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Da Bears!

Scores of Bears fans poured from the bars and blocked Illinois Avenue in celebration of the victory over the Saints on Sunday. The raucous crowd disrupted traffic for half an hour before police directed them back to the sidewalk.

Fans take to streets as Chicago heads to Super Bowl

Through their allegiances lied primarily toward a certain windy Midwestern city, more than 400 fans had only one metropolis on their mind Sunday. Chants of "Mi-am-i! Mi-am-i!" was all that could be heard from a capacity crowd at Pinch Penny Pub on East Grand Avenue as the Chicago Bears marched the New Orleans Saints 39-14 on the way to their first Super Bowl appearance in 23 years.

With the Bears leading 32-14 with nine minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, Steve Hidlebaugh, a junior from Joliet studying in Information Systems Technologies, held up a hand bright red from numerous high-fives as the loudspeakers blared Will Smith's "Miami" in celebration of the trip the Chicago team will take to Super Bowl XLI. He said he knew fans would be celebrating across the state, but there would be an all out riot in Carbondale if the Bears win in Miami Feb. 4.

"I wouldn't participate in damage, but I'll be out there cheering," he said. "I'll just watch." Rambunctious fans packed Carbondale streets after the win, but SIUC Police reported no arrests or damage. Carbondale police did not return calls for comment.

Hundreds of SIUC students rioted on campus and in the city after the Chicago White Sox won the World Series in October 2005. Rioters flipped over vehicles and tore down light posts, causing about $24,000 in damage.

Chicago (15-3) will make its first trip to the Super Bowl since 1985. The Bears earned a spot in the Super Bowl with the win.

**Class schedule**

Class #1: Thursday, Feb. 8, 15 and 22 — 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Class #2: Saturday, Feb. 17 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Class #3: Sunday, March 3 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information on safety classes, call 457-3200 ext. 428 or e-mail rmathis@ci.carbondale.il.us

**City elections**

Pepper Holder offers knowledge of city’s history as only Carbondale native in running

Pepper Holder’s voice was the loudest of the lively group of depressed men Thursday night at Big Boys Q’s. True to his style, Holder had a view about everything — from President Bush to the university to patriarchy of the waltz to white supremacy in southern Illinois.

Often the members of the Depressed Men’s Club, which meets every Thursday to discuss books and then moves to the bar, would shake their heads and chuckle. Sometimes they would rise to the occasion and argue with bars. Frank Glash, possibly Holder’s biggest opponent in the club, knows his friend is bound to spice up the race with his
Construction under way at Bowling and Billiards

Student Center bowling alley closed until April

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The crashes of falling pins have been replaced with the deafening buzzes and screeches of miter saws at SIUC Student Center Bowling and Billiards.

The noise is a natural side effect of the total renovation occurring at the bowling alley.

The revamped center will feature electronic scoring, brand new pool tables and bowling lanes with black-light-triggered spiderweb graphics. Seating, carpet and ceilings will also be replaced.

Bill Null, manager of Bowling and Billiards, said the bowling alley, which has not been renovated since the early 1980s, was long overdue for a face-lift. He said SIUC is the last university in the state to get electronic scoring for its bowling alley.

“I've had people come in here that were students in the ‘70s, and they say, ‘This place looks exactly the same,'” Null said. “They’re not going to say that anymore.”

Additionally, Null said the bowling alley would soon have more advanced equipment for disabled bowlers.

The new equipment, known as the IKAN Bowler, gives a wheelchair user more control of the speed, direction and timing of the ball's release.

Kenneth Jaros, associate director of the Student Center, said the addition of a wheelchair accessible ramp would also bring the center into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Jaro said the $600,000 renovation project began Dec. 18. April 15 has been set as a tentative date to reopen the bowling alley.

Jaros said construction is 99 percent complete on a $300,000 project to replace the ceiling and lighting system on much of the second floor.

He said the new lighting system, which uses compact fluorescent bulbs instead of incandescent bulbs, should help counter rising utility costs. He expects to save $40 to $50 in electricity on each bulb during its lifetime.

“When you have several hundred bulbs, that's an awful lot,” Jaros said.

