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“Without exception, we plan to eliminate those who were hired under the motivation to put friends and cronies in office who are under qualified.”

— Gov. Rod Blagojevich



Newly-elected Gov. Rod Blagojevich speaks to a crowd at the Southern Illinois Airport Wednesday afternoon during a tour of the state. Blagojevich answered a barrage of questions regarding his decision to fire 35 state employees George Ryan hired just before leaving office.

Blagojevich explains firings

Gov. outlines plans to cut frivolous spending in Illinois

Brian Peach
 Daily Egyptian

Bombarded with questions about his decision to fire 35 state employees on his second day in office, Gov. Rod Blagojevich spoke Wednesday to a few dozen local citizens along with at least one victim of the layoffs.

Brad Cole, Carbondale city councilman, sat quietly in the back of the meeting room at Southern Illinois Airport in Murphysboro and listened to why he was fired Tuesday from his new job as property manager. Murphysboro was one of Blagojevich's many stops around the state.

This message was followed by the

announcement that more state workers — who were hired under various positions by former Gov. George Ryan late in his term — would be fired as soon as the governor's legal team reviewed the list of workers and decided who could be most easily fired without risk of retribution, Blagojevich said.

"The individuals put in place have all benefited since Nov. 15," he said. "Without exception, we plan to eliminate those who were hired under the motivation to put friends and cronies in office who are underqualified."

"They were simply appointed," Blagojevich said. "If those individuals terminated have a desire to have a job in the state government, then I urge them to reapply."

Sen. Larry Woolard, D-Carterville, showed his support for the governor at the conference and, afterward, said he "wholeheartedly" supported the decision to examine

those hired and then decide who should be dismissed.

"I think that when we get the other several hundred, I'll be satisfied," Woolard said. "Blagojevich has made the correct adjustment for the citizenry of this state."

A hiring spike similar to this one occurred before Ryan came into office, and Blagojevich responded to comments about how a few of those individuals sued the state to keep their jobs. He said legal action is one of his concerns, but by using a legal team to examine the positions filled in November, cutbacks can be made with minimal court action.

Cole said he has no plans to take legal action or even reapply for the position. He said he does not see how reapplying would do any good, and prefers to devote time to his mayoral campaign until April when elections take place.

"I applied for the job, I was rated

well-qualified by the selection service for the job and I was hired," Cole said. "I don't know what else I can do. Apparently it wasn't enough."

Blagojevich said that when another application process takes place, some of those positions will probably be refilled.

Blagojevich, with fewer than 50 hours of gubernatorial experience, also said he would place limits on new state hirings due to the \$5 billion budget deficit the state is facing. In addition, he said he would examine the use of state vehicles.

Blagojevich said he is still committed to balancing the state budget without raising taxes, but will not explain how until a later date.

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Syllabi disclaimers raise policy questions

Students scramble for answers about substitute instructors

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 Daily Egyptian

Reading and homework assignments have been distributed to students, yet disclaimers on certain faculty's syllabi leave questions on what assignments will really count in the event of a faculty strike.

Many faculty members have distributed their syllabi to students with comments about whether they will accept work or grades from a substitute instructor in their absence.

Yet faculty and administrators have shown no agreement on what the policies are and what students can expect in regard to substitute instructors, work or grades in case of a faculty strike.

In a letter sent out last week to the faculty, Associate Provost for Personnel and Student Policy James Staub, stated that the "administration has the right and responsibility to meet the instructional commitment made to students."

Sue Davis, SIUC's executive director of media and communication resources, said the administrators do have the right to reassign the class to a substitute if there is a faculty strike because it is a University policy.

"I'm not sure if it is written down any place, but it is the practice of the University," Davis said.

Many deans and department chairs, however, are unsure of what procedures should be followed in the event of a faculty strike.

Shirley Scott, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and other directors from the college met with Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn Tuesday to discuss University policy on the issue.

"Normally if there is a substitute for a faculty member we do accept the grades," Scott said. "But we have never dealt with a strike before and these are very complicated issues."

In a letter sent to the faculty by Morteza Daneshdoost, president of the association, he said providing alternative instructors without the consent of faculty would be a "mockery of quality education," which he said, "should

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Search continues for 28 new SIUC faculty members

One assistant professor hired to begin in Fall

Katie Davis
 Daily Egyptian

One assistant professor has been hired as part of SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler's strategic hiring plan for 28 new faculty, and department heads are still accepting applications to fill the remaining positions.

The strategic hiring plan, unveiled last October, was designed to decrease the faculty/student ratio and provide relief and research

opportunities to nationally recognized departments.

Many departments are still in the initial stages of their search and will continue taking applications into next month. Few have narrowed the field to interviews, and one is preparing to make offers.

The Finance Department in the College of Business and Administration has hired a new assistant professor, and the psychology department is ready to make offers for one of its positions, but is continuing to interview for the other two.

Sherry Wang, 27, a doctoral student at Pennsylvania State University, will join SIUC

next fall.

Hussein Elsaid, department chair, said they were searching for new hires before Wendler announced his strategic hiring plan in October. Wang was one of the department's top three choices for the position, out of 30 candidates.

Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn said that while he is unaware of the searches' progress at this point, he is confident departments are selecting outstanding candidates.

"The goal is to find and recruit quality individuals and bring them to the campus," he said.

Aldo Migone, chair of the Physics Department in the College of Science, said the department just recently placed ads in various

journals for three associate professors. He said they are in the beginning stages of a long process that can take months. Their application deadline is Feb. 15, but the work doesn't stop then.

"You have a committee review applications, make decisions," he said. "Then we interview, make a decision, submit that to the dean, and then make the offer they will hopefully accept."

Some department heads said the 28 new hires should have been allocated differently between departments. They also said 28 new faculty probably was not enough in the first place.

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NATIONAL NEWS
U.S. committed to Afghan reconstruction, officials say

With the U.S. mission in Afghanistan now focused on rebuilding the shattered nation, top Pentagon officials are trying to rally more allied aid for the effort and determine whether it can be expanded.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz led a delegation of Bush administration officials here Wednesday to gauge the progress of the military's humanitarian efforts so far and chart the future course of relief programs. Wolfowitz joined Defense Department finance chief Dov Zakheim, who is visiting allies to press for more and faster aid to rebuild Afghanistan.

There are no plans to reduce the 8,000 or so U.S. troops in Afghanistan - and Pentagon officials hope to speed up the rebuilding process.

Samples of bubonic plague taken from Texas Tech

Authorities were looking into the apparent theft of samples of bubonic plague from Texas Tech University Sciences Center on Wednesday.

A report was made Tuesday to Tech police and

city officials in Lubbock were preparing a statement Wednesday morning, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported on its online edition.

Information on the precise number of vials taken was not reported, according to the Associated Press.

Bubonic plague is an infectious disease of animals and humans caused by a bacterium named *Yersinia pestis*. People usually get it from being bitten by a rodent flea carrying the plague bacterium or an infected animal or pet. The disease is treatable with antibiotics.

Court protects Mickey Mouse

The Supreme Court upheld lengthier copyrights protecting the profits of songs, books and cartoon characters on Wednesday - a huge victory for Walt Disney and other companies.

The 7-2 ruling, while not unexpected, was a blow to Internet publishers and others who wanted to make old books available online and use the likenesses of a Mickey Mouse cartoon and other old creations without paying high royalties.

Hundreds of thousands of books, movies and songs were close to being released into public domain when Congress extended the copyright by 20 years in 1998, according to the Associated Press.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Israel's Labor says it won't join Sharon

Israel's Labor Party said Tuesday it will not join a government led by Ariel Sharon - a dramatic step that could throw Israel into political limbo after the Jan. 28 election.

Sharon's decision could mean paralysis in post-election coalition talks, with neither Sharon nor Labor leader Amram Mitzna able to form a government, and could even force Israel into yet another election.

Polls suggest that Sharon's Likud will emerge as the largest party but not with enough seats to control parliament, meaning it will have to share power.

Sharon reiterated Tuesday that he prefers another so-called national unity government of Likud and Labor.

Without Labor, Sharon would be forced to seek allies among ultranationalist and religious parties. According to current surveys, such a constellation would win 63 seats in the 120-member parliament - enough to rule.

Such a slim majority could lead to instability because Sharon would be vulnerable to political demands from

the smaller parties. Sharon called the latest elections after he rejected demands by a small, nationalist party and was unable to build a parliament majority without Labor.

U.N. inspectors visit presidential palace in Baghdad

U.N. arms experts spent four hours searching a main presidential palace in the heart of Iraq's capital Wednesday, making their second visit to a residence of President Saddam Hussein since inspectors resumed last year.

The inspectors, who are seeking weapons of mass destruction, visited a complex in the al-Karadah district known popularly as the Old Palace.

It was not immediately known if Saddam was in the palace Wednesday without speaking to reporters, who were prevented by guards entering. Palace official Abu Mohammed Issawi said inspectors searched residential buildings and the offices of a war veterans agency.

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Snow starting early in the morning and continuing into the early evening hours.

CALENDAR

- Today**
- Choral Union-concert choir - choral auditions sign-up sheets in Northwest Annex 133
 - Teach-in for War on Iraq and MLK Jr. Student Center, Ballroom D 7p.m.

POLICE REPORTS

- A laptop computer was stolen between 5:30 p.m. Monday and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at Woody Hall. The loss is estimated at \$2,696. Police have no suspects.
- A 29-year-old woman reported shaving cream was put on her vehicle between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. It is unknown if the vehicle's paint was damaged.
- A cordless telephone receiver was stolen at about 6 p.m. Tuesday at Kellogg Hall. The loss is estimated at \$40. Police have no suspects.

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CORRECTIONS

- In Tuesday's issue of the **DAILY EGYPTIAN**, in the page 5 article "SIUC cracks down on file sharing of copyrighted materials on campus," it should be clarified that the University is not using a "spy" service to deliberately catch students or faculty misusing computers on campus. The incidents are reported by companies such as the Motion Picture Association of America, the Recording Industry Association of America the Interactive Digital Software Association and other such companies.
- In Tuesday's issue of the **DAILY EGYPTIAN**, the front page article "Blagovich boots Ryan's appointments" implied that all of Gov. George Ryan's late appointments were approved by the Illinois Senate. Not all of those who were fired needed Senate approval.
- In Wednesday's issue of the **DAILY EGYPTIAN**, the page 5 article "Sinke concerns parents," the SIUC Faculty Association's salary increase proposal was incorrectly reported. The association recently requested a 10.5 percent raise for the next two years.

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Assistants allowed to honor potential faculty union strike

Graduates will not take on extra work load

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

Teaching assistants and graduate assistants who honor a faculty picket line in the event of a strike will not lose their jobs, just pay during their absence.

John Koropchak, dean of the Graduate School, said graduate assistants would be expected to continue performing their duties during a strike, but would not be fired for refusing to work.

The Faculty Association voted to give union President Morteza Daneshdoo the ability to call a strike on or after Feb. 3.

Koropchak said another potential problem a faculty strike could have on graduate students is that some assistants may not be needed without professors present. Koropchak said he is still trying to reduce the possible effects of the strike on students.

"All my reactions with GPSC have been to allay their fears and minimize their involvement," Koropchak said. "Only negative things can come of having students involved."

Koropchak said he is "still optimistic and still hopeful reasonable people can come to a reasonable solution."

The University pays about 11.36 million annually for teaching assistants at SIUC, according to David Wilson, associate dean of the Graduate School. There are approximately 800 teaching assistants on staff, half of them teaching core curriculum classes.

Chancellor Walter Wendler

also said students who do not cross the picket line will not have their assistantships pulled. However, he said the University does not give paid "strike time."

Wendler also said the University will be sensitive to the duties of teaching and graduate assistants if there is a faculty strike. He said they will not be asked to teach additional classes because that could hurt a relationship between the professors and graduate students.

Wendler, however, said the University had a responsibility to fill classrooms during a strike because of the contract made by students' payments.

