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Plagiarism policy undergoes review

New guidelines may be ready for approval by February

Sean Mcghan
Daily Egyptian

A draft of the new SIUC plagiarism policy, which officials said they would like to implement by February, could give administrators the power to take action against people who make "frivolous or malicious charges" of plagiarism against chancellors or

members of the president's office. The policy draft, which was handed out to constituency groups for review in early November, defines different degrees of plagiarism, establishes investigation procedures for plagiarism accusations and allows penalties to be handed out to those who make "frivolous or malicious charges" against chancellors or mem-

bers of the president's office. Haller said the president's office has only received two comments since the drafts were given to constituency groups for review and posted on the Faculty Senate Web site early last month. The original deadline for campus input was Nov. 20, but Haller said he would extend it. Haller said he received an e-mail

after the deadline from law professor Leonard Gross and would respond to those concerns soon. Gross said he was not made aware of to whom his concerns should be sent until after the deadline. Gross, who is also chairman of the Southern Illinois Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said he was outraged by the portion of the policy that allowed the president's office to punish those whose allegations would be ruled as "frivolous or malicious charges"

of plagiarism. This portion of the policy gives officials power to initiate disciplinary action toward someone who has made accusations of plagiarism against chancellors or members of the president's office that are deemed "frivolous or malicious." Gross said this provision could deter people from filing legitimate charges. See PLAGIARISM, Page 8

Plagiarism accusations at SIU			
<p>Provision 11 of the plagiarism policy draft</p> <p>Frivolous or Malicious Charges It shall be a violation of this policy to allege, file or raise frivolous or malicious claims against members of the Office of the President or the Chancellors of the SIUC or SIUE campuses. If a violation of this section is committed, the University may initiate any and all appropriate action, including but not limited to disciplinary action against an employee or civil action against a member of the public.</p> <p>For the full draft visit siuDE.com.</p>	<p>Walter Wendler Former SIUC chancellor</p> <p>Wendler apologized in January 2006 for failing to attribute an excerpt from a book in his 2005 State of the University address.</p> <p>A committee enacted by SIU President Glenn Poshard ruled Wendler committed academic dishonesty, not plagiarism, by lifting passages from his own work on a long-range plan he worked on while at Texas A&M in the Southern at 150 plan.</p> <p>2006</p>	<p>Vaughn Vandegriff SIU-Edwardsville chancellor</p> <p>Vandegriff apologized in July 2006 for copying material in a speech he gave for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.</p> <p>2006</p>	<p>Glenn Poshard SIU President</p> <p>A representative from the group Alumni and Faculty Against Corruption at SIU accused Poshard of plagiarizing his 1084 doctoral dissertation in August 2007.</p> <p>In October 2007, a review committee recommended Poshard correct the dissertation, which he did.</p> <p>Poshard enlisted a system-wide plagiarism review in January 2007.</p> <p>2007-2008</p>

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USG votes to pass student 'green' fee



Project Eco-Dawgs member Trevor Hincley, a senior from Carbondale studying zoology, was one of 20 Eco Dawgs in attendance at Wednesday's USG meeting at which they unanimously voted yes for the 'green fee'. Evan Davis Daily Egyptian

Fee will not fund administrative position

Jeff Engelhardt
Daily Egyptian

Undergraduate Student Government passed the green fee in a unanimous decision after a resolution written by senator Dave Lofus said senators did not support the fee paying for the position of sustainability coordinator. Project Eco-Dawgs and USC were determined to come together and pass the fee with the original intention of funding "green" initiatives 10 months after its conception.

Katie Thomas, a junior from Fort Collins, Colo., studying political science and member of Project Eco-Dawgs, said the fee had come too far to fall now. "I don't want any of us to have misconceptions that it's an 'us versus you' or 'you versus us' type of thing," Thomas said. "I ask you to stand with us and work together to ask the university to fund the coordinator position." The fee would cost students \$10 per year and be locked at that rate for the next five years.

More than 20 students came to support Project Eco-Dawgs and contributed with public comments. Former USG senator Dylan Burns urged the senators to respect the oath they took when taking office. "It's your job to support the people who elected you and put you in those seats," Burns said. "You say (you) vow to uphold the constitution and represent the student body to the best of your ability, so it's your job no matter how you feel on the inside to vote for what your constituents want." Lofus said he talked to plenty of constituents who supported the fee but did not want any of the money to

be used to pay for an administrator's salary. Because administrator salaries increase most years and the fee is locked at \$10 for the next five years, Lofus said the students would have more money pulled out of their pockets and into the hands of administrators if the fee paid the sustainability coordinator. "The initial proposal said the fee is not going to fund the sustain-

ability coordinator position and that is what we are fighting for," Lofus said. "The students voted for this fee to fund 'green' projects and research, not someone's pocketbook." The sustainability coordinator would oversee all the fee-funded projects and make sure projects were being completed properly, Dyer said. See GREEN, Page 8

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— Dylan Burns former USG senator

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Prosecutor: Jealousy behind Hudson family killings

Don Babwin
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — A prosecutor alleged Wednesday that Jennifer Hudson's brother-in-law killed three of her relatives — with a gun stolen from one of the victims — because he was angry his estranged wife, the singer's sister, was dating another man.

William Balfour appeared in court for the first time in connection with the deaths and was denied bond. His attorney said authorities have no forensic evidence linking Balfour to the killings, but prosecutors said witness statements and the suspect's own lies and threats helped lead them to him.

Balfour was charged with murder Tuesday after being held for weeks on a parole violation. The slightly built man, wearing a yellow jumpsuit, stood quietly Wednesday as prosecutor LuAnn Snow described how he allegedly killed his 7-year-old stepson, Julian King, Hudson's mother, Darnell Hudson Donerson, and Hudson's brother, Jason Hudson.

Snow said Balfour had been at the Hudsons' South Side home early Oct. 24 and confronted his estranged wife, Julia Hudson, about a birthday present he believed she had received from a boyfriend.

Balfour, Snow said, also had shown up to Julia Hudson's workplace earlier in the month to confront her about dating another man.

"He told her at the time that her family would suffer if the saw other men," Snow said after Wednesday's hearing.

Balfour threatened Julia Hudson again that morning at the home, Snow said, adding that Hudson did not take the threat seriously because he "had not followed through on any of those threats" before.

The two left the home together that morning with Hudson driving away as she saw Balfour walking toward his own car, according to documents prosecutors filed with the court.

