Vocalizing the vagina

Students entertain, educate through ‘The Vagina Monologues’ production

Sean McGahan

A pas de deux at the Communications Building over the weekend could have heard more than 20 different organic moans emanating from the McLeod Theatre.

The moans — including that of a dog, a diva and an Irish Catholic — were featured in the student-produced ‘The Vagina Monologues.’

The play is based on Eve Ensler’s award-winning off-Broadway production and details the stories of an eclectic mix of women dealing with issues ranging from menstruation to rape.

One of the moans — dubbed “surprise triple orgasm” — was belt out by Rachel Guffoot, a junior from Herrin studying theatre. She said performing ‘The Vagina Monologues’ was an enjoyable experience.

“It’s almost a euphoric feeling, because nobody really talks about it,” she said. “People make jokes occasionally, but vaginas aren’t something people talk about on a regular basis, so to be able to joke about that with a crowd of hundreds of people is great.”

Mandy Achter, a sophomore from New Lenox studying cinema-photography, saw the play for the first time Saturday night. She said the humor struck a chord.

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Salukis fall short

SIU loses to Creighton in MVC Tournament championship

Scott Mieszala

ST. LOUIS — Chris Lowery said the SIU men’s basketball team wasn’t all there in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament Championship game, and that spelled a loss for the Salukis.

The score was 64-57 in favor of No. 2 seed Creighton entering the final minute of the game in SIU’s attempt to win both conference titles, the first time since 1998, having clinched the regular season title Feb. 21.

Saluki senior guard Jamaal Tatum scored six points in the final minute, finishing the game with 21, but No. 15 SIU fell short in the MVC Tournament Championship and lost, 67-61, ending a 13-game winning streak.

“You got to tip your hat to Creighton,” Saluki coach Chris Lowery said. “We couldn’t get motivated enough to play until the last two minutes.”

SIU (27-6, 15-3) was outscored 21-7 in the second half, which accounted for all his points in the game.

“I just got open looks and open drives to the basket,” Mullins said. “I was just trying to make plays.”

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Prescription stimulant abuse rising on campuses

Joe Crawford

Some SIUC students will probably look beyond their favorite latte for help surviving midterms this week, according to a Student Health Centre official.

The abuse of Adderall, a prescription medication often used to treat attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, has become more prevalent on college campuses in recent years, said Ken Culton, alcohol and drug coordinator at the Student Health Centre.

Adderall can increase alertness, improve task performance and decrease fatigue in its users, according to WebMD.com. Culton said students use the drug to stay awake and remain concentrated for long periods of time.

“It’s not so much that the student is motivated to get good grades,” he said. “It’s more often that a student wants to get good grades within the context of heavy drinking or not sleeping enough or being overwhelmed in their life.”

The abuse of prescription stimulants is most prevalent among whites, members of fraternities or sororities and students with poor grades, according to a report released by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

One of the biggest concerns associated with the abuse of Adderall is dependency, Culton said.

“When will it stop?” he said. “When you get on the job, your rationale will be ‘I need Adderall to function better or to meet my deadline,’” he said.

Adderall is sometimes used with alcohol to help the user stay alert or stay awake longer to drink, Culton said. He said mixing the two could cause respiratory failure and death.

Adderall tends to be more popular than other drugs, most likely because of the drug’s availability, Culton said. He said the rate of abuse at SIUC is no higher than at other universities of its size.

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Fuel frustrations: Experts seek alternatives to America’s ‘oil addiction’

Chris Klarer
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With the continuous vertical creep of prices at the pump and fears of dependence on foreign oil growing, many Americans are looking for alternatives to petroleum-based fuels.

Now, environmentalists do not stand alone in their pursuit of alternatives.

One possible solution not directly mentioned in Bush’s address can be found sitting at restaurants and dining halls across the nation.

Used vegetable oil can power diesel engines with a few adjustments to the fuel system, said Erik Oberg, a coordinator for Touch of Nature Environmental Center’s Underway Outdoor Adventure program.

