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Council gives \$5,000 to event

TIM CHAMBERLAIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Carbondale City Council gave the Student Programming Council \$5,000 Tuesday night to help pay for entertainment at this year's Spring Thing.

SPC was denied an earlier request for \$5,000 at the Feb. 16 meeting of the City Council because members of the council wanted more specific information on the event.

After Andrew Daly, executive director of SPC, provided information on the time, dates, location and possible acts to the council, the funding was approved unanimously.

The \$5,000 donation is twice the amount SPC received from the City Council last year for the first Spring Thing.

Though not confirmed yet, Daly said the preferred date for the event is April 17 and the preferred site is Lot 56, south of SIU Arena. A list of entertainment possibilities was provided confidentially to members of the council.

Daly could not confirm any particular act. But he did confirm that the money received from the City Council will be used exclusively to help pay for the entertainment.

Prompting more discussion than the SPC request Tuesday night was the report on gas-rate increases by AmerenCIPS. Though the report only could be placed on file at the meeting, the report prompted objections from certain members of the council.

Councilmen Larry Briggs and John Budslick both objected to the relatively large hikes in rates for residential users compared to much smaller hikes for large users.

Budslick suggested Carbondale should investigate becoming a distributor of natural gas in order to pass along the lower large-customer rates to Carbondale residents.

"We need to send a message [to AmerenCIPS] that if they keep hiking their rates, we'll become our own distributor," Budslick said.

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JESSICA ZAMORA/Daily Egyptian

Donated to SIUC by United Airlines, this Boeing 737-222 touched down at 4:06 p.m. Wednesday on the Southern Illinois Airport runway. The plane will be used as a laboratory for students in aviation flight, management and technologies.

Donated plane wings into SIUC

KELLY E. HERTLEIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Displaying the emblem and the colors of SIUC, ferry flight number 9155 soared across the open sky in its final flight

Wednesday before landing on the runway of the Southern Illinois Airport at 4:06 p.m.

A donation from United Airlines, the Boeing 727-222 airliner completed a non-stop flight from Amarillo, Texas, to the runway of the airport.

The plane, retired on Dec. 2, 1998, was granted a permit from the Federal Aviation Administration for the ferry flight, a special permit to fly a retired commercial airplane without pas-

sengers.

Graciously received by the SIUC Aviation Department, plane number 9609 completed two fly-by's around the airport traffic control tower before putting down its landing gear and breaking to a stop after its final landing.

Elaine Vitello, dean for the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, said the flight and donation commemorate a long-lasting fellowship between SIUC and United Airlines.

"This partnership is not just something that has happened overnight," she said.

"I think it is built on the quality of our programs which have nurtured our relationship because we prepare students for all aspects of the aviation industry.

"And just like top-quality students get scholarships, top-quality programs get donations such as this."

The plane will be utilized as a laboratory setting for students in aviation flight, management and technologies. The plane also will be a promotional device for the

college and serve as a static display for the University.

"For the avionics side, since it's going to be plane that will have just about every-

thing, they will actually be able to see the electronic equipment in place and how literally they can watch it work as they work on it," Vitello said.

"I think this is what makes it such an unbelievable teaching laboratory. You get the full effect."

The 737-222 is the second aircraft to be donated to SIUC from United Airlines. The first donation of an airliner

UNVEILING

A reception ceremony for the unveiling of the plane will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Southern Illinois Airport. The ceremony will be dedicated to the SIUC alumni who are or were employees of United.

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Gus Bode



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Student voter registration drive faces administrative barriers

BURKE SPEAKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Undergraduate Student Government's voter registration drive is hitting roadblocks in its attempt to register as many SIUC students as possible before the March 15 registration deadline.

Missing voter registration cards prompted the Jackson County Clerk's office to deny USG additional registration cards Monday, although it appeared the confusion ended as of Wednesday morning.

Jackson County Clerk Larry Reinhardt said about 1,500 voter registration cards were

given to USG prior to Jan. 25 for student registration.

He said USG has an "exorbitant amount" of registration cards out and about 1,000 of those cards have yet to be returned.

Voter registration forms must be returned to the Jackson County Clerk's office within seven days after registration. The voter then is officially registered in Jackson County.

Unused forms also must be turned in and accounted for.

USG Chief of Staff Connie Howard was denied registration cards Monday because of overdue cards.

USG deputy registrars had kept the cards

for future registration, but once 200 registration cards were returned to the county clerk Wednesday, 800 cards were allotted for registration purposes.

"We can't have these barriers to voter registration," deputy registrar Pat Kelly said. "This is just setting us back. The last thing we need is administrative barriers."

Voter registration cards must be filled out by applicants prior to obtaining voting privileges. Students must register before spring break to be eligible to vote in the upcoming

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Student Voter Registration Areas	
Today	
Grinnell Hall	11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 4:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Leritz Hall	11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Student Center	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Engineering Building	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

If any group or organization requires registration, they can arrange it with the USG office.

By Bobbi Shankert, Daily Egyptian

Police Blotter

CARBONDALE

- A Carbondale man reported that someone entered his vehicle by forcing out the door glass and took \$400 worth of items. He told Carbondale Police the incident occurred between 7 p.m. Monday and 11:15 p.m. Tuesday while his vehicle was parked in the 100 block of South Forest Street. Twenty-five compact discs, a wallet, sunglasses and a flashlight were reported missing. There are no suspects in this incident.
- A 23-year-old SIUC student told University Police that his bicycle worth about \$450 was stolen from a bike rack near the Technology Building between 9:45 a.m. and noon Tuesday. There are no suspects in this incident.
- A 34-year-old SIUC employee told University Police that her cellular telephone was taken between 8:30 a.m. and noon Tuesday from the office of the Recreation Center. An estimated value of the phone was unknown. Police have no suspects in this incident.
- Anthony Duncan, 17, of Carhoge, was arrested on a Hanock County warrant charging him with residential burglary at 8:55 p.m. Tuesday at the Touch of Nature administrative parking lot. Duncan was unable to post bond or it was taken to Jackson County Jail. He was later extradited to Hanock County.

Corrections

The DAILY EGYPTIAN inaccurately identified high-jumper Felicia Hill as a qualifier for the 1999 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Wednesday's paper. Hill only "provisionally" qualified for the meet. The EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

The EGYPTIAN inaccurately reported GPA requirements proposed in Tuesday's article "USG to discuss fee, grade standard" because of an inaccurate copy of USG Senate Amendment 99-4. The article should have indicated the amendment actually calls for a 2.5 GPA standard.

In Wednesday's article "Allies Since the Beginning of Time," Deb Bouton was misidentified.

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN Accuracy Desk, 536-3311, extension 228, 229.