He said the University will fill a position if an instructor is sick, on strike or simply walks away. At this point, Wendler said he was unsure of how he would do that.

Amy Sileven, president of the Graduate and Professional Student

Council, said graduate assistants have been guaranteed they will not be fired for supporting the strike and will not be given additional duties, but they are expected to fulfill their contract with the University.

Evan Smith, a graduate student and assistant director of the Big Muddy Film Festival, said he is in support of the faculty, but he has not thought of how he will be affected by a strike.

"It's a concern for me," Smith said. "Our position is to honor the picket line and move off campus."

In case of a strike, he will try to hold the festival off campus, but he does not know what will happen with plans to use the Student Center as a venue next month if the strike does occur.

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NEWS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE

Register to vote today

City Council candidates Pat Kelly and Lance Jack are sponsoring a voter-registration drive today in the Free Forum Area between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The City of Carbondale's primary elections will take place Feb. 25 and the last day to register to vote for the primary will be Jan. 28. The general election will take place April 1 with the last day to register to vote being March 4.

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"Heart Smart for Women" is open for women between the ages of 25 and 65. The class emphasizes the benefits of nutrition and moderate exercise for women at various stages throughout their lives.

The series is being offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the RLC Marketplace, room 349, in Mt. Vernon. Pre-registration is required for the series. For more information or to register, call Abby Hampton at 618-724-9228 or the Allied Health Division at 618-437-5321, ext. 251.

Understand wine and its uses through Rend Lake College courses

The Community Education program at Rend Lake College is seeking individuals with an appreciation of wine interested in learning more about the drink or for people who would like to make their own.

"Wine Appreciation" is a course designed to provide a basic understanding of wine and its uses. This non-credit class is being offered at two locations, the Pheasant hollow Winery in Whittington and BoBo's Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.

For more information, contact RLC Director of Community Education Dawn Gibson at 618-437-5321.

Several SIUC students win photo awards

SIUC graduate student wins grand prize out of 1,222 entrants

Brett Luster
Daily Egyptian

SIUC photography and art students won top awards in a worldwide photography contest for the sixth year in a row.

Josh Sanseri a graduate student in art from Portland, Ore., won the grand prize in the portfolio category this year for his documentary work on African-American coal miners in Southern Illinois.

The applicants were chosen from a pool of 1,222 entrants from 110 schools from seven countries in a contest sponsored by the Photographic Imaging Education Association.

Sanseri said he received help from Dan Overturn, a photography professor and professor emeritus Dave Gilmore. Sanseri worked close with Overturn throughout the documentary process.

Sanseri started taking pictures in high school when he was 15. He was employed in a camera shop his senior year in high school and also worked in a commercial photo lab in his hometown. He transferred to SIUC after hearing about the school

from one of his coworkers.

"A friend of mine that I worked with at the photo lab went here and I was looking for a good program," he said.

Sanseri worked with another SIUC graduate in Chicago as first assistant, with celebrity shoots that include football star Mike Singletary and racing sensation Dale Earnhardt.

"This program has really opened up a lot of doors for people," he said. "Dan and Dave have both been great inspirations for me."

Other SIUC winners include Stephen Weber, who won first prize in the Single Image category and Emily Thompson, who won third place in portfolios.

All awarded entries will be on display in Las Vegas at this year's Photographic Marketing Association and PIEA show where more than 30,000 people attend annually.

The show will then tour multiple sites in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, South Africa and across the United States between March 2003 and 2005, reaching about 500,000 people.

As Sanseri continues his education at SIUC, he said he continues to get with professors and he continues to learn.

"A good portfolio, I guess, is cohesive," he said.

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JOSH SANSERI - DAILY EGYPTIAN

The above photograph of Robert Parker was taken as part of the African-American Coal Miner Documentary Project. This photo, along with the rest of Josh Sanseri's portfolio documenting black coal miners in Southern Illinois, won grand prize in a contest sponsored by the Photographic Imaging Education Association.

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sharing CULTURES

Students deployed to Turkey during winter break come back with more than just war stories

story & photos by BRENDAN COLLIER

Matthew Arms, a senior in music business and aircraft structural maintenance journeyman with the Illinois Air National Guard, was unfamiliar with Turkish culture and Islam before his recent trip to Turkey. He visited Adana's Mosque, which is said to be the largest Muslim worship center in the country. The experience was very enlightening for him and he said that Islam and mainstream Christianity had many similarities. He was also surprised to see a strong Western influence on Turkish pop-culture.

"Young people over there wore the same jeans and sweaters I see every day on campus," Arms said.

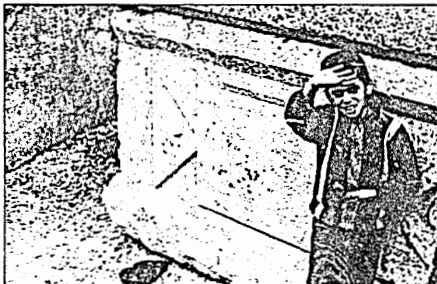
While most SIUC students returned to their families for winter break, a handful of them spent their time away from school at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. The students, all members of the Illinois Air National Guard's 126th Air Refueling Wing, were deployed to support Operation Enduring Freedom, the name given by the Department of Defense to President Bush's war on terrorism.

Though the students went to Turkey for military purposes, many came back with a more meaningful, personal, experience.

When the deployed students were not busy supporting aerial refueling missions over Afghanistan, they took their time abroad as an opportunity to learn more about other cultures and make new friends.

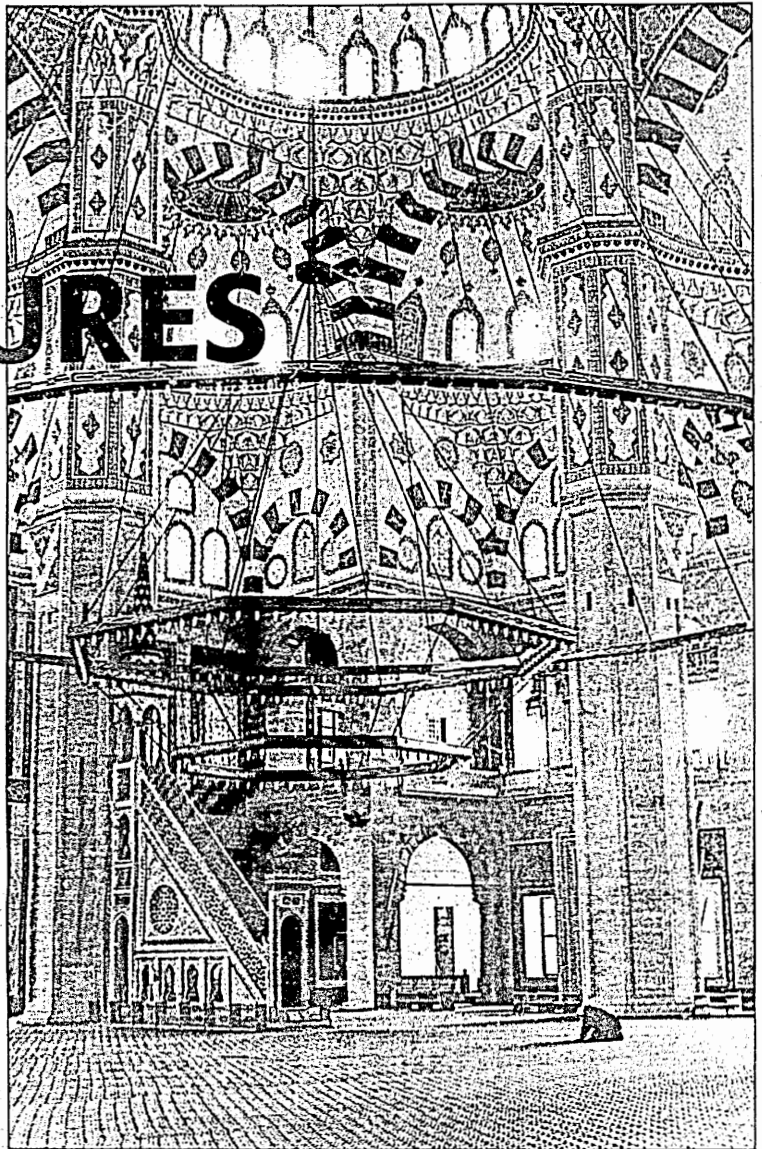
Chris Besler, a senior in aviation management and aircraft guidance & control systems journeyman in the Air Guard, left for Turkey a week before finals and had to take "incompletes" in all of his classes.

Despite this, he said the most difficulty he encountered came from his off-campus affairs, such as paying his bills and getting his rent in.



BRENDAN COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

A young boy offers hand-picked dandelions to SIUC guardsmen in a gesture of friendship. Many of the campus soldiers were surprised to find warmth and hospitality from the Turks during their time abroad.



BRENDAN COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

A man pauses for traditional prayer in Adana's recently constructed mosque. Members of the Air National Guard from SIUC used their deployment as an opportunity to learn about Islam and Turkish culture.

"The instructors were completely understanding," Besler said.

Besler, who has been with the Air Guard for the past four and half years, said the trip was worth the inconvenience of his make-up work because of all the experiences he'd had and new things he had learned. He said he was proud to have been a part of the deployment.

"I felt like I was involved in something more important than myself," Besler said.

Besler said the trip was both a great learning experience and an opportunity to earn a few extra holiday dollars. He plans to apply the extra money he made on the trip to his savings for a motorcycle. According to the Air Force news service, personnel assigned to Operation Enduring Freedom at Incirlik are eligible for combat zone tax exclusion.

Turkey was not an unfamiliar place for Russell Noble, a junior in aviation management and KC-135 crew chief in the Air Guard. Noble has family in Istanbul but had not visited the country in a few years. He took the opportunity to visit a few castles and archeological sites near the base. Although he was already familiar with the country, he said the experience was still very positive for him, especially seeing his co-

workers learn more about Turkish culture.

"You learn a lot of things that you can't really articulate," Noble said.

Turkey, a country slightly larger than the state of Texas, has been in deliberation with the United States recently over the expanded use of its bases in the event the United States chooses to remove Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. According to the United States European Command's website, coalition forces also use Incirlik Air Base as the headquarters for Operation Northern Watch, a combined task force operation that denies flight in Iraq north of the 36th parallel.

The Air Force News Service says roughly 58,000 guardsmen and reservists are now on active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. As more of them come home, many will now have a better understanding of their world neighbors.

"Traveling opens peoples' eyes to the rest of the world. It's easier to dislike or be afraid of something that's alien to you," Noble said. "When you meet somebody it's easier to relate."

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Faculty Association remains optimistic

Ben Botkin
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Bargaining teams of the Faculty Association and SIUC administration ended negotiations Wednesday without exchanging proposals or reaching tentative agreements, even though they were in session all afternoon.

But the union's bargaining team remains optimistic after discussing issues with the administration, said James Kelly, an associate professor of journalism and chair of the union's public information committee. Bargaining will resume today at 11 a.m. and continue Friday.

The Faculty Association's members voted in November on a measure that allows Morteza Daneshdoost, the union's president, to call a strike on or after Feb. 3 if talks at the bargaining table don't

produce a contract.

"The SIUC Faculty Association characterized today's bargaining session as useful and encouraging," Kelly said. "This week's sessions have been marked by a frank, thorough and honest review of all outstanding issues."

The University's administration is hopeful as well, said Sue Davis, SIUC's executive director of media & communication resources.

She said the administration's most recent proposal covers a three-year period and matches state dollars given for salaries, with additional pay increases of 1 percent for fiscal year 2004. The next two years, besides the state dollars, would have increases of 1.25 percent and 1.5 percent respectively, providing enrollment levels remain stable.

But the Faculty Association has said

in the past that basing salary increases on state funds is unpredictable because the money may not be available. The association's most recent proposal calls for a 10.5 percent salary increase during the next two years, Kelly said.

