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Frederick Douglass
abolitionist, writer
1817 - 1895



“Rebellion has been subdued, slavery abolished, and peace proclaimed ... and yet our work is not done.”

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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University slashes academic budgets

Ax comes from declining enrollment

Molly Parker
Daily Egyptian

The University delivered the verdict last week on how much money each college will forfeit to fill a budget hole caused by declining fall enrollment.

Now the college deans have two weeks to determine where they will make the cuts.

The College of Education and Human Services took the largest hit, with about a 2 percent reduction. The college will be forced to ax about \$300,000 of its \$13 million budget.

In total, the University handed to the colleges more than \$1 million in cuts after learning that 954 fewer students enrolled for class this fall.

Enrollment drives the budget so when the predicted amount of students don't come to school the University no longer has the money it expected to spend. After a 4.2 percent drop in enrollment SIUC was out about \$1.5 million.

Chancellor Walter Wendler organized a budget model committee in September to develop a guideline for how to make the cuts. The model was then applied to the five units of the University: Administration, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Institutional Advancement and Athletics.

Provost Margaret Winters, who headed the committee, said

Academic Affairs, which includes all the colleges, took the brunt of the cuts. Because the problem is declining enrollment, the majority of the cuts fell on the colleges' shoulders.

Academic Affairs divvied up more than \$1 million in cuts and the University will divide the remaining half million among the other units.

The budget shortfall comes out of this year's fiscal budget, which ends June 30.

In the past, budget cuts were typically divided among the units evenly, but Wendler who could not be reached for comment has said he felt that process was unfair.

The budget model took into account enrollment in particular programs, contracts and grants, research and scholarship productivity and endowments.

Each college was given points based on its productivity and then the cuts were split up.

The deans received the news of the cuts in a memo dated Jan. 31.

They have two weeks to report back to the University about where they want the permanent cuts to come from.

The colleges also have the option to take cuts from certain areas this year and other areas in the future, although this also has to be determined in two weeks.

George Swisher, dean of the College of Engineering, said he is glad at least the colleges have the flexibility to determine where the cuts come from rather than the

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2002 BUDGET CUTS

	Total Budget	% of Total Budget	Proposed Reductions	% of Budget
Agricultural Sciences	5,711,849.09	5.86%	-28,559	-0.50%
Applied Sciences & Arts	8,909,842.82	9.15%	-122,913	-1.38%
Business & Administration	6,086,811.24	6.25%	-30,434	-0.50%
Education & Human Services	13,390,644.25	13.75%	-302,346	-2.26%
Engineering	9,159,494.37	9.40%	-45,799	-0.50%
Graduate School	5,230,892.76	5.37%	-54,288	-1.04%
Liberal Arts	26,182,577.42	26.88%	-226,635	-0.87%
Library Affairs	5,429,047.87	5.57%	-56,345	-1.04%
Mass Comm & Media Arts	5,147,935.13	5.28%	-25,740	-0.50%
Sciences	12,169,818.23	12.49%	-117,992	-0.97%
TOTALS:	97,419,115.08	100.00%	-1,011,050	

These are the proposed reductions for the 2002 school year of SIUC. These numbers do not include the SAC fee, language, try-out, and transfer fees made after July 1, 2001. It also includes the School of Law, Military Programs, and Library Activities. These cuts have been made in response to the drop in enrollment in the recent school year. Dates of various programs are expected to designated areas they will cut within a two week period.

Source: SIUC Budget Office

'Moe' gets a facelift

Carbondale bomb disposal robot gets revamped by SIUC College of Engineering Technology

Arin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

Moe weighs 300 pounds, can climb stairs and go down steep, muddy hills without the slightest hesitation. He picks up explosive devices for a living. Yeah, he's a tough guy, but Moe needed to go in for a checkup early last week.

The SIUC/Carbondale Police Department's bomb disposal robot, playfully named "Moe," has to be fixed up, and his parents in SIUC's Department of Engineering Technology have to revamp the little black tank for better performance.

The bomb disposal unit purchased several different military robots three to five years ago, said Dave Allabastro, an electronics engineering assistant at SIUC. Allabastro helps engineering technology students understand and work with different projects in the department.

"Our first project was to try and understand how the robots function," Allabastro said.

When the Department of Defense deactivates equipment, it may do anything from taking a hammer to it or using high voltage to render the device useless, according to Allabastro.

"Moe, Larry and Curly were the original names of the robots," Allabastro said. "It took us about eight months to bring Moe back to life and another four to five months to get him functional."

Allabastro supervised Moe's rebuilding and worked closely with the students who did the actual hands-on work.

"Dave gave me ideas with what might be wrong," said Matt Zipprich, an engineering technology student and worker. "I took it apart and tested it to find out what was wrong."

Zipprich said that the project will definitely help with his future goals.

If and when students get out in the industry, said Allabastro, they can learn from their mistakes.

"It provides the students with



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SIU police officers Bennie Vick (left) and Ron Kennedy (right) take the cover off of the robot's control box, consisting of a monitor and joystick, in the Carbondale Police Training Center Monday. The monitor is capable of switching between two cameras, so that the operator can also see the robot's vision.

lessons learned," Allabastro said. "We probably learn more from our failures."

Carbondale's bomb squad consists of four police officers — Bennie Vick and Ron Kennedy from the SIU Police Department, and Keith Siff and Mark Goddard from the Carbondale Police Department. The officers work together on training with Moe.

Moe has two cameras mounted above his retrieval arm so that the operator can visually pick up any dangerous device and remain as far as 250 feet away via an umbilical chord. Moe is operated electronically and has tiny computers on board

called stamps, because they are no larger than a postage stamp.

Moe weighs around 300 pounds with both cameras attached. He can climb stairs and go down hills just like a real soldier, and he has tread like a Sherman tank.

"Moe is an all-terrain vehicle, but he has trouble on gravel," Kennedy said. "It gets stuck in his tracks."

Moe is controlled from a green box containing a black-and-white television monitor and various switches and buttons. The operator controls Moe with a joystick that works just like a

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Alleged crack dealer detained on federal conspiracy charges



Washington

Brett Nauman
Daily Egyptian

A Murphysboro man who shot and killed an armed intruder in self-defense last September at his apartment was taken into federal custody Monday on charges of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Prentice Washington, 20, was arrested Friday by Jackson County Sheriff William J. Kilquist and Drug Enforcement Agency agent John O'Reilly. A federal case was successfully brought against Washington because of cooperation between police and people in what Kilquist calls "Washington's circle."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Amanda Robertson decided to file drug conspiracy charges against Washington after a federal

grand jury indicted him on Dec. 5 when evidence of drug trafficking was presented.

Washington first raised eyebrows of local law enforcement on Sept. 8 when he shot and killed North Carolina native Tyree Cunningham. Cunningham and four others allegedly entered Washington's home armed with a shotgun in an attempt to steal drugs.

Former SIUC graduate students Jahneria Singletary and Taffia Cunningham, Tyree's sister, face murder charges in Jackson County Circuit Court for plotting the robbery. Karen Smith also awaits a court date for charges of armed violence and home invasion — charges Singletary and Cunningham also face.

Co-defendant Donald Druid was recently sentenced to six years in prison

Jan. 28 after pleading guilty to one count of home invasion.

Kilquist said police immediately focused their attention on making a case against Washington after the Sept. 8 robbery. Singletary and Cunningham allegedly admitted to police that stealing Washington's crack cocaine was a motive in the robbery.

Washington now waits for an April 15 trial date at the Federal Courthouse in Benton. In the meantime, Washington is scheduled to appear Wednesday at a hearing to determine his bond amount.

If convicted of federal conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine charges, Washington may face between five and 40 years in prison with a maximum fine of \$2 million.

In an interview Monday with the Daily

Egyptian Kilquist was able to clarify that drugs were not the only motive in the deadly Sept. 8 robbery. Kilquist said another twist in the case occurred when police learned Singletary allegedly orchestrated the robbery because Washington had impregnated her and didn't want her in his life.

Investigators are pleased with the federal case brought against Washington. Kilquist said he considered him one of Jackson County's "major dealers" and a "big one on our list" to take down.

"It's kind of the icing on the cake," Kilquist said. "There's some personal satisfaction in taking these major drug-dealers off the street."

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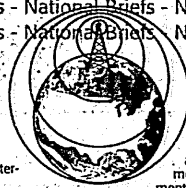
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Enron probe finds abuses

HOUSTON — Enron Corp. executives pocketed large amounts of money in running complex partnerships used to disguise the troubled energy company's financial problems while top managers and auditors provided little oversight, an internal probe found.

The internal investigators, made up of three Enron board members, focused their criticism on Andrew Fastow, the company's former chief financial officer, and Michael Kopper, an Enron employee who was put in charge of a partnership. The 203-page report was released Sunday as former chairman Kenneth Lay joined a growing list of executives who are backing away from testifying to Congress about the energy company's complicated financial deals and spectacular collapse.

The probe found that Enron employees who reported to Fastow negotiated deals on the energy giant's behalf with partnerships that Fastow ran. The deals weren't always best for the company financially, and employees complained that Fastow pressured them to accept unfavorable terms, the investigation found.

The report released three days before Powers was scheduled to testify before Congress, concluded that greed motivated architects of the partnerships while top managers, directors, auditors and outside lawyers failed to watch them.



World leaders meet, discuss 'ethical globalization'

NEW YORK — Global business leaders heard a blunt warning Sunday that corporations and international organizations must become more accountable or face mounting resentment from ordinary people and poor nations, and some appeared to heed the message.

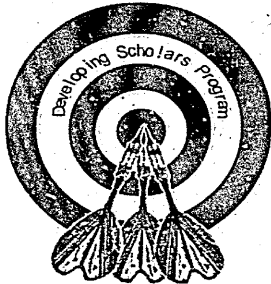
The ever-widening gulf between rich and poor nations has emerged as a central theme of the five-day gathering, which has brought together 2,700 delegates from many different countries and disciplines to discuss key issues.

Thousands of anti-globalization demonstrators demanding an end to corporate greed and worker exploitation rallied in the streets this weekend near the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, where leaders are barricaded behind rows of police officers guarding the high-powered talkfest. Protests have been spirited but non-violent at this meeting, held just three miles north of the debris of the World Trade Center towers destroyed in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Police said Sunday that about 150 people were arrested for disorderly conduct in two separate demonstrations against the forum. Much energy at the forum has been devoted to the Middle East conflict, seen by many as the most intractable and dangerous currently facing the world.