But Balfour's car broke down and two acquaintances gave him a ride to a gas station — during which time Balfour told them he had a handgun, but had left it in his car, Snow alleged.

In fact, the prosecutor said, the gun belonged to Jason Hudson, and Balfour allegedly stole it during the summer. "Several people observed defendant with the gun in the late summer of 2008," Snow said.

Balfour was taken back to his disabled car after the trip to the gas station, "although he was offered a ride to other

locations," Snow told the court.

In the stark language of a legal document she was reading from, Snow described what allegedly happened next.

"Defendant then entered the home at 7019 S. Yale at gunpoint," she read. "He shot Darnell Donerson several times while she was in the living room area. He then went into Jason Hudson's bedroom and shot him two times in the head."

Jason Hudson, she said, was still in bed when he was shot.

Balfour allegedly then took 7-year-old Julian and put him in Jason Hudson's white SUV. "Defendant shot Julian King in the head while the 7-year-old was lying behind the front seat of the Suburban," Snow read. His body was found three days later in the SUV.

Balfour's attorney, Joshua Kutnick, criticized the first-degree murder and home invasion charges against his client, saying no fingerprint, blood or other forensic evidence links the 27-year-old to the slayings.

"There is no direct evidence of Mr. Balfour committing these crimes," he said, adding that a girlfriend who claims Balfour confessed to her and asked her to provide him with an alibi is "highly suspect."

Calendar

- Voices of Inspiration Fall 2008 Semester Concert**
 - 7 p.m. Saturday at Grand Avenue Christian Church
 - Free admission
- Midnight Breakfast**
 - 9 p.m., midnight Sunday at the Newman Catholic Student Center
 - Free breakfast food for all students, fuel up for finals week
- Mask-making workshop**
 - Free
 - Big Muddy Room — Student Center
 - 7-11 p.m.
 - Bowling & Billiards
 - 9-11 p.m.
 - Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

Corrections

In the Wednesday edition of the Daily Egyptian, the story "Key Files Call" owner \$1,500" should have stated that Greg Booth, owner of Call, won \$1,000. Assistant City Attorney James Snyder recommended a \$1,500 fine at Tuesday's Liquor Control Commission meeting. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

In the Dec. 3 edition of the Daily Egyptian, the column listed "Jordan Mel" Dublin Hills for Ryan referee" should have stated that former Illinois Gov. George Ryan committed sentences of 16 1/2 death row prisoners. It should not have stated that Ryan was a teacher for the Nobel Peace Prize. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

If you spot an error, please contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 251.

Police Blotters

- Brian C. Jeffrey, 19, of Ridgely Park, was arrested on two failures to appear warrants for original charges of underage possession of alcohol and public possession of alcohol at 12:16 p.m. Monday at Alden St. Jeffrey was
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Trial date set for man charged with hit-and-run

Victims continue to recover after Poplar Street incident

Madeline Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A trial date has been set for Dalevir S. Pannu who was arrested in connection with a hit-and-run that injured four pedestrians Oct. 18 on South Poplar Street.

According to Jackson County Court records, Pannu, 21, of Canada, has a jury trial set for Jan. 20. Pannu entered a plea of not guilty Nov. 7 and was charged with driving under the influence, aggravated reckless driving and leaving the scene of a personal injury accident.

Pannu's attorney, Paul Christenson, said Pannu has been in jail since the arrest, choosing not to post bond until a resolution has been reached. Christenson said Pannu is a medical student who was in Carbondale Oct. 18 preparing for examinations. Christenson said Pannu has probably already lost his medical career.

"One night out in Carbondale has pretty much messed up his life," Christenson said. "He certainly had no intention of harming anybody."

Pannu is a bright, gentle person, who holds nothing but remorse for the victims and their families, Christenson said.

Jade Swisher, 21, of Newton, was moved to a rehabilitation facility

in Bloomington, Mo., from the St. Louis University Hospital Nov. 24, said his brother Adrian Swisher, 18, of Newton.

"He's able to be moving around in a wheelchair," Adrian Swisher said. "He's doing a lot better than the last time I saw him."

Jade Swisher was one of the four pedestrians hit Oct. 18 and one of three who was hospitalized. Adrian Swisher said his brother has received some memory damage from the accident, but his long-term memory is recovering quickly. He said Jade Swisher's short-term memory has not recovered as quickly.

"He can't hardly remember what just happened like 15 minutes before," Adrian Swisher said.

Adrian Swisher said his brother would still need additional surgeries and didn't know when he would be able to return to Newton.

Laura Gilbert, 44, of Carbondale, said she held a benefit Sunday at the Holiday Inn to raise money for her medical expenses because she does not have any health coverage. Gilbert said her injuries include a dislocated knee, broken pelvis and problems with ligaments in her leg.

"People were very generous," Gilbert said. "It'll help."

Gilbert said she needs additional surgeries on her leg, but nothing can happen until her pelvis has healed. She said she is planning another benefit soon, but no date has been set.

"It's going to be a very long road," Gilbert said. "I'm just progressing along as best as I can."



Brett Withoft accepts his prize of Atkins-friendly cookbooks from Maureen Caufield, the mother of Laura Gilbert, left, at a benefit for Gilbert Sunday at the Holiday Inn. Gilbert was one of the victims of a hit-and-run accident in October that left four injured. The proceeds of the benefit will go toward her medical and travel expenses, which include at least one more surgery.

Jane Rollinson, the mother of the third victim who was hospitalized after the accident, declined to comment on her daughter's condition.

Rollinson told the DAILY EGYPTIAN Oct. 20 that her daughter, Sydnee Rollinson, suffered a fractured skull and broken femur and had undergone surgery to put a pin in her leg. Sydnee Rollinson is a junior from

Salem studying marketing. The fourth pedestrian hit was John Koch, 31, of Chicago, who was not hospitalized.

Christenson said though the accident was tragic, all parties involved were in the wrong because he said they were intoxicated.

"The law says that you can't be

in the crosswalk of a street if you're intoxicated," Christenson said. "We have two wrongs: We have people who were totally intoxicated in the middle of the road and another person who is intoxicated driving down the road."

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Latin American, U.S. trade may increase with Richardson

Jack Chang
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

WASHINGTON — The nomination of New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson as commerce secretary Wednesday thrilled advocates of closer trade ties with Latin America, who see the Hispanic-American as a natural ally to the hemisphere.

Richardson, whose mother was Mexican and who grew up in Mexico, has long been known as a free trade supporter and is a familiar face throughout Latin America.