Calendar

Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The items must include time, date, place, admission, and names of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1147. All calendar items also apply to www.dailyegyptian.com. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

TODAY

- Library Affairs introduction to constructing Web pages, Mar. 4, 9 to 11 a.m., 2 to 4 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 543-2818.
- Geology Club rock and mineral table sale, Mar. 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Center Hall of Fame, Room 529-8136.
- University Christian Ministries wisdom circle, Mar. 4, 5 p.m., Interfaith Center, Hugh 549-7387.
- Women's Studies Feminist Action Coalition, Mar. 4, 5 p.m., Women's Studies House, Marva 453-5141.
- United Asian American Council meeting, Mar. 4, 5 p.m., Student Center basement, PaDou 549-2110.
- Geology Club meeting, Mar. 4, 5 p.m., Parkinson Room 110, Ryan 529-8136.
- College Democrats meeting to help impact elections, Mar. 4, 5:30 p.m., Student Center Saline Room, Leslie 536-1156.
- USAF Civil Air Patrol meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Marion Airport, Arron 942-3991.
- SIU Veterans Association annual elections, Mar. 4, 7 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, MaryAnn 529-1846.
- ACLU meeting on "Is it time to stop the death penalty?" Mar. 4, 7:30 p.m., Lesar Law School Auditorium, Leonard 453-8770.
- SIU Sailing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room, Shelley 529-0993.
- SIUC Radio/Television Department is producing a documentary on the "History of Southern Illinois Radio." Anyone with any information, stories or old tapes of commercials or air checks is requested to contact Professor Johnson at work 453-6901 or at home 985-6209.
- Library Affairs PowerPoint, Mar. 5, 2 to 3 p.m.; Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.
- Spanish table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange, 453-5425.
- French Club meeting, Mar. 5, 5 to 8 p.m., Southern Baptist Student Ministries, Gilles 453-5415.
- Science Fiction and Fantasy Society watch sci-fi videos and discuss sci-fi shows and books with us, Jan. 22, 6 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, Mike 549-3527.
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Dean Trelise speaking, Mar. 5, 7 p.m., Agriculture Building 209, Patrick 549-4284.
- Dietetic Association 5k run, walk, roll around campus lake, Mar. 6, 9 a.m., Campus Lake, 58 registration fee, Cynthia 942-2171.
- Little Egypt Groto and U.S. Forest Service needs help to clean up a cave, Mar. 6, noon, Equality Cave, 453-1285.
- Ballroom Dance Club meeting, Mar. 6, noon to 3 p.m., Davies Gym, students \$10, non-students \$15, Gray 453-7893.
- SIU History Department Southern Illinois History Fair, Mar. 6, 11o 2 p.m., SIU Arena, Jonathan 453-7872.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs help to run basketball event in areas such as timing, record keeping, refereeing basketballs, and registration, Mar. 6, 2 to 4 p.m., Carbondale Community High School, Christie 549-4222.
- Southern Regional History Fair needs volunteers to judge, Mar. 6, 8:45 to 11:30 a.m., Southern Illinois University Arena, Jonathan 453-7872.
- SIU Inter-Greek Council annual 52nd Their Xi Variety Show, Mar. 6, 8 p.m., Shryock Auditorium, Bethy 453-2633.
- Habitat for Humanity fundraiser, Mar. 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center, pancake breakfast \$4 adults and \$3 students/kids, Bridget 529-3311.
- Catholic Charismatic Prayer meeting, every Sun., 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Newman Catholic Student Center Library, Tom 549-4266.
- Newman Catholic Student Center mass for all students regardless religious affiliation, every Sun., 11 a.m. and 9 p.m., Newman Center, John 529-3311.
- Newman Catholic Student Center meeting, Mar. 7, 10 p.m., Newman Center, Sarah 351-9078.

Southern Illinois Forecast



TODAY:
Partly cloudy
High: 54
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THIS WEEK IN 1960:

- The latest in Student Union sponsored campus recreation was the Student Union Rifle Club, meeting every Saturday afternoon. Students were now allowed to bring .22 caliber rifles to campus for storage in the Campus Police Department; however, the rifle could only be used for target shooting on Saturday afternoons under the current setup.
- Showing at Marlow's drive-in, formerly located in Herrin, was a Rita Hayworth double feature, "Lady From Frisco" and "Louisiana Gal."

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CHANGE IS GOOD:

New position allows time for fund raising, student recruitment.

JAY SCHWAB
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Every great quarterback must be granted freedom and flexibility from the coach to make the best use of his talents.

That lesson was learned by Jim Hart a long time ago, when he was slinging touchdown passes at SIUC in the '60s and later for the St. Louis Cardinals and Washington Redskins in the National Football League during his legendary career.

So when Hart became constrained by the meetings and paperwork that accompanied his job as SIUC's athletics director, the ex-star quarterback called an audible.

Hart was named an associate to the chancellor by SIUC Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger Jan. 20 after the two discussed options that would enable Hart to make better use of his strengths for the benefit of the University.

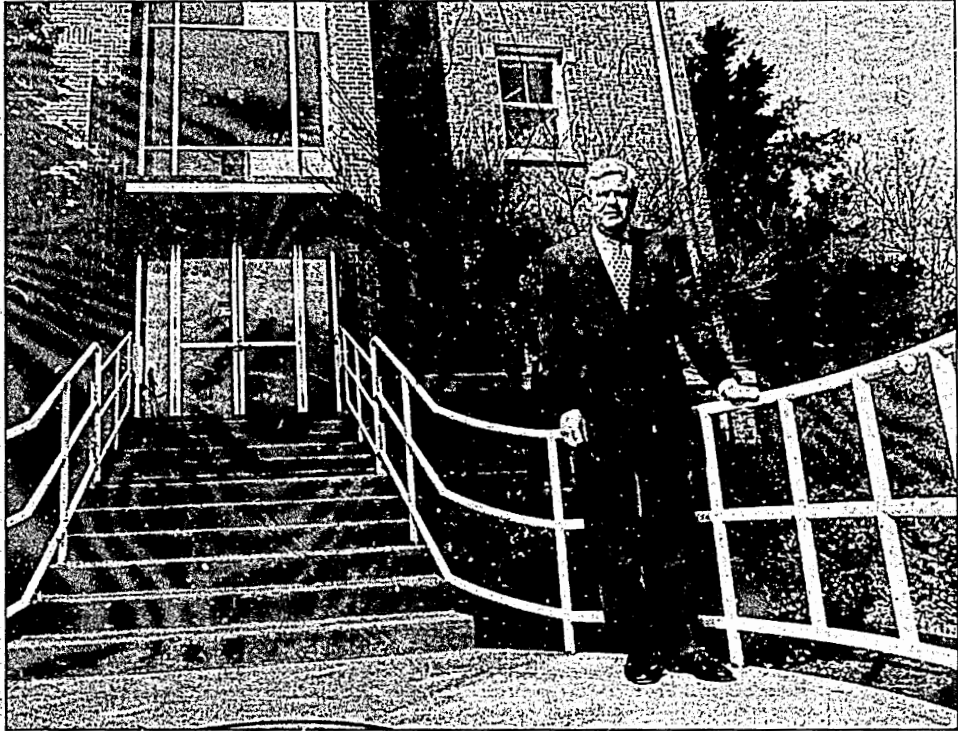
The new position, associate chancellor for external affairs, will allow Hart to focus his efforts on fund raising, recruiting students and serving as an SIUC ambassador to alumni and the community.

Since taking the athletics director job in 1988, Hart had been the subject of much criticism for the athletic department's financial struggles and a slippage in the success of several Saluki sports teams.

For his part, Hart is proud of the job he did as athletics director but laments not having had more time for activities such as interaction with student-athletes.

However, Hart has put that behind him and is eager to capitalize on the independence his new role allows.

"I can create my own day now



JESSICA ZAMORA/Daily Egyptian

Jim Hart, formerly SIUC's athletic director, is eagerly settling into his new position as associate chancellor for external affairs. Hart was given the position Jan. 20 by Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger to better use his strengths to benefit the University and community.

instead of having my day created for me," Hart said.

He said the results are already tangible to those around him.

"My wife (Mary) tells me I come home in a better mood, and it looks like I'm standing taller," Hart said.

"And the chancellor says she sees me smiling broader and more often."

"Change is usually good, and it was good for me."

When Argersinger announced Hart's reassignment at SIUC, she said Hart's new tasks would include

"fund raising and friend-making."

Although that job description may seem vague, Hart said what is expected of him is clear.

"I know what my duties are," said Hart, who lists attracting more students from the St. Louis area and

Southern Illinois as a few of his priorities. "I hope I can make a difference from this office."

