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New fee nets fewer applications

Funds used to bolster University's image, aid enrollment

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The fee will place SIUC on competitive grounds with other schools in Illinois that have an application fee. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Illinois-Chicago each have a $40 application fee and Eastern Illinois University charges $20. SIU-Edwardsville, U of I-Springfield, Northern Illinois University and University Housing into a Carbondale apartment.

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Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Archer was issued a Judicial Affairs Disciplinary Report during finals week of the fall semester for an incident that involved drinking and receiving a disciplinary report.

Archer, who received a disciplinary report, said he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. He said the resident assistant wrote him up for being in the same room with students drinking and consequently breaking rules under the Student Conduct Code.

The six students were caught when Whitmore and Eggleston opened the door to the room at the same time as the floor's resident assistant was passing by. "I must have been doing his rounds," said Eggleson, a junior in automotive technology from Sesser. "He had to bust us."

Whitmore's concept of the events that occurred on Dec. 13 differs from Archer's. He said everyone, including Archer, was drinking and having a good time. "Bill tried to play it off like he wasn't drinking, but everyone knew he was," said Whitmore, an undeclared freshman from St. Louis.

Archer has since moved out of a Carbondale apartment.

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This second referendum would create a hybrid system if it passes in the April election, allowing elections every two years with terms staggered between elected members allowing change in the council makeup but stability throughout the whole.

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Western Illinois University do not have application fees. Some of the treasurer will go to expanding publications, many of which have not been revised for years, that may help the University's image, Dietz said. "I'm very optimistic, and I think it's going to take time," he said. "I'm predicting each endorsement will show good progress in what we are doing."
Local park to receive money

Molly Parker / Daily Egyptian

The sandbox in Carbondale's Attucks Park is littered with trash and sticks, the digging toys once painted orange and yellow have faded to the metal, and one is missing a handle. But the park will soon see a fresh look after receiving a grant aimed at developing local parks in Illinois.

Attucks Park will receive $80,000 as part of an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant from the state of Illinois. The grant was awarded to the park for development including a shelter, a walking path with exercise stations and a new playground.

"If you have a seed for the improvement you are importing," said Bob Greene, director of the Carbondale Park District. "We have no influence over the design of the park, but we will see success. Less likely they are to succeed, the more likely is the failure."

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Lorena David still remembers the lighting crashes and frog-strangling rains of Southern Illinois thunderstorms. "The cornfields, the farmhouses. There's just so much romance to the place," she said. A movie's worth, even.

In the buggy summer of 1999, David—a producer with L.A.-based indie film company Kingsize Entertainment—and her cohorts ditched California palm trees for deep Southern Illinois, choosing Benton as the site for their movie "Poor White Trash," which opens today in Carbondale.

And it was the small town's lack of Hollywood glitter that made it love at first sight for David and her colleagues.

"Poor White Trash" borrows the downhome charm of Southern Illinois—filmmakers shot scenes at Big John's market in Benton and Ten Pin Bowling Alley in Du Quoin—and scrambles it with wild fictional trailer park denizens who inhabit "Sunrise, Ill."

The story swirls around young Mike Bronco (Tony Denman from "Fargo") who drags along his best friend on a shoplifting spree to cam tuition money so Mike can leave behind his double wide for an SIUC education.

Director Mike Addis co-wrote the film via e-mail and Instant Messenger, zipping bits of the screenplay across cyberspace after a "news of the weird"-style brief piqued his interest.

The article related the tale of a mother, her son and the boy's friend who went on a shoplifting spree to snag groceries and other small items. Addis and co-writer Tony Urban pounced on the idea and turned it into a trailer park crime caper.

But despite the PWT-titler, the Hollywood crew insists they have nothing but respect for Southern Illinoisans. Co-producer Justin Conley grew up in Benton but was still impressed by the level of hospitality afforded the film crew. "Our hero [in L. A.], people just don't talk to each other," he said. "But in Benton, we had more support than on any other film I've worked on."