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February 23, 2002



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Earthquake kills 45 in southern Turkey **Four Palestinians killed in Gaza blast**

EBER, Turkey — Sleepless and shivering Turks tended the living Monday and prepared to bury the dead from a powerful earthquake that killed 45 people and injured more than 300.

In nearby Eber, civil defense teams had called off rescue efforts late Sunday, nearly 12 hours after the quake struck the mainly agricultural province of Afyon, some 155 miles southwest of the capital Ankara. Rescue workers said buildings made of sun-dried bricks that collapsed in the tremors had become piles of rubble and dust, leaving none of the airpockets needed to keep victims alive.

In Eber, a village of about 1,000 people, 15 people were crushed to death in houses made of mud bricks and wood. Residents fled into the streets, fearing their homes would collapse from structural damage or aftershocks.

Temperatures dropped below freezing overnight, and only a handful of prefabricated houses had been set up. More residents arrived in the morning and men set to work putting them up.

The slow response of Ecevit's coalition government to two huge earthquakes in northwest Turkey in 1999 that killed some 18,000 people dented its popularity. Prefabricated housing meant as temporary accommodation to those left homeless that year is still in use in some parts of the northwest.

Lethal earthquakes are common in Turkey, which is crossed by seismic fault lines.



RAFAH, Gaza — Four Palestinians were killed Monday by an explosion in a car near Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, about 1100 yards from the Egyptian border, Palestinian sources said. A fifth Palestinian was seriously injured in the incident on the Khan Yunis-Rafah Highway, they said. The men were reportedly armed.

According to one report, the four were members of the Popular Resistance Committees, a southern Gaza group that includes members of Hamas, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, and the Islamic Jihad. Other initial reports said some of the men were armed, and that two of them were members of the Palestinian security forces.

Israel Radio quoted eyewitnesses as saying that an Israeli aircraft, perhaps a helicopter or drone, was observed in the area at the time of the blast. But it was not immediately clear if the explosion was the result of an Israeli assassination operation, an unintentional detonation of explosives, or another cause.

The explosion came hours after missile-firing IDF Apache helicopter gunships attacked a metalwork factory suspected of having been used as a mortar shell factory in the Jebalya refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip, setting it ablaze.

from Worldnews.com

Police Blotter

Carbondale

• William J. Muench, 21, was cited for failure to give information after striking an unattended motor vehicle at 1:15 a.m. Monday at the intersection of Greenhouse Drive and Douglas Drive. Muench struck a parked vehicle and left the scene. He posted a driver's license as bond.

Calendar

TODAY

Only public events affiliated with SIU are printed in the Daily Egyptian Calendar. The editors reserve the right not to print any submitted item. RSO and departmental events will be printed in the Daily Egyptian Online Calendar at www.dailyegyptian.com.

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Plans, plans everywhere, but some explanation needed

Administration plans for SIU's future

Alexa Aguilera
Daily Egyptian

Long-term planning

Those words have become the term du jour among SIU administrators in the last year. Almost every top-level administrator is spearheading a strategy for the University's future.

But with plans here, there and everywhere, it's easy to get confused. What's the difference between the land-use plan and Southern at 150? How does President James Walker's vision overlap with Chancellor Walter Wendler's?

To help differentiate between all the campus plans, here's a quick run-down of all the different road maps that administrators hope will take SIUC into the future.

President Walker's Shared Vision Plan

The least specific of all the plans,

Walker's vision for the future is a general outline of where the president thinks the University should go. According to Scott Kaiser, assistant to the president, when Walker gave his Shared Vision speech in September, his intent was to set the tone and direction of where the University needs to go. Then the chancellors of the two major SIU campuses, Carbondale and Edwardsville, developed their own more specific strategies.

Three committees arose from his vision plan. A 20/20 vision committee is currently being put together that will consist of external business and higher education players. It will be asked to analyze SIU's big picture. The other committees will deal with how to make the two campuses work together more efficiently and how to coordinate all of the medical services that the different campuses provide.

There were also some general themes that ran through Walker's speech. A continued focus on reaching out to students who wouldn't traditionally attend college

was a theme, as was a furthering of SIU's service component to the region.

Southern at 150

After Walker unveiled his Shared Vision plan, Wendler set about developing his detailed, specific plan for SIUC.

"(President Walker's Shared Vision) is a big picture look at what we're doing, while Southern at 150 is looking at very specific things," Kaiser said.

Southern at 150 is a long-term process that will look into specific areas that need improvement. Wendler has pulled together almost 200 people to meet during the next few months to develop specific goals for the long-term plan.

The first meeting took place in January, and the committee members broke into 10 different groups dealing with everything from the Southern Illinois region to graduate studies. They will meet again a number of times before a final report is issued to the Board of Trustees in September.

"(President Walker's Shared Vision) is a big picture look at what we're doing while Southern at 150 is looking at very specific things."

Scott Kaiser
assistant, President Walker

Wendler also named peer institutions that he and the committees will try to emulate as they plot the course.

Land-Use Plan

One of the more tangible strategies is the campus land-use plan that was approved by the Board of Trustees last spring. The land-use plan will revamp housing, entryways, streets, lighting and signage. One of the most exciting aspects of the plan is the construction of a multi-use football stadium, a new general classroom building and a renovation of Woody Hall.

Work will begin this fall on straightening and widening Lincoln Drive to set the stage for the planned 2004 construction of the stadium and classroom building.

Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor of Administration, headed up the project and said the land use plan will mean a lot for the campus and community when they see physical improvements being constructed before their eyes.

While the land-use plan will eventually cost millions, Poshard emphasized that it is merely a small piece of the Southern at 150 plan.

One of the 10 Southern at 150 committees is campus infrastructure, and that committee is dealing specifically with aspects of the land-use plan.

"The land-use plan is just one of the areas of the much broader Southern at 150 plan," Poshard said.

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Career Services offers guidance, job leads

Ginny Skalski
Daily Egyptian

The bleak job market is looming over the heads of many SIUC students, and some aren't sure what they can be doing to secure a job for post-graduation.

That's where Jim Scales and his team at Career Services come in. Tucked away on the second floor of Woody Hall, Career Services is an office that does out various information from what careers are best for individual students to what steps students should be taking to grasp those positions. The office also has various leads on employers who are seeking college graduates and alumni to fill hundreds of vacant positions.

And while Scales, director of Career Services, said the office came in contact with 23,000 people last academic year, there is still room for more. In the fall, the department installed a new e-recruiting program that allows students, alumni and community members to register, for a small fee, for access to about 1,000 employment leads.

The program is just one of the many tools the department offers to assist students with their searches for employment. But before the hunt for a job can begin, Scales said the department helps students create a sharp resume and cover letter so they can present a professional image to a prospective employer.

Once students are squared away with their preparation materials,



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Jim Scales, director of Career Services and SIU professor in the school of social work, kicks off National Freedom Day by speaking to fifth graders about racial equality in America at Washington Grade School in Marion on Friday. Students as young as fifth grade can utilize SIUC's Career Services department.

workers in the department can compare their qualifications with the employment leads provided to Career Services by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

The leads on the e-recruiting sys-

tem automatically check the information students have provided the system against the qualifications listed by potential employers. Because students enter their resume and cover letter information on-line, those who qualify for a given position can usual-

ly automatically apply to the company with a click of the mouse.

"The students make or break themselves," Scales said. "We're giving every employer the best

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Patrick Gant arrested in recent altercation



Gant

Sara Hooker
Daily Egyptian

Patrick A. Gant, known for his misconduct accusations against the Carbondale Police Department after an April block party in which numerous black SIUC students were maced, was arrested Friday after an altercation along South Illinois Avenue.

Gant, 27, of 404 S. Washington St., was arrested outside of the Varsity Theater, 418 S. Illinois Ave., at around 11 p.m. following a disagreement with his ex-girlfriend, in which he waved a machete at two men who attempted to come to her aid.

The altercation allegedly began in the vehicle Gant and his ex-girlfriend were traveling in. They pulled over to the side of the road outside of the Varsity and continued fighting. Community Resource Officer Dan Reed said.

Two men driving by, whose names are being withheld pending an ongoing investigation, witnessed the altercation and stopped.

"They were driving by and could see and hear what was going on so they stopped to assist the female," Reed said. "They saw him with his hands on her."

"When they approached Gant and the woman, Gant allegedly removed a machete from the trunk of his vehicle and threatened them with it.

"He was swinging it around and it made them feel threatened," Reed said. A police officer driving by witnessed the disturbance and circled back around the block and by that time another witness had already phoned police, Reed said.

Gant was charged with domestic battery, aggravated assault and unlawful use of weapons and taken to Jackson County Jail.

An April 22 block party at Gant's prior residence, 204 E. College St., last year resulted in Gant's arrest after he allegedly attempted to grab his ID back from a police officer who was trying to write him a citation.

Police were responding to loud music at Gant's house. After taking the ID, Gant was followed into his residence by officers and allegedly bit one officer and attempted to flee from the home through a bedroom window.

Numerous party-goers, including Gant, were maced by police, creating controversy that resulted in protest in the black community.

Gant awaits a court appearance Feb. 25 for his previous charges including two counts of aggravated battery, assault of a peace officer and resisting arrest.

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NEWS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE

Robbery suspect still at large

The suspect wanted for his alleged involvement in the Oct. 21 robbery of the Knight's Inn is still on the loose.

Kenneth L. Chaney, of East St. Louis, allegedly robbed the desk clerk of Knight's Inn, 2400 W. Main St., at gunpoint and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash in a Buick Park Avenue driven by Marlon K. Reed.

Illinois State Police stopped the vehicle shortly afterwards, but Chaney was able to escape. Community Resource Officer Dan Reed said police are still looking for him.

"Towards the end of the year we put out another press release asking for help in locating him," Reed said. "He's not been arrested to my knowledge."

Interfaith Center to host religious book discussion Wednesday

Houston Smith's book, "Why Religion Matters," will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Interfaith Center, 913 S. Illinois Ave.

According to Smith, his book presents an alternative to the suffocation of human spirit in a world dominated by materialism.

Hugh Muldoon, the director of the Interfaith Center, and Dwight Welch, a graduate student for the Psychology Department, will lead the group forum sponsored by the ADJIB Wednesday Night Group. Refreshments will be served at the discussion.

Carbondale City Council meets tonight

The Carbondale City Council will meet at 7 tonight at the Carbondale Civic Center. Scheduled topics include further discussion on the Task Force on Race and Community Relations and the possible revision of a code that deals with towing and impounding vehicles in Carbondale.