"This position is very credible ...

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Debating the death sentence

MORATORIUM: ACLU sponsoring discussion dealing with issues of capitol punishment.

DAVID FERRARA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Capital punishment in Illinois and America will be under fire at a debate tonight in the Lesar Law Auditorium.

The forum, sponsored by two local chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union, will feature two attorneys and a Southern Illinois death penalty adversary.

Thomas Leggans, assistant United States Attorney, Paul Vanni, defense attorney, and Elsie Speck, co-chair of the Southern Illinois Campaign for a Moratorium on the Death Penalty, will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. during the forum titled "Is It Time to Stop the Death Penalty?"

State senators rejected the call for moratorium on capital punishment in Illinois by one vote Tuesday. Members of the house of representatives will meet today at 9 a.m. in Springfield to vote on the bill. Speck said she plans to attend.

"First you go at it in baby steps,"

she said. "It would be great to abolish (the death penalty), but I'm not sure we're ready to do that. For now let's put a hold on it."

Vanni agreed. "I think in an ideal world we would abolish it completely," he said. "But a moratorium is more within our grasp."

Vanni, who currently represents three men on death row, disagrees with capital punishment.

"I have come to be pretty much dead-set against it," he said. "If it's working, these guys wouldn't be there in the first place."

Speck said she wants to inform students about capital punishment. "We hope it's an educational kind of thing," she said. "We hope that more students can become aware of this. It just does not deter violent crime."

The forum takes place within two weeks of the scheduled execution of Andrew Kokoraleis and less than one month after Anthony Porter was released from death row.

Previously, two men, Porter and Willie Enoch, have been scheduled to die at Tamm's Correctional Center, about 50 miles south of Carbondale, but Kokoraleis' execution would be the first carried out at the Center since it opened in March 1997.

The state now uses lethal injection as its form of punishment.

Kokoraleis, 35, plead guilty to the 1982 murder of an Elmhurst woman. He would be the 12th man executed in Illinois since capital punishment

was reinstated in 1977.

Eleven men have been found not guilty since 1977 in Illinois after being on death row, a surprising statistic for Vanni.

"That's 50-50, which is a real scary percentage," Vanni said.

Speck said she does not want Kokoraleis to be killed, but she would not want him freed.

"He should spend the rest of his life behind bars," she said.

The controversy has been debated in Illinois since its reinstatement. But recently, heads turned and adversaries spoke out when Anthony Porter was released from death row after another man confessed to the murder. Porter spent 17 years in prison before his release.

"I think (Porter's release) had a big impact," Speck said. "That's why the moratorium thing is flying up there."

Porter, 43, was two days away from being executed in September for the shooting death of a Chicago couple when questions of his mental stability forced authorities to stay his execution. He was to be the first man executed at Tamm's Correctional Center.

When another man, Alstoy Simon, confessed to the same murder, Porter was released on his own recognition.

Willie Enoch also was scheduled

Senate likely to urge postponement

RESOLUTION: Shared service center should be put off until Oracle is in place.

SARA REAN
POLITICS EDITOR

The SIUC Faculty Senate likely will answer an Arthur Andersen economic impact analysis released Tuesday with a resolution urging the University administration to postpone any implementation of a shared service center until the Oracle computer system is in place.

Faculty Senate President Jim Allen said the senate likely will pass a resolution recommending postponement. At the very least, he said, the senate would recommend only partial implementation of Andersen recommendations.

Andersen associates released the much-anticipated economic impact analysis of prime vendor and shared service center recommendations contained in previous studies to the University community and city officials Tuesday.

Senior Andersen associate Jim Roth told the faculty senate that the shared service center would accelerate the realization of cost savings by the Oracle system.

The Oracle computer system, designed to streamline administrative tasks and alleviate the paperwork burden of SIUC's financial officers, promises to make financial, payroll and human resources administrative tasks more efficient.

Allen argues that the Oracle project and the standardization of business practices would result in the same net savings in the long-term without serious risks to the local economy.

"There was a curious inconclusiveness to the changes recommended," Allen said. "The implementation appears to make a critical difference, but we don't know any of those details."

"At this time, the questions seem endless."

The shared service center, recommended in a study

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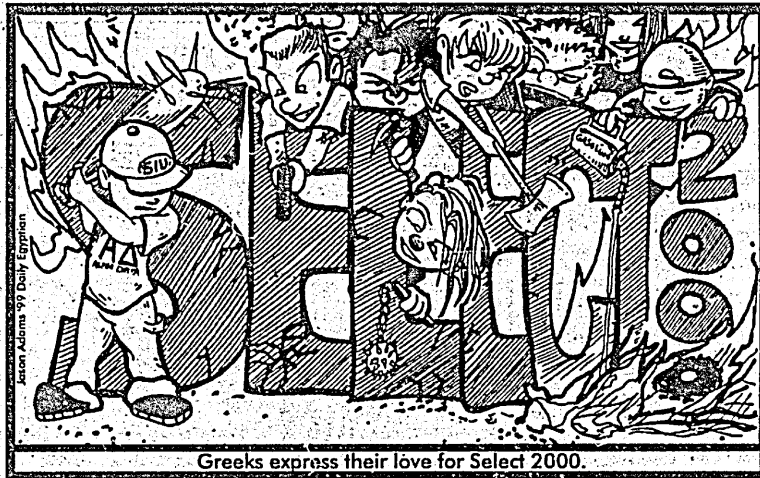
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Greeks express their love for Select 2000.

Our Word

Do not shift accountability for bad accounting

Sometimes it's amazing how quickly an organization can show its ineptness at resolving problems.

By passing the responsibility for recovering misallotted funds to students, Student Development, as well as top-level Student Affairs administrators, have evidently written an infallibility clause into their job descriptions.

In November 1997, Student Development accountants' mistakenly deposited an additional \$7,500 into the RSO account of the Pan-Hellenic Council. The error wasn't caught until more than \$5,000 of the extra money was spent. Needless to say, other RSOs received less funding because of the misallotment.

But the mistakes don't end there.

Now, Student Affairs officials have stepped in to attempt to find a reimbursement solution. They came up with the idea of making students pay for Student Development's mistake by using their activity fees to recover the funds.

Perhaps Student Development would be more appropriately named "Imprudent Development." Where is the logic in making students pay for an administrative screwup?

Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Lawrence Juhlin came up with the most perplexing logic of all. "Everybody makes mistakes," he said. Which is certainly true, but how can Student Development not be held accountable?

Then who should be held responsible? Certainly not the students who were punished by the funding error in the first place.

Saying Student Development is not accountable for its mistakes is ridiculous. Further pun-

ishing students by using their activity fee to recover the funds is outright irresponsible. If an RSO underbudgets its activities for the year or uses all their money for one event, is Student Development going to give them all the extra money they want for any other events the RSO wants to have? It wouldn't be the RSOs' fault for underbudgeting or lack of planning, would it? Not using Student Affairs' logic at least.

Let's not forget Student Development Director Nancy Hunter Pei's claim in November 1997 that "the money is coming from other sources" and the Student Organization Allocation Fee account would not be used to fix the mistake. That was more than a year ago. Since then, Student Affairs has evidently been doing its best ostrich imitation by burying its head in the sand and "hoping" the problem would go away.

This isn't the "Boogie Man," it's an accounting error. And yes, Mr. Juhlin, it IS a big deal when students are unfairly made to pay for a University mistake.

Undergraduate Student Government is understandably outraged by the reimbursement solution. Not only was it Student Development's mistake, but officials lied about how they were going to fix it. USG President Jackie Smith says they haven't even received an update or an explanation of the situation.