Conley estimates that nearly 100 folks would show up each day to grab autographs and watch the filming circus from their lawn chairs. All the extras in the film are local, too. And some SIUC students worked behind the scenes of the project.

Colin Wrobel, a senior in cinema & photography from Oak Park, sweated out 17-hour days on the set. As a production assistant, he oversaw the nitty-gritty of film-making, yelling "quiet on the set!" and "rolling!" He also remembers having to dote on one of the actresses, Sean Young, during a particularly scorching day.

To keep Young in the shade, Wrobel "had to run behind her brol with a fanakin' umbrella." "She had her moods," he chuckled. "But you know, she's an actress."
**Hitting big in small venues**

Mulvey to strum thought-provoking ballads at Longbranch

**MARK LEON TROUT**
**DAILY EAGLE**

Before Peter Mulvey won the Boston Acoustic underground, he spent the previous year sneaking commutes as they darted in and out of subway trains. He would pay his rent with the nickels and dimes flicked to him by passersby. Now, he, must navigate the urban beast after his mother dies.

"I play in the subway because it strips the performance situations of all expectations. If people don't like it, they can walk away," Mulvey said in a voice as somber and distant as his latest music.

Mulvey will strum his acoustic guitar to philosophical ballads at 9 p.m. Saturday at Longbranch Coffeehouse, 100 E. Jackson St. Those who like what they hear can pick up his sixth album, "The Trouble with Poetry," at the performance.

"Save the Last Dance" is movie cotton candy. Diaphanous sugar spun to a sugar-coated time bomb. But you don't eat cotton candy for the nutritional value. And "Dance" — with its infectious hip-hop beats and booty-full dance numbers — is just enough of a confection to melt sweat glands.

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**“Dance” delivers saccharine rhythms**

**KELLY Davenport**
**DAILY EAGLE我が国MOVIE CRITIC**

Television department intern Chair Scott Hodgson said "real TV" has the perfect elements to spawn a fan base.

"A trend is just that — a trend," Hodgson said. "It's fast and furious. These shows have a short lifespan. They make money, and then they're gone. That's what they are for."

Despite the backlash, critics called "Temptation Island" and "Jerry Springer" allow society to indulge lurid fantasies. Whatever the ethical implications, television-sized morals on TV are few.

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"On the Way Up," written about the Milwaukee native's break up with an SIUC law student, was featured on the WB show "Felicity."

Shannon Able, assistant manager of Longbranch, said he favors bringing in outside artists as opposed to local bands.

"Touring talent brings something unique to Cabinfeild that you're not going to see at PK's next week," Able said. He booked Mulvey because "his bio reads like a dream:"

But, despite playing for some prestigious venues in the United States and United Kingdom, Mulvey prefers coffeehouses in small towns to big gigs.

"I'm not looking for fame," Mulvey said. "I just want to write more songs, play more spots and become a better guitar player. I never wanted to be Fiddy Martin."

**Don't Wait Until The Last Minute!**

Student Health Programs provides Immunization Clinics to help you become compliant with the Immunization Law. If you have not sent your immunization records, bring them to the Immunization Office in Room 109, Keenan Hall as soon as possible.

**Spring 2001 Immunization Clinic Schedule**

Monday, January 22, 2001
Tuesday, January 23, 2001
Tuesday, February 6, 2001
Tuesday, February 19, 2001
Tuesday, February 20, 2001

Clinics will be held in Keenan Hall from 8 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. Parents check-in at Room 109, Phone: 43-4454 for an appointment or more information.

**Spring Immunization Compliance Deadline/ Friday, March 2, 2001**

$5 Front Door Charge

**WHY WE WATCH**

SIUC associate professor of sociology Rugs Williams said "Temptation Island" and "Jerry Springer" allow society to indulge lurid fantasies while boosting the bad guys.

"People can look at it and think: 'That can be that person,'" Williams said, expressing disdain for the twoweek thread. "Viewers get that forbidden thrill, and then they sway a moral lesson."

