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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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Winter

Jackson County residents cope with storm that dumped more than six inches of snow on region [11]

Mark Lambird Daily Egyptian

For the first time in two years, old man winter has blasted Southern Illinois, leaving in his wake children out of school and some with headaches.

Residents of the area were not Residents of the area were not caught completely off guard by the first storm of the winter season, which brought more than six inches of snow. The National Weather Service in Paducah, Ky, issued a winter weather advisory for Jackson County Tuesday morning and a win-ter storm warning for counties just to the south.

The winter weather advisory was upgraded to a warning for Jackson County about 11 a.m. Wednesday after it became apparent that more than four inches of snow had fallen across the area.

Mike York, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Paducah, said the storm had panned out as expected but that snow totals were a little higher because there was no freezing rain or sleet in the Jackson County area.

The next weather situation that faces Carbondale will be the cold Thursday night as the sky clears. York said that under a clear sky and with light winds, the temperatures will likely rall into the lower teens, if not

the single digits.

"Usually the ground helps to keep
the atmosphere above it warm," York
said. "Clouds also keep the heat from
escaping back into space."

After that, another round of win-

ter weather could visit the area during

the upcoming weekend.
"Right now the thinking is most of the precipitation will go further south," York said. "But if the storm system comes further north, the snow that is in place would help to keep the precipitation that would fall as snow."

When the first flakes began to fill the sky in the early morning hours Wednesday, city of Carbondale road

or the bridges and overpasses.

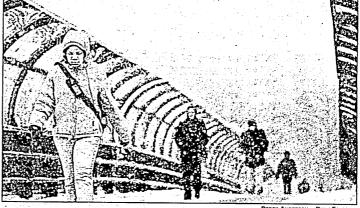
Don Snider, traffic control supervisor for the city of Carbondale, said the first truck hit the road at about 3 a.m., and crews were finishing up their routes at about 11 a.m.

ednesday morning. "It's not too bad out there," Snider said. "Most of the snow is slushing up and the drivers are about done."

With colder temperatures overnight, Snider said the roads could become slick in places again as the slush re-freezes.

He said that city trucks would apply somewhere between 20 and 25 tons of salt and sand to city-maintained streets for this storm.

The city keeps more than 300



Despite heavy snowfall, SIU students shuffled to class over the shoveled and salt-strewn pedestrian overpass Wednesday morning. Beginning at 5 a.m., Physical Plant crews began to continually remove snow from campus sidewalks and streets late into the night. The Physical Plant received four updates an hour from Accuweather in order to remain up-to-date on the storm.

Snider said the city was under a snow emergency Wednesday. A snow emergency is issued when two or more inches of snow are expected to fall and requires residents to move their vehicles from emergency snow

On-campus crews started moving snow at about 5 a.m. and continued

through the afternoon and evening.

Phil Gatton, director of the
Physical Plant, said the main problem with snow removal on campus was the parking lots.

"When it snows during the day,

when it snows during the easy, the parking lots are filled up and it's hard to get them cleared. Gatton said. The hard part is trying to figure out whether to keep people here tonight or call them in tomorrow morning.

Gatton said the Physical Plant is

from Accuweather, a forecast provider based out of Pennsylvania. Accureather was calling for up to six inches of snow in Carbondale before the storm exits late Wednesday night.

For most of Southern Illinois students, Wednesday was a day off from school, but not all districts called school, but not all districts called classes for the day. All but one Jackson County school, Trico, in the north part of the county, made their students go to school.

As of 5 p.m. Wednesday, several schools across the area had already

canceled classes today.

Mike Mugge, superintendent of Murphysboro School District No. 186, said that at 5:15 a.m. when the call had to be made, it looked all

"We started investigating road conditions at about 4:30 this morning," Mugge said. "Frankly, at 4:30 this morning there was only a dust-ing. By 5:30 it was still good."

The morning bus ride for students went smoothly except for one bus that got stuck.

Mugge said once the snow began

falling in earnest, it was the safe bet to

keep them at school until it let up.

"I wanted to get a warm meal in the students before we sent them the students before we sent them home, "Mugge said. "By letting them out at 2:30 they could eat, and we bought some extra daylight to get them home in case there were any problems getting them home."

He said they were not expecting this much snow to fall based on the

forecasts and what was happening

Wednesday morning.

"It's a typical day when you can't win," Mugge said. "In this part of the country, what you see on the ground at 7 may not be there at 8.

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Illinois' infant mortality rate reaches an all-time low

Arin Thompson Daily Egyptian

The infant mortality rate in Illinois has dropped to a record low, due in part to prenatal care.

Illinois has seen a downward trend in infant deaths since 1990, when the rate was 10.7 deaths per 1,000 births. The rate for 2001 has dropped even fur-ther to 7.5 deaths per 1,000

In 1993, Illinois mothers gave birth to 190,709 babies and gave birth to 190,709 babies and 1,338 of those babies died at a rate of 9.6 infant deaths per 1,000 births. In 2001, 184,022 babies were born, and only 1,379 died at a rate of 7.5 deaths per 1,000 births. In Jackson County in 2001, 676 babies were born and six died.

The drop in infant deaths is a result of more comprehensive prenatal care, according to Tom Schafer, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"It's important for a physician to monitor a woman and her fetus so any possible complications are noted before it's too late," he said. Another cause for infant

deaths is low birth weight and premature births. According to Schafer, there are a number of new drugs on the market that help babies born prematurely. For instance, premature babies often have breathing problems and one drug helps them breath

and one drug helps them breath with small lungs, he said.

Schafer also said more women are steering clear of smoking, drinking and using illegal drugs during their preg-nancy. He said the use of illegal drugs is a number one cause of premature births and low birth

weights.
"It's always best to check with a physician to see what drugs a woman can and can't take," Schafer said.

Chief Label assistant direc-

Chris Labyk, assistant direc-tor of Student Health Programs, said not only is prenatal care important, but care before a woman even gets pregnant is also key in having a healthy baby. Some programs offer women

means to getting adequate nutrition when they are plan-

ning on getting pregnant.

The sooner they start that, the healthier they are, "she said.

"It's important to build up reserves and be well nourished before a pregnancy."

During a pregnancy, prenatal care includes checking a woman's blood pressure, seeing if she has any diseases and

watching for gestational dia-betes, according to Labyk.

If a woman has herpes and she has an outbreak before she goes into labor, if she has received quality prenatal care, the doctors will catch that and deliver the baby by cesarean section so the baby does not get the virus, she said.

Another factor in the low infant mortality rate is the increase in delivery room technology, said Labyk, who also worked in an OB clinic as a nurse practitioner.

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Kwanzaa celebration planned at Grinnell Dining Hall

Black Togetherness Organization launches activities for holiday.

Moustafa Ayad Daily Egyptian

The end of the year marks a time in every person's life to reflect and cherish their loved ones.

And Thursday the Black Togetherness Organization will be doing just that as they celebrate Kwanzaa and the African-American culture in the basement of Grinnell dining hall.

The celebration will involve keynote speaker Ana Jackson and the artwork of Najjar Abdul-Musawir. There is also a small skit being planned to present the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The pro-gram will be followed by a small recep-tion, and all students, faculty, and community members are encouraged to

Kwanzaa is a celebration for blacks to reaffirm their commitment to themselves, their families and their community,

However, Antoinette Peterson, gramming chair of the Black Togetherness Organization, said it is a celebration of culture "so manufacture" black, it's about commu

Kwanzaa is a word derived from the Kiswahili phrase "Matunca ya Kwanzaa" which means "First fruits of the harvest" a term used by Africans in the celebration

of the harvest in Africa.

The Kwanzaa celebration lasts seven days from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, and each day represents one of seven principles that one should reflect in their everyday lives.

Every day of Kwanzaa, the holiday is mmemorated with a lighting of special candles. This is similar to the Hebrew holiday of Chanukah, except the number of candles correlates with the seven days e Kwanzaa celebration.

Three candles on the right are green to represent the great victories of the past and the anticipation of future victories.

On the left there are three red candles that represent the struggles that people must endure through the ages. In the middle is the lone black candle meant to celebrate

the lone black candle meant to celebrate unity, beauty and strength of people.

The lighting of the candles follows a distinct pattern starting with the green candles and alternating to the red and finally, on Jan. 1, the black candle is lit, uniting all of those in the community through the celebration. through the celebration.

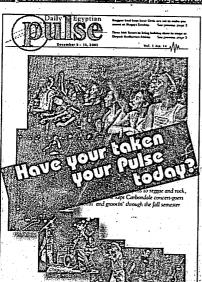
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NATIONAL NEWS

Winter reaches Carolinas two weeks early

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CHARLOTTE, N.C.— An ice and snow storm that buried the Oldahoma Panhandle and blanketed the Tennessee mountains blew into North Carolina Wednesday afternoon, ceating treacherous driving conditions and delivering a bitter winter greeting for thousands of residents trying to get home. A National Weather Senciae winter weather warning covered parts of Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and Georgia, Oldahoma and both Carolinas. In addition, winter weather advisories covered parts of Texas, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas and West Virginia. Snow was forecast for Mayland, the Washington, D.C., area and into Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. Ice storm warnings covered northeastern Georgia, from Gainesville to Athens and into Atlanta, west central Tennessee north of Memphis and east central Arkansas around Jonesboro.

Jonesboro. In North Carolina, temperatures plummeted to freezing and below as rain turned to sleet and ice mixed with snow

and below as rain turned to sleet and ice mixed with snow from the mountains to Chanfolte.