Pei now claims the details of the funding correction are out of her jurisdiction. Then why did she feel she had the authority in November 1997 to say it wouldn't come out of the SOAF account? If you don't know the correct answer, then don't pretend you do.

So what's going to happen when RSOs come strolling into the Student Development office in search of funds? Student Development is going to hand them its handy-dandy "Money, Money, Money" booklet and tell them to hold a bake sale.

No, Student Development, you hold the bake sale.

Step up and set an example for the RSOs and students at SIUC and find a way to recover the \$5,000 without using student money. This isn't the students' mistake, it's yours. Take a closer look at the University budget, pass out credit card applications or recycle some pop cans.

Don't pass the blame for your screwup to the students it hurt in the first place. But remember — lotteries and raffles are illegal in Illinois.

To clarify yesterday's editorial:

Because of inaccurate information, yesterday's editorial called for Bryan A. Hopp and David Beals, two recently deceased SIUC students, to receive honorary degrees — a process we were led to believe had no concrete guidelines.

In truth, Hopp and Beals would receive posthumous degrees, a process that does have established guidelines.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the misinformation but urges the deans of Hopp's and Beals' degree-granting units and their respective departments to honor these two individuals' memories as they were so close to completing the necessary coursework and applauds the deans for their efforts in doing so.

Use process of elimination when choosing majors

The most uncomfortable thing anyone can ask me is, "Why did you pick that major?" Few questions make you explain yourself as thoroughly and critically as this one. Your values, work ethic, goals, self-worth — they are all tied up in this one insidious query.

When faced with the question, I shuffle through my mental files of well-thought-out, mostly fictitious reasons. Then I panic and say something lame. "It just interested me."

Big deal. How the guys at Dairy Queen make perfect little swirlies on the tops of cones interests me, too, but I'm not spending thousands of dollars and years of my life studying it.

The truth is, I don't have any compelling reasons for my choice. I sorted through several majors, and this is the one that never bored or ticked me off enough to quit. I chose my major by process of elimination. You can't possibly find your true life's calling on your first major. Do you really want your existence governed by something you said to a guidance counselor when you were 17? Unless you think he said, "I want to be a high school guidance counselor," when he was 17, why should you trust his judgment?

You have endless choices spread before you here at SIUC. The whole purpose of general studies is to present you with an overwhelming barrage of possi-

Egyptian Graffiti



Jay Larson

Egyptian Graffiti appears Thursdays. Jay is a graduate student in Chinese History. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

ble futures, and you're expected to take at least a couple of them for a test drive.

Falling in love with another major, or "The Sophomore Switch," can be a life-affirming, not to mention college-prolonging, experience. To do this right, you have to flip-flop to a subject so totally unrelated to your original major that it renders everything you know useless. This will make you "more rounded." With this, you get a fresh batch of 100-level courses that will make you "more smarter."

It also ensures that not too many credits will transfer over. You won't be the first second-year chemistry student to have an epiphany in Western philosophy class and decide that life revolves around Sartre and not wearing shoes. The nature of this revelation is generally something like "Wow! What I'm studying is too much like a job. I'd rather just think,

like those guys."

When it works the other way, say a creative writing student changes over to engineering, it's more like, "Wow! What I'm studying is too much like thinking. I'd rather have a job, like those guys."

There are plenty of reasons to change your major. Wanna revolt against your politically correct Baby Boomer parents? Then drop that music major and go into marketing. Mom will lose her granola. Change because you want to meet new people. Because you need some professors who don't know you. I once picked a major because that college had the best bake sales. What matters is that you've spent at least a year of your life studying something that is now a "jeopardy" category to you.

Of course, there are students who are sure they found their major on the first try. Some of them picked fields they think will make them lots of money, like economics or computer science. Those of us in myra scholarly or artistic fields often look at these folks with a certain moral superiority while we're in college. After college we become their morally superior pool cleaners — well-rounded, morally superior pool cleaners.

So, don't panic when someone asks you, "How did you pick that major?" You don't need to list career goals or academic aspirations. Just proudly say, "It was the only one left."

Housecats pounce into Tres

CHRIS KENNEDY
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Tom Reed, bassist for Jimmy and the Housecats, remembers the early '80s when Reagan was in office, the economy was slumping and the Star Wars defense system was the national debate.

It was also about this time that the blues became popular in Carbondale.

"Well," Reed, a resident from Murphysboro, says with a smile, "Ronny [Reagan] would give you the blues."

Reed is relaxed, smoking a Camel cigarette and drinking coffee, trying to recover from a four-night gig in Marion that Jimmy and the Housecats just completed the night before.

Jimmy and the Housecats plays a mixture of blues, old Motown, rhythm and blues and even some early rock 'n' roll songs.

The group was the house band at the Holiday Inn in Cape Girardeau for about a year before they decided to start playing the local club scene.

"The money is good [as a house band]," Reed said. "But the problem is you don't get the exposure you do playing the club circuit, which is what we're doing now."

But Reed said there are benefits to playing in a hotel.

"About 60 percent of the crowd is people passing through," Reed said. "You meet a lot of nice people and make good contacts."

One man who passed through was so impressed with the band he has persistently been asking them to go to Jackson, Miss., where he can introduce them to that area's club circuit. Reed said they're planning to go there in April to scout it out.

When I asked what makes Jimmy and the Housecats special enough to attract the attention of strangers, he smiled and paused, thinking carefully before he answered.

"I think it's probably our enthusiasm," Reed said. "We get along together and have fun playing. Plus, the music has a large appeal."

"We get up there and jam and pay attention to what each other is doing and try not to step on each other musically."

Blues music has always had an alluring call. Reed said that's why it lasts, while other music comes and goes.

"It's gut level," Reed said. "I

think it's music of the heart and soul. People get tired of listening to the same old thing. Blues is the eternal music."

"It's music everyone loves, even if they don't listen to it every day. It touches you in a way other music doesn't. That's where the appeal comes from."

Each member of Jimmy and the Housecats is an intricate member of the group, Reed said.

"Steve Morris on lead and slide guitar is very professional," he said.

"It's music everyone loves even if they don't listen to it everyday. It touches you in a way other music doesn't."

— TOM REED
HOUSECATS' BASSIST

"He thinks about what he's going to do—he doesn't just do it. He plans what he's going to do."

"Andy Gerzel, the second lead guitarist, is one of the most gifted guitarists I've ever played with. His youth and enthusiasm come through. He's 25—we call him the kid."

When Reed mentioned the drummer, Wayne Goodwin, I asked him if he subscribed to the theory that a drummer isn't really a musician but merely someone who

hangs out with musicians. "No," Reed says. "A good drummer is worth his weight in gold. [Goodwin] has an extensive jazz background. He's a good guy. He keeps the rhythm section going quite well."

Jimmy Blount, lead singer, keyboardist and the band's namesake, has played blues for a long time and with musicians such as Al Green.

"The band is built around him and his talent," Reed said. "He's extremely versatile. He's like a big teddy bear—good-natured and easygoing. He's very serious about his music but he likes to enjoy himself."

"He can move for a big man," Reed says. "He bounces around and really gets into the music."

Reed has been involved in the Carbondale music scene for nearly 30 years, and during that time he has seen it evolve.

"It has changed a lot," Reed said. "The biggest change is the lack of clubs. Karaoke and DJs have taken a lot of live music out of the bar scene."

"Carbondale people don't party like they used to. In the '70s you could play all night, every night—that was how much work there was."

Reed said there is no other feeling like being up on stage when things are going right.

"I don't think there's anything like it," Reed said. "I don't know how to describe it. It's just a great feeling when everyone is coming together and the audience is in it—there's nothing like it."