ON CAMPUS

BAC Variety Show auditions tomorrow

The Black Affairs Council is having auditions for its annual Variety Show from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday in the video lounge, on the fourth floor of the Student Center. The Variety Show will be Feb. 23.

Various acts will be accepted by participating students such as poetry, singing, acting, rapping, etc. All are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the council's office at 453-2534, or stop by the office on the third floor of the Student Center.

Unused Lentz basement to get full makeover

Last Resort to get Cafe Latte, big-screen TV, pool tables

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

Discussions of what should be done with the dull, unused Last Resort lobby that hides in the basement of Lentz Hall was the topic at a housing meeting Friday.

Gus Bode



Gus says:
Hanging out here is my last resort.

After talking with Ed Jones, director of University Housing, members of Thompson Point Executive Council met in Lentz Hall to draw up plans of what they think would persuade students to come over and enjoy the room.

Currently, The Last Resort consists of worn tables, imitation-leather couches with holes and tears, an old television set with missing buttons and two out-of-date arcade games: Street Fighter and King of the Monsters, which have spent more time gathering dust and displaying intro screens than being played.

"[The Last Resort] is a nice place, but it's dated," Jones said. "When it was built, students

didn't have TVs in every room like they do today. You had to go to a large or common space like the Last Resort."

Nickole Hale, the TPEC adviser, gave a list of the improvements, and said the renovations include a Cafe Latte — which serves as a mini-coffeehouse chain around campus — a big-screen TV, new furniture and carpeting, some pool tables, new colors and other aesthetically pleasing improvements for the overall atmosphere.

"The kind of thing that will make it more inviting for students," said Hale, a graduate student in college student personnel from Evansville, Ind.

Hale said the Cafe Latte will probably be built where the old Lake Side Deli was located. There is plenty of storage space and electrical outlets are more readily accessible. The awkwardly placed wall with bars will also be removed because the TPEC members decided it did not look "nice or inviting."

Hale said the renovations will be finished during the summer if all goes as planned. Housing is collaborating with the Physical Plant, and construction will begin in the coming months. Unfortunately for students such as Chris Hein, who has lived in the dorms for three years and will move off campus next year, the plans come a little late.

"It sounds interesting, but I won't use it because I won't be here anymore," said Hein, a junior in electronics and engineering from



LIAM SONNENBECHER — DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Last Resort, a leisure activity room in the basement of Lentz Hall, has plans of renovations from pool tables to a coffee shop.

Oswego.

One of the goals that Jones is constantly on a mission to achieve is encouraging students to interact with each other and not become recluses in their dormitories during their first year or two of college.

"A big part of college life is the interaction that people have with each other," Jones said. "[The Last Resort] should encourage that."

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Museum exhibit offers glimpse into past

Local group helps educate, inform community

Brad Brondsema
Daily Egyptian

The walls are filled with faces, stamps, paintings, quilts and even shackles worn by slaves.

These items and many more are on exhibit at the University Mall to commemorate Black History Month.

The exhibit, which has been organized by the Southern Illinois Achievers, is dedicated to "identifying, preserving and portraying outstanding achievements of African-American citizens."

Councilwoman Corene McDaniel hopes the exhibit will draw many people from Carbondale and the surrounding area.

"There are a lot of items there. We are encouraging teachers to bring their students, and we're hoping the whole community will come out," she said.

Prints from renowned artist Dr. Margaret Burroughs are on hand, as well as a collection of stamps commemorating black heritage.

The exhibit also offers masks and statues carved out of wood from the west African country of Ghana.

Lula Weatherly, a volunteer and member of the Southern Illinois Achievers, said the exhibit should be used as an educational tool.

"The purpose of this is to help make people more aware of their African heritage," Weatherly said.

One of the exhibit's more unique features is a section devoted to recognizing renowned Southern Illinois black citizens. Some of the featured items were found in attics and garages from around the area, while others were donated.

McDaniel said donations are welcome. "They don't even have to blow the dust off — we'll do that for them," she said.

McDaniel also said that the ultimate goal for the Southern Illinois Achievers is to find a facility to store the items.

"These items don't belong in boxes," McDaniel said.

She hopes that someone can donate space or assist in finding a place for these precious pieces to be stored.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, drummer Seku Neblett will play at the exhibit, displaying his four-piece leather skinned drum.

The exhibit will run until the end of February next to Gloria Jean's coffee store in the mall.



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Carbondale resident Donnell Wilson checks out the African American Museum of Southern Illinois on Monday afternoon. The exhibit, which is situated at the east end of University Mall will be open all February in honor of Black History Month.

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Two professors hospitalized after collision

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Two SIUC political science professors remain hospitalized after the vehicle they were traveling in was struck head-on early Monday morning.

Jennifer L. Jerit, 30, and Jason Barabas, 30, were driving northbound on U.S. Highway 51 at about 5:20 a.m. near England Heights Road, when Joseph F. Cottingham, 22, of Makanda, left the southbound lane and struck their vehicle head-on.

Cottingham told police he was driving when a small dog riding in the passenger seat jumped onto his lap and caused him to take his eyes off the road and one hand off the wheel to return the dog to the passenger seat. As he did this, the vehicle veered into the northbound lane, striking the vehicle driven by Jerit.

All three individuals were transported to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale for treatment. A hospital official said Jerit and Barabas remain there in satisfactory condition.

Cottingham was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and failure to wear a seat belt.

Cottingham was previously convicted in Jackson County Circuit Court for driving under the influence of alcohol in 1999, along with aggravated battery in 2000.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

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Capital Campaign

The words "capital campaign" have become the buzzwords in Anthony Hall these days. And it's not hard to understand why.

Each plan mentioned — the vision plan, Southern at 150 and the land-use plan — all rely heavily on a fruitful capital campaign to make the drastic improvements needed. Walker acknowledged the capital campaign's importance in his Shared Vision speech in September.

"It is obvious that we cannot seize the greatness that is within our reach if we don't undertake and complete this endeavor," Walker said. "Without the influx of private dollars, we cannot secure a place in the vanguard of research institutions

as I believe we must."

There have been successful capital campaigns undertaken by individual colleges, but a University-wide campaign has never been launched.

The campaign would draw upon donors like corporations, alumni, foundations, employees and students.

Poshard said the new football stadium, the classroom building and the Woody Hall renovation will depend heavily on the capital campaign.

The tentative launching date for the campaign is this April. The typical capital campaign lasts about five years, but can range from three to 10 years.

Why It's Important

Most of these long-term strategies aren't requiring an excessive

amount of resources — mostly time and planning. The Southern at 150 meetings include breakfasts, lunches and binders full of materials for the 170 members. The land-use plan costs with a \$24,000 price tag because the University hired an outside consulting firm to help it develop the plan. The capital campaign is being conducted through the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Administration and is utilizing the staff there to put the campaign into motion.

And SIU is not alone in recognizing the need for long-term plans. SIUE has a plan in place, as does Illinois State University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Nolan Davis, spokesman for the president at Northern Illinois University, said that while NIU doesn't have any specific long-term

plan in place, the president does give a detailed State of the University address each year.

Steve Karau, assistant professor of management at SIUC, said that from a business standpoint, it's quite important to have a clear mission and vision for the future.

While he stressed institutions must retain their flexibility, he said that in the SIU environment, long-term projections may help ensure funding from outside sources.

"It's a part of the negotiation process," Karau said. "You overestimate what you need, knowing all the needs probably won't be met."

And while long-term plans may seem to be proliferating at a fast pace on campus, administrators stress that it is the way to ensure SIU's success.

"You can have a vision of where you want to be," Poshard said. "But

"You can have a vision of where you want to be, but if you don't have a road map, you will spin your wheels or you will get lost."

Glenn Poshard
vice chancellor, administration

if you don't have a road map, you will spin your wheels or you will get lost. These are our road maps, and they incorporate every part of the University."

"Without them, all we'll do is maintain the status quo, or go backwards."

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FIDDLER ON THE ROOF: Scott Talley, of Murphysboro and Howard Construction, takes a break from applying shingles to a building on Walnut Street in Murphysboro Monday. "As long as you get a little sun, and around 40 degrees, they'll stick," Talley said.

Wham, bam thank you Sam

W-2s arrive; tax season,
more deadlines creep up

Mark Lambert
Daily Egyptian

Uncle Sam wants Americans in 69 days—actually just the money people owe him.

With the first month of the new year complete, tax season has shifted into full swing. The first deadline was last Thursday, when employers had to have their employees' W-2 forms in the mail.

The W-2 form is a statement of total earnings and deductions for the year.

As the cyber age has firmly entrenched itself in all aspects of society, it has also become an ever-increasing part of tax preparation. One of the cutting edge online tax services is Keen.

Keen is based out of San Francisco and has been operating since November 1999. The service is a combination of Internet and phone connections that gives customers more than 175,000 options when looking for tax advice.

The only ways to access Keen's services is through its website, www.keen.com, or its toll-free number, 1-800-ASK-KEEN.

Jennifer Quermann, director of public relations for Keen, said the service is revolutionary in many ways.

"We have over 175,000 Keen speakers (tax advisers who work for Keen), and there are people available seven days a week, 24 hours a day," Quermann said.

When customers call looking for advice, they can use a credit card to pay for the service. Customers then look through different options and decide on an adviser that specializes in the area in which they have questions.

Quermann said a customer who calls in looking for tax information can look at customer feedback on the different tax advisers.

"Once you use our service, you can rank

the adviser based on how satisfied you were with their help," Quermann said.

The service targets individuals who do their own taxes. For those who look to others to complete their taxes, there are many options, from private businesses to companies to business students.

H & R Block, 1314 E. Main, is one of the largest tax companies in the United States and offers more conventional tax services.

Susan Nahlik, office manager for H & R Block, said this is the busiest time of year for her office.

"After the University sends out their W-2s, we are busy, and then it picks up again in April," Nahlik said.

She said it is important for people to be prepared they go to have their taxes done.

"You need to make sure to have all the paper work that shows all of your income for the year and the correct Social Security number," Nahlik said.

The deadline for tax returns is April 15, and Nahlik said it is still possible to bring returns in as late as that day, although it is better to come in early.

"It is best to come in and get it done in case there is missing information or the IRS has questions about the application," Nahlik said.

For those who would rather not spend the money, but still want someone else complete their forms, the SIU Law School and the College of Business are teaming up for a cheap solution. Law and accounting students will complete tax return forms for free on specific dates throughout February, March and April.

The dates are Feb. 20, March 28 and April 10 and 11, starting at 4 p.m. at the Lesar Law Building.

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USG slaps Student Trustee rules on

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The winners of April's Student Trustee election will serve for two years as a part of Undergraduate Student Government's new guidelines for the Board of Trustees.