The city of Charlotte is on a hazardous road condition alent," said the city's street maintenance suppensor, Layton Lamb, "and that means that we have ice and snow on all road surfaces throughout the city. Driving conditions are bad, but the roads are passable."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Probe after Concorde loses rudder

Prope arter Concorde loses rudger London, England – British Ainways has launched an internal investigation on Wednesday after part of a tail rudder from a Concorde supersonic jet fell off during a flight. The incident happened last Wednesday on BA Flight OII from London's Healthrow Airport to New York's JFK, which was carrying 96 passengers and nine crew. A BA spokeswoman told CMN the plane landed safely in New York and that there were no injuries. Neither the passengers nor the aircraft were in any danger, she said. After a normal landing, an inspection found part of the lower of four rudders on the tail fin was missing, the airline said.

line said.

BA has put extra safety checks in place following the incident, which revives memories of the crash near Paris in July 2000 in which 113 people were killed.
Concorde has experienced similar problems with its tail rudder on four previous occasions over a 13-year period.

David Learmount, operations and safety editor of Flight International magazine, told the UK Press Association: "The rudders are made at Toulouse and now everyone will have to look at ways of strengthening them."

Survey of 44 nations shows growing discontent over U.S.

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The survey found that since 2000, favorable ratings for the United States have fallen in 20 of the 27 countries for which the previous data was available. But in 17 of those 20 countries, a majority of people still viewed the United States favorably. The survey highlighted conflicting attitudes about the United States. People around the world said they embrace American uniture but decired U.S. influence on their societies. American unilateralism was criticized, though the U.S.-led war on terrorism enjoyed vide support outside the Musfim world.

On other topics, the spread of disease was named the top global problem in more countries than any other international threat. Fear of religious and ethnic violence ranked second, with nuclear weapons running third.

People in the United States, Canada and Western Europe expressed a greater satisfaction with their lives then did people in Eastern Europe. Asia and Africa.

Canada, Uzbekistan and Vietnam were the only countries in which a majority of respondents. 51 percent, said they had a positive view of the state of the world.

The survay also showed concern among many nations about the possibility of war with Iraq. The main issue focused around the United States hardline against the current Iraq regime.

Al Qaeda linked to Kenya attacks

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Wednesday he believes al Qaeda was involved in last Thursday's suicide believes al Qaeda was involved in last Thusday's suicide bombing of an Israeli-owned resort hotel in Kenya that killed 13 people and the nearly simultaneous unsuccessful missile attack on an Israeli charter jet.

Ten Kenyans and three Israelis were killed when three suicide bombers detonated a car bomb outside the Paradise hotel in Mombase. Within minutes, the airliner taking off from the Mombasa airport with 271 aborad was brushed by two shoulder-fired missiles.

Kenyan police had three people in custody Wednesday in connection with the attacks, including a car dealer who said he sold the bombing vehicle to two men of Arab descent.

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The car dealer, a Kenyan, was brought in for question ing Tuesday evening, said William Langat, who is leading the investigation. The man said he sold the green, four-wheel-drive vehicle to the men two weeks ago, Langat

said.

The two other Kenyans were reported by witnesses to have been in the Mombasa airport area when the missiles were fired at the jet, Langat said.

Today High 30

Low 22 Clearing in afternoon and cold with a northeast wind 5

to 15 mph

Five-day Forecast Friday Mostly Sunny 34/10 Saturday 38/22 Sunday 35/26 Snow Monday Partly Cloudy 35/18 Tuesday

Mostly Sunny

Almanac Average high: 49 Average low: 29

Wednesday's precip: 6" snow Monday's hi/low: 32/22

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TODAY'S CALENDAR

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POLICE REPORTS

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University

Eugenio T. Camarero, 26, Galatia, was arrested on a fail-ure to appear warrant on an original charge of violation of supervision at 2:13 a.m. Wednesday at the intersection of U.S. 31 and Southern Illinois Avenue. Camarero posted a \$300 cash bond and was released.

A vehicle was reported criminally damaged between 5:45 p.m. 9 p.m. Monday in Lot 1 near Lawson Hall. Police said they have no suspects.

- The Auto Shop, 317 E. Main St., was reported burglarized between 7 p.m. Monday and 2:15 p.m. Tuesday. Police said a concrete block was used to shatter the west side glass door. A 19-inch color television, 510 in quarters and a Mac Tool engine diagnostic computer were reported missine.

A Pioneer CD stereo was reported stolen between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday from a truck parked in the Schnucks Supermarket parking lot, 915 W. Main St. Police said a window was broken to gain entry. The loss was estimated at \$379.

Students design recycled furniture

Lounge chair made of newspapers

Katie A. Davis. Daily Egyptian

How many DAILY EGYPTIANS would it take to fill a 6-foot-long chair?

Joe Wedding wasn't sure either, but he did know it was a lot.
"It's 6 feet of DE," he said

His design, constructed almost entirely out of old DAILY EGYPTIANS for a furniture design class, uses at least a couple of thousand of old newspapers to form the body of the surprisingly comfortable, yet monstrous lounge chair.

But it wasn't entirely unique Students were required to con struct a piece of furniture out of recycled material as part of their final project for Associate Professor Stewart Wessel's furniture design

class.
Wessel said it is important for students in the field to learn how to work with sustainable materials and that students who enrolled this semester undertook the task with exponential enthusiasm, spawning a

chair made of old gymnasium bleachers and a coffee table that transforms into a bookshelf.

Wessel said this specific project has been part of the class for five or six years, but this was the first time a student has used a material such as recycled paper.

"This is probably one of the most unique and creative classes I've had in a while," Wessel said.

Students were advised to pick a cycled material and then build on it with the design. Students could then continue looking for recycled materials and modifying the design to bring forth the finished product.

Wedding said the first decision

he made was to use the old DAILY EGYPTIANS for the material

"It's easily available and there are a lot of them around," said Wedding, an architectural design senior. He then had to pick an avenue

that would provide him the best possible use of the papers. Eventually, the design of the lounge chair evolved. Though the main material was old DAILY EGYPTIANS, Wedding still needed to use more

Four poles run through the newspapers to form support as well



Joe Wedding, a senior in architecture, reclines on a chair he made out of recycled Daily Egyptian newspapers. The chair also incorporated four steel rods, to give the chair its shape and strength, and two pieces of wood, bringing the total cost of the chair to about \$50. The chair was part of a class that required students to find materials that could be recycled into a useable piece of furniture.

as the shape of the chair. The chair also uses two pieces of a hardwood for support, giving him a total cost of \$50.

Wedding said he spend at least 50 hours working on the project. He had to re-bend the four rods and punch four holes in each and every DAILY EGYPTIAN used for the

lounge chair. Matt Gindlesparger, a senior in architectural studies, designed his chair out of old bleachers recently removed from a school. He said each piece had to be sanded down and put into place.
But in the end, the overall cost of

his chair was nothing but labor.

"You can make these beautiful things that cost you little or nothing, just by using recycled materials," Wessel said. "They just require a lot of work."

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GPSC winds up semester

Last meeting addresses several items of legislation Valerie N. Donnals Daily Egyptian

Attendance was scarce at the final meeting for the Graduate and Professional Student Council Tuesday, but that did not prevent them from getting several objectives accomplished.

The body passed a resolution concerning tolerance and diversity on campus and passed a motion to support the development of a Black erican Studies major.

The resolution regarding tolerance and diversity evolved from a previous resolution regarding hate crimes passed by the Undergraduate Student Government.

The document originated in response to the word "Fag" being painted on the rocks near the recreation center.

Members of the Saluki Rainbow Network, to celebrate Coming Out Week, had painted the rocks previously. The resolution had been tabled at

their November meeting because several members of the council had described the resolution as being too

The executive board wrote up two new resolutions for Tuesday's meeting, but there was still disagreement among the members.

A motion was made to table them until a later date, but several members expressed hearing concern from their constituents that the

council is overlooking the issue.

The council decided to go through the first document line by line and discuss problems that arose

David Hooper, a graduate stu-dent representing the school of law, did not like the term "hate crime," thinking it was too hard to define

what constitutes one.

He also thought that the last clause, which called for the sanction

University Conduct Code, ended on free speech, since anyone is allowed to write on the rocks. Councilman Ed Ford had prob-

lems with the last clause also because the council has publicly disagreed with the University Conduct Code and has worked to change parts of it.

and has worked to change parts of it.

He did not think calling for the
sanctioning was necessary to the
overall purpose of the document.

"I believe in the power of educa-

tion," Ford said.
"As a group, we can convince our peers that this is inappropriate

Therefore, the final clause was taken out, "hate crimes" was changed to "hate speech" and the title of the document was changed to read "Resolution Regarding Tolerance and Diversity."

The final draft of the resolution that passed with a vote of 10 to one concluded, "GPSC encourages policies that help reduce and eliminate hate speech and bias-related violence, both physical and psychological through education."

cal, through education."

GPSC also passed a motion to support USG's resolution stating that making Black American Studies a major should be top prior-ity at SIUC. It is currently offered only as a minor.

Hooper opposed the motion, saying it seemed the only reason to add the program would be to add diversity to the campus and not for academic reasons.

He did not think the money

should be spread out to cover a nev department during a time of eco-nomic crisis.

The document did not mention a an of action to implement the major or if there was even any inter-

"I think there is a lot of interest in this as a major," said Eise Shalda, the vice president for Graduate School Affairs.

