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# Offers traded

Faculty union, SIUC administration exchange proposals

**Ben Botkin**  
 Daily Egyptian

Bargaining teams of the Faculty Association and SIUC administration wrapped up a three-day stretch of negotiations with both sides exchanging proposals on Friday.

The Faculty Association presented a proposal that covered several important issues, said James Kelly, an associate professor of journalism and chair of the union's public information committee.

"The FA team presented the Board team with a package proposal including compromise language on salary, workload, student/faculty ratios, and other key issues," Kelly wrote in an e-mail.

Both sides will resume negotiations Thursday, and until then, the administration will review the proposal from the Faculty Association, said Sue Davis, SIUC's executive director of media and communication resources.

The administration presented a no-strike/no-layoff proposal to the Faculty Association, Davis said.

This means that if the Faculty Association does not go on strike, members of the bargaining unit will not be laid off during the current and 2004 fiscal year if the administration declares that a financial crisis exists, Davis said.

The Faculty Association represents a bargaining unit of 684 tenure and tenure-track professors at SIUC.

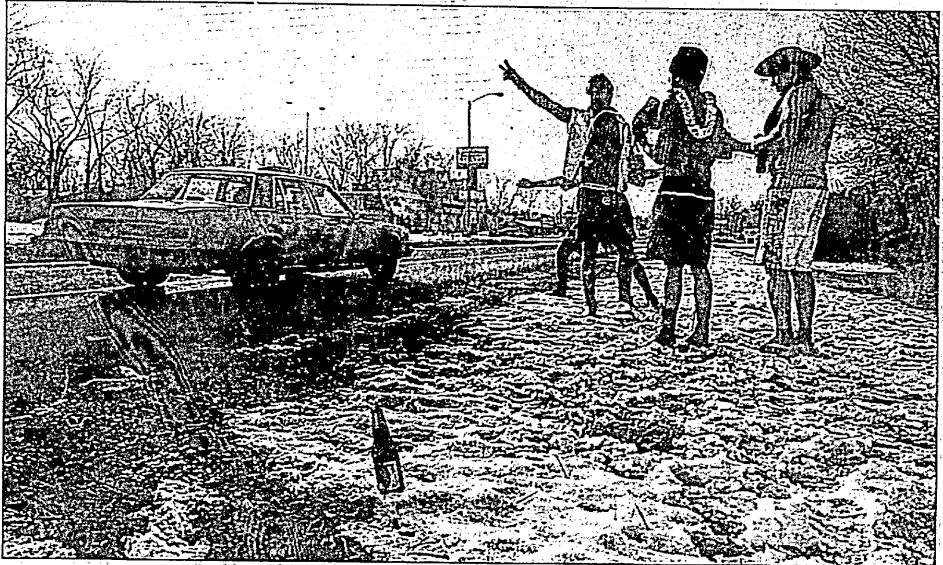
The SIUC administration and Faculty Association, in negotiations since February, benefited from the federal mediators who assisted in the process, Kelly said.

Members of the Faculty Association voted in November on a measure that authorizes the union's leadership to call a strike if members believe progress is stalling at the bargaining table. Since faculty are not legally required to join a walkout, it is unclear how many would go on strike if the association called for one.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler has said that classes will continue if there is a strike, with no senior prevented from graduating on time. The administration formed a committee to make plans for a possible strike.

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# Joys of snow tanning



DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Several residents of Lewis Park Apartments take advantage of the warm weather to do a little "snow-tanning" Saturday afternoon before the rigors of finals week began. From left: Andy Chepovetsky, Mike Cutro and Matt Yonke dressed in swimming trunks and received numerous honks of approval from people driving by on Grand Avenue. One man stopped and gave the group a bottle of booze, saying, "You guys brightened up my day."

# New task force will begin budget planning

Members will meet in January

**Ben Botkin**  
 Daily Egyptian

With an unknown budget next year and new legislators soon to arrive in Springfield, plans are underway at SIUC for a task force aimed at preparing the University for possible funding decreases and developing a long-term vision for the future.

The SIUC administration is forming a new Task Force for Budget Planning that will have representatives of various campus groups who will review budget plans that were submitted to SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler in November.

In a memo Wendler sent to deans and department heads in July, he asked them to look for ways to trim costs. Each department and college was required to send suggestions to the Provost's office by Nov. 22.

Members of the task force will examine those plans, which may be used to reduce budgets by up to 5 percent in the current year and an additional 5 percent during the next four years.

Since it is unknown how much, if any, of the University's budget could be affected by a potential reduction in state funds next year, Wendler said preparation is essential.

If the state funding isn't reduced by 5 percent, the exercise still will have proven to be an important means of evaluating the University's resources and looking for ways to improve long-term quality, Wendler said.

"My feeling is we need to plan ahead with this," he said.

Two representatives will come from the Faculty Senate, two from the Graduate Council and one apiece from the Deans' Council, Faculty Association, Civil Service Council and Administrative-Professional Staff Council.

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IBHE to vote on budget proposal

**Ben Botkin**  
 Daily Egyptian

The Illinois Board of Higher Education will vote Tuesday on a proposed budget of \$2.7 billion in general funds that includes mandatory increases of almost \$124 million.

If the proposal is approved Tuesday, Governor-elect Rod Blagojevich will review the proposal and prepare his own budget early next year, said Don Sevener, IBHE spokesman. If Blagojevich plans for a smaller budget, the board will be asked to reallocate resources and make further recommendations, he said.

The Illinois General Assembly will vote on the budget in May.

The nearly \$124 million increase, which is 4.9 percent of the budget, provides funds for legally mandated increases in

retirement benefits, a 2 percent salary increase for faculty and staff who received no raises this year and an increase of financial aid dollars, which were cut last year.

But the board will also vote on proposed cuts, which includes a capital budget of \$341.8 million for fiscal year 2004, a figure that is down about \$100 million from last year's request.

Although last year's request was higher, the amount approved by the General Assembly for the fiscal year 2003 was much lower — \$338.3 million. This means that this year's request is about \$3.5 million, or 1 percent, higher.

The \$341.8 million proposal, if approved, would provide funding for 31 construction projects, including \$30 million for renovations at each public university and community college.

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# Mike Bost elected to Illinois House Republican leadership

**Gus Bode**



Gus says:  
 Who's the Best?

First from district in about three decades

**Greg Cima**  
 Daily Egyptian

Rep. Mike Bost was elected to the Republican leadership team in the Illinois House Thursday, making him the first member of the team from the district in about 30 years.

Bost, R-Murphysboro, is one of five members of the 10-person team elected this year. The minority leader was previ-

ously the only position that was elected by House Republicans, and other team members were appointed by the caucus leader.

Rep. Tom Cross, R-Oswego, is replacing Lee Daniels, R-Elmhurst, as minority leader. He said the rules were changed this year because caucus members thought some members should be elected at large.

Cross said the decision process is more open to the whole party with leadership chosen at large.

Bost, representative of the 115th district, said the position allows him to be in

the inner meetings where party positions are formed. He said he will be able to provide input from the region in discussions on bills and the advantages, disadvantages and their long- and short-term ramifications.

Bost said that in previous years leaders would have to come to him or he would have to put forth efforts to make his position known. He said now he will receive notice of issues days earlier and he will be more closely involved in the policy making process.