A $2 million project to replace the building’s leaky roof is also under way. Jaros said the construction should be finished by March 31.
Iran announces new missile tests as president dismisses economy criticism

**Nasser Karimi**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — Determined not to budge under pressure, Iran announced new tests of short-range missiles on Saturday, and hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad dismissed criticism that the country's economy has been hurt by U.N. sanctions imposed for its suspected nuclear program.

The missile tests come as the U.S. Navy is sending a second aircraft carrier to the volatile Persian Gulf. U.S. officials said the USS John C. Stennis, which arrives in mid-February, will be a more powerful force than the USS Nimitz that arrived in December 2004, a massive earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.3 shook northeastern Colorado on Sunday, dumping several inches of snow and whipping up strong winds that created whitout conditions on the state's eastern plains.

Accidents caused by blowing snow and icy roads closed southbound Interstate 25 near Fort Collins for two hours Sunday morning. State Patrol Master Trooper Ron Watkins said no injuries were reported.

Wind up to 60 mph pelted the snow into drifts as high as 3 feet in parts of the state, the National Weather Service said.

A blizzard warning was in effect for much of eastern and northeastern Colorado, and the State Patrol advised against unnecessary travel.

The stormy weather in Colorado followed closely on the heels of a storm that spread heavy snow across parts of the Plains on Saturday, limiting visibility and creating hazardous driving conditions.

That storm was blamed for at least 11 traffic deaths: six in Kansas, four in Nebraska and one in Oklahoma.

In Kansas, accumulation of 8 inches was reported in several areas before the snow stopped falling early Sunday. The Plains storm spared much of Oklahoma from heavy snow, but utilities reported about 30,000 customers were still without power Sunday because of an ice storm one week earlier.

"We're coming down to what we expect to be very near the end of the restoration process," said Stan Whitfield, a spokesman for Public Service Company of Oklahoma.

**H. Josef Hebert**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A year after warning America of its addiction to oil, President Bush is expected to renew concerns about energy security as its State of the Union address.

Aides hint of a major pronouncement on energy in the speech before Congress and the nation Tuesday night.

He may tweak his voluntary program on climate change. Aides, however, say the president remains opposed to mandatory cuts in carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping "greenhouse" gases as has been proposed in Congress.

A year ago, Bush declared "America is addicted to oil" and he set a goal of replacing three-fourths of today's oil imports from the Middle East by 2025. He pledged to press for alternatives to oil and for more efficient use of energy.

The Bush administration has opened new federal lands for oil and gas drilling. Last month, Congress approved opening a large new area in the Gulf of Mexico to drilling. This month, Bush lifted a longtime ban on oil and gas drilling in Alaska's Bristol Bay.

But when it comes to weaning the country away from oil, the president's critics say his rhetoric has not been matched by action.

"President Bush actually cut funding for the key energy-saving technologies," says Joseph Romm, a former aide of the renewable fuels and efficiency programs at the Energy Department during the Clinton administration.

The energy law passed in 2005 authorized $3.8 billion worth of renewable energy and conservation programs. But a vast majority of those programs are without funds, neither requested by the administration nor approved by Congress.
Museum founders to change location in upcoming years

Alejandro Gonzalez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

While looking at old photos of police shooting at members of the Black Panthers in the 1960s, Evelyn Koine recalled police brutality against her pregnant friend.

“One day we were going home and the police attacked one of my friends,” Koine said with her two grandchildren at her side. “They started hitting her in the stomach with a club. That’s why that woman had mental problems.”

The photo of the police shooting was just one of many historical pictures at the opening of the “Excellence is Colorblind: Facing History and Ourselves in Southern Illinois” exhibit, which opened Saturday at the University Mall.

The new exhibit, co-sponsored by WSIU public broadcasting and the African-American museum of Southern Illinois, depicts events during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s up into the 1990s.

John Holmes, 68, said he was traveling down memory lane at the exhibit. One photo depicted a house from northeast Carbondale, which many blacks lived in before there was on-campus housing.

“The only dormitories that students stayed at were privately owned,” he said. “The privately-owned dormitories would not rent space to African-Americans. We all lived in northeast Carbondale with families that lived there. It was a very, very segregated community.”

When comparing Carbondale today to the times of the Civil Rights Movement, Holmes said “it’s a lot different.”

“There’s not systematic discrimination in housing and the same for employment in most professions,” Holmes said. “Back then, they wouldn’t hire an African-American for anything except as a janitor or garbage collector.”