She said she would have majored in it as an undergraduate, and has heard interest from several of her students who wanted to major in the field but would have had to transfer

Georgia Hughes added that it was not the council's place to outline its development, only to support it. There was also no time-line in the document, and steps could be taken to implement it until the appropriate funds become available.

classes that graduate students could take and benefit from as well.

The major would add 400-level

The motion to support the reso-lution passed with only one dissension and one abstention.

The council unanimously rejected the draft of the new Official SIUC Student E-mail Policy, which is designed to cut back on paper

ues around campus.

The policy would make e-mail
e official communication within SIUC and send all official transmissions through it.

The council found several problems with the document. Privacy issues and security violations were mentioned, but as GPSC president Amy Sileven stated, "clause three is the worst of it."

The clause states that errors made in forwarding mail and mail returned to the University with "Mailbox Full" or "User Unknown" would not be acceptable excuses for missing official University commu-

As a result, students would be held responsible if a University employee entered their e-mail address incorrectly or other similar errors made by the University. Shalda said that because of the

outrageous number of spam emails people receive, a student's inbox could fill up at no fault of their own without even knowing it, and an important e-mail could be sent back to the University.
At that point, they would be out

of luck and may never even know it. David Hooper motioned for "the president to show the council's gen-eral disdain for this proposed policy,"

and the council unanimously agreed. Reporter Valerie N. Donnals can be reached at vdonnals@dailyegyptian.com

Festive tunes emanate from Pulliam tower

Gus says:

Can Luse the

broken Pulliam

clock tower as a

tardy excuse?

Clocktower may get an internal makeover soon

Brian Peach Daily Egyptian

The Pulliam clocktower won't tell you if you're running late, but it's still proving to be useful by spreading holiday spreading holiday cheer with an array of GUS BODE

Christmas songs. Bob Reid, a volun-

teer who helps inform the Physical Plant of problems with the clock, said the gears inside are getting old and need to be replaced. But that since the chimes are set to a clock in the Physical Plant, they ring on time every day. "The chimes have

always been precise, but it's the clock that's throwing everything off," Reid said.

Phil Gatton, director of plant and service operations for the Physical Plant, said a 3-year-old soundboard controls the music, which includes holiday tunes such as "Hark! The Herld Angels-Sing," "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World." Plant workers can change the tunes by sending a signal to a computer in Pulliam from the warmth of the Physical Plant located on the other side of cam-

This saves them from the danger of climbing up the tower's 40-foot ladder in middle of winter.

But Gatton said an unavoidable trip will have to be made up the tower in the coming weeks to examine the clock's condition and decide what needs parts need

A cone to one of the old speak-

ers recently blew out in the clock. This may be replaced since the new Christmas songs can be heard being occasionally inter-rupted by static and distorted

sounds.

We've got speakers up there that are basically glorified home-stereo speakers," Gatton said. "You also have to remember that even though they aren't outside, it's an unheated environment, and the weather gets to them.

The clock hands and some gears will also be looked at to see what needs a makeover. Gatton said the clock continues to read inaccurate times because the clock hands fall back down

when they move past the six or past the 12. The Physical Plant plans to bring in a clock expert by the end of the month to examine the inner functions of the clock and make recommen-dations as to what

should be upgraded. "This is kind of a unique thing," Gatton said. It's not like somebody who fixes a pocket-watch. There's only so many people who do this in the country

Gatton said that if the predict-ed costs are within the plant's budget, the clock will be operational as soon as possible.

A cost of about \$500 for parts would not be bad, but if it climbs to a cost of, say, \$5,000, repairs may be put off until money can be allocated for it, he said.

"It'd like to see it fixed," Gatton said. "It's an important signature piece to the University, and it doesn't bode well for us if it's not running properly."

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NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

A THE RESIDENCE AND A SECOND

Midnight breakfast starts Sunday at 10 p.m.

There will be a free midnight breakfast from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday night at the Newman Catholic Student Center. Tutors will be available.

Panelists to speak at forum on effects of budget crisis

There will be a forum to create a better understand-ing of the effects of the budget crisis on human services, umers, social work students, and professional staff from 7 to 9 p.m. today in the Student Center Auditorium.

Panelists include: Carol Anderson, program director for Shawnee Alliance for Seniors; Karen Freitag, executive director of the Southern Illinois Regional Social Services; Jerry King, Welfare to Work coordinator for Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market; and Mary Loos, regional director for Catholic Social Senices

Analysis results released on follow-up session of the forum on the fourth

Anyone interested in the results of how much common ground was created at the Nov. 18 follow-up of the forum on the fourth is welcome to attend the Planning Committee's summary/analysis session at 7 p.m. Monday in the Student Center's Illinois River Room

Ornament Project benefits children living with AIDS

The public is invited to attend an omament-making project from 8 to 10 p.m. today in the Student Center Big Muddy Room. The Omament Project will provide karao as they make ornaments for children living with AIDS.

Student Recreation Center will be open until midnight on Dec. 8 through 10

The Student Recreation Center will be open 10 a.m. through midnight Sunday and from 5:30 a.m. to midnight Tuesday. Free food and beverages will be served nightly by SIUC faculty and staff.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Children can shop at Santa's Gift House, help abused children

The Williamson County Child Advocacy Center will be hosting its annual Santa's Gift House from 3:30 to 8 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Santa's Gift House is located at the Energy Baptist

Church on Route 148 in Energy. Children ages 3 to 12 may shop in the Gift House for presents while parents wait in the bakery area

Volunteers work on this project year-round, accumulating gifts for the children to purchase. Each year more children attend, with more items needed each year Proceeds help abused children.

John A. Logan College provides choir and entertainment

John A Logan College's Humanities Department will present a show featuring traditional and contemporary sounds performed by the college choir and entertain-ment by the Logan Singers as well as surprise Christmas performances

Holiday Collage X will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in O'Neill Auditorium. Tickets are S6 for the general public and S5 for all students and children. Musical direction is by Nathan Arnett and stage direction by Mike

Designated drivers on the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail get free soda at each stop

The Designated Driver Program for the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail is now in operation. The five wineries of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail are offering free sodas, donated by the Pepsi-Cola Company, to designated drivers on the

By asking for a button at any of the wineries on the tour signifying who the designated driver of the group is, the drive is entitled to free sodas.

CARBONDALE

Century Assisted Living unveils new facility

Century Assisted Living is unveiling its new facility at 701 and 703 S. Lewis Lane with a ribbon cutting co mony at noon today. An open house is from 11 a.m. to 2



Michelle Crawl plays in the snow while her mother Jan shovels sidewalks in front of their house on South Poplar Street. The snow on Wednesday was the first real snowstorm in Southern Illinois in two years. The storm left the region under more than six inches of snow; sleet and ice blanketed areas south of Jackson County Wednesday evening.

Spotlight Hour provides cultural insights

Carrie Roderick

Under the shining spotlight of the Kleinau Theatre's stage, Karla Strum was gwing a hilarious rendition of Rudolph Chelminski's "Next to Brzezinski, Chelminski's a Cinch.

The audience was abuzz with laughter as Strum, a sophomore in speech communica-tion, rolled off a series of mispronunciations of her character's Polish last name, something "the boring Browns, Smiths and Jones will never experience."

She was one of 12 students out of four sections of the course who performed at the Kleinau Theatre Tuesday for their speech

class in beginning performance literature.

Stephanie Howell, one of three graduate students teaching the course, said the beginning performance class helps students gain insights into their own culture and the culture of others. The students study and present

pieces of poetry, prose and plays.

There will be an Advanced Spotlight
Hour tonight at 8 at Kleinau Theatre. Tonight's show features students from an advanced speech class who didn't perform Tuesday. The annual event will feature stuom speech communication courses in storytelling, poetry performance and perforce literature.

What is special and unique about the performances is that the students perform culture that is marginalized, an aspect that we might not necessarily think of," said Howell, a doctoral student in speech communication. "It's looking at something other then dominant, white western culture. Ethnicity, race, gender and religion were

among some of the issues tackled during the spotlight hour.

Strum, dressed up as a male character wearing a tie and khakis, captivated the audi-ence with her amusing ethnicity piece. "It touches on cultural issues of finding your heritage and how you make your own

heritage," Strum said. Strum, a sophomore in speech communi-cations, said the performance not only benefited her, but the audience members as well.

"With performance you get to express yourself, but you also get to explore other peo-ple and so by letting other people participate in that with me, they get to see another point of view of things and it completes the process, Strum said.

Other pieces touched on the issue of race, such as Shaneva Canada's combination of "On the Subway" by Sharon Olds and "Next Life, I'll be White by Laurence Thomas Canada portrayed an upper-class white female and her views in her first piece. The female is riding the subway and fears the black male next to her.

In her next piece she does a role reversal d plays a black male in "Next Life, I'll be Her black male character sees that women are afraid of him and his brother.

Canada, a freshman and a hospitality and tourism major, was trying to have the audi-ence see how these two cultures perceive each other. Canada said the issue is more gender-

"I tried to bring into my performance that it doesn't have to be a white and black issue," Canada said.

Another piece that touched on race was Charles Silas and Hael Thibeault's com-Charles Silas and Hael Thibeault's compelling collage of four poems by a variety of authors. The two students incorporated "I, Too, Sing America" by Langston Hughes and "Escape the Ghetto of New York' by Vanessa Howard with "I Have a Dream" by Martin Luther King Jr. and Tim Seibles "A Conversation with Jimi Hendrix." The four pieces together illustrate how blacks have been perceived and how they

perceived and how they view themselves.