Still, issues not related to salaries remain at the forefront, and faculty consider items such as tenure, workloads and student/faculty ratios to be equally important.

The bargaining teams have been in negotiations since February 2002. The Faculty Association represents a bargaining unit of almost 700 professors. Kelly said weekend bargaining sessions remain a possibility.

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Snowstorm expected to hit Carbondale

Moustafa Ayad
Daily Egyptian

Gus Bodes



Gus says:
Snow ... the only time three inches measures up.

Despite last week's warm weather, winter has returned, with several inches of snow expected to blanket Southern Illinois today.

The Accuweather Forecast Center reported a possible snowstorm for today, which is expected to dump as much as three and a half inches of snow throughout the day. Flurries are expected to follow later tonight. But some are planning for more than 3 inches, just to be on the safe side.

Wayne Weeles, Carbondale city street maintenance manager, said he was planning for as much as 6 inches by this morning. He said his crew would be starting work at 5 a.m. if it snows.

At 4 p.m. Wednesday, eight city trucks were fully loaded and ready to dispense 6 to 12 tons of rock salt upon the streets of Carbondale.

With predictions varying from light to heavy snow accumulation, some residents prepared for the snowfall by stocking up on supplies. Wal-Mart Assistant Manager Sean Bryant said the store is stocked full of shovels and other winter-weather supplies.

"The shovels are out, but we have had a steady flow of people buying sleds and ice melts," Bryant said.

Police will continue to take care of emergencies — with snow or without, said Deputy Chief Steve Odum of the Carbondale Police.

"There is nothing we can really do to prepare for the situation," he said. "Emergency call's don't stop because of bad weather."

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Students take 'lite' supper at Newman well

Angel Johnson
Daily Egyptian

John Scarano wanted to get students talking to each other and rediscover the art of conversation. He wanted to gather students for dinner and enlightened discussion. So he came up with a plan.

The Newman Catholic Student Center, with Scarano's help, decided to give students a "lite" supper.

"Lite" supper, a dinner/discussion group, gives students the opportunity to start talking to each other about the many divisive and controversial issues

faced in today's society. The "lite" supper, which takes place every Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m., gives students an outlet from stress by discussing current issues with peers.

"Lite" Supper Director John Scarano said he gives students the tools to make decisions, but he can't decide for them. Although the topics are addressed from a religious perspective, non-Catholics are also invited to attend.

"The 'lite' supper is open to everyone — many of our discussion groups are very diverse," Scarano said. "The participants range from the conservative to the liberal,

and everyone in between."

One of the "lite" supper discussions concentrated on the subject of war in Iraq. There were people there who were strongly against war and people who were members of the ROTC. But the purpose is not to determine who's right or wrong, it is all about education and socialization.

Scarano said that the "lite" supper is informal and the dinner is free. He also said he makes sure that everyone who has something to say is able to speak.

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OUR WORD

Ryan made right decision

On Friday, when former Gov. George Ryan pardoned four death row inmates because they were tortured into confessions by investigators in Chicago, and on Saturday when he pardoned the remaining 156 inmates on Death Row, he made a strong statement about capital punishment in Illinois.

"The system has failed for all four men," he said. "And it has failed the people of this state."

The Daily Egyptian agrees and believes the state of Illinois should abolish the death penalty altogether.

During Ryan's speech Friday he pointed out numbers that were staggering. Thirty-three Death Row inmates were represented at trial by an attorney who was later disbarred. Two-thirds of inmates on death row were black; half of the nearly 300 capital cases were eventually reversed for a new trial. There was also the story of Anthony Porter, who was within 48 hours of execution for a double murder before he was found innocent of the crime and released.

It is clear the system is faulty. Ryan put a moratorium on the death penalty after 13 Death Row inmates were found to have been wrongly convicted. There is no way to ensure another innocent person won't be sentenced to death unfairly.

Flaws in the system — from prosecutors and police to judges and defense attorneys — need to be reformed as soon as possible to fix the leaks. We call on our state's new governor, Rod Blagojevich, to pick up where Ryan left off and correct the problems that still exist throughout the justice system.

The system is not only faulty but also ineffective in deterring crime. Twelve states have abolished the death penalty and we feel the state of Illinois should follow suit.

Another issue is cost. According to the Illinois Department of Corrections, the average yearly cost to house a death row inmate is \$5,000 to \$7,000 more than housing an inmate at Menard or Statesville Correctional facilities,

both of which are maximum security. Add to that the additional costs of appeals and you have a system that is not only prone to mistakes, but more expensive to taxpayers as well.

While we do not in any way condone the violent and horrific acts some of these inmates have committed, we do believe that for the justice system to improve a massive overhaul is needed.

Ryan was right in making this decision and on the way out of office left a hefty duty in the hands of Blagojevich. It is now up to the new governor to handle these problems with swift action and ensure that our state justice system is what it should be — a just one.



GUEST COLUMNIST

George Ryan, American hero

Ted Rall
Universal Press Syndicate

NEW YORK — George Ryan hasn't been much of a governor, but he's one hell of a patriot. The end of his term finds him facing possible indictment on corruption charges, and his departure brings to an end 30 consecutive years of Republican rule at the Illinois governor's mansion.

"If he found Osama bin Laden, it would not be his legacy — it would be the scandal he has endured throughout his entire term as governor," notes Paul Green, professor of public policy at Roosevelt University in Chicago.

Nonetheless, Ryan is a case study of principled integrity triumphing over personal and political flaws.

With three days left in office, Gov. Ryan delivered the greatest attack on America's death penalty since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the practice in 1972. He cleared Illinois' death row Jan. 11, sending all 167 inmates back to prison, declaring: "Each and every one of those cases raised questions not only about the innocence of people on death row, but about the fairness of the death penalty system as a whole."

Because DNA evidence had proven them innocent, Ryan also pardoned four men outright. This brought the total number of death row pardons issued during his term to 17.

Ryan is no bleeding-heart liberal. As a state representative in 1977, Ryan voted to bring back capital punishment. But when he became the state's chief executive, this conservative Republican decided to devote serious attention to the question of government-dealt death. (In contrast to George W. Bush, As governor of Texas, Bush allocated a mere 15 minutes to consider the fate of each inmate, on a work schedule which allotted up to two hours to playing video games. During his tenure Bush issued zero commutations.)

Ryan read studies that found that if you killed someone in rural Southern Illinois rather than Chicago, you were five times more likely to fry in Old Sparky. Black murderers got sent to death row more

frequently than white murderers.

And those were only the guilty ones. Ryan studied the dossiers of the men and women whose lives he held in his hands. What he read appalled him. And so, over the years, Ryan began to change his mind about the death penalty.

Many had been convicted on flimsy evidence — 46 of the state's 160 death row inmates were nailed solely based on the secondhand testimony of fellow prisoners. Thirty-five blacks had been condemned to death by all-white juries. And poor defendants weren't given much of a chance to defend themselves: "Thirty-three of the death row inmates," Ryan said, "were represented at trial by an attorney who had later been disbarred or at some point suspended from the practice of law."

The problem with capital punishment is that it's carried out by human beings. Juries are biased. Rich defendants buy justice; poor ones buy the farm. Prosecutors showboat to get reelected. Politicians promise stricter sentencing, even if the laws they pass do nothing to reduce crime.

Accidentally executing one innocent man in order to legitimately execute a thousand is one innocent man too many, but the real numbers are much worse. A classic Stanford Law Journal study of 20th century capital cases found 350 innocent people who had been sentenced to death, 23 of whom were executed. Death penalty experts estimate that roughly one in eight men awaiting death have been wrongfully convicted.

Sentencing an innocent person to a jail term is a horrific-enough miscarriage of justice, but such a mistake can — with determination and luck — be corrected. Advocates of capital punishment have yet to explain how to resurrect a person after he's been wrongly executed.

Life in prison will always be the most severe sentence humanity can fairly impose. And even then, the system will always be hobbled by a shortage of inquisitive, principled leaders like George Ryan to set things straight.

For the justice system to improve a massive overhaul is needed

QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens."

Jimi Hendrix

WORDS OVERHEARD
"I think one of the main reasons you go to college is to be taught by professors, not their assistants."

Jackie Richie
Aunt of SIU student Kris Smith
on the possibility of graduate students
teaching classes during a strike.

COLUMNISTS

Battle of the sexes

Another battle of the sexes. As unoriginal as this topic might be, I feel I need to have my say in the matter. Now, don't worry ladies, I'm not going to look at this with a closed mind. I feel that both of the sexes are at fault for this battle that I'm about to start.

I guess you can say that my big gripe right now is why nice guys always finish last. Most cannot argue with this fact. How many times have you heard a girl say that all she wants is a nice guy, then five minutes later you see her with a guy who treats her as if she were that unwanted Vanilla Ice CD in her music collection. They can have nice guys who are friends, but the minute that the guy wants one chance to try to be something more, the girl disposes them faster than your average SIU student chugging their favorite brand of alcohol. It seems to me that a girl doesn't want a nice guy from the beginning. Why not give that poor soul a chance? It seems only fair.

My guy friends have dated some girls who treated them like gods.

Like I told you ladies, this one isn't entirely your fault. While the girl says she wants the nice guy, the guy also says he wants a nice girl. From observation and own experience, the nice guy usually dates the "girl from the wrong side of the tracks." We as guys complain to the girl that we consider our best friend that the one we are dating is treating us like the royal family of England. In most cases, while we do this, that same girl that we call 'one of the guys' secretly has a crush on you.

Now, let's take a step back for a minute and ponder this. The girl who wants the nice guy usually dates the guy the rest of us are embarrassed to call a member of our sex. Me inwhile,



The Wild Kard

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the nice guy wants to date a nice girl, but usually dates trailer-trash Barbie. Kind of funny how it all works out, isn't it?

It doesn't always happen like this though. I've known a few girls to date guys who I think treated them right. On the other side of the spectrum, my guy friends have dated some girls who treated them like gods.

My solution? Pretty simple, although only in a perfect world would it actually work out. In t'is utopia, girls would stop going for the guys who treat them like gum on the bottom of their shoes. Guys would pull their heads out of their butts and stop going for the girl who only has looks going for her. At this point in my dream, the nice guys would go with the nice girls and the guy who thinks the women should pay on the first date would go with the girls who think Anna Nicole Smith is a role model.

Until my far-fetched dream becomes a reality, I guess all we can do is learn from the mistakes that we are going to make. But ladies, next time a nice guy asks for one date, take him up on it. And guys, if you start getting those warm, fuzzy feelings from the girl you consider one of the guys, ask her out to dinner. You never know, you just might like it.

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Afraid of the wind

I'm not afraid of the wind
I'm afraid of what I can't see
and when I don't feel it
I tell myself that it can't be
I see rain I see snow but why can't
I see the wind blow
where did it come from,
what's the signals
why are the leaves flying past my window
sometimes it's cool and
I can feel my legs tremble
witness the turbulence of what I can't see
some say it's windy some say it's breezy
but it can't be
how do you know what you can't see
what do we do when we can't breathe
you can't re-invent what you can't see
and we call it the wind
I'm afraid sometimes when it's too
strong for me to walk in
when the air is sometimes too strong for



Poetic Justis

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me to talk in
so for now on like storms I approach the
wind with caution
because I can't beat what I can't see so I
might as well join them ...

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Revolutionary bathroom graffiti

Eric Bost
Daily O'Collegian (U-wire)

STILLWATER, Okla. — Deep inside the depths of an up-and-coming Stillwater institution, the Third Place, there is a bathroom stall.

In this stall, a ritual as old as using the bathroom has taken place. In bright orange letters read the following words.

"Resist arrest. Fist-fight security guards when rights you've established are oppressed!! Also, sorry to whomever has to clean up my mess, hope you read it first."

Finding such a message is no great surprise; bathrooms all across the country have long been the open forum. But this message is a little different. A spirit of resistance among the masses of OSU, reaching out for his voice to be heard. I assume it's a "him," because it is the men's room.

