Four student fee raises passed

USG senators refuse to be rushed into vote on Rec. Center fee

Ginny Scabini
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Undergraduate Student Government senators agreed that mass transit is important to the University, but they still voted down a resolution Wednesday night that would increase the mass transit fee by 36 percent for Fiscal Year 2000.

Senators were concerned that the proposed increase would raise the fee more than the 3 percent allowed by the University. The fee would rise from $23.50 to $32 per semester.

East Side Senator Eric Walin, along with other senators, said other options should be looked into to fund the service, including more advertising and raising the non-fee-entire rides.

The bus service is important to have, but I think the University should explore other options," Walin said. "If they really looked hard enough, they could find the money from other sources.

West Side Senator Dawn Roberts pointed out that even though the fee was being raised, the quality of the service would not change. Back Bev, the provider of the mass transit service, raised its overall fee to $32 per semester.

"There's a misconception that we need to raise this to go to a better service," Roberts said. "The money is going to the same service with higher prices.

Emergent Vernon Senator Chuck Miller proposed an amendment to the resolution that would have prevented the Senate from voting on it. The amendment stated that the USG senators have agreed that mass transit is important to the campus, but any increase above 3 percent should be seriously considered by the Senate. The amendment did not go anywhere.

"We were impressed with everyone's awareness," Rubba said. "We agreed that [University representatives] are committed to the project."

The University is paying Citivas about $40,000 to compile the first three phases of the project of beautifying the campus.

The first phase of a plan, originally suggested by intern Chancellor John Jackson's Strategic Plan, to beautify the ground, "I couldn't believe the amount of litter on campus," Jackson said. "I couldn't understand why."

A University study revealed that 80 percent of the litter on campus is with- 10 feet of a trash can.

Exclusive rights income could be taxed

Proposed regulations could affect SIU, soft drink deals

PHOENIX S remarkable
STUDENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

The Internal Revenue Service alerted universities Wednesday that it may tax university income received from soft drink companies or similar corporations in exchange for exclusively using their product.

According to the proposed regulations, published Wednesday, income received by universities in such deals may be taxable when the income does not come from the sale of food or stu-dent transactions, or when the company earns a "substantial return benefit."

Doug Varley, an attorney with Caples and Byrdale in Washington, D.C., said what it means is that if a university accepts a gift in exchange for simple advertising, the gift is not taxable. But if the donation is in exchange for exclusive usage rights, the gift would be taxable.

"If the university says at the basket-ball game, 'we'll sell only Pepsi' and the company that will be sold is Pepsi, that causes some portion of the payment to be taxable," Varley said. "The IRS is saying that the donation is not a gift."

In 1995, former SIU President Tom Sanders struck a deal with Marion Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company where the student union agreed to give $500,000 to a new floor at the SIU Arena. In turn, the company was given the exclusive right to sell Pepsi products at basketball, football and baseball venues.

However, University Legal Counsel Peter Rogers said the revenue SIU Athletics has received does not constitute unrelated business income that is subject to taxation.

"Previous precedents and rulings that say athletics is a separate entity," Rogers said. "That means it's subject to tax."

Other institutions have not faced the same issues as SIU, according to Rogers.

Previous contracts with Pepsi have been to sell branded electronic scoreboards at the SIU Arena, McAndrew Stadium and...
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**UPCOMING**

- **WURL TV/FM needs assistance with on-air fundraising by answering phones and taking pledges, Mar. 4 through Mar. 20.** FAX 424-412-1. Join millions of readers from the National Education Association on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 20, 3 to 5 p.m. Foundation, 714-6529.
- **Cast Your Votes Crusade Choir** is holding auditions for members interested in carrying out God's word, every Sat., 3 to 5 p.m. Salukian Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.
- **Spanish Table meeting** every Mon. 7 p.m. Cafe Melange, 4S3-5425.
- **UPCOMING.** Meeting. every Mon: and Thurs. 8 to 10 p.m. Student Center Student Center, Erika 535:6798.
- **Ballroom Dance Club meeting, dance lessons and practice sessions, every Tues., 6 to 9 p.m. Student Center Student Center, Erika 535:6798.
- **University Career Services resume/cover letter workshop, Mar. 6, 5 p.m. Lawson 212, Victor 433:3391.
- **Student Alumni Council meeting** every Mon., 6, p.m. Kaskaskia/Missouri Room Student Center, Erika 535:6444.
- **Alpha Phi Omega** meeting. Mar. 6, 5 p.m., Illinois Room Student Center, Erika 535:5332.
- **SUI Student Alumni Council meeting and lunch, every Mon., 7 to 9 p.m. Ollie Gym, 529-8164. Student members, Erika 535:8146.
- **Association of Childhood Education International meeting, Mar. 6, 5 p.m. Ollie Gym, 529-128.
- **SUI Vet Club meeting.** 7 p.m. Student Center Student Center, Wayne 529-3203.
- **French Club meeting, 5 to 7 p.m., Mugsy McGuire’s, Courtney 457:8847.
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- **Wellness Center nutrition booth in support of National Nutrition Month, 4 to 6 p.m. Recreation Center, Kim 529-3203.
- **Chemical Club meeting. Mar. 8, 4 p.m., Video Lounge Student Center, Shari 529-8164.
- **Sonora Fire and Fantasy Society watch adventure at meeting, 7 to midnight, Video Lounge Student Center, Mary 529-8416.
- **Calculus Club meeting.** 5, p.m. Activity Rooms A and Student Center, Shari 529-4792.
- **Saluki Women’s Basketball Fan Appreciation Night**
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**POLICE BLOTTER**