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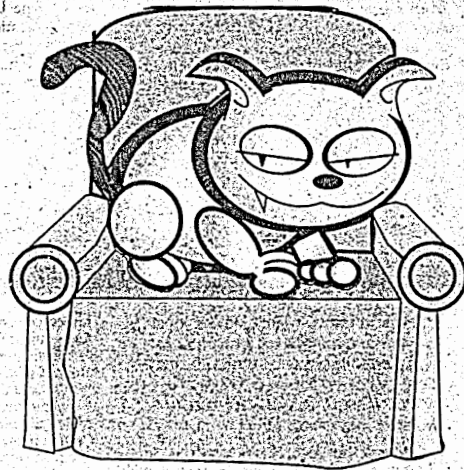
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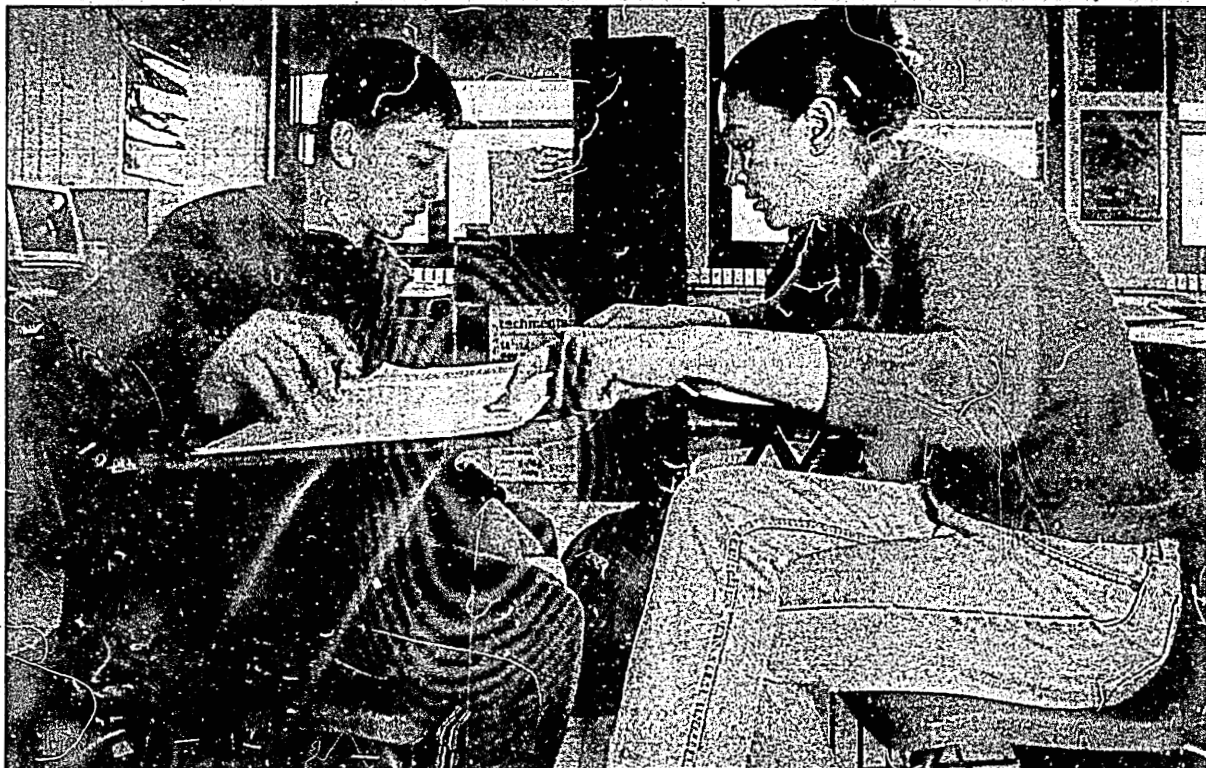
Sharing American education

STORY BY NICOLE A. CASHAW
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(Left) Students at Cobden Unit School receive tutoring from Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority members.

(Below) Santiago Martinez, an eighth grader at Cobden Unit School, gets help with his science homework from Yelisa Delgado, a junior in political science from Chicago and a Sigma Lambda Gamma member, after classes.



Catalina Roman, an eighth grader at Cobden Unit School, turns to address her algebra homework from Christine Roman, a senior in English and Spanish for secondary education and a Sigma Lambda Gamma member from Chicago, after classes at Cobden Unit school.

ESCRITORIO, WHICH MEANS "DESK," AND OTHER SPANISH WORDS ARE SEEN THROUGHOUT THE 20-SEAT COBDEN CLASSROOM AND TACKED TO THE WALLS ARE POSTERS OF VENEZUELA, MADRID AND PERU.

When members of Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority enter the classroom, the Spanish high school teacher enthusiastically greets the women with "¿Cómo estás?"

Every Wednesday between 3 and 4 p.m., Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority volunteers drive to Cobden Unit School, 413 N. Appleknocker Drive, and assist Hispanic high school students who are the children of migrant families in subjects such as English, math and social studies.

Along with Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity members also participate in the tutoring sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Joseph McMahan, the high school Spanish teacher, said he appreciates the sorority for helping the Hispanic students with various subjects every week.

"[The students] have good role models," he said. "Being from migrant families a lot of them don't go to college. They don't see any way to go to college because their parents don't have much money and a lot of them are unmotivated."

Catalina Roman, an eighth grade student, stays after school three days a week to receive help from both the sorority and fraternity in subjects such as math and social studies.

"I understand [my subjects] more," she said. "Math is kind of difficult to understand — the pi, radius and circumference and word problems."

Sorority member Mei-Mei Tan not only

tutors Roman but also talks to her about matters going on outside of school.

"She is funny, and she makes me work," Roman said.

Tan said the students she tutors talk to tell her about many things, from schoolwork to their daily plans.

"[Roman] tells me her entire day and what she plans to do," said Tan, a senior in business management from Malaysia. "They just feel comfortable about telling me things."

The school consists of 200 students, of which 25 to 30 are Hispanic. Yelisa Delgado, a member of the sorority, said she assists students in fully comprehending English directions in their assignments.

"They know English, but they don't know it correctly," said Delgado, a junior in political science from Chicago. "Sometimes they don't understand the directions."

"When I go and help them, I read the directions in English and then I translate it to Spanish. Then I ask them, 'Do you understand it?' 'Is it clear to you?' or 'What don't you understand?'"

Mel Goot, an aid for the migrant education program, said Cobden's bilingual program is pertinent to the students and their academic success.

"Bilingual education has been criticized, but in fact remains the best way," Goot said. "I'm a product of a bilingual program. I had both education in English and Spanish."

"I don't know how many kids in Mexico know two languages. He said knowing two or more languages is a fantastic accomplishment."

"Being able to think in more than one language is a real advantage," he said. "We want these kids to realize this — two languages are

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released in December 1998, would centralize all purchasing and disbursement functions to the control of one management for all three SIU campuses.

A previous study, released in April 1998, recommended that SIU give priority to prime vendors in its purchasing and disbursement functions.

The economic impact analysis was conducted after many University and community members expressed concern about the possible impact the recommenda-

“The preliminary discussions among the members of the Faculty Senate are question marks.”

— JIM ALLEN
FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT

tions would have on the regional economy if implemented.

The report proved to be a disappointment for many, leaving a host of questions still answered.

“Question marks,” Allen said.

chairperson for the campus ACLU chapter.

“That’s certainly the ACLU’s position,” he said. “If it can’t be abolished, they’d certainly support a moratorium.”

Gross said the ACLU believes the victims of murders have an effect on the decision to sentence capital punishment.

“It’s been applied in a manner that there’s a greater premium seemingly placed on white lives than black lives,” Gross said.

“If you kill a black person you’re

The preliminary discussions among the members of the faculty senate are question marks.”