Of course, the message just isn't right. This message talks of resisting authority and all the other glorious ideals of teen-dom. It talks of how the police and security try to keep thoughts down. It talks of the defense of rights.

Well, at least the author got something right. Why is it wrong to say, "resist arrest"?

Well, for one, the days of hippies making silent, peaceful protest only to be broken up by straight-laced bigots are long over. Yep, we've come a long way since Kent State.

Look at this anonymous writer's line, "fist-fight security." Honestly, violence doesn't solve a thing. The spirit of revolution is not found in the fist.

The fist of man is made of fragile material, but the mind of man can endure for possibly eternity. That is unless you think next year will be like 1984, then we're all screwed.

The spirit of this message was in the right, but the way it was formed onto the bathroom wall betrayed the message. Just fighting for the rights of oppressed with a swift kick in the ass only makes it worse.

But fighting with a word, fighting with thought, fighting without fighting - that's how every cause is won. And more to the point, it cannot be won from a bathroom wall. Try an ink and paper next

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LETTERS

Student should protest North Korea, not Iraq

DEAR EDITOR:

I recently read Tuesday's DAILY EGYPTIAN story "Students Trek to D.C. to protest war." I have a concern about protesting the possible war with Iraq over whatever issue. This can happen because we live in a country where the government will give a permit to protest. This is good that as Americans we can do this.

But the world, in my opinion, has a more prominent problem: The issue with North Korea about nuclear weapons. From 1950 to 1953, America had a war with North Korea. So we know they will fight. When the protesters go to Washington, D.C., they should protest against possible war with North Korea because they have nuclear weapons and they want to make more. How many? Who knows? If they create these weapons of mass destruction and sell them to countries around the globe, countries will blackmail each other for resources like North Korea is doing to America.

Look at what has happened between India and Pakistan. They both are nuclear powers and they came to a critical point of nuclear war. If this would happen, the world would suffer because of the radioactive fallout wherever the wind takes it. So, in the near future countries will possibly have the same problem when they purchase nuclear weapons.

Think of the terrorist purchasing such a weapon, who owe no loyalty to any country, but to their own

issues. Does it take this type of worldwide problem to wake people up? If so, it is going to happen — not if, but when. No winners, but losers. Think of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on a sunny day. Then all of the sudden a flash of light and 340,000 people were dead and thousands more mangled. Also, remember the Three Mile Island power plant that nearly exploded, and the nuclear power plant in Russia in 1986 that did explode. These are examples of what is to come in the near future. What if it escalates?

David Bean
Carbondale resident

Bible predicts future of war

DEAR EDITOR:

In 547 B.C., the prophet Daniel had a vision during a three-week fast. The God of Israel sent the archangel Gabriel to tell Daniel the Bible prophecy for the future. The archangels Gabriel and Michael battled the prince of Persia for 21 days, but finally the spiritual message got to Daniel. We read about this in the book of Daniel, chapter 10.

This prophecy is 2,549 years old today. In the book of Daniel, chapter 11, the Bible prophecy is given in 539 B.C. Chapter 11, verses 21 through 45 in the book of Daniel tells what the Antichrist will do. The key verse is Daniel 11: 41. The God of Israel always provides an escape

way. The Antichrist can't touch Edom, Moab and Ammon.

Edom is mountainous land south of the Dead Sea including the Petra, Jordan region. Moab is country east of the Dead Sea. Ammon is a state on the east of the River Jordan whose capital was Rabbah, which is modern Amman, Jordan.

Chapter 12 of Daniel tells of the archangel Michael, the guardian of the Jewish people. Daniel 12:1 tells of Jacob's trouble in the last days. The key verse for this is Daniel 12:11 that supports the mid-tribulation for the Holy Bible. Forty-five days later in Daniel 12:12, the people are going to get a special blessing from the Lord.

George Culley
Pukynville citizen

Students should ask faculty to be honest about strike

DEAR EDITOR:

The article entitled "Faculty Association encourages strike disclosure on class syllabi" in the Monday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, upset me not just a little, but a lot. Morteza Dameshdoost, president of the Faculty Association, in an e-mail posting to faculty made the following statements: "Please be advised that only work with a grade assigned by the instructor of record (instructor's name) will count

toward your final grade for (course number and name). In the event of a faculty strike this semester, it is possible that someone may be temporarily assigned to teach this class. If that occurs, please be advised that none of the class work done for that person will be accepted as counting toward your final grade for (course name and number) by the instructor of record (name of instructor)."

I suggest that every student, regardless of whether they are an undergraduate, graduate, native or international student, demand from the instructors of their classes a statement in writing saying that the final grade for the class will be accepted regardless who is teaching the class as long as that instructor has the permission of the University. Furthermore, if instructors are unwilling to give each of their students something in writing guaranteeing acceptance of final grades, then all students should go to that instructor's department chair and demand something in writing that guarantees final grades regardless of whoever ends up teaching the class.

One final point: Students do not have the choice or luxury of picking who teaches the class they enroll in. They have to accept whomever the University assigns, regardless of whether it's the instructor or the substitute. How dare Dameshdoost threaten students on not accepting final grades? I believe the students have a right to know if their instructor intend to strike. I also believe that it is the instructor's obligation to inform students if they would strike if such an event occurs.

Don Williamson
Graduate student in educational administration and higher

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Catching your ZZZ

STORY BY SAMANTHA ROBINSON • ART BY RANDY WILLIAMS

There was a song that included the lines, "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired." Actually there have been several songs that have included those lines, which have been used in many different contexts.

This time around it refers to the countless number of college students who are tired from their daily routines, but can never seem to get over it.

Day after day students spend their time working, whether it is a job, schoolwork or in class.

By the end of the day they are tired, but instead of going to sleep, they stay up and study more or just hang out.

The next day, they blow off their tiredness and think sleep will help them get over their little hump.

Wrong.

Many people suffer from fatigue and do not even know it. Letting it go untreated for a long period of time can lead to serious health problems that may require extensive medical treatment.

There are several types of fatigue someone may suffer from, all having different symptoms and treatments.

Physical fatigue is unusual tiredness after physical exertion. Mental fatigue is difficulty focusing on activities that require concentration and motivational fatigue is when someone lacks the will or desire to engage in emotional or physical activities.

There are also acute and chronic types of fatigue. Acute fatigue is generally short-lived, sudden in onset, and relieved by rest. Chronic fatigue lasts a long time (usually six months or longer), may be insidious in onset, and is usually not relieved by rest.

Fatigue can interfere with the ability to think and concentrate, be physically active, interact with people, care for family and perform at work.

Bari Elam, stress management coordinator at the Wellness Center, said some of the physical reasons for fatigue could be attributed to thyroids, but for the college population most of the time it is lifestyle or stress.

The lifestyle of students in connection with diet can lead to fatigue and cause some serious imbalances. Elam said it can be compared to being high on drugs. When the drug is newly introduced to the system, the person feels great, but as the drug wears off, the person begins to tire.

Sugar intake contributes to fatigue. Students may drink a soda or eat candy while trying to stay awake during an all-nighter, but in the process are contributing to fatigue. As the next day rolls around they are likely to be less energetic.



Fatigue can be more than just feeling tired; students can help themselves by recognizing symptoms

Fatigue Questionnaire

1. Have you felt generally "unwell" for three months or longer?
Yes No
2. Is your tolerance for activity — physical and/or mental — less than it was before you began feeling unwell?
Yes No
3. Has your illness had a major impact on work, social, and/or educational activities, to the extent that you have had to make noticeable adjustments in your lifestyle in an effort to avoid relapsing or becoming more ill?
Yes No
4. Did your feelings of unwellness begin suddenly, within a period of hours or a couple of days?
Yes No
- 4a. Did your feelings of unwellness gradually become worse until you had to make major changes in your life?
Yes No
- 4b. Has it been so long since you felt "well" that you can't recall what "normal" is?
Yes No
5. Do you have at least four (4) of the following eight (8) symptoms?
 - * Substantial impairment of short-term memory or concentration
 - * Unrefreshing sleep
 - * Weakness and exhaustion after activity that lasts more than 24 hours
 - * Tender armpit and/or neck lymph nodes
 - * Pain in the joints, without swelling or redness
 - * Muscle pain
 - * Headaches of a new type, pattern or severity
 - * Sore throat
 Yes No
6. Have you seen a health care provider to do some basic laboratory tests, evaluate your health history, and conduct a physical exam in an effort to rule out other possible causes for your symptoms and generally poor health?
Yes No

"Because of the high sugar concentration [in soda], in the long run more sugar is pulled out and leads the body to more fatigue," Wellness Center Nutrition and Fitness Coordinator Lynn Gill said. "The irony is if people are tired and need to pull an all-nighter, the worst thing to do is drink a high-sugar drink."

Gill noted that when it comes to diet, it is essential that breakfast is not skipped. In attempts to not miss breakfast some may eat cereal bars or pop tarts, which are not a valuable nutrition source because the blood stream is flooded with sugar in a short period of time, causing students to feel lethargic when fatigue sets in.

There are seven dietary contributors to fatigue, but the most common is mild dehydration. The body is sensitive to fluid intake and if a sufficient amount of fluids is not being consumed, the body will conserve what it is taking in. Once the body has lost 2 percent of its weight in water, dehydration has occurred.

"The first symptom of that is dry mouth and poor concentration," Gill said. "One of the best ways to determine if you are dehydrated is through urine output — if it is small volume, dark in color and has a strong odor."

A downside to students suffering from fatigue is the possibility of suffering severe cognitive difficulties resulting in poor short-term memory, inability to maintain concentration, as well as problems in visual or spatial perception.

"People who are stress-prone feel sleepy and drowsy and can fall asleep within minutes, which is a definite sign of fatigue and can cause school and work to suffer," Elam said.

Research shows that math tends to cause the most problems for students because of the logical and sequential nature of the subject, but difficulties with reading comprehension and writing are also common. These cognitive symptoms may make education challenging, if not impossible. High achievers may find this aspect of the illness the hardest to cope with because of the lowering of academic ability.

In an undergraduate study by professors at Boston and Ben Gurion Universities, it was attempted to define the problem on college campuses. The authors concluded: College students may in fact experience the burnout phenomenon due to learning conditions that demand excessively high levels of effort and do not provide supportive mechanisms that would

facilitate effective coping.

SIUC offers different services to students to define the severity of their condition and mechanisms to deal with them. Counselors at the Wellness Center are available for personal counseling and there are computers in the Student Center and Recreation Center with programs that will help students with a self-assessment.

"Students can check out tapes and CDs to help them deal with their situation and there is always someone available for them to talk to," Elam said.

The study also found emotional exhaustion and a lack of feeling like accomplishments have been made contribute to burnout. The conclusion: Emotional fatigue greatly influences student performance and affects personal commitment. On the other hand, the degree to which the student experiences emotional exhaustion is dependent on his individual flexibility, involvement, and student-faculty contact.

According to the Fatigue and Fibromyalgia Clinic of Michigan website, some things students can make note of and try to help deal with fatigue are:

- * Save energy for things that matter most — keep a daily diary of fatigue to identify when it's worst and when it's least troubling. Identify stressors but don't let handling this stress compound ongoing fatigue further.

- * Ask for help or accept the offers of help and goodwill from family and friends. Keep a list of things simply too exhausting to deal with, so when people ask what they can do, give them the list.

- * Give up on unimportant, unfinished business — do what should be done, not what others think should be done. Control uncertainty — address the questions about the illness and treatment, and find down-to-earth answers.

- * Keep a daily diary: This will help plan daily activities. Join a support group, share feelings with others to ease the burden of fatigue and give ideas about how to cope with the condition.

"If students know what the problem is they can start at the appropriate department, but no matter what they need help for, they can begin anywhere as long as they seek help," Elam said.