Elected student trustees are required to be full-time students and residents of Illinois. The students must maintain a 2.5 GPA.

These eligibility rules, which were never written down on paper, came to USG's attention after the Illinois State Legislature made the changes into law.

"We're putting into campus policy what the law already requires," said USG President Michael Perry.

Perry ordered a Student Trustee Election Review Committee to translate the state's law to paper.

Matt Schilling, an Intercollegiate Athletic Committee member, was commissioned to review the guidelines and make the changes along with Chris Reis, a Graduate and Professional Student Council member.

"It was brought up by Perry around November of last year. He asked for us to look it over, and we had meetings with Jean Paratore [Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management] and Scott Henne [President of Graduate and Professional Student Council]," Schilling said.

Beginning this fall, SIUC's student trustee will vote at the 10 scheduled board meetings. Last year, SIU-Edwardsville's student trustee voted at the meetings.

With two SIU student trustees, only one of them can have a binding vote on pending issues at the board meetings. All board members must have the state governor's appointment.

Implementing the two-year term limit was not required by state law, but the USG committee decided the term's limit was an appropriate policy. Previously, there had not been a term limit for a student trustee.

Schilling said the new term creates a positive change in the student trustee system.

"[The term limit] won't be dominated by one person, and it's giving more people the opportunity to be a part of the Board of Trustees," Schilling said.

Meanwhile, Perry was not in favor of setting a new term limit and cited the frequent rotation as a distraction to the board's ability to build a strong repertoire with the student trustee.

"Sitting on the BOT definitely helps to have someone with a number of years of experience," Perry said.

Schilling, however, defends the new term.

"You can't please everyone, just the majority," he said.

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Students earn credits via trip to Europe

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SIUC students can earn three hours of college credit by spending more than two weeks touring Europe.

Students can travel to Germany, Switzerland and Austria in May and earn three hours of undergraduate or graduate college credit in a program open to all majors. The trip lasts from May 13 to May 30.

Students will stay in Dornbirn, Austria, for most of the trip, but will also travel to Germany and Switzerland. Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute, will travel with students during part of the trip, according to Elisabeth Reichert, who is overseeing the program.

The trip includes a tour of a former concentration camp in Dachau, Germany. Students will also visit a heroin clinic in Switzerland, where treatment methods differ widely from those in

America. The clinic gives heroin addicts measured doses in the rehabilitation program, said Linda Burkley, a senior in psychology and social work who went on the trip last year.

"The dose is not enough to get high," Burkley said. "They have a totally different approach to things than we do."

Burkley noticed that the business atmosphere in Europe also differs widely from the practices of American stores.

"Everything is closed on Sunday," Burkley said. "You can't even buy a jug of milk."

Also notable was the crime rate, which is low enough for florists to leave flowers outside, according to Burkley.

Denise Conley traveled with last year's program and found the experience beneficial to her as a graduate student majoring in social work. She said the program is good for students of any major because they learn about different cultures through life experiences.

Conley plans to repeat the trip again this year and said that language differences are usually not a problem.

"A lot of people think language is a huge barrier, but it's not as bad as people think," she said.

Conley said she was usually able to converse with people in English during the trip, but also communicated effectively with a translation guide when necessary.

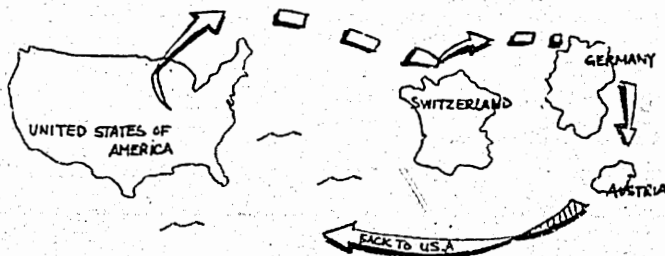
"You just pull out your little German book and go from there," she said.

Visiting the different countries and learning about European culture and society was a worthwhile experience, Conley said.

"It's nice to see how other countries are dealing with the same problems we are," she said. "It's not that one's better or worse than the other; it's just nice to see the differences."

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Student Abroad Program 2002



The Study Abroad program allows SIUC students to travel to Switzerland, Germany, and Austria this May. While touring the students will learn about the culture differences and history of other countries while earning three credit hours toward their major. The Study Abroad program is open to all majors.

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OUR WORD

New complex first step toward solving inferior housing issue

New housing has not been built on the SIUC campus for decades. Now, University Housing and the Architecture Department are brainstorming ideas for the creation of an on-campus apartment complex — the first of its kind at this University.

This is a welcome step in a town with serious housing issues, and the measure should be approved. It's no great secret that Carbondale has housing problems, and it's time to create a livable alternative to the residence halls.

Affordable and well-kept housing is essential for recruitment and retention, a problem with which our University continues to struggle. While it's important to improve on-campus housing options, the administration should make off-campus housing a priority as well, and press the city to do something about it. Homes in the \$200,000 range continue to shoot up on Carbondale's west side. Meanwhile, the housing for students downtown — the first area prospective students will see and where they will eventually live — gets shabbier and shabbier.

Even a cursory view of downtown should be sending up red flags. From chunks of paneling hanging off houses to inadequate exits to questionable wiring, when is the city going to take action? We hope that it's not too late when it does. We hope that something is done before a disaster such as a fire serves as the wake-up call.

As early as last summer, housing issues dominated the agendas of the City Council and the Undergraduate Student Government. City Council members Brad Cole and Maggie Flanagan each introduced plans in June to solve some of Carbondale's housing woes. Cole's included a seven-year tax abatement plan, while Flanagan suggested forming a Housing Development Corporation. The University and City Council did secure a grant from the U.S. Housing Department in October that will help low-income residents find funding to own a home. While this is a wonderful program for Carbondale's citizens, student renters are still held up in living quarters that resemble tenements more than homes.

USG President Michael Perry has discussed the creation of a tenant union where a ledger of complaints could be used to refer students to landlords with good records or warn them to stay away from others. While this is a positive measure, it will hardly be enough to change the tune of landlords who make the sale because their properties are close to campus — regardless of living conditions.

Year after year, we hear big talk and see little changes. Residents are sick of the complaints, sick of looking at these dilapidated eyesores, and they are certainly sick of living in them.

It's time that the University and the city step up together and say, "Enough talk." Let's act on making the University attractive, and let's start by making Carbondale livable for students.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Rebellion of the guinea pigs

Frances Moore Lappe & Anna Lappe

The recent surge in a general's report on obesity has stirred important debate, but much of it, and the report itself, skirts the heart of the matter. An epidemic is sweeping the country, the report says, killing 300,000 people a year — almost as many as those who die from smoking. That's nearly 10 times the death toll of gun-related violence. But in defining the epidemic as obesity, we're misled: Obesity is a result, not a cause. The main problem is the food we're eating.

It's primarily the food that's making us the world's fattest nation — our high-fat, salty, sugar-laden, processed, meat-centered diet, unknown to our species until this generation. This diet is the greatest nutrition experiment ever conducted, and we, the guinea pigs, are faring badly. Overall, six in 10 adults are now overweight or obese.

If the problem is, as indeed obesity is, then we would treat obesity-related diseases and encourage exercise as well as moderate eating. But if the problem is the food, well, we'll have to open wide a door — also asking who makes it and why, who promotes it and how, and who profits from it — a door our surgeon general seems hesitant to crack.

"Individuals lie at the foundation of the solution [to obesity]," says the report. But four decades ago we didn't callously ignore the plight of those addicted to cigarettes. We educated the public about tobacco's risks, barred certain advertising and availability and focused on the deadly product. Likewise, in the face of our obesity crisis we should focus on the food.

Some bristle, arguing that people have the right to choose food that's bad for them. But choice requires real options, no coercion and awareness of the consequences — all sadly lacking. (A species choosing to eat what's literally killing it would certainly be an evolutionary first.) Yes, the average American supermarket carries 30,000 items, but arguably 20,000 of them can, one time, make us sick.

Since food companies are the biggest advertisers, we're also inundated daily with images luring us toward what's bad for us. A recent McDonald's commercial on French television claims No. 1 (as it's called) provides all the basic food groups — neglecting to mention that just one typical McDo meal piles on 1,800 calories and maxes out your recommended daily fat intake.

In our schools, too, choice is narrowing. More than half of

the California schools surveyed recently serve Taco Bell, Subway, Dominos, Pizza Hut or other branded foods. Hundreds of school districts have signed "pouring rights" contracts to sell only one soft-drink company's brand, and schools now sell \$750 million in junk food from vending machines each year. This, even though childhood obesity has doubled in the last 20 years, and even one additional soft drink a day may increase a child's obesity risk by as much as 60 percent.

Our choices are more constricted still because institutions, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), entrusted with helping us sort out what's healthy and what's not are themselves influenced by food industry peddlers.

It's no mystery why food companies are able to so easily push the products they do. Human beings evolved with what nutritionists call a "weak satiation" mechanism for sugar and fat — meaning we can eat a lot at one time because this trait served us well as hunter-gatherers. Now it's our Achilles' heel, and food companies have us by that heel.

But we guinea pigs are beginning to rebel. The Washington-based Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine recently won a suit against the USDA for stacking its panel evaluating the nation's food guidelines with representatives from the meat and dairy industry.

And now some educators and parents have realized fast food in schools is almost as dangerous as cigarettes. At least 20 states have introduced bills to limit low-nutrition foods in schools. Recently, Oakland public schools banned all junk food vending machines.

Beyond schools, we all can participate in community-supported agriculture connecting farms with urban consumers. We can enjoy farmers' markets and food coops. We can demand public policies making whole foods more readily available and insist that public institutions resist corporate influence. We can require fast food outlets to display nutrition information. We can even tax unhealthy snack foods to recoup the enormous costs of the diseases of obesity.

Guinea pigs of the world unite! We have nothing to lose but death, disease and love handles.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We want these to be the standard by which all other housing departments are measured. We can't be equal to them; we have to be better.”

Ed Jones
director of University Housing, commenting on proposed housing additions

WORDS OVERHEARD

“Always design a thing by considering it in its next larger context — a chair in a room, a room in a house, a house in an environment, an environment in a city plan.”