Allen said that he and other members of the senate did not believe Andersen associates presented a satisfactory analysis of impact on local economy or the implementation of their recommendations.

The senate, Allen said, did not have “a very clear idea about how confident Andersen people are in their own ideas.”

SIU President Ted Sanders will present the completed report to the SIU Board of Trustees during his executive report at the meeting March 11. The Faculty Senate meets March 9.

way less likely to get the death penalty than if you kill a white person.”

The ACLU believes the death penalty is an important public policy issue and SIUC law students should be aware of the opposing viewpoints, Gross said.

Gross questioned the installment of capital punishment against civilization.

“Does that make us more barbaric as a society?” Gross asked.

Leggans could not be reached for comment.

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to be killed at Tarrans, but his execution was stayed so the defense could examine previously denied DNA evidence on a bloody t-shirt. Enoch, 44, was convicted in the 1983 stabbing death of a 24-year-old Peoria woman.

The SIUC chapter of the ACLU opposes the death penalty and would like to see it quickly abolished, according to Leonard Gross,

ture around drastically.”

Hart, who presided over the Saluki Futures fund-raising program for the University’s colleges, Morris Library and other SIUC entities presents a contrast from his days of raising money exclusively for athletics.

“Unlike athletics, where we have ticket sales, sponsorship, advertising and many other ways to raise revenue, the colleges don’t

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— JIM HART
ASSOCIATE CHANCELLOR
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have that luxury,” Hart said.

“They are not a commodity people want to go see, so they have to be more self-sufficient.”

Although his position falls under Argersinger’s jurisdiction, Hart said he often will work in conjunction with Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Ray Lenzi and Executive Director of the SIUC Alumni Association Ed Buerger.

Buerger said SIUC’s image stands to benefit from Hart’s increased ability to charm students and potential donors.

“Each year we’ve had promising students go on to SIU to get scholarships.”

Delgado said she infirms students how an education can be beneficial for them and their families.

“We tell them ‘You need to go to school, you need to further your education’ because most of the kids there don’t look forward to school,” she said.

Gabriel Cerda, member of Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, said they advocate a college education, but many students believe they have to quit school in order to work and assist their parents.

“We’re trying to implement that they can help their families, more by staying in school,” said Cerda, a senior in civil engineer-

ing from East Moline. “Some students feel they have to leave to help out their families.”

According to Delgado, some students try to avoid school by pressuring their families to buy them materialistic things, and if their parents decline their requests, they refuse to attend school.

“They want their parents to give them a lot of things their parents don’t have the money to give them. They say ‘If you don’t do this for us then we won’t go to school,’” she said.

“So they put their parents on the spot, and we’re there to tell them ‘It’s not about this, you need to do this for yourself. If you don’t do this for yourself, it’s going to be your loss in the long run.’”

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I am very proud of it, and I want to do well for the University and justify the appointment so that Jo Ann can be proud of making this move.”

Although Hart just moved from his office in Lingle Hall to his new headquarters in Anthony Hall this week, he already has made pre-national trips to Chicago, St. Louis and Cairo.

Hart said his love for SIUC will be an asset in achieving his objectives, and in particular, in drawing students to the campus in larger numbers.

“I have a passion for this University,” Hart said. “I don’t like to see enrollment going down — it hurts, it’s painful, and I’m dismayed at that.”

“You look out the window and you see the beautiful campus. It makes you wonder, ‘Hey, why aren’t people coming here?’”

“Part of my chore is to find out why, and see how we can change that,” he said.

Hart said he plans to frequent high schools so he can meet with guidance counselors in order to bolster their consciousness of SIUC.

“I’m not the messiah. I’m not going to go out and find the Holy Grail,” Hart said.

“But I am another body out there spreading the good Saluki word, and hopefully, we’ll find an answer and turn the enrollment pic-

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better than one.”

McMahan said more than 130 migrant workers arrive from Mexico every year to work the harvest during the spring months.

Goot said the majority of Cobden’s Hispanic students help their families with agricultural work and because of this, it is important for the sorority to discuss the advantages of a college education.

“It means a lot for these kids to see positive role models,” he said. “To see that it’s more to life than apples and peaches — more importantly to see that it’s important to stay in school.”

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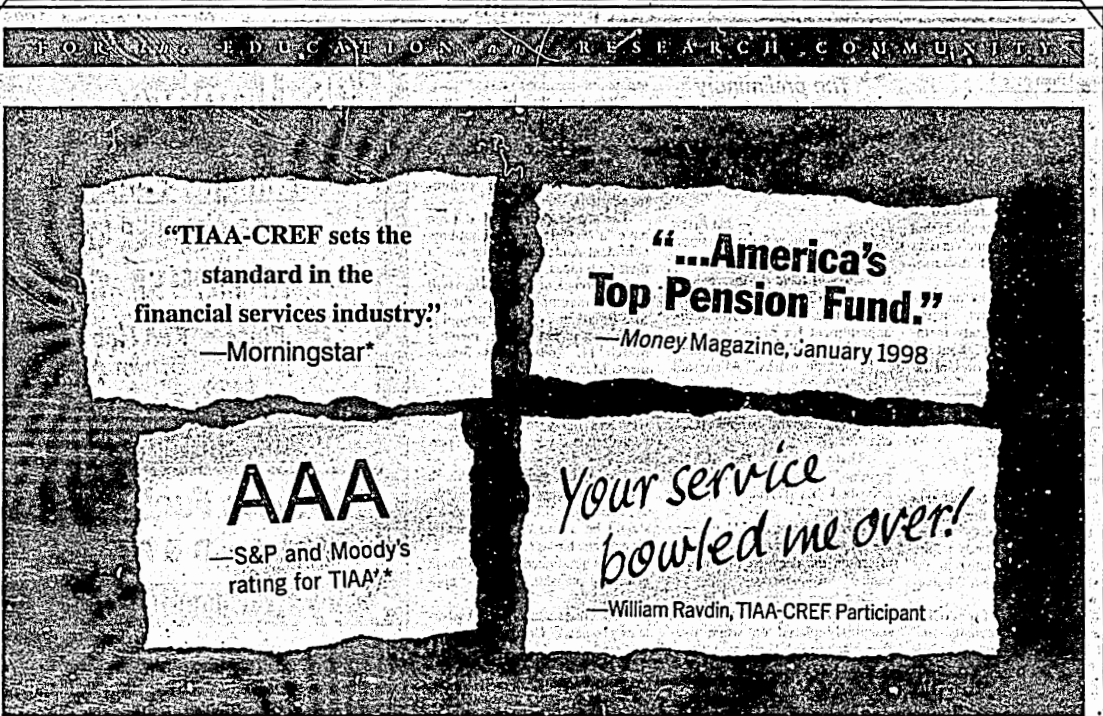
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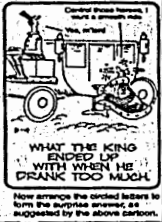
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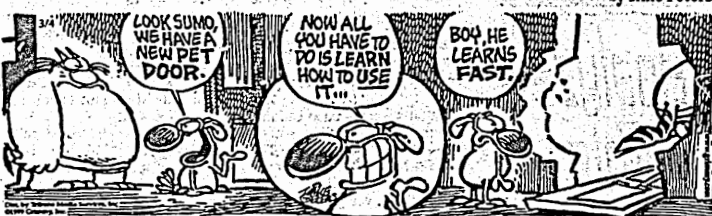
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Big 10 squads prepare for conference tourney

JOE REXROBE
THE STATE NEWS

EAST LANSING, Mich. (U-WIRE) — In most years in most conferences, the first round of tournament play is little more than a formality — inferior teams, low-turnouts and unappealing matchups.

