ramadan.

NICOLE OHRT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Abdoul Wane began to prepare for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan nearly a month in advance by cutting down on his coffee intake.

"If I don't drink coffee, I get headaches," said Wane, president of the Muslim Student Association. "It is not difficult if you start training for Ramadan 15 to 30 days before."

Wane is one of many Muslims on SIUC's campus celebrating the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. During the month, Muslims fast every day, from sunrise to dusk. The month is determined by the lunar calendar, from new moon to new moon.

Eating and drinking are not the only prohibited actions during this holy month. Engaging in idle talk and actions, fighting and sex are also to be refrained from.

"It is a month of self-restraint," Wane said. "The sole purpose of the fast is to attain piety and be closer to God."

The Islamic faith includes belief in God, Allah and the prophet Mohammed, charity, prayer and making a pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia. During Ramadan, charity and prayer are increased, and attaining as many good deeds as possible is recommended.

Wane said fasting is not difficult because he has been "in training" since he was a child. After years of taking part in Ramadan, he says he has become accustomed to it.

The climate has made Ramadan easier at SIUC. The days are shorter during this time of year, which means less fasting time.

The word Ramadan comes from the Arabic word, "ramida," which means intense heat and thirst. Wane said the thirst and hunger is more intense when the weather is hot. Because Ramadan falls at a

colder time of the year at SIUC, the thirst and hunger are not as difficult to deal with.

Because Ramadan depends on the cycles of the moon, it falls on different days every year. But because the cycles of the moon change so slowly, it will take decades before Ramadan falls during the summer months.

Classes are not to be compromised during this time of year, even though Muslims are required to pray throughout the day.

“In the Islamic faith, we totally surrender to God’s will. We feel it’s God’s blessing for the life hereafter.”

RESWAN HASHMI
doctoral student in plant biology

"God has permitted us that your classes are important," said Rizwan Hashmi, a doctoral student in plant biology. "If your classes take place while you are supposed to pray, you may make it up a half hour or 45 minutes after the class."

Then after the final day of fasting, Muslims gather at a mosque for prayer and feasting. Gifts are presented, mostly to children.

Muslims believe not only in the religious benefits, but also the medical and social awareness that comes with fasting. Medical benefits include burning out fat from the body as well as cleansing the body of impurities.

"During the fast, people are aware of the blessing that God has bestowed on them with food," Wane said. "You become more aware of poor people who cannot afford food and fast all of the time."

Hashmi said fasting will be rewarded by God for eternity.

"In the Islamic faith, we totally surrender to God's will," Hashmi said. "We feel it's God's blessing for the life hereafter."

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Former Civil Service staffers make smooth transition

University bookstore employees become part of Wallace's team

GINNY SKALSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mike Perschbacher is no longer employed by the University, but he is not leaving his job. Perschbacher, general merchandise manager at University Bookstore, officially became a Wallace Collegiate Bookstore employee Tuesday, after making the decision to leave his Civil Service Staff position and become part of the Wallace team.

Perschbacher is one of six University Bookstore employees who left his position on the Civil Service Staff to take a full-time position with Wallace. Concerns were raised that civil service employees would be terminated once Wallace officially took over the bookstore. Two civil service staff members decided to leave the store by their own choice.

Christopher Croson, director of University Bookstore, said Wallace had not planned to fire any University employees, but it is not uncommon for some privately operated bookstores to delete former staff members from the schedule.

"There was a lot of concern before [Wallace] was here that we were going to boot out the old people," Croson said. "That was never our intention from the beginning."

Croson said after Wallace took over the bookstore June 5, a six-month evaluation period began. The time period was used as a buffer for Wallace to become familiar with the

employees and vice versa. During the six-month evaluation, civil service employees received a paycheck from the University, money that Wallace reimbursed to the University.

"We weren't sure of them, and they weren't sure of Wallace," Croson said. "They got to see what kind of company we are, and I got to see how they were."

For Perschbacher, who has put in 26 years as a University Bookstore employee, the primary difference in being a Wallace employee are the benefits. Perschbacher said while his salary did not change, his employee benefits are not as good as the state benefits he received as a civil service employee. Still, Perschbacher said he is happy he stayed at the bookstore.

"I enjoyed what I was doing to begin with," he said. "After three months with these guys, they made me feel comfortable."

Ruth Pommier, president of the Association of Civil Service Employees, is excited the former civil service employees were able to remain at the bookstore. She said she does regret that they will no longer be represented by the civil service union.

"The people who have been working at the bookstore see the potential and are excited about the opportunities Wallace will be bringing," Pommier said. "They've had a very favorable work relationship with Wallace, and they are very comfortable with their positions."