“There’s no byproducts,” he said. “They cruise down the street, and it smells like French-fries. It’s a pretty amazing thing!”

Oberg said he is so excited about grease-powered automobiles that he is hoping to convert a van for the center to use. He said his dream is to see SBUC convert its service vehicles.

“There’s an endless supply of used vegetable oil,” he said. “We could have a whole fleet of vehicles for SIU and be using grease oil.”

The Department of Automotive Technology at SBUC has converted two vehicles of its own, associate professor Rod Collard said.

“Definitely an important goal to try to minimize and be more efficient with our petroleum products,” he said.

The grease-powered system is different from commercially produced biodiesel, which has been formulated to work with normal diesel engines and can be found at many gas stations.

“I want to make it clear that I realize that this is not the end-all solution. It’s just a small step,” Collard said.

The U.S. Department of Energy has biodiesel, ethanol, electricity, natural gas, propane and hydrogen as alternatives to petroleum-based fuels.

Of these alternatives, biodiesel and ethanol are the most readily available to consumers.

Biodiesel made from soybeans is more promising than ethanol, which comes from corn, said Barb McKason, chair of the Shawnee Group of the Energy Justice Network Web site.

“Sometimes you just break even or maybe lose energy by using corn,” she said. “Growing corn is very energy intensive, and then there’s the process of converting it into ethanol so it can be used in cars.”

However, a few experts fear that using biodiesel or ethanol as a major alternative to gas may exacerbate food shortages in developing countries, according to the Energy Justice Network Web site.

The site says increased demand for corn and soybeans used in these fuels could make it more profitable for farmers in those regions to grow food for fuel production than for human consumption.

The site also says electric cars would be the most comprehensive solution to America’s fuel problems.

Collard said electric cars are an option, but many people have reservations about the battery technology that exists.

One electric car currently on the market, the Tesla Roadster, can reach 250 miles between charges and its ‘tailpipe’ emissions are zero.

McKason said one of the most important things that can be done to reduce America’s oil dependence is raise the fuel efficiency standards imposed on car manufacturers.

“We could do so much better,” she said. “There’s no reason why Congress can’t raise the standards. That could save millions of gallons of oil a day.”

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China to increase military budget

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte, who was visiting Beijing on Sunday, urged more dialogue between the Pentagon and the Chinese military "so that we have a better understanding of exactly what it is that the government of China has in mind with respect to its military modernization."

Negroponte's statement came amid reports by Vice President Dick Cheney, who criticized China's military modernization as "the biggest danger" to regional peace.

"We have neither the wherewithal or the intention to enter into an arms race with any country and China should not and will not pose a threat to any country," Jang Eungho, spokesman for China's national legislature, said at a news conference. He did not give any details. China's 2.3 million-mile border is the world's longest and has been criticized abroad for not being open to its spending. Unlike the U.S., where Congress is required to approve the military budget, China's military is extremely secretive and rarely releases information on its spending. The Pentagon believes China's total military spending may be much greater since the announced budget does not include key expenses such as weapons purchases.

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"The defendant, who was arrested in Kirkuk, was accused of murdering the teacher at that school.

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The Associated Press

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BASKETBALL
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Funk paced all scorers in the Bluejays’ championship game against Bradley, 53-51, to get into the tournament’s championship game. There were 11 lead changes and 11 tie scores in the game, which was tied 51-51 after a layup from Braves senior center Zach Andrews, leaving 15 seconds on the clock for SIU.

“I just thought Bradley did a tremendous job making it a slugfest, and that’s how we like to play,” Lowery said.

Tatum got the ball on the Salukis’ final possession, and he darted to the basket and missed the layup. Shaw’s defender went to contest Tatum’s shot, and the ball bounced off the rim and Shaw put it back in for the winning basket.

“Everybody kind of knew he was going to take the shot,” Shaw said. “I just went to the basket, it came off the right way and I barely put it in.”

When asked if the tough win against Bradley took too much out of the Salukis, Tatum said that is no excuse for SIU not playing well in the championship game against Creighton.