He said he will be in Springfield one or two days before each legislative session

and, on some days, will spend between 12 and 15 hours in meetings.

Bost said he will be traveling more in the state, but his focus will stay on serving his district.

Bost said the election process was tremendous and he is grateful for the support he received. He said the early notification and input will be an advantage for the people of his district and Southern Illinois University.

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# Letters To Santa

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Pearl Harbor remembered

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — With America girding for possible war with Iraq, about 150 people, including survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor and their families, gathered Saturday to pay tribute to those who lost their lives 61 years ago.

"We hope and pray that if we are once again called upon to help send our brave men and women into battle, we will find ourselves blessed with the special sort of America that helped us conquer," Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, said at a commemorative ceremony aboard the USS Arizona Memorial.

Inouye, who lost an arm fighting in World War II, made no direct reference to Iraq.

The group observed a moment of silence at 7:55 a.m., the time the Japanese attack started, and a group of airplanes from the Hawaii Air National Guard flew over in a "missing man" formation. A stiff wind blew across the harbor and sailors had to struggle to raise an 18-foot American flag.

"It reminds me of the days when everybody was aboard," said Ski Kowalski, 82, of San Diego, who was aboard the USS Pennsylvania.

The surprise attack on Pearl Harbor and other military bases on Oahu lasted two hours on Dec. 7, 1941. Twenty-one ships were heavily damaged, 323 aircraft were damaged or destroyed, in all, 2,330 people were killed and 1,178 wounded.

One bomb ripped over the Arizona, which sank at its mooring along Battleship Row in nine minutes. It remains a tomb for more than 900 of its 1,177 crewmen.

### Carter arrives in Norway for Nobel

OSLO, Norway — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter arrived in Norway on Sunday ahead of celebrations surrounding the presentation of his Nobel Peace Prize at a solemn ceremony in Oslo.

Carter, 78, his wife Rosalyn, and family members were greeted by Gunnar Berge, the chairman of the Nobel Peace Prize committee, when they arrived at Norway's national airport ahead of Tuesday's awards ceremony.

"It's wonderful to be back in Norway once more, and particularly for this great occasion for me and my family," said Carter after he landed. He called the Nobel "a great honor."

The awards committee noted his decades of peace efforts around the world, and has said Carter's mediation of the 1978 Camp David peace accord between Israel and Egypt alone was worthy of a Nobel prize.

Carter, a Democrat, landed in Norway at a time when the Republican administration of U.S. President George W. Bush has threatened war against Iraq due to fears that it is hiding weapons of mass destruction.

However, Iraq on Saturday complied with a U.N. Security Council Resolution by turning over a nearly 12,000-page report on its weapons program.

"I think if Iraq continues to completely comply then I see no reason for the war," said Carter, who urges dialogue and diplomacy instead of force whenever possible in resolving conflicts.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Dramatic shift in Sydney fires

SYDNEY, Australia — Australia's bushfire crisis shifted dramatically to the Blue Mountains near Sydney where helicopters were dropping water bombs on a fresh blaze to try to stop it reaching a historic landmark hotel.

Far from 99-130 feet high swept toward the rambling 98-year-old Hydro Majestic hotel perched on the edge of the Megalong Valley in the Blue Mountains 75 miles west of Sydney.

"It sounds like 'Apocalypse Now' with so many helicopters overhead," Jill Shepherd of the nearby Blue Mountains Insight Meditation Centre told Sky News, referring to a Vietnam War film.

"We're losing our concentration," she said. The new outbreak occurred as 4,500 firefighters appeared to gain the upper hand in battling the fires that have raged for five days, killing one person and sending hundreds of residents fleeing homes, with about 50 houses now confirmed destroyed.

Sydney woke beneath a thick blanket of acid, purplish smoke once again on Sunday, with about 70 bushfires burning throughout New South Wales state.

Thousands of firefighters have used water bombs and hoses to battle the bushfires. They have backburned bush and dug containment lines allowing them to take gradual control on the city's northern and south outskirts.

### Five killed in Nepal bus attack

KATHMANDU, Nepal — Only five days after Nepal's Maoists pledged to drop attacks on non-defense targets, five people, including two soldiers, were killed on Sunday in a rebel ambush on a bus, police said.

The attack took place about 62 miles east of Kathmandu. The bus was en route from Kathmandu to the Sindhuli district. Last week, Nepal's rebel Maoists took tentative steps towards a possible ceasefire and peace talks by vowing to drop attacks on non-defense targets.

"We have decided to stop all attacks on public infrastructure related to people's welfare," Prachanda, the shadowy chairman of the Maoists, said in the statement.

Prachanda said his group would cease all actions against public and private institutions and would refrain from attacking workers of other political parties.

However, rebel attacks on defense-related infrastructure would continue, he said.

In addition, Prachanda said he had put together a team to negotiate a peace agreement, although the names of its members were not released.

The move was seen as critical for the rebels, who have repeatedly attacked communication towers, hydroelectric projects, roads, bridges and private businesses across Nepal.

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## TODAY'S CALENDAR

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Annual Holiday Concert  
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- \*Fredrick Simi Walumbe, 26, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with unlawful use of a weapon, aggravated battery, intimidation, and aggravated unlawful restraint at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday at Neely Hall. He was taken to the Jackson County Jail.
  - \*Keys, candles and a driver's license were reported stolen between 3:30 p.m. Nov. 22 and 9:30 a.m. Dec. 1 from a residence in Schneider Hall. Police have no suspects.
  - \*A coat was reported stolen at about 6:46 p.m. at the Recreation Center. The coat was valued at \$500. Police have no suspects.
  - \*A 19-year-old man reported three men battered him at 11:24 p.m. at Mae Smith Hall. He refused medical attention.
- Carbondale**
- \*A digital camera was stolen Dec. 6 at 7:24 p.m. from Best Buy, 1270 E. Main St. A man allegedly cut a cable securing the camera and left in a white Ford Thunderbird. He is described as a white male wearing a camouflage jacket, white shirt and blue jeans. The camera was valued at about \$1,000.

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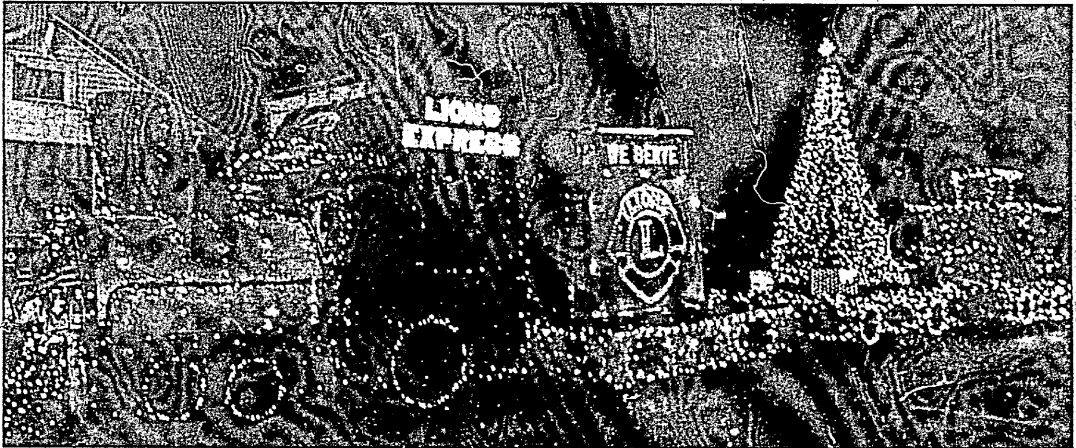
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LESTER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

The 12th annual Lights Fantastic Parade entertained as many as 18,000 spectators Saturday night in downtown Carbondale. The parade, which lined up on Grand Avenue and rolled toward the town square, featured tens of thousands of lights on 71 floats.

