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Mill Street underpass running on schedule

The Mill Street underpass project will eliminate congestion with the excavation of the underpass in the next few weeks, according to an Illinois Department of Transportation official.

Travis Emery, resident engineer with IDOT, said the project is on time and the good weather has helped keep the project on schedule.

"Things are going well," he said. "There are no major problems. The weather has been a major factor and we are trying to get a lot done."

The $6 million project scheduled to be completed by summer 2001, is running on budget. The project started in June as a way to gain passage under the railroad tracks and relieve congestion when a train passes through.

Traffic is still moving and it is going pretty good," he said. The Illinois FIRST program is providing some funding, along with local groups.

Washington Street from Freeman Street to about Washington Square will be closed until Friday, while work on the sewer system is being completed. The project is ending phase two and moving into phase three of the seven phase plan. Phase of the construction.

Don Simpson of Mid America Services secures an old drainage pipe to a flatbed trailer Thursday afternoon near the current construction of the Mill Street underpass in downtown Carbondale.

Greek Millennium Initiative now official

Gus Bode

Program attempts to improve greek life, replacing Select 2000

JENNIFER WIG

DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIUC Inter-Greek Council president introduced the newly approved Greek Millennium Initiative to the rest of the Greek system Thursday — an effort to create a new foundation for greek life at SIUC.

The initiative, proposed last October by students, revision of nine points in the Select 2000 policy: alcohol use, academics, community service and campus involvement.

The Select 2000 policy was adopted in 1997 and fully implemented in 1998, but greeks criticized the program was implemented without their input.

In addition to a required increase in community service hours and a 2.25 grade point average, 21-year-old fraternity members are now allowed to have alcohol in their rooms.

Fraternities are also allowed to have three regulated alcoholic social events each year, and sororities remain dry because of national policy.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson informed Inter-Greek Council President Kristine Dunham of the initiative's approval Friday.

"This is a very broad provision for academic and social life and for public service and for making grades as a chapter," Jackson said. It's a great deal of responsibility on students and on the greek system to create an educational program and set up a procedure for the parties.

Jackson said he expects chapters to abide by the initiative's alcohol policies, which include providing sober monitors and drivers at parties. The initiative stresses education, requiring greeks to participate in Training for Intervention Procedures by Servers of Alcohol (TIPS) and other instructional sessions.

"Other institutions have had problems with alcohol, and we're no different," Jackson said. "We're certainly no worse, and I think we're better than most. The greek organizations have been acting responsible, and I think they will continue to do so.

The initiative, which is described as the "lifeblood of the greek system," is aimed in part to increase greek numbers and morale. The percentage of greeks on the SIUC campus has declined from 8 percent to 3 percent during the last 2.5 years.
Associate athletic director brings experience

Alumna Cynthia K. Jones to focus on recruitment program

Brandy Scott

Daily Egyptian Reporter

New Associate Athletic Director Cynthia K. Jones, SIUC alumni, brings 10 years of NCAA compliance and infraction experience to her position.

Jones, a counselor with the Board, Schoencke and King, LLP law firm, devoted the 10 years to national law practice in athletics.

Compliance involves following rules and regulations established by the NCAA or other athletic associations, and infractions refer to violations of those rules.

Jones, who prefers to be called by her middle name Kathy, is now focusing on athletics bringing herself with the SIU Athletic Department and its employees, Hairdry Banks, interim athletic director, and Jones are still discussing Jones' job responsibilities.

The impending lawsuit surrounds Shawnee roads

Pope County plans to sue Forest Service over use of trails

Jason Coe

Daily Egyptian Reporter

In the 1930s, the United States Forest Service took control of parts of the county's roads within the Shawnee National Forest that were not in service. But today, in a developing legal battle, Pope County residents are demanding the roads back.

Pope County Attorney Brian O'Connor has filed a notice with the United States Forest Service to demand control of these roads in various parts of the Shawnee, including Big Spring Smith's Bunker and Bunker. The notice states that Pope County never officially relinquished control of the roads to the government. The Forest Service has about three months to respond to the notice, which was filed Dec. 8.