Thursday, the first day of action in the 1999 Big Ten Tournament, has more potential for excitement than an entire season in, say, the Big 12.

Included in the tripleheader at Chicago's United Center is the league's hottest team outside of East Lansing (Penn State), two teams fighting for NCAA bids (Purdue and Minnesota), a matchup of the Big Ten's top two centers (Northwestern's Evan Eschmeyer and Penn State's Calvin Booth) and appearances by the defending tourney champs (Michigan) and regular season co-champs (Illinois).

Perhaps nothing better demonstrates the Big Ten's strength than a look at the bracket, in which the dangerous Fighting Illini and Wolverines draw up the rear.

"It's been an unbelievable year with the balance from top to bottom," said Iowa head coach Tom Davis, who's hoping for a grand send-off in his final season at the helm. "In my 13 years, I don't think I've seen better games."

Festivities begin at 2 p.m., when eighth-seeded Northwestern takes on ninth-seeded Penn State, a team it beat twice in the regular season. After losing five conference games by four points or less

en route to a 2-11 record, the Nitany Lions finished with three straight wins. That includes victories at Purdue and Michigan and an overtime win over second-place Ohio State.

"Penn State is playing the best basketball in the conference outside of MSU," Northwestern head coach Kevin O'Neill said. "Us having beaten them two times, I think they'll have extra energy for that."

A win over the slumping Wildcats would give Penn State a 14-13 overall record and might get them into the National Invitation Tournament. But head coach Jerry Dunn is looking for a four-day run and automatic NCAA bid, even though his team would have to tangle with the Spartans on Friday.

"You look at the games we lost, they were close games," Dunn said. "This is a chance to regroup, get on a roll and get into the NCAA."

At 4:30 p.m., defending tourney champ Michigan plays Purdue, a team that looked like an NCAA shooin before losing four of its last five games and falling into seventh place at 7-9.

The Boilermakers, 19-11 overall, should be secure if they can top the Wolverines: That may not be easy considering the turmoil Purdue has endured of late — threats by head coach Gene Keady to get rid of certain players for lack of effort and rumors that Keady will take a job at San Diego State.

"We're excited because it's a fresh start, a new season," Keady said.

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Scott Boyd singled to right field. With the score knotted at 1-1 at the end of the second inning, the next scoring for either team would come in the sixth inning.

After walking junior Jason Spannagel, the bases were loaded for junior Marty Worsley. The outfielder proceeded to hit a double between the center and right fielders, scoring two runs. The very next play, freshman Jeff Stanek hit a weak ground ball that went through the MSU's second baseman Brad Burn's legs. The error cost MSU two more runs and gave the Salukis a 5-1 lead.

"Sometimes you get the breaks, and sometimes you don't," Stanek said. "When it comes to close

games, before we didn't get the good breaks. But we were able to get the breaks and suck it out."

The closest Thoroughbreds would come is 5-4 after scoring three runs in the seventh inning against senior David Piazza. With only pitching one and one-third of an inning last weekend, head coach Dan Callahan understood Piazza needed to get some pitches in.

"That was a huge game for him," Callahan said. "He pitched all three games down in New Orleans, and we needed some innings out of him. He did a tremendous job for us."

Freshman Jake Alley, who came into the game in the bottom of the ninth wearing a short-sleeved shirt, shut down MSU for his second save of the season.

Cold weather and all, Callahan understands with a little hard work all would be well.

"I thought, we hit some balls hard early on," Callahan said. "Sometimes the breaks start going your way a little bit more, and I think that's what happened. We hit a few balls hard and they kicked the ball around a little bit."

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took a two-point lead. They were even tied at 45-45 with 12:44 remaining before the Salukis were outscored 31-11 down the stretch.

"I don't think we have to get them up," SIUC coach Julie Beck said about preparing her team mentally for the rematch.

"They should feel, probably, pretty upset about the game down there and how we performed. After we watched the film, it was pretty evident that we were on our heels most of the game."

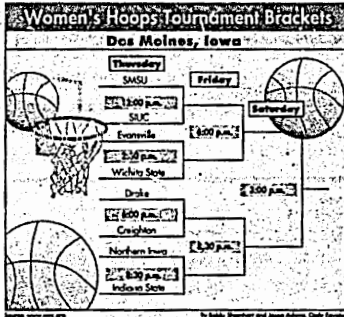
Sophomore guard Terica Hathaway poured in 19 points in the first game with the Bears.

But in the next meeting, SMSU successfully contained the MVC All-Conference selection. Hathaway scored just four points, well below her season average of 16 points a game.

"I really don't know what happened," Hathaway said about her four-point performance.

"We thought we were ready to play, but I guess our legs must have been tired from the bus ride or something. I don't know — I just hope that we can play better [today]."

The Salukis have to stop the one-two combination punch of All-American sophomore guard Jackie Stiles and senior center Roshonda Reed. Stiles is averaging a Valley-best 25.8 points a game. She scored 26 and 21 against the Salukis this season.



SIUC must keep Reed out of the paint in order to prevent her from another 20-rebound game. She leads the league with 10.3 rebounds per game.

"I think we're really excited," sophomore forward Maria Niebrugge said about the opportunity to play the Bears one last time.

"Our offense wasn't clicking very well, and we hope to get that corrected. We've got to keep on going. You can't put your head down. You've got to keep your head up for the rest of the year and just go out as hard as you can."

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said.

"Keep Roshonda off the boards, and don't let Roshonda get quick put backs."

"If we can do some of the little things and don't let them get quite the rebounds, and keep them below their averages, I think we can be in the ballgame."

Stiles and Reed have made up more than 55 percent (89 of 161 points) of the Bears' scoring in the two meetings with the Salukis. In addition, Reed alone pulled down 20 rebounds in Springfield, Mo., one less than the entire Saluki team.

Reed leads the league with 10.3

rebounds and torched the Salukis for 22 and 20 points, respectively. She is a constant threat on the floor, shooting 54.1 percent and is sixth in the league in scoring (16.1).

"We've asked so much from Roshonda in her senior year," SMSU coach Cheryl Burnett said. "She has been so consistent all season in games and in practice. She has been a great leader this season."

The Salukis are not alone in attempting to solve the riddle. Stiles' 52 points against Baylor University is the most points scored in the nation this season.

Stiles has improved on a tremendous freshman season in which she led the league and the nation's freshmen in scoring. Her 20.6 points per game average was the second-highest in school

history.

"When I told people that her entire game would be twice as good as it was last year," Burnett said, "their mouths just dropped open in disbelief."

"They would ask me, 'How could she improve anymore?' She has worked harder and has learned more about the game."

Stiles has done more than just improve her scoring average. Her field-goal and free-throw percentages have improved slightly but more impressively her three-point percent has increased by nearly 10 percentage points (.462).

"Whenever you go up against anybody who is an All-American," Hathaway said, "of course you want to play your best and show her that she ain't all that."

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me with the hand coordination."

SIUC women's coach Don DeNoon agreed that Nitzsche's background contributed to her early success.

"She certainly picked up the event really easily," DeNoon said. "One of the keys to being a pole vaulter is having a daredevil mentality. I think her experience in gymnastics helped her there."

It wasn't Nitzsche's original plan to pole vault for the Salukis, though. She attended high school in Merced, Calif., where she starred on the soccer team and participated on the gymnastics team.

She was on the verge of signing a soccer scholarship with the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., when her career took a detour.

"I got in a car accident, and that pretty much ruined that," Nitzsche said.

She went to junior college in California after recovering from her injuries, but then moved to Evansville to be closer to her family. She earned her associate's degree and made the trek to Carbondale in the winter of 1997-98.