Once the proper paperwork was filled out, Croson said the employee transfer took about 15 minutes.

"This has been a very smooth transition," Croson said. "We wanted to be able to use their knowledge and understanding of the campus and University."



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"It's something I've enjoyed. Always have, always will," he said with his bright-blue eyes peeping out behind gold-framed glasses and curls of white hair.

Being Santa brings Stockton joy despite the fact he was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy in 1995 after a slight heart attack and has trouble performing the same tasks as a healthy person. With little strength left in his leg muscles, the incurable disease forced Stockton to retire in 1997, after 28 years at Penn Aluminum in Murphysboro.

"I could walk around the world if it was smooth like this floor," he said. "I'm lucky to walk 1,000 feet without having to stop and rest."

As a representative of Santa Plus in the University Mall, 1201 E. Main St., Stockton can give back to the community while doing something he enjoys — being around children. He also donates time as a T-ball coach and working with youth.

"I enjoy every minute of it," he said. "I enjoy working with children."

On an average weekday, Stockton is visited by about 75 people, and on the weekends the number can reach about 200.

DesaRae Mueller, mall employee and Santa Plus manager, said the children are her favorite as she watches a group of first and second-grade children from Unity Christian School in Herrin. The students, decked out in festive colors and elf hats, were wandering the mall singing famous Christmas carols like "Away in the Mang-" and "Silent Night."

"It's a blast. I love it," Mueller said with a smile. "We have fun with everybody up here."

Mueller said the Santa Plus stand is visited by people of all ages — grandmothers, grandfathers, parents and children.

"You're never too big," she said. "We try to work with all the parents and children as much as possible to make their visit enjoyable so they'll come back each year."

While playing Santa, Stockton said he has had children ask for a wide array of presents including cars, chickens, rabbits, dolls and wolves. He said the popular gifts of this year have been Pokémon toys, scooters, computers and mechanical dogs.

"There's a lot of things kids ask for that I've never heard of," he said.

Shersty Stanton, 5, and Sydney Stanton, 2, were a little shy upon meeting Santa. Shersty did make sure to ask for a dinosaur paint kit before jumping off Santa's lap.

Max Cohen, 6, and his younger brother Sam, 4, were both very excited to see Santa. Sam had a much more pleasant experience this year, after being scared of Santa last year. Sam and Max hugged on Stockton, telling him their wish list of a big bear, Nintendo games and Pokémon toys.

"I like it and I like him," Max said with a grin as he walked off with a sucker from Santa.

Stockton said he doesn't yell the traditional "ho, ho, ho." He said people tend to forget the true meaning of Christmas, so he just wishes people a merry Christmas.

"The thing I hate is X-M-A-S, it takes Christ out of Christmas," Stockton said.

As he sat in his large green velvet chair surrounded by fake snow, gifts and bears, Stockton said he enjoys helping people by being Santa, assisting the elderly and serving on a the Jackson County Mass Transit committee.

"My life long dream was to get to do something that people would benefit," Stockton said.

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SIU Alumni Association makes an effort to increase student awareness

Membership drive informs students of association's benefits

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Marchel Rogers has been a SIUC student for four years. He knows a lot about the University, but what has been unaware of for seven semesters is how to be an SIU Alumni Association member.

Rogers, a senior in health education from Aurora, said although he has not heard much about the association, he would like to know more about possibly joining.

To help Rogers and other students on campus be better informed, the association is having a membership drive this week stationed in the

Student Center.

Today marks the second day of the three-day drive. A table has been set up on the first floor with pamphlets and other literature, as well as a poster board showing students the association's yearly events.

Greg Scott, SIU Alumni Association assistant director for public relations, said every year the association updates member benefits to make the package more attractive to potential members.

"The association strives to reach our students' audience," Scott said. "The more aware they are the better, because a number of our activities are student-driven."

One of those student activities is the Student Alumni Council, a Registered Student Organization that helps organize other events throughout the year.

Until five years ago, students had to pay the same annual \$30 membership fee as alumni, but

now students get the same benefits for \$15.

Robert Beverly, a graduate in business administration from Waukegan, is the assistant membership marketing coordinator for the association. He was in Rogers' shoes last semester before he graduated in August. Beverly said he was also sold by that semester's membership drive.

However, Beverly said the membership drive is not the only time the association tries to reach students. The association also advertises at career fairs and open houses.

"After I found out about all the benefits and how to network with people of my field I decided to join," Beverly said. "It also allows me to show camaraderie for my school."