The 61-year-old former energy secretary and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations stoked such expectations Wednesday by pledging in Spanish to bolster U.S. relations with Latin American and Caribbean countries.

"We have to strengthen our ties and remember the importance of a united hemisphere," Richardson said at a press conference with Obama standing behind him.

Analysts said that statement sent a striking message to a region that has felt neglected by the Bush administration, especially after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The Bush administration has given up on negotiating a long anticipated hemisphere-wide free trade agreement, focusing instead on striking bilateral accords with select countries such as Peru and Chile.

Richardson's statement also raised expectations that the Obama administration would push the Democrat-controlled Congress to pass a long-pending free trade agreement with Colombia, despite



President-elect Barack Obama introduces New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson as his nominee for Secretary of Commerce during a press conference at the Hilton Chicago Hotel Wednesday.

NANCY STONE — McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

legislators' concerns over violence waged against union activists there.

"(Richardson's comment) dispels all these doubts about Obama's commitment to trade,"

said Christopher Sabatini, senior policy director at the business group the Americas Society/Council of the Americas.

"When you have a future commerce secretary say in Spanish he's

committed to the region, almost as a pledge, that's a powerful message."

If Washington rumors prove correct, Richardson may not be the only top Hispanic trade official

in the Obama camp. Democratic leaders expect Obama to name Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., as U.S. Trade Representative, although that choice has yet to be confirmed.

Ahmadinejad: Oil hurting economy

Nasser Kariml
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's hard-line president has acknowledged publicly for the first time that his country's economy is taking a severe beating from tumbling oil prices, a damaging admission by a leader whose popularity is eroding ahead of a tough re-election battle next year.

Oil prices have plunged more than 60 percent since July as a filtering global economy dampens demand. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said that will force the government of the world's fourth-largest oil exporter to make painful spending cuts, the official IRNA news agency reported Wednesday.

Ahmadinejad said his government would have to lower its expectations of oil revenues when planning next year's budget, which is largely financed by oil exports. International financial institutions estimate Iran needs oil at \$90 a barrel to keep this year's budget balanced, but it is currently below \$50.

"We have to leave a major part of our projects behind," the president said.

Only a month ago, officials

We have to leave a major part of our projects behind.

— Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
Iran's president

in the president's office said they planned to base the budget on an oil price of \$50-\$60 a barrel.

"But we are obliged to set it at \$30-\$35 because we do not decide the price of oil on the global market," Ahmadinejad said.

For months, the weakened president, who is seeking re-election in June, had sidestepped the country's troubling unemployment and inflation figures in his remarks on the economy. Instead, he took shots at the United States, which he accused of exporting financial problems to the rest of the world.

Just last month he boasted that even if the price of oil sank to \$5 a barrel, Iran's economy would be fine. Now, the president says Iran's government has no choice but to trim spending and generous subsidies and to raise taxes.

Ahmadinejad was already under sharp criticism for his unpopular economic policies. In November, 60 economists wrote their third letter to Ahmadinejad since 2006 blaming him for skyrocketing infla-

tion caused by the huge sums of oil money that his government injected into the country's economy. Inflation is currently running at 30 percent annually.

Ahmadinejad promoted the cash injections as a way to stimulate job creation. However, unemployment has increased to around 10 percent.

Possible rivals in June's presidential election — particularly former nuclear negotiator and moderate conservative cleric Hasan Rohhani — have seized on Ahmadinejad's vulnerability, noting that Iranians are poorer and the economy is suffering.

They and other critics accuse Ahmadinejad of squandering the opportunity presented by soaring oil prices over the past three years and failing to use the higher income to insulate Iran for tougher times.

The president has also drawn criticism for his hard line on the standoff with the U.S. and other major international powers over the country's nuclear program, which has contributed to Iran's isolation.

Russia to send warship through Panama Canal

Juan Zamorano
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PANAMA CITY, Panama — Russia said Wednesday it is sending a warship through the Panama Canal for the first time since World War II, a short journey

loaded with symbolic weight: the destroyer will dock at a former U.S. naval base, showcasing Russia's growing influence in the region.

Russia appears to be stalling the idea of replacing at what was long a symbol of U.S. global power; the Russian Navy announced it would visit "the Rodman naval base" — a name that the host nation, Panama has not used since taking over the base from the United States in 1999.

The destroyer Admiral Chabanenko is scheduled to enter the Panama Canal on Friday morning and arrive late in the day at

what Panama calls the Balboa Naval Base.

"It is a sort of tit-for-tat for Russia's perception of U.S. meddling in Georgia, Ukraine and Eastern Europe," said Adam Isacson, an analyst for the Washington-based Center for International Policy.

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Russia, like the United States, already has ports with access to both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

"Sending a destroyer through the Panama canal obviously has a lot of symbolic significance (and) this is primarily symbolism," said analyst Michael Shifter of the Inter-American Dialogue think tank in Washington.

U.S. officials have expressed no concern over the visit — continuing a stance they took when the ship earlier participated in joint exercises with Venezuela's navy, which concluded Monday.

MICHIGAN

UAW says it will suspend jobs bank, renegotiate labor terms

DETROIT (AP) — The United Auto Workers said Wednesday it is willing to change its contracts with U.S. automakers and accept delayed payments of billions of dollars to a union-run health care trust to do its part to help the struggling companies secure \$34 billion in government loans.

United Auto Workers President Ron Gettelinger said the union will suspend the jobs bank, in which laid-off workers are paid up to 95 percent of their salaries while not working, but he did not give specifics or a timetable of when the program will end.

INDIA

Bombs found in Mumbai train station a week after attack

MUMBAI (AP) — Police searching a mound of baggage abandoned amid the carnage of an attack on Mumbai's main train station found two bombs Wednesday — nearly a week after they were left there by gunmen — in a stunning new example of the booby-trap security that has become a major issue in India since the three-day siege.

The discovery came as Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee said India is "determined to act decisively" following the attacks, saying the evidence was clear: the gunmen came from Pakistan and their handlers are still there.

ALASKA

Palin files tardy disclosures about gifts publicized in news reports

ANCHORAGE (AP) — Gov. Sarah Palin has added to her financial disclosure forms two free trips that she took nearly two years ago but failed to report. Palin made the disclosures last month, but after Election Day when she and McCain lost to Barack Obama and Joe Biden. The trips were first revealed in a story by The Associated Press in October.

