Savvis dissatisfaction

Dawgs keep high hopes for NCAA bid despite championship loss to Creighton

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

ST. LOUIS — The SIU men’s basketball team is still holding on head up high after losing Monday’s MVC tournament championship game, but more than anything, the Salukis are holding their breaths. After Creighton beat SIU 84-76 at the Savvis Center to claim the MVC’s automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, the Salukis have to wait to find out if they have a shot among the at-large NCAA field.

The Salukis will discover their NCAA fate on Sunday, when the tournament field is officially released.

SiU coach Bruce Weber reacts to a call during the matchup against Creighton on Feb. 20 at the SIU Arena, in which the Salukis pulled off a 65-62 win. A questionable call brought a similar reaction from Weber in last night’s 84-76 Salukis loss, when Jermaine Dean was called on a controversial intentional foul with less than 20 seconds remaining in the game. Creighton’s win gave them the MVC Tournament Championship and an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament, while SIU awaits word on whether their post-season will continue with an at-large bid. The at-large bid will be announced Sunday; the NCAA Tournament begins next week.

Poshard on road to recovery

Vice Chancellor of Administration will have two weeks of therapy

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard is in stable condition but remains in the hospital for two weeks of therapy. Poshard was in the Marion Memorial Hospital for almost a week, and is in stable condition but needs physical therapy after his Ford Crown Victoria was rear-ended by a Ford Crown Victoria on Mar. 1.

Poshard, a native of Marion, is the highest ranking member of the SIU administration, and is in charge of all administrative functions of the university.

"I really have tremendous pain when walking and putting pressure straight down," Poshard said. "I still have to get back to work, and of course, I'm not used to this." Poshard added that he has received several cards and flowers from friends wishing him a speedy recovery.

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"We'll be glad when he returns," she said.

"We miss his presence here, it helps things go smoother," Chapman said.

Chapman added that although he has been away from the university, his staff has been great without Poshard, he will be glad when his supervisor returns.

"Having his presence here helps things go smoother," Chapman said.

Poshard's injuries have affected ligaments located around his lower back, neck and spinal column, and he will undergo two weeks of physical therapy to regain his strength. For the past week, he has been able to return to his home and take a walk or sit for short periods.

"I really have no real injuries," Poshard said. "I'm doing pretty good," he said.

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Student Health Programs looking for a new home

USG will consider raising student health fee to fund new building

Glynis Skalski

Student Health Program has been fraught with problems since its inception, and the College of Medicine is overcrowded with six people in a hallways are also filled with numerous other facilities, including the College of Medicine, Dental Service, and Office of the Dean. Because of lack of space elsewhere, the College of Medicine is overcrowded with six people in a hallways are also filled with numerous other facilities, including the College of Medicine, Dental Service, and Office of the Dean.

On Wednesday the Undergraduate Student Government will consider a $20 student health fee increase for fiscal year 2003, which would go toward building a new facility for the cramped programs. The fee would be applied each semester.

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New Health Services Proposal

Dale Vothrich, director of urgent care and preventative medicine, and Kim Pyatt, administrative nurse, try to make an accommodation table to demonstrate how cramped the rooms can be. With a patient, a patient’s friend, a doctor, and a nurse the room can become cramped to easily get work done.

Medical Chief of Staff Rollin Perkins calls the tight quarters an efficient way to practice medicine, and the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health care team seems to agree. Although SIUC’s Student Health Program received its accreditation again in 2000, the program’s poor facilities have not gone unnoticed. The comments come as no surprise to the students. The Student Health Program has been fraught with problems since its inception, and the College of Medicine is overcrowded with six people in a hallways are also filled with numerous other facilities, including the College of Medicine, Dental Service, and Office of the Dean.

