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Joan Higginbotham
SIU class of 1987

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Faculty to vote on last offer

Leadership to allow members to vote Thursday, Friday on contract proposal

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

The Faculty Association's threat of a strike at SIUC weakened after the union announced Tuesday that it is sending the administration's latest contract proposal to members for a

vote later this week.

Although no strike is planned for this week, there is not a guarantee that there won't be a walkout until members of the union vote on the contract proposal Thursday and Friday, said Morteza Daneshdoost, association president, in a Tuesday press conference. Rejection of the proposal means that a strike could take place Monday.

The decision for members to vote came after the union's Departmental Representative Council, which consists of about 46 elected leaders, conducted a straw poll Monday and Tuesday, gauging feedback from faculty about the contract offer. The council had the choice of sending the proposal to members for a vote or rejecting it, which could have led to a strike.

The poll showed that members supported the contract proposal 200 to 90, and the union's leadership decided to have faculty vote on the offer. The association represents a bargaining unit of about 680 tenured and tenure-track faculty, with roughly 390 of these being dues-paying members with the right to vote on the proposal.

Sill, the decision is not without reservations, Daneshdoost said.

"We have gained much, such as a fixed faculty-student ratio, job security, and non-contingent salary



MARY COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

After a departmental representative council meeting Tuesday night at The Newman Center, Lenore Langsdorf, chair of the DRG, and Morteza Daneshdoost, president of the faculty union, review the night's announcement to send the administration's proposal to the union membership for a final vote later this week. Results of the straw poll conducted the past two days showed the faculty's support of the administration's proposal to be 200-90.

increases," he said. "But we are not satisfied. There is much more to be done. We must now work to achieve workload definitions, administrative accountability, and faculty involvement in programmatic changes."

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said he is pleased about the decision for a vote, with the proposal coming at a time when state budgetary problems made the financing difficult. State officials have projected budget deficits as high as \$4 billion for the next fiscal year, a figure that could affect funding for higher education.

"It's a positive sign on the part of the Faculty Association," he said. "We have stretched out in a very, very difficult time."

The administration's offer included no salary increases for this year, and raises of 2 percent, 2.5 percent and 3 percent for the next three years, besides whatever else state appro-

priations provide. The proposal also guaranteed that faculty would not be laid off in the event of a financial exigency, or crisis.

"We have been very careful in this process," Wendler said. "We're trying to be good stewards of the state's resources."

The Faculty Association and SIUC administration have been in negotiations since February 2002. Union members voted in November in favor of a measure that allowed its leadership to call a strike Feb. 3 if talks at the bargaining table failed to produce a contract agreement.

Daneshdoost said faculty were disheartened that it took a year of labor talks to reach a proposal they could vote on.

"Members have indicated that

they were very disappointed it took the threat of a strike to make the board team negotiate in a serious manner," he said.

Wendler said he believes the administration has been sincere during the entire process, but added that the November vote authorizing a strike gave an added urgency to the negotiations.

"I feel like we've been serious and careful all along," he said.

Daneshdoost said the union will work hard to continue pushing for its issues.

"We are going to try to keep the administration accountable," he said. "This is the beginning. We are going to build on this."

Gus Bode



Gus says:
This upcoming movement is such a relief.

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Chancellor Walter Wendler said he is pleased with the Faculty Association's decision to send his contract proposal to members for a vote. The association's vote on Thursday and Friday will determine if there will be a faculty strike.

For a detailed look at several contract issues
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Faculty healthcare coverage a concern in event of strike

Administration undecided about proposed options

Moustafa Ayad
Daily Egyptian

If faculty members hit the picket lines this week, they risk the loss of health benefits and the administration has proposed several options to deal with the continuation of benefits.

In a recent e-mail to faculty members, Chancellor Walter Wendler indicated that there "may be or might be a loss of coverage to striking faculty members." But Lenore Langsdorf, chair of the union's Departmental Representative Council, said the straight-talk e-mail misinformed fac-

ulty by saying that benefits and insurance may be cut off.

"They scared the wits out of people," she said. "They cannot just stop their payments."

The union leadership voted Tuesday to send the administration's final proposal to a membership vote. They will vote whether to accept the contract Thursday and Friday.

In a handout given to members of the Faculty Association, members were notified that their benefits and health insurance protection could not be withdrawn, except under special circumstances that would only affect a small portion of the faculty. It was also stated that faculty with pre-existing conditions would not have their benefits terminated.

Wendler said the administration has not chosen an option yet to deal with health care issues and the faculty

strike situation.

"We would have to see how many people go on strike and then we would decide what option to take," he said. "There could be 50 faculty for a week, that's one thing, but if it's 500 people, we need to be more flexible. That makes it a very difficult situation."

If a strike lasts more than 30 days, faculty could apply for Comprehensive Omnibus Budget Reduction Act coverage, which would assure continuous coverage. The administration would have to notify the faculty of the termination of payment, and the faculty would then have 60 days to choose COBRA coverage, Langsdorf said.

COBRA and the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act allow faculty members who are on strike to have their insurance covered after an employer withdraws their financial backing.

HIPPA allows faculty to keep their health insurance status and remain covered during and after the shift to a different coverage situation.

Susan Ferry, assistant to the chancellor, said that SIUC as an employer pays a significant portion of faculty's health bills. She said there are currently four health care options the administration is mulling over in the event of a strike.

One option, which Central Management Systems spokeswoman Jodi Schrage said they recommended to the administration, is considering striking faculty to be on dock status. Central Management Systems is the chief health insurance carrier on the campus.

Dock status allows faculty on strike to have their health care insurance still partially paid for by the University. However, this only lasts 30 days; after the 30 days faculty members would be

responsible for 100 percent of their billing.

Another option is that the administration would do nothing about the striking faculty and continue their health care benefits, leaving insurance coverage in tact.

Additionally, if employees were terminated, their benefits would be terminated along with them. But faculty cannot be legally terminated during a strike because the association has taken the proper legal measures for a strike.

Another possibility is that members involved in the faculty walkout would be treated as if they were on leave status, which asks the insured member to pay both the employer and employee portions of the health care coverage.

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NATIONAL NEWS

NASA investigating debris in Arizona, California

NASA has dispatched teams to Arizona and California to look at possible debris from the space shuttle Columbia. The initial reports of the debris were called "credible" by NASA official Michael Kostelnik. The reports concern "debris further west than that might eventually shed light on what the cause was," Kostelnik said Tuesday. "It's not clear what the material is... It could be that (filos). It could be wing material." But he cautioned that NASA has not definitively linked the debris to Columbia yet. "It's easy to speculate. It's easy to be confused. There is a lot of things laying around the country," Kostelnik said. The discovery on Monday of one of the biggest and most recognizable pieces of Columbia — the nose cone — underscored how hard it is likely to be to find the thousands of much-smaller bits of debris. The nose cone — about 4 feet across — was discovered drilled into the ground in a deep thicket near Hemphill by two men who were scouting their land for debris. More than 12,000 recovered remnants, many as small as nickels, have created a growing mountain of evidence that could take months or years to pick through.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Saddam denies link with al-Qaeda

LONDON — In a rare interview broadcast on British television Tuesday, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein denied possessing weapons of mass destruction and said there is no link between Iraq and al-Qaeda. "If we had a relationship with al-Qaeda we wouldn't be ashamed to admit it," Saddam told Tony Benn, the maverick socialist politician filmed the hour-long interview Sunday while in Baghdad on what he described as a peace mission. It was broadcast on Britain's Channel Four TV station. Saddam, who last granted an interview to the Western media 12 years ago, also claimed his country has no weapons of mass destruction. "These weapons do not come in small pills that you can hide in your pocket. These are weapons of mass destruction and it is easy to work out if Iraq has them or not," he said. The broadcast came one day before Secretary of State Colin Powell was to present evidence that American and British officials hoped will convince members of the U.N. Security Council that Saddam has lied about having caches of banned biological and chemical weapons. U.N. weapons inspectors are in Iraq to determine if Iraq is violating that ban. President Bush, who has also charged

Kostelnik said that larger and denser pieces, including one of the spacecraft's engines, fell in Louisiana and are being recovered. Engineers are also taking a second, harder look at video, computer data and everything else that they think to conclude — perhaps wrongly — that a flyaway chunk of insulation did not harm space shuttle Columbia during liftoff.

Ted Turner says he can't buy CNN back from AOL

NEW YORK — CNN founder Ted Turner said Tuesday that he doesn't have the money to buy the network back from AOL Time Warner. Turner, who resigned as vice chairman of the AOL Time Warner board last week and is said to be dissatisfied with how CNN is being run, told CBS News correspondent Mike Wallace that he doesn't have enough money. AOL Time Warner's tumbling stock cost him between \$7 billion and \$8 billion, Turner said in an interview to be broadcast Wednesday on "60 Minutes II." Turner also said he is opposed to a potential merger of CNN with Walt Disney's ABC News. Merger talks have taken

that Iraq has had some links to al-Qaeda, has said Iraq is deceiving the U.N. over banned weapons. Bush has warned that the United States will lead a "coalition of the willing" to disarm Saddam, with or without U.N. backing. Inspectors reported finding one empty chemical warfare tank Tuesday.

Radioactive material found in Japan

TOKYO — Dozens of containers filled with radioactive material dating back as far as the 1950s were found in storage at a Japanese military college near Tokyo. Officials were investigating how the materials ended up at the National Defense Academy, which wasn't authorized to have radioactive materials on campus. Education Ministry spokesman Masaharu Ishida said Tuesday. The school discovered 48 bins — some sealed — containing radioactive uranium, thorium, iodine, cesium and cobalt isotopes in two storage rooms on Dec. 9 and 10. It didn't report the finding to the government until last week, Ishida said. It wasn't clear why the academy delayed. Many of the containers were labeled with dates from 1950 to the late 1960s, said Shingo Kimata, a National Defense Academy spokesman.

Where do you like to put your lips?

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	Saturday Partly Cloudy 39/19	Tuesday's precip: 0"
	Sunday Partly Cloudy 34/16	Tuesday's hi/low: 32/8
	Monday Mostly Sunny 39/17	

CALENDAR

Today
Pi Sigma Epsilon (co-ed marketing fraternity) new member's night
Student Center, Mississippi Room
7 p.m.

CORRECTIONS

In Tuesday's issue of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the front page article, "Faculty Association strike decision possible later this evening," needed clarification. The salary increase proposal of 7.5 percent for the next three years in increments of 2 percent, 2.5 percent, and 3 percent for each year. This is besides any state dollars appropriated for salary increases. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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POLICE REPORTS

University

- A backpack was stolen between 11 and 11:10 a.m. Wednesday at Woody Hall. The loss is estimated at \$410.
- Edward J. Urbaniak, 19, Chicago, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia at 11:02 p.m. Sunday at Mae Smith Hall. He was released on \$100 bond.
- Christopher J. Mattox, 18, Lakeview, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis at 11:11 p.m. Monday at Mae Smith Hall. He was released on \$100 bond.