Carbondale mayoral candidate Jessica Davis, who was present at the opening reception, said the museum “brought the richness of the city.”

“It gives me a connection in the context of what was going on nationally in this country,” said Davis, who is also director of Law Student Development at the SIU School of Law. “It shows how vibrant many of the African-American communities around the nation were.”

Another mayoral hopeful, Sheila Simoes, raved about the museum’s setup.

“I love the old photos and trying to pick out faces that I recognize,” Simoes said. “I think it will be a really neat way for people of all ages to connect and reconnect with Carbondale’s history.”

The museum’s organizers, who are all volunteers, plan to move its location in four to five years to the closed Attucks elementary and high schools. The city will lease the building to the museum and the founders will restore it, said museum co-founder Corene McDaniel. She said the museum needs to start fundraising because the renovation will cost a few hundred thousand dollars.

“The Attucks school is important because it was the only African-American high school and grade school here [until the late 1960s],” said McDaniel, who is also a City Council member.

As for the exhibit, McDaniel said she believes it was a group effort to put it all together.

“This is a good example of the community and the university working together,” McDaniel said.

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Our Word

Attitudes are contagious

W e tried for several minutes Sunday to come up with something positive the university as a whole accomplished in the past 12 months.

Four of us and a professor sat in silence. But there was no shortage of examples of things that have gone poorly since Jan. 2005, when SIUC President Glenn Poshard took the helm.

Material from Southern at 150, the largest plan crafted in recent history to bring SIUC to the forefront of academia, was lifted from another school’s vision. A certain mustachioed chancellor was demoted. And a steady falloff of enrollment — along with door forecasts of student numbers for this semester — say solutions to Poshard’s and the university’s troubles are a long, long way off.

We hate to say it, but this list can continue.

There’s been no shortage of bad publicity for SIUC in the past year. In turn, potential students have undoubtedly selected another destination, some current students are ashamed and those who chose not to come back this semester have plenty of reasons for their decision.

Namely, there is a “lack of pride on campus,” according to a marketing report commissioned by the university last semester. This absence, the report states, is displayed in faculty and staff.

If attitudes are contagious, the university’s future is frightening.

Poshard, a born and raised southern Illinoisan who earned all three of his degrees at the university he now runs, shoulders a brunt of the negativity. As the man in command, all fingers point to him — even after he cited low enrollment and other deficiencies when he announced the demotion of Walter Wendler in November.

The prognosis looked good for about an hour in September with Poshard’s Delyte Morris-like inauguration ceremony. The event was full of pomp, circumstance, grinning dignitaries, delicious finger foods and powerful words from Poshard that made us think everything was going to be all right. After the hoopla, everything went downhill.

Board of Trustees meetings have been filled with insults and accusations rather than concentration on the goal of SIUC — to educate students.

On campus, SIUC’s main marketing tool, Media and Communication Resources has been labeled “controlling” by the same marketing report that called it ineffective.

There are new challenges facing this university, much different than the ones former President Morris dealt with when he put SIUC on the map five decades ago.

Solutions cannot be found through infighting and departmental dictatorship.

There must be communication, an atmosphere of teamwork, pride and a collective goal to make this the best university possible. Most of these are listed in a 16-point list of goals the president has made for himself.

We wish Poshard all the luck as he embarks on his next 12 months as SIUC’s president. He’s going to need it.

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Graduate Assistants United want to work

Dear Editor:

As a graduate student and employee at SIUC, I would like to respond to the letter from the Graduate Assistants United. I frequently work 30 or more hours a week, not because my adviser pressures me to, but because I actually want to do research to further my education and graduate in a reasonable amount of time. Obviously, 20 hours a week of graduate work, especially those who are TAs, is not enough to earn a Ph.D. in four years. Students who work on their Ph.D. for six to 10 years are clearly not serious or competitive students.

In order for SIUC to become competitive with other high-ranking research institutions, I believe that the graduate students must be competitive as well. In order to receive graduate applications from top-quality students, SIUC must also keep up with other top institutions when it comes to graduate stipends and benefits. One key issue that many graduate students feel strongly about is the fees they pay every semester. This semester’s fees came close to $900, a considerable portion of our stipend. Many top research institutions cover the fees for their graduate students as well as health and dental plans. Not only would this help lighten the financial burden of current graduate students, it could also attract prospective graduate students that could potentially help achieve the goals of SIUC to become a top research institution.