**CARBONDALE**

- **Carbondale police found guns stolen from a pawn shop after a Carbondale Park District employee noticed a broken window at Pay-Day Cash, 1200 W. Main St., on March 1 at 1:15 a.m.** Hughes, 20, of Carbondale was arrested on a Jackson County warrant at 1:30 a.m. Thursday on an original charge of unlawful use of a sound amplifying device. Hughes was taken to Jackson County Jail after being unable to post bond.
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**UNIVERSITY**

- **University police discovered graffiti on an elevator in Mac Smith around 3 p.m. Wednesday. Police have no suspects and no estimate of damage in the incident.**
- **A bulletin board was set on fire at around 11 p.m. Wednesday on the seventh floor of School of Music. A resident extinguished the fire and no injuries were reported. The fire is under investigation.**

**CORRECTIONS**

Readers who see an error in this issue should contact the DailyEgyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, extension 238 or 220.
ALL LIT UP: Tom Clark, an SIUC Physical Plant employee, works on installing one of 14 poles with metal halide lights for illumination of the playing fields on the east side of the Arena Thursday afternoon.

Remembering beginnings

Big Muddy judges can relate to students as they present their first films

Sitting in a small sound room in the Communications Building in front of a large, white viewing screen, Rachel Liebling, reminded on her first judged film, remembering how exciting it is to finish a film and have her ideas conveyed to an audience.

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With the Big Muddy Film Festival wrapping up in showings and feature films this weekend, the judges have arrived to view the films presented in the competition.

USG proposes expanded community service program

Recommendation may reappear before the City Council next week

Andrea Donaldson
Daily Egyptian reporter

Undergraduate Student Government recommended the expansion of the community service program, which will allow more legal offenses to receive community service hours rather than paying a fine.

USG recommended the city expand the program that allows violators to pay half a fine and complete community service hours instead of paying a full fine.

If approved by the City Council, the program will include litter, public indecency, public urination, public possession of alcohol and amplified sound offenses.

If these violations are added to the program, the fine would be reduced to half of the gross-by-law rate and complete a set number of community service hours.

USG's recommendation may go before the City Council at its March 7 meeting.

"It really means you think twice about what you are doing," said Liebling. "I think it is very valuable. It saves students money and they learn more."

USG originally started the idea for the program in 1998. USG fought for the approval of the program by the council, seeking approval for the program twice.

USG member Ray Henry said that the community service program is very important because it gives students an option when dealing with violations.

"I think it is good," he said. "It just shows that USG and the city are working together."

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**Metaphors of color**

**New play, "Stain Upon the Snow," examines racism**

**Travis Moore**

**Academic Affairs Editor**

Contemporary racial issues and the Presidencial realm of Nathaniel Hawthorne do not appear to be connected, but director John Warren thinks otherwise.

Warren, a doctoral graduate student in speech communication, is directing a thematic version of Hawthorne's short story "The Birth Mark," called "Stain Upon the Snow." The story is about Dr. Aylmer, a man with a beautiful wife who just happens to have a red blemish on her face. Using his scientific knowledge, he tries to destroy the hateful mark and kills Georgiana in the process.

The title of Warren's adaptation refers to a line in the Hawthorne story describing Georgiana's mark as a "collection of disposable trash films," Ellmore Leonard adaptation "Pickup." "The key to directing this was to understand how racism and was more about humanity's foolish attempt to control nature. Regardless, actress Amy Klidad sees the connection.

It's really important in our world to do talk about issues of race," said Klidad, a graduate student in speech communication from Venice, Fla., who plays the infamous Dr. Aylmer. "I'm a fairly new performer, but I found the experience challenging," Klidad said, ""I thought the character was interesting and challenging through the theme of how scientific discourse can contribute to racism and racism being imbedded."" Still, the actress was open to the idea of doing more.

Klidad has no doubt it will connect with the audience.

"I still think it will go over well," Klidad said. "When people hear the narrative between the scenes, they'll understand.

Klidad is not so certain how audiences will respond to his play.

"I don't know how it will be received," Warren said. "We're still working on it, but I think we're getting close to what we see in Hawthorne and communicate that to the audience. I hope I've done that."