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USG will vote on two student health fee proposals this week. Both would raise the fee, but one fee increase includes the construction of a new building and

One proposal the student health fee would be raised by $25 for fiscal year 2003. The current health fee for fiscal year 2003 is set at $110. Of the number of patient visits, 25 percent is the clinic’s second floor. Since 1987, when the Student Health Clinic opened, the college has not had a health fee. That would change this year as the Student Health Program has been fraught with problems since its inception, and the College of Medicine is overcrowded with six people in a hallways are also filled with numerous other facilities, including the College of Medicine, Dental Service, and Office of the Dean.

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Crapper caper

Simultaneous swirlies attempt to break current world record

Jodie Milan Daily Egyptian

Ryan Smith’s desire to have his name in the Guinness Book of World Records could land him in the toilet.

Smith, a junior in administration of justice and photography, is aspiring to obtain a world record for the most simultaneous swirlies. A swirlie involves placing or forcing someone’s head in the toilet and flushing. The stunt gets its name from the swirling of the toilet water caused by the flushing of the commodes.

"Swirlies are a grade-school tradition," Smith said. "But not a particularly healthy one."

During a staff meeting, former head residence hall director Don Carlos, now president of the Illini Hall-student resident assistant met to organize creative programs to increase resident participation.

Hawkins initially had the idea to have a swirlie contest. He shared childhood stories with the others in the Illini Hall, which was the inspiration for the swirlies.

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A week after the staff meeting, Smith visited the Guinness Book of World Records web site, at the bottom of the site there was a section to submit record ideas, he presented the swirlie idea.

"I just wrote in on a whim," Smith said. "We fought about it a little bit, but a guy called me from Guinness and said yes, we took it and it was on their web site."

At first Smith approached Ashley Gregory, the coordinator of student life, in Thompson Point, and the expressed concern. "The work kind of concerned about the maintenance aspect," Smith said. "We still have to work that out."

The maintenance staff on campus have been approached about the possibility of this stunt. It is still unclear as to whether the event will have serious effects on the plumbing for the buildings.

Denise Carol, project coordinator for housing maintenance, expressed concern about the plumbing system.

"I'm not sure what the ramifications on the system would be," Cocker said. "The plumbing is not in very good shape, it could be an overload to the system."

The intended goal is to involve the buildings in Thompson Point. In such old phases of buildings there are old toilets. In order to effectively flush the toilets at the exact same time, plans must of a moment standing in a street with an air-horn. Once the air-horn sounds, the swirlies begin.

"The idea that the results that are unique and fun," Smith said. "It's partially for the residents, but having our name in the Guinness Book of World Records is a kick."

Smith has personally never been on the receiving end of a swirlie but has an optimistic approach.

"No I have not been flushed," he said. "I would do it if that would get people motivated."

People were initially hesitant toward the idea. When residents realized that sticking their head in a toilet and flushing could put their name in the Guinness Book of World Records, they were excited, according to Smith, and focused swirlies on other children, according to Smith.

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Gus Bode

"Gus says: What's so funny about a bunch of SJU students with their heads in the toilet?"

Rental computers help students

Information center has rental laptops for student use

Ivan Thomas Daily Egyptian

School brings a lot of caffeine, headaches, all-nighters, mass transit, into SJU residence halls who struggle every day to balance the weight of homework and jobs. But what student that jobs don't seem to be enough time in a day to do it all. But the Student Center is offering a solution that will keep two hours at a time, but the computers would be used directly on the Internet.

The Information Station, located on the first floor of the Student Center, has received a grant which enables the rental of computer tabletops to students so they can do their homework and search the Internet.

Daede Niyigena supervises the area and students, who definitely enjoy having such quality equipment at their disposal, will become a reality the week after spring break. There will be six Dell Inspiron 2000 series in total.

"These computers run at about $2000," Niyigena said. "They have a computer, a monitor, all of the Microsoft applications, ethernet, and floppy disk drive. They are 209 of them.

In order to obtain one of these valuable pieces of equipment, Niyigena says students must register at the station 24 hour in advance, which gives the opportunity to the background of the student and make sure the student is actually enrolled at University. After this, the student must fill out a check-out form before leaving the computer. The orinal will be available for two hours at a time, but the computer can be renewed for two more hours if needed.