Kathleen E. Chaffee

graduate assistant, department of chemistry and biochemistry

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our Word

It’s about time

A fter a long wait for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, the GLBT Resource Center opened last Wednesday for the first time.

Since August 2005, this recommendation by the GLBT community was waiting for action. As a diverse campus that offers different aspects for the community, it’s hard to believe that we didn’t have this center a long time ago.

For the first year, the center will receive a $15,000 budget, which is only half of what was asked originally. The administration initially offered only $5,000 to pay for the center, while a group of faculty and staff members asked for $39,000. But that’s the business of negotiating, according to the Coordinator for Diversity and Equity Cameron Suarez — you give a little, you take a little.

Paulette Curkin, a student development coordinator, said the budget will cover resources, student workers in the center, computers and money for GLBT support programming.

Resource centers, such as this one, are available to students that depend on assistance and resources. About half of the budget cut for the GLBT center seems a bit much the first year.

This center is actually a significant improvement for the GLBT community. When GLBT groups want to promote issues of homophobia, people would be directed to the Saluki Rainbow Network, which is a registered student organization that plans activities, provides services, and encourages the GLBT community. Before the GLBT Resource Center, this was the main resource available on campus.

The resource center will be a great asset to the university and will change the campus environment for the entire student body.

The GLBT Resource Center will make an open environment for the GLBT community and a more comfortable atmosphere. According to Curkin, the center will be a continuation of efforts to a safe space for GLBT concerns. Although it’s still in its infancy, it will grow into a beneficial aspect for many members of the student body.

Good job to the faculty and staff members that pushed this recommendation through. It’s still a work in progress but the center is an important step to opening up the GLBT community.

Brandon Weisenberger

ASSISTANT VICE EDITOR

on the GLBT community.

WORDS OVERHEARD

“I think the more competent students can get in writing, the less likely they are to plagiarize and they’re also more likely to gain confidence.”

Jane Cagle
director of the Writing Center

MISSION STATEMENT

The DAILY EGYPTIAN, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
When you think of Christmas Break, what normally comes to mind? Christmas presents, snow, and the sense of the Christmas spirit all seem to stir fond memories. It’s also a time to be able to separate yourself from school, and not think of the constant politics that have seemed to almost plague our university this semester.

However, that somewhat sim- ple task was not accomplished. As I prepared for the events of New Year’s Eve, I opened up a copy of the Sunday edition of the Chicago Tribune. Located in the Chicagoland area having this per- ception of our university? How is the university planning to attract more students to Carbondale in the fall of 2007? I cannot speak for the masses, but personally, all the information I received when researching SIU, I had to request. While other schools I was considering sent me large amounts of mail and called me to follow up on my decision, SIU seemed to neglect offering me information. Yet, the reputa- tion of my major combined with speaking with alumni who told me that SIU had much to offer, I chose this school. But what if I didn’t go out and find the infor- mation, or had such a strong net- work of alumni to talk to? Would I have chosen SIU? Would I have been one more loss in the falling enrollment?

There is a large task at hand to fix what has gone wrong. The administration needs to come up with a plan to not only rebuke the actions of this administration but to mend the cause by putting what we do in this university to make it more appealing and end these hurtful reports. Let’s just make sure that future students don’t have to worry and stress out about their school’s image over Christmas Break.

Damage control for troubled SIU

In the article, a father who was sending his son off to college was facing the choice of sending his son to SIU or to a school in Michigan. The father pointed out issues with SIU such as a rundown looking campus, issues with the chancellor, a faculty concerned more with their sala- ries than the actual courses that they taught and complaints in the DAILY EGYPTIAN over tuition increases. To rub more salt in the wound, the Associated Press reported that spring enrollment at SIU would fall again, after the school reported a 2 percent decrease in enrollment from the previous semester.