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“We went through enough conditioning in the fall that we can do anything, physically, and we didn’t step up to that challenge today, physically or mentally.”

Matt Shaw, center, is congratulated by Christian Cornelius, left, and Bryan Mullins, right, after Shaw made the game-winning basket Saturday in the Salukis’ 53-51 win over Bradley University.

Lowery said the key for the Bluejays was drawing fouls on their drives to the basket instead of just looking to score.

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It's an unsettling reality that every day people get behind the wheel tanked up on their favorite sense-impairing liquid. With a deep breath and countless claims of “I'm all right to drive, man,” they set out on the road unaware of how dangerous they really are. These discombobulated drivers thrust tons of steel down the highways and side streets of southern Illinois. Sometimes they make it home unscathed, while other times they wind up slapped with heavy fines or a smashed vehicle. Or, even worse, they kill or injure an innocent bystander or themselves.

The possibility of things going wrong is inevitable. Prohibition is out the question—and we’re in no way calling for that—but there is an alternative. It's called a designated driver, and the person doesn’t necessarily have to be among the imbibed individual’s legion of friends.

The University of Missouri-Columbia provides a service called STRIPES (Supportive Tigers Riding In Pursuit of Ensuring Safety). It is a volunteer-based service for Mizzou students to drive drunken people, and their cars, home safely.

The city of San Diego—and many others—has a group of volunteers who make sure a person and his or her car make it to their intended destination. Right here at SIUC, the Tau Kappa Epilon fraternity designates at least one driver each weekend to cart around the other fraternity members who maybe had a few too many drinks. In Carbondale, drunken drivers are not a rare breed. For SIUC or the city to establish a designated driver program would be a home run in our books.

In San Diego, volunteers meet the person requesting the ride outside the bar or party. One volunteer drives the person's vehicle home, and the other drives the tipsy one back home. To fund the operation and to discourage abuse, volunteers ask for money. It might cost more than a cab ride, but the person being transported won’t have to worry about their vehicle.

Starting up such a program would not mean the university or local government is endorsing alcohol use. It would mean the school or city is accepting the reality that people entertain themselves with alcohol, and unsafe roads are oftentimes the product. It would also be a commendable step for both entities as they would make it clear they are concerned about the well-being of students and citizens.

If such a program existed, DUIs would decrease, drunken driving accidents would be less prevalent and people would feel safer on the road. And of course, anyone who was intoxicated would be grateful the next day that they woke up at home, instead of in jail.

We want people to enjoy themselves, but we also want people to be safe. We know what alcohol can do. It’s clear that even a couple drinks affects a person’s judgment and ability to do simple and otherwise routine tasks such as driving. If SIUC or the community took hold of the wheel, Carbondale would be a safer place.
Back in front of the camera

**LeLnie A. Adolphson**
Gust Columnist

Washington Post reporters Dana Hill and Anesu Hill have the lay of the land of the conditions of Walter Reed Hospital. By exposing the reality of life for wounded veterans, the American public must now conclude that it’s not just war protestors who do not support the troops, instead, it is the American government that does not support the troops.

Oh yes, the loud cry of sup- port for the troops is vacui- ous and raucous on the floors of Congress. There are grand parades on Veterans Day. We have all types of majestic rituals for those who are currently serving and lots of lip service for older warriors. Moreover, the advertisements for the military are compelling and quite enticing.

Yet, what happens after the glory? What happens when their war is not over quite yet? Both men wereS mother who served in the Korean War, many men, like father who served in the Korean War, were forgotten and discarded. What happens to these veterans is emotionally ill and homeless? Why do they have to endure delays and huge stacks of paperwork to have their needs met when they have offered themselves up to lay down for their country? Why do some vets have to apply for food stamps? Why is not the Veterans Administration been more responsive and sensitive to veterans? Those who argue that pontificators have raised the soldiers’ morale are apparently unaware of Building 18 at Walter Reed Hospital.