Matt Diker, a sophomore in anthropology from Libertyville, said people tune-in to experience another person's reality.

"Everyone spends their time at home watching TV, then they have no other life," Diker said. "To make up for a lack of real experience they watch these shows to get a fix on reality."

**MORALS, WHAT MORALS?**

Watching real lives is taking in real cash, but the unsavory genre that includes game shows and trashy talk is as controversial as it is popular.

"Temptation Island's producers should be ashamed for trying to force the destruction of four relationships for the entertainment purposes of those low-lifes who consent to watch this trash," Parents Television Council's Brent Bozell told the press.

One tempted couple was supposed to get the boot after Fox discovered the two parented a child, which was against series regulations. When they weren't yanked off, "Temptation Island" gave youth the wrong message about the sanctity of marriage, he said.

"If there are five kids on a dance floor, who will he/she cheat for?" Able asked. "Moreover, producers should make money and then they're gone. That's what they are in unscripted genre that includes game shows and trashy commercials," Parents Television Council's David Durenberger said.

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Napster controversy
not over yet

Musicians split on
free music via the
internet

CARELL ROODRUE
DAILY EKPHGRAN

Despite months of arguments and court cases to determine the legality of the music downloading website Napster, users like Scott Doudera still do not know if they are taking part in copyright infringement.

To come closer to reaching a decision, musicians and members of the music industry met with Congress Jan. 10 at Coalition for the Future of Music Policy Conference to discuss the future of music in reference to Napster.

While the arguments drag on in Washington, D.C., local residents like Doudera, a professional musician and co-owner of D&S Music in Herrin, will follow the news and remain on the service.

Although the questions of legality remain, Doudera said the music network is huge.

"I really don't see any difference in this and using a cassette to record songs off the radio," Doudera said. "I don't think there is any chance a professor of journalism law, say the piracy just because it's on the radio. Doudera said the music decision, those opposed an: confusion remain, Doudera said, because of the ongoing".

Students can no longer take their decisions if they are going to attend scholarships based on Napster.

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"The more 1 hear from [Ulrich], the more I think he's a complete bastid," Doudera said. "As a musician, I would get a kick out of it."

Doudera said the Napster network is better for free music via the Internet.

"University Housing, Archer, a junior in business management, said he thought the Napster service was a reasonable alternative for Napster users. A similar one is the service, but there are some less known musicians.

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Both the scholarship initiative and the Leadership Council will encourage students with good academic and leadership experience to enroll at SIUC, official said.

"If we are successful in what we are doing now, then it will increase the academic profile of the freshmen class," Williams said.

Scholarships aimed at committing students early

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Factory's mistake to Automotive Department's advantage

Local car dealership gives away auto

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

"The Automotive Technology Department will receive a late holiday bonus — a 2000 Saturn SL2. Saturn of Carbondale will donate the white four-door vehicle to the Automotive Technology Department at 11 a.m. today at the dealership, 1425 E. Main St.

Though the department receives 20 to 30 vehicles a year, it is rare for them to receive a car from a local dealership. Saturn of Carbondale, which has only been open for a year and a half, decided instead of destroying the vehicle because the VIN was misstamped, to put it to good use.

The manager of the dealership, Oliver Ashtiali, would rather give the car away than break it up in parts.

"We decided to give it to the University because about 100 to 200 misstamped vehicle identification numbers happen in any given year, and we do not want to demolish them all," Ashtiali said.

Michael Behrmann, assistant automotive technology professor, said it does not matter what reason the department received the vehicle, because most of the time a faulty car is the reason dealerships give their cars away. Sometimes vehicles have transport damage or other technicalities that would prevent a car dealership from selling them.

However, the car will be donated strictly for classroom use for student instruction. It is not to be driven on public roads. Therefore, the department must tow the car to its Carterville campus, where students will be able to investigate and diagnose the faults of the car.

In addition, an SIU automotive technology alumni plans to give the department money to purchase the car of its choice, which could be driven.