The benefits that Beverly receives include local discounts in Carbondale, national discounts with various hotels, restaurants, car rental services and imprinted SIUC apparel. He also receives the Southern Alumni magazine quarterly and the Sahki Pride newsletter twice a year.

About 550 students are members of the association and Beverly said the membership number constantly increases. He said he has hired individuals from a marketing firm to promote the association while he is away from the table.

"Membership is higher than it's ever been before," Beverly said. "I definitely have a positive outlook on the drive."

The association was founded in 1896, by a group of graduating students who wanted to continue their involvement. It now has more than 15,000 members, with alumni in every state and in more than 121 countries. The association consists of alumni, students and friends of the University that are proud to be a Sali.

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Forestry Department ventures into new technology to increase farmable land

Satellite imagery used to improve land use

MATT BRENNAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIUC Forestry Department is working on research intended to maximize the productivity of farmland and forestland while accommodating urban growth.

The department is using new geographic information system, also known as GIS, technology for the project.

"It's computerized mapping using primarily remotely sensed data such as satellite imagery," said Andrew Carver, assistant professor in the Department of Forestry.

Carver said the local decisions of how to develop land are similar to the decisions of what some-

one would look for in a new car. The GIS technology will aid the development of new land.

"It's an important issue because we're not growing any more land. We have to use the land we have wisely or in a sustainable manner," Carver said.

St. Clair County was decided as the designated place for a test run of the GIS technology. The plan to use St. Clair County, which is southeast of St. Louis, was developed by graduate student Tony Caselton and Carver.

Carver said the involvement of graduate students was an important part of the project.

"Students are taking what they have learned from working on the project and applying that in the real world. That's an exciting thing to see," Carver said.

St. Clair County has some of the most ecologically valuable land in Illinois. It ranks third statewide in acreage containing forested bottomland, eighth in acreage containing deep marshes

and 11th in acreage containing shallow marshlands.

County planners had already come up with a land use plan of their own. The plan designated about 75,000 acres of land as forestland, with the intention of protecting trees, nearby wetlands, drainage basins and other bodies of water and wildlife.

Carver created a GIS map that depicted St. Clair's towns, croplands, forests and bodies of water as they would under the county's land use plan.

In designating his own GIS plan, Carver set aside the same amount of acreage in the official version, but applied guidelines in choosing what land to spare from development.

The GIS-generated plan places 82 percent of its designated land within 27 yards of some sort of water, while the county plan only did so with 53 percent. This was important because trees can protect waterways from erosion and chemical runoff.

Carver will be meeting with the St. Clair Planning Commission later this semester to share his findings.


Adopting Carver's plan would most likely cause less conflict. Under the current St. Clair plan, only 30 percent of the land that would be designated as forests contain woodlands now; the rest is farmland. Nearly 59 percent of Carver's designated forestland consists of existing woods.

The SIUC Forestry Department will not do the actual land use planning for towns or counties. Planning will continue to be a local issue.

"We can't plan for them. What we want to do is to introduce the new technology to them," Carver said.

One goal for next year is to have much of this information on the web. Local communities would be able to access the server and use the tools the department has developed to generate their own planning maps, Carver said.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO SIUC COMMUNITY

December 6, 2000

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff:

The SIUC Faculty Association would like to thank all of you for the support that you have given us over the past few weeks.

As you know, we have been involved in a very difficult set of negotiations for a new Faculty contract with the SIUC administration. We were confident that, if you were aware of the arguments on both sides, you would see that the SIUC Faculty Association was not being unreasonable or obstructive, but that we have been working on behalf of the entire university. We have not been disappointed.

We have tried at the negotiating table to compromise with the administration in two crucial areas of concern: first, to stop the erosion in the number of Faculty lines and, second, to boost Faculty salaries to levels of those at comparable universities. On the issue of Faculty lines, we have drawn attention to the fact that Faculty numbers have declined during a period in which student enrollments have been stable; we believe that this trend threatens the quality of education that we can give to our students. On the issue of salaries, we have also pointed out that our salary proposal was based upon the goal set by Interim Chancellor John Jackson in his 1999 strategic plan: to achieve parity with our peer institutions by 2004; we agree that the university needs to offer competitive salaries in order to attract and retain the best teachers and researchers for our students and the community. Last week, the Undergraduate Student Government agreed with us and passed a resolution in support of our positions. The Faculty Senate also recently addressed the issue of declining Faculty numbers by passing a resolution calling for greater attention to this matter. We thank both bodies for their thoughtful consideration and positive actions.