Ellie Saarinen

COLUMNISTS

Fear and loathing – Super Bowl weekend in New Orleans

If you're reading this, I probably didn't make it. I have been swallowed up whole, consumed by the madness of Super Bowl weekend in New Orleans and drowned in the sticky nectar of blissful sin. Tell my Mom I loved her. I could've stayed home, but I just had to tempt the devil. Myself and fellow DE columnist Matt Brennan hopped aboard a van manned by some dude named Jose and took the 12-hour trip. Along for the ride were my peppy friend Paul and Jose's lady friend Krista. Once on the road I began guzzling my patented "Joy Juice," consisting of Sunny Delight, lemon-lime soda and lots of DXM. It packs a mind-blowing wallop. The others chose not to partake, instead opting to stare at me in trepidation. I think Brennan made an attempt to take it from me in my sleep, in which I snapped promptly and blathered out some madness like: "You disgusting scourge, I'll have you eaten by dogs!"

We barely made it out of Illinois alive. The Pulaski County Sheriff's Department pulled us over going 80 mph. Jose didn't have his license. Fortunately, it isn't illegal to drive without a license in Pulaski County ... or something like that. I'm sure there's something illegal about the futon in the back of the van that Jose replaced the seats with. But the officer seemed jolly just to slap him with an \$80 fine and scuttle us on our merry way. Rolling past Graceland, we soon found ourselves in the dank, dreary depths of Mississippi. For a man of my beliefs, there is nothing in the world more terrifying as riding through the state of Mississippi at night. Driving through the DEEP south you should expect to be hassled by the Ku Klux Klan or the dreaded state patrol. I'd rather have the headless horseman on my trail than these racist carnivores.

Finally, by the Grace of God, we made it to the Big Easy. There were important people everywhere. You could tell by all the limousines and hummers with Jacuzzis. We, of course, ventured out onto Bourbon Street the first night. The majesty and horror of Bourbon Street is intoxicating. It's absolute chaos. Police are everywhere, but they realize it's a lost war. They openly consort with criminals and fornicate drunk girls, as if they were just revelers themselves.

Day Two: We've all changed our names and decided to never return. My breath smells of Hurricane Mix and my entire body is numb and trembling. Everything shivers and shines down here: beads, gold teeth, boas, rings, bells, knives, shiny shirts and pants — oh my! And everyone's equal here. You run into an interesting mix in the Quarter: bums, junksies, millionaires, the middle-class.

Everyone's represented. There are oddities everywhere. We saw a black poodle with its toes painted purple, and a hippie strumming a banjo singing "Gimme some money so I can buy drugs." A woman, who was dressed as the devil, riding a bike, almost hit Paul. "Watch out for the devil!" someone yelled. The cops are gentle and jovial. Nothing like the nightmarish beasts of the Mississippi Highway Patrol. After a midnight visit to the Cafe Du Monde, we have our



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palms read in the open market. I drunkenly knock over the psychic's table, spilling hot candle wax all over Paul's lap. He might have third degree burns, but Paul's a tough kid.

Day Three: I'm broke, cold and scared. Jose and Krista are missing, I'm not sure what to do, so I suppose we'll just wander back on to Bourbon Street. It seems natural. We find the rest of the group and head down to the Super Dome an hour before game time. We attempt to sneak in for tailgates. However, a military man with a loaded assault rifle has other plans. The others disagree with my plan to set up a wood chipper and dump baking soda into it, shooting out "fake snow" at the Super Dome. "We don't want to get shot — for the love of God, we're not Israeli terrorists!"

We watch the game in a gay bar on Bourbon Street. It's great. The bartender gives us free drinks and fried chicken. Other than two cops who stop in to watch the game, we're the only straight people in the place. We're cheering on the Pats ferociously. You have to love the Boston spirit. Plus they're underdogs. Plus I hate St. Louis fans. They're uppity and righteous. I'd root on demons and Nazis before I'd cheer for a St. Louis team. Brennan's eating his words from his last column, but he's happy to see the underdogs take it. The Rams are forever shamed to lose to such a weak team. Don't get me wrong, New England fought valiantly. But seriously, they might be the worst bunch of losers to ever be proclaimed World Champions. Anyway, all the shirtless guys begin to disturb us — plus Paul and Matt are nearly sexually assaulted in the men's room. It's time to leave. Jose and Krista have reappeared.

We return to Bourbon ready for the worst. The few Rams fans with any remaining pride are sulking heavily. What a bust. I'm on about 15 beers and partying hard. This city isn't for the weak of heart, or stomach. There's nudity and sex everywhere. Before I know it I'm in a jazz club dancing madly, flailing my arms around like a psychopath and high-fiving Bostonians. Though I may never leave, I'm not aghast. I will miss my comrades in Illinois, but simply put — New Orleans has soothed my Bohemian soul.

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LETTERS

Identity questioned for African-American men and women

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Tommy Curry's latest column "The strong independent black woman: A question of identity." I would first like to thank Tommy Curry for bringing up the issue of women, particularly that of African-American women's identity — issues of gender, as well as race and class, are often ignored by the mainstream media. However, I would like to offer some constructive criticism. In regard to Curry's question, "So what qualities are making the black woman this way, so much so that it intimidates, or even emasculates a black man to the point that he seeks refuge in a man's subservient woman?" Perhaps a better question would be for men (regardless of their ethnicity) to ask themselves WHY they feel "emasculated" around a strong woman. As Tommy said, "that does not mean there should not be strong independent black women." So the root of the problem is in our social construction of identity based on gender (masculine/feminine dichotomy), which keeps BOTH men and women in bondage from the life-creating experience of being a whole person with both so-called feminine and masculine qualities. I'm not saying there are not differences between the sexes, but rather the differences are caused by one's individual and collective experiences as a man or woman within a culturally and sexually segregated society.

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Truth about campus traffic accidents must be told

DEAR EDITOR:

Pedestrians and cyclists of SIU beware! When it comes to circumstances of injury and death among pedestrians and cyclists, the pedestrians and cyclists will be held to a higher standard. Anne Coleman was killed as she rode her bike across a crosswalk on the SIU campus. Anne was hit with such impact, vertebrae were smashed and her carotid artery was severed. According to the accident report, the driver, an international student, had passed the crosswalk on her way to drop off a friend. She turned around and resumed driving, already aware of the volume of students in that area. She still chose to speed. The driver also chose to plead not guilty. She is claiming she has NO responsibility for Anne's death. Did she learn this attitude from the University and Jackson County state's attorney who refused to file reckless homicide charges?

She's rewarded by not having to accept responsibility for her decision to break the law by speeding, and ultimately, being involved in the death of another student. I find it appalling that if she had been using drugs or drinking, eight miles over the speed limit could have warranted reckless homicide. Under one's own volition to break the law, without any influence, receives a mild consequence. Even more absurd, it's the student's actions to break the law to speed are reinforced by the Chancellor's latest rebuke to cyclists and pedestrians to be more courteous to drivers. Furthermore, the fact that this driver broke the law while engaging in the privilege of driving diminishes the point of the recent letter by Charles Clemens. What are the lessons learned by all of this?

I think it is critical that taxpayers, students who are paying tuition and parents of students who are paying tuition to SIU are fully aware of the attitudes of the University and Jackson County officials when it comes to accountability. As a parent, I know you rely on the prudence of an institution of higher learning that your child is safe and that justice will be rendered when a law is broken. So far, this lack of accountability has resulted in three more crosswalk accidents. Is this the burden the driver, University officials and the state's attorney wish to carry with them throughout their lives?

Janice Cardella-Koll
Evergreen Park, IL

Professors ... don't silence race discussions

Did you miss me? If my absence has thrown off the balance of your world, I apologize wholeheartedly, and I will do my best never to let it happen again. In my time here at SIUC, I have had the privilege of taking a few classes aimed at fostering racial tolerance. Some were to satisfy core requirements and others were by choice. Each one left me feeling different at the close of the semester. Can a professor be expected to teach racial tolerance? Is it even possible? I would argue that the answer is no. I believe it is

When I see a professor avoiding racial issues in a class about racial issues, I become confused and a bit frustrated.

enough for the teacher to throw the facts into the arena and let the students discuss what it means. Granted, the issue of race is volatile, but it is a necessary issue.

When I see a professor avoiding



Don't Get Me Wrong

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racial issues in a class about racial issues, I become confused and a bit frustrated. When, as a professor, one chooses to teach a subject that is affected by racial lines, that teacher has to realize he or she has one of the greatest responsibilities on this campus. You, because of your position, have the ability to shape how some of your students frame racial issues they encounter in the real world. When

you shirk that responsibility by touching the issues only superficially or moving through them too quickly, you do your students a great disservice... I like that word, disservice. I realize that there are topics that need to be covered and syllabi to be followed, but what's really important?

As a professor, what would bring you the greater satisfaction? Would it be a student coming up to you 20 years from now to tell you about some obscure fact he remembered from the book you used in class, or would it be a student telling you how you opened up his world to brotherly love and tolerance because of the dialogue and direction in your class? I would hope it is the latter. So, let us talk. Let us argue. In so doing, you help some of us to learn the things that should be learned. You help some of us know that black or white, we have a lot of

the same hopes and desires. You help us to learn that the man wearing his cowboy boots and big belt buckle carries no animosity in his heart, and the black man wearing his gold has nothing but love.

This, to me, is the important lesson. If you, out there reading this column, thirst for dialogue about the racial issues facing us, then please write. If enough people are interested, then perhaps our colleagues at student government could sponsor some sort of monthly discussion group. Please take the time and let yourselves be heard, and let's do our part to bring the world to where it should be. The revolution will not be televised.

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SPC seeks new group of committee directors

Three new committees to be introduced into programming

Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

Students approach Gary Egan, executive director of the Student Programming Council, with two questions. Some ask to bring a famous entertainer to the University. Others wonder what SPC actually does.

"Especially for students who live in the residence halls, so many of them think we are just the television station," said Egan, a senior in psychology and public relations. "We are so much more than that."

While about 30 students comprise the SPC-TV committee, nine other groups bring in famous comedians and musicians, plan events such as the Spring Fling and send students to a St. Louis Cardinals game.

Black Entertainment, Family Fun and Local Musical Concert committees will join the existing groups, which plan travel excursions, comedy performances, special events and Homecoming. The arrival of these three new committees will create new positions for aspiring directors during SPC recruitment.

Students can get a feel for the environment at SPC on Monday, Feb. 11, at its open house in the SPC office, located on the third floor of the Student Center. The organization will have information and sign-up tables set up in the Student Center until the application deadline on Feb. 13. A small committee of non-returning SPC directors, Undergraduate Student Government members and a Graduate Student

Programming Council member will interview applicants on Feb. 15 and 16.

Egan said he increased his communication skills through his experiences at SPC. Moreover, he said if students are going to voice their opinion about a particular band coming to campus, they should get involved in the process.