Hill and Washington’s outstand- ing expose of conditions in Building 18 describe a grim situation. “Mouse droppings, cockroaches, stained car- pets, cheap mattresses,” long waits to see doctors and ill treatment, lined with depression and frustra- tion, mirror the lives of returning injured veterans. Yet, while this new round of returning veterans are returning to the glory of parades,decorations and Army commercials, they are discovering what other veterans learned the hard way that after the fast lane and accolades they are soon as dispos- able as tissue paper once it’s used. Historically this is not new, the American government has given very little respect to its veterans. In 1912, World War I veterans (known as Bonus Marchers) marched to Washington, D.C. to lobby Congress for early payment of their bonuses because of the economic depression. General MacArthur ordered troops to beat veterans, this was encouraged by the soldiers, burned their shack and forcibly drove them across the Potomac River. Many black veterans in the 1940s, upon returning home from serving in World War II, were beaten and shot while wearing the uniform. Many of them wondered aloud why they were fighting for democracy overseas when there was no democracy in Mississippi. For years, Vietnam veterans struggled to force the government to acknowledge the damaging effects of Agent Orange. Agent Orange was seriously contaminated with dus- ticid, a deadly cancer. Over many years, Vietnam veterans began to seek, have birthed defective chil- dren and often died while struggling to have the Veterans Administration provide testing, treatment and compensation for those affected. Finally, the Veterans Administration acknowledged the reality of Agent Orange but the toll it took on veter- ans’ lives was exaggerated. After the first Gulf War, many soldiers complained of another ill- ness better known as Gulf War Syndrome. Focused to prove that they were truly affected, many of these brave men and women suf- fered for years. Currently, Iraqi War veterans are returning with catastrophic injuries and serious stress related problems. What these men and women, who are return- ing, need more than parades and fancy rhetoric is stellar medical care, compassion and prompt assistance so that the government don’t sent them into battle. Moreover, in twenty years, their cause should still be our cause. That is truly supporting the troops.

Adolphson is an SIUC alumna in history.

**After the glory**

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Sports stars have been known to make remarkable comebacks with a worldwide audience. Their athletic ability that they can rebuild and sometimes exceeded after a devastating injury or personal loss can be a spectator’s dream. On Feb. 27, a comeback was made. It wasn’t on the field, nor were any high-flying dunked made on the court, and there want any perfect score achieved for physical ability. This comeback was made in the wee hours of the morning.

As most of us pre- pared for our weekday class, or former World News Tonight co- anchor Bob Woodruff made his return on “Good Morning America.” This was the first time he was seeing reported on television since he was severely hurt in Iraq.

Woodruff’s life took a devastating turn as he was in Iraq covering the war in Iraq. As he was embedded with the U.S. 4th Infantry Division, he and fellow cameraman Doug Vogt were attacked by an improvised explosive device. Even though both men were covered with protective gear, the device struck Woodruff and Vogt with debris.

Both men were moved to a hospital in Iraq where head sur- gery was performed. Woodruff was kept in a medically induced coma to help treat his injuries, and also under went surgery to help fix brain swelling.

Woodruff also underwent surgery to replace portions of his missing skull with an implant. Vogt had a much more timely recovery, and a able to begin his rehabilitation much sooner, as well as return to the states. Woodruff did recover and as a sign of continu- ing progress, he was moved back home for rehabilitation.

Woodruff featured his docu- mentary, “To Iraq and Back: Bob Woodruff Reports,” on prime time television. Woodruff seemed to feel right back in to work when he left off. Although he still has marks on the side of his face from the shards of metal, Woodruff looks to be in the same form. There was a time that seemed so dark, and especially in today’s world, where you hear of an IED being used, it normally is used with children in residence.

However, Woodruff was able to hang on and make a miraculous comeback. He had his fellow photographer both credit the love and support of their families that helped them fight back. Both men were hugged and greeted by members of “Good Morning America” as they made their appearance on the show. By every- one’s demeanor, you could tell how moved he or she was just to be in his or her presence.