**A Most Dangerous Game**

**No X-mas cheer, but plenty of thrill in Frankenheimer's new film**

**Travis Moore**

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Action films have gotten a bad rap in recent years and some of that bad has been well-deserved. Hacks like Michael Bay and Jerry Bruckheimer have churned out a lot of disposable trash films, like "Armageddon," that substitute style over substance and lack a once visible genre bad name.

Leave it to a cogent, elderly veteran director like Martin Scorsese, who has put the art back to action with "Raging

Geneva" a lean, muscular thriller starring Ben Affleck and Charlie Hunnam. Frankenheimer's career spans back to the ’50s directing episodes of the live television series "Playhouse 90." He was really noticed, however, in his masterwork for composition and expert sense of pacing to classic films like "The Manchurian Candidate," "Seconds," and "Birds." His career languished for a bit in the mid-'80s, but the master craftsman returned with a vengeance in 1998's "Russia," a film that proved he could still play those sequences that put William Friedkin to shame.

I love that there is no glamorization in Frankenheimer's tense, gritty action scenes. Combat wounds and punchouts and violence is a creeping menace that cannot swallow any man. All of this is true in "Reindeer Games." Using a twisty-nuts plot by Ehren Krugel, Frankenheimer creates a riveting film that skillfully balances humor and chaos.

The film follows a convicted criminal named Rudy, played by Affleck, and his attempts to impersonate his married cell mate, Nick, in the outside world. Nick had been corresponding in prison with a beautiful woman named Ashley, played by Theron.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE**

**WEEDEND EVENTS**

**Friday**

**Carbondale:**

- **Open mic night at 9:30 p.m. at the Longbranch Coffeehouse**
  - Live DJ show every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with no cover charge.
  - Today and Saturday, "Stain Upon the Snow" will be performed at the Kechnie Theatre at 8 p.m. Both nights. General admission is $5 for students with an ID.
  - Brent Stewart and the Sympathizers, original acoustic folk rockers, play the Melange Coffeehouse from 8 to 10:30 p.m. There is no cover charge.
  - Peter Janis, special guest Michael Leslies, perform tonight at Countryside's. Coffeehouse. Suggested donation is $5 for adults and $2 for students and low-income people. Well-behaved children are welcome.

- **Specialty Hot Coffee**
  - Gather in front of the Hve @ 6 p.m. and enjoy a complimentary specialty coffee.

- **Something to Moo performs at 8 p.m.**
  - There is no cover charge.

- **Today through March 10, the University Museum is displaying a Combined Faculty Exhibition. Times for the exhibit are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Monday, and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. The museum is free and open to the public.

- **The Playmours, a juried exhibition organized by Jordyn Russell and Rachel McLaughlin, will be on view at the University Museum through March 10.**

- **Movie Nights**
  - An exhibit of Martin Scorsese's photography will be on display in the University Museum today through February 29. Times for the exhibit are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. The museum is free and open to the public.

**Chicago:**

- **The Poison Brothers (play) the Chicago House of Blues at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $18.50.**

**Saturday**

**Carbondale:**

- **Blue Afternoon** and the Donnas at the Longbranch Coffeehouse at 8 p.m. There is no cover charge.

- **A Big Band competition showcase takes place at the Longbranch Coffeehouse at 10 p.m.**

- **Pepperdell performs at Hanger at 9 p.m.**

- **Saturday Morning Papermoot at Barnes & Noble will feature "Eat the Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs and Ham."**

- **The 110 World Qualifier Archer Match in Union Co. is at the Trestles Lodge & Sports Resort. Free admission. All day event.**

- **The Golden American Legion Breakfast in Union Co. is at 7 a.m. the first Saturday of each month at the Legion Hall. The price is $5.50 a person and everyone is welcome.**

**Chicago:**

- **Great White**, a rock band whose latest album is "Can't Get There From Here," plays the Chicago House of Blues at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $18.50.
USG opposes adding kiosks to campus

Senators vote against proposal

GONZ SKALICKI
Daily Egyptian reporter

Attempts to gain Undergraduate Student Government support to beautify the campus fill short when senators voted against supporting a proposal that would provide an alternate outlet to posting fliers on buildings.

The vote, 17 to 8 against supporting a proposal that would add kiosks around campus to allow for the posting of fliers and posters at Wednesday night's USG meeting.

The decision was made after senators voiced concerns about the high cost of the plan and other issues. The proposed cost was about $25,000.

East Side Senator Eric Walmsley spoke against the proposal, saying students who continued to post fliers on the pedestrian overpasses and anywhere else students desired, making the kiosks would be a waste of time.

West Side Senator Dawn Roberts, who wrote and submitted the resolution, said that the kiosks would do the exact opposite.

Roberts said kiosks have caught on and students tend to post on them only.