Behrmann said once the students are done with the car, which is usually in five years, the department donates the automobiles to other universities and high schools. He agreed this was better than destroying them.

"Once we bring the car to the campus, the students can start investigating the faults as early as Monday," Behrmann said.
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**Second year medical students battle hypochondria**

JARED WHITLEY
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SALT LAKE CITY (U-Wire) -

Oftentimes, when reports of a disease are in the news, the TV and newspapers will say it's "catching." People can convince themselves they've contracted the disease and, in a bizarre instance of the chicken coming before the egg, develop the symptoms of the disease.

Such psychologically constructed illnesses are called hypochondriasis.

With disease as the pet subject of their study, second-year medical students often confide psychosomatic illnesses.

They just read or hear about diseases — they study the evacuation minutes of the disease, for hours and hours a day, every day.

That's why second-year students who haven't even taken their board exams yet become hypochondriacs, said Dr. Mark Babitz of the University Hospital.

"If you come to medical school and you have good intentions, you'll feel the electric charge that makes you feel nervous about failing. It's like a little bit of electroshock therapy," Babitz said.

The second-year students recall the days when they were more than a bit nervous about studying. They've been studying so hard that they've convinced themselves they've contracted the disease.

"When I was in medical school, I was nervous about failing. I'm sure all of my classmates were. I'm sure they had lapses of cancer," Babitz said.

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**Cambridge, Mass.**

A man walked into a Harvard University Science Center room and threatened to set off a bomb Thursday morning, before students fled and he was taken into custody by police.

No one was harmed in the incident.

The man, who identified himself to police as Kenneth Long, interrupted the final exam of Literature and Arts B-21, "Milton - Alexander of the Gorge," in Science Center, A.

The exam was just beginning with several identification checks at 9:30 a.m. when the man — who the course professor described as tall and thin, with facial hair, a dark complexion — entered the room in the doors in the room's back at around 9:30 a.m.

The professor, Daniel G. Nettle, a professor of classical art and archaeology, said the man looked "extremely agitated."

The man threw a brick at the blackboard and, after whipping off a satchel he had slung around his neck, threatened to blow up the room, the Science Center, and other buildings, including the streets around the Science Center foreign with police line tape.

Cambridge Emergency Management also responded to the threat, joining two companies of the Cambridge Police Department, including ladder trucks and heavy rescue units.

HUPD officers said the man struggled when officers tried to arrest him.

"He was cooperative and failed to obey officers' commands," said Sergeant Robert Kotowski, who participated in the arrest.

Officers had to use mass to subdue the suspect, said HUPD Chief Francis D. "Bill" Riley. After his arrest, the suspect was taken to HUPD's 29 Garden St. headquarters for questioning and then transported to Cambridge Community Hospital for a psychological evaluation.

After removing the suspect from the scene, Cambridge police brought in police bomb technicians who had been left in the Science Center. They eventually determined that it was an empty threats.

Outside, while news helicopters hovered overhead, Mitten talked with the student body. "I have no reason to think that you, or anyone I know, I want to thank you all for setting with cool heads," he said. He added jokingly, "This is an insult to Aldous.

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door shots, clods pushed in nearby trees were so high that the missing man couldn't get up and attack the dog.

Addo recalls one seeing another, where a street man was to be tracked.

"I saw the man on the sidewalk, the upwind of the flow of the eclipse," Addo said. And he said the ground was hotter than the fan.

In the meantime, what wind blowing, showing the small size and the scale of the production shot together the cost and error.

Winfield and other production assistants huge with the young artist at the Day Inn Bar in Benton, shooting with Demian and Patrick Renna.

Thirty days on a film is better than four years in college, Winfield said. "It was the best time of my life." A

Addo, himself, still feel the electric charge that was dazzling making.

From a hamburger stand in Dallas, Texas, Addo heard about the cost and the little town of Benton.