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- Stephen A. Smith, 29, 1109 E. College St., was arrested and charged with felony retail theft and resisting a peace officer Saturday at Warehouse Liquor Mart, 829 E. Main St. Police said Smith allegedly attempted to steal beer and refused to be handcuffed when officers arrived. He was subdued after a short struggle and was taken to the Jackson County Jail.
- Gary J. Gangi, 1001 E. Park St., was arrested at 4:05 p.m. Friday at the Carbondale Police Department, 610 E. College St., after he allegedly turned himself in on a Jackson County warrant for failure to appear in court on an original charge of leaving the scene of an accident. He was released on \$250 bond.
- A man reported he was battered at 8 p.m. Monday at his home in Brentwood Commons, 250 S. Lewis Lane. He said an unknown man knocked on his door and was allowed in and asked for money. The resident reported he refused and was pushed down on his bed, and he retaliated by pushing the man out. One resident of Brentwood Commons reported seeing the man walking around the complex and another reported the man knocked on her door requesting a cigarette. He was last seen heading east from the complex.

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Faculty Association, administration agree on faculty/student ratios

Placement of new faculty remains an issue

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

The administration lowered faculty/student ratios in its final proposal Thursday to meet the request of the Faculty Association, which has been a long-time sticking point in the negotiation process.

The administration handed down its final contract proposal Thursday for the Faculty Association in hopes the union would accept and choose not to walk out.

The Faculty Association originally asked for a ratio of 28 students to every member of the bargaining unit, which is made up of about 680 tenured and tenure-track professors.

The proposal from the administration said that they will make an effort to ensure that the ratio is not more than 26 to 1. However, instead of total student head count, the administration used the full-time equivalency (FTE) of students. The FTE is a figure used as an industry standard across the nation, according to Sue Davis, spokeswoman for the administration.

Morteza Daneshdoost, president of the Faculty Association, said that in the end, both numbers are equal.

"They're the same numbers we have asked for, just in two different languages," Daneshdoost said.

Davis said the current ratio using the FTE is about 26.2 to 1.

The ratio cannot be accurately compared to peer institutions, however, because it represents the full-time equivalent of students to number of faculty in the bargaining unit. None of the faculty at SIUC's peer institutions have a bargaining unit.

The administration's proposal said that beginning Oct. 1, 2003, the board "shall initiate good faith searches" to hire the additional faculty necessary to achieve the 26 to 1 ratio by Aug. 15 of the following year.

Wanda Duncan, a radio-television major

from Marion, said she has been in huge lecture classes and was glad to hear that the administration plans to hire more faculty, which would potentially reduce class sizes.

"It is all about the quality of teaching," Duncan said. "I don't think a lot of students do well in those large classes, and if they want to concentrate on reaching the students, it's definitely a good idea."

Daneshdoost said that the Faculty Administration is very pleased with that part of the proposal, but it wishes that faculty could have more say in where the new positions would be added.

He said that the new hires may not mean anything if they are not placed in positions where there is a need for more faculty.

The last action announced by the administration is that the University will hire 28 new faculty members to areas selected by the provost and the vice chancellor for research.

"The faculty feel that their voice was not being heard with the last action of the administration," Daneshdoost said. "They want to make sure that it will be in the future."

The board previously rejected the faculty's request to have a say in the placement of new hires as part of the contract, Daneshdoost said.

Despite the continued debate about how much say the faculty should have in determining what departments receive faculty lines, Daneshdoost said the union is pleased with the new ratio numbers proposed by the administration.

Tomeka Bell, a senior in English, said she would like to see smaller class sizes. She said that one of her lectures this semester was so full, several students opted to stand in the back of the room.

"Smaller class sizes promote teacher-student relationships, familiarity, and the ability to meet other students," Bell said. "They create a more friendly environment."

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SIUC music professors help black composers express their voice

Two women will perform work for Black History Month

Kristina Dailing
Daily Egyptian

Jeanine Wagner and Margaret Simmons have been performing music together for 25 years.

Wagner, a vocalist and Simmons, a pianist, share a love for spirituals and art songs.

After one performance, a woman approached the SIUC music professors and said she appreciated that two white women were performing art songs composed by black composers since black performers had been performing songs done by white composers for so long.

"Her comments really intrigued us," Wagner said. "We started to look for songs done by African-Americans."

The two took a sabbatical last year and collected unpublished works of black composers for an anthology that will be available in the fall. The anthology that is being published by Southern Illinois University Press will contain about 40 unpublished works by black composers.

"Black composers have been ignored in this area," Wagner said. "We want to make available a body of literature that has not been available."

In honor of Black History Month, the two will perform for students and other community members some of the work they have collected from black composers.

The performance will be

Tuesday at the Epiphany Lutheran Church of All Saints.

Wagner said they enjoyed performing art songs and they tried to find more pieces by black composers but there were not many published. She said they also had students approach them wanting music by black composers they could perform.

Wagner and Simmons could only find one anthology on black composers, and it was published in 1975.

"They primarily focused on art songs, which is poetry set to music, written by black musicians."

"With art song, the fusion of poetry and music is paramount," Simmons said. "It is just as much about the poetry as it is about the music."

Carolyn Snyder, vice president of Programs for American Association of University Women, said that the performance is a great way to commemorate Black History Month and is relevant to the focus of the AAUW.

"These women are part of our faculty, have done this wonderful research and are well-known performers," Snyder said.

The duo also has plans to put together another anthology of music by black composers because of the response from the composers they have published and others with unpublished work.

"We did it because of our love of art songs and we saw a hole in the repertoire that was available," Wagner said. "It has been amazing to see the positive feedback and excitement over the publication," Wagner said.

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Council nearly eliminates HRC discussions

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

The City Council took a number of votes on the Human Relations Commission at its Tuesday night meeting yet made no actual decision except to discuss the issue further at a later date.

Confusion among council members as to what they were voting on led to a quick 3-2 decision Tuesday to table discussion of the Human Relations Commission until a majority vote could bring it up again.

That vote took place a half hour later and discussion resumed.

Because no members of the council knew what they were voting on in the first place, Mayor Neil Dillard called a recess after the vote so City Manager Jeff Doherty could clarify what the term "tabling" meant.

The City Council wished to identify the term, which, unknown to the council at the time of the first vote, eliminated any discussion of the commission unless it was brought up at a later date and voted on by a council majority.

Once the term was clarified, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, who was unable to change her vote, motioned for a new vote to remove the

previous one. This was unanimously approved, and then another vote, decided to postpone discussion of the commission instead of eliminating it. This allows for the issue to be brought back up and discussed at any time during a future council meeting without a majority vote.

The decision to form the Human Relations Commission took place in June with a 3-2 vote by the council. Its goal was to serve citizens who have been mistreated based on race, sexual orientation or gender by police officers, city officials or business owners.

Little progress has been made outside of rough drafts and outlines as to how the commission will be formed. Discussions have been ongoing at council meetings as members attempt to determine the details of how the commission will function. One of the most controversial of details is whether the commission should have the power of subpoena, which could produce witnesses or evidence in the course of investigation and hearings.

Even after an hour and a half of discussion and multiple voting, little progress was made toward furthering the commission. It was decided the best option would be to postpone discussion of the commission and attempt to further understand how it

can be dealt with.

Councilman Brad Cole voiced his opinions on the commission and said he does not think a decision will come from the current City Council. He said the council seems to be "incapable of resolving the issue," and it should be put on hold for the next council, which will be determined in April and first meet in May.

"I do not understand where the council is going on this, other than choosing its tail," Cole said. "We say we're proactive with this, so if we're going to do something, let's do something now."

Even before a single vote took place, members of the community and Undergraduate Student Government voiced their opinions about the commission. All were in favor of keeping negotiations open and working to accomplish the original goal of forming an active commission that will make a difference in the community.

"We need to go back and do our homework again and see how we're going to deal with [these issues]," said USG City Affairs Commissioner Raymond Gilmer.

Doherty said he is willing to meet with council members individually in the next week and discuss each point in a rough draft outlining the com-

mission. This will determine what each member thinks should and should not be included. Doherty will act as a mediator in this discussion because he is not a member of the City Council, and can therefore discuss business with members. Council members are not legally allowed to discuss issues with each other outside of a public forum.

Other options for dealing with the commission include those of Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan, who suggested bringing members from one or more of the 11 Human Relations Commissions in Illinois. She said this could provide guidance in forming a similar one in Carbondale.

McDaniel said she hopes local residents do not think the council is trying to avoid discussion of the commission, or just "chasing its tail." She wants to assure them that the issue will not just die.

"We want to make sure it's in the best interest of the citizens of Carbondale, and that may take time ... maybe as much as a year," she said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Hispanic Dance Friday

List Alfonso Dance Cuba will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Shroyck Auditorium. Composed exclusively of young female dancers, the company's work is a mixture of passions and emotions with Hispanic rhythms and Cuban music. It combines the Flamenco forms and Afro-Cuba rhythms and nineteenth century classical dance. Cost is \$26.

Professor presents look at black designers

Victor Margolin, artist and professor of Design History at the University of Illinois-Chicago, will present "African American Designers: The Chicago Experience" at 7 p.m. Thursday in Browne Auditorium in the Parkinson Laboratory.

Margolin will provide a detailed look at the Black design pioneers and their work in Chicago. Admission is free. For more information contact Carl Ervin at 453-5714.

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REGIONAL

Logan board of Trustees Meeting time changed

Jake Rendleman, chair of the John A. Logan College Board of Trustees, has announced the board meeting has been changed from Feb. 25 to 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the College campus in Carleville in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

Learn how to decorate your wedding cake

"Cake Decorating: A Wedding Cake," runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 13 through April 13 in Benton Consolidated High School room 109. Participants will learn how to assemble a wedding cake, as well as special effects, special flowers, borders and specialty decorating. Cost is \$24 with a \$5 supply fee to the instructor.

To register or receive information, contact Dawn Gibson at 610-437-5321, ext. 267 or call toll free at 1-800-369-5321 (in-distinct only).

'Lord of the Rings' class gives subject more pop

Linda K. Wertheimer
The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN, Texas (KRT) — The University of Texas students scribbled their names in a strange language. The A's looked like F's, the P's resembled gibberish.

They were in their second day of learning Old English runes, the writing system used by author J.R.R. Tolkien to invent the languages Elvish, Orcish and Dwarvish for "The Lord of the Rings."

At UT, the tongues revived by the hit film trilogy are being used to teach the millennial generation this semester. Already, students are raving about the new course, titled "The Linguistics of Tolkien's Middle Earth." Both sections of the class are full, and hundreds of students are on waiting lists to get in.