She also cited that the Physical Plant spends about 1000 a week cleaning up fliers and posters from around campus, and if students were interested in the kiosks now, it would save money in the long run.

The estimated cost for the proposal to build five, 9 feet by 6 feet kiosks, includes a crane to post the kiosks, the foundation, a logo, and lighting and electrical connection.

Vice Chancellor for Administration George Blaschke and other university officials presented information on the proposal at the Feb. 16 USG meeting, and said he represented USG's interest in the proposal, and other options for experimenting with the proposal.

"We can explore different avenues with the expected costs of the kiosks," Blaschke said. "We feel it's much better to have the chances instead of the students getting their information out there all over the place, if you will."

Roberts said even though senators chose not to support the proposal, it could continue to be discussed in the upcoming weeks with the Committee on Student Life and other university officials.

"We've said that there is a need for an outlet to enable people to post their information without it being knocked down," Blaschke said.

"We hope that kiosks would help keep the posting on the walls and buildings down."

Debate team gains momentum

Future looking good after successful weekend

GEOFFREY RIVIER
Daily Egyptian reporter

The SIUC Debate Team is looking to step things up a notch in Baltimore this weekend after a strong showing in St. Louis last month.

The team placed higher than expected and gained first place in the tournament there.

The team is looking for a strong showing in Baltimore this weekend.

"We were real happy with how everything went," said Eric Shuster, a senior in speech communication from Kansas City, the tournament director for the team.

"To do that good of a performance was pretty good." The weekend in St. Louis was highlighted by a first-place victory in the Weber University tournament.

The team finished second overall.

The victory was further sweetened by a win from two of the nation's top teams of Tommy Corby and Dillao Brown, both of New York.

The victory made them look good for other teams.

"They are the two top invaders for the title," said Brown, who was speaker of the tournament.

The invader members of the team also returned.

"We've really pleased our reviewers," said team advisor Jeff Bie.

"We had a very young team there and it was a very impressive effort on their part."

Bie, a freshman in biological chemistry from St. Louis, said a lot of preparation was involved in creating the team's success. "The 10-15 who made up the team, practice with an assistant, such as Shuster, at least once a week and competing competitively in the schedule. While members know their topic before months before hand, only then become aware of which side they will take in the debate just before going under the judge's eye.

"A lot of [the invasions] are speed drills and working out as a team," Bie said.

"Therefore, a tight schedule leaves the team little time to reheat in its St. Louis victory, and the team is stepping up their practice schedule in order to ensure success in the coming weekends."

"Following a three-day trip to Baltimore's Towson University this weekend, members of the team will spend the bulk of their spring break in Carbondale, traveling to an unknown destination for performance pieces for the pictures of the season in Kansas City, where another, larger, national tournament will happen in two weeks."

"We're optimistic going into this," Shuster said.

"The national tournament is the jewel of the season and our team have done well in the past."

"Bie said although this team is renowned for having won several national titles over the past several years, this year is yielding an unusual amount of success, and he is looking forward to seeing what the rest of the year has in store."

"We're happy, Bie said. "It's been a rebuilding year for us, but we seem to be building up some speed right now."

Big Muddy

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The three highly acclaimed judges began viewing films Thursday and will continue viewing through Monday.

Two of the three judges, Dean and Paula Beatty, are from Washington, D.C., and will attend the festival.

Both judges, along with the third judge, are members of the National Association of Film Critics.

The festival begins Thursday night and ends Saturday night.

The festival will include approximately 100 films, and will be held over with three events in the festival.

The three events will include the screening of the film "The BLVD," a documentary about street drug dealing on Chicago's West Side, and the "Garvey's War," an experimental documentary shot in London.

The three critics have been known at numerous prestigious film festivals for their knowledge of the Big Muddy Film Festival, they consider it a better festival than the others.

"To me it seems that there are few festivals known for looking at off-the-mainstream films," Liebling said.

"The Muddy is a place for us that don't have a place to be seen."
GPSC to deny budget leeway to athletic dept.

The Graduate and Professional Students Council wants the Athletic Department to stick to its budget. GPSC will receive a recommendation Tuesday from the Intercollegiate Advisory Committee to see if it thinks the Athletic Department should not be allowed to spend more funds than what is in its budget.

"The Athletic Department budget is a complicated matter that a simple resolution doesn’t really address," Jones said.

The department’s revenue is composed of a number of unpredictable factors. For example, ticket and concession sales are based on game attendance, which can vary depending on the success and failures of the teams. The situation of the department’s deficit should not be a surprise, Jones said. The Board of Trustees was aware that the budget allotted would not be sufficient to cover the Athletic Department’s needs. With Said revenue and expenditures, the only figures available at this time are projections.

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The department understands the need to stay within its budget, Jones said. However, that may not always be possible. The record of GPSC’s recommendation will be sent to members of the administration and the board. GPSC hopes the board will take action against all over-spending, Peters said.