## Locomotion of LIGHTS

Lights Fantastic Parade rolls past spectators, glows with holiday cheer

Molly Parker  
Daily Egyptian

The sun went down. The lights came on. A gigantic Schnuck's shopping cart rolled on the ground.

People of all sizes and ages and colors snuggled tightly around blankets and friends and family. Their noses were running; their toes were going numb.

But they sipped on hot chocolate and hid their fingers in mittens. They ooo-ed and they awwed and sung along to the show as the Carbondale High School played Merry Christmas to all.

And that's the way in our town the Lights Fantastic Parade welcomes the holiday season home.

Christmas tree lights lined the big bass drum and flutes and saxophones paraded through the night. Fire-lit batons twirled through the sky. The Girl Scout troop yelled in a clamor, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all."

And then to the demand of the drum major's call, the high school band lifted its instruments and filed the street with "Joy To the World." Carbondale's finest stowed shoulder to shoulder along Route 51, some young, some old, but no doubt, everyone cold.

As the parade rolled down Route 51, this town was reminded of how good it is to be home. Colorful lights

danced. Candy canes were personified. Bundled in coats tied down by their eyes, little kids anticipated the arrival of Saint Nick.

By the way, if you run into him, Paul Gage would like you to give him a message: He's been real good and can even spell his name. He wants a Game Cube and a Game Boy and Mario Brothers and ... "Ok, that's enough," his father interrupted.

And as the street shimmered and shined and the 12-year tradition marched around Saturday, the town's people relished in this time and gave thanks for what they're most thankful for.

"To be alive," said Jimmy John's manager Ken Butler.

"My family, my kids and my dad," said Terry Samm of Carbondale.

"Friends and family and giant shopping carts," Brad Sims of Murphysboro said as the oversized Schnuck's shopping cart rolled by.

"And this year, the snow," Debbie Tindall said.

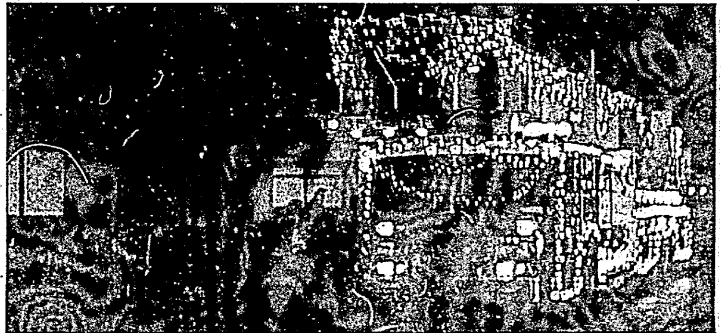
"I'm grateful to be with family and friends," Megan Humphries said.

"Oh yeah, that's probably it," Megan's 13-year-old sister Erin chimed in.

"The snow," said Riley Blandford, age 4.

"I'm thankful to be living, I'm 34, and just thankful to be living," said

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LESTER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Carbondale Fire Department entered a float in the Lights Fantastic Parade for the first time on Saturday. The firetruck took almost five hours to decorate and has more than 3,000 lights.

## Streets lit up by 71 floats, tied up with traffic detours

Arin Thompson  
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale's annual Lights Fantastic Parade gave the Strip over to one giant shopping cart, a miniature Elvis impersonator, a jumping green bass, and a troop of tiny dancers — not to mention thousands of blinking lights Saturday night.

David Coracy, director of the Lights Fantastic Parade committee, said he estimates about 16,000 to 18,000 people were in attendance to see the 71 lavishly decorated floats.

"If we bring the crowds out, even on a night like this, it's a success," Coracy said.

He said the committee meets in January to discuss how the parade went and how to make it bigger and better each year. This year there were some new additions to the parade, as well as some improved returning floats.

The Carbondale Fire Department entered into the parade for the first time this year, only they weren't dri-

ving a float, they were driving what they usually drive — a big, red fire engine.

Fireman Brad Lam said it took the department about four to five hours to decorate the shiny red engine with 3,000 bright, white lights.

"It was pretty neat," said Lam, who drove the fire-truck in the parade.

Carbondale's Cedar Lake float was a returning veteran in the parade, going on its fourth year riding down the strip. The float is a very detailed canoe with blue water trekking along the bottom and it's filled with light-up toys.

The float also plays host to a giant leaping and wiggling green bass. The bass's movement is powered by a relay traffic light, according to Cedar Lake supervisor Ted Mieling.

Each year the city tries to improve the float and next year Mieling wants to get the blue water to look like it's moving. It takes a lot of volunteers to

poke holes and hot glue to get the Cedar Lake float in working order — not to mention a good generator, he said.

A new float in this year's parade was titled "Blue Christmas," sponsored by Stewarts Electric out of Benton. Kelly Stewart took her 7-year-old nephew, Landon Stewart, to the parade two years ago and he told her he wanted to be in the parade, so she got an idea.

Last year, an illness kept her from entering in the parade but this year she proudly displayed a float devoted to the King — Elvis Presley, that is. Little Landon, who is now a feisty 9-year-old, was dressed to the nines in his polyester Elvis duds, shaking his thing to "Blue Christmas."

"We'll be in the parade for many years to come," said Landon from behind his dark Elvis shades. "If they can handle me."

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## Saluki Rainbow Network, Inter-Greek Council meeting breaks tension

Valerie N. Donnals  
Daily Egyptian

Members of the Saluki Rainbow Network and the Inter-Greek Council came together Thursday evening to discuss the frustrations both groups have encountered through the semester.

The meeting stemmed from the incident earlier this semester during Coming Out Week. The rocks next to the Recreation Center had been painted by SRN in celebration of the week, and later were painted over with the word "FAG" and tagged with fraternity symbols.

"It gives us a bad name, the campus a bad name, and it hurts your cause,"

said Chris Peterson, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council.

The group at the meeting discussed the frustrations and stereotypes they have had to deal with, as well as steps they could take to overcome the negative spotlight that was shown on them.

Peterson said he felt really bad about what happened and apologized to the members of SRN, saying he hopes the perpetrators are found or come forward.

Jenae Williams, co-director for SRN, said their group met after the incident and acknowledged that both groups, being minorities on this campus, were likely being targeted.

She said that nobody jumped to

conclusions to place blame, and hopes that every group on campus can get along, even though the two groups traditionally don't mix.

Williams said she knows several people who were interested in pledging, but were afraid to do so because of their lifestyle.

Kelli Belangee, president of the Inter-Greek Council, said that there are no rules in the Greek system to prevent someone who is gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender from joining a fraternity or sorority.

Peterson said that a common stereotype on this campus is that they are not open to diversity.

"It can be similar to a high school

on campus," Belangee said. "Everyone tends to know everything about everybody."

Williams suggested SRN and Inter-Greek Council should co-sponsor a speaker she has heard of who wrote a book on being gay in a fraternity to encourage more interaction among their organizations.