Performances 370 chosen by what pieces would work best on the

Building. stage, Howell said.
"All of the students that are in the 201

tonight at 8 at Kleinau Theatre

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classes are phenomenal," Howell said. "They all worked very hard."

Howell said the students receive many benefits from performing their studies on

"It gives the students an opportunity to perform their work in front of a larger audience and the audience members get the benefit of watching exceptional performances,"

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Santa Claus is coming to town with unusual dinner

Neely's RAs work to brighten Christmas for young children

Katie A. Davis Daily Egyptian

For the Neely Hall Council and Neely student resident assistants, the gift of giving

comes three times a year.

Each Easter, Halloween and Christmas for the past three years, the group has played host to a group of children, ranging from ages six to 13, from the Addicts Community Service Program in the Eurma Hayes building in Carbondale.

"From what I hear, they love it," said Mike Charbonneu, the head resident adviser for Neely Hall. It's a chance for them to hang out with some big kids in Carbondale."

At 5 p.m. today the children of the Addicts Community Service Program will make the trek to Trueblood Dining Hall to enjoy the: put on the red suit and white beard for the sec-

They get an Easter dinner and a Halloween treat, but nothing can beat the rewards of a Christmas-time party, complete with holiday meal, presents, and of course, Santa Claus

Although the meal of chicken strips, corn, French fries and cookies is not a traditional French fries and cookies is not a tradutional Christmas dinner, Dale Bruns, unit manager for Trueblood Dining Hall, said it is one the kids seem to like better.

"They've done this kind of thing for years, and they we done this kind of thing for years."

tried a few different menus, but this is the kind of thing the kids seem to want," he

The visitors will be treated to a round of games and Christmas carols once each child has had their fill. The children will also be the recipients of hats, gloves and toys as they get a special visit from a special person.
"Some of the children may think Santa's

fake, but most of them are convinced that I'm ond year in a row.

The Neely Hall Council and Neely RAs have been preparing for the Christmas feast for more than a month, communicating back and forth with the Addicts Community Service Program to get each child's age, gender

The Addicts Community Service Program is an active youth recreation facility that fea-tures activities as well as tutoring. The group emphasizes education to the kids enrolled in

the program.

"It's incredible that students don't just get involved around Christmas; they throw these parties for the kids three times a year, said Delores Albritton of the Addicts Community

Program.

But the residents of Neely Hall get the gift of knowing they helped someone.

"It doesn't take much effort to make some kids happy that may not be otherwise," said Tejkowski.

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Planned Research Park receives \$50,000 grant

Funds from Delta Regional Authority will be used for spring expansion

Carrie Roderick Daily Egyptian

SIUC officials hope to one day see 75 businesses at the Southern Illinois Research Park.

And the goal will be aided with And the goal will be aucu willing rant money, such as the recent \$50,000 Delta Regional Authority grant from Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville. The will be used to help SIUC expand its research park in the

SIOC expand its research park in the spring of 2003.

With the grant dollars, there is now almost \$1 million in equity available for a bond issue that will be used to pay for the planned 40,000-squarefeat consults. foot complex

When all the construction is comwhen all the construction is com-pleted, Lenzi anticipates 13 buildings with a total of 300,000 square feet, including the 55,000 already occupied-by the Dunn-Richmond building. The park will create 1,200 knowl-edge-based jobs and a \$40 million payroll, Lenzi said. As many as 75 businesses are projected to be at the

Raymond Lenzi, associate chancellor for Economic Development and research park executive director, said the \$4.2 million to \$4.3 million-bond issue should be finalized in the spring of 2003. Lenzi said the bonds will be repaid with revenues from leases on the building. The Delta Authority is responsi-

ble for developing plans and economic development programs. There are 16 Southern Illinois counties in the

Lenzi said the Southern Illinois Research Park will be developed con-tiguous to the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center, which will be the pare, suchor.

which will be the park wil provide for
"The research park wil provide for the creation and expansion of more high-tech jobs for SIU students and faculty," Lenzi said. "It'll bring the payroll and spin-off equal to total the positive economic impact that will be about 200 percent of the payroll

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Twenty-two assistantships available for spring 2003

Samantha Edmondson Daily Egyptian

All 187 undergraduate assistantship positions were filled for fall semester, employing students from 67 different majors on campus.

Twenty-two new positions are

now available for spring semester.

All of the spring positions on the Financial Aid Office website except for one were posted when the new employment program started at the beginning of fall semester. Most of the positions are requesting replace-

ments for spring semester.
However, a 10-hour position for an investment assistant at the SIU Foundation is only offered this spring, according to Elizabeth Banycky, director of the SIU Foundation and contact for the posi-

She said the SIU Foundation has Saluki Investment Group, which invests a portion of our endowment funds and includes student participation in this process. The undergraduate assistantship would aid the foundation in their investment performance. mance for investment accounts

"[The group] is a great tool for students, and the position provides additional education that benefits students who assist with our invest-ment performance figures," Banycky

Banycky said the foundation has Danjers van the foundation has received several inquiries and students preferably majoring in finance or experience with investments should apply.

But of the other 21 positions with the positions with the positions of the other positions.

available, many accept applications from students in a variety of majors.

A couple of spring positions offered to students of different majors include a job as the co-editor of Grassroots, SIUC's undergraduate

literary magazine, and a research-assistant in Illinois history. Even though the research assis-tant position has recently been filled, it was open to history, political science, sociology, anthropology and

imalism majors. Michael C. Batinski, a history professor, said the research assistant would gather information about Jackson County history in newspa-pers and special collections in the library for spring. But a similar assist-antship will be offered the next full term, researching Illinois history through the Andrew Jackson Historical Society and at Jackson County courthouse.

Ann Acton, associate director of the Financial Aid Office, said the majority of the 187 original under graduate assistantships had a fall semester portion and a spring semester portion. She said many ended their fall term and will continue with the spring term after the semester break. However, some of the posi-tions allow the students to work dur-

Of the 187 positions, distributing about half 10-hour and the rest 15-hour and 20-hour positions, only two students resigned. Acton said the resignations resulted mostly from rehealth actions. schedule conflicts.

But the overall response to the

new student employment opportuni-ty has been positively accepted. "They are keeping the jobs," Acton said. "From what I have heard talking with the supervisors and the students, everyone is preity happy with it."

Acton said Chancellor Wendler and the committee to select assistant ships for next year have not yet scheduled a time to discuss any improvements or changes to the pro

gram.

"How exactly it is going to work for next year, we don't know yet," she said. "We are just now collecting statistics and information about what

happened in the fall."
Acton said she thinks they will be discussing whether or not to choose the positions, which she said turned out to be a long, drawn out and com-

plex process.
"I don't know what the solution will be, but I know it will be some thing the committee and Dr. Wendler will look at," Acton said.

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Our Word Action was seen for what it was really worth

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Chancellor Wendler: Thank you for the letter assuring us and our bill-paying parents that you still corsider students the administration's No. 1 priority. But we

er students the administrations No. 1 priority. But we beg to differ once again.

Yes, it was a nice holiday gesture to reaffirm our suspicions that after paying four years of tuition, we will still receive a degree if we are in good academic standing. Anybody would be a fool to suggest we wouldn't receive a degree. You couldn't pay people to attend here if that was the case.

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What we really want to know is whether our degree will have any merit after we get out in the "real world." Will it be given the same amount of credibility that a degree issued at any other graduation would receive? Or will it be tagged with a little clause at the bottom that says we received this degree on our honor, without actually completing the monitored clause? actually completing the required classes?

We think the administration should stop telling us

things we already know and give up the tough

For example, how exactly did our poor, impoverish school come up with the funds to send out about 20,000 virtually useless letters? Besides the cost of postage, which is considerable, there's paper (not your standard cheape, white copy paper), envelopes, ink and

Most people who have money invested in this University have been following the negotiations, whether it be through the major state newspapers in their region, the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the University's website or word-of-mouth through their children. So we don't understand the point of regurgitating the very same information at a high cost. We find it a little frivolous to send out these letters

when this school does not have enough money to mail out report cards or class schedules to students whose money goes to pay for that type of thing. Students are inconvenienced, once again.

Anybody would be a inconvenienceu, once again.
But we are supposedly No. 1. So we question again: Are students really the first priorfool to suggest we wouldn't receive a ity?
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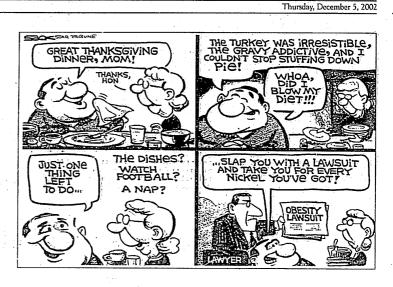
that was the case books wont be printed because of cost, but the

chancellor can send out junk mail at our expense. We can't possibly be No. 1 if budget cuts on campus have reduced our library, which we depend on to advance ourselves academically, to only staff librarians and information people on the first floor. This means a student on the sixth floor, who has a simple question, has to go all the way down to the first floor to ask it.

The deans recently handed over their proposed cuts to the chancellor. We can't help but wonder what will be taken from students next. Maybe there will be a pay-at-the-door admission fee to all of our classes. We don't really need electricity — let's learn by candle. Heat? Who needs heat? We can huddle together for

Don't tell us we are the first priority. We clearly aren't and nobody is buying it anymore. Not us, not our parents and certainly not the working people of this University.

Actions speak louder than words. And we see where we rank.