Geoffry Nathan, academic coordinator of Information Technology, said the Student Technology Fee Committee decided to give the Information Center. There were certain guidelines that had to be met before the computers were received. "We wanted to know if the computers would be used directly on the Internet," Nathan said. "We are the students of students it was aimed for.

"There is a certain amount of money that is taken from the student fee to go toward student technology," he said. "We had $10,000 to give out."

According to Nathan the committee goes through the list of requests, and the one that is the most beneficial to the students is selected. They are $2500 or more than 2.5 million for requests.

Tim Wall, chairman of the Student Technology Fee Committee, said at the beginning of the school year the dean and the college of the computer was proposed to the committee for review. The council decided to give a check to the computer in the fall, said Wall. While all of him also benefited the students. We ended up funding 16 departments.

"We didn't feel it was necessary," Wall said. "We start with student health services and make a better evaluation, on one on one it's possible in the future that it may be looked at again," said Scott Hennes, student council president.

Besides the remaining Intercollegiate Athletic fee left to vote on, the council efficiently wrapped up discussions on seven student activity fee increases at the three-hour meeting on February 26.

The council approved the proposed fees for mass transit, campus recreation, Student Health Center with the building, Recreation Center without building, Student Center and the student legal services. The council's approval amounts to about a $30 Increase in next year's non-academic fees for all students.

Jane Hulh Daily Egyptian

The Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) made it official the Student Health Center should receive the $20 proposed fee increase building an extra building the Recreation Center's request for an additional building should be delayed. Instead of the total $15, proposed Recreation Center Increase, the council just approved the $4 increases without the addition.

"However, the Recreation Center's additional building request will continue to be discussed," he said. "We didn't feel it was necessary."

Because these fees provide student services, if it is approved with a prosperous and it's beneficial then they should be considered strongly," he said.

Meanwhile, the Undergraduate Student Government will finish voting on all fees by March 20, said USG President Michael Perry. GPSC's and USG's opinion as the fees will be presented to the Board of Trustees meeting in April.

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GPSC approves majority of fee increases except Rec. addition

The Graduate and Professional Student Council and Enrollment Management Larry视野 attended the meeting to hear each student's opinions on the fees before the council voted on each proposal.

Hennes said the meeting was simple and straightforward but above all else, he said the council focused on the "needs" of the increase to decide whether to approve the fees.

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**Keva Gaston**

Dean of MCMA conducts research in India

Manjunath Pendakur, dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, is conducting research in Ramanagar, India, regarding the effects that commercial television has on the residents’ views of the United States. Started in 1993, the research project continues until adequate amount of data has been collected for publishing.

Pendakur said commercial television has an impact because "much of the world and much of the views of America are based on whatever television shows we have out there or what they see on CNN and those are the two pictures the outside world has on the U.S.," said Scott Hedglin, chair of the Department of Radio-Television.

The project is conceived in broad terms and purposes to assess change in all in economic, political and cultural dimensions, given the arrival of commercial television.

Pendakur said the project has proved that "images have the power to speak in certain ways."

People from the village continue to give them information in the form of letters and paper clips on how commercial television is affecting them.

This is an ongoing research project, in which he plans to go back every two years. He plans to return this summer and publish articles on the study. In addition, Pendakur expressed that he will continue the study until he has enough information to write and publish a book on his findings. Pendakur said the project has proved that "images have the power to speak in certain ways."

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Our Word

Sick of the same old song and dance

Improve our University now, don't wait for better times

The statue of SIU's legendary president Delyte Morris, which stands proudly outside of Shryock Auditorium, has been called less-than-aesthetic because his legs are cut off. But that's beside the point; about the outcome of the dreams of this visionary — a man who built our campus from a splattering of buildings for training teachers into a major research university within a few years.

It is obvious that the legs of his vision have been cut at the knees. The top-ranked automotive program in the United States is housed at this University. It deserves top facilities. The building deserves to shine as much as the students do.