Kristin Wolter, the counselor for IGC, agreed that it would be a great opportunity to educate even a few people or begin talking between the groups.

Both groups continued to share stories and become acquainted with each other's organizations, laughing and joking when people became confused

about even their own organizations.

Members of SRN learned about the purpose, goals and community service of the Greek system, while IGC learned how active SRN has been and their goals to create a safe environment for people who are out and to educate others.

In Southern Illinois, "we're essentially it," said Paulette Curkin, the SRN adviser.

Peterson said he applauded their efforts for being so active in an area that can be unacceptable of diversity.

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# Singing for shoppers

Eleven choirs entertain University Mall patrons with holiday songs

Carrie Roderick  
Daily Egyptian

During the hustle and bustle of weekend shopping, the Southern Illinois Children's Choir spread holiday cheer as they sang festive Christmas carols for shoppers at the University Mall.

The SICC was one of 11 choirs that sang at the mall this Saturday as part of the annual "Lights Fantastic Holiday Sing." The choirs were from nearby communities such as Murphysboro, Marion and Carterville.

Wearing their burgundy blazers and plaid jumpers, the choir sang religious as well as secular Christmas songs. The group began their mall performance with the traditional "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" and ended with "Do You Hear What I Hear?" as the crowd watched the children.

The choir will also be performing a Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Saturday at Shryock Auditorium. They have annual fall and spring performances at the Shryock Auditorium.

Katherine Hickey, the conductor of the choir, said there are 85 children in four different levels of choir ranging from first to ninth grade. The choir was formed in 1990 and Hickey, also an assistant professor in the School of Music at SIUC, has been the conductor for the past five years. She said the choir's mission is to enhance and enrich the musical lives of people in Southern Illinois, especially children.

"It's performing experience, so it's wonderful for us to take our message, take our music, have the children share their message with the busy shoppers," Hickey said.

Hickey said the choir is open to all interested children, and there's no need to worry about auditioning because she can teach them the fundamentals of singing.

Hickey teaches the children proper vocal technique, music literacy and how to express oneself in music.

"It's a wonderful team spirit," Hickey said. "We have a lot of children who are very shy,



RONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Southern Illinois Children's Choir performed Christmas carols at the University Mall Saturday afternoon. The SICC was among 11 other choirs that sang to shoppers as part of the annual "Lights Fantastic Holiday Sing."

who would never get up and do a solo, but within a group they can really blossom with expressing themselves through the music."

Mary Williams has had her two children in the choir for the past two years.

Her 7-year-old son, Ryan, has learning disabilities and it was recommended that she get him interested in music. She said music stimulates him and helps him control his voice.

The children have choir practice one night a week. Williams said the practice provides something more than just sitting at the house and watching TV.

"He always seems to be really rested when he gets home and content to I know that it makes him feel good," Williams said.

Her daughter Kacie, 9, also likes being in the choir. Williams said Kacie is learning to be dependable and responsible from being in the choir.

Hickey said there are many benefits to having music in children's lives. She said music is one of the few disciplines that exercise both sides of the brain. The choir has children with attention problems who learn to focus and be disciplined, expressing themselves through music.

She said the choir has very bright children and singing adds to their other musical experi-

ence. Hickey said the research is not clear if music makes you smarter or because you're smarter you get involved in music.

And the children are looking forward to the performance at SIUC, Hickey said.

"It's a great experience for them to sing on the Shryock stage," she said. "It's just an important musical venue here in Southern Illinois and they're the only professional children's choir in the Southern Illinois region."

Hickey said the audience also receives benefits from watching the children's choir.

"I think often an audience can open their hearts to children's voices," Hickey said. "When they hear children's voices singing and see those beautiful faces and disciplined children it's such a positive role model and I think it makes them more receptive to the music and its message."

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The SICC will have a concert at 3 p.m. Saturday at Shryock Auditorium. Tickets are available at the box office one hour before the performance. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens, students and children. The SICC will be in WSIL-TV's "The Sounds of the Season" at 6 p.m. Dec. 21 and at 11:05 p.m. Dec. 24.



RONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nathan Gates of Carbondale watches choir director Katherine Hickey during a bar of "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Gates, like some of the other singing children, wore a scarf to display the holiday spirit.

# Company purchases Napster, makes music sharing legal

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UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (U-WIRE) — Napster is back with a new name, but now for a price.

The software company Roxio purchased the famous file-sharing program for about \$5.2 million dollars last week. The Recording Industry Association of America is satisfied that Napster's old ways of allowing the illegal downloading of copyrighted material are no more. Roxio will now be a subscription-based service, and a percentage of its profits will go to artists and record labels.

Cary Sherman, president and general counsel of RIAA, said he thinks Roxio is a legitimate company.

Gary Augustsson, Pennsylvania State University information technology provost, said Roxio is the model needed for legally acquiring Internet files.

Since Napster's demise in 2001, many students now use alternative programs like Kazaa and Morphous that operate the same way Napster did. RIAA is calling on universities nationwide,

including Penn State, to stop the large-scale use of illegal peer-to-peer Internet file sharing.

Sherman said universities such as Penn State are contributing to an increasing number of copyright law infringements that are hurting the record and entertainment industry. The RIAA has evidence of massive violations occurring at universities across the country, Sherman added.

"The university wouldn't want to send mixed messages of condoning illegal filing sharing," he said.

Penn State President Graham Spanier will be co-chairing a committee to study intellectual property issues and their effect on higher education and the entertainment industry. The committee will include the RIAA, the Motion Picture Association of America and others.

Sherman said music consumption is at record highs, but not many people are paying for it. He said last year record sales decreased by 5 percent, and the overall music market went down by 10 percent.

Augustsson said there is a possibility Penn State could subscribe to a service like Roxio and make the service available to students in order to ensure students are down-

loading material legally. This would only be done if the university determines offering such a service would serve an educational purpose, he added.

Penn State does not monitor the content of what is downloaded through its network, although it does monitor users' volume of downloading. Augustsson said if there is valid evidence of music piracy, the Office of Judicial Affairs would take action.

Some students said they support Roxio.

Harold Hall, a freshman in communications, said he thinks downloading copyrighted material is wrong, but said it is so easily accessible and such a widespread practice that many students do not consider the legality of the act.

"I would be upset, too, if I was an artist and I didn't get paid for my hard work. Paying for a new service like Roxio is only fair to my favorite groups," he said.

Kevin Graham, a freshman in nursing, also said programs like Kazaa and Morphous are wrong.

"If the university had a way or subscription program that we could do this legally that is as easy as it is now, I would support it 110 percent," he said.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CARBONDALE

#### Carbondale man drowns in rural Williamson Co.

Travis Fulmer, 20, was pronounced dead at 8:20 a.m. Sunday after drowning at the Little Grassy Spillway by Little Grassy Lake east of Makanda, the Williamson County Coroner's office said.

The coroner's office said Fulmer drowned trying to save a friend who fell into the water while sledding.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Department said no additional information was available and the incident is under investigation.

#### Cookie Walk on Saturday

The annual Cookie Walk will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at First Christian Church, located on University Avenue at Monroe Street. Buyers may choose their own assortment of cookies for the holidays from dozens of kinds of homemade goods at \$5.50 per pound. Personalized gingerbread cookies (boys, girls and bears) will also be available.