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Sen. Kerrey to head New School U.

NEW YORK—When his term ends, U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey will head for a new job as president of New School University, school officials announced Feb. 16.

The Nebraska Democrat will begin his college presidency in January 2001, Kerrey, who ran for president in 1992, announced, "I would reject from the Senate last month. Though his name has been mentioned as a possible vice-presidential candidate, Kerrey told The Chronicle of Higher Education that his decision to back Bill Bradley instead of Vice President Gore makes the "likelihood of going on to be a vice-presidential candidate... slim to none."

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down, oblivious to the fact that they've got the wrong guy. So they try to exec the jigsaw puzzle of a plot, but it's a little ridiculous by the end, but his dialogue and heart beating miracle of a narrative keep the film moving at a whirlwind pace. Having already written the film "Arlington Road" and "Hero," Kruger is a talent to watch for.

The cast is also quite effective. Affleck is the perfect everyman and is truly convincing when trying to say his way out of a jam. It's Sinise, however, who gets the shoutout here and he plays it for all it's worth. There are very few actors who act so thoroughly with their eyes like Sinise can and he bests Gabriel into a goon user who would rather kill anyone than look at him.

In the end, "Reindeer Games" is a B-movie premise raised to the A level by the talent involved. Frankenchwinner and Kruger work wonders with what could have been just another Michael Bay bucket of cinematic droppings.

When the proposal is in the Federal Register, the public has 30 days to comment. Written comments may be mailed to Room 5226 IRS, P.O. Box 7604, Washington, D.C., 20044-7604, or they may be sent on the IRS website, at www.irs.gov, and the IRS will issue a list of the comments. The city will consider all comments.

A contract for exclusive beverage rights on Carbondale city facilities and property was granted to Marion Pepsi by the City Council last week. The city will earn $200,000 because of the 3-year contract. Before the proposals are adopted as law, they will receive written comments and electronic copies of the proposed tax regulations.

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THIS IS WHERE IT GETS GOOD
Saluki guide to Arch Madness

All season long, coaches around the Missouri Valley Conference have said that this year's tournament has the potential to be the wildest ever. Any team can win it, they say.

I'm not buying it.

True, the MVC is without one or two dominant teams that stand head and shoulders above the rest. And true, the Valley's middle-of-the-pack and bottom teams are better than usual, increasing the chances for an upset here and there.

But mark my words, one of the tournament's top four seeds — Indiana State, SIU or Creighton — will be taking home the hardware after hammering it up for the ESPN cameras in St. Louis Monday night after earning the first all-expenses paid ticket to the Big Dance.

But what about Bradley? Will you say? The No. 5 seeded Braves are super-athletic, just like any of the tournament seeds, and have a stud play-er in senior guard Rob Dye. Plus, Bradley almost won at Indiana State last month, one of the tournament's top seeds.

Can't Bradley finally get it done this year?

Hope. These Braves have some real chemistry going this season, and are a busy shooting team. They may beat Creighton Saturday, but I doubt it. All the distance games the Braves have gone through while stumbling to a sub-.500 record this season has taken too heavy a toll on the guys from Peoria to expect a miracle run at the Kiel Center.

So while dismissing the Braves, Evansville, Northern Iowa, Wichita State and Drake from the championship mix — all of which lack the firepower and/or moxie to win pressure games on mammoth stages — let's enter the top contenders.

League champion Indiana State has had a storybook season. The Sycamores were near the Valley's bottom in the preseason, but they have rung up 14 wins and only two losses. They have the Valley Player of the Year in athletic senior guard Nate Gaines, and several very solid players behind him. They also have a hill of a lot of work in Royce Waltman.

But Indiana State is good, not great. They may roll against the winner of the Illinois State/Wichita State play-in game, but don't be surprised if the Sycamores run into some trouble in their semi-final game Sunday.

Next is the No. 2 seed Southwest Missouri State Bearcats. Headed by a senior-laden group, the Bearcats have been the MVC's most consistent team this year. They have a bunch of seniors on the team that are familiar with what it takes to win big games after last season's Sweet 16 run. Southwest Missouri State may be the most dangerous team to hit the Kiel Center floor.

Southwest's guard combo of William Ponder and Derrius Dye is good enough to give the Bears backcourt advantage against just about anyone they'll face in the tournament. Ponder is a major talent. And I won't even mention Allen Fatukisi after the dagger he stuck in SIU's heart Monday night.

The only potential pitfall for the Bears is their occasional tendency to have intensity lapses, which

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Sports Editor

Salukis ready to roll

After late skid, SIU has no margin for error in opening round

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SIU men's basketball coach Bruce Weber has tried to stay positive with his Salukis this week, after SIU lost its second straight game in "Monday night's regular season finale." After all, there's still plenty to play for.