"I've never been much of a town," he said over a crying phone call. "Life Will Devan is — he's usually a pretty good judge. And in this he's right, because the dog was a good dog.

"Addo's production diary called every day in Benton, "Little White Road."

"It's a cinematic quality," offered Devan, asking that scene John Mallow and also called Benton home.

"It must be in the sun and the moon and the stars," Jason Benton Mayor Pat Barney. "We just hope Hollywood shines on us again."
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3. One of the Original Four Freedom Fighters 
4. 1960s TV show about a sailor 
5. Lead singer, 1930s-60s 
6. 1960s TV show about a cowboy

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Study says athletes are more likely to binge drink

BY GENETTE ABRAHAM
The Daily Free Press

BOSTON (U-WIRE) -- After a week's worth of grueling practices on top of a full academic load, the weekend is often prime relaxation time for many student-athletes. And, according to a Harvard University School of Public Health study released last week, part of that relaxing appears to include a few drinks.

Female athletes binge drink 19 percent more than their male counterparts, the study found. Male college athletes are similar in comparison with male non-athletes, bingeing 16 percent more.

According to the study, 43 percent of all college students are binge drinkers. Binge drinking is defined as drinking four or more drinks for women and five or more drinks for men at one sitting. However, many Boston University University athletes defined binge drinking as drinking past one's tolerable limit, resulting in getting sick or passing out.

Harvard's numbers are supported by the January edition of Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise, which found 57 percent of male athletes to be binge drinkers. The publication reported 48 percent of female athletes binge drink.

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BU Athletic Director Gary Strickler agreed with the athletes, saying there is "no reason to believe athletes drink more than other college students," Strickler said. "They are less likely to binge drink."

Strickler said, "there are no sanctions. Whatever the University feels is the best for them is the best for them."

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However, if an athlete is under 21 years of age, or she is automatically reported to the out parental eyes watching over them. "Juniors and seniors don't drink too much."

However, BU hacksy senior captain Carl Corazzani had a different opinion.

"You definitely see binge drinking among athletes," he said. "Regular students have time in the week to drink. Athletes have maybe one night a week to binge, and that's why you see it."

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Women's basketball basketball drops fourth straight at Creighton

Javier Serna
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's basketball team lost the first four road games in a 42-72 loss to Creighton University in Omaha, Thursday night.

Parker, scored in double digits including Chrissy Neuman with 19, and Kim Hovr and Angela Tirmovoa both with 11. Creighton is now 10-5 overall and 4-2 in the MVC.

On the surface, most Southern Illinoisans scoff at the concept of ice fishing. The sight of any fishing buddy Dave hucking spinning ice with a hatchet could probably make any ice-woody mind cringe. Every swing of that cold steel made me nauseous. I'm used to $200 augers suctioning holes in frozen ice. On Sunday, however, the holes we drilled days earlier hadn't even begun.

McDonald, the reason to believe that was unsafe ice — and we were figuratively skating on it.

All the fatalities were there. Like what ice-fishermen refer to as making "black ice." Safe ice is typically white. Ice three inches thick is considered to be safe while temperature are dropping, but as it warms up, every step is like Russian roulette.

And that ice — which was probably screaming with the pressure of my every step — was, in fact, riddled with spider-like black veins and was beginning to melt.

I didn't fall through the ice. But there was a certain fear in the air that made my mind wander like the ice that was paddling up at my feet.

I had no idea what I was doing and I had to redshirt, and therefore sit out the rest of the season.

Pitino said that he already has spoken with UNLV "representatives" about the vacant job. Kentucky said he would consider wondrous rebuilding jobs at Boston University and Providence. And when he took over the Wildcats, he took a program that was near death (previously because of NCAA sanctions and, while in three seasons, had Kentucky within a Christian Lattanzio's shot of the Final Four.

Pitino's other destination could be UCLA. Under Levine, the Bruins have been moribund, with embarrassing regular-season losses balanced by surprising NCAA Tournament performances. If the UCLA administration decides to make a change, hiring Pitino would certainly restore stability and here and for Pitino's part, if he wants to make a little history, he could become the first man to coach two of college basketball's most famous programs.