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‘Primeval’ another third-rate horror clone

Ben Erwin
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rated R
Starring Dominic Purcell, Brooke Langton, Orlando Jones, Gideon Emery
Directed by Michael Katleman
Run time 94 minutes

In one of the greatest cases of bait-and-switch in horror cinematic history, director Michael Katleman’s “Primeval” bills itself as a serial killer thriller, but is little more than a “Jaws” derivative filled with obvious characters and a laughably insincere anti-war message. “Primeval” begins as television reporter Tim (Dominic Purcell) is sent to war-torn Burundi to find and capture Gustave, a 20-foot crocodile famous for turning locals into snacks. Helping the hapless and disgruntled investigative reporter are the requisite animal expert (Brooke Langton), a “wildlife explorer”, who seems suspiciously similar to the late Steve Irwin (Gideon Emery), and a cameraman/ comic relief sidekick (Orlando Jones).

The group traipses into the jungle, inadvertently runs afoul of a local warlord nicknamed “Little Gustave” and more or less ends up as dinner.

In between those plot points is endless bad dialogue, unfunny one-liners, unbelieveable scenarios, moronic characters and a crocodile that is neither realistic in appearance nor frightening.

While the action in “Primeval” is mediocre and the visual effects are even worse, the film’s insipid, insincere message is most maddening. Cramped between characters being gruesomely devoured is an anti-war, American speech that preaches media responsibility and international civic duty.

The greatest upside to “Primeval” if you can call it an upside, is the enjoyment one gets from seeing the film’s characters die in increasingly horrific ways. It’s hard not to like a crocodile that is consistently more intelligent than his annoying human counterparts. In a field of emotionally and intellectually bankrupt characters, Gustave is the only thing on screen worth watching.

Purcell’s Tim is a disgrace to journalists everywhere while Jones’ Steven is more offensive than funny. Worst of all, however, is Gideon Emery’s Matthew, a character clearly meant to invoke the visage of Steve Irwin. While Irwin may have been a goofy putz who poked at deadly animals with sticks and provided grossly misinformed and inaccurate information via his television series, not even he deserved this type of cinematic parody/eulogy.

“Primeval” is relatively awful from start to finish, both as a horror film and as a vehicle for sociopolitical politics. A few cheap laughs aside, the film is big, brainless and as lifeless as Gustave’s many victims.

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‘The Hitcher’

Starring: Sean Bean, Sophia Bush, Zachary Knighton
Director: Dave Meyers
Run time: 1 hour, 23 minutes

“The Hitcher” is not just a terrible movie, and not just a terrible remake. It is a film constructed entirely out of unoriginal ideas and cheap scares. Only a person who has never seen a horror movie before in their life could possibly be frightened by the proceedings.

“The Hitcher” represents all that is wrong with American horror cinema today. It is tired, clichéd garbage that has no right to be forced on the American public through theater screens. It belongs on the bottom shelf at Blockbuster.
Winning words

Debate team ranks high in national tournament

Ryan Rendleman  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Not all who practice debate do it just to argue.

While some might get lured into debate because they enjoy arguing, that usually changes the longer one participates in the discipline, said Todd Graham, director of debate at SIUC.

"The ones who have been around the activity for a long time usually don't really like to argue that much outside of it because they do so much arguing during the debate," he said.

SIUC's debate team competed in two debate tournaments in Vancouver and the University of Denver during winter break, traveling thousands of miles to compete against the world's collegiate debate teams.

The debate team is composed of four students who are paired as individual teams in order to compete. Graham said one of these pairs won third place while competing at the University of Denver against nearly 90 colleges.

Kyle Dennis, a junior from Kansas City, Mo., studying economics, was on the winning team. He said the tournaments he has participated in have shown him where his team stands among the nation's collegiate teams.

"The more and more we get out, and the more and more we keep debating, we just feel like we are one of the top teams in the country," he said.

Nick Dzem, a sophomore from La Crosse, Wis., studying political science, said he has debated since the beginning of high school and now competes on the team opposite Dennis. He said he got interested in debate after recruiters came to his middle school explaining what it was.

"It sounded interesting and something that was kind of stimulating mentally," Dzem said. "I thought I'd just check it out, ended up getting pulled in and really enjoyed it." 

Graham, who has directed SIUC's team for seven years, said he started debating because he participated in various speaking activities, such as theater.

"I just sort of thought Ed [Dzem] would have a knack for it," he said. "I wanted to give it a try."

While studying at Missouri Southern State University in the 1980s, Graham said he was a member of the debate team and competed against SIUC, which he said was tough competition.

Graham, who served nearly 10 years as director of debate at Northwestern State University in Louisiana, said he believes SIUC's team has been around for more than 20 years.