The dispute concerns the ban on off-road vehicles in Illinois' only national forest. Currently, ATVs are not allowed in the forest unless someone has a handicapping permit.

Dick Manders, proprietor of Bear Branch Campground in Pope County and ATV owner, said the roads belong to the county, and the county residents should be able to do what they want with the roads.

"All of us should be able to use part of the forest," Manders said.

The impending lawsuit has produced more wilderness areas plus hundreds of smaller sections. The adaptation of the rule was already in place when these decisions were made, but the fight continues.

Jones and Bardo may continue to work side by side if Bardo is named permanent athletic director's position in July 1998. West is known as a "passionate" pioneer in advancing women's athletics. 

For more information on recruitment programs, call 536-3381.

University releases preliminary figures

Preliminary registration numbers released by the University indicate a decline in enrollment this semester. The figures were compiled from changes between the spring 1999 and spring 2000 semesters and were released last fall. Professional schools were not included in these numbers.

The number of graduate students decreased by 122, and the number of undergraduate students registered fell by 227 - a 4-per-cent decrease. The figure also showed a 44-per-cent drop in the number of transfer students.

The College of Education and Engineering suffered a 6-per-cent decrease in student enrollment from the previous year, while the College of Science experienced a 5-per-cent decrease during the same period.

The enrollment in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts increased by 11-per-cent. The College of Liberal Arts saw student registration increase by 34 students.

Walker Allen, director of Admissions and Records, had no consistent, fluctuating preliminary numbers, and said Spring 2000 enrollment figures will be released within the next couple of weeks.

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Facility shows off artistic talent

University puts faculty artwork on display

TRAVIS MORSE
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

For more than 20 years, the University has displayed the art of various faculty members in the Combined Faculty Exhibit. This year’s exhibit, which runs between Jan. 18 and March 10, includes work by faculty members from the School of Art and Design, Cinema and Photography, Theatre and Applied Art/Industrial Design.

John Whitehead, director of the exhibit, said it offers students a significant opportunity to observe their faculty’s talent.

“Students enrolled in the University should be aware of the diversity of talent on this campus,” Whitehead said. “In this case, the faculty” and the students are showcasing their School of Art and Design, it is very important for students to see their professors as more than just teachers.

“It’s a chance for students to see what faculty members are doing in their own research and work,” Montez said. “Maybe some students don’t see their teachers as artists, and it’s important becoming greater.”

Whitehead said the exhibit is also worthwhile because of the variety of art forms it offers the audience.

“The exhibit represents a variety of media in terms of design, Whitehead said. “It’s a unique exhibit, and a good number of the works are outstanding.”

Robert DeFoit, museum educational coordinator, said the purpose of the exhibit is not only to inform but also to inspire.

“We want to give the public access to artwork by the faculty in a variety of different media from two-dimensional to three-dimensional,” DeFoit said. “The exhibit’s real strong point is to get to see the combined talent of so many artists.”

About 30 different works from faculty members are on display at the exhibit. Montez said it contained a diverse mixed media piece titled, “Tongues of Vipers.” He describes it as a combination of several forms of art.

FRIDAY, JAN. 21:

Carbondale:
- Open mic night at 10 p.m. at Lushbrunch coffee house.
- Live DJ show every Friday and Saturday at Sixe, with no cover charge.
- A punk rock showcase, ignites at Bar Joe’s with short lived bands: That Guy, Safety First and The Holidays. That Guy takes the stage at 9 p.m., Admission is $2.
- The Ewings, a Grateful Dead cover band, will play Hangar at 9 p.m. Admission is $4.
- Something to How takes the stage at PICA at 9:30 p.m. There is no cover charge. The band will also be playing Saturday at 9:30 p.m.
- From January 18 to March 10, the University Museum is presenting a Combined Faculty Exhibition. For the exhibit are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The museum is free and open to the public.
- An exhibit of Martin Deibert’s photography will be on display in the University Museum from Jan. 18 to Feb. 29. Times for the exhibit are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The museum is free and open to the public.
- Emily, the piano player, will be at Muggy McGurk’s from 6 to 11 p.m. There is no cover charge.
- Loose Gravel, a five-piece swing/blues band, plays the Melange Coffeehouse from 8 to 10:30 p.m. There is no cover charge.
- St. Louis:
  - At 8 p.m., 1964 A. Tribute to the Beatles takes place at the Wilberton Playhouse in St. Louis. Tickets are $15.00. The event will also be broadcast Sunday at the same time.
  - The Wrecker Monkey Orchestra takes the stage at The Time Stretch. The show starts at 10 p.m. and tickets cost $10.
  - There is a $15 cover charge for The Slaves of July 21.
  - Counting Crows, a successful folk-rock band touring in support of their new album, This Fire: Life, is playing at the American Theatre. Tickets prices range from $35 to $55.
  - Chicago:
  - Ablitz, a band in the electronic/indie genre, takes the stage at the Chicago House of Blues at 7 p.m. The ticket price is $20.

SATURDAY, JAN. 22:

Carbondale:
- Susan Byrd will be the featured fiddle player at the graduate mat in the Old Baptist Providence Resort.
- Hall at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Back Room at the Branch is featuring Ben Weaver and Paul Danger from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Longbranch (no cover charge).
- Coffee House, Weaver and Rolly are touring the States to promote their new CD. Their style combines the simple life with vintage vaudeville. There is a $5 admission price.

- Jackson Junior will play at Fred’s Dance Hall.
- The Sugarloaf Band will perform for adult women over 50. The admission is $5 for adults over 50.

- Saturday Morning Storytime takes place at Barnes and Noble at 10:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public.
- "Don't Make Me Laugh" by James Steiner. The event is free and open to the public.
- The Bottleshop will play at Hangar at 5 p.m. Admission is $5.
- The Staglin Henry Blues band playing at Bar Joe’s at 9 p.m. Admission is $5.

- Caravan, a five-piece jazz group, plays for no cover charge.

Chicago:
- Johnny Winter, a Texas-born blues guitarist, takes center stage at the Chicago House of Blues at 7 p.m.
- "Dance with Me" at 9 p.m.

Compiled by Travis Morse
Jazz pianist, blues master Gene Harris, 66, dies

Myrna Oliver
Los Angeles Times

Gene Harris, a Grammy-nominated jazz pianist who originated and led the group the Three Sounds, has died. Harris died Sunday in Boise, Idaho, at the age of 66. The cause of death was sudden cardiac arrest, brought on by diabetes.

A native of Benton Harbor, Mich., Harris taught himself to play boogie-woogie piano in a closet as a boy. He later went to Michigan State University, but practical circumstances forced him to drop out of college in his final year. Harris taught himself to play drums by listening to Charlie Parker and then moved to New York, where the blues-style of Lionel Hampton caught his ear. Harris said, "This whole exhibit lets the community see contemporary art that they wouldn't otherwise be exposed to."

There will also be work done on the Amtrak platform. There will be more work in the future on Illinois Avenue to expand the lanes and create turn lanes. Construction should begin in April or May. Work still needs to be completed on College Street after the tracks are raised about 12 more inches above the grade. Roddy said, "This whole exhibit lets the community see contemporary art that they wouldn't otherwise be exposed to."

The exhibition as a whole, "In the Bo11cs," is a digital darkroom photograph that deals with Roddy's roots in the French equivalent of the Grammy. Boileau State University inaugurated the Gene Harris Jazz Festival in his honor in 1998.