"So far, I love it. I like the visual, seeing the runes on the board," said Elizabeth Nelson, a 19-year-old UT senior who has three fairy tattoos. A tattoo of the Lady Galadriel is on her midriff. "I like being able to say that I know how to write my name in runes. Lots of my friends are jealous."

Fred Hoyt lectures during his "Linguistics of Tolkien's Middle Earth" class at the University of Texas at Austin. Hoyt hopes the course will inspire students to study linguistics.

UT isn't alone in jumping on the Tolkien bandwagon. This fall, three Dallas-area universities will team up to teach a literature class about the trilogy for students from the University of Dallas in Irving, Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas at Dallas.

The trend isn't new. For at least two decades, some professors have taught popular culture classes about film and TV shows and at times faced ridicule from colleagues. The difference now is that more professors are unabashedly linking movies and books their students adore with traditional, often weighty subjects, from physics to philosophy. Pop culture is no longer viewed as a nonsensical subject.

The idea of connecting traditional classes and popular culture grew rapidly the last five years, said Robert Thompson, a Syracuse University professor of media and popular culture. Textbooks such as "The Simpsons and Philosophy: The D'oh! of Homer" and "Seinfeld and Philosophy: A Book About Everything and Nothing" helped move the trend along, he said.

"College students know an enormous amount about television, about popular music," Thompson said. "If we can use that knowledge to invite them into other kinds of work, it'd be silly not to."

But professors can't simply show

film clips and play sound bites of popular music.

"If you're trying to teach Plato using Seinfeld and Simpson, that's a fine thing to do," he said. "But if you never get around to reading Plato, you've failed."

At Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y., students have been able to sign up for "Beam me up, Einstein: Physics through Star Trek" since 1997. Don Spector teaches the course every other year for non-science majors.

Spector shows bits of "Star Trek" episodes based on whether there's a physics principle he can teach.

Students, for example, watch a clip about a cloaking device. (Translation for non-geeks: a gadget that renders objects, typically spaceships, invisible and undetectable.) Then the class talks about what principles could be used to create the device.

"I have fun with it. I like teaching in this way better probably because they are more engaged with it," Spector said. "Physics always has this reputation of being so hard and so out there. It helps the physics to bring something that's so accessible."

Using the work of Tolkien as the focus for linguistics makes perfect sense, he said. The students think critically about a book they have read for pleasure in the past.

Mayoral candidate optimistic about life after losing job

Cole, others lose jobs on Gov. Blagojevich's first day in office

Sara Hooker
Daily Egyptian

City Councilman Brad Cole said he plans to concentrate on the April 1 mayoral election before beginning the job hunt.

"I am focusing 100 percent of my time on running for mayor, and that's what I intend to do at least until the election," Cole said. "After the election, hopefully I can focus on being mayor and anything else that goes on after that."

Cole, who was appointed to a property manager position by former Gov. George Ryan,

was fired along with 34 others by Gov. Rod Blagojevich during his first day in office.

Cole worked under Ryan as his deputy chief of staff in the governor's southern Illinois office in Marion.

Despite the loss of an \$82,000 salary, Cole is not concerned with funding his mayoral campaign.

"We've had very positive response from fund raising, and I've put in money myself, Cole said. "I'm not worried about that."

And win or lose, Cole plans to continue to call Carbondale his home. As a Carbondale resident of almost 14 years, Cole said he has lived in Carbondale longer than he's lived anywhere in his life.

While Cole hasn't given much thought to more apparent it became people wanting different things," Stratton said. "We couldn't deliver

by Blagojevich have more exact plans. Many of them reportedly consulted with a Springfield law firm about taking legal action against the decision.

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— Brad Cole
city councilman

The larger the group got the more apparent it became people wanting different things," Stratton said. "We couldn't deliver

the kinds of vindication that people wanted."

Stratton said he is unsure whether the appointees will be seeking legal council as a group or otherwise from anywhere else.

Blagojevich has since cut 28 more term appointees of his predecessor, bringing the total number of those fired to 63. Blagojevich has said Ryan illegally appointed his "cronies" in his last hours in office by ignoring state hiring practices.

Cole previously told the Daily Egyptian, he has no plans to take legal action. Right now he said he prefers to concentrate on the issue at hand.

"If I get a job with the state or cutting grass, I'm going to focus on being a good mayor," Cole said.

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Candles & cradles



DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

As her 1-year old son, Rowley, sleeps quietly, Liz Beck carves a design into one of the many elaborate candles located inside of Clear Creek Candles on the boardwalk in Makanda. Beck dips her candles in a multitude of colors so that when she begins to carve out different shapes each layer of color creates a unique design. So unique in fact, that some people avoid lighting the candle and melting the creation, according to Beck's husband, Paul. The historic boardwalk in Makanda is filled with various shops offering their own unique pieces of handcrafted artwork for purchase or viewing.

WE NOW THAT'S GOOD NEWS!

Planning commission to discuss greek parking

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

At a public hearing tonight, the Carbondale Planning Commission will discuss the possibility of revising parking regulations for greek housing, a matter that has not been addressed since 1974.

The hearing will take place at 7 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave., at which time a discussion of section 15-2F of the Carbondale Revised Code will take place. The section presents the question of whether there are efficient amount of spaces given to off-campus greek housing.

According to a memorandum stating the issue and background of the matter, the issue was brought to the attention of the council last fall. At this meeting in late October, the Planning Commission voted to initiate research into concerns about the efficiency of parking for greek housing.

As it stands, the current parking regulations allot an automatic two spaces for each house, with an addition space given for every two occupants. The proposal recognizes that insufficient parking conditions will result in parking overflow. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss whether this is adequate space for these houses.

"We looked at several other colleges and university towns and found out we're right down the middle as far as parking is concerned," said Lisa Reime, the

senior planner in the Planning and Services Division. "It seems right now that there will not be a recommendation for a change. That's not to say that the numbers won't entertain the request though."

Because the regulations do not apply to fraternities and sororities that reside in Greek Row, there are only five organizations, all fraternities, to which the proposed regulations will apply.

"I heard about it last week at an Inter-fraternity meeting," said Chris Calmes, a junior in advertising from Decatur residing in the Pi Kappa Alpha. "They're a lot of chapters with limited parking spaces but our landlord has been pretty good about giving us space. I know there are a lot of other people living in houses that are scrambling for space though."

Although Calmes, as well as a few other greeks, said they are having little problem with parking, the Planning Commission has done its best to inform the necessary individuals of the possible change in regulations.

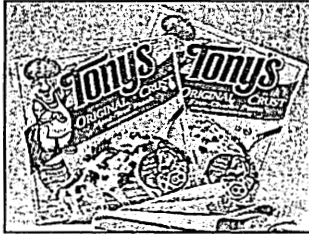
Reime said she has sent out 28 letters to residents of greek housing in hopes that they will contribute their opinion at the meeting.

She emphasized that while the discussion will not result in an immediate decision concerning the matter, it will help to determine whether further research into the matter is necessary.

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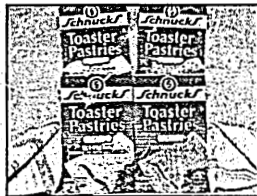
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OUR WORD

Sex and sports: why the difference?

Sex makes all the difference. Walking into the SIU Arena on women's game day is similar to exploring a vast, empty cave. Your voice will echo through all the empty seats.

Yet even when Saluki football was looking ugly, people still showed up in the thousands to support them. So why is it different for the women's side of things?

As the Bush administration takes a peek at Title IX to improve it, we need to display our interest in seeing those changes take place. And frankly, our teams need it, with basketball currently standing at 0-9 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Broke, you say? — It's free. Don't have time, you say? — Odd, you showed up in droves for the men's game.

For those playing the games, there's nothing like the thrill of hearing the cheers and screams of supporters in the stands. A few hundred pairs of vocal cords can do wonders for waning adrenaline when things get rough. Women's basketball players have repeatedly told Daily Egyptian sports reporters that when they're losing is when fans are needed most.

The University has demonstrated support of the women's teams as best they can; the new \$1.7 million softball stadium, while not officially named, will be open Feb. 28 for the first home game. It comes equipped with chair and bleacher seating, concessions, a locker room, a coach's office, laundry facilities and of course, bathrooms.

There's even space for 500 fans. We'd like to see those sparkling bleachers filled with SIU supporters.

You'll have a few weeks before softball begins, but basketball, and swimming continue to need help NOW. Most of the smaller sports on campus, such as tennis, volleyball, swimming and cross-country don't have the fan base that our men's basketball team packs into the Arena on game day.

People show more support for football than they do for women's basketball or either side of swimming combined.

If there was a competition among fans, SIU would be 0-500.

In fact, swimming is going belly up as the MVC for swimming splits apart, leaving SIU high and dry. The final MVC tournament in the history of swimming will take place later this month, Feb. 20 to 22, and the Egyptian newsroom will be there. After that, our SIU swim teams will have to compete as independents, meaning things will get a lot tougher. They will continue to need our support.

Honestly, some of us non-sports fans from the newsroom have never been to these games. But we're going to this swim meet to not only watch history take place, but to show the swim teams that we care — to show them that the disappearance of the MVC doesn't change the fact that they're still Salukis.

Sports are about pushing yourself to the limit. Time to get out there and exercise arm thrusts. A few more reps on the vocal cords and a few hundred sets of "get your butt to the game" and we'd be all set.

But as it stands now, if there was a competition among fans at each school in the conference, SIU would be 0-500.



ALEJANDRO AYALA - DAILY EGYPTIAN

OUR WORD

Knowing when to blink

It was a staring contest and both the union and the administration blinked in unison. Today, we all owe it to ourselves to breathe a little easier for we have taken a step back from the ledge that overlooked a fiery pitfall.

In a bold act of bravery, the Faculty Association put its pride in on the backburner and stood up for the future of this area, this University and the students who will walk the halls today and 10 years from now. The union leadership voted to send the administration's final proposal to an entire membership vote with the recommendation they approve it. They did this even while dissenting on some of the issues in the contract language.

We await the final Thursday and Friday vote, but it appears as if normality will soon no longer be the exception at SIUC.

Already, the tension that was thick enough to cut through long-lasting relationships has been eased. Those who earlier wore the masks of worry, frustration and anger are finding their sense of humor again. Union leaders left their meeting, not with the sense of defeat,

but with the acceptance that they did what they had to do, in a time they needed to do it. The administrators did not look upon this as a victory for themselves, but rather the first step in rebuilding all that was broken during the past year.

The days ahead will not be easy ones. It will be the education of SIUC. The way we mend the tattered friendships and bruised egos in the coming days, weeks, months and years will define who we are as a University community.

And through this battle to regain our pride, students here will receive the type of education that not even classrooms lined with Ivy could possibly offer. We will learn that life is about finding the middle ground. We will learn to hold our heads up high in the midst of adversity. We will learn to stick up for what we believe in, when to pick our battles and how to compromise with dignity. We will learn that all things have a beginning and ending and that sometimes, somewhere in the middle, we learn the hardest lesson of all — when to blink.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If you can't get rid of the skeleton in the closet, you'd best teach it to dance.”