Graham said the team is ranked well in the nation and Dennis' team is among the top 10 out of more than 200 teams nationwide.

"We've got a good program, we've got good support," Graham said. "We're looking forward to having a good semester."
Toliver recommended that women have plans to get home if they drink too much. She also said it’s safer if women are not alone and have a friend.

“If you’re going out by yourself, that’s just not a good idea,” Toliver said. “Even if you don’t drink, if you’re by yourself the chances of you being victimized are greater.”

Jesslyn Jobe, 32, of Carbondale recently took the class when it was offered last fall. Jobe learned strategies in the class for making her home safer.

“My husband and I cut our hedges,” Jobe said. “I’m more conscientious of lighting in my home now.

Jobe said the hedge cutting reduces the places where people can hide.

“The less opportunity people have to hide, the safer it’s going to be,” she said.

The second half of the class teaches women escape moves.

“We teach different moves, different strikes, different kicks, different things that they can do to be able to escape an attack,” Mathis said. “It’s important to note that we don’t teach them how to fight. Everything we teach is with the goal to escape.”

Along with escape techniques, the class teaches women to call attention to themselves.

“We work on using your voice a lot, to be able to yell and scream,” Mathis said.

He also said it is important to yell phrases, like “I don’t know this guy,” to get other people’s attention. Toliver said she has more self-confidence since taking the class.

“I think a lot of women... they wonder what they’d do in that situation other than scream or run away,” she said. “I have more confidence now that it got more advanced, if I was in someone’s grip, that I could possibly get away.”

Toliver said the class also helps women who have been victims to regain their confidence.

“It helps them feel more confident that they can protect themselves,” Toliver said. “Once they take the class and they understand that it wasn’t their fault... it builds their self-esteem back up and their confidence in themselves.”

His experience in business would give him a leg up in the office, Holder said. The “TIF, tax-increment financing, district to downtown is a ‘fasco’ to Holder because he believes the businesses who receded the tax breaks to move into that area are not the best choices for the town.

“We missed a golden opportunity to help the community,” he said.

Being outspoken for the city’s black community and a member of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Holder said he doesn’t want to be pigeonholed.

Holder said his opinions have often isolated him from blacks and the rest of the community, but he believes his ability to be friendly will help him reach across those barriers.

To him, treating the black population better will reap benefits for the entire community.

“If (the people of Carbondale) want to better themselves, others will have to be treated better,” he said. “Share the wealth and treat all people fairly.”

Unlike most political candidates, Holder said he isn’t doing much fundraising. Instead, he said he is looking for dedicated volunteers to help get out his message of “People First.”

“What I need more than any money — I need good people,” Holder said. “I feel people want someone who will speak for the people. With a minimum amount of money and a lot of good people, I can win this easy.”

At the Depressed Men’s Club, Holder knows he has a forum for the entire community.

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“Who doesn’t have a different opinion than Pepper?” said Glaub, who lives in Carbondale.

Known around town for his friendly demeanor and as a former local radio personality, Holder is now taking those opinions into a new arena as one of four candidates vying to become Carbondale’s next mayor.

Growing up on the impoverished Northeast side of the city, the 57-year-old is the only Carbondale native running for mayor.

He said his historical knowledge of the city gives him an edge in the race, which will be narrowed to two candidates on Feb. 27.

Holder said he knew SIU’s Delyte Morris through his father’s moving business, the Rev. Linus Turley was his pastor at Rock Hill Baptist Church, and his mother was a friend of Annie Malone of Metropolis. Malone was a pioneer in black hair care products and is considered one of the first black female entrepreneurs.

Over the past 20 years, Holder said Carbondale has deteriorated from its friendly presence and he wants to restore that.

Part of that plan includes bringing more festivals to town that would feature music such as blues, gospel and bluegrass. He said he would hope to fund the venture, which would boost tourism, through a coalition of business sponsorships and city dollars.

Although Holder’s first name is Malone, his grandfather called him Pepper, and unlike some childhood nicknames, the pet name stuck. His name will appear as Pepper Holder on the Feb. 27 ballot.

Holder spent much of his youth working for his father’s moving company. After high school he went straight into the workforce, taking on additional responsibilities in the company. But by 1983, business dwindled and the company closed.