The medium of photography is well represented at the exhibit as well, Jan Roddy, an associate professor in the Department of Cinema and Photography, contributed an image and text piece called, "In the Boilcs." Roddy said, "I used a digital darkroom and the print was printed off a desktop computer." Viewing hours for the Combined Faculty Exhibition are Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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The fate of the University Bookstore has been delayed while a committee assembled to look into its privatization continues to review, Student Center officials said.

A decision on leasing the University Bookstore to outside companies was set for January. Student Center management considered leasing the bookstore to an independent contractor in September because of the declining revenue caused by rival bookstores.

"We're having to do some additional work in gathering information on what effect this will have on our students," Jackson said.

Jackson said he is aware of the concerns toward private leasing and will take them under consideration.

"We're concerned about our current employees who work in the bookstore, and we're concerned about how this will affect them," Jackson said. "This is an important decision that has to be made and we're not going to rush it."

Close to 20 student jobs may be lost to leasing corporation employees, according to bookstore officials. In addition, money generated from the bookstore helps to pay for student study lounges and other Student Center facilities.

Mark Palmore, senior director of Campus Relations for Connect 2 One, an independent organization that advises colleges on bookstore matters, said income may decrease in the hands of a private contractor.

"If the universities lose control of their institutions, that's money being taken away from the students," he said.

Palmore also said it is a myth to think book prices will not be affected by a move to privatization.

"Buying independent helps determine the level of revenue and services that is needed to produce for the students," he said. "The University will get income if they go to privatization, but the people who will suffer the most is the student."

Tatham said management is considering the potential of increased book prices. He said those fears have little merit at this stage.

"People who make these comments don't have all the facts," he said.

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**It's a very wide web: 1 billion pages' worth**

A recent survey of the World Wide Web has turned up at least 1 billion unique Web pages, underscoring the startling growth of the Internet during the last five years. The survey, conducted by search engine company Inktomi Corp. and the NEC Research Institute, provides one of the most accurate pictures yet of the size of the Web.

A rough estimate by the NEC Research Institute in August had placed the number of unique Web pages at about 800 million.

Foster City, Calif-based Inktomi embarked on the survey four months ago to bolster its own search index of 110 million English-language Web pages.

Using automation, programmers called "spiders" that "crawled" across the Internet, making every Web page and computer connected to the network, Inktomi was able to take a detailed snapshot of the Web.
Labyrinth project on the right path

Project coordinators say their work is helping to bring the Carbondale community together

Geoffrey Ritter - Daily Egypt Reporter

Annette Vaillancourt witnessed a moving display of spirituality and togetherness as she performed the christening of the first phase of a new labyrinth in Carbondale New Year’s Eve. Vaillancourt said she and her fellow organizers think the recently completed phase of the project was a success and helped to unite the University and the city.

“People describe it as ‘magical,’” said Vaillancourt, executive coordinator for Carbondale Labyrinth 2000, of the $41,000 project located adjacent to the Interfaith Center, 913 S. Illinois Ave. “People are generally really interested in it.”

Vaillancourt said the first phase of the project, which included clearing the area and paving the winding path on the recreational site that serves as the labyrinth, cost less than its anticipated $6,000. The labyrinth was ready for the New Year’s Eve gathering consisting of a ceremony of music, dancing and spirituality that culminated with a walk of the labyrinth at midnight.

The second phase of the project, which is estimated to cost $35,000 for a 2002 completion date, includes installing a waterfall on the grounds and adding benches, lighting and landscaping.

Robert Swenson, a local architect and SIUC faculty member, designed the labyrinth and the surrounding park-like area based on ideas from the Carbondale Labyrinth 2000 team, said meeting the deadline within the budget will not be a problem. He said he hopes to see the waterfall and landscaping completed by this summer.

Swenson added that all of the physical labor required for the project is being done by volunteers from the University and area residents.

“People describe it as ‘magical,”’ he said. “It’s been a real positive experience.”

The idea to build a labyrinth in Carbondale was first hatched in October 1998 by a small committee, which included Vaillancourt. Quickly garnering local support, the project attracted cash donations from more than 60 Carbondale residents and businesses, as well as 100 Downtown businesses, and hundreds of donations. Vaillancourt said the project even received an anonymous donation of $4,000.