George Bernard Shaw

WORDS OVERHEARD

“I basically try to tie the earth and my individuality together. It's pretty common that instead of separating ourselves from the planet, we try to merge ourselves with the cycle of nature.”

Shivian Balaras
member of the Southern Illinois Pagan Alliance
during the group's celebration of the coming of spring

COLUMNISTS

Internet Saint: man or mouse?

Hey, kids! Are you sick of waiting on slow Internet connections? Outraged by busy servers and "Page Not Found" messages while you surf? Well, for the Catholics reading today, your prayers really may be answered.

According to recent CNN coverage, the Catholic Church has begun a search for the man, woman or angel who can help us through our online frustration. And they're not talking about a Bill Gates hotline, either.

"Everyone needs patrons in the Kingdom of Heaven, and perhaps the Internet as a very young child needs the interventions of a saint all the more," said CNN prayer expert Monsignor James P. Moroney.

Hmmm. On one hand, I'm truing it. I can remember lots of times I've had to tell my professors that my connection crashed or printer failed or one of a half dozen other quasi-futuristic "the dog ate my homework" excuses. And there was even this one time that some of that stuff actually happened. I suppose I could've used some heavenly guidance that day, but I was too busy casting the demons out of my word processor

I was too busy casting the demons out of my word processor with a waffle ball bat to call upon God's messengers for help.

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I don't really know if this whole Catholicism version 2.0 is quite user-friendly enough. Frankly, I'd be too busy wondering when I'm allowed to call upon God, and when I'm just being a schmuck. I mean, how much Internet time do most of us spend in worship or biblical study each day? For me, three and a half minutes. You want to know why? Because that's the total amount of time that it takes me to accidentally locate a religion article on one of my news websites, scan it, and decide I'm really not interested in reading it after all. Unless it's about a cult cloning babies or something — then I'm scrolling down



Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY
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like a fiend.

So the rest of the time, can I still call upon Saint Jeeves to guide my spiritual journey through cyber space? Since the beginning of time, men have pondered the whole "Don't bother God with the little things; he's got a lot to do" approach to religion. Well, look at these saints. They're not even deities, and yet their whole existence perpetuates around the frivolities we don't want to bother God with. I feel kind of bad for them. They've spent their entire life helping people on earth and martyring themselves for God, and when they finally get to heaven, they don't even get to rest. Instead, they get sent right back down here to fix all of my problems, too.

Of course, I'm just a kid. And not even a very bright one at that. I admit I don't know how it all works. Not a clue. At least these bishops and Vatican assemblies are bothering to research this stuff a bit before they assign an official e-canonization. Maybe they'll find us a guardian after all. I sure could use one.

In the meantime, I guess I'll have to keep bothering St. Jude, Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes. Please, Mr. Jude, help me in my time of need. There's a vintage Darth Vader helmet I've been watching on e-bay all week, and well if you're listening too, God ... I'll just die if I get outbid.

"Not Just Another Priddy Face" appears Wednesday. Grace is a senior in architecture. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

What is the state of the nation?



Having my Say

BY LENIE ADOLPHSON
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Therefore, some governors have released prisoners early. Some governors are discussing closing schools one day a week. All of the suggestions are tough but that is the state of the nation. The criminal justice system is in total disarray and we are still spending billions of dollars for an ineffective "war on drugs" which by now almost everyone admits is a dismal failure. The money that is being spent on this absurd drug war could be spent on helping our elderly, providing more college funding for low income students, building affordable housing, putting computers into poor schools and a host of other programs to help people. However, if we were to enact these changes it might be too much like the dreaded S word. (socialism)

In terms of race relations there are still huge pockets of racism. There are communities that blacks and Hispanics are unwelcome. Finally, our foreign policy is the subject of intense resentment all over the world. Regardless of whether we want to admit it or not we are disliked and hated by many countries because of our excessive consumption and our arrogance. We are now on the verge of taking the unprecedented step to attack a nation that has not attacked us, based on what may occur. Moreover, our policies are obviously hypocritical since there is another country that has committed the same acts and has proudly proclaimed that they have these weapons, yet we seek diplomatic solutions to deal with North Korea. You did not hear this Tuesday night, my friends, but I am afraid this is the state of the nation.

"Having my Say" appears on Wednesday. Lenie is a junior in history. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Union leader acted childish

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is addressed to the Faculty Association and deals with the picture found in the Daily Egyptian published Monday. The picture shows Morteza Daneshdoost smiling and standing next to a student dressed up in an effort to mock Chancellor Wendler. Is this the image you want to show to the public? Has your long-standing effort to get your demands come to childish behavior? It appears so. Making fun of the leader of the administration you are at odds with is probably not a logical or mature step to take. You are supposed to be the mentors of this University, but your actions are making you look less than worthy to teach the future leaders here at SIUC.

Bryan Carr
senior, radio-television

Binding arbitration the right answer for settlement

DEAR EDITOR:

Yesterday the governor's office issued a statement saying that they were not opposed to binding arbitration. This is significant for the students of

SIUC. The Board of Trustees of this University are agents of the governor, endowed with their power by their appointment by the governor. The BOT up to this point had been arguing that binding arbitration would forfeit the powers granted to them by the governor's office. Yet the governor seems to think it's a better solution than a strike, and as such, the BOT better get the message.

As of yet, however, they remain committed to dragging this University through a strike; this Monday the first day of a possible strike at our University the BOT will meet to discuss binding arbitration as a solution to our current quagmire. Too little, too late. If they wish to keep their positions they MUST meet before Monday, and they must commit to binding arbitration immediately. Otherwise it is the governor's responsibility to his constituents to remove them from power and replace them with individuals who will commit to binding arbitration and do so before a strike occurs at this University.

The Daily Egyptian has sided with the BOT in their refusal to commit to binding arbitration saying that it would be detrimental to our University. How is binding arbitration worse than a strike? The governor's office boss doesn't think so. Why, then, is the BOT waiting till Monday, at which point all of our fears will be answered? Binding arbitration is this University's best hope to avoid a strike.

How is it then that the Egyptian editorial board is so naively convinced that binding arbitration is worse than a strike? Their recommendations too conspicuously coincide with those of the adminis-

tration. Almost as brilliant are those offered by the editorial board last week stating that the administration should have a say in a FACULTY union. Yeah and the Ku Klux Klan should have a voice in the NAACP. Completely absurd.

My recommendations are twofold: First, the governor should replace the BOT immediately if necessary to ensure that binding arbitration takes place instead of a strike; secondly, the Egyptian should seriously consider a new editorial board, one that is not a complete disservice to our University, the students and to our education.

Joel R. Landry
senior in political science and economics

Contempt for America after shuttle tragedy

DEAR EDITOR:

I was watching the news and was surprised to hear about the shuttle. What a tragedy this is to NASA and the families! This is also a setback to America and the world in the form of technology for generations of the future. Also on C-SPAN, they were reporting that there are countries saying that God was getting back at America. No one can judge that. If countries around the globe do like America, then why trade with America? And countries that do

not like America, they say "we're policing the globe." But understand that troops are in places in the world for America and other countries' benefits. Without world trade, Americans would not have the choice of a comfortable life. Other countries' governments should do the same for their people. I do believe that it is not America's responsibility to give world welfare to the countries of the world. The world is not perfect but people try to treat it so. Stop trying so hard to make it perfect. It will not work. People can get along if they want to, just like what children do when they are young before adults' negative interference. With positive incentives, the generations of the future will be better off than the world is now. If not, then what?

David Bean
Carbondale

Another vote for Southern

DEAR EDITOR:

I am a native of Western New York. Western has always been capitalized in that area and residents are not punctuation challenged. We choose to express our regional pride with a little "poetic" license. I cast my vote for Southern Illinois.

Judy Kennedy
Marlyshboro

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State tax collections down

Kristina Herrmöbler
 Daily Egyptian

January was another bad month for Illinois' tax collections, making an already bleak state financial situation worse.

It is possible that for only the second time in a half-century Illinois could end up collecting less tax revenue by the end of the budget year, which concludes June 30, than it did the previous year. The last time state revenues were down from the year before was just last year, leaving the state with less relief and more worries.

More worries to the state's economic outlook, means more worries for SIUC.

"Obviously state law requires Illinois to have a balanced budget, so if there are more shortfalls it means that the governor and state legislators will have to make cuts in every part of the government," said Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration.

Unfortunately, those cuts may very well extend to higher education.

"There is no way for them to make the budget they passed, so they will have to come back and make cuts," Poshard said.

The administration is aware of the cuts that might be in the near future of SIUC. And Poshard says they have

already prepared.

Last semester, departments submitted plans to Chancellor Walter Wendler for budget cuts for fiscal year 2004. The cuts range from 5 percent to 10 percent, depending on severity of the economic problems.

The SIUC budget task force recently began reviewing these plans — plans that may in fact become a reality if the state cuts funds to the University.

Poshard said he applauds Wendler for foreseeing fiscal problems in advance. In fact, Poshard said the plans, including tuition increases, have put SIUC far ahead of other universities in preparation for budget cuts.

Poshard said though difficult economic times may continue for the state and the University, the administration can and will keep their proposed promises to tenured and tenure-track faculty, including gradual raises guaranteeing 75 percent during the next three years, 26 to one student/faculty ratios and no faculty layoffs.

"If economic conditions continue or get worse, we'll have to find a way within the University to keep our promises," Poshard said.

Still, Poshard admits, the cuts won't come easily for the SIUC community. "We have a hard road in front of us if the state revenue continues to go

down and the state comes to higher education for cuts," he said.

SIUC might be preparing for Illinois' tough economic times, but City Manager Jeff Doherty says it won't be such an issue for Carbondale.

"Unless the state cuts by a dramatic number, it is not going to affect our current operations," Doherty said. "We have the financial stability to carry our operations through times of decreased revenues."

Doherty credits Carbondale's strong retail economy for leading the city through any cuts the state might hand it.

"The state's tax revenues do not reflect the Carbondale economy," he said. "In fact, sales tax for the current fiscal year is up 6.8 percent."

SIUC and Carbondale will find out how steep their cuts will actually be in April, when Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who has asked lawmakers for a two-month extension to prepare the budget, reveals his plan.

Poshard says the delay was probably needed, but it makes a bad situation worse for SIUC, which will only have two months to make up for those cuts.

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Bush requests increase in Pell Grants

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President George W. Bush is hoping to make more Pell Grants available to students throughout the nation.

In a budget request for the 2004 fiscal year, Bush asked Congress for an increase from \$19 billion to \$12.7 billion that will allow more students to receive government assistance in higher education, though the maximum grant amount would remain at \$4,000.