The free trips were taken in April and May of 2007 and should have been reported within 30 days under state ethics law. The Nov. 17 disclosure forms note that the reports were "not filed timely due to administrative error."

NEW YORK

Theological conservatives create North American church to counter Episcopal, Anglican liberals

NEW YORK (AP) — Theological conservatives upset by liberal views of U.S. Episcopalians and Canadian Anglicans formed a rival North American province Wednesday in a long-developing rift over the Bible that erupted when Episcopalians consecrated the first openly gay bishop.

The announcement represents a new challenge to the already splintering, 77-million-member world Anglican fellowship and the authority of its spiritual leader, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.

TWO MINUTES OF TRUTH

Who's behind the curtain?

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university? I'd guess that it's even less than those who know the makeup of USC.

Let's go further and take a look at the people running the government. There are few, if any, individuals whose names and titles are known outside of the president and vice president. How about their cabinet? Do you think that a person with limited worldviews should have his or her cronies as partners in the White House? Well if you take a closer look, as Lee Iacocca shares with us in his book, "Where Have All the Leaders Gone?" Bush did just that. A cabinet full of cronies runs the American government. Limitless power rests in the hands of the few, and we wonder why the agendas that need the most attention are put on the backburner.

Now for the most important question: Who's running you? Is it your obsessive attachment to your material possessions? Is it your emotional alignment with a particular faith that determines every step you take? Maybe it's the pastor you listen to who guides your steps the most? Is it your punch clock promise of a perfect life? That boss that promises job security, not knowing that the company is downsizing in 30 days, costing 30,000 people their jobs? Is it your spouse? Your parents? Your spouse's parents? Your favorite television show telling you what a life should look like? Your Seventeen magazine telling you what relationships should look like?

Let's take some time and think about these things and more. It's time for young Americans to wake up and explore who is really behind the curtains.

Think about it.

In the beginning, someone gave you life. That same person or group of people gave you your language, your education, your attitude, even your religion. Now the question that naturally comes to mind is, "Why?"

Why are you told that you have to speak a certain way? Well, simply put, because that's what your particular society and surroundings called for.

Your parents and the people they allowed around you all came to you with a certain set of ideals. Those ideals were probably similar to those of your parents. Had it not been, those people may not have made it to your immediate surroundings.

Why are you set with a certain idea of how the world is? That's a bit more complex.

Let's talk about our educational system, SIUC in particular. Aside from the majority of students surveyed two weeks ago who did not know who our Undergraduate Student Government delegates are (or even what they do), I'm willing to wager that they further lack knowledge when it comes to knowing who actually runs the school. How many students (aside from those in the press) can actually name the top 10, or even the top five people in charge of our

EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Illinois education must improve

DEAR EDITOR:

Education. Obviously most of us at SIUC are here for furthering our education, but how many of us were given an equal opportunity to education? My guess is not many of us.

The "funding" for schools in Illinois has given students an unequal opportunity to have great education. I am sure many of you do not know that educational funding in Illinois comes from property taxes. I bet you also were not aware that the amount spent per student ranges from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

Why have we allowed for some students to be more "worthy" of funding? Just because we don't live in the suburbs of Chicago does not mean we should not have an equal opportunity to education. Surprisingly enough, Illinois ranks 49th in the amount of funding the state provides for public education. The lack of funding caused 1,000 Illinois schools to not meet the federal academic requirements. Shocking? But how does the lack of funding affect Illinois students?

As A+ Illinois states, "Many schools have been forced to make tough decisions that compromise the quality of education, including increasing class sizes, laying off teachers, cutting programs such as teacher training, cutting important course offerings, and relying on outdated textbooks and equipment."

Today's students will be asked to compete with students from around the globe for the jobs of the 21st century. Underfunded and underperforming schools threaten the futures of students and communities throughout Illinois. Unless lawmakers take action now, the quality of student learning and the quality of life in our communities will only get worse.

With all that students are expected to accomplish, how can we still allow our public school systems to fail us?

Over Thanksgiving Break, I attended the Illinois Education Association Conference and was told a story about a school in Illinois where there was only one working toilet, and because of their lack of funding, the staff had to bring toilet paper, and paper towels to school. If their school could not even afford toilet paper think about the quality of education those students are experiencing.

It is important that, as residents of Illinois, we fight for our rights as students and require that the state give more funding to education so we all have an equal opportunity to a quality education. Do we want to be ranked 49th in educational funding and do we want to continue to have schools that are not meeting standards? I believe none of us want this to continue any longer.

Arielle Thibodeaux
freshman studying french education

Bush wins Peace Prize

DEAR EDITOR:

You missed an important story Monday. That day, George W. Bush accepted, apparently with a straight face, the very first "International Medal of Peace." Evangelical pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback megachurch fame presented it. The award, Warren said, is for fighting such major global problems as "self-centered leadership and spiritual emptiness."

Bush's award was for his efforts to fight AIDS worldwide. And indeed, his efforts there were so selfless that even many in the AIDS-fighting community were unaware of them. Thus did Bush, not even out of office, pull the greatest upset since the Jets beat the Colts in Super Bowl III. Or perhaps since Henry Kissinger won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973, prompting humorist Tom Lehrer to declare political satire at that point "ob-viet." Kissinger, prior to the award, had ordered the bombing-deaths of untold numbers of innocent civilians in Southeast Asia. And afterward he kept making peace, giving the go-ahead, for example, and providing the hardware for Indonesia to slaughter some 20,000 of its own citizens on the island of East Timor in 1975.

It's pointless, of course, to argue whether Bush or Kissinger was the greater Ghazal. Kissinger never had the great opportunities for self-promotion of an AIDS epidemic, and it's impossible to measure the peace each man caused through the saturation bombing of third-world countries.

It would be like trying to compare Jeffrey Dahmer with Ted Bundy: two different times, two different styles, two great men.