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SIU brain bank assists in Alzheimer's research

Primary provider sites help local patients and families

Lindsey J. Mastis
Daily Egyptian

The deaths of those who suffered from Alzheimer's disease has potential to aid people afflicted with dementia in the future, according to researchers at the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield.

The SIU School of Medicine at the Springfield campus houses a "brain bank," a place where researchers study the tissues of patients suffering from the disease.

Alzheimer's disease is caused from abnormal proteins surrounding and killing nerves in the brain. This causes memory loss and can eventually cause death.

There is no cure nor any sure way to know if a person has the disease until after death. But scientists are finding new ways to screen for Alzheimer's and can prescribe medication to slow the effects of dementia.

Dr. Robert Struble, research director for the brain bank at the Center for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, said the brains are studied to find if patients were properly diagnosed.

There are two reasons to main-

tain a brain bank. The first reason is to give clinicians the final diagnosis," he said. "The other thing that we're doing up here is we're looking for drugs to help that disease."

The school has the only brain bank in Illinois that serves the rural communities and has 24 primary provider sites, Struble said. The other two brain banks in the state are in Chicago.

Dr. Sharon Smaga, medical director for the Center for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, serves patients who may be suffering from the disease at the Carbondale Family Practice Center for the School of Medicine. She said that many times when people are experiencing memory loss, a stroke, rather than Alzheimer's disease, is the cause.

"We give them a physical exam to see if there are any other things to rule out," she said. "It can be somewhat time consuming because it takes a while to do it all."

When a patient is evaluated, standardized tests of skills such as math and drawing are administered.

"Drawing a clock can be very challenging for a person suffering from dementia," Smaga said. "There are treatments to help slow the process, so the sooner the better to get evaluated so that a person can get on medications to help."

Although Alzheimer's disease can result in death, many patients

die from other causes. The goal for researchers is to use the brain bank to prevent the people suffering from the disease from "losing their minds," Struble said.

"If we can keep people out of nursing homes, that's a plus for families," he said.

After death, researchers study trends in the brain to see which treatments work and what the common misdiagnoses were.

"About 15 percent to 20 percent of the time, the diagnosis is not correct," Struble said. "If we do find a cure, we don't want to use it on people who don't have the disease."

For those who must deal with a loved one suffering from dementia, the Alzheimer's Association in Carbondale works to educate and support families.

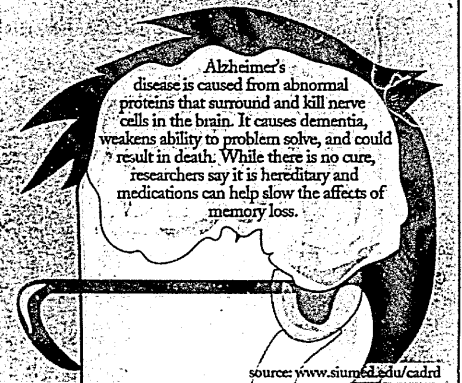
"We're here to guide families through the journey," said Lisa Lee, the association's development manager.

Lee said that among the many programs, a Safe Return program is a good safety net for wandering patients.

"We cover 26 counties and we currently have 18 support groups," she said. "As far as services, we have a 24-hour help line, various education training programs, and we also act as a source of referral."

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Alzheimer's Disease



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N. Korea dismisses U.S. offer of aid as 'deceptive'

Michael Zielenziger
Knight Ridder Newspapers

SEOUL, South Korea (KRT) — North Korea late Wednesday adamantly rejected the United States' recent offer of aid if it abandons its nuclear development program, dismissing the gesture as "nothing but a deceptive drama to mislead the world public opinion."

The firm dismissal came a day after President Bush said that he would consider a plan to give North Korea energy and food aid if it dismantled its nuclear weapons programs. Previously, Bush said he would not negotiate with or offer inducement to North Korea to abandon the programs.

While the North Korean position appeared to be a categorical rejection of the U.S. offer, it was consistent with the almost daily strident claims and demands coming from Pyongyang in recent weeks. Pyongyang may feel the tactic is working, as the United States has subtly shifted its position over the past weeks, first proposing talks with North Korea and then dangling the possibility of aid.

On Monday U.S. Assistant Secretary of States James Kelly, while visiting Seoul, hinted that the United States might offer energy aid and other incentives if the secretive North Korean regime reversed course and agreed not to move ahead in restarting its nuclear weapons program.

On Wednesday, Kelly was in Beijing for talks with Chinese officials. China is North Korea's main supporter, and the United States hopes that China can apply some leverage on its communist neighbor.

"The U.S. loudmouthed supply of energy and food aid are like a painted cake in the sky as they are possible only after North Korea is totally disarmed," said the North Korean statement, issued late in the evening by the Korea Central News Agency, attributing the comments to North Korea's Foreign Ministry.

"We have already clarified that

the DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, North Korea's formal name) is ready to solve the nuclear issue through negotiations on condition that the U.S. recognizes the DPRK's sovereignty, assures it of non-aggression and does not obstruct its economic development," it said.

Washington insists it will not offer Pyongyang concessions or inducements to scrap its nuclear program, but has said it wants to resolve the confrontation through diplomacy, not war.

At the White House, spokesman Ari Fleischer said, "That's an additional unfortunate statement that North Korea has made," but gave no hint the United States might be forced to change tactics.

Only last week, North Korean leaders met with New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, suggesting that they were open to restarting dialogue with the United States. In their statement, however, the North Koreans said the Americans appeared unwilling to talk.

"The U.S. assertion that negotiations for conclusion of a non-aggression treaty and economic aid are possible only when the DPRK unilaterally lays down its arms is against common sense as the DPRK and the U.S. are now standing in the most acute military confrontation," the statement said. "It is, in essence, a stand of denying dialogue and negotiations."

The Bush administration has ruled out war as a means of getting North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions, since "conflict would almost certainly engulf Seoul and cause hundreds of thousands of casualties. Its hope of using North Korea's allies to turn up the pressure has not received enthusiastic reactions from China, South Korea or Japan. And now its half step toward promising future aid if Pyongyang backs down has been firmly knocked down.

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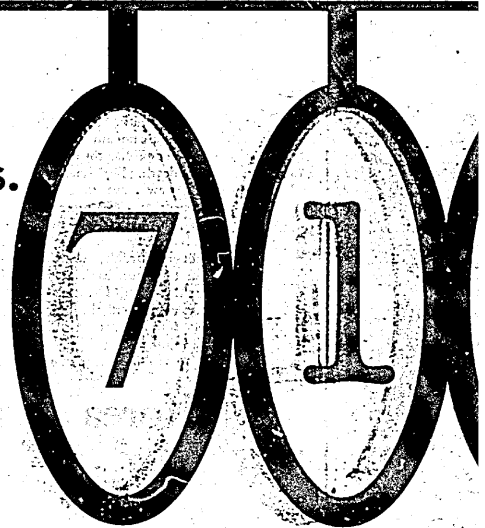
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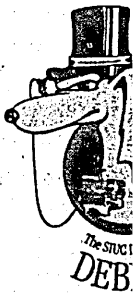
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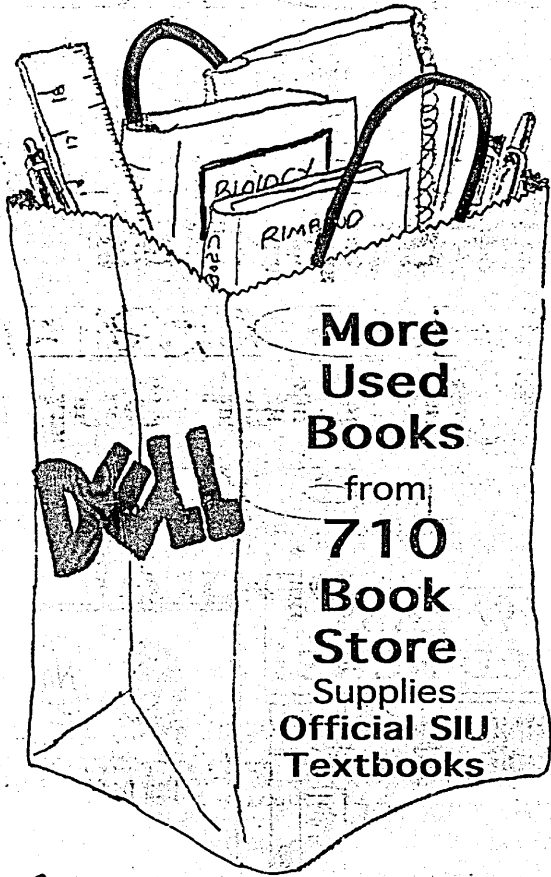
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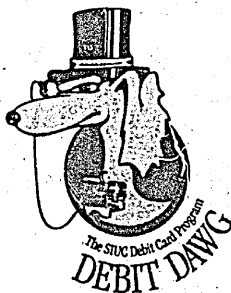
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SPC prepares spring schedule on limited budget

Funds up \$8,500 from last year

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

The Student Programming Council is tightening its purse strings in response to cuts made to its budget from the Undergraduate Student Government last November.

SPC requested about \$240,000 from USG to fund events for SIUC students for this school year. They initially gave SPC about \$105,000, and asked them to resubmit a request to fund events for the spring.

USG had about \$80,000 to allocate for spring events, and SPC requested \$61,600. They cut the number to \$56,910, giving them a total of about \$163,000 for the year. Though the amount is about \$8,500 more than they received last year, it is still about \$80,000 less than they had hoped for.

Neil Young, USG vice president, said the money they have to allocate is for all organizations to share, and although he would have liked to fill their request, they had obligations to other RSOs. Last year alone, they fielded requests from hundreds of organizations comprising thousands of students who requested more than a million dollars.

SPC also receives funding from local radio stations, the City of Carbondale and GPSC for some events, but the majority of their funding comes from USG. It uses the funding to bring lecturers, bands and comedians to campus. They are currently organizing a trip to see Les Miserables at the Fox Theater in St. Louis.

The senators turned down several of the requests to set more money aside to sponsor Spring Thing, an annual outdoor concert, and ensure that there will be no charge to students.

The Purchase Awards, a long-standing tradition at SIUC, were one of the events cut this year as a result. The annual show purchases several students' artworks to hang in hallways of the Student Center.

"It was a good way for artists to get their work out there and gain some credibility," said Steve Annen, SPC's executive director.

Last fall, 86 students, both graduates and undergraduates, submitted 128 works of art to be considered for the art show. Matt Phillips, director for the Visual Arts Committee and organizer of the awards, said this was a very good turnout.

Phillips said he went to USG and thought that some of the senators voting on the bill did not understand the concept of the event.

"It is a cultural event to educate and expose students to art and how art shows work, interacting with professionals and exchanging ideas," Phillips said.

He said he would hate to see it fall apart. If they do not receive any more funding, he will be forced to seek sponsors or charge a fee for students to submit their works.

Annen agreed saying, as with most events, they have to make the money up somewhere.

Annen said that even though a lot of programs were not cut, it's a business and the restricted budget affects the talent that they're able to bring to campus.

For example, USG allocated \$25,000 to fund Spring Thing, an annual outdoor concert that is free to students. Annen said that SPC had proposed to bring in a big name, such as the

Dave Matthews Band, which would cost more than \$100,000. If USG would cover a portion of that fee, they would be able to make up the rest of the cost by charging a small ticket fee.

However, USG guidelines stipulate that Spring Thing be a free event, so Annen said they are restricted to the base funds allocated for the event. He says they are looking to bring in a small act for Spring Thing, currently scheduled for April, but no band has been signed.

All RSOs follow the same extensive process to receive funding from USG. They each fill out paperwork stipulating why they need the funds and how they will be used. Then they go before the finance committee who helps them decide what they need and what can be cut.

USG currently approves funding proposals line by line to see why the money is needed and then sets up guidelines for how the money can be used. This process is done to ensure that RSOs use the money for campus-wide events and do not misuse the funds.