However, Congress also proposed financial aid restructures, increasing the maximum amount by \$100 to \$4,100.

At SIUC, nearly 6,000 students receive the Pell Grant each year, according to Daniel Mann, director of the Financial Aid Office.

Mann said that he hopes the extra

money will assist more SIUC students in their search for and education.

"As tuition fees increase, we would hope the Pell Grant would as well," Mann said. "If the amount increases as tuition does, it will help keep students out of economic issues."

According to the U.S. Education Department, the proposal will provide aid to 4.9 million students, an increase of one million more than when he took office in 2001.

The extra aid from the federal government could assist students in dealing with cuts from the state because of budget shortfalls.

Last year, more than 400 students lost financial aid when the Illinois government revoked map grants for fifth-year students.

Mann said that it accounted for a loss of more than \$1.5 million in financial aid to these SIUC students overall, many of whom have lower incomes than students who graduate in four years, according to a study by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

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member Lucy Sloan said the Pell Grants should provide extra assistance to these students, many of whom had to take extra loans and work extra hours to cover the costs of education.

The IBHE reviewed the study during their February meeting in Evanston Tuesday, though no suggestions were made.

The study shows that more than half of students being denied map grants because of fifth-year restriction had an expected family contribution of \$0. Two-thirds of those affected were independents, half of which claimed dependents of their own. The expected family contribution is one of the main factors in determining eligibility for Map Grants.

"All students who wish to go to college should be given the chance," Sloan said, "and our poor students certainly should not be left behind."

Katie Davis contributed to this story.

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Wisconsin school builds bridges to Vietnam

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (KRT)—The word Vietnam conjures up war and one of the most turbulent eras in U.S. history for many people, but time has eased some of the tensions and healed some of the wounds of war.

Thirty years after the Vietnam Peace Accord was signed, the Southeast Asian nation increasingly is reaching out to the world, seeking partnerships to improve its higher-education system and economy.

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is a pioneer in establishing educational programs with the Communist country of about 79.5 million people, said Karl Markgraf, director of UW-EC Center for International Education.

"We are doing long-term bridge building," Markgraf said. "The long-term goal is to improve Vietnam by growing the economy." The Arthur B. Schultz Foundation provided \$83,500 in seed money to start the program.

In its second year, the exchange program currently has two students from Vietnam on campus as well as one professor. Several Eau Claire cam-

pus professors have visited Vietnam.

One student, Dinh Thi Thanh Van, 26, of Hanoi, is working on her MBA.

She has bachelor's degrees in economics and foreign trade. When she returns, she will teach at Vietnam National University. Dinh said the locals are "very friendly," the current weather "too cold," and that, from time to time she gets a little homesick. There are no Vietnamese in western Wisconsin and to get a taste of home she must travel 90 miles west to the Twin Cities.

According to the 2000 census, there are about 1.1 million Vietnamese in the United States and about 19,000 in Minnesota, mostly in the Twin Cities.

While Vietnam, a country about the size of New Mexico, remains politically Communist, it is increasingly seeking to join the world economy. Since 1986, the nation has been in transition from a centrally planned economy to a market-based economy.

In 1986 a program called "doi moi" (reform) was launched and the slow restructuring process begun. In

1995, Vietnam joined the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and, in 1998, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, of which the U.S. is a member. It also has become an observer of the World Trade Organization.

"It's a dichotomy — the economic system has changed, but the political system hasn't," said Maria DaCosta, who, along with fellow economics professor Jan Hansen, spent two weeks last summer in Hanoi lecturing on economics, international trade and globalization of economies at Vietnam National University.

"The young generation doesn't know much about the war and is very open to America," DaCosta said. "But many older people don't want to talk about it."

The exchange of people, information and ideas will go beyond economic development, said economics department chairman Edward Young, a Vietnam-era Army veteran.

"Trade would tend to benefit both countries, but there are lots of other benefits. The more personal and professional relationships you have, the easier it is to get along and understand each other," he said.

U. Michigan meal program may find home at Northwestern

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Daily Northwestern
(Northwestern U.)

EVANSTON, Ill. (U-WIRE) — Instead of protesting military action in Iraq through rallies and anti-war rhetoric, a group of students at the University of Michigan is looking at an often-ignored side of war.

Michigan's Muslim Students Association is giving students the opportunity to aid Iraqi civilians through the university dining plan. On Feb. 16, students can sacrifice one meal credit at any university dining hall. The funds from the donated meal will go to Life for Relief and Development, a nongovernmental charity based in Southfield, Mich.

"The students give up a meal, and the university sends raw food costs — between 50 and 75 percent of the amount that would have been spent on the meal — to the organization," said Omar Khalil, vice president of the Michigan student group.

Life for Relief and Development plans to use the donations to buy supplies for Iraqi and Syrian civilians suffering from economic sanctions and later will give the university a full report of how the money was spent. Khalil said 800 to 900 Michigan students have signed up for the drive, allowing the university to donate more than \$2,000 to the organization.

The group chose Life for Relief and Development to be the beneficiary because of its proximity to the

campus and its reputation for providing aid to Iraqi civilians, said Khalil. Life for Relief and Development also is working to start charitable drives for Iraq at other universities.

While Northwestern University's Muslim Cultural Students Association fund raises regularly for the Middle Eastern region, leaders said the group has not organized similar meal allocation drives.

If the group did decide to start a drive, Shabir Abadin, McSA public relations vice president, said he is confident NU students would participate, emphasizing the enthusiastic response to last week's Islam Awareness Week.

"Just from talking to people, they're really interested," said Abadin, a Weinberg senior. "If that was an option, a lot of people would do it."

NU students have donated money for their meal plans to Chicago soup kitchens in the past. Some students group members said they would be open to the possibility of using meal points to help Iraqi relief efforts.

Jake Werner, a member of Northwestern Opposing War and Raqim, said his group would want to make sure students are aware of the Iraqi situation before starting a drive.

"There's not a widespread understanding of conditions in Iraq," said Werner, an NU library employee.

"But if we got information out to them, [students] would respond favorably."

A snapshot of the faculty contract negotiations

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wandler submitted a final contract offer to the Faculty Association on Thursday. The association represents about 680 tenured and tenure-track faculty at SIUC, and it is unknown how many would walk out during a strike.

Salaries	Ratios	Job security
<p>1. Administration: Offers raises totaling 7.5 percent during the next four years, but provides no increase for this year. The proposed raise guarantees 2 percent for fiscal year 2004, 2.5 percent for fiscal year 2005, and 3 percent for fiscal year 2006. This amount is in addition to any wage increases that are possible through state appropriations.</p> <p>2. Faculty Association: Wants a salary increase during the next four years that averages a 5.5 percent raise for each year. The raise calls for 4 percent for fiscal year 2003, 5 percent, 6 percent, and 7 percent for each subsequent year.</p>	<p>1. Administration: Proposes to have a student/faculty ratio of 26:1, with tenure-track faculty filling any positions created by greater enrollment. Administrators also maintain that receiving feedback from constituency groups helps them make the final decision.</p> <p>2. Faculty Association: Agrees with the proposed ratio, but desires an allocation committee with faculty members to give input about allocation decisions for programs.</p>	<p>1. Administration: Offers a promise of no faculty layoffs if there is a financial exigency or crisis. This proposal only applies if there is not a strike because of the potential damage to enrollment in the event of a strike.</p> <p>2. Faculty Association: Desires no faculty layoffs due to financial exigency and wants the administration to respect the union's right to strike.</p>

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Kazaa strikes back at music labels

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(KRT) The Australian company behind the world's most popular online music swapping site accuses the music and movie industries of conspiring against it to crush competition.

Sharman Networks, the corporation that distributes the Kazaa Media Desktop software, is trying to turn the legal tables on 27 entertainment corporations suing it for contributing to online piracy.

The arguments filed last week in federal court in Los Angeles echo those once raised by music-swapping pioneer Napster.

Sharman accuses the record labels and film studios of abusing their copyrights to improperly extend their

monopolies into the emerging realm of Internet distribution.

Sharman said its business partner, Brilliant Digital Entertainment, developed a way to securely distribute copyrighted works in the file-sharing environment, and ensure artists get paid. Brilliant Digital's Alnet technology has been used to distribute 15 million licensed copies of video games, independent music content and software each month, Sharman claims.


But despite "repeated" meetings with senior executives at the major labels — including Universal Music Group, Sony Music, Warner Music Group and EMI — the labels refused to license music for distribution to Kazaa users. Rather than legitimize Kazaa, the industry conspired to kill it, Sharman Networks claims in its counter suit.

"Today is a watershed for Sharman Networks," said Nikki Hemming, Sharman's chief executive, in a prepared statement. "In submitting our counterclaim we are placing our side of the story on the record and demonstrating our effort to find a win-win solution for consumers, the entertainment industry and creators."

Napster raised similar claims of collusion and abuse of copyright in seeking to defend itself against the five major labels. Federal District Court Judge Marilyn Hall Patel, who had repeatedly ruled against Napster, allowed it to explore anti-trust issues in its defense. But the Redwood City company went bankrupt before it could make its arguments in court.

The recording industry dismissed Sharman's charges as "laughable."

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Bush says space program 'will go on'

Ron Hutcherson & Shawn Windsor
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HOUSTON (KRT) — Standing before the weeping relatives of the lost shuttle astronauts, President Bush on Tuesday invoked their memory with a vow that "America's space program will go on."



Alyssa Varsos, left, and Julie Martin look at a memorial set up at the entrance to the Johnson Space Center for the crew of the space shuttle Columbia Tuesday, in Houston.

Bush made the commitment to an emotional audience of more than 10,000 NASA workers and contractors who gathered at the space agency's headquarters for a tearful farewell to the seven astronauts of the space shuttle Columbia. Despite the size of the crowd, the memorial felt more like a private chapel service as NASA workers shared anecdotes about their co-workers who died Saturday morning when the shuttle broke up over Texas.

Bush said the seven astronauts fulfilled "an ancient dream of humanity" by leaving behind "Earth and air and gravity" in a quest for knowledge.

"This cause of exploration and discovery is not an option we choose; it is a desire written in the human heart," he said. "We are that part of creation which seeks to understand all creation."

His reaffirmation of support for the space program was a comforting message to a crowd with an intensely personal interest in Saturday's disas-

ter. Bush and his wife, Laura, sat among more than two dozen relatives of the fallen astronauts.

Other audience members laughed knowingly when Navy Capt. Kent Rominger, the chief of the astronaut corps, offered a series of anecdotes about all seven astronauts. He recalled the shuttle crew's high-spirited antics at the last NASA holiday party, when they slapped temporary tattoos with the mission's identifying designation — STS-107 — on anyone who came near their table.

"The world lost seven heroes. We lost seven family members," Rominger said. Addressing his departed colleagues by name, he added: "I know you're listening. Please know you're in our hearts. We will always smile when we think of you."