Jim Glover
associate professor emeritus in recreation

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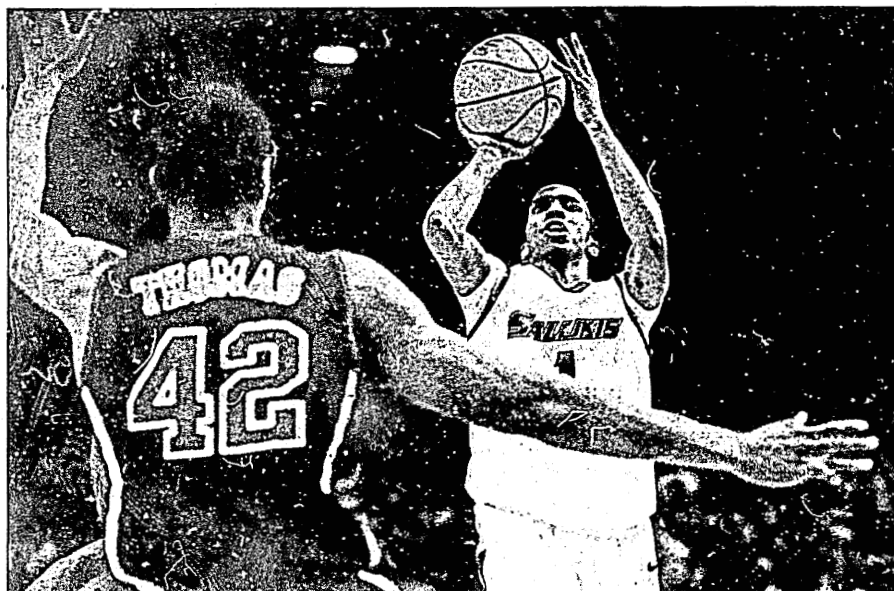
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RIGHT: Freshman guard Kevin Dillard shoots over Duke forward Lance Thomas during SIU's first game in the 2K Sports Classic.



ABOVE: Freshman forward Anthony Booker drives the baseline during the Salukis' 77-60 loss to UCLA. RIGHT: The Salukis warm up on the floor of Madison Square Garden before taking on UCLA in their second game of the 2K Sports Classic in New York City.

SALUKIS in the city

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Sophomore

Forty-one years ago, the SIU men's basketball team upset Duke at Madison Square Garden en route to the 1967 National Invitation Tournament championship. While the outcome at the 2008 2K Sports Classic Tournament was different from the team's stunning championship run, the way the Salukis played against two of the nation's top programs was almost as important as the outcome.

It was almost as if SIU turned back the clock to 1967, as it once again fit the cliché of "little fish in the big pond." SIU was the only team of the four semifinalists that was not representing one of the six power conferences as it shared the floor with perennial powerhouse programs such as Duke, UCLA and Michigan.

Even though SIU doesn't get as much media hype as the Blue Devils and Bruins, the Salukis have been able to hold their own for the better part of a decade. SIU has played postseason basketball in each of the last seven years, including six consecutive NCAA Tournaments from 2002 to 2007, making the Sweet 16 twice in that span.

And yet the Salukis came into the tournament as underdog and virtually unknown underdogs.

"The big stage didn't bother them."

The Salukis could have been intimidated by playing in front of a nationally televised audience in basketball's most venerable arena in the city many call the "Mecca of basketball." Facing a pair of national powerhouses, Duke and UCLA, could have added pressure.

It did not.

SIU's recent success has been carried by its upperclassmen. Kent Williams and Jermaine Dezman, Jamal Tatum and Tony Young, Darren Brooks and Stetson Hainbury each duo led the Salukis from mid-major bracket buster to national prominence. Appearance in the NCAA Tournament became as routine as SIU's feared man-to-man defense. The senior leadership allowed the team's younger players to grow into roles before they took the reins of the program as upperclassmen.

This year, SIU does not have the luxury of easing its newcomers into the playing rotation as Kevin Dillard, Ryan Hare, Justin Boxer, Nick Evans and Anthony Booker stepped foot onto the Madison Square Garden floor in only their third game as college athletes. And instead of succumbing to the atmosphere of playing against power-conference schools, McDonald's All-Americans and future Hall of Fame coaches, the young Salukis — at times — went blow-for-blow against college basketball's best.

Dillard was matched up often against star guards such as Duke's Jon Scheyer and Greg Paulus and UCLA's Darren Collison. However, Illinois' reigning Mr. Basketball held his own as he averaged

12 points and 4.5 assists en route to being named head coach Chris Lowery, who faced D said he was proud of the effort put forth by the giants.

"We stood toe-to-toe with two very histo at the end," Lowery said. "It's nothing against hard for 40 minutes. They showed us where w

A learning experience

While a pair of double-digit losses on a NCAA Tournament committee come Mar tournament would be a learning experience i young talent.

He said the difference between SIU and to continue their strong play when fatigue be attacked the basket, nailed 3-point shots and r erase second-half deficits. SIU cut its deficit ag ran away with a 25-point win. One night later, 10 minutes remaining in the game. However, li ledown as it eventually lost by 17 points.

"For us to self-destruct and hit the panic be disappointing. But at the same time, I still ha "We're young.

"Mistakes are going to happen when you're to play the young guys. We have to get them b way. It's our job to get them better."

Mistakes such as turnovers that wasted of assignments that led to open shooters turned U, the moister by which many have come to defense and ability to wear down opponents, w the comeback.

"A lot of them don't know how hard you have to go to the point where they had to open their eyes. When they do, we'll be able to finish games of