GUEST COLUMNIST Resolution on Iraq: triumph or failure

Yed L Anikpo new_afrikan@hotmail.com

The efficacy of the resolution 1441, adopted Nov. 8, certainly resides within the realization of the technical outcome sought through it, that is, the disammament of Iraq. However, its efficacy should also be equally determined according to its impact on the world governments and notably the United States to regard multilateralism as a credible means to address and ultimately resolve any

a credible means to address and ultimately resolve any international disagreements, especially in this new era of the terror threat and the re-emphasis on national security by nuclear-capable states as a concern of a supreme order. First and foremost, the resolution fails to specifically ban the unliateral use of force by the U.S. in case of non-compliance or the occurrence of a material breach by Iraq. Here, the U.S. has absolutely no right to unilaterally appoint itself as a possible sole enforcer of a UN resolution.

Although the control of the control

Although some might contend that an American attack against Iraq would be part of the global war on ter-ror that has been approved by the UN member states, the United Nations, by virtue of its stature and the former violations of its resolutions, has precedence over the Iraq

Secondly, there was no clear monopoly assigned to the new inspection regime over all facets of the actual inspecnew inspection regime over all facets of the actual inspec-tion program, especially regarding the ability to notify breaches and violations from Iraq. Indeed, the U.S., which is a partisan party in this case, can directly notify the Security Council about breaches and violations without consulting the new regime's apparatus. It is here sadily obvious that although the U.S. did express, at least implicitly, the will to re-engage in multilateral action, it still strongly retains its own judgment and course of action, the existence of which, I believe remedy was sought for through the Security Council resolution.

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Thirdly, the agreement was reached through "inadequate diplomacy." The tome was set on Sept. 12 during President Bush's speech in New York where he told the United Nations that it must either go along with his prospective war against Iraq or "render itself irrelevant." As a result, the Security Council permanent members dissents although motivated in some instances by their interest in Igae majoly areas a wt of noncern for this interest in Igae majoly areas a wt of noncern for this interest in Iraq, mainly 2rose out of concern for this untrammeted and blatant show of American power

bestriding over the Lilliputians.

Another case in point is that of the initial concerns

expressed by Russia and France about language specifical ly stipulating a second vote regarding the authorization and use of force in case of non-compliance or the occur-rence of a material breach. Their legitimate concern was dismissed under heavy American pressure although con-sistent in a long-term perspective with the new desire of the US administration to engage in multilateral action

In addition, it was reported by the French newspaper
"Le Mondae" that the U.S., in order to coerce Syra into approving its resolution, ironically accused it of seeking weapons of mass destruction and threatened Damascus over its nuclear research cooperation with Russia. Besides, Washington reminded the Arab nation about the favor dene by Bush of opposing the Syrian Accountability Act last September that would have banned American investlast September that would have banned American investment or trade with Syria until they severed ties with Lebanese and Palestinian terrorist organizations. Approximately two weeks after resolution 1441 was passed, Washington's attempts to include the "No Fly Zone" as part of the resolution making Iraq in violation because of its recent fring upon American planes, which betrays the genuine American goal to go to war at all costs and expose the resolution as mere parody of a multi-lateral act and a clear reaffirmation of American power. It also lays open the infect pusillanimity and lack of responsibility of the rest of the world that is knowingly authorizing the very fist preemptive war of post modern times by legitimizing it with its stamp of approval acid establishing at the same time an extreme¹⁰ dangerous precedent.

Achieving security is a strategic issue and there exists a riety of strategies. In an ever interdependent and globalized world, concorting a strategy that aims to fulfill security based upon unilateral and preemptive action presupposed and erroneous view of the world that regard the rest of it as "others" that are fundamentally "not us" and assumes a world without sovereignites therefore reinforcing the existence of differences that undoubtedly will lead

and the existence of unterences that undoubtenly will lead to war or the failure of security.

A multilateral strategy on the other hand, is coherent with collective security and lends states with credibility and legitimacy in the eyes of the world and history. Peace and the outcome of this global war on terror are here dangerously at stake.

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COLUMNISTS

My, how time flies when you have things to say

Finals week is almost upon us. While I usually give thanks for the occasional merciful gestures such as this bestowed by an otherwise insensitive universe, today I am sad. Not about my final film (which I had to reshoot this week, for the second nad to resnor this week, for the second time) or that last term paper, or even the exams I have yet to study for and really have no hope of passing. No, all of that is far from my mind. There's only one thing distressing me today: This column, because I've loved writing it — and I

because I've loved writing it — and I don't want to stop.

Oh, sure, the Daily Egyptian might want me to continue on next semester, there's nothing like a lot of sassy opinions and rants to get the readers going (that's where you guys come in). On the other hand, I'm nothing if not irascible, and the editors might not look forward to featuring my naticular hand of tenchioses. ing my particular brand of touchiness again. Either way, stopping my complain-



Show Me the Dummy

BY CRYSTAL MOORE wmethedummy@hotmail.co

ing even long enough to let winter break pass will be tough.

I've had so much to say about all the issues, big and small, that happened to irk my fancy over the last few months; but there is so much more I've never even tenthed using I there is so much more I've never even touched uson. I there is deal to leave touched upon. I haven't said the least word about religion or abortion. I never told you how I felt about depression, or America's "epidemic of obesity." Heck,

I've barely even touched on our War on Terrorism. So much fertile ground, ripe for a good, thorough plowing ... but it's time for the crops to come in.

No chance to give you a real low-down on the war between No chance to air

No chance to propose my even-handed solution to the Israeli-Palestine conflict.

No chance to air my the-ories about the nation's REAL power structure.

No chance to recommend, once again, that everyone just please get the hell out

No chance to tell you to show me the dummy—like that'll stop anyone.

What can I say other than that I've loved every minute of it? I love getting to make my declarations and argue my cases. I love seeing my harangues and spiels in print. Most of all, I love the faint possibility that someone might actually be reading all this dreck. And I love all of your letters, the epistles that prove the faint possibility. Thank you all for writ-

ing. What can I say, indeed — other than this: If you don't my theories about see me in the Daily Egypusuithe nation's REAL this spring, look for me to be standing on the corner handing out my own self-published zine. I've got the bug my theories about see me in the Daily Egyptian

I can't stop now.

Show me the Dummy appears every Thursday.

Crystal is a senior in cinema and notography. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

The corporate scoundrel strikes again

America has just been screwed. A On Nov. 19 the Senate passed President Bush's coveted Homeland Security Bill that amounts to the mos dramatic overhaul of the federal govern-ment since the creation of the Defense Department in 1947. The bill, which will merge 22 agencies with a combined budget of \$40 billion into a cabinet-level entity, is designed to help prevent and respond to domestic terrorist attacks.

But tucked into this monumental leg-islation is a provision that shields the pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly and Company against an avalanche of lawsuits from parents who believe an ingredient in certain children's vaccines has caused neurological damage and even autism in their

Now how in the hell does this pertain to my safety from Osama bin Laden and his homicidal bombing brigade? It doesn't and you know it, I know it, the Bush administration knows it, Congress knows it, but they want you to believe otherwise.

Do not crap on head and tell me it is Oh, but it gets better. This provision, known as a rider, was slipped into the Bill

Big Willie's Word

BY WILLIAM ALONSO

at the last minute by, um, nobody knows.

The mongoloid, corporate whore so hap-pily defecating on over one thousand - _____, families responsible for this hasn't come-forward. Neither a single member of Congress nor the Bush administration will take credit for the rider, so why is it

It could have to do with the fact that It could have to do with the fact that the pharmaceutical industry donates huge sums of money to politicians. Eli Lilly is easily the largest contributor of campaign money, this last round of elections dumping \$1.6 million into campaigns, 80 percent going to Republicans. Or maybe it has to do with the fact the King George I sat on Eli Lilly's board of directors in the '70s or that Mitch Daniels, the White House budget director, was once a Lilly executive. Or maybe still, it has to do with the fact that last June our man-child president appointed Eli Lilly's president, chairman and C.E.O. Sidney Taurel, to a covered position on the Homeland.

criairman and C.E.O. Sidney laurel, to covered position on the Homeland Security Advisory Council. Maybe it's just smart legislation designed to end terrorism once and for all. Sure, and maybe Wendler will give me an

answer to where the money for my tuition increase level of coverage on this Why in the hell isn't debacle is so low? there armed revolution in the streets over this? Why is

it that the level of coverage on this debacle is so low? I don't know, but I, once again, completely despise and loathe our government and can say that when the next terrorist attack on American soil happens I implore the per-petrators to take out as many Washington

politicians as possible.

Think that's harsh; well, chew on this. Imagine a mother nurturing the develop-ment of a child inside her body for nine months, giving birth and watching this

miracle develop. Imagine her watching this child learn to recognize her voice, learning to talk, walk and to smile. Now imagine this mother watching her child lose the ability to talk, to even make contact

and and and being powerless to stop it.

This has happened to more than 1,000 families whose children were given a vaccine with the ingredient Thimerosal that has high levels of mercury in that the it, which can result in mer-

cury poisoning. It is the mercury poisoning. It is the mer-cury poisoning that results in the neurological impairments. And now your government is denying these families their

only recourse of action.

I find it viciously ironic that this government legislation, designed to protect American citizens from foreign terrorist attacks, has a provision making it legal to throw away the rights and means of its own citizens to defend themselves from the terrorism of giant corporations.

Will is a senior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGIPTIAN

LETTERS

Who are we to judge?