#### Students receive Library Endowment scholarships

Three students have received Jeanne Hurley Simon Memorial Library Endowment scholarships. The endowment fosters the development of ethnic, racial, cultural, and gender diversity within all libraries.

Recipients of the \$350 scholarships are: Danus Gordon of Carbondale, who prepares the material for bindery at Morris Library; Kenneth Millard of Murphysboro, who helps staff the Library Information Desk; and Jami Smith of Flora, a student supervisor in the circulation/interlibrary loan department.

### REGIONAL

#### Boil water alert issued in Murphysboro

The Murphysboro Water Department has issued a boil water alert for the following areas until further notice: All of Rainbow Drive; Hamilton from 20th to Marinda; and North 21st from Illinois Avenue to Rainbow Drive.

#### Three-year medical scholarships available to Jackson Co. residents

The Jackson County Medical Society is accepting applications from Jackson County residents for three scholarships for the 2003-2004 school year.

One scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is available to a medical student from Jackson County with demonstrated financial need. Letters of recommendation are required. Applicants must currently be enrolled or have been accepted to a medical school in the United States. Preference will be given to medical students beginning the first year of medical school in 2003.

Applications are also available for two graduating high school seniors from Jackson County who are interested in pursuing college degree programs that would lead to careers in some area of medicine. Financial need must be demonstrated, as well as academic potential.

The applicants must have been accepted to an unaccredited college or university. Each of these scholarships will be in the amount of \$500. Applications may be obtained by calling or writing the Jackson County Medical Society, in care of Kim Balsano; 457-0404, ext. 231; 115 Steven Dr. in Murphysboro, 62466. Deadline for receipt of completed applications is March 1, 2003.

# Inter-Greek council lends hand for holidays

Jessica Yorama  
Daily Egyptian

Although her visit with Santa Claus is over with, 3-year-old Autumn Byram's list of Christmas wishes is not.

"I want a pogo stick and a skateboard and a music box and a two-wheel bike ..." Autumn said as she cuddled up to a family member.

"She doesn't seem to want anything practical, does she?" a family member smiled.

Autumn was not the only child who received the opportunity to speak with Santa Friday night as participants of the Shawnee Healthy Families program gathered to receive presents, eat dinner and visit Santa.

These activities, along with other events that took place in the Renaissance Room of the Student Center, were a collaborative effort of the Shawnee Healthy Families Program and the Inter-Greek council.

As the semester comes to a close, members of the Inter-Greek council are not only spreading holiday cheer in their organization; they are spreading it through the region as well.

Each organization in the council adopted a specific amount of families from a list given to them by the Shawnee Healthy Families Program. They delivered the gifts they collected at the event after dinner and a movie, as well as several activities such as gingerbread house making.

The Shawnee Healthy Families Program, which caters to families in Franklin, Jackson, Williamson and Perry counties, aims to assist low-income individuals with several aspects of parent/child relationships.

"They bring blocks and stuff to

help them learn," said Kim Taylor of Benton, who said she enrolled her daughter in the program initially so she would have the opportunity to meet other children.

As far as she is concerned, events such as the gift giveaway are not the primary reason for getting involved, but simply a great extra incentive.

"I think the program is great for single and married mothers to expand the minds and development of their children," Taylor said.

Using developmental specialists, Shawnee provides weekly visits during which they measure the progress of participants from birth to the age of five.

"We try to work with the mom and do parent and child interaction activities," said Mary Wesley, a family support worker at Shawnee. "We show them simple activities they can do with the kids. We start out pretty intense, and then we kind of dwindle down, as they get older."

"The most important thing we do is to keep the families together and responsible."

"I've learned a lot," said Lisa Harris of Chicago. "They've taught what to do when it comes to punishment and how to be patient. There's a lot of love in the program."

In the spirit of keeping families together, Shawnee hosts events such as this in collaboration with various organizations. This is the Inter-Greek council's first year assisting with such an event, but according to Theta Xi director Sarah McMillian, this will certainly not be the last.

Even with her feet throbbing from delivering presents to 20 plus families in attendance, McMillian managed to smile when discussing the event.

"We didn't have to deliver the gifts in person. We could have just dropped off the gifts but we wanted



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Autumn Byram, 3, opens gifts at a special Christmas party at the Student Center Friday night. The party was sponsored by several organizations on campus and the Carbondale area. Food and presents were distributed at the party and then taken to local families that could not attend the event in person.

to see the reaction on the kid's faces," said McMillian, a senior in political science from Libertyville. "It's a lot of hard work but it pays off in the end."

The array of gifts that literally spanned the back wall of the room

was a result of a great deal of work and coordination on the part of the Inter-Greek Council.

As with most young children, the greatest excitement seemed to be in the unwrapping of the baby doll for Autumn.

The greatest excitement for her family was knowing that Autumn would have a good holiday.

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# Social work students confront budget woes

Uncertain budget  
leaves questions  
about social services

Mark Lambird  
Daily Egyptian

The news out of Springfield is not good. The state's budget deficit continues to grow as revenues plummet.

Something has to give in order to keep the state afloat.

Cuts last spring closed state parks and cut money to programs ranging from the state university system to the Department of Corrections.

But revenues continue to be sluggish, and budget projections are gloomy at best.

For many on campus, cuts in social services have little effect, but for those who are aspiring to become social workers, the cuts are much more worrisome.

To address these issues, the Student Social Work Alliance (SSWA) organized an open forum Thursday that brought students of social work together with professionals from across Southern Illinois to discuss budget cuts and the future of social services.

Joann Chezem, clinical instructor in the School of Social Work and one of the advisers for SWSA, said that because of the economic climate, students need to understand how big of a role the political process of the state plays in their field.

"In the past there were always jobs available," Chezem said.

"Right now, given the economic situation in the state and across the nation, there aren't as many."

She said that the need for services continues to rise but the state has implemented a hiring freeze that has put social service providers in a crunch.

"The state is offering incentives for early retirements and agencies are unable to fill gaps," Chezem said.

"This has caused the case loads to skyrocket."

Even with the bad weather, more than 45 students made it to the forum. Chezem said that the forum was a great success.

The forum included three professionals in separate areas of social service.

John Smith, executive director of the Egyptian Area Agency on Aging, presented the view of what was happening with services for seniors.

Smith said some of the current cuts and changes in programs could be having the opposite effect that the state is hoping for.

The state has a home marker program for seniors that offers them in-home help in daily chores to keep them from going into a long term care facility such as a nursing home or a hospital.

Recent changes have made it tougher for seniors to qualify for the program by decreasing the number of points a senior is awarded for not being able to complete different tasks.

The current qualification for the program is 29 points: Smith said many seniors are only scoring close to the number they need but are still falling short.



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Jerry King, John Smith, Joann Chezem, and Mary Loos, (from left) sit on a forum concerning budget cuts on social work programs in the Southern Illinois area. The forum was sponsored by the Student Social Work Alliance and held in the Student Center auditorium Thursday night.

He said when a senior doesn't make the program, they tend to physically deteriorate much faster.

"Those who don't receive help tend to go into nursing homes much more quickly than those who receive help from the program," Smith said.

"Because they require more intensive treatment, it costs the state more."

Smith said he looks at the current situations in two different ways.

"As a tax payer, I look at the issue as I don't want to pay higher taxes," Smith said.

"But I also look at it from the standpoint of an advocate for seniors."