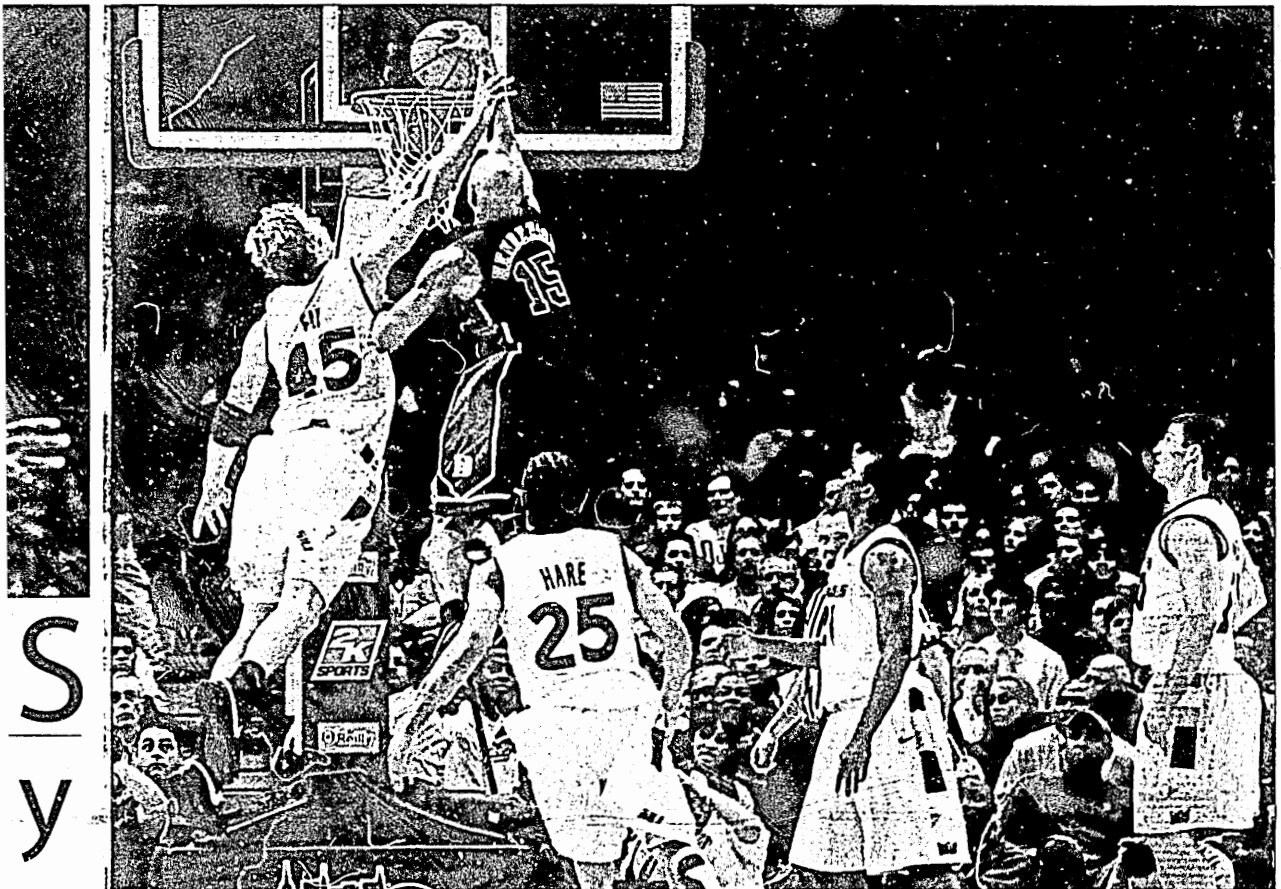
"I'd do it again."

While SIU does not have the kind of nation fans in maroon made their presence felt in Ma

When the Salukis took an early lead aggr fell behind, they continued to cheer as they un. When SIU stormed back from double-digit de the cheers were even louder.

In the end, their cheers were not enough t fan, the trip wasn't a wasted effort despite wittn

When Darryl Schwab saw on his schedul the SIU Arena to get an opportunity to play at



Sophomore forward Carlton Fay attempts to block Gerald Henderson's dunk. SIU lost despite Fay scoring 17 points.

145 assists en route to being named to the all-tournament team. With Chris Lowery, who faced Duke at the Salukis' first game in 1993, would of the effort put forth by the team against a pair of college basketball

of toe-to-toe with two very historic programs, and they got the best of us. Lowery said. "It's nothing against us, it's everything about them and playing

experience pair of double-digit losses on a neutral court will not likely impress the moment committee come March. Lowery said the two-day November would be a learning experience as he adjusts to coaching a roster full of

the difference between SIU and Duke/UCLA was its opponents' ability. In each game, the Salukis made 3-point shots and made defensive stops as they attempted to half deficits. SIU cut its deficit against Duke to five before the Blue Devils had a 25-point win. One night later, the Salukis tied UCLA at 48 with about

self-destruct and hit the panic button at the same time (in each game) was. But at the same time, I still have to keep myself on point," Lowery said.

are going to happen when you're learning on the job. We have to continue. We have to get them better. There's going to be bumps along the

such as turnovers that went offensive possessions and missed defensive that led to open shooters turned close games into tough losses. Floor manager by which many have come to know SIU basketball because of its gritty

em don't know how hard you have to play to sustain things," Lowery said. "They

slit." U do not have the kind of national following Duke or UCLA has. Saluki

: Salukis took an early lead against Duke, their fans cheered. When they

re even leader.

I their cheers were not enough to bring SIU a victory. But for one Saluki

ut to get an opportunity to play at Madison Square Garden, he said he was

willing to take a risk to see his alma mater play on basketball's biggest stage and visit one of basketball's most famous arenas.

"To me, this is the Mecca of college basketball," he said. Schwab, who graduated from SIU in 1999 with a degree in speech communication, said even though it wasn't a certainty that the Salukis would play in New York, he felt so confident that SIU could win the two home games in the opening round of the 2K Sports Classic, he bought tickets in advance.

Schwab said he and his parents, Rick and Diane, who traveled with him to see the game, spent about \$2,000 total on the trip.

Even though the outcomes were not what he expected, he said he would make the trip again if the opportunity arose.

"I would do it again, absolutely. It was a lot of fun."

Praise from high places

Despite the losses, SIU received plenty of praise from Duke's Mike Krzyzewski and UCLA's Ben Howland, the head coaches of a pair of basketball's most prestigious programs.

Krzyzewski has led the Blue Devils to three national championships, 10 Final Four appearances and 10 Atlantic Coast Conference championships in his 28 years at the school. Howland is in his sixth season as the Bruins' head coach and has coached the team to three consecutive Final Four appearances.

Each was impressed in his own way with SIU and its style of basketball. Krzyzewski said Duke's offense was "really bad" in the first half because of the Saluki defense as SIU forced 17 turnovers. Krzyzewski said the effort was impressive because the Salukis didn't use a full-court press to force the miscues.

"They play outstanding defense and so do we. So points were really hard to come by. I thought their toughness knocked us back a little bit," he said. "They do a really good job on ball-screen defense and you have to keep your composure."

UCLA senior point guard Darren Collison echoed Krzyzewski's sentiments, adding the Bruins' focus and ability to keep their composure against SIU's defense helped the team win the game.

Coming into the game, Howland said he knew SIU was a good team and expected them to be one down the road.

"The Missouri Valley Conference is going to have their hands full with them," Howland said. "They're a lot like us: They're young, but they're very tough."

Howland, who said Dillard and senior guard Bryan Mullins impressed him, added playing a team such as SIU, which he believes will be playing for an NCAA Tournament bid in March, on a national stage at Madison Square Garden was tough.

Lowery shared what Howland said to him after the 77-60 defeat in the post game press conference.