DEAR EDITOR:

I was completely perturbed with Megan Bailey, who appeared in the DAILY EGYPTIAN Nov. 21. I understand everyone is entitled to his or her opin-ion, and I respect that. However, a specific remark in the extremely biased article inflamed my moral values. The comment "What if the woman was values. The comment "What if the woman was raped? What if the child is deformed? What if she can't afford to keep the child? are completely irrelevant. Irrelevant? How can rape and incest be irrelevant. When abortion is considered? To presume to tell a woman what she should and should by the woman what she should and should by the woman what she would as if he is the complete of the intervention of the comment of the intervention. sume to tell a woman what she should and should n't do with her pregnancy sounds as if she is play-

nt do with net pregnancy.

ing God.

Deciding to have an abortion is difficult enough without people passing moral judgment.

Megan judges a woman if she has an abortion, but if she carried the baby to full term and gave birth.

to a child of rape or incest, she would also judge her. It's very easy to pontificate while writing in a comfortable setting. Her column suggests she is a person who believes in order to stop the concept of abortion one must claim the lives of women and doctors involved in the procedure, i.e. bombing

Abortion is not murder, and if there is a
"God," I'm sure he'd agree with me. It's not an
easy choice for any woman to make, and througout
the whole time God will be by her side supporting
her. Let me conclude by stating I'm not pro-abortion, I'm pro-choice

Heather Frydrych

Forum was a success

What a success, from a meager beginning of

30 participants attending the Forum on the Fourth' to an unbelievable 100 persons attending the first follow-up forum on Nov. 18. although those who departed early were not able to participate in the most valuable quality of a forum, namely the interchange of ideas from dialogue in orunns.

groups.

The Kettering Foundation identifies a community forum as a method for creating public knowledge. Ambassador Kauzierich certainly laid the basis for creating public knowledge about the work of the U.S. Institute of Peace, since many of us were not aware of the existence of the Institute.

Were not aware of the existence of the institute.
Kettering also stipulates that to gain public knowledge, a shared understanding of an issue needs to occur, and this was the purpose of the dialogue groups after the presentation. Those who left early missed the important aspect of an issue frum. In addition, a forum takes time to analyze the facts contained in various approaches or

options related to an issue. The facts in a deliberaopions retacted to an issue. The tacts in a denocra-tive forum evolve forn the various interpretations and experiences of those participating in the dia-ty-au. The three approaches identified at the forum did not receive proper due. With just one approach analyzed at the Nov. 18 forum, more time was devoted to examining a single approach approach analyzed at the Nov. 18 forum, more time was devoted to examining a single approach. There is still a possible fifth approach for acquir-ing a better understanding of the terrorism / Muslim issue. This could be the making on anoth-

ing a better.

Muslim issue. This could be the making on another follow-up forum.

Kettering also identifies a second element in furthering public knowledge in a forum creating common ground amongst participants in dialogue groups. How rusch commen ground was created at our follow-up forum on the 18th will better be determined after the planning committee summarizes the information recorded on newsprint from each of the small groups.

rdinator, Jackson County issues p

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To FAIL or MOL to fail

For college students, good studying habits and polished test-taking skills can mean the difference between an 'A' or 'F' on a final exam

Kristina Dailing Daily Egyptian

ennifer Madden plans to eat fruit and cereal when she starts studying for finals this week-

nore in science from Matteson said she does not know why she does, but she said that it seemed to help her before.

Madden has five finals next week and said she is going to study all night and day this

"I'm not really worried about them,"
Madden said. "I'm going to try my best and if
I do good, I do good. If not, well, I did my

She has a strategy to study, a plan that has worked for her in the past. She reads the chapters, outlines them and then rereads what outlined.

Like many other students on campus, Madden has to spend her weekend preparing for finals, cramming, pulling all-nighters, trying to get sleep in when she can and finding the best way to learn and retain the most information

The Counseling and Psychological Service website at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill said students can get caught in several study traps that can discourage study-

Knowing where to begin is a problem many students have when it comes time to study. But it is important for students not to become discouraged when trying to find where to start. UNC suggests taking control. Break the workload down into manageable chunks and make a list of what needs to be done first.

So many tests, so little time

When students start studying, it is impor-tant for them to sift through information and narrow it down to the most important concepts and topics. Go over information that the professor stressed and look at the information that is confusing or not understood. Cramming and staying up all night to study can often cause problems for students. According to UNC, it is best if students start studying about a week before the exam. They suggest start studying one to two hours daily leading up to the test and then increase study time as the test gets closer.

But if a student does wait until the last

minute to student does want until the last minute to start studying, mental exhaustion can be problematic. Students should take short breaks often when they are studying. Relaxing and unwinding is also beneficial once the student has finished studying.

Gerold Jewell, a senior in administration of astice from Windsor, said that he has three finals and he is studying for two of them, one on Monday and the other on Thursday.

"I will probably study on Sunday and Wednesday," Jewell said. "I'm not really too worried about them."

For many college students, sitting down to read a textbook can be a challenge. How many students have sat down, began reading, and said to themselves, "This is so dry and boring. I'll never be able to stay awake."

Many tests include information from textbooks so students have no choice but to read through the pages of information. UNC said that students should become actively involved when reading. Decide what are important key points to remember from the text and under-line them. Discussing information can also be a helpful way to stay interested in the infor-

You read it, you understand it, but it isn't sinking in. Students can read over the information and grasp concepts, but when it comes time to recall the information, the student draws a blank.

UNC said that people best remember the things they know. Students need to try to integrate the new information with something that they already know and remember. Tr chunking information together or mnemonics to help associate new information with some-

Students can also make the mistake of



thinking they know something well enough to dying the information. But UNC said that students need to test themselves to see if they really do know the information. Make up questions about key sections in reading or about points that professors stressed in class. Quiz yourself on relationships between con-cepts and examples.

Trying to study in bed is another trap students can fall into. UNC said recalling information is easier when the place a student is studying is similar to the test setting. Information is also better recalled when the mental, emotional and physical state of the student is similar between the study setting and the test setting.

Tips for taking tests
According to the University Learning
Center website at the University of North
Dakota, students can be successful and avoid simple errors when taking tests by following

some guidelines.

The University Learning Center said for The University Learning Center said tor multiple-choice questions, students should try answering the question before they look at the choices. This might get their mind working in the right direction and could help them to identify the correct answer. And students should never pick the first answer that looks good. Students should look over all the nswers and try rephrasing the question it

they can decide on an answer.

It a student has to guess, first eliminate the wrong or unlikely choices, according to the University Learning Center. This increases the odds that the guess will be correct.

For matching questions, a student should first find out whether each answer is used only once. If they are allowed to write on the test, cross out each letter after it is used to see what is left. Students should also always answer the

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Jennifer Madden

questions they know first.

The University Learning Center also said that for fill-in-the-blank, students should check the number of blanks in case a professor has matched the number of words answer with the blanks left for the answer. Also, students should look for "a" or "an." A word that starts with a vowel should follow "an;" a word that starts with a consonant should follow "a."

For true and false questions, students should watch out for absolute words like always, never, and entirely. Since few things are always true, questions using those words are often false.

The University Learning Center said stu-dents should also remember if one part of the statement is false, then the question should be marked false.

Madden said that two or three of her finals will really be that hard. She did not study for her finals last year and did pretty well, so a weekend of studying may be all she

needs.

She said studying over the weekend will be enough, but she might try to slip a little extra in when she has time next week.

"I'll probably get a good night sleep before my test and then I will get up early and study some more," Madden said.

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Hints for Multiple Choice Tests

- (1) Responses that use absolute words, such as "always" or "never" are less likely to be correct than ones that use conditional words like "usually" or "probably."
- (2) "Funny" responses are usually wrong.
- 3 "All of the above," is often a correct response. If you can verify that more than one of the other responses is probably correct, then choose "all of the above."
- (4) "None of the above" is usually an incorrect response, but this is less reliable than the "all of the above" rule. Be very careful not to be trapped by double negatives.
- (5) Look for grammatical clues. If the stem ends with the indefinite article "an," for example, then the correct response probably begins with a vowel.
- 6) The longest response is often the correct one, because the instructor tends to oad it with qualifying adjectives or phrases.
- (7) Look for verbal associations. A response that repeats key words that are in the stem is likely to be correct.
- (8) If all else fails, choose response (b) or (c). Many instructors subconsciously feel that the correct answer is "hidden" better if it is surrounded by distractors. Response (a) is usually least likely to be the correct one.

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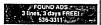
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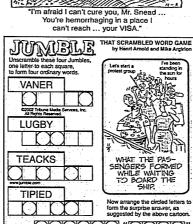




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By Linda C. Black
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away. You can achieve a goal you've had for years. Figure
out how to keep the money coming in without working so hard. Now is the time!

hard. Now is the time!

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an B - You're drawing the attention of those in authority. They're thinking you could handle more responsibility. Don't be claid. Follow an older person's advice.

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Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You and your mate need to have a talk about money. Do it now, before one of you spends more than the other thinks you can

anord.

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could be a mend or a stranger, but for you, ne or see is an angel.

Leo (July 25-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Your recent burst of creativity leads to a lot of great new projects. How will you get them all done? Get organized - now!

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - You should almost be past the planning stage and the supply-acquisi-tion phase. The doing phase is fast approaching. Look out,

world!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - You may be almost out of ideas, but that's Ok. There are more ideas that other people have discovered and left for you in books. Keep hunting and you'll find the perfect one.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're very persussive now. Be careful what you ask for, because you just might get it. But here's the rub: You'may have to nay for it.