The labyrinth, a long-standing symbol of spirituality and meditation, is recognized throughout the world and by numerous religions. By slowly following the winding pathways that eventually lead to the center, the labyrinth-goer’s goal is one of self-realization and contemplation.

Research is currently being done to determine possible uses for labyrinths in the medical world for treating head injuries and other related problems, Vaillancourt said.

SIUC interim Chancellor John Jackson, who has made contributions to the project, said it is very good for bridging relations between Carbondale and the University.

“I’ve certainly tried to support it,” he said. “It’s a good example of University and city cooperation.”

Jackson also said the labyrinth’s location, near the busy intersection of State, Illinois and Grand Avenues and on the very edge of the University, helps to physically good transition between SIUC and the city.

Vaillancourt thinks the reason the committee’s has been so successful is because the labyrinth has such wide appeal to everyone, from busy professionals seeking to relieve stress to students searching for a moment of silence before taking an exam.

“Something about following that singular path serves as a metaphor for life,” she said. “Life has twists and turns and we meet different people on the path, but we all end up in the same place.”

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An ongoing $9 million construction project to expand the surgery suite in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale is anticipated to be completed at the beginning of April, according to hospital administrator George Maroney.

The expansion of Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, with 250 beds, is mostly a surgical endeavor, meaning it will mean more space and additional beds. The construction and planning for this project, he said, is the primary reason for the addition, which will more than double the space in the present operating wing.

"The major reason we did this project is because it was just too crowded," Maroney said. "We probably have 20 surgeons on staff now, compared to maybe six or eight six years ago, and when those first operating rooms were built. That gives you an example of what the locker rooms are like every morning."

The new operating rooms are being built adjacent to the existing outpatient processing wing on the first floor, where there is added space for future construction of more operating rooms.

Construction began in the layout of the new operating rooms when it will be able to expand very easily in the coming years." Maroney said.

"In addition to expanding the surgery wing, the hospital plans to expand the project to add more birthing rooms on the second floor, the hospital and to upgrade the current intensive care unit.

"The third construction project going on at the hospital will expand the University Tower parking garage."

"This will affect the University because we will no longer have to shuttle our employees from the University parking lot to the hospital parking," Maroney said.

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College plagiarists are caught in the web

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Paul Chweclos teaches information systems at the University of California, Irvine, Graduate School of Management. While on the Web, he learned that his students often buy term papers on the Internet. So instead of simply giving them a failing grade, he decided to make them sit down in his dormitory's computer lab and run programs that check their papers for plagiarism.

The programs he uses are expensive—$55 per student, plus a $46 per-term technology fee. But he says the cost is worthwhile.

"I think it's naive to think the Internet has made plagiarism less common and that it doesn't increase cheating," he said.

He's been using the programs for the past six months, and he says it's been worth it. He estimates that 90% of his students have plagiarized at least once.

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The programs he uses are called TurnItIn and Plagiarism.org. They're both available for free online, although the latter charges a fee for unlimited use.

Chweclos says that he's seen a significant decrease in plagiarism since he started using the programs.

"I'm encouraged by the results," he said. "I think it's clear that these programs are effective in deterring plagiarism."
Sit-in ends with Bush agreeing to hearings on Affirmative Action

By LINDA KLEINHENDER and MARK HOLLIDAY
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

TALLAHASSEE - Gov. Jeb Bush agreed to end the sit-in by two black legislators who have been demonstrating outside the governor's office in Tallahassee, promising to negotiate with them.

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At noon Wednesday, the reporters and DeVinne were told to leave. Reporters, including one from the Sun-Sentinel, were helped up from their seats by security agents and led single file out of the Capitol building.

About an hour later, Bush met privately in the lieutenant governor's office with Hill and Meck and reporters watched outside an office window. Bush left the office and talked with the legislators again.