SPC had to follow some different guidelines in previous years, Young said. He said they asked for money, took it, and then did not spend it as they were supposed to.

"It's hard for us to just look the other way and let them spend the money on whatever they want, which could not necessarily be in the best interest of the students," Young said.

He added that if some smaller organizations misused funds, they would not get funded during spring allocations the next year. Therefore, USG made the initial allocation to SPC for the fall and told them they could ask for more if they used the money responsibly.

Annen said that this complicated their funding process.

"USG did actually give us a large amount of money; it is probably the largest allocation we've ever received," Annen said. "The problem was that it took a little long to get it to us."

He said SPC attended a conference in October where they met many agents of bands and comedians who have appeared on Comedy Central and BET. Since they had not received their spring allocation yet, they could not put bids in for the events.

Annen said SPC has to deal with the entertainment industry, which is constantly changing. USG's process constricted SPC's ability to do its job.

"We go in and we try to put on several programs and all of our committees have a lot going on," said Annen. "They're going in and line-itemizing everything, which they want to do for accountability, but it really takes up their time and our freedom. It puts us in a tighter spot."

Annen said he respects them for going to all of the trouble that they go through, but he would like to see more of a dedicated fee in the future. With a dedicated fee, SPC would be given a certain amount of money to deal with as they wish.

"I'd like to see the process changed a little bit," Annen said. "USG did give us a good amount of money, but the process was a little long and hindered what we could do."

"If we didn't have to worry so much about if we had the money, then we could do the job a lot better, and that's what we're here for: to provide entertainment for the campus."

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Students pick computers over campus

Denise-Marie Balona
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. (KRT) — Rising tuition, crowded classes and busy lifestyles are forcing more and more students off university campuses and onto the Internet, where a college degree could be as close as a laptop computer.

Online programs have flooded the market since universities and private companies first introduced them in the 1990s.

There are signs, though, that "e-learning" is growing more popular as more state universities offer programs.

The U.S. Department of Education has estimated that in 2003 more than 2 million people will be enrolled in so-called distance-education programs, which include online classes. In 1995, at least 500,000

students were involved in distance-education programs, when most used video and radio to learn off campus, the Education Department reports.

After a week jammed with corporate meetings and computer-network problems, Alex Moiseev leaves his Orlando office on Fridays and heads to Saint Leo University.

But instead of traveling two hours to the university's Tampa-area campus, Moiseev simply drives home. There, the 26-year-old computer-science major trades his business suit for a T-shirt and shorts and plops in front of his home computer for lessons.

"I can manage my own time; I can schedule my own times of study, my own times to take the tests," said Moiseev, who works for a bank and has taken classes while on business trips and family visits. It is a trend that has grown in fits and starts.

Across the country, some prestigious universities created independent institutions offering e-learning. But the demand wasn't there, so many closed or reorganized.

"Originally, I think people thought online education would just mushroom, and that just didn't happen," said Diane E. Rogers, vice president for governmental and external relations for the national Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

But as more people have incorporated the Internet into their everyday lives — from paying bills to buying things — studying online no longer seems extraordinary. Online learning isn't for everyone because it requires a higher degree of self-discipline. Students have to set their own pace.

The American Association of University Professors is worried about dropout rates. Thirty-two percent to 64 percent of online learners drop



Alex Moiseev studies computer science at Tampa's Saint Leo University from his home, in Orlando.

their studies compared to 4 percent to 15 percent of traditional students, according to the agency's studies in 2000.

Critics of online education argue that, outside the classroom, students lose the benefit of working one-on-

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Educators and lawmakers are looking for ways to support online classes, which would allow universities to take in more students without needing more space.

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Elsaid said that though he believes the strategic hiring plan is a step in the right direction, he, as well as many of his peers, were miffed by the allocation of the appointments.

"Many of us got substantially less than needed," he said. "We were looking for two in my department, but now we're stuck - we can only hire one."

Steven Esling, head of the Geology Department, said he is grateful for being on the list for a senior faculty member, but still needs more help for his department.

Edwin Hippo, a professor in mechanical engineering, said his department also needs more assistance

"Although the administration may be correcting its assessment, the question is: What happens to the positions that are lost?" he said. "The number of continuing faculty is decreasing outside of the Law School and med school."

There was controversy early on about the number of faculty hired. Chancellor Wendler asked for 28 appointments, while Morteza Daneshdoost, Faculty Association president, pointed out that the University lost 55 professors last year due to retirements and resignations.

Hippo said that while 28 may not be enough, it is better than nothing. He suggested the administration talk with individuals about its needs and conduct more in-depth research before making these decisions.

"I want to emphasize that the

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administration is trying to do something and we need to recognize the effort," he said. "But I agree the procedures used could have been better."

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be the value that unifies administration and faculty."

Included in Daneshdoost's letter was a faculty member's own disclaimer that he or she had included in his or her syllabi. The statement said, "... Please note that in the event of a faculty strike this semester, we may need to arrange extra sessions, after the strike, so that we can complete the semester's work. Also, if a strike occurs, someone else may be assigned to teach this class. It would be a violation of academic freedom to require me, as the teacher of record, to include the assignments and grades given by that person in computing your final grade."

But with no written policy of what can be done in the case of a strike, students are left wondering what class work will be accepted toward their final grade.

"Given the information that we know to be true, and the University policy and the students' rights to be treated fairly, students could appeal," Davis said.

Faculty and administrators have also not come to an agreement on who holds the title of instructor of records, the person who can determine the student's final grade.

Daneshdoost said in his letter that faculty in the teaching positions have "expertise" in the specific field. Faculty are the instructors of record "on the basis of our earning a doctorate and having years of experience in teaching in our field."

Administrators, on the other hand, said that when a course is disrupted because of illness or some other reason, the department chair can reassign a new instructor to the class in case of a strike.

"The main duties of the chair or director of the department in that situation is to reassign an instructor to the

class," Davis said. "Then that person becomes the instructor of record."

Paul Sarvela, dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, said that if there is a strike, his department plans to remain dedicated to the students.

"If there is a strike, we are going to keep the students in mind," Sarvela said. "We are committed to the students and we want to meet the students' needs to the best of our ability."

He said that even though he is remaining optimistic about both negotiation teams working hard for a solution to avoid a strike, the department is dedicated to making sure students still receive an education.

"We will do our best to provide coverage of classes with qualified substitutes," Sarvela said. "Meeting students' needs should be one of our top priorities."

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Daily Horoscope by Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Jan. 16). You could run into a person this year who's both attractive and irritating. You'd sometimes like to strangle this person, but that's not a good idea. Instead, use this person as a resource to get rid of old baggage and polish your performance. This coach will show you how.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 5 - If you don't feel up to taking on a new challenge, you're reading the conditions well. Take it easy. Whatever it is can wait.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Don't race all over town running errands. That's a waste of time and money. You don't even need some of the stuff on your lists. Edit.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You may have thought you needed to make more money, but there are other ways to achieve peace of mind. Consult a friend who gets by on less.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - One of the most important skills you can learn is knowing when and how to say "no." It'll do wonders for your peace of mind and make it much easier to schedule.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 21) - Today is a 5 - Does some aspect of your work have you troubled? Somebody who's being overlooked, who needs more of your attention? Focus on caring for them, and you'll benefit, too.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - If at first you don't succeed, ask a friend to intervene. You hardly ever fail for anything, but you could. You know the perfect person, too.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 9 - Things are looking up for you today. Love and romance are in the air, and opportunity may be just around the corner. Don't wait for it to come to you. Reach out and grab it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You may feel attracted by a distant opportunity, yet hesitate to leave the security of the familiar. You should know if it's right for you to soon. By Saturday, for sure.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - You generally aren't a coupon-clipper, but fate could toss you a deal that's too good to overlook. Don't throw away a great opportunity.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - The person you most feel like talking to isn't asking you to explain a thing. He or she is a great listener, though, and you know it. Vent.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - Love and money are connected now. The simply means you're more apt to achieve a goal with somebody special on your side. Work is involved, too.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Arrange your schedule to include a visit with friends, but also leave time for your own. A family member needs you now, maybe just to know you're OK.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
 by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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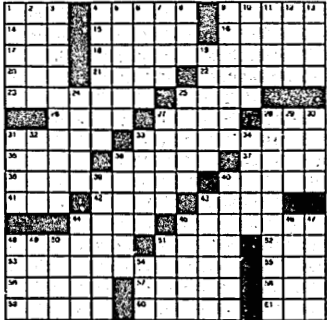
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: A "OOOO" (crosses tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LEAKY • HABIT LAGOON BUTTON
 Answer: He couldn't stop this when he quit smoking - TALKING ABOUT IT

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Booming jet, for short
 - 4 Violator
 - 9 Frigthen
 - 14 Luau fare
 - 15 Neighborhoods
 - 16 "West Side Story" song
 - 17 Stately tree
 - 18 Magician
 - 20 Plumb or Arden
 - 21 Freshwater duck
 - 22 Loose outer garments
 - 23 Fats
 - 25 Hound
 - 29 Make a point
 - 32 Creator of fabric
 - 28 Dikigallo or Montana
 - 31 Fort, NC
 - 33 Convicts on trumped-up charges
 - 35 Emanation
 - 36 Creator of Captain Nemo
 - 37 Dots breads
 - 38 Benedictions
 - 40 US a driving rod
- DOWN**
- 1 Swiftiness
 - 2 Figure out
 - 3 Vacation condominiums, perhaps
 - 4 Lady-in-
 - 5 Address Dahl
 - 6 Place with a baton

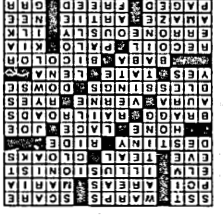


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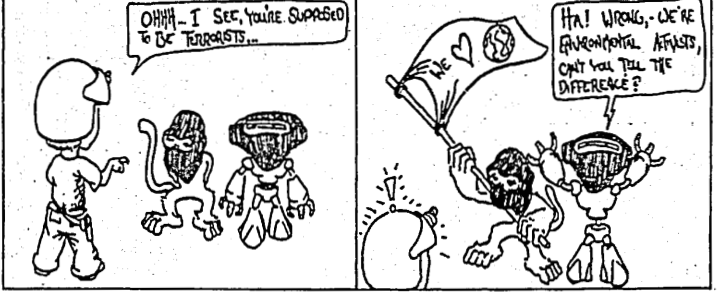
- 7** Newman or McCartney
- 8 Draft org.
 - 9 Burn without flames
 - 10 Paddler's craft
 - 11 Vorki song
 - 12 Game of world conquest
 - 13 Diner food
 - 19 Eaves hanger
 - 24 Roman robes
 - 25 Claude of "Casablanca"
 - 27 Expansive
 - 28 Crossing in the middle of the block
 - 29 Lity poems
 - 30 In (in actual be ng)
 - 31 Outside
 - 32 Hold pway
 - 33 Oscar de la
 - 34 University of Maine locale
 - 36 Practicable

Solutions



- 39 Discolored
- 40 Lures
- 43 Address Beatrice
- 44 Drinks
- 45 Moisten periodically
- 46 Edmonton skater
- 47 Gardener, at times
- 48 Harvest
- 49 Ms. Bombick
- 50 Rugged rock
- 51 Run smoothly
- 54 Kutz

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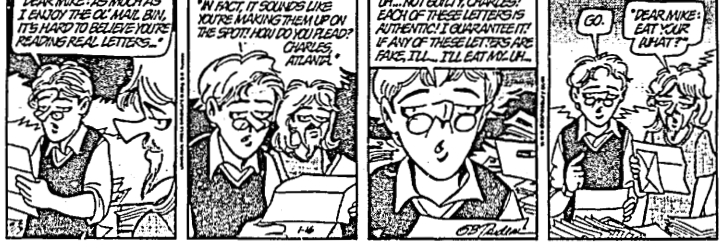


Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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BA day in the life of Bruce Weber

STORY BY • CHRISTOPHER MORRICAL

Last year, SIU men's basketball head coach Bruce Weber was so swamped with requests for interviews, he was forced to hold a national teleconference from the Communications Building.