"People don't realize their allocation fees are being spent," Egan said. "If they want to know how their money is being used or where it is going, they should be involved."

Joe Ligé, SPC programming director, said the organization is the only source of entertainment students have on campus.

"The programs that we do encourage school spirit and bring people to school events," said Ligé, a senior in business with a specialization in management.

A volunteer organization run by students, SPC tries to meet the demands of other students through entertainment and programming. In trying to produce more programs for the students' interests, SPC targeted three specific areas that need special attention.

The Black Entertainment Committee will deliver famous black comedians, musicians and scholars to incorporate a form of entertainment from the black community into campus programming.

"There is a fine line between black comedy and white comedy," Egan said. "We hope to form a committee that will cater to those needs."

Another committee hopes to attract the growing number of non-traditional students to a milder form of entertainment. The Family Fun Committee will provide events which all members of the family can attend, such as picnics, carnivals and film series.

According to Egan, more than 500 people attended last weekend's showing of "Monsters, Inc." in the Student Center. He said families

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Joe Ligé
SPC programming director

made up the majority of the audience.

"Most of our events are adult oriented, Rated," Egan said. "If we had more entertainment catered to children through films and different programs, students and families could do more together."

As asked by a large portion of the student population, SPC brings in several big name musicians and celebrities. However, an increasing amount of students have shown heightened interest in seeing local bands perform.

Therefore, SPC is dividing the responsibilities of the concert committee into large and local musician programs. Egan said this division will strengthen each committee and make the programs better.

SPC plans to begin organization of these committees in May, with new directors selected for each program. By expanding the area of entertainment for students, SPC's recruitment theme, "Reach for the Stars," plays well into its new programming.

Jeremy Sonnenschein, a graduate assistant to SPC, said SPC tries to push students to go beyond their normal scope of imagination.

"We try to get students to think outside the box," Sonnenschein said. "This allows them to get to other approaches of programming and expand their horizons."

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BUDGET

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University just imposing its own will. His college will lose about \$46,000 of its \$9 million budget.

"They told us: Here's your bill. You determine where the money is coming from," he said.

Swisher, although disappointed about any cuts, acknowledges that for him it could have been a lot worse. Two years ago when the University made similar cuts he said he lost three times as much.

Others were not as optimistic. John Koropchak, dean of the graduate school, said he was disappointed with his \$50,000 cut because graduate enrollment has been on the rise in the last three years. Enrollment was one of the items taken into consideration when deciding how to allocate the cuts. The graduate school took about a 1 percent cut from its \$5 billion budget.

Nonetheless, Provost Winters said she had not heard much grumbling from the deans. She said they were told in December to watch spending because it looked as if the state's fiscal health was fading and enrollment was disappointing.

And this is just the beginning. The University is still bracing for another \$3.5 million in cuts from the state. The University took two hits from Gov. George Ryan when he cut the state budget to make up for state overspending.

Winters said she will recommend to the chancellor that the state cuts be made across the board, rather than allocated based on the budget model.

"The enrollment decline is different because in a sense we can say the University did not succeed in recruiting the students we said we would recruit," Winters said. "The rest of the cuts come from the state and that has nothing to do with the success or failure of the University."

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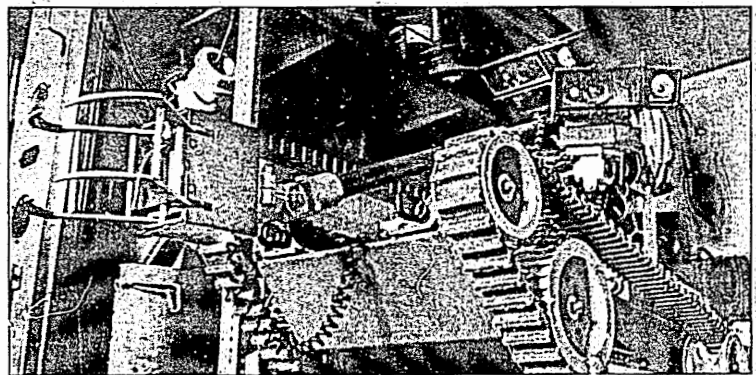
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Moe, a bomb disposal robot owned by the SIUC/Carbondale police bomb disposal unit, has a retractable arm capable of extending 15 feet, two cameras and all-terrain treads. The SIU engineering technology department repairs Moe whenever he feels under the weather.

ROBOT

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video game controller.

"We pick up cans and pipes to learn how to move things gently," Kennedy said.

Moe's arm has a 15-foot extension capability so that it can actually pick up a device and put it into a transport vessel. The vessel is used to transport the device if it's too dangerous to detonate where it was found. The vessel

is a large drum carried on a trailer behind the bomb disposal truck.

"The vessel vents the explosion up, not out," Vick said. "It can actually punch a hole through the clouds."

"The springs on the bottom absorb the shock of the explosion," Kennedy said. "But it's not uncommon for the tires to be blown out."

Moe is only one of many projects in the Engineering Technology Department. The Hover Craft Club projects are very similar to Moe in the sense that the components, such as

the computers used, are the same, Allabastro said. The operating systems are very similar; it's just a different application of technology.

"The students can learn from one and incorporate those skills into the other," Allabastro said. "Not only do projects like these benefit the college, but they benefit the department while benefiting the student."

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Daily Horoscopes



By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Feb. 5). As you gain status, sometimes you leave old friends behind. Don't worry. The best of them will always be there for you, and new friends are yet to be met. You'd never have had the chance to know them if you hadn't climbed this far. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Take it slow and easy. Don't let a manipulative person get you riled. Exploding into a fit of rage isn't in your best interest, even if it would be fun. Use the energy for something more productive.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - You and your partner need to figure out how to split the pot. Make time for a meeting to discuss your options. Make educational materials, or something that makes the job easier, a top priority.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Your job may seem overwhelming. Maybe it's because you feel underappreciated. Change that by doing more than is expected. You'll feel better about yourself and make more money.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - What you need is a plan. Your life will get a lot simpler once you've worked one out. Get a loved one who's a good strategist to help. Do it now, because you'll be too busy over the next few days.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - A personal matter you've been struggling with is about to be resolved to your satisfaction, so don't worry about it any longer. Make the commitment and get on with your life. Follow your heart, of course.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Continue to get organized, and finish your old business. You're in a decisive mood, so you can get a lot done. When in doubt, throw it out. Clear the decks for action.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - You've been using good common sense in your shrewd negotiations. By now you should be ready for another break. How about something new? Learn a game you've never played before. Discover more of your natural talents.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - You're a good businessperson because you always play to win. That tendency can help you make a few extra bucks now. You're sure to find a buyer for all that stuff you've been saving.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Careful financial calculations pay off, leading to new opportunities. Recent successes increase your self-confidence, and experience improves your skills. Try something a little more challenging.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - You're going into a contemplative phase. It'll last until about Friday or Saturday, when you'll get a good chance to take action. Be ready so that you can move quickly when the time comes.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - An older person wants to teach you a thing or two. Be respectful; this might come in handy. Later, let friends help you celebrate your recent victory.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - Continue with your planning, reorganizing and other preparations. Get ready to make your presentation. An older person may ask you to justify your position. Do so clearly and concisely, and you'll win support.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Ina V. Arnold and Mike Argleton

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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BUJOM
DIZAWR
JUDSAT

Who is it? Pizza man

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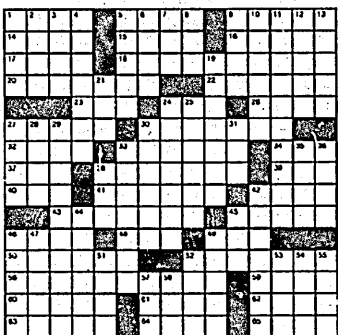
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: "OOCED" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BUMPY MURKY BREACH WALLOP
Answer: What the dieter ended up with when she bought a new wardrobe - QUITE A FIGURE!

Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Wild party
 5 Prohibits
 9 Yields
 14 Mobilize starter?
 15 Isle of exotic
 16 T-shirt shape
 17 Small group
 18 Large black-and-white mammal
 20 Construction worker
 22 Rob or Carl
 23 Chanoy of film
 24 Tipped
 26 Beauty and
 27 Print in question
 30 Raised bubble
 32 Pal
 33 Nebraska river
 34 Bakini part
 37 Place for carabinieri
 38 Assigned a position
 39 Always, in a poem
 40 Actress Ryan
 41 Breathed in short gasps
 42 Exaggerate criticism
 43 Frazz Holyfield
 45 S. othes
 46 Adenovirus cord
 48 Decade count
 49 Animal coal
 50 Pivotal
 52 Mass of baked food
 54 Credible
 56 Wanderers
 59 Employ
 60 Boss
 61 Public disturbance
 62 Author Forster
 63 Sewing needs
 64 Bhand and Sheridan
 65 Take a break



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Solutions

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- DOWN**
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 11 Summer to supper
 12 Ceased
 13 Sprochies
 14 Credible
 15 Weeder's tool
 24 Squash
 25 Makeshit
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 27 Long-rango weapon, briefly
 28 MacNolly strip
 29 Eveshell
 30 Shade of a bombshell?
 31 Tycoon Tumor
 32 Container for a small tree
 35 Twenty quires
 36 Capacious boats
 37 Hot tub
 42 More distant
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 51 Untidy condition
 52 Harrow's rival
 53 Conceal
 54 Sea eagles
 55 Tidy
 57 Paragon of football
 58 Diarist Anals

No Apparent Reason

by Brian Eliot Holloway

This is right before Gallagher attacked Carrot Top because he thought he was a watermelon (or so he says).



Notice a recurring theme of Carrot Top bashing? Get used to it!

Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

MARSHALL, I DON'T UNDERSTAND GIRLS

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I WOULD NEVER SPEND \$700 ON A DRESS

Doonesbury

by Garry Trudeau

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE AT THE BUREAU THROUGH, TOO, JIM?

YEAH, I WAS AN OFF-SOURCE BLANK.

IT'S NOT GOOD, PHIL. THE FEES ARE STARTING TO DRAIN THE SWAMP. I'M AFRAID THEY'RE GOING TO FIND ME...

SOUNDS GREAT, HAVE YOU TOLD THAT PRETTY LITTLE TROPHY WIFE OF YOURS YET?

NO SHE WASN'T A...UH, HOLD ON, PHIL.

WHAT? WHAT?

JIM, IS THERE SOMETHING I SHOULD RISKY ABOUT?

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HELEN, HOW'D YOU KNOW TO SELL ALL YOUR TECH STOCKS BEFORE THE BIG CRASH HIT?