According to reporters, the legislative black caucus gave Republican legislative leaders a list of requests that they said spelled out what they wanted when the legislative session convenes again.

Bush said, "This is an abomination for all the people who have fought on behalf of affirmative action. We're making a stand and hope other people are making a stand.

"The sit-in, a protest outside the Capitol, denied the governor's office for most of the day. A tearful Rep. Tony Hill and Sen. Kendell Merck, who had started out in 11. The group Brower's office for 24 hours, declared triumph in the late afternoon after Bush conceded to several requests from the 20-member legislators - black caucus.

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Russians face house-to-house battle for Grozny

DANIEL WILLIAMS
WASHINGTON POST

NAZRAR, Russia — Russia unleashed massive air and artillery strikes on besieged Grozny again Thursday but officials who escaped the bombardment said much of the battle for the capital has come down to house-to-house sniping between Russian soldiers and Chechen guerrilla defenders.

The heavy fighting in Grozny's downtown left a trail of bodies in the streets and thick black smoke billowing into the sky. Chechen officials said at least 1,200 civilians had been killed and another 3,000 wounded. Russian officials said 3,000 civilians had died and 9,000 were wounded.

At least seven people were killed in the Russian town of Minuska, an official said.

The Russian advance seemed heavily defended neighborhoods.

Russian soldiers said that down-town Grozny is adorned with graffiti that says, "Welcome to hell, Part 2," an apparent reference to range firepower to force the rebels out of the city and mobile anti-aircraft guns peppered apartmeint buildings from close range. Armored vehicles with cannon-ready troops moved into outsiders Grozny neighborhood.

"The defense of Grozny, along with guerrillas taking up positions in southern mountains, stands in the way of a Russian declaration of victory in the four-month-old war. Officials have indicated that once the capital falls and rebels say isolated in the deep south, the main goals will be accomplished.

The newspaper Nekzavisimaya Gazeta predicted that the war will declared over in time for the March 18 presidential election. Acting President Vladimir Putin, the leading candidate, is expected to be declared the winner. The conflict, framed as a crusade against terrorists whose bombs killed nearly 300 people in Moscow and elsewhere, has made him Russia's most popular politician.

"Intensively in March, Moscow will announce the completion of the anti-scientific operation. Otherwise, the whole election campaign would lose its logic," the newspaper said.

The battle for Grozny is taking a toll in a way that a month ago Russian generals pledged to avoid. Originally, the Russians planned to bomb the city with enough lanyard explosive to force the rebels out before launching a full-out assault. Instead, Russian munitions infantry is having to move down into ever more heavily defended neighborhoods.

A Russian officer told the TV television network that the rebels "are extremely well prepared. In our advance we have had to come lines of defense. As we get closer to the center, the defenses get stronger and stronger."

At a hospital in the Russian city of Pyatigorsk on Wednesday, newly wounded troops described hellish ambushes in Grozny.

A Russian major named Mikhail said that his unit of soldiers had suffered dead and wounded totaling 25. "This week was a campfire," he said. "The Russians died in the day's fighting, an exceptionally high number."

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Hey guys! It's our first weekend back to school!

What do you wanna do?

Well, the beer-pizzas-videogame combo never gets old.

...it's good to be back.

Sorry, Charlie Brown! Linus is out! jetting his unemployment check...rm filling in today.

So, what was the deal between Marci and Peppermint Pattie? I mean, really?

With apologies and thanks to Charles "Shelly" Solvis. Thanks you for 50 amazing years and we wish you a speedy recovery.

"All things considered, I'd say that was a successful date. I didn't feel the need to rush home and scrub myself down with gasoline or call my therapist."

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Solutions:
Chad Harris and Dan Stone listen to advice from assistant coach Cameron Wright last Saturday's track meet. Harris and Stone placed first and second in men's pole vault during their second year as teammates. Stone and Harris hope to improve career-bests as 2000 season progresses.