His comeback was not marked with awards and shiny medals, he was not standing in front of a packed stadium with thousands upon thousands of people cheer- ing. Instead, he did as he had done before: Returned in front of the camera. Bringing stories that would impact people as did before. Woodruff was confident in his delivery as he was in the past, and was moving in his elo- quent speech. Audiences across the country were tuned in as they always do for their evening pro- gramming. Instead, the viewer at home was happy to have a familiar face back in their living rooms.

Rancatore is a sophomore studying radio and television.

**Hey, don’t forget us!**

**Dear Editor:**

In response to the wonderful editorial “How to save a life,” Feb. 28, Dr. Peggy Willen and I agree that “people should learn this integral procedure even if it’s not required in their work- place.”

We would be grateful if the **DAILY EGYPTIAN** staff would help us by informing the **DAILY EGYPTIAN** of any other opportunity for learning these skills. We feel so strongly about first aid CPR and AED training that we require our health education and recre- ation majors to enroll in our three-credit semester course that provides the opportunity for certification in all three skills. We feel so strongly about first aid CPR and AED training that we require our health education and recreation majors to enroll in our three-credit semester course that provides the opportunity for certification in all three skills. Many prudent students elect to enroll in our course because they rec- ognize the real world value in gaining emergency medical training. We are appreciative of your words “Learning CPR and other first- aidering skills should be a common duty.”

Unintentional injury and sudden illness constitute a major threat to public health. A delay of as little as a few minutes to when a person’s heart stops can mean death. What a bystander does can make the difference between life and death. First aid training also helps develop a sense of safety awareness and self-confidence in young adults. Thanks for helping spread the word.

Brian Rice

Clinical Instructor in health education and recreation

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**Monday, March 5, 2007**
'Hustle and Flow' director produces another solid movie

Ben Erwin
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rated: R
Starring: Christina Ricci, Samuel L. Jackson, Justin Timberlake, John Cothran Jr.
Directed by: Craig Brewer
Run time: 116 minutes

Don’t be fooled by the salacious advertising campaigns or preconceived ideas about racial and sexual tension that surround director Craig Brewer’s “Black Snake Moan.” Despite a convoluted and ridiculous plot, the film is an artfully told absurdist, neo-gothic tale of redemption and renewal.

Man finds woman, beats her bloody and half naked on a barren stretch of road outside his ramshackle farm. Man chains woman, strategically in the film’s arresting graphically in the film’s arresting

Fans might not get what the trailer promises, but “Black Snake Moan” wickedly deceptive

Even Timberlake, who showed modest chops in the atrocious “Alpha Dog,” does a decent job with being a panic-stricken army veteran.

The film stars Samuel L. Jackson as Lazarus, a former bluesman turned man of God whose life crumbles when his wife leaves him for his brother. Like Lazarus, Rae (Christina Ricci) has just seen her boyfriend Ronnie (Justin Timberlake) leave, with minimal hope of any return. While Lazarus turns to religion, Rae finds solace in drugs, sex and other lascivious activities as she lapses in and out of fits of symphonias.

After a particularly brutal sexual encounter with one of Ronnie’s friends, Rae is left brutalized and bloody outside of Lazarus’ modest farmstead. “Black Snake Moan” continues with the chaining, whirling and redeeming that is shown graphically in the film’s arresting trailer.

Despite the audacious plot and ridiculous subject matter, both Jackson and Ricci play their roles seriously and intensely. In fact, Jackson endows the preaching bluesman to perfection with a level of acumen not shown since his turn as Jules Winnfield in “Pulp Fiction.” Even Timberlake, who showed modest chops in the atrocious “Alpha Dog,” does a decent job in portraying a panic-stricken army veteran.

Brewer never fully explores obvious themes of sex and race, but those topics have little to do with the overall arc of Lazarus or Rae. While the director may have missed a prime opportunity by refusing to explore the obvious, the film still works as a whole.

“Black Snake Moan” doesn’t stand up to much scrutiny as a narrative, but the film is a morality play, a pulp comedy and an exploration epic all rolled into one. It’s not quite Tennessee Williams tragedy, but it comes mighty close with equal doses of black humor, sexuality and nods to southern literary, musical and religious traditions.