The loss against Southwest Missouri State last Monday night might have cost the Salukis their third place heading into the Valley Conference men's basketball tournament at the Kiel Center in St. Louis. Weber is counting on his troops to keep the faith, as his Salukis will be looking to earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament that goes to the winner of this weekend's Valley showdown.

"We'll see how they respond," Weber said. "I told them to focus on the game against Evansville, toward the bigger picture in the tournament. I don't think they've thrown it in yet, we'll see what happens on Saturday."

Saturday is the conference championship game. The Salukis will advance to Sunday's semi-final round. Monday night is the championship game. The Salukis enter the weekend knowing they need to win the tournament if they plan on going to the Big Dance. Otherwise, SIU will be hoping for an NCAA Invitational Tournament bid. Despite losing the regular season on a sour note, SIU is approaching Arch Madness with a swagger.

"I think we've got some of the best teams in the league," SIU senior guard Ricky Colburn said. "We've got to come out and perform like this." Saluki leading scorer Kent Warga said SIU must take this weekend as a "finale start after he bad regular-season finish."

"There's no room to post about it," Williams said. "If we're going to go to the NCAA Tournament, we have to step up and win three

Salukis ready to roll

MVC Tournament Pairings
Takes place March 3 - 6 in St. Louis round

FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY
#4 Creighton
12:05 p.m. 10:00 a.m.
#3 Wichita State
#2 Southern Illinois
#1 Indiana State

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#10 Drake
#12 Missouri State
#11 Illinois State
#6 Evansville

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No. 1 Indiana State (21-6, 14-4)   Top Threats: 6-9 Sr. C-Tate Green, (14.1 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 4.2 app, 3.0 spg), 6-11 Jr. F-Matt Item (10.9 ppg, 7.3 rpg) and 5-11 Sr. G-Deonte Thomas (10.8 ppg, 2.9 rpg).
Strengths: Tate Green, The MVC Player of the Year does everything for Sycamore head coach Royce Wolfman. The Sycamores have a knack for winning close ballgames this season. In games decided by five points or less, the Sycamores are 7-0 and they are 3-0 in games decided by two points or less. Weaknesses: While the Sycamores are one of the smartest teams in the Valley, they are not very big or physical, and do not shoot particularly well. Outlook: The Sycamores are in decent shape to receive an at-large bid no matter what they do in the tournament, but a win or two would strengthen their case.

No. 2 Southwest Missouri State (20-9, 13-3)   Top Threats: 6-3 Sr. C-Willard Foreman (13.0 ppg, 7.3 rpg), 6-3 Sr. G-Matt Aulil (11.0 ppg, 3.5 rpg), 6-5 Sr. F-allen Phillips (12.8 ppg, 4.3 rpg) and 6-8 G-Frank Brakhiil (11.3 ppg, 6.0 rpg) Strengths: The Bears are on a roll, winners of eight straight, including an emotional road win at SIU Monday. The Bears have NCAA experience following their 6-2 loss to No. 3 SIU (18-11, 11-5) in the MVC Tournament final. They also are solid defensively. Weaknesses: The Bears do not really have a go-to scorer and tend to have layoffs on the offensive end at times. Their top shooters, Kent Williams and Abel Schradar, have had trouble getting shots lately. Outlook: SIU will go as far as its guard play. without him, Creighton loses some size and skill. Weaknesses: Creighton has pretty much every weakness. The Bluejays have a legitimate shot at playing on Monday night/unless they win the tournament, they are NIT-bound.

No. 3 SIU (18-11, 11-5)   Top Threats: 6-2 Jr. G-Kent Williams (13.7 ppg, 4.9 Sr. F-Chris Thurman (10.8 ppg, 6.7 rpg), 5-11 Sr. F-Christ Collum (9.5 ppg) Strengths: Balance and depth. The Salukis have, arguably, the best bench in the Valley. Having to play on consecutive days, their bench should be a nice boost. Weaknesses: SIU is also solid defensively. Weaknesses: This is also solid defensively. Weaknesses: Wisconsin is a very athletic team, has one of the best backcourts in the Valley in Dye and Robinson. Roberson, nicknamed "The Predator" for his menacing defense, can flat-out shut people down and Dye is a prolific scorer. Their guards are tremendous rebounders as well. Weaknesses: Pretty much every weakness.

No. 4 Creighton (16-9, 11-7)   Top Threats: 6-9 Sr. G-Dan Walker (12.4 ppg, 6.3 rpg), 6-6 Jr. G-Ryan Sears (11.3 ppg, 3.6 rpg), 6-8 Jr. F-Arie Sommers (8.4 ppg, 3.1 rpg) Strengths: Creighton has solid depth. Freshman sharpshooter Korver has been a pleasant surprise for head coach Dana Altman. Sears gives the Bluejays, the best shooting team in the MVC, consistency at the point and when he’s on, the Bluejays are tough. The Bluejay press can give opponents fits. Weaknesses: The Bluejays do not have enough size and leaves a rather large vacancy in the middle. Without him, Creighton loses some size and skill. Weaknesses: Creighton has the potential to be very dangerous if caught on a hot-shooting night. The Bluejays have a legitimate shot at playing on Monday night but unless they win the tournament, they are NIT-bound.