But like so many of the buildings Morris created that made the nation take notice of this campus, it is crumbling. Sinking floors and urine-stained ceilings have not been fixed. During the last few years, the University has made promises, but it always ends with the same song and dance. "Oh, we're struggling now. We just don't have the cash. Just wait for awhile until we can find a new stash. Then everything will be great, and our troubles will disappear. Just stop complaining now, and try again next year."

Well, the Daily Egyptian is tired of waiting. Morris did not wait. He started to build, even when there were no promises to back him up.

But the money rolled in. The Illinois legislature refused to leave half-built buildings half-built. Donors could see that this University did not wait for permission; it ploughed into greatness full speed ahead.

Now, more than ever we must reclaim that attitude. We can not afford to wait any longer, because state-funded universities never have enough. Right now, in the middle of the struggle, is the time to act. Interest rates are at their lowest they will ever be. We will get more buildings for our book. When potential donors see that we are committed to making this University as great as it should be, they will be committed too.

Yes, we are facing enormous budget problems. But instead of breaking out the old violin and stringing out our sob song, let's take a leap of faith.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Response to Bush's edict: Welfare mothers get married

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Normally, I don't respond to the comments that President Bush makes because as my mother always says: "Consider the source." But his latest directive to welfare mothers to get married, could not be ignored by me as a former welfare mother.

When I read his ideas regarding welfare mothers there were many questions that went through my mind. First, where are these husbands to be found? An eligible man on the rise going to seek out a welfare mother? This would be huge steps in ending welfare as we know it.

Second, did it ever occur to our president that many welfare mothers are married? Did he ever consider the fact that his statement reinforces the stereotype that all welfare mothers are single mothers with children? Did he ever consider the fact that welfare mothers want to get married, but some of the fathers of their children were only spurned donors looking for a place to stake their genetic deposit?

Additionally, what experience does the president have with welfare? Was his mother, Barbara, ever on welfare? Was his statement not a prudish way to deal with the serious problem of welfare. Welfare mothers need real help, not simplistic solutions.

LeNie is a sophomore in social work. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.
**COLUMNISTS**

**Give me liberty or give me death!**

BY JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

*Outlaw Nation*

While there is much to be said of that foul Federation of Injustice (America and allies) that continues to hoist its flag in the face of tens of thousands worldwide, this week's column presents ideas on observing the nation from a different angle.

The exalt manner to bring about large-scale social improvement continues through rising. During the past few years, the strategic unification of American values has expanded through various avenues, positive changes in the social landscape.

Similarly, the Los Angeles Times of 1992 opened the world's eyes to the necessity of co-existence and discourses that have been globally heralded. However, the American corporate media, which continues to gain financially from globalization, has twisted the facts andBy Joseph D. Johnson left the truth of these scenarios of influence - raising the voices of eunuchs in the corporate PDS and blood-sucking police as the bar—ones victims. Yet these voices, which are more properly considered the voices of those who have been left behind, find themselves struggling in the shadow of the spotlight.

There are many other ways to help mitigate the social strife that continues to play out within America's borders. The direct attack on the corporatist group is often the easiest to solve. Giga-corporations continue to refuse to go small-town, or even urban, identities, replacing them with well-established names such as Bank of America, Wells Fargo & Co. and McDonald's. With the recent additions of J.R. Allen and Bosty, it's obvious these businesses exist in California. However, if you remove the weaker corporate houses, the giant corporatist giant continues to refuse to go small-town, or even urban, identities, replacing them with well-established names such as Bank of America, Wells Fargo & Co. and McDonald's. With the recent additions of J.R. Allen and Bosty, it's obvious these businesses exist in California. 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Health

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"The need for a room sort of itself," Verchick said. "We do a good job but it's tedious and it doesn't look professional and it's uncomfortable for the patients."

Another benefit of the building and the new mortgage fund is that the University would then have to rely on what other supplies are stocked itself, Vorbrich said. "We do get their coat."