Fans might not get what the trailer promises, but “Black Snake Moan,” like “Hustle and Flow,” is a seemingly lustful tale imbued with humor, heart and odd warmth.

‘Wild Hogs’ wallows in banality, stupidity

Ben Erwin
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rated: PG-13
Starring: Tim Allen, John Travolta, Martin Lawrence, William H. Macy, Ray Liotta, Marisa Tomei
Directed by: Walt Becker
Run time: 99 minutes

The worst thing about director Walt Becker’s homophobic, unfunny and stupid mid-life crisis road trip comedy is that its stars alone ensure “Wild Hogs” will earn huge profits at the box office.

The film has a good share of motorcycle riding mishaps and crotch injuries to get families out in droves to soak up a string of predictable jokes, recycled plot conventions and underdeveloped characters. Doug (Tim Allen) is fed up with his buttoned down suburban lifestyle and longs for his glory days of partying with his buddies. These downfall comedians include Bobby (Martin Lawrence), a down trodden housespous.

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in tepid, formulaic family-friendly tripe is ultimately not fit for viewing, but the draw of Travolta and Allen in tepid, formulaic family-friendly tripe is sure to mean everyone involved in this terrible film will ride off into the sunset with huge bags of cash under each arm.
It’s funny, and that’s usually what people are able to come and see,” she said. “They think it’s going to be a bunch of women (complaining) about vaginas, but it’s done in a very humorous light, so it’s something many people, men and women, can relate to.”

In addition being humorous, Achter said, the play also deals with some very serious issues facing women. The underlying social themes make the play a good springboard to educate people, she said.

“There’s a social stigma against talking about rape and domestic violence and even vaginas in general, and bringing the awareness with the humor breaks the ice and allows people to get out in a collective group and become aware about these things and seek help or information,” she said.

All proceeds of the play went to help educate and assist women in such situations further through the SIUC Women’s Center. Play co-producer Marina Smelyansky, a senior from Buffalo Grove studying theater, said the goal of the weekend performances was to raise $5,000 for the center.

Smelyansky, who also directed some of the monologues, said it was her fourth time being involved with the play, which has been performed annually at SIUC for the past five or six years.

“Take me, they have other stuff besides school going on, like work, and it’s hard to stay up and cram it in,” he said.

ABUSE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Renee Krynski, a junior from Batavia studying social work, said the abuse of Adderall is prevalent at SIUC. She said she doesn’t use the drug, but most of the users she knows use it when studying for tests, writing papers or attending class.

Krynski said most of the users she knows are aware of the health risks. “It does not faze them,” she said. She said most students that abuse Adderall are doing so to catch up on work they put off.

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“They’re usually party animals — people that wait until the last minute to get things done,” Krynski said.

Stewart Phillips, a junior from Marion studying radio-television, said he doesn’t take Adderall but understands the temptation to deal with the demands of student life by taking a pill.

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The remaining ashes of Joe Ihle are emptied into the Mississippi River by his daughter, Janet Terry, at Devil’s Backbone Park near Grand Tower on Saturday. Terry is being supported by her brother, Robert Ihle, back, and son, David Terry, all of Murphysboro. Joe Ihle was a boat captain on the Mississippi River for 32 years and requested that his ashes be equally dispersed into the river and over his parents’ graves.

Seventeen family members and friends, including Ihle’s five children, attended the memorial.

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By Linda Black
Today’s Birthday (03-02-07): People admire you this year for what you produce. You’ll do well financially, so don’t worry about that. You may have a lot of colorful dreams, but you can make them pay. Use your imagination.