No. 5 Bradley (14-16, 10-8)   Top Threats: 6-11 Sr. G-Rob Dobbins (16.4 ppg), 6-4 Sr. G-Eric Robinson (12.6 ppg) Strengths: Bradley, a very athletic team, has one of the best backcourts in the Valley in Dye and Robinson. Roberson, nicknamed "The Predator" for his menacing defense, can flat-out shut people down and Dye is a prolific scorer. Their guards are tremendous rebounders as well. Weaknesses: Pretty much every weakness.

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thing outside of their guards. The Braves have a mediocre frontcourt and are known for falling asleep-able to scoring droughts, which can destroy a team in a tournament like this. Bradley has been the biggest disappointment in the MVC this season.

Outlook: The Braves will go as far as Oye and Robinson will carry them, but the duo will need someone else to step up if they are going to make any noise.

No. 6 Evansville (18-11, 9-3)
Top Threats: 6-7 J. F-Craig Snow (166 ppg, 7.2 rpg), 6-5 So. F-Adam Pilat (13.7 ppg, 6.2 So. F-G-Clint Keown (9.2 ppg)
Strengths: The Purple Aces have been blown out. When falling behind early this season, with a knee injury. Out of pocket, the Shockers will be

Outlook: No. 6 Drake (10-17, 6-14)
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Outlook: No. 8 Illinois State (10-19, 5-12)
Top Threats: 6-2 J. G-Dee Bryson (19.4 ppg, 4.2 rpg), 6-2 So. F-Shannon Jeppson (10.4 ppg, 2.2 rpg)
Strengths: The Redbirds have one of the Valley's most explosive scorers in Bryson. Freshman forward P.J. Smith is up-and-coming, but still has things to learn.

Outlook: No. 9 Wichita State (11-16, 5-13)
Top Threats: 6-4 Sr. G-Jason Perez (10.1 ppg, 5.3 apg), 6-8 Sr. F-Dontay Williams (9.0 ppg, 6.0 rpg)
Strengths: Jason Perez. Like Indiana State's Green, Perez does it all for head coach Randy Smithson. Perez led the Valley in scoring and was an MVC selection for the second straight season. The Shockers are a physical bunch, which can bother Indiana State if the Shockers can get by Illinois State.

Weaknesses: The Shockers play ugly. When they win, they win ugly. Out of pocket, the Shockers have major trouble scoring.

Outlook: Smithson is fighting for his job. It will be interesting to see Perez and Bryson shut the lights out in the Kiel Center Friday night, but unless Perez has a stinker in his pocket, the Shockers will be at home in time for church on Sunday.
Alley was awarded with this game one of Sunday's doubleheader.

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Our school of thought is that Thunnell was too hard because he wants to win so badly. He's hungry.

"The game that I do, I think I just let the game come to me," Thunnell said. "Those are the things that happen when you do that."

Thunnell's on-court success has made him extremely popular with SIU fans and his good looks and exciting game have drawn a sizable crowd. He has arguably become the most identifiable player in the Valley, which causes many people to forget that he did not begin his college career in Carbondale.

Thunnell is a junior on the Saluki team. He is the AIAI's second leading returning scorer with 16.6 points per game.

Thunnell's diminished output was done to drain fluid from his lungs. He was named the Valley's Newcomer of the Year.

Thunnell has been unhappy with his junior season. He was told he didn't get back to his first year. Thunnell's junior season was a very difficult time and the Salukis have settled into their roles. Thunnell said, "It was hard because I wasn't able to do my best basketball at that time and hopefully we can make a run in the tournament."
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The Saluki women's tennis team will try to continue its opening success against Missouri State University at the Town & Tennis Racquet Club in St. Louis this afternoon.

Women's Tennis tunes up

"The Salukis won its two opening matches of the spring, but SIU coach Judy Auld hopes the three-week break off since then will not hinder her club. "We have to get back into the competition," Auld said. "Hopefully, we can get through the weekend without any injuries and a win."

The Billikens (1-7) have lost four straight matches. Auld realizes Saluki Louise is one of the losing suits, but her team's not looking past them. SIU won its first two matches against Murray State University, 8-1, and Louisville, 9-3. The team showed heart in Louisville by battling back after getting behindly. "We have to face everybody as an equal and fight as hard as possible," Auld said. "They [SIU] could be down or really be moved up for a match."

Valley Notebook: Let the Madness begin

News and notes

Saluki Superman: SIU freshman guard Kent Williams became the first infieldman to lead the Salukis in scoring since 1975. The Valley Freshman of the Year, as well as newcomer of the Year, averaged 127 points per game.