It is hard to imagine Bruce Weber's days being as hectic and busy as they were during the Salukis' Sweet 16 run last season, but even the day before a regular season game proved to be filled with media interviews, meetings and a practice in which Weber got physically involved.

Now, with the Salukis sitting atop the Missouri Valley Conference, tied with Creighton, Weber and his team are facing an increase of media attention including ESPN and Shadow Box Entertainment, which is on campus filming a documentary that could later be aired on MTV, pending the Salukis' success.

Tuesday, the day before the Salukis were to face Wichita State, Weber allowed DAILY EGYPTIAN photographers and reporter Christopher Morrival to follow him around so fans could understand the daily life of a mid-major college basketball program.

This is a day in the life of Bruce Weber.

6:45 a.m. Waking up for family time

Weber is awoken every morning at 6:45 a.m. by two alarm clocks at his home on the outskirts of Carbondale. He admits he isn't much of a morning person and often stays up late watching basketball or waiting for one of his coaches to call.

The rest of the family, wife Megan and their three daughters, get up about the same time. Weber knew he wouldn't be spending much time with them for the rest of the day so he tried to make the most of it.

"I don't give much time to my family so in the morning I'm trying to be around them," Weber said. "I help make breakfast if anyone needs help. I make lunches. We have a routine like with little chores. Taking the dishes out of the dishwasher, getting the laundry going, a variety of things like that."

Weber made a sandwich for his youngest daughter, Emily. She usually has peanut butter, but today it was salami. His two older daughters are in high school, so he gives them money to go out for lunch.

After a breakfast of half a bagel, orange juice and a vitamin supplement, and with the kids heading off to school, the Webers' family time is interrupted for an ESPN radio interview at 8:10 a.m. The station, based out of St. Louis, asked him about upcoming games, especially Creighton. The interview, however, only took 10 minutes.

With that done, Weber now focused his attention to his wife, the family's dogs and exercise. At 8:30, the couple took their two dogs — Daisy, a poodle-like dog and Penny, a lab — for a walk. The excursion covers about two miles in a half hour.

"It's good for me to spend some time with my wife," Weber said. "We'll just talk about the kids and what's going on that day and what we need to do and things like that."

The walk could not last any longer. Weber had another radio interview to do at 9:10 a.m.

This time it was a radio show from Chicago. Weber admits he doesn't recall the name of it. Like the St. Louis station, he is asked about playing Creighton later in the week.

9:45 a.m. Off to work

Arriving at Lingle Hall in the SIU Arena around 9:45 a.m., Weber

headed to his office to spend the next half-hour opening mail and returning phone calls.

"Sometimes you call to find out about an opponent," Weber said. "Maybe we're playing Wichita and Wichita played Tulsa. We'll call the Tulsa coach to get some info."

Weber also talked to Assistant Coach Rodney Watson about the Salukis' travel plans for the next week.

Around 10:30, Weber joined other coaches on the Valley's weekly teleconference, an over-the-phone interview process where people call in to ask the coaches questions. The show was delayed and Weber was on for more than half an hour. Reporters asked him questions about the Salukis' bench and Creighton, among other things.

At 11, Weber did a telephone interview with the local newspaper. There were more questions about the Salukis' upcoming opponents.

11:30 a.m. Preparation for practice

A coaches meeting took place at 11:30 to discuss the incoming opponent the next night.

Assistant coach Chris Lowery presented the scouting reports and gameplan. Watson clipped tape before the coaches headed off to lunch. Weber doesn't eat lunch, but if he gets hungry, he munches on pretzels or an apple.

"I have cut back on Diet Pepsi," Weber said. "I used to drink five or six a day. Now I try to stay at two or three. I think I get more work done during lunch because no one is around. People don't seem to call during that time because they are at lunch."

At 1:30 p.m., videotape of the Indiana State game was watched and the coaches broke down the plays.

2 p.m. Last practice before Wichita State

Practice began with Weber talking to his coaches as the players stretched on the floor of the court.

"Come on," Weber said. "Let's get a sweat going!"

As the drills started, Weber didn't just stand by and watch. He got involved. After telling the men on the floor what the play would be, he passed the ball and tried to block the players as they came past. He was nearly run over a few times.

Deeper into practice, Weber paced from one side of the court to the other, offering advice to the defense and then to the offense.

"We're not going to beat Wichita and Creighton if the bench plays like it did at Indiana State," Weber said as



SIU men's basketball head coach Bruce Weber takes a few minutes after practice to speak with Magic 95.1's Mike Reis. Weber has warranted a lot more attention from the media since he guided the Salukis to the Sweet 16 of last year's NCAA tournament.

JESSICA EDMOND
DAILY EGYPTIAN

one of the plays was messed up.

Practice lasted about two hours, a cut-down from the three hours it was before the season started.

At 4 p.m. practice is over, but it was time for more interviews including one with Mike Reis, the Salukis' play-by-play announcer.

4 p.m. Post-practice activities

The team met in the locker room to watch the game tape of Indiana State. Weber sat next to the television in order to work the VCR buttons.

"You've got to be coming," Weber said pointing at the screen. "You've got to be coming. Spread the defense out a little."

At one point Weber became so animated that he stood up and ran his finger across the screen as if he had a telestrator.

These meetings are designed to help give the Salukis an edge over the other team. Weber said some players can learn from just the reports and the tape, but some need to go through a walk-through, which will be done at the practice before the game.

5:15 p.m. More interviews and a little more family time

Weber returned to his office to find Mitch Holthus, the Valley television announcer, waiting to talk with him. They talked until 6:15.

At this point, Weber was finally able to leave. He picked up Emily from horse riding lessons and headed home.

The family sat down together for a lasagna dinner before Weber found the Purdue game on television. Weber used to be an assistant coach with the Boilermakers.

Weber then helped Emily with her social studies homework, quizzing her on the contents of an upcoming test.

At 8:55, it was time for a trip back to the Arena.

9:15 p.m. Back to work

Weber talked with recruit Randal

Falker on the phone as he drove to the Salukis' scouting meeting.

Once there, Weber sat behind the players as they watched the University of Kentucky game on television and ate carry-out from Applebee's.

Weber shuffled through a stack of papers and glanced up to comment on a play on television before it was time to go over the Salukis' opponent.

At 9:50, the team watched film footage of Wichita State and coaches commented on what the Salukis had to do to contain the Shockers.

By 10:15, the television was off.

"That's enough," Weber said. "We've got the message."

Weber spoke with the team, hoping to get the point across that it shouldn't look past Wichita State to Creighton.

"We've got media back here," Weber said. "I've done three radio interviews today. They're getting

interested in you again. Do you want that?"

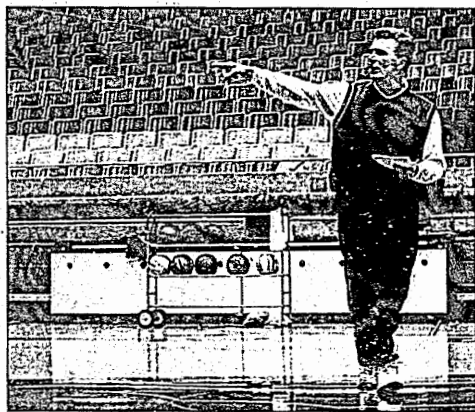
Weber explained some schools will put the athletes in a hotel before a home game to get them away from the other students, but since SIU can't afford that, the Salukis have these meetings.

The players started to leave and Weber went back to his office. He went through the day's mail and watched more tape with the coaches. He planned on being home around midnight.

Midnight and back home again

With the children in bed for the night, Weber said he hoped to have a snack of popcorn with his wife while watching SportsCenter.

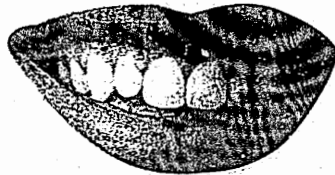
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Weber shouts out instructions during practice Tuesday afternoon. In his fifth year at SIU, Weber still gets physically involved in practice often in order to help his team remain among the best in the Valley.

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SIU women look to get on track

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

If the SIU women's basketball team still wants to achieve its goal of a sixth-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference, it had better get its first league win soon.

But that won't come easy, as the Salukis will have to take on a full-court pressing, run-and-gun Creighton team tonight at 7 p.m. in Omaha, Neb.

The Bluejays (9-4, 2-2 MVC) are attempting to rebound from two road losses decided by a combined three points, while SIU is still trying to find the win column in conference play after losing its first three Valley games.

In order to pull off the upset, the Dawgs will have to find an answer for the Bluejays' full-court defense.

"We're not as good offensively if we can't turn people over in our full-court defense," said Creighton head coach Jim Flanery, who's in his first year at the helm after spending 10 years as an assistant with the Bluejays.

But the Salukis (4-7, 0-3 MVC) feel confident playing against the Creighton press, which is similar to their own.

"If we run our press break against them and just really look to get the ball up the floor, I don't think we'll have any problems with it," said senior guard Molly McDowell, SIU's leader in scoring and numerous other offensive categories.

The press could also speed up the game, which would hamper forward Tiffany Crutcher's ability to help the Salukis exploit their superior size inside.

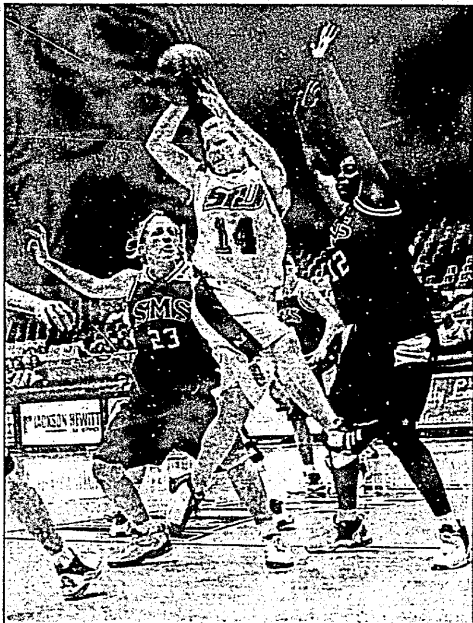
Crutcher played only three minutes in SIU's last game Saturday against Evansville because of a foot injury that limited her effectiveness in the fast-paced 95-85 loss.

But if she can play, Crutcher could dominate in the paint.

"Creighton's not as strong inside," Crutcher said. "They're more of a shooting-oriented team."

Creighton is a rather streaky team, but SIU has the ability to weather these spurts, as evidenced by several big comebacks already this season.

"Unfortunately we're a team that is used to teams making runs on us and we're always come back," said SIU head coach Lori Opp.



LESTER E. MURRAY — DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU junior point guard Dana Pinkston looks for an open teammate against Southwest Missouri State earlier this month. Pinkston and the Salukis will have their hands full tonight when they face a tough Creighton defense in Omaha, Neb.

At the head of every Bluejay spurt is the talented backcourt trio of Christy Neneman, Laura Spanheimer and Dayna Finch.

Neneman, who leads her team in scoring, assists and rebounding, earned the conference's player of the year honors last year as a sophomore.

Spanheimer, a sophomore point guard, averages more than 12 points per game. The lightning-quick floor general also shoots 53 percent from three-point range for the Bluejays, who lead the league with nearly eight treys per game.

A 5-foot-6 junior guard, Finch gives her team a third legitimate scoring threat.

The key to the Salukis' offensive success is McDowell, who happens to be a rather talented guard herself.

Flanery said stopping McDowell, who scored 35 in her last outing, is important for Creighton to snap its two-game losing streak.

"Having her play well probably gives the rest of her team a lot of confidence," Flanery said.

Saluki forward Jodi Heiden and point guard Dana Pinkston will have to have some confidence as well. Pinkston will be key in handling the

pressure, and Heiden will have to turn her three-inch height advantage into points and rebounds.