He said that his organization encourages seniors to go to Springfield and meet their legisla-

tors to explain how cuts directly affect them.

Mary Loos, regional director of Catholic Social Services, presented the view from an agency that works primarily with children and one that receives only part of its funding through the state.

She said the most immediate effect for her is having to look at areas to diversify funds.

"We don't get paid what it costs to provide," Loos said.

"We have been told by the diocese to begin looking for funds from different places."

Catholic Social Services receives part of its funding from the Belleville Diocese, the churches in Southern Illinois that are under the leadership of the Bishop of Belleville, and from the state.

Jerry King, project facilitator

with the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market, told students that in the current job market, they should keep diversity in mind.

"Today we have to be creative. We have to collaborate and find people who can help us and our imagination," King said.

"We can do things the way we did 25 years ago."

He said he is not sure things are worse today than they were before budgets were being cut.

"Today the way we get money is based more on our performance," King said.

"I think money is being spent more efficiently than in the past."

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## OUR WORD

# Twas the night before finals . . .

As finals week commences, the DAILY EGYPTIAN would like to wish students good luck. In less than a week, finals week hell will be over and almost a month of vacation will ensue. In the mean time, keep your heads up, and if you can't beat 'em, laugh about 'em. Here's some humorous words of inspiration:

Twas the night before finals,  
And all through the college,  
The students were praying  
For last-minute knowledge.

Most were quite sleepy,  
But none touched their beds,  
While visions of essays  
Danced in their heads.

Out in the taverns,  
A few were still drinking,  
And hoping that liquor  
Would loosen their thinking.

In my own apartment,  
I had been pacing,  
And dreading exams  
I soon would be facing.

My roommate was speechless,  
His nose in his books,  
And my comments to him  
Drew unfriendly looks.

I drained all the coffee,  
And brewed a new pot,  
No longer caring  
That my nerves were shot.

I stared at my notes,  
But my thoughts were muddy,  
My eyes went abur,  
I just couldn't study.

"Some pizza might help,"  
I said with a shiver,  
But each place I called  
Refused to deliver.

I'd nearly concluded  
That life was too cruel,  
With futures depending  
On grades had in school.

When all of a sudden,  
Our door opened wide,  
And Patron Saint Put It Off  
Ambled inside.

His spirit was careless,  
His manner was mellow,  
He started to bellow:

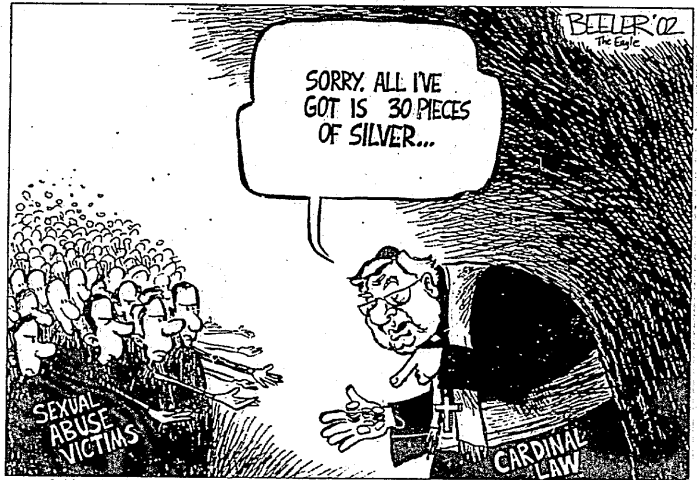
"What kind of student  
Would make such a fuss,  
To toss back at teachers  
What they tossed at us?"

"On Cliff Notes! On Crib Notes!  
On last year's exams!  
On Wingit and Slingit,  
And last minute crams!"

His message delivered,  
He vanished from sight,  
But we heard him laughing  
Outside in the night.

"Your teachers have pegged you,  
So just do your best.  
Happy Finals to All,  
And to All, a good test."

- Chad W. Sclove



## GUEST COLUMNIST

# Fighting for quality education

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If we are to understand the current crisis between the SIUC Faculty and the Board of Trustees, we must start with an appreciation of the past.

In the early 1970s, the Board declared a financial emergency and fired 104 faculty members both tenured and untenured. The declaration of emergency was made without faculty input. The decision to fire faculty was likewise made without faculty input. During the decade that followed, the Board and its administrators continued to act with a heavy hand and with general disregard for the faculty.

By the early 1990s, the situation had become intolerable. Student enrollment had begun to decline. New, inexperienced hires fresh out of graduate school were frequently hired at salaries greater than senior faculty in the same department. SIUC's reputation as the "second jewel" in the Illinois crown of higher education was fading.

In 1996 the faculty organized itself into the Faculty Association to provide leadership that could counter the Board's excesses through the collective bargaining process. With the first contract in 1998, the Faculty demanded a share in governance. We demanded the workload be clearly defined so as to reflect the time needed for research and service. We demanded that program cuts be subject to above-board procedures. We demanded the administration meet regularly with the Faculty Association and maintain a dialog. We demanded and obtained a contract that reflected the vital role Faculty play in a research university.

We maintained and expanded the scope of shared governance in the 2000 contract. That contract expired in June of this year. We continue working under that old contract today, but it became clear during the first nine months of bargaining that the administration was no longer able to work cooperatively with us. Their behavior at the bargaining table had become disrespectful and obstinate.

The Board's disregard extends not only to the Carbondale faculty but to our students as well. Just last year when students passed a resolution against an immediate and dramatically large tuition increase, the Board passed the increase anyway. Now they say SIUC doesn't

have enough money to support academic programs and maintain faculty/student ratios. These are managerial decisions not subject to shared governance.

In its Dec. 4 editorial, the Southern Illinoisan speculated that the Board of Trustees seems willing to risk the reputation and future of SIUC Carbondale in order to keep the faculty at SIUC-Edwardsville from organizing. The editorial also revealed that only in the last two weeks has the Board given Chancellor Wendler "full powers to negotiate" without having to first get approval from the Board.

The Chancellor has said the faculty are the "heart" of any university, that the faculty should be involved in governance of the university, SIUC Faculty are underpaid, and there is "fat" in the administration. If indeed he has finally been granted authority by the Board to run the campus, we see no reason why we should not now be able to negotiate a fair and equitable contract immediately.

We think it's time to live up to our reputation. We think the No. 1 priority should be the education of the students here in Carbondale — undergraduate and graduate. We think education is first, foremost and finally dependent on the faculty. We think it is time for the faculty to receive the respect that has been due for so long.

We must maintain the size of the faculty relative to the size of the student body. We must be secure in our tenure and our academic freedom must be guaranteed. Should a financial emergency present itself, the facts of that emergency must be transparently obvious and the faculty must be made a part of the solution rather than being made victims of a unilateral decision.

In the end, the current crisis is about the reputation of this University, now and in the future. Our concern is for the Carbondale campus. Our concern is for the campus that for more than 130 years has been the home of Southern Illinois University.

We have organized collectively in an effort to maintain the reputation for excellence that is SIUC and we call upon all those who share our love of this University to join us in our fight to save quality education.

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## WORDS OVERHEARD

“It's all about giving and loving others, not buying things and getting things.”

Courtney Beverly  
sophomore, Carbondale Community High School  
on Kwanzaa

COLUMNISTS

# Strike will hurt the little guy

Today's column has taken a different turn than I had planned. I was hoping to tell you the story of a long van ride, a Russian and an exotic animal park. Serious. You think I'm kidding about the Russian, but I'm not.