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 7 - You may be feeling like goofing off more than usual. Be aware, not everybody thinks that’s cute. You’ll succeed anyway, if you don’t trip.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - The work you’re doing now doesn’t show on the outside. You and your family know, however, and that’s enough for you. You’ll get the best rewards later.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You’re just about to make another major discovery. Actually, your partner finds the answer. Your eye opener is that this other person is a lot smarter than you thought.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Keep up on the latest technology so you can be the first in line. You can do more with less energy and less cost, if you’re smart, which you are.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Listen to what your loved ones want, and do your best to provide it. No need to wonder what you’re living for, now you know. This is it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - You’ve been through a tough couple of days, and you’re getting more confident. You know that the person who yells the loudest is not always the smartest. Keep studying.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Quickly do something different than you were doing before. Emergencies like this get your blood pumping, but are also confusing. Try not to mess up.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You’re gaming respect and as a result, your job is getting easier. Don’t slack off; continue to provide perfection. Your success is assured.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - As you understand more, you naturally take on more responsibility. You’ve been learning more than you realized. You’re getting wise.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Only buy things that will increase in value relatively soon. Only travel to find either products or markets, or both. Take care of business.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - You’ve really met all your crit- icism, but it can be good. Discover the other guy’s weaknesses as you correct your own.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 10 - Push hard, and as much done as you can today, while you have good conditions. Be as efficient as possible. You can count your earnings later.

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BASEBALL

Dawgs take down Huskies

Series won 2-1 over Northern Illinois

Josh Johnston

SIU baseball’s six-game winning streak was on the line this weekend and the Salukis hosted Northern Illinois in a three-game series. The Salukis won the first two games to extend the streak to eight, but lost the last game on Sunday, 9-6.

In game one on Friday, senior pitcher Jordan Powell picked up his second win of the season. Powell pitched 6.1 innings, had career-high eight strikeouts and retired nine consecutive batters. The Saluki offense did its part by getting double-digit hits for the second game in a row and scoring nine runs.

SIU was down 2-0, but came from behind to win 9-4.

Sophomore pitcher Cody Adams was the key in the Salukis’ 5-1 victory Saturday. Adams pitched seven scoreless innings and recorded a career-high nine strikeouts.

With the win, Adams improved his record to 4-0. He has a 0.93 earned run average and 28 strikeouts.

In game three on Sunday, the Salukis were unable to secure the sweep of the Huskies and lost 9-6.

Head coach Dan Callahan said winning two out of three games is better than losing two out of three games, but he was not pleased with the results of Sunday’s game.

“I’m disappointed that we didn’t get the sweep,” Callahan said. “We had a chance, we were in the driver seat. I think they [Huskies] played with more energy than we did late in the game.”

Northern Illinois struck first, scoring two runs in the second. The Saluki gave up a run and a hit in the game by the fourth inning.

SIU led the Huskies 6-5 going into the ninth, junior pitcher Daniel Wells started off the ninth by hitting

Huskies’ sophomore outfielder Pat Minouge. A single by Huskies’ first baseman Scott Simons scored the runner to third and was followed by senior infielder Jose Seykora’s RBI single to take the game over.

SIU junior shortstop Tyler Lairson could not handle the ground ball from Huskies’ freshman infielder Jordan Hood. With the bases loaded and no out, senior pitcher Danny Reed hit a bases-clearing double, scoring three runs, putting the Huskies up 9-6.

In the bottom of the ninth, the Huskies’ senior closer Matt Gremian struck out two Salukis and forced infielder catcher Mark Kelly into a groundout.

“We didn’t execute; we didn’t make any errors tonight,” Callahan said. “It changed the complexion of the game, and I’m disappointed that was the best we could do in the last two innings.”

Kelly was able to extend his hitting streak to nine games, batting .322 with 5 RBI.

Salukis pound competition

SIU beats Western Illinois 10-0 and Ball State 9-0

Jeff Engelhardt

The Saluki softball team may be in need of softballs after all because they are very hard at the collegiate level it’s a great thing to see the hard work.

Three total base runners. batters with the pitch, resulting in only one walk. She hit two to get a base hit in the game.

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SIU junior shortstop Tyler Lairson could not handle the ground ball from Huskies’ freshman infielder Jordan Hood. With the bases loaded and no out, senior pitcher Danny Reed hit a bases-clearing double, scoring three runs, putting the Huskies up 9-6.