The SIU Men's Track and Field team travels to Champaign for the Illinois Open Saturday. "Both Harris and Stone are very competitive," assistant coach Cameron Wright said. "Not only in the vault, but with each other. They both just want to do well." This season, both Harris and Stone have already showed promising efforts. In Saturday's Saluki Booster Club Invitational, Harris scored a first-place finish with a height of 15'11, followed by Stone's second-place mark of 14'11. "(My vault) wasn't bad for the first meet of the year. It's still early in the season," Stone said. "I am looking to improve this season, and qualify for nationals." Stone, too, sees the NCAA Championships on his mind. He said his goal is 17'3, a height that would give him an opportunity to qualify for nationals. "I am looking to improve this year on my technique more than anything else," Harris said. "I am going in the right direction." Assistant coach Cameron Wright, who works specifically with the jumpers and pole vaulters, thinks Harris and Stone will make a significant impact on Saluki track and field in both the indoor and outdoor seasons. "Before Chad and Dan, we didn't have much success in pole vaulting," Wright said. "They are two extremely hard workers who are very driven to be successful. I am looking the both of them to have a lot of success this year."
Should we panic? I say no

The best thing about the past is that some things can be left there—in the past.

The SIU men's basketball travels 91-56 loses Wednesday night at Indiana State University is a perfect example.

Juniors guard court balance. Weber believes that to streak at the end of December. However, if you glance at the Salukis sit and contemplate Saturday night.

The ones where the Salukis ride home is eerily

be there Wednesday night. Williams said the Salukis are still a confident bunch, but must do a better job avoiding intensity lapses to compensate for limited athleticism.

"I don't think our confidence is really busted," Williams said. "Just need to have the right mindset..."
Jordan means business

WASHINGTON – Wizards players, coaches and agents, startturning over. The Babe Ruth of basketball is now a retired executive.

Michael Jordan loved being in control as a player, and judging from his willingness to flex his new management muscles, he might look it even more as an owner.

His Wizards, now the Wizards’ president of basketball operations, talked Wednesday about getting better productivity from employees who feared that their necks might get chopped off.

He twice mentioned the high salaries of players, refused to endorse Wizards coach Gar Heard and attempted to dismiss speculation that his agent, David Falk, would be intrinsically involved in the Wizards’ decision-making.

"Oh, and guess who’s coming to practice?" No less than ESPN’s Athlete of the Century. "The best evaluation of a basketball player I can give the same cold-blooded case that he once drained game-winner in the playoffs, that’s enough right now.”

"I don’t know if Gar could be satisfied," Jordan added. "It’s going to make them compete.

"You don’t have to worry about what’s going to happen behind you, so I can do that," Jordan added. "That means you go out there and do your job and you don’t have to worry about your job security for only General Manager Wes Unseld."

"There’s a lot of speculation. Right now it is just speculation," Jordan said, giving his first war of no-confidence with the same cold-blooded ease that he once drained game-winner forfifteen years ago.

"My job is to come in and evaluate everything involved in the organization. If everybody is looking over their heads and making sure their necks don’t get chopped off, that’s good. That means you go out there and do your job.

"If any of the players are worried about being traded, go out there and do your job and you don’t have to worry about it. If Garis worried about what’s going to happen behind him, Gar’s going to go out and do his job. That’s all we ever ask.

"I’m not saying I’m going to fire Gar Heard. I’m going to evaluate everybody."

"The Wizards are in trouble," Jordan said. "There’s a lot of speculation.

"It’s going to make them compete even harder," Heard said. "If you are my assistant coach, you’re going to get the pickles ticket out of him.""Great answer, Gar! Great answer!"

Wizards president of basketball operations Peter Aronson said the Wizards immediately endorsed the idea of Jordan practicing as a role model for D.C. youth.

He was standing behind aaurunnia explaining, "We’ve always given me advice when I’ve asked. But when a minority owner Ted Leonsis said, the Wizards would evaluate everybody."