"He said, 'Down the road, you guys are going to be special. Just don't let this weekend

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Senior forward Tony Boyle fouls Duke center Brian Zoubek. Boyle fouled out of the game with seven minutes left.

69 To me, this is the Mecca of college basketball. —Jerry Schwab 1999 SIU alum


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PLAGIARISM
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"Apparently you can file a truthful charge, but if they find it's malicious then they can charge you. This is just ridiculous in the extreme," Gross said.

The formation of the new policy was commissioned by SIU President Glenn Foshard in January, one day after the Board of Trustees approved a report that determined Foshard committed "inadvertent plagiarism" in his 1984 doctoral dissertation.

A glossary of terms in the new policy does not define "inadvertent plagiarism," but defines "unintentional plagiarism" as applying to one of four descriptions:

- Plagiarism that is due to carelessness

- A misremembering (believing some language or even a substantial portion of text is one's own creation when it is not)
- A misunderstanding of context (believing one is producing a text within an institutionalized context when the context is actually competitive)
- An inadequate understanding of the citation requirements of authorship within a particular community.

The draft also specifies five factors the policy says should be considered in a response to plagiarism, including the context in which the work was submitted; the intent of the author; the seriousness of the offense; the author's engagement with the source material; and the presence of extenuating circumstances.

The contents of the draft

were the result of months of discussion, research and a variety of expert opinions, said Lain Adkins, chairman of the committee. The committee included 10 representatives from SIUC and 10 from SIU-Edwardsville.

Haller said Paul Savelle, who is scheduled to take over Haller's post Jan. 1, addressed one of the two faculty members who expressed concern Wednesday and would meet again with university lawyers to address the concerns.

For a full copy of the draft, visit sluDE.com.

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Loftus said he wanted to pass the resolution to offer the Eco-Dawgs more support because they have been debating with administrators about how the sustainability coordinator should be funded.

He said administrators asked the Eco-Dawgs to include the position's salary in the fee on four separate occasions and the Eco-Dawgs refused each time.

Jon Dyer, one of the Eco-Dawgs' leaders for the "green fee," said he is

happy the fee has finally gained support of USG, but there is still work to be done.

"What we're asking the administrators to do is play their part," Dyer said. "They are on board for this and paying for that position would be a great way to contribute."

Dyer said all options are still open on how to pay the sustainability coordinator, but in the worst-case scenario, the "green fee" would continue without the position and instead rely on a committee of students, faculty and administrators.

Steve Turner, chief of staff for USG,

has been with the student government for two years and said Wednesday's vote was a great moment for a young senate that is still learning.

"The student body should see that the USG isn't a joke and we are here to help protect the rights of the students and I think that showed tonight," Turner said. "We are growing and learning every day, and they are showing what can happen when we work together."

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- Went out with
- Stink and then some
- Email attack?
- Musicians' bookyng
- Indie raiders
- Part 2 of quip
- Light gray
- Hone's morsel
- Got edgy
- Covergirl Cheryl
- Part 3 of quip
- Transactions
- Singer
- Emmykid
- Old Turkish title
- End of quip
- Part 4 of quip
- Stand in a way
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- Whewy plant
- Power input

DOWN

- Off-roader, for short
- Color changer
- Lot of land
- Packing a punch
- Deleted
- Canoe or Cat prefix
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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Consult with family to figure out how to do what needs to be done. Then, all get together and do it. There are other things to be done, too, but you can fit them in.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — You're generous to a fault. Keep that side of your nature under control and you'll get into trouble. You can still give a lot away. If you're creative and very frugal.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — You're in charge of keeping the communication channels open. You're good at this. People always love to hear from you. Don't spend all day talking to the same person, however. There are others on your list.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Somebody else's misfortune makes you realize how well you really are. Offer encouragement for a person who's feeling low. All it may take is a hug.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You need resources to accomplish your plans. Now's a good time to figure out what, and where you'll get them all. And estimate how much you'll have to spend.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — You wake up ready to take on a challenge, and that's a good thing. They're at least one writing for you from the moment you get out of bed. Never fear; all ends well.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — You're something outside the box to advance your own career. You'll get extra points for creativity and imagination now. Turn ideas you've been thinking about into proposals.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Keep on plugging away. You'll get a break soon. Traveling with a congenial partner is highly recommended tomorrow and the next day. Be prepared.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — You and your partner need to discuss upcoming expenses. Make lists and set parameters you agree to stay within. Sure, there are things you want to get that will exceed the budget. Delete them.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Try something outside the box to advance your own career. You'll get extra points for creativity and imagination now. Turn ideas you've been thinking about into proposals.

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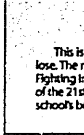
Saluki Insider

The Notre Dame football team has announced its intentions to keep head coach Charlie Weis for at least one more season. Weis has a 28-21 record with the Irish but finished this season at 6-6. Is this wise on Notre Dame's part?



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This is a bad decision on Notre Dame's part. Weis hasn't done much of anything since his early seasons, when he was able to take advantage of a good core of talent. He hasn't recruited well and Notre Dame has fallen into a losing trend. If I were calling the shots, I would have gotten rid of Weis.



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This is a great move by Notre Dame because I enjoy watching the Golden Domes lose. The more they lose, the closer to reality they get. The glory days are over and the Fighting Irish have not played well against teams that have adjusted to college football of the 21st century. The roster of Weis' Super Bowl rings is starting to wear off and high school's best players are noticing and playing elsewhere.



STILE SMITH
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I think Weis deserves one more season. I've always believed coaches deserve five years with their teams to see their first freshman classes as seniors. Also, it's not like Weis has been horrible with the Irish. He is seven games over .500 in his four years with the team. I believe he deserves one more season to prove himself.

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To compound problems for St. Louis, only senior guards Tommie Liddell III and Kevin Lisch scored in double figures while SLU (2-4) scored eight fewer points than its season average and put forth its lowest-scoring offensive effort of the season.

SIU and SLU have traded home-court victories in the last six contests of the regional rivalry. In its home wins, Southern has averaged 65.3 points per game while limiting St. Louis to an average of 48.3 points per game. However, the Salukis averaged 51 points as the Billikens scored an average of 61 points per game in their road losses.

Since 2001, the Salukis have maintained a home-court advantage over their opponents. SIU is 95-6 (.941 winning percentage) at home since the beginning of the 2001 season. Five of the six losses have come against non-conference opponents.

On the other side of the ball you know they're getting tight, they're getting scared and that drives you even more. And that's what we need.