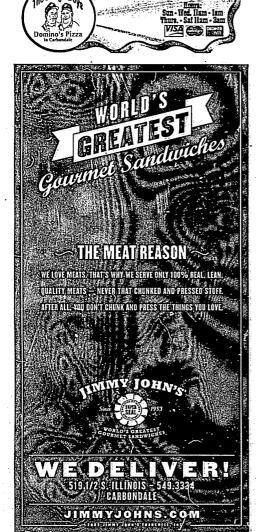
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be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel by
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making snap decisions. You'll soon get to practice.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - You show
your love in subble ways. You don't always come right
out and say it, but people get the message. Make sure an
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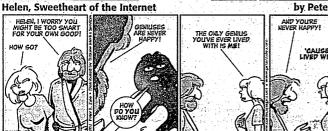
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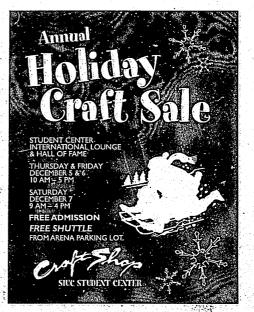






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MP: Yeah. When I was little, my aunt came out from the states and

we went outthere.

It's funny. The people were funny. It's pretty barren. There are animals and bush people running around. It's real rugged. It's a great

DE: Have people ever come up to you using a fake Australian accent and said that a dingo has eaten their baby?

MP: (Laughs.) Yes! It always makes me laugh whenever people try and

I swear I don't talk like that. Maybe I do. I don't know. (Laughs.)

DE: Short answer questions. What is your favorite TV show?

MP: It would have to be "Friends" and "Seinfeld."

DE: Who are your favorite charac

MP: loev. He's hilarious, Kramer.

DE: Favorite movie?

MP: "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective."

DE: Favorite magazine?

MP: Cosmo

Reporter Christopher Morrical can be reached at cmorrical@dailyegyptian.com

Men's diving adds

The SIU men's diving team announced Tuesday that it had signed Brandon Birchak, a resident of Latham, N.Y., to a national letter of intent to join

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They'll wish they had never stepped foot in Peoria!

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They'll wander the court like decapitated roosters!

We'll crash the net and spike on their

They should have stayed in their Carbondale beds!

So, without a pause they adminis-tered the slaughter, Turning Saluki defenders into mere

cannon fodder. Defense! Defense! Cried Britten

Follett's father. They dove after balls as if riding

toboggans. ney made the Salukis fall hard on their noggins.

They continued attacking like a psy-

chotic leopard.
They put the ball past Kemner and
Lindsey and Shephard.

The Panthers continued with unmatched tenacity And showed SIU did not share their

talent carncity. By the end of the match, the results

were not pretty,
Though the Salukis played heartful,
soulful and gritty.
They had left all that they had out on

the floor, Yet were badly outscored, 90-64.

"This will be it!" said Jill Arganbright with a grin.

"They'll be depressed and start to rot from within.

The buzzards of failure will peck out their eyes,

And I intend to watch with the utmost delight!

But as she peered over the net to bask in sadistic delight,

She came across a very unusual sight. Instead of a team dejected and want-

ing to flee, The Panthers saw a team rejoicing

with glee, Making them think, "Now, how can this be!"

They smile without a win or a tournament berth!

They smile without winning to vali-date self-worth!

They smile with purpose and meaning and girth!

The Panthers stood sunned on the cold wooden floor.
"Maybe Christmas," they thought,
"Doesn't come from a store." But beside that they thought thoughts they hadn't before.

They realized that winning is not always shown in the score.

And what happened then...? Well ... in Peoria they say That the Panther's appreciation for underdogs grew three sizes that day And as soon as coach Pederson saw

She chuckled and smiled with subtle delight.

She walked over to congratulate the Salukis on a performance grand And she... She herself...

Bobbi Pederson shook Sonya Locke's hand.

SPORTS FLASH

Track and field opens indoor season

N.Y., to a national letter of intent to join the team next season.
Birchak, who chose the Salukis over Notre Dame, Michigan, Wyoming and Rutgers, was an all-American as a junior at Shaker High School.
The 5-foot-4 Birchak is a three-time all-conference and two-time all-state performer who won a gold medal at the Empire State Games.

The SIU men's and women's track and field teams will open their indoor season Friday at the Recreation Center in the Saluid Fast Start Invite.
Field events will begin at noon and running events are set to start at 4:30.
The non-scored meet will include men's and women's teams from Southeast Missouri State, the University of Indianapolis and Lincoln University. There will also be women's teams from Arkansas and Louisville and the men's team from Rend Lake.

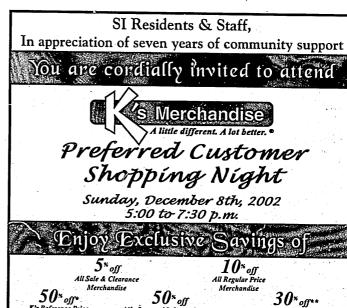
IBCA announces Hall of Fame class of 2003

The Illinois Basketball Coaches Association has announced the names of 85 individuals and eight teams to the 2003 Hall of Fame class that will be inducted April 26 in Normal. The list includes three former SIU players Darmall Jones (1979-83), Rick Shipley (1987-91) and Kamie Redeker (1989-92).

Jones played at East Richard High School in Olney, Shipley starred at Centralia High School and Redeker played at Crescent Iriquois.

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Melinda Page: Australian for swimmer

is a sophomore on the SIU womin's swimming team. Page was

Connecticut ind moved to the Middle

making a home in Australia. She recently took time after practice to speak to Christopher Morrical of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

DAILY EGYPTIAN: What got you into

Melinda Page: I started swimming when I was 11. In primary school, elementary school for you guys, they needed some people to go on the swim team. I knew how to swim and I swam and I won a few races and went from there.

DE: How tired are you after a meet?

MP: Very tired. I was absolutely dead after Northwestern. It takes a lot out of you. Getting up multiple times and piving 100 percent kills you a little bit. It's very exhausting, but it's worthwhile.

DE: Is it harder on your legs or your

MP: I'm predominantly a leg swim-mer. My pull isn't so good. That's where I always feel it, in my legs, definitely.

DE: Out of all your events, do you have a favorite?

MP: I'm really liking my individual medley this year. My 200 free, I'm kind of liking that now. I'm getting used to it. I really like 100 back. That's one of my favorites.

DE: Why SIU?

MP: I never came on a recruiting trip or anything cause no one would fly me out from Australia. It's kind of expensive. Basically, it was how well I got along with Jeff on the phone. That's basically what we went on. I got the media guide and they looked like fast girls. It looked like a really good school.

DE: Enough about swimming. You were born in Connecticut then you moved to Australia?

MP: Yeah. My mom is American and she was born in Connecticut. She came home and had me and then I lived in the Middle East for a while until I was three, then I went back to Australia and grew up

DE: Where in the Middle East?

MP: We lived all over. Abu Dahbi. moved around Predominantly in Abu Dahbi.

DE: Was that because of a military

MP: My dad is in irrigation and my mom worked for the American

DE: You have a pretty strong accent. How often are you asked about it?

MP: (Laughs.) I have a lot of problems with it. People don't understand what I'm saying. They'll just give me weird looks. Some are just totally freaked out. Some confuse me with an English accent, which is

DE: How does Australia compare with the United States?

MP: It's kind of the same in that we speak the same language. It's completely different in the lifestyle. I think we're more laid back. We just take it as it comes. You guys are like, "I've got to do this!" You're under the gun all the time. How we say stuff. When I first got here, it was really hard. I'd be saying something and people were like, "What are you saying?" They're like, "What does that mean?"

DE: What is an example of Australian slang?

MP: Everyone knows, "G'day, Mate." Some bush talk is like we call food "tucker."

DE: How does your hometown of Mount Barker compare Carbondale?

MP: Mount Barker is a country town so you'd think they'd be the same. I just cracked up when I got here and I saw everyone and all the locals. It makes me laugh. You guys are all kind of hicks. Your southern accents are hysterical. My town at home is small. It's like 6,000 people. It's smaller than this. It's very different.

DE: Other than friends' houses, where do you like to hang out in Carbondale?

MP: I go shopping a bit. I go to Wal-Mart every week. That's pretty exciting. (Laughs.) I just like hanging out and chilling in my room when I get free time.

DE: Do you have a sports idol?

MP: I guess I'd have to say Thorpey. Ian Thorpe. He's a bit of a legend. I like a few other Australians, but no one has ever heard of them. (Laughs.)

DE: Have you chosen a major yet?

MP: No. I'm undecided. I'm leaning toward physiology, but I'm still not

DE: Now I have some silly questions that shouldn't be taken seriously at all. Who would win a fight? Crocodile Hunter or Crocodile

MP: Crocodile Hunter. He's insane. He's crazy.

DE: Is Foster's Australian for beer?

MP: Oh my God! You would not believe. Every time I meet some-body, that is the question. No. We don't drink the stuff. Australia has so many great beers. It is the worst ever. I couldn't believe that's what we were known for I almost died. (Laughs.) It's awful. (Laughs.)

DE: Have you ever been to the out-

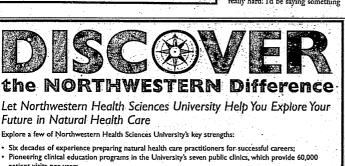
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Height: 5-10

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Stat: In 2001, Page set career-bests at the MVC championships in the 100 backstroke (1:01.67), 200 freestyle (2:00.95) and 200 breaststroke (2:32.65).