In the bottom of the ninth, the Huskies’ senior closer Matt Gremian struck out two Salukis and forced infielder catcher Mark Kelly into a groundout.

“We didn’t execute; we didn’t make any errors tonight,” Callahan said. “It changed the complexion of the game, and I’m disappointed that was the best we could do in the last two innings.”

Kelly was able to extend his hitting streak to nine games, batting .322 with 5 RBI.
With 6:43 left in the game, Gibson hit a three to seal the win for the Salukis. Wichita State never came within 13 points of the Salukis in the second half. The Salukis shot a light-out 63 percent going 17-for-27 from the floor and scored 45 points. The Saluki defense forced 19 turnovers.

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**Women’s Basketball**

**Salukis finish with a win**

**Dawgs down Shockers 72-39**

_Josh Johnston_  
Daily Egyptian

The Saluki women's basketball team has hit the 20-win mark for the first time since the 1991-92 season. The Salukis (20-9) defeated Wichita State (9-20) Saturday afternoon at the SIU Arena, 72-39. The 33-point victory is the largest point differential of the season.

The Saluki bench scored 39 points in the game.

Sophomore forward Jasmine Gibson led all scorers with 15 points, shot 54.5 percent from the floor and hit two 3-pointers. Sophomore guard Kaci Bailey had a career day off the bench, scoring 13 points and not missing a shot. Bailey hit three 3-pointers and sunk both of her free throws.

“It was great for Kaci Bailey and Jasmine Gibson just to get some validation on what they are able to do for this team,” said head coach Dana Elizabeth.

In the first half, the Salukis held Wichita State scoreless for the first four minutes and 30 seconds. Despite their defensive effort, the Salukis only shot 25.7 percent from the field but were still able to take a 27-14 lead at the break.

In the first half, offensively, we were sloppy,” Elizabeth said. “But I'm resigned to the fact that it is our defense that will take us to a win.”

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**Men’s Basketball**

**Tatum solidifies status among Saluki greats**

_Matt Hartwig_  
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ST. LOUIS — Jamaal Tatum did everything he could to help the Salukis try to win the Missouri Valley Conference tournament for the second straight year. With SIU down 62-53 with less than three minutes and 30 seconds remaining, Sunday, a battered and bruised Tatum put the Salukis on his shoulders.

He scored eight points down the stretch when the Salukis were having difficulty finding any rhythm offensively, but his final 3-pointer rimmed out with six seconds remaining in the game.

“I'm sure there's always extra you can put in and try to contribute to the win, but at that time I thought I was doing all I could,” Tatum said. “I think everybody else thought we were doing all we could at that time, too.”

Tatum, a senior guard, shot 8-of-16 from the field and scored a game-high 21 points in the Salukis’ 67-61 loss to Creighton. He scored 19, 20 and 21 points in the three tournament games, finishing his career with 158 MVC Tournament points. That number surpassed former guard Darren Brooks for the most in school history.

Saluki coach Chris Lowery said Tatum’s performance solidifies his league MVP status.

“I think at times he felt he had to do too much because we weren’t getting enough out of Randel Falkner as we’re used to and Tony Young as we’re used to, and he did some things probably a little bit more than what he needed to, but he’s a very, very talented,” Lowery said. “He made sure we were able to compete in all the games we’ve been here.”

Tatum spent the majority of the weekend picking up the offensive slack for junior forward Randel Falkner. Falkner was held to three points in the tournament final and under 10 points for the entire weekend.

Despite Falkner scoring below his 12.8 points per game average, Tatum said Falkner wasn’t to blame for the loss.

“That’s not an issue because that’s not why we lost,” Tatum said. “It was our defense that cost us the game.”

Tatum’s performances throughout the tournament at Scottrade Center were indicative of his reputation as one of the Valley’s top players.

In Saturday night’s last second win against Bradley, Tatum scored 20 points on 7-of-15 shooting. He was held scoreless for the first 17 minutes and 12 seconds of the first half before scoring the Salukis’ final eight points to force a 26-26 tie at halftime.

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