The members of the Association are currently circulating a petition among the Faculty that asks them to show their support for the positions of the negotiating team. So far, there has been an overwhelming response; the team is now confident that they have a mandate from their fellow Faculty to continue their efforts.

Therefore, we would like to thank all of you for the confidence you have shown in our ability to represent the interests of your university. We look forward to working with all of you in continuing our commitment to quality education at SIUC.

Sincerely,
Morteza Daneshdoost
Morteza Daneshdoost,
President, Faculty Association
Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Protect Quality Education

SIUC immune to coed dorm rooms trend

Growth of proposed experimental coed dorm rooms will unlikely surface

NICOLE ORNT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The growing trend of proposing experimental coed rooms in residence halls has yet to reach SIUC, and the administration is not complaining.

Proposals for coed rooms have been considered by schools around the country including Tufts University in Boston and Haverford College in Haverford, Pa. Illinois schools have not encountered such proposals and do not intend to encourage such a housing change.

The Tufts University administration rejected a resolution last March supporting coed housing for 10 rooms on the university campus. The concept was originally put forth to the Tufts community union senate by Carl Sciortino, former co-chair of Tufts Transgender Lesbian Gay Bisexual Collective.

The proposal was intended for homosexual students who were uncomfortable living with the same sex because of fears of acceptance and homophobia. The rooms would not be restricted to only homosexuals; anyone, regardless of sexual orientation, would be eligible for the room upon application.

Ed Jones, director of University Housing, said he does not think coed room housing is an issue with the students at SIUC.

"I hadn't even heard it was being considered at any other university," said Jones. "I talk with the student leaders here all of the time, and it's never even been brought up here."

Jack Schoonover, director of resident facilities at Western Illinois University, does not think the idea would work at his campus. He said the school would need to ask about sexual orientation on housing applications which could lead to discrimination.

"More than 50 percent of our rooms are singles," Schoonover said. "If anyone, regardless of their orientation, is uncomfortable with their roommate it is an option here."

Many schools are reluctant to consider coed rooms because it could make parents and

students uncomfortable. Schools do not want the reputation of breaking down morals.

"I don't think our parents would appreciate it if they knew we allowed their child to room with their boyfriend or girlfriend," said Marilyn Tyus, associate director for university housing services at Illinois State University. "It is not part of our culture."

Seventy-two percent of students who live on campus live on coed floors and 91 percent live in coed buildings.

Northern Illinois University is among the more liberal Illinois schools, as all of NIU's residence halls are coed. Many schools have single sex residence halls or are coed by floor or wing.

The structure of some halls makes it difficult to allow coed rooms even if they were approved. The residence halls of the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign have barrack-style community bathrooms that would not allow for coed rooms.

Haverford College has approved on-campus Harvard University apartments to allow coed living on an experimental basis in two-bedroom apartments. Students requested coed

housing because they prefer to live with friends of the opposite sex. The school also wanted to ease the nerves of homosexual students who were uncomfortable living with the same sex.

The idea of coed rooms has spawned debate between students. In opinion columns and editorials in students newspapers around the country, students have strong opinions on both sides of the controversy.

"While many feel uncomfortable about the idea of mixing the sexes," read an editorial from The Technician at North Carolina State University. "The idea offers another interpersonal hurdle for students to conquer in their attempt to become not only color-blind and sexuality-blind, but also sex-blind."

Jones said he had one experience during an open house six years ago where a trio of men and women wanted to live together in a triple because they had grown up together and felt like family. He told them that SIUC did not allow coed rooms.

"It could get real ugly," Jones said. "I feel men and women living together would have too many issues to deal with."

USG

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problem has been reaching the student body.

Peebles said that a successful spring semester is the current goal of USG. In order to prepare for spring elections, USG will be determining what senate seats are open for election. Last week, five derelict senators were removed from USG for failure to show up at meetings.

With help from the SPC-TV program and emphasis set on getting more involvement from the student body, Peebles said he hopes that there will be more involvement from students next spring.

In order to prepare for the new semester,

Archer and USG Senator Lauralee Epplin, chair of the Constitutional Review Committee, will be drafting a new constitution.

According to Archer, the new constitution will be smaller, accompanied by a set of bylaws. He said the present constitution has suffered constant complaints; the two biggest complaints being its size and the number of ambiguities.

The final USG meeting will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Renaissance Room of the Student Center.

ANY QUESTIONS FOR USG?

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planned. Jackson said Tuesday he would have taken the job last year "if circumstances had worked out."

Sanders expressed admiration for Jackson's performance after the Argersinger termination shortly after hearing the news of his resignation Tuesday afternoon.