They didn't just "go away," after the Cold War ... they came here to get an education. Funny thing though, the Russian in my story may not be able to finish his education at this university.

Recently a voice from the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce appeared in various area newspapers, including the DAILY EGYPTIAN. That voice hoped to discourage an SIU faculty strike by pleading for a quick negotiation and agreement from opposing sides.

Using a nice, professional tone, this fellow member of the community shared a view many students have not realized—the community, as a whole, has a stake in this pending catastrophe.

By Wednesday evening (week of voting) most knew the outcome of a Faculty Association vote to strike.

The chamber of commerce voice seemed too late. The faculty decided to hit the picket lines if no agreement was met, but claimed they weren't excited about it.

I don't care about the Faculty Association, the SIU Administration, or even the students

Duh! Neither is anyone else. Today's column is dedicated to the "little guy" in Southern Illinois who depends solely or partly on the University for a living. Right now, I don't care about the Faculty Association, the SIU Administration or even the students.

I want to discuss the small business owner that makes a living from the patronage of 22,000 plus students. I want to talk about the many other job positions on this campus that will be rendered unnecessary without classes in session (power plant, janitorial, Student Center, bus drivers, etc.).

I want to talk about the large number of faculty who are not represented by the Faculty Association who just want to teach. I want to speak about the checkout lady at Wal-Mart or Schnucks who loses her job because 22,000 people aren't buying food in this town. I want to chat about Winston, the bagel guy and the other "bagel guy" next to him that won't have as many customers because there are no students.



My Terms

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I could fill this entire column with people who are connected somehow to this situation. The consequences of a strike are NOT isolated to particular groups. Everyone in the Southern Illinois area will be largely affected somehow. Yep, I said Southern Illinois.

Carbondale is not the only community that depends on SIU for its livelihood. Folks come from Marion, Carterville, Du Quoin, Murphysboro and even as far away as Mt. Vernon, Pinckneyville and beyond to work at this place.

During the last few weeks, business owners have asked me to write this column. They've asked me to tell their forgotten story in this childish ordeal.

Honestly, I have shied away from it because I wasn't sure I could tell their side effectively. Now, in light of the vote to strike, I have no choice. I urge the Faculty Association and SIU Administration to stop bickering and belching back and forth. **FIX THIS NOW!**

The faculty should accept the fact that no other university or college in Illinois will receive raises either. The state has no money—face it, we're broke, now move on. The administration should move on to other issues besides salary. Wendler says that all issues lead back to the use of money. I believe there have to be other ways to meet some of the demands of the faculty without money.

When I was young and my parents were poor, we still had Christmas. They found a way to make things work. Find a way, for the sake of the "little guy."

Maybe next time I'll tell you the story about the "mad" Russian. He amazingly knows directions to within a mile of anywhere.

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# Thinking back on a semester of lessons learned



The Power of Words

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Remembering when I was little on Sundays wearing my Sutana (a Nigerian garment worn over clothing) before going to church, I never understood why we had to wear it before going inside the church. Now that I look back, I hope the church was trying to promote equality in God's house, showing that our maker loves fancy dressed people no more than those who wear shabby clothing.

I think about how I used to be ashamed of being Nigerian. I look at people as young as myself, some of whom have never stepped foot on their native land and yet speak their foreign language and embrace their culture, and again I'm ashamed that I took mine for granted. I regret having not addressed some issues in Africa and of African people, like how the strain of the AIDS virus couldn't survive in an animal (that's what the L.A. Times said in 1988), throwing out the monkey theory and causing me to believe it was manmade.

It may be hard to believe now since I now know my worth and think so highly of myself, but there was a time when I didn't love myself. I didn't know that my pudgy nose compliments my face more than any other size or shape would have. I didn't know that as a woman my luscious lips needed to be thick in order to draw people into the sense that I make who would not have otherwise, initially. I didn't know that my black skin is proof that I am woven of the very best that genetic traits have to offer as I do now.

I appreciate and respect my best friend in elementary school who, at age 11, give or take a year or two, taught me to love myself when everybody tried to make it a point to convince me I had no reason to. This causes me to think about how everybody's existence is necessary, considering we all make up a percentage of the 360 degrees required to complete a circle. In order to shape the lives of the people within our surroundings, we must be shaped by others.

Which gets me to thinking about my articles and the feedback I received from them. Though I wasn't able to write all of you back, I did read all the responses sent to me and I thank you for the energy you put into agreeing or disagreeing with me. To the people I inspired, I appreciate it, but that amount of respect should be reserved for elders; they deserve it for having the

wisdom that age entails. Though it may not seem like it, I never preached hate. Hate reciprocates more hate and negativity. It then transforms itself into stress and cancer, which is something I want none of. This is not to say I'm not a believer in retribution; I certainly am, and sometimes the greatest retribution that can be passed on is karma, among other things. I never wanted to influence people as far as indoctrination; there are enough media moguls like Bill O'Reilly constructing social standards. I was once told that it is truth squares off all unrighteousness. All I wanted to do was make people see the truth for what it was. As far as my opinions go, though, I could be wrong. What are the chances? Understand that my opinion is a result of the truth and when the truth can't explain its theory, but my theory is just as possible as John Doe's. It is also just as good, if not better, since it's my theory of course I think it is the most feasible explanation.

I have been accused of being pessimistic at times because of my ramblings of a new world order and a cashless society (everything is pointing in that direction I even saw an advertisement for "the chip" on a DeVry commercial. It's only a matter of time) though I don't think that I am, as much as I am realistic.

Just in case, here are some positive things to know: 1) No matter how bad you think you may live it, things could always be worse. 2) Rejoice in the fact that you are the only person that will ever be you and 3) Party real hard on New Year's Eve in gratitude for having lived to see another year go by.

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## GUEST COLUMNIST

### The ultimate male's guide to shopping for women

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BATON ROUGE, La. (U-WIRE) — It's hardly December and the Christmas season is upon us. Endless holiday sales, classic TV shows such as "A Christmas Story" being shown six times a day and houses in my neighborhood lit up with enough lights to illuminate a black hole — good times. My favorite activity during this time of the year involves a car, a thick wallet and a high tolerance for dealing with people. Oh yes — shopping.

Now I view myself as the typical alpha male shopper, and considering women are the majority of the people on my annual list, I don't take a trip to the mall lightly, and I've gained much insight, if not a few headaches.

Trying to give the gift that keeps on giving is difficult, but with a little practice and knowledge of certain immutable truths, you too can brave the elements and boldly go where few men have gone before. Read on, you may learn something.

Like any good consumer, it's best to make a list. Find out what people want; don't guess. If there's one thing I despise on Christmas, it's a bad gift (one who puts little or no thought into the gift) or a re-gifter (taking one bad gift and passing it on). Remember, the facial expression your giftee has when opening his or her present should resemble the "Have a Nice Day" T-shirt, not the Keystone bitter beer face.

Right off the bat, never give someone you love exercise equipment. In fact, stay away any health membership, ab-roller or any other accessory that implies weight loss should be in their immediate future.

Nothing makes me feel more like a man than going to the Bath and Body Works store. This place has fragrances and lotions for every body part imaginable. There are even sinks and towels, where you can theoretically bathe right in the store if the need arises.