WELL, UM, YOU'VE KIND OF GOT THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE.

YOU MEAN YOUR GELU CAUGHT THE CRASH?!

PEOPLE PAY ATTENTION TO ME!

Jeff MacNelly's Shoe

by Chris Cassatt and Gary Brookins

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NOTEBOOK

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Going Out With a Bang

With the 80-63 victory over SIU, the senior class at Evansville improved its record to 66-42 in its three-plus years there, breaking the school record for most wins by one class in four years. The previous record of 65 wins was

held by the 1989-90 senior class. This year's seniors also have a .611 winning percentage, which ranks among the best all-time at Evansville.

Evansville earned its first-ever NCAA tournament berth when it won the MVC tournament in 1999, and the team also made it to the NIT the following season.

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Women's MVC Basketball Standings

	MVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Creighton	10	1	15	5
Drake	8	3	14	6
Northern Iowa	7	4	12	10
SW Missouri St.	7	4	10	9
Evansville	6	4	11	9
Indiana State	5	6	9	11
Bradley	4	7	13	7
Illinois State	4	7	6	14
Wichita State	3	8	8	12
Southern Illinois	0	10	4	15

SWIMMING

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Although they were both eager about being in a new land, they admit they still need some time to completely adjust.

"At first, I was really excited," Page said. "It didn't hit me that I was so far away from home and my friends and everything till later. I'm getting through it now. It's hard, but everyone here's so great."

While Page has little trouble with the English language, Hatzidoni still hasn't mastered it. Her teammates are doing their best to help her along, but the shy Hatzidoni said she has a long way to go.

One of her main teachers is her roommate, fellow freshman Lacey Smith. Smith said the language problem initially made it hard for the two to communicate, but things are improving the more Hatzidoni works at it.

"It's created somewhat of a barrier like I have to ask her sometimes to repeat stuff, but for the most part she's really good about asking if she doesn't understand something or stuff like that," Smith said.

Sophomore Karina Belache had to make the same change both Page and Hatzidoni are making as she joined the Saluki mid-season last spring semester from Brazil.

Like Hatzidoni, Belache said one of the hardest things for her was the language barrier.

"It's very hard," Belache said. "They

have to be used to a language that's different. My English was bad. Melinda has good English, but Andri doesn't speak English at all back home and so it's very hard."

While Hatzidoni is still adjusting outside of the pool, in the water, one can't tell she hasn't been with the team all season long. In practice, she has been staying toe-to-toe with senior Brooke Radosius, the three-year reigning Missouri Valley Conference champion in both the 100 and 200-yard backstroke.

Speeding up Page and Hatzidoni's adjustment time is the fact that the MVC Championships is in a mere three weeks. While both have the talent to make a splash at the Championships, only time will tell how ready they are to do so.

"It's just hard to say," said sophomore Kyria Kershner. "Either you come in doing something different and it takes you maybe a year or two to adjust, or you come in, you have two months and you do your best. Anything can happen either way."

Performing well at conference is important, but adjusting to SIU and the United States is more vital to the future of both Page and Hatzidoni.

"I am still trying to get used to it here," Hatzidoni said. "But I think I'm going to make it."

If they do make it, Goetz just might make a few more 3 a.m. phone calls to keep stocking the Salukis' talent pool.

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Optimistic U.S. officials predict a bountiful medal harvest at Utah

Cathy Harasta
The Dallas Morning News

(KRT) For now, all that glitters is a golden opportunity.

Team USA heads for the Utah hills aiming to finish atop the Winter Olympics medals chart for the second time. The Salt Lake Winter Games indeed could be a gold mine for the home nation, playing host this month to its first Winter Olympics since 1980.

U.S. athletes should feel at home in venues near old mining towns, where quests for gold and silver consumed another century's dreamers. In this storied setting, Team USA could double its all-time best Winter Olympics medal haul of 13.

Only once has the United States finished atop the medals chart at a Winter Olympics, winning 12 medals at the 1932 Lake Placid Games.

But the Games also could be a pressure-cooker for the 211-member home team, despite success on the World Cup ski slopes, sled tracks and ice rinks this season. Home ice and snow can exert inordinate pressure and raise expectations, especially in light of the U.S. Olympic Committee's announced target of 20 medals.

"I'll be thrilled with 20," USOC president Sandra Baldwin said. "It was a real stretch when we made that prediction. Anything over 20 will be icing on the cake. We're very excited."

A medal count in the mid-20s is reasonable, though, 30 is not out of the question.

Powerhouses return

Germany, Norway and nations formerly part of the Soviet Union will field their usual powerhouses. Expect a few athletes from non-traditional winter sports locales - speedskaters from Hong Kong and cross country skiers from Kenya - to touch hearts as those competitors race with no shot at medals.

Regrettably, a broken leg last August cost Austrian alpine star Hermann Maier his chance to add to his Olympic medals collection. And a back injury forced the retirement of Norway's Bjorn Daehlie, the Nordic skiing great, before Olympic fans got a chance to say, "Goodbye, Daehlie."

With some of the familiar international standouts missing, the USOC's prediction of an all-time medals high for its team might have been too conservative. Based on results, Team USA

could double its best performance, if the top medal contenders prevail.

"What matters is that six-and-a-half minutes on the ice," said reigning world and U.S. figure skating champion Michelle Kwan, favored to win the gold medal after capturing a 1998 Olympic silver medal. "It will be, 'Don't talk, just skate.'"

The challenge to "just skate" or just ski or just drive a bobsled gets thornier when fans' scrutiny intensifies.

"Certainly, there will be pressure because it's your home crowd," said U.S. Olympic Luge Team member Brian Martin, who won a bronze at the Nagano Olympics. "But it will be very nice to have Americans cheering you on."

Figure skating promises competitions that should supply adequate drama, not to mention perhaps three U.S. medals.

Kwan of Torrance, Calif., could be joined on the podium by teammate Sarah Hughes, 16, of Great Neck, N.Y., as the United States seeks its seventh Olympic women's singles title. Former world and six-time U.S. champion Todd Eldredge or first-time Olympian Tim Goebel could grab a medal, as could the pairs team of Kyoko Ina and John Zimmerman.

Kvan, a slight favorite to win over Russia's Irina Slutskaya, almost certainly will repeat as an Olympic medalist, as could Martin. But driving some of Team USA's medal hopes are athletes aiming to break long droughts.

Todd Hays, a kickboxing champion from Del Rio, Texas, is the world's top bobsled driver. He is favored to lead the United States to its first Olympic bobsled medal since 1956. Hays, a football player-turned-sledder in the manner of Herschel Walker, practically owned the World Cup circuit for the past two seasons.

Medal opportunity

The Olympic debut of women's bobsled also bodes well for the nation. Despite a recent split with her brakeman, driver Jean Racine, the Olympic track record holder, knows every twist of the 15-turn course at Park City, Utah.

The United States could win two or three medals in skeleton - the sled sport making its Olympic return after a 54-year absence.

The surest gold-medal bet is the U.S. women's hockey team.

The defending Olympic champion has handled its archrival, Team Canada, with ease since losing the world championship to Canada last March. The U.S. squad consists predominantly of veterans from the 1998 Olympic team.

In men's hockey, Team USA might wish it could activate veterans of the 1980 "Miracle" team. The return of Herb Brooks, who coached the Lake Placid gold-medalists 22 years ago, will not be enough to get the men to the podium.

In short-track speedskating, Seattle's Apolo Anton Ohno might be answering to "Mr. February" by the month's end. Ohno, 19, could win three individual gold medals and a relay title. He captured the World Cup crown at every distance in 2001. But he must shake off the fallout from a selection controversy. Allegations of race-fixing to help a teammate stung Ohno.

U.S. Ski Team officials said 10 medals are possible from the alpine racers, freestylers and snowboarders. They won six medals at the 1998 Nagano Games. No U.S. skier has won Olympic gold at a Games in the United States. But injuries have depleted the powerful Austrian alpine team.

Picabo Street, the brash and winsome Nagano Olympic champion who lives in Park City, Utah, is making these Games her farewell Olympics. Street wants to go out on top and leave her mark indelibly on the Olympics.

But skier Bode Miller, of Franconia, N.H., could steal the thunder on the slopes. Two of his December World Cup victories came just 36 hours apart - a giant slalom triumph and a slalom crown. Slalom skier Kristina Koznick gained momentum with a World Cup victory in Germany in January, giving the U.S. technical skiers a chance to shine at home.

Eric Bergoust, the 1998 Olympic aerials champion, is coming off a strong World Cup season, pacing hopes of perhaps four medals for the freestyle team.

Though the United States never has won more than eight speedskating medals in a single Olympics, Fred Benjamin, the U.S. Speedskating president, said the team could capture 10 medals.

Talking time ends when the Games open Friday. Utah's rinks and slopes are ready to rock. And for U.S. athletes on home soil, it will be time to mine their own business.

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Michael Calabreece, a student from Marion, responds to a question pertaining to African-American rights in U.S. history. Students like Calabreece eagerly participate in the discussion and are interested in Scales animated discussion.

RONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kendo commands commitment

"A way of life,"
not just a sport

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

In kendo, you can have your friends and beat them too.

Members of the SIU Kendo Club are close friends despite nearly hitting each other with bamboo sticks in practice every Thursday night.

"People in this club are close and friendly," club member Arges Tong said. "It's a unique sport, and I enjoy it."

Kendo is a style of fencing with roots in ancient Japan. Kendo means "way of the sword" in Japanese, though it is fought with four-foot-long bamboo sticks. Swords have not been used in kendo since Japanese officials banned them 400 years ago because of the injuries they caused.

The object of a competitive kendo match is to gain points by striking an opponent with the top third of the sword on his side, wrist or head.

The SIU Kendo Club does not compete yet, which club president Steve Hancock attributes to low

membership and lack of preparedness. But the club plans to compete in March or April.

The club currently has six members with a skill level of Mudansa, which means "person without rank." But Hancock hopes to achieve the rank of Niyuu in the near future, which is rank No. 2 out of 10.

Kendo, although it is a martial art, does not use a belt system like the familiar karate. It has two levels of ranks, which Hancock refers to as the "Dons" and the "Kyuus." "Kyu" is the lower level, and "Don" is the higher one.

Kendo ranks from lowest to highest are shokyu, niyuu, sanyuu, yokyuu, gokyuu, shodan, nidan, sandan, yodan and godan.

Kendo also has a spiritual side. It teaches obedience, respect and gratitude in addition to swordplay. The ultimate goal of kendo is to use the sword to develop yourself spiritually and to help develop an opponent's skills.