Seventeen years ago, NASA hosted a similar remembrance for the crew of the space shuttle Challenger, which exploded over Florida shortly after takeoff. NASA

administrator Sean O'Keefe promised a thorough investigation of the most recent accident "to make sure it never happens again."

Outside the gates of NASA's headquarters, hundreds of other people held their own makeshift memorial service.

"We love our astronauts here just as they love their firemen in New York," said Kathryn Lott, a Clear Lake resident who came on her lunch break. While some mourners placed flowers or read poems, others simply milled about.

"Every person coming out here has some type of hurt," said Gene Grounds, the director of Victim Chaplain, a Dallas-based Baptist disaster-relief organization.

John Cobarruvias brought his 8-year-old son, David, who was dressed in a blue astronaut flight suit. Cobarruvias couldn't explain why he had come.

"Hard to explain," said the NASA computer analyst. Bush, who paid tribute to each

of the seven astronauts individually, said they faced the risks of their work with joy.

"Yet, some explorers do not return. And the loss settles unfairly on a few," Bush said. "To the children who miss your Mom or Dad so much today, you need to know, they love you, and that love will always be with you."

Bush recalled that Commander Rick Husband, the mission commander, was fond of the hymn, "How Great Thou Art," which includes the lines, "I see the stars. I hear the mighty thunder. Thy power throughout the universe is displayed."

In the front row, Husband's wife, Evelyn, wept while her daughter leaned against her shoulder. After the ceremony, Bush met privately with family members and told them that he struggled to maintain his composure during the brief remarks, according to an administration official who was in the room.



People fold their hands in prayer at the memorial service for Columbia's crew.

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- 405 S. Beveridge
- 300 E. College
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- 312 W. College #2
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- 305 Crestview
- 906 S. Elizabeth
- 406 E. Hester - All
- 210 W. Hospital - All
- 308 W. Monroe
- 417 W. Monroe
- 402 W. Oak - All
- 402 W. Walnut
- 600 S. Washington

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- 405 S. Beveridge
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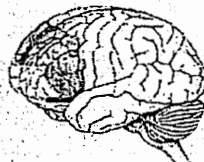
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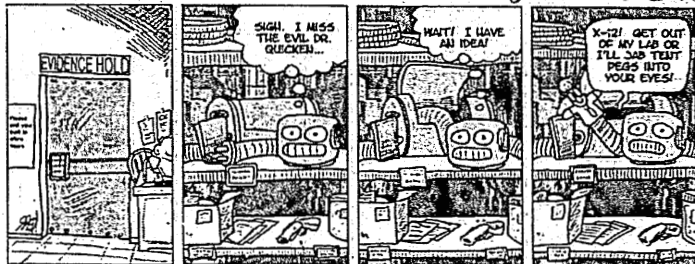
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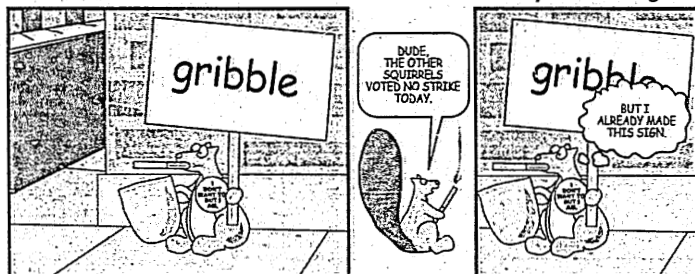


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Feldar and Zotnig realize they have chosen the wrong shapes to assume.

Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Feb. 5). You're smart, and getting smarter. Exercise your body as well as your brain, and end up with more energy than when you started. Begin by signing up with a good coach or guru.

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 9 - You're learning quickly, but don't get cocky. You're not ready to challenge the champion yet, so don't tick off him or her. Be cool.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - You're slow to anger, and sometimes slow to take action - which is perfect for you. But if there's been a burr under your saddle for a while, let somebody know.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - A friend from far away can help you make money, so don't spend the whole time gossiping. Ask what he or she is doing effectively, and apply it to your situation.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - Review your assets and liabilities, and reassess your net worth. Odds are good it's greater than you thought, and it could soon get even greater. More is better.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - You like to keep up with the latest styles, and that can get expensive. You may have to moonlight to make it happen. But hey, that's doable.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - Don't cry if something at home gets broken or bent beyond repair. It could be the opportunity to get that new one you've been wanting.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 9 - Your creativity is boundless today. You're good, and you're also inspired. Accept the encouragement, and get started on your greatest achievement to date.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - Don't let yourself become enraged by a co-worker's insensitivity. Instead, use the energy to plow through a tough job.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 9 - You're ready to take action, and the time is finally right. Blast ahead, using what you've recently learned. You can win!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - Something you've been putting up with at home could be getting to be too much trouble. Can you fix it yourself? Maybe, if that's what you like to do. Otherwise, pay.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - A friend's crazy idea, plus your technical skill, could lead to a brilliant advancement. There's strength in diversity.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - You've done the work, so you should get the pay. Don't be shy. Ask for what you have coming. The check-signer is in a generous mood.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrillon

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(Answers tomorrow)



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Adam



by J. Tierney

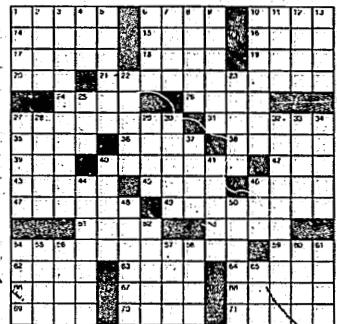
Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



Crossword

- ACROSS
 1 Nocturnal fliers
 6 Brick carriers
 10 Negative voices
 14 AOL rival
 15 Help on a heist
 16 Toast topper
 17 "A ragout of ___ Own"
 18 Perjurer
 19 Cartoonist Kaily
 20 Humble home
 21 Naval behemoths
 24 Gardener, at times
 26 Fish story
 27 Skin irritations
 31 Access Tunnel
 35 Many millions
 36 Playwright Coward
 38 the el puros
 39 Fee, he, lo, ___ smell...
 40 Restaurant stand
 42 Auto fuel
 43 Japanese port
 45 Japanese wrapping
 46 Hanking
 47 Swiss city
 49 Explicitly stated
 51 Hindu spiritual discipline
 53 Yummy
 54 Baguette
 59 Winter Lark
 62 Dynamic lead-in?
 63 First victim
 64 Concrete
 66 College credit
 67 Spots
 68 Last thing... usually
 69 "...but, answer came there
 70 Toddler
 71 Cosmopolitan Leader



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Solutions

- 6 Sentry's cry
 7 Funeral info
 8 Distributed the cards
 9 Trout-fishing locale
 10 1966 Beatles hit - Man
 11 Jail fall over
 12 Shill bark
 13 Drunkards
 22 Sports venue
 23 Loose
 25 CIA precursor
 27 Haze over
 28 Still-into
 29 Goes bad
 30 Blood constituent
 32 Recipe element
 33 Does' matter
 34 Something of value
 37 Tibetan priest
 40 Mayhem island
 41 Line dance
 44 Convention address
 54 polka
 55 Slushy dessert
 48 Appalled and dismayed
 50 Common antisocial
 52 Westminster, e.g.
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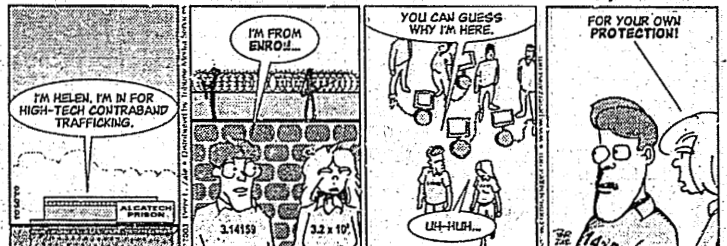
LATE NITE Memories

CLY HELD - MASTER OF MY DOMAIN

One day me and my friends found a paper plate on the ground. "Hey!" I said. "Now we can play a game of plate!" They all just looked at me, and sank their heads. They didn't have the funny child-hood I did.

Helen, Sweetheart of the Internet

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GUEST COMMENTARY

A wrestler responds

Kevin M. Foster
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In a commentary about Title IX (1/30/02), Michael Brenner rightfully decies the sexist language that has been used by some to refer to women's sports. He then goes on, however, to belittle wrestlers and the sport of wrestling in the same mocking tone.

In this and other instances (e.g. writers who blather on about how they don't like soccer because of the low scores), many sports writers show themselves not to be advocates for sports, but rather advocates for those sports they find enjoyable to watch.

Their opinion is, of course, their birthright. However, I hope that readers demonstrate more intelligence than some writers and recognize that the greatness of sport is not only based in its appeal to non-participants (be they fans or writers), but also in the character it stands to build among those who participate.

Wrestling, like other sports, builds character. A particular sports writer can't stand to watch wrestling? So what. In a recent DE article (1/29/02), one of the female basketball players remarked that fans find women's basketball less exciting than men's basketball. She even went so far as to make the ridiculous statement that she would welcome pervers to the games just to fill the stands. Does lack of fan support mean that women's basketball should be eliminated? Of course not.

Women should be afforded opportunities in sports because of the positive impact it will have upon them. But this doesn't have to be a zero sum game. We can do better than simply perpetuate the current system where female athletes benefit at the expense of male athletes who don't happen to participate in football or men's basketball. In all of the controversy about sports gender inequities, few are willing to face the true crux of the problem.

The problem leading to the elimination of men's teams on college campuses is not simply Title IX, but rather a bloated college football

system that has been coupled with the well-intentioned proportionality language of Title IX. (And I say this, by the way, as a person who believes in SIU football and believes that football can provide substantial benefits for a university).

Nonetheless, how do we ignore the fact that football programs across the country carry 85 scholarships, making gender proportionality especially difficult? Simply cutting football scholarships and rosters down to reasonable size would eliminate the remaining equity problems. (It would also help football programs at mid-major schools to become more competitive since many big schools recruit beyond necessity and use several of their scholarships to keep talented players from signing elsewhere).

The difficult fact is that in conjunction, the NCAA guidelines surrounding football and the dictates of Title IX make it nearly impossible to have both a strong football program and a rich program of Olympic sports for men. But why isn't this dilemma addressed in sports writers' columns? Perhaps because they think football is just too darn fun to watch to be subjected to scrutiny.

Finally, Michael Brenner's commentary also states that because he doesn't receive a scholarship for writing a column, wrestlers shouldn't complain about losing their scholarships. This is absurd. With all due respect to the writer's craft, there is no comparison between the work of a columnist, and what collegiate athletes (regardless of gender or sport) go through as elite performers.

Dr. Foster is a former NCAA Division I wrestler whose team was eliminated to support football, basketball and Title IX. He is also a former employee of the Women's Athletic Department at the University of Texas and is a current SIU faculty member. Among other courses, he teaches Sport in Contemporary American Society, and Race and Sports in African American Life. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

GUEST COMMENTARY

They think they know, but they have NO idea!