"He performed under circumstances that would make other people collapse, that would break them," Sanders said. "There are few people that one encounters in this life that have the character of this man."

Former interim President Frank Horton agreed with Sanders about Jackson's integrity,

but is disappointed Jackson will not remain as a faculty member.

"There are very few people that could equal the length, intensity and quality of service he provided," Horton said. "But I hate to see him retire."

But Jackson is fairly confident he won't stray far from academia and said he may teach part-time elsewhere.

"It's a little awkward to go back to teaching [at SIU]," Jackson said. "I just decided it's time for me to look around for another career."

For the present, Jackson said he will continue doing his job "full-court press," before he decides on a future plan or destination.

"I've tried never to act like an interim," Jackson said. "And I will continue to do that."

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I think he's going to be an excellent leader for us, and I have enjoyed working with him."

The search committee will include representatives from various campus constituency groups. Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Archer said USG sent the names of three representatives to the president's office last week.

Gus Bode



Gus says:
I'd retire too if I had to make everyone on this campus happy.

Archer said Jackson has done a fairly good job considering the circumstances.

"If he thinks it's time to step down, so be it," Archer said. "He's had to deal with a lot of issues. Overall, he's been a very good chancellor for SIUC. He's always been open to talk to me."

Jackson said he plans for a smooth transition for the next chancellor. His decision not to seek the job permanently brings an end to a

tumultuous period for the University.

The University has been without a permanent chancellor for more than a year and half. Jackson assumed the position on an interim basis in 1999 after replacing former Chancellor and SIUC history professor Jo Ann Argesinger.

Argesinger was removed by the Board of Trustees because of managerial conflicts with

former SIU President Ted Sanders. Sanders resigned in December 1999 amid months of protest by various campus constituency groups demanding his departure.

In December last year, Sanders planned to recommend Jackson for the job permanently, but constituency groups requested a national search instead.

The Faculty Senate and Graduate Council passed separate resolutions in favor of a national search a month earlier. Jackson indicated that he would have accepted the position then, but decided to abide with the view of constituents.

Jackson's decision-making process was put in further limbo after Sanders' resignation. In February, the search committee to find a permanent chancellor was put on hold until a permanent president was named.

Walker was named SIU president in July after replacing Frank Horton, who served as interim president following Sanders' exit. Jackson acknowledged that it was a trying period for him and the University.

"Some of those events were difficult to manage," Jackson said. "I think it had particular demands and challenges based on the transition that led to my being appointed to the office."

In the preceding months, a revolving door of interim leaders would pass through various administrative positions. Many of those positions were filled earlier this year.

Among Jackson's highlights as interim chancellor was the unveiling of his Strategic Plan in October 1999. Jackson's five-year plan, addressed 10 specific areas the University looked to improve, including upgrading campus technology and improving sports facilities.

Prior to becoming interim chancellor, Jackson served as vice chancellor of Academic Affairs and provost since 1996. Before moving

to administration, Jackson spent 11 years as dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Jackson was replaced as dean of COLA by Robert Jensen, a professor in psychology who has known Jackson for 12 years. Before moving to COLA, Jackson, served as associate dean of the Graduate School from 1979 to 1983. He served as faculty senate president from 1975 to 1976.

Jackson began his career at SIUC in 1969 as a political science professor. He came to the University out of graduate school after receiving a doctorate in political science from Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Jackson taught in the Political Science Department during most of his years, and has continued teaching in field during his administrative tenure.

"I've never quit being a political scientist," he said.

Jackson's political interests stem from his childhood while watching his father work as a local government employee in Arkansas.

"I think being in city government probably is what got me started," Jackson said of his upbringing. "I grew up in a small town, and he worked for the city. I knew all the city [officials] and I always thought that stuff was interesting."

Jackson briefly worked as a student clerk for former Arkansas Sen. J.W. Fulbright in 1963. He was replaced two years later by another student named Bill Clinton.

Jackson considered a life in public service but never pursued it. He said his time with the University has been very fulfilling.

"I've seen a lot of change and a lot of people come and go with the University," Jackson said. "I certainly have a sense of the history of the place. It's a strong institution, and it's got a great 131-year history of which I have 31 of those years."

HALLOWEEN

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the Strip and surrounding areas.

Similarly, the Carbondale City Council voted last month to return to policies standing from 1995 to 1999. At its first meeting following this year's incidents, the council passed a series of ordinances closing five downtown bars on Halloween and the preceding weekend, in addition to restricting the sale and possession of kegs.

While the proposed break is in place for next year only, the city restrictions are for an indefinite amount of time.

The University has not yet decided whether the residence halls will continue to remain open during the break. Other issues remain up in the air for the city including a possible rise in the bar entry age from 19 to 21.

Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Archer, one of several constituency leaders who serves on the calendar committee, said the driving logic during the past month has been to "make Carbondale a ghost town for a week."

However, he said he has spoken to many students during the past several weeks, and padlocking the University and city generally has been agreed to be the best option.

"Between SIU and the city council, we've pretty much dealt with Halloween," Archer said. "After (this year's Halloween), Carbondale was in the papers from Washington to Florida. Everyone knew this was going to happen."

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5. Small

9. Sevens

14. Kudos of "Friends"

15. Houston school

16. Spout off

17. Renown

19. Stellar blebs

20. Pizza order

21. Yans

22. Portents

23. Fling-range sight

25. Oxidation physicist and inventor

27. Patcher Hersheiser

29. Sclerosis

33. Clay

36. Thorough modern memo?

39. Pub pit

40. What you're doing now

44. Set sights

45. On edge

48. Checked out

47. Get a handle on

49. Ado

52. Type of stage

55. Battery terminals

59. Variants

62. Musical command

64. Lookalike

65. Fred's last dancing partner

66. Working on a

68. Pot ingredients

69. Toledo's lake

70. Musical melody

71. Heelgrip

72. Headliner

73. Indigo and

DOWN

1. Snowed

2. Eyelashes

3. Wickens

4. Headliner

5. Highland cap

6. Decorative

7. On a rotary

8. Toppings

9. Angled

10. Smells

11. Talk wacky

12. The hen

13. Parcel Myra

14. Cat's way

16. Attends

18. Transport

20. Backstreet Friday

23. Vague

24. Model

25. Macpherson

26. Fast

28. Sting

34. Met highlight

35. Thebigging

37. "Dallows"

38. Cool drinks

41. Most severe

42. Existed

43. Gossip egg

44. Suit starter?

45. Food sampler

46. Division word

47. Nocturns

48. Turn away

49. Veneza

53. Banks of Cuba

54. Bulbs of a fly

55. Charlie Brown's

56. Dutch cheese

57. Evening in

58. Where most people live

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LAST SECOND
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but the Indians' just weren't missing. Meanwhile, SIU shot poorly for the second straight game, taking undisciplined shots early in the offense, leading to a 34 percent mark for the first half.

"We talked a lot about character, I thought they showed character, I thought they competed, but the other word I put on the board was discipline, and we weren't very smart. We didn't have discipline," Weber said.

Weber was concerned to see how the Salukis would respond after playing an emotional game against Indiana. But the Salukis showed they were ready to play, however

maybe not ready for such a shooting clinic from the Indians.

The Salukis had an opportunity to tie or come within one with 13 seconds remaining, but sophomore center Jermaine Deaman surprising fired a three-pointer, much to the coaching staff's dismay, that hit iron and was rebounded by SEMO.

"Jermaine made a mistake by shooting that three," Weber said. "I probably should have called time-out."

The Salukis were in foul trouble most of the night, as they had 29 team fouls, something Weber was openly disgusted about. He said it was the first time he had really been upset with the officiating this season.

In a span of one minute 20 seconds in the second half, four differ-

ent SIU players picked up their fourth foul with more than 10 minutes still to play.

However, the Salukis showed their character, fighting back until the dramatic ending.

Stokes' miss gave the Salukis one last chance, but it was SEMO's night.

Williams lead SIU with 27 points, while junior Tyrese Buie scored 12 and senior Abel Schrader chipped in with 11.

McCuthison lead the Indians with 29, followed by 19 from Stokes.

Weber said the defense must improve if the Salukis are going to compete on the road this season.

"You can't win on the road by out scoring people," Weber said. "We are going to have to face that."

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New tennis coach picks up Iftner's mess

Missy Jeffrey plans to restore Saluki men's tennis to former glory

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When SIU men's tennis coach Michelle "Missy" Jeffrey was officially given the title of head coach, her first emotion was relief.

Not so much a relief that she was given the job, but relief that she was given the opportunity to re-establish the Saluki men's tennis program.

"This is really important to me because I have a lot of pride and loyalty toward the program," Jeffrey said. "It is important that we are not only successful, but that we garner the respect that SIU men's tennis has lost."

Jeffrey was born in Los Angeles and attended school in Denton, Texas, before becoming a part of Saluki country. In Texas, she was ranked in the top 20 for five consecutive years and received national recognition by being ranked among the top 150 prep tennis players.

Her college career at SIU was a successful start as she continued to display magnificent talent on the tennis court. Jeffrey played in the No. 1 singles and doubles competition and racked up more than 100 wins in singles play for SIU from 1987-91. This is tied for third on the all-time wins list at SIU.