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BY LINDA C. BLACK
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Women's rugby seeks all sizes

SIU women's rugby starts season recruiting

Michael Brenner  Daily Egyptian

Apparentlly, Michelle Kwan could play rugby just as well as Chyna from the World Wrestling Federation.

Weighing 200 pounds and having the physique of an ox is not a prerequisite for playing on the SIU women's rugby team, according to recruiter and outside center Sarah Wibel.

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Senior Sarah Wibel tries to pass the ball as she is taken down by sophomore Katie Baker in a tackling drill during SIU women's rugby practice Monday afternoon. The women's rugby team posted an 11-1 season record last year, but are still looking for more players.

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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**TENNIS**

Women drop two over weekend

The SIU women's tennis team dropped two meets over the weekend.

The Salukis lost to Arkansas State University 7-4, and Harding University 3-4. With the losses SIU fell to 0-5 on the season.

In singles, player Elka Ochoa won both of her matches while Alejandra Blanco won at No. 2 against Harding. Ochoa and Blanco also won their doubles match against Harding, as did the tandem of Kent Stark and Sarah Kerner.

**BASEBALL**

Salukis to play MacMurray today

The SIU baseball team will host MacMurray College today at 2 p.m. at Abe Martin Field.

The Salukis scheduled the game on short notice after they had four games cancelled last week because of incumbent weather. SIU is still attempting to reschedule its game against Murray State and three games against Western Illinois.

MacMurray, Division III school in Jacksonville, will be the Salukis first non-Division I opponent since 1999 when it defeated C.W. Post/Lang Island University.

**INTRAMURALS**

Championships tomorrow night

The SIU Intramural Basketball Championships will take place tonight on court two of the multi-purpose court at the Student Recreation Center.

Boys 1 will play the best of nine in six feet at 7 p.m. The Champions will play the Billing Chicks in the co-ed division at 9, and Perkins Patents will play the Funk Lovers in the open division at 9.

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**NBA star Webber proud of his little brother**

Todd Bella  Daily News (Bill State U.)

**MOUNT PLEASANT, MI (AP) -** Steve Webber stayed at Rose Arena long after the Ball State-Central Michigan game had ended. The former Tigers center was wanting to catch a glimpse of, or get an autograph from, NBA Star Chris Webber.

Webber was on hand to witness his brother David's final home game as a Chippewa.

The senior from Farmington Hills, Mich., scored a game-high 36 points. It was the third-highest point total of his career. He scored 41 earlier this season against Miami, and 31 points two years ago against Ball State.

"I'm proud of what he's done," Chris Webber said. "I think it's a great feeling to watch people around the country know of Central Michigan now, because I've always been bragging about David." He was taking to (former Central Michigan star and current Phoenix Sun) Dan Majerle about how my brother took his former school to another level.

"I heard so much about Ball State," Webber said of his home game. "It was great to have my whole family here."

After Saturday's game, Chris Webber took time to discuss his brother's performance at Ball State's play thus far.

"I heard so much about Ball State this year," he said. "I saw they played well together as a team. In watching Ball State, I saw how good they were, but I also saw how good Central was." He added that people are waking up to Central Michigan now.

Chris signed autographs and graphs for fans and talked with players from both teams.

"He's a nice guy," Ball State's Thome Smith said. "He wished me luck, and told me he'd see me in the (NBA) league."
In wake of Jayson Williams tragedy, are athletes gunning for trouble?

Luke Cypher and Michael Candelori

New York Daily News

NEW YORK (GCT) - When staffs for a New York pro sports team spotted one of the club's biggest stars shooting over the estate of ex-N.J. Nets guard Allen Iverson in October for his annual Halloween party, there probably were a few people besides Iverson on the guest list who were not aware of the event.

athletes are targets for crime,
says sport agent Jimmy Jack. "They're about 10 years older, when he play for Alabama, the leagues acknowledge they've been fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone violating gun laws, they can be fined or suspended for anyone 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So close, yet so far away

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Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

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