Do they really think they know? Well, they don't.

I have never been the one to get wrapped up in all the media attention or let it affect my play in over my three years at SIU. But recently I've seen some things written about me that I really must respond to.

"Big Game Jermaine," and "Erratic Play by Dearman." These are two quotes that definitely stuck in my mind.

I can't help that cameras are around my teammates and I 24/7. I can't help that the biggest games of the season are played on live TV. MTV has been doing a documentary on us this year. In that case, every game will be big anyway.

When I do my job and help my team win with my aggressive play or impressive numbers, cameras are shoved in my face. I've never been one to be camera shy.

Personally, I like interacting with the camera and the people interviewing me. Thus, I've earned the nickname, "Big Game Jermaine." This does not mean that I take the games that are not on television lightly.

When big games come, the adrenaline rush helps me step my game up to another level. I approach each game with the same mindset — winning.

This is the ultimate goal. I'm a warrior. I do whatever my team needs me to do to help them win.

Each game is different. I'm put in different situations where I have no choice but to react to what the defense gives me. It's called being a smart basketball player.

Sometimes I get more shots than others, sometimes my other teammates are hot and we need to keep feeding them the ball.

Sometimes I'm hot and they need to keep feeding me the ball. That's how it goes in college B-Ball, and that's how it goes for all levels of basketball.

One night I scored 26 points against Wichita



Deep thoughts from ...

BY JERMAINE DEARMAN
senior forward, SIU men's basketball

State at the Arena and it was talked about a lot in the papers. That's good.

But when I had only five points on six shots against the same opponent at their place, I was one of the loudest players on the bench helping get my team fired up. At half time I was still hooting and hollering. But this was not talked about.

In the 35-point victory, writers could only manage to say that my play was "erratic."

Do they even know? Every time I play, I feel I'm productive in some kind of way. That's what seniors do. The writers should have been concerned about that positive influence I gave my team instead of how many points I had.

But they choose to tell the people what they want to. For example, Season Hairston was overlooked early in the season after he also tied the school record for 67 steals. He also started in more games his freshman year than anyone else.

Did anybody write about that? No! Kent Williams only had seven points against Indiana State; does he play Erratic? No!

Neither do I. We're just seniors who are willing to do whatever it takes to lead our team to a Missouri Valley Conference championship. Get it Right! I'm on top of my game.

Are You?

Jermaine is a senior in business marketing. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Support the women's basketball team

DEAR SPORTS EDITOR:

I would like to thank the Daily Egyptian sports desk for bringing attention to the grave injustice done to women's sports at SIU.

People in this university and community should be ashamed of themselves for not supporting the women's teams.

During the last women's basketball home game versus Middle Tennessee State there were 201 people in attendance, and I think the players and coaches were added into that total.

These women deserve much better than this.

If only one out of every 100 students would have gone, the attendance would have doubled.

There is no doubt in my mind the men would not have a 22-game home winning streak if they had 200 fans there.

There is also no doubt in my mind the women would not have lost six of their last seven home games if they had 8,000 fans in the stands for each game.

These athletes work hard on and off the court putting in countless hours.

Students and people in this community should be able to find two hours out of their schedule to come and cheer on their Salukis.

There are only five home games left this year — only five more opportunities to see Molly McDowell, Hillary Phillips and Megan Miller play.

Please come out and show your appreciation of their hard work.

One another note, I would like to thank Michael Brenner for standing up for Title IX and women's sports in general.

Of course women cannot match men physically, and it is unfair and unrealistic to expect them to. But if someone says women are not as skillful or talented as men, they have obviously not seen them play or simply do not know what they are talking about.

SIU has some great female athletes, so don't miss the opportunity to see them perform.

Bob Monroe
senior, electrical engineering and math

A call for co-ed sports

DEAR SPORTS EDITOR:

As a male and longtime lover of the game of basketball, I become upset when I see others not able to enjoy it to its full potential, especially if they happen to be the girls on my own school's team. It is sad that they don't get the support that they deserve, especially after all their hard work.

Girls are just as exciting to watch as the guys; unfortunately, a lot of people don't know this.

This is yet another example of why I stand by my belief that all sports should be co-ed. Inter-gender teams would be one of the most intelligent decisions in the history of sports. And not just in schools, I mean in ALL leagues, all around the world. Doing this would have a number of positive effects: 1) A LOT of money would be saved in school athletic programs by only having to care for one team. 2) Attendance would be much higher, both at schools and professional leagues, since there is no more need for fans to divide their attention between a male and female league. This equals a LOT more money, not just from ticket sales, but also in merchandise and television ratings. 3) Girls would finally get the audience and respect they deserve.

Plus, who wouldn't want to see Lisa Leslie gliding past Shaq in the post? Or Dawn Staley, an amazing ball handler, crossing over on Allen Iverson?

This transition would take time. I am an idealist as well as a realist, and I know that if this were put into practice, we wouldn't see a lot of girls on the teams at first. I believe this is because women have forgotten how to play guys, since they haven't been allowed to since junior high.

Some people could see this as an attempt to dissolve women's participation in sports altogether. But overall, girls would eventually bring a brand new energy and style to the game, transforming the sports world as we know it. I strongly believe that as our society continues to evolve to higher levels of understanding and compassion, we will see this decision come to pass. For me, it is only a matter of time, so, let's make it sooner, rather than later.

Heyward Boyce
sophomore, cinema and photography

READER COMMENTARY

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SIU Men's Basketball team arrives for game in Wichita.



SIU Women's Basketball team arrives for game in Northern Iowa.

Life and basketball

Even with a 17-55 career record as SIU women's basketball coach, Lori Opp and administrators think she can still turn the program around

story by ZACK CREGLOW

It is easy to spot out head coach Lori Opp at an SIU women's basketball game. The third-year head coach will be positioned in her trademark kneel with her right fist placed against chin, attentively watching every movement the 10 players on the court make.

She focuses on the details because she knows if the Salukis want to get a single win in the Missouri Valley Conference, they have to do everything perfect.

"Our margin of error is very small," Opp said. "We have to get little things done. Every missed block out and every bad pass, that adds up. That is why we continually harp on the little things."

That is in her predisposition, doing the little things, and it has been evident ever since her days as a standout guard at Havana High School.

When she went to play competitively at Western Illinois, the little things became a must as she played forward at a shorter height than the norm for that position.

She had the perfect composition for being a coach — scrappy and competitive with undying love for the game.

"My high school coach was the first coach I looked up to," Opp said. "He was the one who made me want to coach. That is what I have wanted to ever since then."

After she graduated cum laude from Western Illinois in 1988, she immediately started coaching as a graduate assistant for the Westerwinds until she left in 1993 to become an assistant for Eastern Illinois.

It became noticeable what her goal was. Jumping as an assistant from Eastern Illinois to Indiana State to Murray State before landing here at SIU in 1998 as an assistant under then-head coach Julie Beck.

Then her shot came after Beck resigned in August of 2000, leaving Opp to run the helm at SIU.

Her first season was what most would expect from an interim head coach with a young coaching staff as the Salukis finished 7-20 overall, 4-14 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

With the 2001-02 season, a renewed vigor surrounded the team before Opp, feeling a bit run down and sick, underwent some checks at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale on Oct. 14, 2001. She was then sent to Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis on Oct. 19 for further tests.

"I just honestly thought I had the flu when I went to the hospital," Opp said. "I realized something was wrong after the tests. It was indicative something was not good."

The doctors found that Opp had a rare liver condition called Sarcoidosis, which has no known cure. She was released on Oct. 24, 2001.

The news was not only disheartening for her players, it proved to be terrible timing as the team was gearing up at practice for the upcoming season.

"That was something that hurt us, not having someone in charge," senior guard Molly McDowell said. "We had two very new assistants there and one that had only been there a year. Of course they are going to have conflicting styles and conflicting opinions."

"It hurt not having someone there to tell us 'This is how we are going to do it. This is how it is going to be done.'"

The Salukis went on to post a 6-21 (2-16) record in the 2001-02 campaign.

Since the prognostication, Opp has been taking a steroid known as Prednisone, which is produced normally in a human body, once

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SIU athletic director



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SIU head coach Lori Opp is in her third year as coach. Even though her current record stands at 17-55, the administration is not planning on making any changes.

a day.

And she believes her outlook, in terms of health, is bright.

"[The disease] can do a couple different things," Opp said. "It can go into remission, where I feel like it is now. Or it can attack your lungs and not your liver. I feel like the disease is in remission."

If the disease does spread to her lungs, the condition is fatal 5 percent of the time.

Opp has had a mild concern for her health being complicated by her work, since stress is something that she tries to avoid.

This season has not helped alleviate any worries.

The Salukis are currently 4-14 and still remain winless in the Missouri Valley Conference at 0-9. Opp's record as a head coach currently stands at 17-55.

"Of course the season has caused me concern, if it didn't I would need to get a different job," Opp said.

With her record as lopsided as it is, her job is something she has also had to ponder.

"Any coach is going to worry about job security," Opp said. "You have to win ball games. But [the players] are getting good grades, they are good people. We are doing a lot of things good."

"I know I will give it the best shot I can and if SIU and the administration want to go a different direction, I'll do my best to change their mind."

The administration has no plans to take any action at this point in time, and their confidence in Opp as a coach has not changed since the day she was hired. Her contract is scheduled to run out in 2004, but no talks have been initiated by Opp nor the administration.

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The losing isn't helping recruiting. But if incoming recruits would take notice of how close-knit the Saluki team is, they

might make their decision differently.

Opp, well known as a player's coach, is one of the main reasons some players may have not bolted from SIU after Beck's resignation.

"I think if a new coach was hired when coach [Opp] was coming off her interim year, I think transferring would have been a more serious thought in my mind," said McDowell, who currently leads SIU with 12.6 points per game. "You learn stuff from losing. I hope I will be taking something more from here than the wins and losses."

In this season where SIU has not experienced the enjoyment of a win in over a month, Opp said she has been proud of how her players have handled it by not placing blame where it does not belong.

She does not feel anyone is to blame solely, but everyone has to look at her own performances collectively and how she can improve upon them.

That must be done for the Dawgs to play their way into the MVC conference tournament, which will take place March 13-15 in Des Moines, Iowa. SIU is currently three games behind Evansville for the eighth and final spot in the tournament.

"No question in my mind we can make a run," Opp said. "We have not been hitting on all cylinders. If we can get that accomplished in the next nine games, we will get on a roll."

A key will be for the Salukis to play a full 40-minute strong during games and not try to do too much when they are in the lead.

The safe bet is that Opp will conjure up something when she is in her crouch that will turn around the SIU program, as she is not ready to say goodbye to the sport she has known for almost 30 years.