Tales from the woods

Ice fishing—not a southern thing

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On the surface, most Southern Illinoisans scoff at the concept of ice fishing. The sight of any fishing buddy hucking away with a hatchet could probably make any ice-woody mind cringe. Every swing of that cold steel made me nauseous. I'm used to $200 augers suctioning holes in frozen ice. On Sunday, however, the holes we drilled days earlier hadn't even begun.

I didn't fall through the ice. But there was a certain fear in the air that made my mind wander like the ice that was paddling up at my feet.

I had no idea what I was doing and I had to redshirt, and therefore sit out the rest of the season.

Pitino said that he already has spoken with UNLV "representatives" about the vacant job. Kentucky said he would consider wondrous rebuilding jobs at Boston University and Providence. And when he took over the Wildcats, he took a program that was near death (previously because of NCAA sanctions and, while in three seasons, had Kentucky within a Christian Lattanzio's shot of the Final Four.

Pitino's other destination could be UCLA. Under Levine, the Bruins have been moribund, with embarrassing regular-season losses balanced by surprising NCAA Tournament performances. If the UCLA administration decides to make a change, hiring Pitino would certainly restore stability and here and for Pitino's part, if he wants to make a little history, he could become the first man to coach two of college basketball's most famous programs.
Diamond Dawgs struggle to make the grade

SIU baseball loses four players, including top two pitchers, for academic reasons

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The SIU baseball team has been hit hard before the season has even started.

Saluki baseball will lose two key pitchers — staff ace Jake Alley and Brandon Fort — along with would-be senior Tyler Beal and center fielder Scott Buchholz.

All four failed to maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average, the minimum to participate in athletic competition at the University.

"I think you can point fingers at a lot of different people, but it's going to be tough as it is. Something has to change," said SIU baseball head coach Dan Callahan. "Typically, from what I've seen, it's a lack of effort, it's a lack of discipline, it's a lack of intelligence.

"It's unfortunate, but that's the fact of life. With all four of these guys, it's kind of safe to say they brought this misery upon themselves."

The losses of Alley and Fort put the pitching staff in a bind for the upcoming season, as the duo were expected to be the team's top two this spring.

Alley, a sophomore last season, emerged as the ace at top prospect after 16 innings in which he went 6-5 with a 3.72 ERA, including three complete games.

Fort made 14 starts for the Salukis, who went 26-30 a year ago. But went 5-6 with 6.32 ERA in his first season, after spending two years at Kishwaukee Community College where he played as a starter.

"We're going to have to get used to the fact that those guys aren't here and do our best not to dwell on it," Callahan said.

Callahan said the academic casualties disturbed him because the Athletic Department offers academic services to all student-athletes and provides a study table four hours a week along with tutors.

Statistically, the Salukis have a cumulative grade point average of 2.21 and below as required by the department to attend.

But Callahan, who personally monitors his players, said he heard in the blare.

"We've never lost anybody before due to grades. It's disturbing from my perspective, and I take it personally," Callahan said. "I have more to do with our athletes than from an academic perspective than any of our other coaches."

Callahan said he doesn't anticipate any of the players returning. Attempts to reach Alley and Fort were unsuccessful.

The Salukis open their season Feb 9 at Central Florida. In an attempt to make up for the loss of Buchholz, Callahan recently signed catchers Jeff Brilliant from El Paso, Texas, and shortstop John Cline from Danville High.

But that doesn't neatly make up for the loss of academic casualties.

"Just to instability whether it's our No. 1 pitcher or your No. 12 pitcher, it's disturbing and it's embarrassing," Callahan said.

Salukis return home to battle league-leading Sycamores

ISU has won eight of its last nine contests and is tied with Bradley atop the Valley

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Just three days after scraps through an overtime battle to secure its first Division I win of the season, the SIU men's basketball team was able to welcome another co-ecumenic clash in the voting.