And to the club's staff adviser, Tina Price, kendo is about much more than that.

"Kendo is great for physical development," Price said. "It's a way of developing self-defense skills in a graceful and disciplined manner."

Price used the term "self-defense" very loosely, noting that

kendo is not a great self-defense method.

Hancock agreed, saying that kendo is not for protection but rather sport.

He said if someone attacked you on the street, you could not just grab a stick and rely on kendo to protect you.

"If you came up to a real kendo master who had a stick in his hand, he really could beat the (heck) out of you," Hancock said. "But at our level, until about Sandan, which takes five or six years, you're just working on the basics."

Hancock said people usually try kendo expecting to fly all over doing flashy moves, but find it's more about perfecting the basics of using a sword. That misunderstanding causes high turnover in the club.

But those who remain are serious about the discipline.

"When you become much better, kendo is not a sport," said Hancock. "It is a way of life."

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Anyone interested in the SIU Kendo Club should contact Steve Hancock at 538-7448

ROBERTS

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Missouri State. Winning on the road rarely comes easy, but the Salukis shouldn't lose to any of those teams if they bring the championship intensity that Roberts and his teammates flashed with their backs to the wall Sunday.

"We've just got to take care of business with the other teams and be ready when [Creighton] comes back to our place, because you know they're going to be ready for us now," guard Kent Williams said.

SIU coach Bruce Weber thinks racking up 25 wins is as close to a magic formula for admittance to the NCAA tournament as he can conjure up.

The Salukis are currently 19-4, so assuming they go no worse than 6-1 the rest of the way, SIU will have met its benchmark independent of how it fares at the Valley Tournament in St. Louis.

The Salukis have been somewhat frustrated throughout this season by how fleeting their national recognition has been.

After beating Indiana and amassing a sensational record, SIU seemed a

prime candidate to spend the season a media darling.

A few unglamorous losses later, and the hype dimmed somewhat for SIU. Yet although a spot in the Top 25 hasn't materialized, the Salukis know the real opportunity for greatness will come in March.

It's then that the Salukis will truly have a chance to catch the nation's eye. And if Roberts sustains the inspiration he played with Sunday, it'll be hard to look away.

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Men's MVC Basketball Standings

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Illinois State	6	5	10	12
Drake	5	6	10	11
Bradley	4	7	7	13
Indiana State	2	9	4	16
Evansville	1	10	4	16

JOB

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candidate for the job."

The department can help students from fifth grade to college identify what careers are ideal for them and then work with those students in developing essential keys in landing a position in that field.

Heath Siebert, a senior in marketing from Sullivan, visited the department's satellite office in the College of Business last week to get some handouts about resumé writing. He's planning on attending the Career Fair the department will be offering at the Student Center Ballrooms on Feb. 20, and he wanted some advice on how to make his resumé stand out.

"They were a lot of help; they had all kinds of handouts, like how action verbs really help out your resumé and basic formats for them," Siebert said.

Career Services also employs 12 peer advisers, students who guide other students in building career preparation materials and showing

them what employment opportunities are available.

The advisers were added in fall 2000, according to Peer Adviser Myrisha Wicks, to help students feel more comfortable when seeking employment advice.

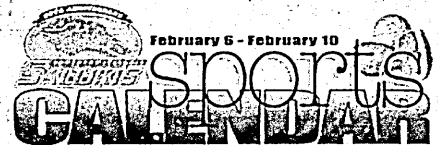
"(Students) feel more comfortable, and they may be able to express more what they're wanting than to a faculty member," said Wicks, a senior in psychology from East St. Louis.

The services offered by the department are available to alumni as well. After graduation, SIUC graduates can turn to the Career Services department for help in seeking another job.

While the job hunting process can be tedious for some, the workers in Career Services are happy to take some of the burden away from students.

"I like the idea that when a student comes in and they're stuck, and I have helped them. I feel like my job is done," Wicks said.

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Men's Basketball

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Although it is already halfway through SIUC's swim season, Melinda Page (left) and Andri Hatzidoni (right) are just now joining the Salukis. Despite being unfamiliar with their new home, Page, a native of Australia, and Hatzidoni, a native of Cyprus, are having no problem fitting into their new team.

Swimming recruits brave new waters

Women's swim team gains two mid-season additions in push toward MVC Championship

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It was three in the morning when a prospective recruit first got a phone call from SIU women's swimming head coach Jeff Goetz.

The reason for the extremely early call? The recruit was from Australia and Goetz had his time zones confused.

"I called the phone company and asked them what time it was in Australia and they told me it was like 8 p.m.," Goetz said. "Well,

it was really like 3 a.m., but I called anyway and woke up her dad and talked to her a little bit."

The recruit was Melinda Page from Mount Barker, Australia. Page, along with Andri Hatzidoni, a native of Larnaca, Cyprus, both joined the Salukis at the beginning of the semester, midway through their season.

Goetz and Page had exchanged a couple of e-mail messages prior to that ill-fated early morning call. While her parents were shocked out of their sleep, Page said they weren't too angry.

"My dad was pretty — he was all right about it," said Page with a smile.

While Page's recruitment started like a bad comedy, Goetz simply tapped a dependable resource to bring Hatzidoni to town.

She is just the latest swimmer to come to SIU from Cyprus. The women's team most

recently had Nikoleta Michaelidou last season while the men's team currently features senior Chrysanthos Papachrysanthou and junior George Orinos.

Hatzidoni had Papachrysanthou deliver her times to SIU's coaches and is happy Goetz was interested in helping her become a Saluki.

"I really like it here," Hatzidoni said. "They are all treating me very well, the teachers, the people from the team, the coach, everyone is very good to me and I like the environment. It's good to be able to study and swim at the same time at this University."

While the usual college athlete just has to make the adjustment from high school to collegiate sports, these two have some unusual changes ahead of them — adjusting to a different country and culture as well as

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Roberts has Salukis rollin' toward MVC title

If the SIU men's basketball team was still searching for a leader, it found one Sunday in Omaha.

Rolan Roberts has the ability, dynamic personality and veteran status to be the kind of guy a team can rally around in trying moments. Yet having played as a Saluki for less than a season after arriving from Virginia Tech, Roberts hasn't been around long enough to warrant that kind of consideration.

Against Creighton, though, Roberts made up for a lot of lost time.

Everything the Salukis have been working toward for months was in jeopardy Sunday when the Salukis appeared to be bobbling themselves right out of the MVC title chase in the first half against Creighton. Maybe it was because the Salukis hadn't encountered an opponent playing exceedingly well for a long time, or possibly SIU simply was paralyzed by how ready the Bluejays were to add the Salukis to their long list of home court victims.



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Whatever the reason, the Salukis were hurting. Down by 14 at halftime against the hot-shooting Bluejays and on the verge of a disastrous sobering defeat, SIU was crying out for someone to take ownership of the team and let it be known that the Salukis weren't going to sink out of town humiliated.

Roberts took it a step further. Though most everyone on the team exited a steaming Saluki lockerroom intent on redeeming themselves, it was the aggressiveness of Roberts early that reminded the Salukis that they — not Creighton — were the team that has played at a championship caliber level since November.

Recently named a captain, Roberts has been on a mission to demonstrate he can showcase his dominance when adversity hits, not just bully weaker opponents when SIU is up by 25 points. There was no better time to make that point than the second half Sunday, and SIU's big man took his case right at the Bluejays.

Roberts started the Salukis' 10-0 run after halftime with a trademark dunk and followed up by making numerous plays at both ends of the floor that allowed SIU to exploit the area it clearly is superior to Creighton — on the inside. By the time Roberts fouled out with less than five seconds remaining, SIU's muscle man had set the Salukis on course to win the championship that he and his teammates crave.

Somehow able to subdue Creighton despite playing only 20 minutes of quality basketball, the Salukis have officially caught the Bluejays. Now, they can't let them out of their grasp.

SIU has seven games remaining, four of them at home,

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Women's basketball race running off course

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During the preseason, Drake was considered the clear favorite to take the Missouri Valley Conference women's basketball title and, along with Southwest Missouri State, dominate the MVC.

However, as the conference moves into the home stretch of its season, it appears as though the prognosticators might have been peering into a faulty crystal ball.

The Bulldogs, who have averaged less than three conference losses over the past five seasons, have already dropped three MVC games and have fallen two games behind first place Creighton.

SMS made it to the Final Four last season and has not placed lower than second since 1989, but the Lady Bears have also struggled this season. SMS dropped its last two games and has fallen into a third-place tie with Northern Iowa.

The biggest surprises so far this season have been Creighton and Wichita State.

The Bluejays, who were picked to finish sixth in the MVC, have torn through the conference, amassing a 10-1 record. They have been led by sophomore guard Christy Neneman, who is sixth in the conference averaging 14.0 points per game.

Neneman had her biggest games last week, as she established career-highs in consecutive games of 26 and 27 points.

Her effort was good enough to garner MVC Player of the Week honors.

Wichita State, on the other hand, has fallen on hard times. The Shockers, picked to finish fifth in the conference, have dropped to ninth with a 3-8 record.

The forecast for Wichita State became graver last week when one of its top players, sophomore forward Angela Buckner, went

down with a knee injury.

Buckner, who was second in the nation with 12.6 rebounds per game, underwent arthroscopic surgery on Feb. 1 but could be back as soon as this Friday when the Shockers take on SIU.

Road Trip From Hell

Since 1989, only two teams had won both games of the Wichita State-SMS road trip — Illinois State in 1997 and Drake in 1998.

That number, however, doubled last week as both Drake and Creighton pulled off the rare feat.

Drake won both games by double figures, defeating the Shockers, 71-59, and the Lady Bears, 62-51.

Creighton did not have too much trouble either, downing SMS 74-61, and Wichita State 81-77. The loss to the Bluejays ended SMS' 15-game home winning streak, which had been the longest such streak since 1998.



Taking Advantage of Charity

After struggling early in the season, Indiana State has surged into the middle of the MVC hunt, posting a 5-6 conference record.

Much of that success can be attributed to junior guard Kourtney Mennen, who is leading the conference in scoring. Mennen, who last month eclipsed the 1,000-point plateau for her career, is averaging 20.0 points per game this season.

Mennen also recently became the conference's all-time leading free throw shooter with a career average of 88.2 percent (157-of-178).

Doing the Dishes

SIU senior guard Holly Teague is averaging 4.3 assists per game this season and is only 19 dishes away from reaching the 100-assist mark for the second consecutive season.

Teague, who recorded 117 assists last year, has 81 assists this season, and 198 for her career at SIU.

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