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SIU women's basketball head coach



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Opp was diagnosed with a rare liver condition known as Sarcoidosis. She thinks the disease, which has no known cure, could be in remission right now.

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Women's basketball midseason review

Ethan Erickson Daily Egyptian

At the midpoint of the Missouri Valley Conference season, the SIU women's basketball team sits at 4-14 overall and 0-9 in the league. The Salukis are in the middle of an eight-day layoff before they begin the second half of the conference season, giving everyone, including the players and head coach Lori Opp an opportunity to reflect on their performance so far.

Molly McDowell, senior guard

McDowell's evaluation: "It's not about individual play right now. Everybody on the team has strengths and weaknesses and they go into a larger scheme of our wins and losses. Right now it's a matter of putting all of our strengths together and that will correspond into more wins."

Opp's evaluation: "The thing we want to do most for her is keep her out of foul trouble, and then, of course, from the scoring standpoint, we really need her to play well."

Bottom line: As the only consistent scorer on her team, McDowell has done everything possible given the opponent's defensive focus on her. She

leads her team in numerous statistical categories, but she just needs to avoid the fouls that have sent her to the bench at very inopportune times lately.

Dana Pinkston, junior guard

Opp's evaluation: "Dana is coming off a great game at Northern Iowa where she scored 25 points and pushed the ball and attacked the basket and made great decisions. She needs to continue doing that. Early on she was struggling with turnovers, but that's something she's improved. That's what we need from her is to do a nice job distributing the ball and scoring."

Bottom line: After a rough start to the season, Pinkston seems to be adapting to the Division I level. She committed only seven turnovers combined on last weekend's two-game road trip. With her amazing quickness, she'll be a force if she can limit her turnovers and take better shots.

Jodi Heiden, junior forward

Opp's evaluation: "Jodi Heiden is capable of playing inside-outside and we need to get some consistent scoring out of Jodi. That would really help our team."

Bottom line: While she can hit the

outside shot, Heiden, like many of her teammates, seems reluctant to shoot it. She is making her three-pointers at a 40 percent clip, but has shot less than one a game.

Katie Berwanger, junior forward

Berwanger's evaluation: "I'm doing a pretty good job of rebounding and hustling. My scoring is something that I definitely need to be more consistent at."

Opp's evaluation: "Katie needs to just slow down offensively. She does a great job on the boards. She hustles. She is non-stop hustle. We just need her to slow down offensively and knock down her inside shots."

Bottom line: She's hyper all the time, which is a good thing when it comes to rebounding. But high energy can be a weakness when it comes to making easy shots. She just needs to calm down.

Tiffany Crutcher, junior forward

Crutcher's evaluation: "I think I need to take my time on my shots and play better defense. My foot's been injured, but it's getting better. As my foot gets better, I think my game will improve."

Opp's evaluation: "Tiff has done a good job and been fairly consistent for us inside from a scoring standpoint. We just need her to continue stepping up her defensive effort to stop the other team's post players."

Bottom line: More confidence inside and a stronger defensive focus would help her team greatly. SIU's post defense has been horrid at times, and she could help improve that as her foot injury improves. She seems to be coming around and her continued improvement is key if her team is to make a late-season run.

Danette Jones, sophomore guard

Jones' evaluation: "Honestly we need to focus more on what we're doing as a team. We just need to work on our execution and keep working hard every day. I know we're down right now, but that doesn't mean that we can't turn it around in the second half of the conference season, do something special."

Opp's evaluation: "Danette needs to continue looking to score. She does a great job shooting the ball from outside and now we need her to just continue to get better putting the ball on the floor and attacking the basket."

Bottom line: With the lack of scoring on this team, there's no excuse for a proficient shooter not to take more shots. She isn't put into the game for her defensive prowess, so she should look to score more often.

Hillary Phillips, senior guard

Opp's evaluation: "Hillary's been outstanding defensively and on the boards. The other thing we need her to look to do more is to score for us. She's got a great shot. It goes in most of the time. We just would like her to take it more."

Bottom line: She brings everything that a senior should bring, defense, rebounding and leadership. You can't ask for much more from a player who is not known as a big-time scorer at the college level.

The rest

Bottom line: Eliminating unnecessary fouls and turnovers and playing with defensive intensity are critical for the Salukis to make the three-game climb out of the MVC basement.

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17 green, which was said to be in the worst shape of all. Grant said the sod was removed to put in a sand mixture. Vermeulen stated in his report that such a replacement would only be temporary.

Brown alleged the move was made without approval of the board, which he said was required because it was a capital improvement and needed the approval. The replacement, Brown said, cost about \$5,000. Grant agreed with that figure.

In the May 14, 2001, minutes for the Carbondale Park District, Grant defined the capital improvement as any improvement or equipment costing more than \$3,500 and will last more than five years. It could cost \$30,000 to completely replace a green, according to Brown, who said he got that number from Vermeulen.

"It was a maintenance item that the board does not need to approve," Grant said. "The board does not approve all capital improvements. The board must approve all expenditures over \$10,000."

Despite these problems, SIU women's golf head coach Diane Daugherty said she will not change her plans of practicing at Hickory Ridge.

"They've been very good to us," she said. "We're not going to dump them in rough times. We'll stick behind them because they've stuck by us."

The Park District will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center to discuss the course.

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former pro boxer

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They might be GIANTS

Jermaine Dearman and Brad Korn find upside and downside to being statuesque

story by CHRISTOPHER MORRICAL

They are not giants in the mythical sense, but they might as well be. Brad Korn and Jermaine Dearman, the tallest players on the SIU basketball team, tower over their opponents and their teammates as well.

Neither Korn, 6-foot-9, nor Dearman, 6-foot-8, were tall as they were growing up — but both have a different perspective than most on what defines tall.

"In grade school and middle school, I really wasn't that tall," Korn said. "I was only 5-foot-10. It isn't like I've been tall all my life.

"From my freshman year in high school to my sophomore year, I grew 8 inches. From 5-foot-10 to 6-foot-6. Ever since then, I grew like an inch a year until I came here. It's been pretty steady ever since."

Dearman found himself in a similar situation, but he said he might have been slightly smaller than some of the other kids.

"I think I may have hit a growth spurt around 12," Dearman said. "It came about the time I started playing basketball. It came at a good time. I was a lot bigger than the other kids. I was developing my skills a lot earlier."

Dearman jokingly attributed his growth to drinking a lot of milk. Growing so quickly had its problems for Dearman.

He said his mom kept getting angry with him because she had to keep buying new shoes. Along with the shoes, the men have had trouble just buying clothes in general.

Korn said he cannot buy clothes that will fit him in stores. He has to order them out of catalogues.

"You have to pay for shipping," Korn said. "It's more money for bigger sizes. They just punish us bigger people."

Dearman has been having this problem since he was younger.

"I could go into the older shops and even though I was a kid, I could buy the XXL shirts and tall pants," Dearman said. "Now, it's kind of hard. I can usually find my pants sizes everywhere, but a lot of my shirts don't fit. They are always big enough but they are never long enough. The sleeves will stop at my wrists and the shirt will stop at my stomach."

Despite the men's clothing problems, being as tall as they are brings a lot of attention from everyone.

Sometimes the attention is good,



SIU forward Brad Korn (left) is the tallest player on the Saluki basketball team at 6 feet 9 inches, while forward Jermaine Dearman comes in a close second at 6 feet 8 inches. This is a definite advantage on the court, but there are some drawbacks to being the two tallest Salukis.

like when Dearman is seen above everyone else in a crowd. He did say that is a disadvantage sometimes.

Sometimes it is a huge disadvantage according to Korn, who said the attention can be annoying.

"I always get the question, 'What sport do you play?'" Korn said. "It gets a little old after a while. I guess they're curious. Not too many people see 6-foot-9 people walking around. People ask. I just hope they would have their own common sense and just think that I play basketball and not ask."

For these two giants, traveling on

the road is more of a hindrance than it is for the rest of the team. Both Dearman and Korn said there isn't nearly enough leg room on planes and the baggage compartments are too low.

They also have problems with cars. At least, other people in the car with them have problems.

Beds in hotels are almost always too short as well. Dearman said he sometimes has to sleep diagonally.

There are also the obvious difficulties being tall brings, such as doorways and shower heads.

"I'm always ducking," Dearman said. "I don't have a chance to have my whole body under the shower. The shower is coming to maybe my shoulder or my back."

No matter how many positives and negatives being tall has, both men agreed they would not have it any other way.

"I wouldn't want to be short, that's for sure," Korn said.

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Local golf course embroiled in controversy

Allegations abound as park district takes the easy route to fix and funds Hickory Ridge

Christopher Morrical
Daily Egyptian

Controversial interests surround Hickory Ridge Golf Course, the home of SIU women's golf, which has been losing money as the number of players on the course has decreased.

According to the Hickory Ridge Rounds of Golf Monthly/Yearly Comparison, the course's most profitable month is August. The number of rounds played since 2000 in that month are 4,176,

2,948, 3,102 and 2,946.

The course has been losing as much as \$35,000 to \$50,000 a month in fiscal year 2003 compared to 2000, according to Linz Brown of the Hickory Ridge Golf Citizens Advisory Committee.

The committee is appointed by the Carbondale Park District board to make recommendations about the course.

Richard Grant, director of the park district, said he disputes Brown's numbers. He does acknowledge that the course has spent \$86,627 more than it earned, excluding debt service, which was \$327,945. These figures were from the 2002 fiscal year, Grant said.

Brown was using numbers listed in the Hickory Ridge Revenue/Expense Comparison. The table is public knowledge and is available to anyone who requests a copy.

In fiscal year 2003, the course has been losing

between \$13,000 and \$40,000 per month. This doesn't include a \$221,899 loss in December. Since 1999, the course lost money every December.

Paul H. Vermeulen, a United States Golf Association consultant, came in to evaluate the greens of Hickory Ridge, which had been severely deteriorated during the summer.

"The conclusion that I have come to," Vermeulen told the Carbondale Park District board, "is that this pattern of deterioration during the summer months is really related to how the greens were constructed and not necessarily how they're managed on a day-to-day schedule. And that is very important because in order to make progress in the future, I think we have to think about rebuilding some of the greens."

Vermeulen also took core samples of the No. 4 green that showed a sand variation, the depth of sand under the ground, of 13 to 27 inches. The

normal standard is one to three inches.

Sand variation in large numbers causes surface water to drain unevenly. This, along with the drought and summer heat, is what has been causing the greens to dry out.

The advisory committee submitted a proposal to the Park District that suggested the board act immediately to cure the problem of the greens and to stop the "spiraling financial losses due to this condition."

All but one member of the advisory board signed the proposal. The non-signer was Chuck Vaught, the chair for the advisory committee. He said that he simply decided not to do it, choosing not to comment further.

Since Vermeulen made his presentation, three inches of topsoil have been removed from the No.

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