Fresh off an 80-72 OVC triumph at Wichita State University on Sunday night, the Salukis will now try to even their Missouri Valley Conference mark, but will have to face league-leader Indiana State University to do so.

The Salukis welcome a hungry Sycamores baddie, winners of eight of their last nine, for a 7:05 tip-off Saturday night at the SIU Arena.

"Indiana State's got a lot of players that can do a lot of things," said junior forward Tyrone Bevan. "They've got the best player in the league so far, so obviously they're doing something good."

The Salukis (6-6, 2-3) halted their three-game losing streak at Wichita State with some inspired play up and down the lineup, including solid defensive production from senior Josh Cross, sophomore Jermaine Deanman, freshman Sylvester Willis and Bevan.

Saluki head coach Bruce Weber opted to start Willis in place of Deanman Wednesday, and both responded in a positive fashion, combining for 23 points and 10 boards.

In order to spend the Sycamores (13-3, 5-1), the Salukis frontcourt players need to dedicate that effort Saturday.

The Sycamores' strength lies in the interior, supported by senior forward Kyle Menner and junior Kelvin Black, along with senior small forward Matt Martin, junior (53 percent) and guards the league in assist-to-turnover ratio, while Willis (16 points per game) and Black (15 points per game) are the No. 4 and 5 scorers in the Valley respectively.

However, Indiana State — which owns a big win over Indiana — isn't overly physical and engages at times on the boards. Outside of forward Dijjani Kane, the Sycamores don't have much rebounding prowess, something SIU Head's to use to its advantage.

Indiana State ranks dead last in the league in offensive rebounds, while the Salukas rank first in the league in offensive rebounds, a fact that could play a significant role Saturday night.

"That would be a bonus for us if we could dominate the offensive boards and get some easy buckets and putbacks," Bevan said.

Weber was pleased that both Deanman and Willis responded well Wednesday, and is hopeful Darman can take the appropriate steps to becoming a major player in the Valley.

"Rather than hanging around the perimeter, Weber wants to see Deanman stick near the bucket and focus on rebounding."

Darman has the tools to become one of the league's top rebounders — the only person that can limit his productivity at this point is himself.

The Salukis dropped Deanman's play off the bench in the first half on Wednesday as the Salukis stayed in the game after shooting just 23 percent from the field in the first half.

The Salukis can afford another 23 percent shooting performance in the opening minutes against Indiana State, or it will make for a long night. But after ending a three-game skid, the Salukis have regrouped and are showing signs of improvement in the department of team chemistry.

"I think they played together," Weber said. "I talked about having a positive attitude and keeping their head up. All of those other games that we lost, if something goes bad, we don't run back on 'Em we lose our heads, and then it compounds the problem."

Indiana State won a few days before the Wichita State game and Bevan said he thought the meeting was productive and guys are beginning to build a solid trust between one another.

"We kind of got some things off our chest and I think we're feeling good about each of you," Bevan said.

When teams go through hard times like the Salukis did early in the season, it can be a learning process, and it can also bring good times together. The Salukis are confident of coming out on the other end of the confidence play.

"Sometimes you need a little lift to get you going," Willis said. "It was unfortunate that we had to waste some games like we did, but hopefully we can get this snowball rolling."

Bottom Lines
ISU was unable to physical Indiana State and got some second chance opportunities from three Jermaine Deanam and Willis at the peak. The Salukis can't afford any troubles against the league-leader Sycamores on the court.

Projected SIU starting lineup:
1 G-Michael Mercer (Sr.) 6-4
2 G-Kelvin Black (Jr.) 6-0
3 F-Josh Cross (Sr.) 6-9
4 C-Terrence Avery (Jr.) 6-9
5 F-Mall Run (Sr.) 6-6
6 F-Jermaine Deanam (Sr.) 6-8
7 F-Michael Willis (Sr.) 6-10
8 F-Dijjanis Kane (Sr.) 6-11
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