After graduating, Jeffrey served in the women's tennis assistant coach position under current head coach Judy Auld from 1991-93. She also coached the Carbondale High School tennis team in 1992 and again in 1998. Her guidance added luster to a failing program.

"I pretty much feel that this is my hometown and I believe that all the teams I coached have experienced substantial improvement," Jeffrey said.

Although she returned to Carbondale after a stint in Kansas City and Peoria from '94 through '95, her objective was not becoming a coach again. Jeffrey's intent was to run her business, Saluki Sport and Tennis, located in the Sports Center.

"My focus was to bring tennis to the community, but I always admitted that if a position should arise, I would pursue it," Jeffrey said.

When Jeffrey was inducted into the coaching staff this fall, the men's tennis program was in shambles. Former coach Brad Iftner neglected his duties of recruiting when he left SIU unannounced. Jeffrey has since come in and dedicated an arduous amount of time and energy in getting everything organized.

One stipulation was passing the NCAA recruiting exam before being able to communicate with players and schools regarding scholarship information. Jeffrey studied a

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MICHELLE "MISSY" JEFFREY
SIU men's tennis coach

thick booklet in order to pass and has spent long nights trying to recruit top athletes for SIU's spring tennis season.

"Because I had to pass this exam first, I fell behind and couldn't start recruiting until mid-October," Jeffrey said. "Basically, I'm trying to do in two months what any responsible coach would have been working on for a couple of years."

Iftner's recruiting responsibilities were not the only thing left unattended. Jeffrey discovered at the first tournament that the team was not getting along and the players were more concerned with their individual performances.

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Senior Dante Santa Cruz was coached by Iftner for multiple seasons and agrees that a sense of team was missing. Though he has only spent the past fall season with Jeffrey, Santa Cruz believes a more healthy atmosphere was evident.

"I think she contributed a lot toward training and has already improved the program," Santa Cruz said. "When there were disputes she would call for a team meeting to work things out and she was always talking with us individually as well. It is clear that she is really dedicated to her players and loves her job."

Despite the turbulence that has been in store for Jeffrey since becoming men's tennis head coach, her work ethic has remained an anchor.

"I believe in pushing hard and positive reinforcement. My first priority has been to establish a sense of trust and commitment with the players, to make sure they have what they need and to get everything organized again," Jeffrey said. "My goal will be to eventually break into the top 50 ranked universities and restore SIU men's tennis to its former glory."

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Lady hoopsters to take on Blue Demons

SIU women's basketball team hosts DePaul

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Salukis, fresh off their 75-51 thumping of the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff Saturday night, hope to continue their success when the Blue Demons of DePaul University roll into town tonight.

The SIU women's basketball team will have its hands full against the Blue Demons, who are much better than their 1-3 record shows.

Among DePaul's three losses are battles against the No. 2 University of Tennessee and most recently against No. 7 Iowa State University.

"DePaul's a very tough team. They're 1-3 right now, but don't let that deceive you," said SIU head coach Lori Opp. "They've played some real tough competition and lost a couple of close games so we're going to have our work cut out for us."

The Salukis' main problem so far this season has been inconsistency by playing in spurts and not being able to put together a complete game, which is the reason behind their 2-3 record.

"If we would've played all our game consistently, we'd be 5-0 right now," said sophomore guard Molly McDowell. "We just haven't been able to put a whole game together, and that's what coach [Opp] is working on. She's making us play a lot in practice, just scrimmaging, doing that kind of stuff."

Opp said the key was to play hard from the start and to keep it going the entire game.

"We're not getting that yet, but a lot of that's due to our youth and inexperience," Opp said. "I think we will get that."

McDowell said the way the team played last weekend would help the team's confidence heading into the DePaul game.

"We played two pretty good games and I think everyone's confidence has come back a little bit," McDowell said. "We had a couple of freshmen step up and have good games and I think all we need to do to keep the momentum going is just keep our confidence up. That's the major thing."

Besides keeping the confidence up, the team is going to have to take care of the fundamentals to be able to take out the Blue Demons.