"I found out that SIU had my major (psychology), and it was the closest school to my dad's house," she said.

"When I got here, I wanted to play soccer again, but I didn't know which sports (SIUC) had."

When she found out that SIUC didn't have an NCAA soccer team, she looked for alternatives.

"I would've played soccer if SIU had it," Nitzsche said. "I never would have done pole vault."

Nonetheless, Nitzsche discovered pole vaulting, and she has had

the Division I success she coveted. In 1998, she finished third and fifth at the Indoor and Outdoor Missouri Valley Conference Championships, respectively.

This season, Nitzsche continues to break her own records at a constant pace: Her latest record-breaking vault was 10 feet 6 inches.

Unfortunately, bad luck arrived again a couple weeks before the 1999 MVC Indoor Championships. Nitzsche came down with pneumonia and was instructed to sit out of competition.

“She's really dedicated. She's definitely one of our harder workers.”

— DON DENOON

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD COACH

"The doctor told me not to compete unless I was 100 percent because I could make it worse," she said. "I told him I was 85 percent and I wanted to compete."

Nitzsche decided to take her chances in Cedar Falls, Iowa, for the benefit of her teammates.

"I just wanted to do it for the team and also for myself," she said. "I wanted to prove to myself that I could work through it."

As it turned out, Nitzsche affected her team's performance more than she anticipated. Her unexpected fifth-place finish lifted the team to a narrow fourth-place finish, edging out the University of Northern Iowa.

Nitzsche's accomplishments are even more amazing considering SIUC did not have a coach specializing in the pole vault until this week. For the last year, Nitzsche

basically has trained herself.

"I went and rented videos and got books from the library," she said.

Nitzsche said the arrival of newly hired pole vault coach Kevin Robinson already has helped a great deal.

"The first day he was telling me all sorts of things I could improve on my technique," she said. "I think he's going to make a tremendous difference."

In a little more than a year, Nitzsche has proven herself one of the SIUC track team's most accomplished athletes.

"She's really dedicated," DeNoon said. "She's definitely one of our harder workers. Michelle has a natural gift to compete."

Despite her accomplishments, Nitzsche is still able to keep athletics in perspective.

Already, Nitzsche must compensate because she receives a lower level of scholarship money than most athletes. She needs to have a job, which becomes extremely difficult during the season.

"On March 27, we start a string of seven meets — on seven weekends in a row," she said. "How am I supposed to work and pay bills? Track is a full-time job, and it's tough on me."

Nitzsche also is prepared to put her recent success in the pole vault in the proper perspective.

"I'll be graduating in December, so I'm not sure if I'll stay for another year," she said about her one year of eligibility remaining.

"If I don't qualify for nationals in outdoor (this spring), I don't want to stay and compete."

"A lot of people think nationals is a high goal to set, but I need to worry about my future. I know I can't compete in pole vault for the rest of my life."

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High Vault-age power

SIUC's record holder, Michelle Nitzsche, continues to jump over competition and expectations

Rob Allin
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Michelle Nitzsche was working out in the Recreation Center one day in January 1998 when she noticed some girls doing the pole vault in an SIUC track and field practice.

Nitzsche came to Carbondale in the spring of 1998 wanting to play a Division I sport, and the junior from Evansville saw her opportunity that January day.

"I saw the girls vaulting, and I went up to the coaches and asked them about doing it," she said. "They got me NCAA clearance in a week, and on the first day of practice I broke the school record."

Nitzsche proved her first practice wasn't just a fluke in her first meet. On Feb. 14, 1998, she cleared 9 feet 3 inches to set a new SIUC pole vault mark.

This year, she remains SIUC's top-pole vaulter and a model of hard work for the Saluki women's track and field team.

According to Nitzsche, one of her previous sports helped her adjust to the new sport.

"I competed in gymnastics for six years, and I think gymnastics helped me have no fear of pole vaulting," she said. "It also helped



SIUC RECORD BREAKER MICHELLE NITZSCHE, A JUNIOR FROM EVANSVILLE, LIFTED HER TEAM TO A FOURTH-PLACE FINISH AT THE 1999 MVC Indoor Championships of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Nitzsche currently has the Saluki pole vault record of 10 feet 6 inches.

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Biggs comes up big

Senior pitcher conquers cold weather with his hot eight-strikeout performance

Mike Bjorklund
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

MURRAY, KY — The Saluki men's baseball team battled two types of colds Wednesday afternoon at Murray State University.

The first type was the kind that kept senior starting pitchers Jason Fraser and Brad Heuring home from making the Kentucky road trip.

The second type of cold sent the majority of the Saluki ballplayers reaching for an extra layer of clothing.

Salukis 5
Murray State 4

"It wasn't too bad," junior Marty Worsley said. "I have four or five layers of clothing on, so I'm good."

Against these two odds, the Salukis (4-3) defeated the Thoroughbreds 5-4 in front of 73 frozen patrons at Reagan Field.

But senior starting pitcher Adam Biggs, who made his first start this season after pitching all three games in relief last weekend in New Orleans, was anything but cold.

Biggs (1-1) struck out eight MSU (7-3-1) batters while only giving up five hits and one earned run in five innings. The righthander also pitched out of tough jams in both the third and fourth innings. In both of those innings, MSU had runners in scoring positions with less than two outs.

"My teammates made some big plays for me," Biggs said. "They helped me get out of some huge jams."

From the offensive standpoint, the weather was a slight deterrent.

Minus the one run scored in the first inning and the scoring parade in the sixth inning, in which SIUC scored four runs, the team only



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Saluki starting pitcher Adam Biggs delivers a pitch during Wednesday afternoon's game at Murray State University. Biggs pitched five innings and struck out eight batters in the 5-4 victory.

managed four hits while stranding eight men on base.

In the first, leadoff hitter senior Joe Schley walked and advanced to second base on a wild pitch. Schley scored on the very next play after

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Battling the Bears

Dawgs open MVC Tourney against nation's No. 22 Southwest Missouri State

Paul Wleklinski
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIUC women's basketball team scratched and clawed its way into the Missouri Valley Conference tournament with just five wins this season.

Its reward? A showdown with the Valley's best team that brushed the Salukis away by an average of 29 points in their two meetings.

The Salukis (6-20, 5-13) kick off the MVC Tournament against Southwest Missouri State University (23-5, 15-3) at noon today in Des Moines, Iowa. The Bears are ranked 22nd in the nation in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll.

Today's game marks the third time the teams have met in their last five games.

The Bears handed the Salukis a 76-56 lashing in the SIU Arena Feb. 18.

In Springfield, the Bears whipped the Salukis 85-47 Saturday before 8,628 fans.

"After playing a team you've met twice in three weeks makes the preparation of the Xs and Os easy," SMSU coach Cheryl Burnett said. "The difficult part is preparing for them mentally."

If the Salukis are searching for any positives to dwell upon, it would be early in their first meeting, when the Salukis

MVC TOURNNEY:

The Salukis and the Bears of Southwest Missouri face off in the opener of the MVC Tournament today at noon. The game can be heard live on WGRU-FM 106.3 starting at about 11:50 a.m.

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Working defensively

Paul Wleklinski
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The riddle in stopping the SIUC women's basketball team is as simple as containing sophomore guard Terica Hathaway.

But the riddle in stopping Southwest Missouri State University is a bit more complicated.

If you can find a way of holding All-American sophomore guard Jackie Stiles below her Missouri

Valley Conference-leading 25.8 points per game — maybe with a double-team effort — then senior forward Roshonda Reed will exploit the remaining holes.

The Salukis have failed in either case, losing by 58 points in two meetings with the Bears this year.

"I think you can contain them a little bit better," SIUC coach Julie Beck

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