"Heiden at the four spot is going to be significantly taller and stronger than our four player," Flanery said, adding that his team is used to being outsized. "That's why we try to play up and down."

And Creighton will have a little extra motivation to keep the Salukis winless in conference play. The Bluejays, who were picked to repeat as conference champs, now sit in fifth place at 2-2.

"I was worried about a little bit of a hangover effect," Flanery said. "But we've practiced well and our spirits seem to be good. We wouldn't have won the league last year if we didn't have some toughness."

But Crutcher believes that the Salukis will reap the benefits of their relentless this week end.

"We're ready for a win," Crutcher said. "We've been working hard. I think it's going to come this weekend, definitely."

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EGYPTIAN, the school newspaper of his arch-rival, and talking to a reporter he must have known hated him.

But he did not seem to care. Korver saw me as a human being, and though I did not want to, I had to respond in kind.

It was a conversion worthy of Darth Vader right before Luke took his mask off.

And at the end of the interview came the clincher. Korver, a 6-7, 210-pound basketball star, politely expressed his worry of being viewed as cocky or a bad person. I was shocked he cared, and was speechless because a half-hour ago, that was exactly what I had thought of him. I said don't worry and the interview was over.

The reason he should not have worried was because he gave me nothing to use against him yet gave me enough information to write a relevant and interesting story. (To any athletes reading, that is a great way to receive positive press.)

I hate to burst your bubble Carbondale, but Kyle Korver is not the spawn of Satan. Actually, he's the son of a minister. If he makes it in the NBA he will be a white Grant Hill.

It hurts me as much as it hurts you. I want to hate him so bad it hurts, but he's just too nice of a guy.

But this does not mean Saturday's game will not be interesting. Yes, the intellectual sedative known as perspective takes a bit away from this, but the fact remains that Creighton is No. 13 in the nation and SIU does possess a chance in Detroit, I mean hell, to beat the Bluejays.

This game is bigger than the win over No. 24 Indiana last year. The Salukis will see national attention again with a win Saturday as well as a quality victory to impress the NCAA tournament selection committee. A win over Creighton would mean that SIU has defeated Notre Dame and Nebraska by association, not to mention make the Salukis the team to beat in the Missouri Valley Conference.

That, and that alone, should cause Saluki fans to tune in Saturday and scream at the television. If it is not,

seek psychiatric help or e-mail me. It's OK, I've been there.

Who knows? Maybe Korver will sustain an injury through the natural course of time and SIU will win the Valley. Or maybe Creighton will start to play poorly. Hopefully, the team will fall flat on its face.

I hate Creighton, but do not hate Kyle Korver. It's the equivalent of hating Saddam Hussein but loving the non-basketball playing people of Iraq — it's not impossible.

Replace Korver dartboards with Creighton logos or better yet Joe Dabbert or Brody Deren, two lesser-known Bluejays. I have not talked to them, so they are not people in the mind of the twisted sports fan.

But if you are an insensitive and heartless sports fan, continue to abuse Korver in your minds and prepare to burn effigies and make him feel uncomfortable when Creighton comes to town on March 1.

If Creighton wins on Saturday, I'll join you.

Mike is a junior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Nail-biter

SIU nearly blows lead but holds on to defeat Wichita, remain unbeaten in MVC

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

Throughout the first 39 1/2 minutes of Wednesday night's game, SIU senior guard Kent Williams was nearly non-existent on the offensive end.

However, like a true star player, Williams made an impact when it counted most as he hit four free throws in the final 19 seconds of the game to seal a 69-64 Missouri Valley Conference victory over Wichita State and extend the Salukis' home winning streak to 20 games.

Williams, who finished with 11 points, said he just wasn't getting the open shots he is accustomed to and didn't want to force any shots and put the Salukis (10-3, 5-0 MVC) in a bad spot.

At the same time, he was confident he would get a chance to make an impact.

"I knew it was going to come time where if we're winning at the end of the game, they're going to start fouling, and I was probably going to have the ball and need to knock them in," Williams said.

Williams' free throws ended a 15-3 run by the Shockers who roared back just when it seemed they were going to be blown out of the gym as they were last year when they lost 78-58 at the SIU Arena.

This time around, however, the young Shockers rallied behind Aaron Hogg, who finished with a team-high 20 points, and Jamar Howard, who finished with 15 points and a game-high 12 rebounds, to give the Salukis a major scare.

Following the game, SIU head coach Bruce Weber had nothing but praise for the Shockers (8-5, 3-1 MVC) and said he expects them to finish as one of the top teams in the MVC.

"Wichita has made big strides from last year," Weber said. "They kicked our fannies [at Wichita] and they were just awful at this place. It wasn't even a game."

While Williams was quiet throughout most of the game, an

unexpected surge came from senior forward Jermaine Dearman who rebounded from one of his worst games of the season last Saturday against Indiana State to post a career-high 26 points on 12-of-16 shooting.

Despite the huge numbers, Dearman, like Williams, wasn't forcing the issue on the offensive end.

"He caught fire, but at the same time he stayed within himself," Williams said.

"He was seeing the double teams when they were there and if there weren't double teams, he was being smart with it and he was taking his man one-on-one."

"It was a great all-around game for him."

Dearman also had seven rebounds and a blocked shot with committing just one turnover.

After going into the locker room tied at 30-30 at halftime, the Salukis caught fire and went on a 20-8 run to start the second half, much to the pleasure of Weber.

At the same time, Weber was also displeased with the way the Salukis ended the game in allowing the Shockers to push his team to the final seconds.

"I love the run, the energy we played with in the second half to get it up to 10 or 12," Weber said.

"I don't like some of our decisions [late in the game]... so that's disappointing that we couldn't finish it" and we got it as close as it got."

Weber said even though one usually likes winning big at home, this was the type of game he was hoping for as the Salukis prepare for a showdown with No. 13 ranked Creighton on Saturday in Omaha, Neb., in a first place conference showdown.

"If we had blown them out, it's probably not good," Weber said. "I told them we have to have a fear factor going [into Creighton]."

After a 93-56 victory over Evansville Wednesday night, the Bluejays improved to 14-1 on the season and boast an identical 5-0 MVC mark with the Salukis going



AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU head coach Bruce Weber shouts at his players during the first half of the Salukis' 69-64 win over Wichita Wednesday night. With the win, the Dawgs improved to 5-0 in the conference.

Salukis 69; Shockers 64

Dearman agreed with his coach's assessment that having to fight until the final second helps for the Creighton game and said if the starters had been able to rest after 20 minutes or so they never would have been ready to face the Bluejays, especially on the road.

"You go to Creighton and you've got to expect a dogfight," Dearman said. "For us to have a chance to win, you've got to play the whole 40 minutes."

"You've got to expect a close game, but this kind of gets us ready for that situation."

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WICHITA ST. (64) - Aaron Hogg 7-14, 3-3, 20; Jamar Howard 6-18, 2-7, 15; Paul Miller 3-8, 2-2, 8; Randy Burns 2-13, 2-2, 7; Rob Kampman 2-4, 2-3, 6; Matt Clark 2-6, 0-0, 5; Bret Wise 1-1, 1-2, 3. **Totals 23-66, 12-19, 64.**

S. ILLINOIS (69) - Jermaine Dearman 12-16, 2-4, 26; Stetson Hairston 5-12, 4-4, 14; Kent Williams 2-9, 6-7, 11; Darren Brooks 5-14, 0-1, 10; Brad Korn 2-4, 0-0, 5; Bryan Turner 1-3, 0-0, 2; Josh Warren 0-1, 1-2, 1. **Totals 27-62, 13-18, 69.**

Halftime score: Wichita 30, SIU 30. 3-point field goals: Wichita 6-19 (Hogg 3-6, 1st, ward 1-3, Clark, 1-3, Burns 1-6, Steven 0-1), SIU 2-11 (Korn 1-2, Williams 1-3, Turner 0-1, Hairston 0-2, Brooks 0-3). Rebounds: Wichita 42 (Howard 12), SIU 45 (Dearman 7). Assists: Wichita 9 (Howard 3), SIU 9 (4 tied with 2). Total fouls: Wichita 21, SIU 21. Attendance: 7,030. Records: Wichita 8-5 (3-1 MVC), SIU 10-3 (5-0)

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What a difference a phone call makes

Kyle Korver is a craty, ugly horrid human being who should be cast into the deepest pits of darkest hell. He is a poor excuse for a basketball player and I wish a plague upon him. His mother was a hamster, and his father smelled of Elderberries!

That is the sentiment I shared with many Saluki fans for the past year or so. I sought out "Kuck Korver" T-shirts and threw darts at a picture of Korver with friends. In all honesty, I was performing semi-credible voodoo rituals in order to disrupt his game and hoping he would sustain a career-ending injury.

The hatred was flowing through my veins and I was happy on the dark side. Korver was not a human being but an obstacle blocking my school's team from another NCAA tournament.

But then something happened to disrupt my one-track mind and sap the vicious loathing from my blood. It also took some fun from Saturday's nationally televised Creighton-SIU game.

I talked to him. I talked to Kyle Korver over the phone for a feature story, and much to my chagrin, he was a swell guy.

He was polite, answered all the questions well and was sincere throughout. Korver has talked to Sports Illustrated, been praised by Dick Vitale and will play it the NBA. Yet here he was, giving a half-hour interview to the DAILY

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AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN
SIU senior forward Jermaine Dearman poured in a career-high 26 points and grabbed seven rebounds in the Dawgs' 69-64 win over Wichita Wednesday night at the SIU Arena.

Dearman scores career-high in victory over Shockers

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

A little girl's challenge in Terre Haute, Ind., may have cost Wichita State Tuesday night's game.

Following Jermaine Dearman's seven-point, three-turnover performance at Indiana State Saturday, a little girl came out of the stands and said to him, "You play better on TV."

"I took that personal," Dearman said of the little girl's heckle. "I took that as a challenge."

Dearman responded with a performance efficient enough to make Henry Ford blush. A 47-percent shooter from the field coming into Tuesday, Dearman put down 12 of his 16 field-goal attempts and scored a career-high 26 points in only 28 minutes. SIU head coach Bruce Weber

attributed Dearman's performance to increased effort and the Wichita State defense, which elected not to play a conventional defense against Dearman.

"Jermaine obviously had one of his best games," Weber said. "They decided not to post-trap. He also did a good job of opening up and seeing the court and not making them move too soon when they did post-trap."

Shockers' coach Mark Turgeon said Kent Williams' three-point shooting ability was the reason for shying away from Dearman.

"I didn't want Kent Williams to get his," Turgeon said. "But [Dearman] was making tough shots, double pumping in the lane and making shot fakes and stepping through. He was just good."

Lost in the shadow of a Saluki victory and the astounding performance of Dearman was Aaron Hogg, Dearman's

high school teammate from Warren Central High School in Indianapolis.

Hogg came off the bench for Wichita to lead the team in scoring with 20 points on 7 of 14 shooting. He also added six rebounds.

Dearman knew Hogg would give his best effort to show him up and Dearman said that served as extra incentive Tuesday night.

"It was a bunch of mixed emotions running tonight," Dearman said of playing against Hogg, not with him, for the first time in his life. "I didn't want to have any mixed emotions when he was out on the floor."

The two talked to each other up and down the court all night, but in the end, Dearman said he had the final word — literally. Hogg looked dejected after the game and said very little while Dearman, giddy after the win, was far

from silent.

"We had some talking going on during the game. A little bit of trash talking, but not too much. He had a big game too, he had 20 off the bench, but we got the win."

Dearman's previous career-high was 25 points against Georgia during last year's NCAA tournament. He played 33 minutes in that game and said he was surprised he was able to score so much in so little time.

"I would have thought if I had my career high I would have been somewhere in the 30s," Dearman said. "In the first half I had a few fouls and had to come out. I'm just glad the team was able to cover for me and keep the game close."

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