Need a hand: Southeast Missouri State head coach Barry Hinckley, who had been on the recruiting end of everything from here west to hanging phone lines from Mobile SMS fans earlier in the season due to the Bears' mediocre start, did not sway away from his emotions following the team's win at SIU Monday. It was the Bears' eighth straight victory.

"I love my basketball team," Hinckley said following the Bears' 76-68 win over the Salukis. "I think we deserve to be in the NCAA tournament, I believe that in my heart," he said.

Red Wings: Former Indiana State University and NBA legend Larry Bird was in attendance at the Indiana State-Bradley game Monday night in Terre Haute, Ind., as the Bears topped their first MVC title in 21 years, since Bird's team won it in 1978-79.

That season, Bird led the Bears to the NCAA finals where they lost to Michigan State University, which was led by some guy called Magic.

"I am a basketball fan and think this is the best tournament to watch," Bird said.

Women's Tennis

The seeds are in, the brackets are set. Tip-off has arrived for Arch Madness, an eagerly-anticipated weekend of non-stop, high-stakes hoops at the Kiel Center in St. Louis.

The Kiel provides a great tournament atmosphere for Valley action. Last season the Valley ranked sixth among Division I postseason tournaments for attendance per session. Driving a total of 47,985 fans for the four day affair, an average of 9,177 per session, the Valley beat out the Atlantic 10, the Western Athletic Conference and Conference USA in attendance.

"We have always had one of the best postseason tournaments," Bradley head coach Jim Molinari said. "I think St. Louis this year, going to be unbelievable. The league offices does a great job in St. Louis is wonderful."

Some teams are entering the tournament with a full head of steam, while others have a little rust. But it is a two-season game — and anything can happen.

The favorites are No. 1 seed Indiana State University, No. 2 seed Southern Illinois University, and No. 3 SIU. But the middle crop, seeds 4 through 6. Creighton, University, Bradley and the University of Evansville have the potential to be very dangerous.

The Bears are the hottest team going into the weekend's action, winning eight straight winning streak, including an emotional win at SIU Monday night to secure the No. 2 seed and possibly an NCAA at-large berth.

Some teams on the slate at the tournament approaches are Drake University, Iowa State, the University of Evansville, which has lost seven of their last 10, and SIU, which defeated their first Big Eight game after winning two straight matches. However, these seeds can quickly change in the new season.

In a game anyone should have a chance to win," Molinari said.

Three seeds: Anyone should have a chance to win," Molinari said.

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Softball’s classic curse

The SIU softball team will try to win its first Southern Classic since its beginning in 1992.

The SIU team has struggled against the Salukis in recent years, failing to win a road game against the Salukis since its inception in 1992. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the Southern Classic, and the Salukis are looking to continue their dominance in the annual event.

Members of past SIU teams participating in the Classic said that the Salukis have been tough competitors, but they also noted that the Salukis have had a streak of success against the Redbirds. "We took some of the smaller teams for granted," said senior shortstop Jamie Campbell. "They came back to surprise us."

First-year Saluki head coach Kent Blaylock has since institutionalized a winning mentality, and the team has shown improvement in recent years. "Something always happens," said Blaylock, who played on the Saluki team that finished second in the conference last year. "It’s kind of a joke, I guess, but we’re not really thinking about that now."

The six-team Classic starts Saturday at 9 a.m. and concludes Sunday at IAW fields.

Join the Classic and win a trip to the Classic, as it has not been played every season. Junior center fielder Marta Vicenzus, who played on the Saluki team that finished second in the conference last year, said, "It’s kind of a joke, I guess, but we’re not really thinking about that now."

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The heart of the Salukis

Senior forward Chris Thunell's name has been synonymous with Saluki basketball during his three years at SIU.

Thunell is one of SIU's top defenders and the Salukis' leading rebounder, has been determined to counteract his lack of athleticism by playing smart and hustling.

"You've got to love the game," SIU head coach Bruce Weber said. "Chris is a vocal team leader and one of SIU's best players, which is more a product of his desire to win than his physical skills. Thunell understands why our guys, Bruce Weber, has talked him the heart of the Salukis.

"I just want 5 wins so bad and I want everyone on the team to succeed," Thunell said. "It's probably just my energy and my love of the game."

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Thunell is one of the best players in the Missouri Valley Conference. The 6-foot-8-inch Thunell has a pretty shot and is able to knock down jumpers from the perimeter. That skill makes Thunell a very difficult matchup for opposing big men.

However, he has struggled with his shooting touch at times, especially during his junior and senior seasons.

Saluki senior Chris Thunell is proud to have played such an instrumental role in turning the basketball program at SIU into a successful program. "It feels good to know that the hard work you've put in has finally paid off," the 6-foot-8-inch Thunell said.

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