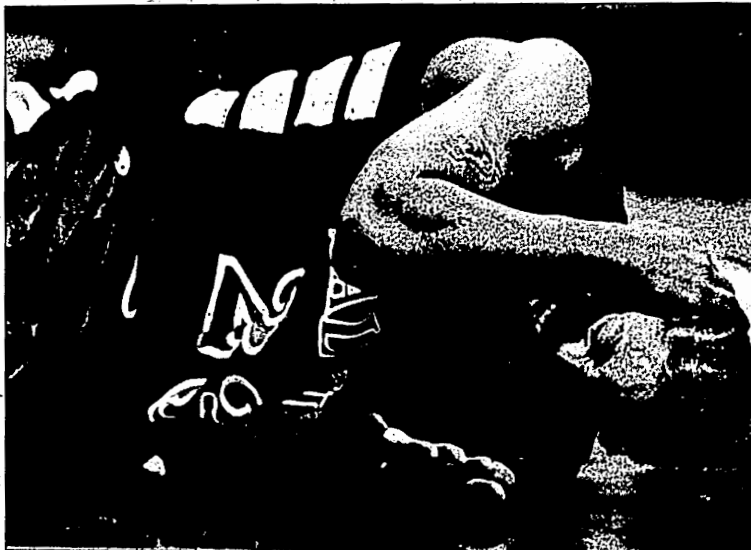
"Definitely, we're going to have to play better defense than we have in a couple of the other games," said senior forward Terica Hathaway. "We have to realize who the shooters are. The post inside is going to have to be strong and our offense is going to have to take it to them."

The team says nothing would help it more than to have a bunch of rowdy fans at the SIU Arena showing the team support for all the hard work they have put into this season.

"We're gonna start winning," McDowell said. "People are gonna start jumping on the bandwagon at the end, and I think they should all just come out and support us right now."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

• THE SIU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WILL BE IN ACTION TONIGHT AGAINST DEPAUL AT THE SIU ARENA AT 7:05.



Jermaine Dearman winces in pain after being elbowed in the head during the first half of the Salukis 87-84 loss at SEMO Tuesday night.

JESSE DRURY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Last minute shot rims out

Salukis show character, lack discipline

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO. — A last-second 30-foot desperation three-point attempt from Saluki guard Kent Williams bounced in and out, prohibiting SIU from tying as see-saw contest and eliminated any chance of a winning road trip.

The Salukis fell 87-84 to regional rival Southeast Missouri State Tuesday night in the second of a three-game road swing at the Show Me Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The Salukis' last second play worked to perfection, other than the final result, as SIU worked the ball down the floor after a missed free-throw from SEMO guard Michael Stokes with only 4.6 seconds remaining.

Williams had an open look at the basket, but it rimmed out.

"It was a great look, better than I ever thought we'd get," said Saluki head coach Bruce Weber. "It was straight on, I thought it might go, but may be we didn't deserve to win. [SEMO] played pretty well and probably deserved to

win." SEMO was actually supposed to foul when the ball was inbound with the three-point lead, but the Salukis worked the ball up the court well to set up the shot.

"Williams, he's a good player and got a shot off," said SEMO guard Emory Sanders. "Luckily, he missed it."

For the second straight game, the Salukis (3-2) ran into an offense that wasn't missing, especially from beyond the arc. In fact, SEMO shot better from three-point range than from inside the arc in the first half.

The Indians (5-2) converted 9-of-12 three-point attempts, and only 6-of-15 from everywhere else. After the game was knotted at 23 midway through the first half, SEMO forward Emmanuel McCuthison went nuts, draining 4-of-5 from downtown enroute to a game-high 20 first-half points.

Unlike Saturday's 85-63 loss at Indiana University, the Salukis were in their opponent's face contesting shots,

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MEN'S BASKETBALL RECAP

SIU Salukis vs. Southeast Missouri State Indians													
NO.	NAME	PT	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	AST	BLK	STL	PF	PTS	
12	Cross, Joshua	13	5	10	2	3	5	7	5	0	3	0	0
45	Schwader, Abel	6	7	13	0	0	3	1	2	1	0	0	26
23	Carman, Jerome	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
02	Belcher, Marcus	2	3	0	1	1	1	5	4	0	0	0	17
33	Williams, Kent	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0
03	Miller, Brandon	1	1	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	2
04	Bain, Tyrone	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
17	Wicks, Spencer	2	0	1	1	2	2	4	3	0	0	0	0
24	Hovey, Tony	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM TOTALS: 26-76 11-23 15-27 16 28 44 19 84 14 12 1 6 100													
SIU Salukis: 13-38 342 246 15-38 395 246 15-38 395 246 15-38 395													
SEMO Indians: 5-12 502 296 5-11 451 296 5-11 451 296 5-11 451													
FTHROW 11-16 415 296 5-11 451 296 5-11 451 296 5-11 451													
SCORE BY PERIODS: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th TOTAL													
SIU Salukis 42 42 84 84 252													
SEMO Indians 34 33 87 87 241													

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