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Saluki swimmers set aflame

Christopher Morrical Daily Egyptian

Before the first meet of the semester began, SIU women's swimming head coach Jeff Goelz said that this season would be a "trial by fire." So far, the Salukis have been lighting it up in the pool this season.

The SIU men's and women's

swimming and diving teams wrapped up the fall semester in Evanston at the Northwestern Invite Nov. 24 with solid team performances.

All three head coaches — Goelz, men's coach Rick Walker and diving coach Donnie Torres — said they saw many good things from the teams this semester and are exuberant about their

"We're ahead of where we were last year," Torres said. "We're doing much better things on the boards and we're performing well as a whole."

Torres divers have performed well enough to capture eight Missouri Valley Conference diver of the week awards. Four of the awards went to sophomore transfer Andrea Johnson, who has won the last three in a row. The other four awards have gone to Jake Sinclair and Devin Aikins, who

The divers have also been invited to compete in the U.S. Open Jan. 7 in Bloomington, Ind.

"It's a huge meet," Torres said. "All the best divers in the country will be

All Olympic diving events will be performed at the U.S. Open.

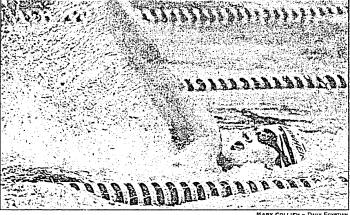
The men's swimming team has had its share of success as well. The team has been ranked the No. 1 mid-major team in the collegeswimming.com poll since Nov. 7 and have beaten No. 24ranked Southern Methodist, knocking

it out of the Top 25. Walker said he is very content with the team's progress to this point and is right on track with where he wanted it

The teams we've lost to have been very good and very close, "Walker said.
"We haven't had a blowout yet. I'm

We havent had a blowout yet. Im yet pleased.

I think the game plan is unfolding just as we had hoped. The good thing is halfway, you know a little more about the guys who just came in They know a little more about the program



Marcello Possatto a sophomore swimmer from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil practices his backstroke at practice Tuesday afternoon. Possatto broke the Southern Illinois swimming record in the 200-yard backstroke at the

Northwestern Invitational Nov. 24. so they are going to be able to do a better job and I'm going to be able to do a better job. In the second half,

we'll be able to come out even stronger. The women's team may not be

ranked, but it has been performing better and better at each meet. "It's so far so good," Goelz said. "We started out with 11 new bodies

after graduating nine from last year's conference championship team. You contente training in the mover know how they are going to come together. We lost a couple of girls to injury and a couple of girls who decided that maybe swimming wasn't for them any more, but the girls we've got left are really performing we've got left are really performing well."

Goelz said the Northwestern meet was the most solid performance in 10 months and the women have been

performing well under pressure.

It wasn't only the coaches who saw

how well the teams were doing. Junior swimmer Derek Helvey has een impressed with the way the team

reen impressed win the way the team has come together.

"I've seen a lot of the guys have gotten a lot better," Helvey said. "In the beginning, they've all gotten into the team aspect. They've become a part of

what we are. I like them all."

As well as the teams have per-formed this semester in their quest for yet another MVC championship, the coaches all said that there was plenty of room for improvements.

Torres said the divers needed to improve mentally, not allowing mis-

takes or rivalries to get into their heads because diving is 80 percent mental. "We have to have our A' game in our head," Torres said, "not in our bod-

Walker said that the only thing the men needed to work on was their focus toward the end of the year. So far, the team has gone from meet to meet, but now the season is half over and the important part of it is nearing.

He said the team's expectation level should go up.

"The responsibility for perfor-mances should be taken by themselves, as well as myself," Walker said, "and repped up to a higher level so we can compete well at the end of the year. Southwest [Missouri State] is a very good team and a hard team to beat. If we win, we'll have to earn it."

Goelz stressed that the women needed to focus more on the small things such as two-hand touches, kicks

off the wall and streamlines.

"The things you take for granted are the things you've got to really think about," Goelz said. "Sometimes you get tired and when you get tired, you start to not focus and you go back to bad habits. I think it was Vince Lombardi who said, 'Fatigue makes cowards of us all."

Sophomore Natalie Kenny said she was impressed by the times her teammates were putting up at the Northwestern Invite, but she said that the team cannot let that get in their

heads.
"The most important thing we can positive," focus on now is staying positive," Kenny said. "Make sure our heads are on straight. I know that during Christmas break, training is really hard. This is a key time for us and our

The Water Dawgs finally return to SIU Jan. 18 to face Western Kentucky. It will be the first home meet since Sept. 27 for the women and the first of the season for the men. All remaining meets will be at SIU.

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Salukis tame Tigers

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The barn went unscathed in the first half.
But the SIU women's basket-

ball team took the torches to the wood in the second frame to

improve to 2-2 SIU 72 on the Tennessee St. 62 with a

72-62 victory in Wednesday night's game against Tennessee Nashville, Tenn.

Leading the Tigers 43-38 halfway through the second half, junior-college transfer Stephanie Brown, who finished the contest with eight points off the bench, nailed three straight field goals to put SIU up 49-40, and the Salukis

never let up from there.
"[Brown] was able to score

with he: athleticism," said head coach Lori Opp. "She was able to get to the hole and score."

The Dawgs' lead swelled to as large as 15 points with junior center Tiffany Crutcher leading all SIU scorers with 18 points before fouling out diving for a loose ball with 1:21 remaining in the game. Molly McDowell drained both of SIU's two three-pointers and fin-ished with 12 points.

SIU will look to better its

record against Eastern Illinois starting at 7:10 p.m. Saturday in

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To read more on Wednesday pht's women's basketball game, chock out the DAILY EGYPTIAN website at: www.dailyegyptian.com

GATEWAY RECAPS

Leathernecks keep rolling in playoff win over Eastern Illinois

OVER Eastern Illinois

Western Illnois, the No. 3 ranked team in the nation, rolled all over No. 10 Eastern Illinois 48-9 in the first round of the Division I-AA plavoffis this past Saturday in Macromb.

Leatherneck quarterback Russ Michna completed 11 of 17 passes for 16-4 yards and two touchdowns. Michna also ran for enother score. Attley Lawson added 10-4 yards tashing and scored two first-half fuchdowns as Western Illinois (11-1) jumped out to a 27-2 halftime lead.

Other scores for the Leathernecks came from tight end RJ. Luke, who hauled in three receptions for 63 yards, running back Trans' Clasford, who ran eight times for 56 yards, Wyatt Green, who returned a furmble 11 yards for a score and Reggie Gray, who returned a punt 32 yards for the final touchdown of the day.

The Panthers (8-4) were led on offense by Tony Romo, who was 21-of-44 passing for 215 and a touchdown J.R. Taylor added 28 yards rushing and Andre Raymond hauled in seven passes for 77 yards and the lone Panthers touchdown.

W. Kentucky scores 59 in playoff win over

59 in playoff win over Murray State

The No. 15 Hilltoppers racked up 350 rushing yards en route to a 59-20 victory over No. 23 Murray State in the first round of the playoffs this past weekend in Bowlling Green, Ky.
Senior fullback Jeremi Johnson ran 12 times for 150 yards and a touchdown, and Jon Frazier added 77 more yards on 17 carries.
Quarterback Jason Michael also ran for 84 yards on just nine attempts.
Murray State (7-5) turned the ball over three times and trailed Western Kentucky 24-0 after one quarter. The Racers were fed offensively by quarterback Stewart Childress, who was 14-of-24 passing for 149 yards and two touchdowns. He was also intercepted twice.
Wide receiver DeAndre Green grabbed eight receptions in the game for 127 yards and a touchdown.
The Hilltoppers (9-3) will travel to

The Hilltoppers (9-3) will travel to Macomb to take on Western Illinois Saturday at 1 p.m.

COMMENTARY



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How the Panthers stole the Valley

Every Saluki down in Corcondale was used to losing a lot, But the Panthers, who lived just north of Carbondale, were not.

The Panthers hated losing - the whole concept of loss, Especially Bobbi Peterson, the big

Panther boss. Perhaps she was obsessed with the

concept of might. It could be perhaps, that her shoes

were too tight. But I think the most likely reason of

Was her hatred of letting the volleyball fall.

But whatever the cause, Be it ego or disdain for gravitational

The Panthers stood in Peoria, hating

SIU, Whom they knew had absolutely nothing to lose.

The Salukis stood content, not need ing to worry, For them, Christmas had already

come early
They beat SMS and had done it in style,

And it was enough to keep the team

wearing perpetual smiles.

"Look at them smiling!" the Panthers said in their midst. Have they no idea what they are up

against? We are the Panthers with a national

ranking, Who twice left this team spinning,

meandering and lanking.

If they are smiling perhaps they may

Something about them we do not yet

The Salukis, unfazeu, bumped, spiked and set, Not nervous of the cameras from Fox

Sports Net.
For SIU knew without any regret,
Sunday would be a day it would never

This irritated the Panthers and left them riling.
How could the Salukis possibly be

smiling?

Someone would have to teach them a lesson,

And make them wish they had never messed with them.

forget.

Then they got an idea! An awful idea! The Panthers got an awful and rather obvious idea!

"I know just what to do," said Kim Kester with a smuckle.

We shall make them cringe, dive, toil and buckle. We'll make them sad while we're

in cuphoria -

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