Being a former businesswoman is a unique quality that he would bring to the mayor’s office, he said. When his parents’ business folded, Holder said he worked other construction and concrete jobs as well as running similar businesses, some of which were successes and failures.

His experience in business would give him a leg up in the office, Holder said. The “TIF, tax-increment financing, district to downtown is a ‘fasco’ to Holder because he believes the businesses who receded the tax breaks to move into that area are not the best choices for the town.

“We missed a golden opportunity to help the community,” he said.

Being outspoken for the city’s black community and a member of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Holder said he doesn’t want to be pigeonholed.

Holder said his opinions have often isolated him from blacks and the rest of the community, but he believes his ability to be friendly will help him reach across those barriers.

To him, treating the black population better will reap benefits for the entire community.

“If (the people of Carbondale) want to better themselves, others will have to be treated better,” he said. “Share the wealth and treat all people fairly.”

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Sexual assaults reported
in Carbondale.

2003: 43
2004: 34
2005: 37

Source: Carbondale Police Department
Sudoku

By Michael Mepham

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_LIBR_ (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - More money's coming in, but unfortunately, more money's going out. Exercise some control over spending, and that includes self-control.

_SAG_ (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - A family member disagrees with your carefully thought-out theory. Don't you just hate it when this happens? Be a good sport about it.

_JSON_ (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - There are lots of things you want to buy. Make a list, but don't go shopping. Some prices will fall dramatically in the next couple of days.

_LEO_ (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - It's not a good time to travel, or to launch a new endeavor. You have a hunch that something is wrong. Find out what that is, before proceeding.

_TAU_ (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - Wild ideas are plentiful. Encourage fantasies as long as they're fun and harmless.

_AQU_ (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - To get anything accomplished, you'll have to begin. This is not the best time for that, so keep checking out options.

_SCI_ (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - There's not enough money to do what you want, so don't make big promises. Love is more important than money, anyway, and don't you forget it.

_REG_ (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - It's the path-way to losing the friends and the money, even with the best intentions. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

_GEM_ (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - A controversy has been stirred up. Avoid getting involved. Do watch to see which side is winning, so you'll know where to stand and maybe, when to run.
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SPORTS

MEN’S BASKETBALL

SIU clinches games in final seconds

Scott Nieszala

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Ten days after losing on a shot in the last few seconds, the SIU mens basketball team experienced the other side in its win at Creighton University. With 13 seconds to go in the game, the Salukis called a timeout trailing 57-56. Head Coach Chris Lowery dug up a play designed to stretch the defense and allow sophomore guard Bryan Mullins to make a decision with the ball.

The play was a double screen, with freshman guard Joshua Bone and senior forward Randal Falker setting the pick and guards seniors Jamal Tatum and Tony Young setting up in the corners.

However, the play didn’t go as planned and Mullins was forced to make a play he had never seen before with 4.1 seconds remaining in the game and SIU down 58-57.

They stayed home on Jsh, JT and Tony Young and we told Randal to slip,” Lowery said in a postgame radio interview. “When Randal slipped, everybody from the other side ran to Randal and Bryan just made a play.

“That’s what he’s supposed to do. When you draw stuff up and things don’t go your way, you got to have kids willing to try cup and throw plays.”

Mullins had a strong all-around game, recording six points, seven assists and two steals in 35 minutes.

He was also the Saluki defending Big East senior guard Nate Funk. Although Funk finished the game with 18 points, he only scored six points on 2-of-8 shooting in the first half.

“He’s a great player and he’s going to slip,” Mullins said in a postgame radio interview. “You can’t really just stop him, you just try to contain him.”

Creighton called a timeout after Mullins’ late basket with a chance to pull out a win. Funk took the final shot of the game, a three-pointer that nestled in and out of the rim.

“I don’t know how he did that but if it went in, it still be a sad plane ride home,” Mullins said.

Lowery said he thought Funk’s shot would go in, which would have handed SIU another painful loss, which would have been its second in 10 days.

In the Salukis’ Jan. 10 loss to Bradley University, Beavers senior guard Will Franklin hit a shot similar to Mullins’ game winner Saturday.

Mullins, said he wasn’t the only Saluki to come up big against Creighton. Junior forward Randal Falker had 21 points, six rebounds and four blocks.