—Tony Boyle

SIU men's basketball senior forward

Even though SIU is in its early stages of the 2008-09 season, the trend looks to have continued. At home, Saluki opponents have only averaged 57.6 points per game through three games. In neutral court and road games, their opponents averaged 79.6 points.

On the other hand, SIU has averaged 70 points per game at home, including an 80-point effort against the University of Massachusetts, the team's first since defeating Indiana State 80-69 Feb. 5.

Senior forward Tony Boyle, who scored seven points and grabbed four rebounds in Tuesday's win, said the team's defense always receives a boost when playing in front of the home crowd.

"When you get down past 15

(seconds on the shot clock), you're playing 'D' and the crowd starts going nuts, that's what you want," Boyle said. "On the other side of the ball you know they're getting tight, they're getting scared and that drives you even more. And that's what we need."

Lowery said SIU, which has not suffered a losing streak of at least four games since the 1996-97 season, was able to use the energy of the crowd to its advantage.

"We always tell them to use the crowd's energy," Lowery said. "Our crowd responds to defensive stops and the way we play, so obviously they were big. I really think we frustrated (the Billikens)."

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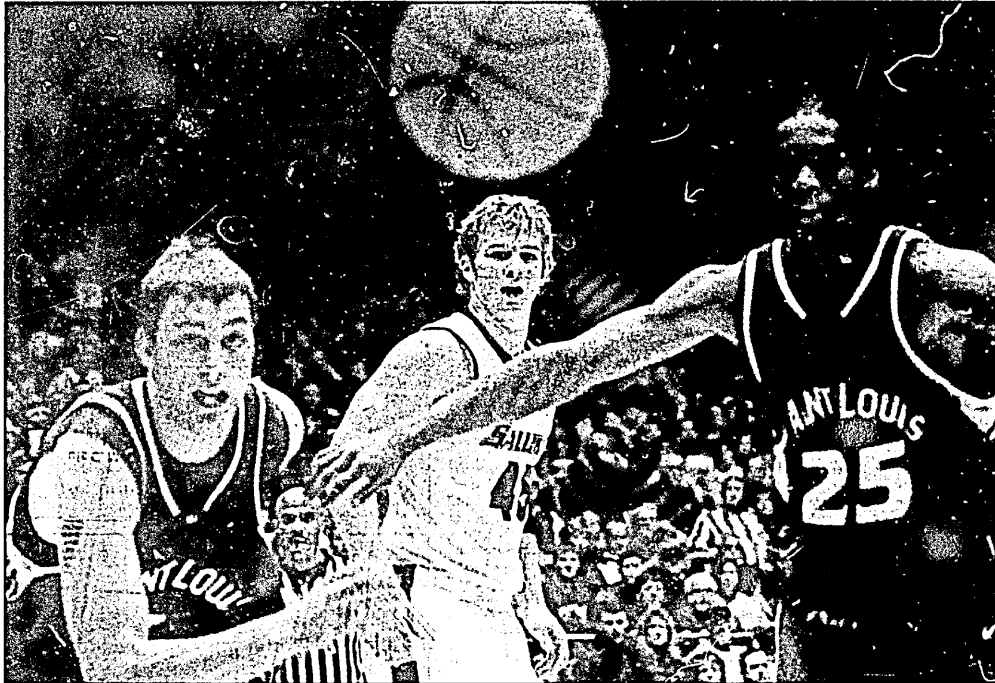
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SIU gets back on track



Sophomore forward Carlton Fay watches the ball drop during Tuesday's 64-48 win against St. Louis University at the SIU Arena. The Salukis will be playing the Charlotte 49s Saturday at home.
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Defense, home advantage spark Saluki win

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A return home for the SIU men's basketball team featured the revival of the tenacious style

of defense that helped the Salukis earn the moniker "Floorburn U." The Salukis turned back the clock and delivered a 64-48 win sparked by a strong defensive effort

against Saint Louis University. It was the first time SIU played a home game since Nov. 12.

Saluki head coach Chris Lowery said the practices at home that preceded the game helped set the tone for the win against the Billikens.

"Our practices this week estab-

lish how we played. Period. Home or away," Lowery said. "That's where we got to continue to be with these young guys."

SIU (3-3) applied its intense practice regimen in its 16-point win against SLU. Unlike their recent road swing, Lowery said the Salukis

completed rotations and were constantly in good defensive position. Consequently, the Billikens only shot 35.9 percent from the floor (14-for-39) and 18.8 percent from the 3-point line (3-for-16).

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SWIMMING

Dawgs venture into Big 12 territory

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SIU's head swimming coach Rick Walker said the Missouri Invitational should give the Salukis an understanding of how good they are.

The Salukis will travel to Mizzou Friday for the Missouri Invitational, taking on teams from both the Big 12 and Big Ten conferences.

"If we come back and see where we are, know what we need to work on and prepare for the conference championship, the second semester will be successful," Walker said.

The meet will be the second time the Saluki men have faced Mizzou this season. SIU lost to the Tigers 181.5 to 110.5 on Nov. 7 in a duel-match at Carbondale.

Mizzou enters the meet coming off its first duel-match loss of the season Nov. 15 to Louisville. Mizzou is expected to be the Salukis' biggest competition at the invitational, Walker said. The Tigers are ranked 21st in the nation.

Freshman Matt Kruse said he is looking for redemption against Mizzou.

"I had a not-so-good meet against Mizzou," Kruse said. "I'm definitely looking to compete with them a little bit better."

Walker added that Missouri should be the best team in the meet.

"They're just flat out good," Walker said. "They're a top 25 team and right now we're not."

The Salukis will also face Arkansas, which is ranked 22nd in the nation.

The Razorbacks hold a 6-1 record this season, and have only lost to the No. 10 ranked Tennessee Volunteers.

The Salukis have recorded a 2-1 record in three duel meets this season.

Junior Kasey Fernandez said it would be important for the team to swim well in its first important meet of the season.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to get in there and race with the other teams," Fernandez said. "We're just going to have to go in and step up and put our best



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Justin Ruskowski, an undecided freshman from Bloomington, executes a dive during practice Sept. 22 at the Recreational Center.

game forward."

Walker said he doesn't want the swimmers and divers to focus on how the team finishes, but how they perform in their individual events.

"I want the athletes to get up there and individually approach their swim without worry of the team," Walker said. "I want them to go and do it individually, get after the races and start

honing in on some of the things they need to do."

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