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Sports

SIU football gathers for awards banquet

D.W. Norris

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It was time for one last hurrah. The Saluki football team wrapped up its 2006 campaign with an awards banquet that celebrated the junior center from St. Louis’ career.

While the day was a long ceremony, there were also genuine displays of emotion as 500 athletes, coaches, families and friends gathered for one last family reunion.

Head coach Jerry Kill fondly remembered the 2006 Salukis as a team that won the right way and admitted it would be hard to see his seniors walk the stage again.

“Like losing a part of your family, but you know you’ll have the memories, that’s for sure.”

Senior All-American running back Adrian Whitlock took home the team’s MVP award and admitted to butterflies as he thought about walking across the stage for the last time as a Saluki.

“I was running late getting here, trying to get myself together,” Whitlock said. “I knew it was going to be a very emotional ceremony.”

Whitlock’s 2006 was something special.

“Big Eight Sports News named him the Division I-AA offensive player of the year. He also earned All-American honors. The junior was named The Sportsman.”

The Salukis second comeback win against Drake.

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Jayme Sweere stretches out for a lay-up during Saturday’s game against Drake.

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Jayme Sweere finished with 8 points.

Butars said the team would continue to have to faith and confidence in Sweere.

“When she starts off bad, we know she’ll be able to pull herself back and collect herself,” Butars said.

The Salukis have now won eight of their last nine and head into a three game road trip beginning at the University of Evansville on Jan. 27.

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Freshman forward Dana Olson did the defense in the first half wasn’t where they wanted it to be.

“She had a Sportscenter dunk and free throw.

“Post wise, we weren’t denying them a 50-43 lead with less than five minutes to play.

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Men’s Basketball

Mullins hits game winner as Dawgs slip past Creighton in final seconds

Jim Nelson

Bird — specifically Blue Jay — has been on the Saluki’s menu for quite some time. Saluki guard Bryan Mullins had no plans to change that Saturday, as he made a running, left-handed bank-shot off the glass with 4.1 seconds remaining in SIU’s 58-57 win over Creighton. The victory increased the Salukis win streak over the Blue Jays to seven — and to four in Omaha, Neb.

The play came only moments after Creighton took the lead 57-56 on two free throws by senior guard Nate Funk.

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Women’s Basketball

Burris three-pointer sinks Bulldogs, helps Salukis win eighth of last nine

Matt Hartwig

O’junior guard Debbie Burris’ 10 shots in the SIU women’s basketball game, none were as crucial as the last.

Riding Burris’ three-pointer with 16 seconds to go, the Salukis came from behind against Drake University Saturday to win 59-57. It didn’t look good for SIU (11-8, 7-1 MVC) when Drake guard Lindsay Whorton gave the Bulldogs (5-12, 0-7) a 57-54 lead with 1:08 remaining. Whorton’s fade-away jumper appeared to be the dagger into the Salukis.

After a foul was called on Drake on Saturday. The win was the Salukis’ fifth straight as they improved their conference record to 7-1.

“We did a better job as coaches and as players in the last two minutes of the ball game,” Eikenberg said. “I’m really proud of having battled adversity both on the court and off the court.”

In the first half, the Salukis could only get within a point of the Bulldogs who shot 47.8 percent from the field and 66.7 percent from beyond the arc. In the second half, the Salukis defense stifled Drake’s offense, holding the Bulldogs to 25 percent shooting from downtown.

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Defeat not an option

Max Bittle

A stop on the defensive end of the court was one of the keys to victory.

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TEAM STATS

Drake

SIU

Field goal %
66.3
50
3-Point %
62.5
50
Free throw %
57.1
60
Field goal attempts
35-56
35-50
Rebounds
9-17
26-33
Turnovers
11
9

Above: Sophomore guard Kaci Bailey embraces junior Debbie Burris after Burris made the game-winning 3-pointer late in the second half of the Salukis’ 59-57 home win over Drake on Saturday. The win was the Salukis’ fifth straight as they improved their conference record to 7-1.

Left: Saluki guard Bryan Mullins goes airborne to deliver the game-winning basket with 4.1 seconds left Saturday in the Salukis 58-57 victory over Creighton at the Qwest Center in Omaha, Neb. The crowd of 17,459 broke conference and state records. — SIU Athletics Media Services — PROVIDED PHOTO