To me, this is where men and women differ. Giving soaps or shampoos to guys is a direct sign from you telling them they stink and should

immediately jump in the shower, while women see it as a cute way to decorate the bathroom or just a great gift.

For the really brave soul, I suggest Victoria's Secret or Frederick's of Hollywood. Sure, you'll get some odd glances and whispers from the women at first, but the benefits likely will pay off in the end, if you know what I mean.

If you do wander off the beaten path into one of these stores, know; your giftee's size. The world is full of mood-killers, but lace teddies or other assorted items that are two sizes too big will have you back at the singles bar faster than you can say Barry Manilow.

Stay away from all sports stores or the hardware department at Sears unless you're absolutely sure your significant other is into that sort of thing. Don't become a de-gifter, or person who gives people things he or she really wants, subconsciously thinking the giftee will "and it over. This is poor shopping technique.

Let me give you a word of caution about jewelry—it's expensive. If you're not ready for jew-

elment, stay away from the swanky places that have the rings and necklaces in glass cases and require special permission just to look. You, my friend, are looking for the small stands in the center of the mall that have earrings in plastic bags or gold items for really discount prices.

Avoid getting suckered into joining any preferred customer lists or getting a store card that gives you 10 percent off each time you shop.

Unlike our female counterparts, most guys won't live at the mall the other 330 some odd days in the year, so this concept is unnecessary and will save you loads of time because you won't have to fill out any paperwork.

Finally, don't linger about the mall once you've finished shopping. There are plenty of stores and one day men may live to see them all, but a good bit of what they're trying to sell is stuff you don't want or need. So spend your hard-earned money elsewhere and have a Merry Christmas.

*Jason's views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.*

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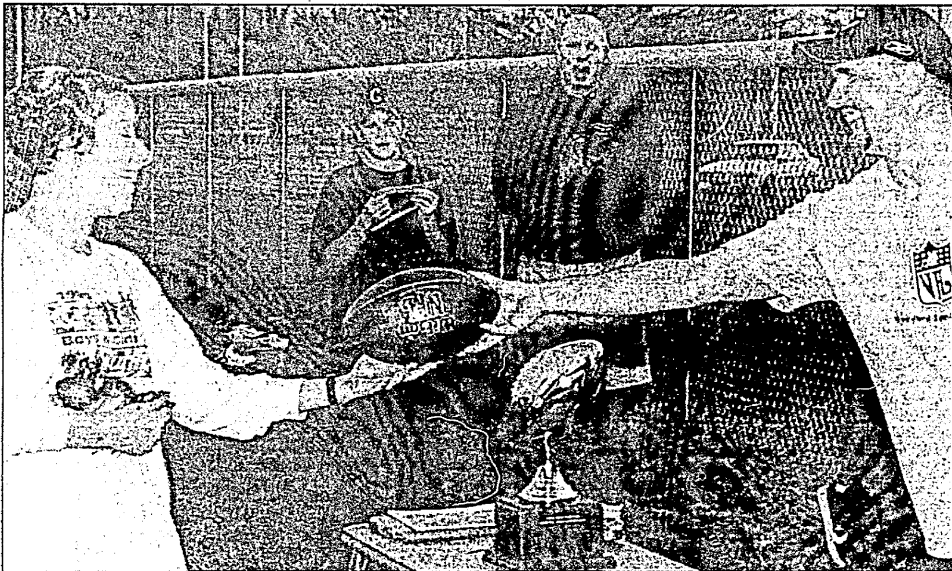
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**Are you ready for some football?** From left: Megan Kettleman receives a replica of an official NFL football from Garrett Stritzel as a raffle prize that she won following her team's (the Broncos) victory in the championship game over the Raiders on Nov. 24 on the practice fields outside the Arena. The two teams were a part of the VFL, the Vineyard Football League. Stritzel started the flag-football league three years ago because he was a football fanatic. This season there were four teams: the Raiders, Broncos, Vikings, and Bears that competed each weekend since the beginning of October leading up to the championship game. Stritzel recruited players by placing a brochure about the league at the Vineyard Community Church on Wall Street in Carbondale.

## Iranians fear being next target of U.S. terror probe

Soraya Sarhaddi Nelson  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

TEHRAN, Iran (KRT) - Still stung by being labeled a member of an "axis of evil," many Iranians oppose a U.S.-led war to change Iraq's government, fearing they will be President Bush's next target in what they see as a bid to control the Middle East and its oil.

"There are some who believe we are going to be next, whether through direct military intervention or heavy political pressure," said Mohammad Hadi Semati, an assistant professor of law and political science at Tehran University.

Anti-American feelings are intensifying in the Shiite country as the Bush administration continues to threaten Iraq. On Wednesday, President Khatami said after a Cabinet meeting that the Bush administration was "extremist" and seeking "pretexts" to wage war on Iraq.

A day earlier, three Iranian pollsters who had found that three-quarters of Iranians they surveyed favored resuming dialogue with the United States went on trial before an ultra-conservative court in Tehran on charges of espionage.

Iranians believe such fears are justified. The State of the Union speech last January in which Bush labeled Iran one of three nations that "threaten the peace of the world" came after Iran supported the U.S. war in Afghanistan, the most contact the Islamic republic had had with the United States since labeling it "the Great Satan" 23 years ago, or at least since it accepted U.S. arms in exchange for promises to help free American hostages in Lebanon. Iranian officials secretly provided Americans with targeting information on the Taliban regime, and publicly announced that they would allow U.S. pilots to land on Iranian soil in emergencies.

Even key reformers, such as Mohammad Reza Khatami, the brother of Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, question U.S. motives in its conflict with Iraq.

"For us, security in the region is very vital and important," Khatami, the vice president of the country's parliament, or Majlis, said in an exclusive interview with Knight Ridder. "For us, establishing a government in Iraq not dominated by others is very important, as is establishing a democratic government that is broad-based and includes all ethnicity and tribes in Iraq."

Khatami, who favors Iran resuming dialogue with the United States, worries that some hard-liners might use the tensions in the region to clamp down on democratic changes within Iran's cleric-run government.

Iranian officials have denied reports that they are quietly cooperating with the United States as it prepares to attack Iraq. A foreign min-

istry official, quoted Monday by Iran's official news agency, described such speculation as "pure imagination."

"Iran's policy on Iraq is transparent and emphasizes the territorial integrity of Iraq and respect for the right of self-determination of the Iraqi people while rejecting unilateral action," the unnamed official said.

Yet even hard-liners such as Mahmud Sadrani, a handyman who said he often chanted anti-America slogans, doubt there will be an outpouring of support for the Iraqi regime, either.

Iranians still hold bitter memories of their 1980-88 war with Iraq, which claimed as many as a million lives, most of them Iranian. Saddam used chemical weapons in that war, wounding an estimated 100,000 Iranian soldiers and civilians. But Iranians sympathize with the Iraqi people, who are mostly Shiite and also have felt the wrath of Saddam's chemical attacks.

## Supreme Court to determine whether cross burning violates first amendment

Shannon McCaffrey  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) - When James Jubilee spotted a partly charred wooden cross on the front lawn of his Virginia home in May 1998 he broke it over his knee. But Jubilee's anger turned to fear as the father-to-be worried if the racially charged symbol - long associated with lynchings and the Ku Klux Klan - was a warning of violence to come.

This week the U.S. Supreme Court will hear the case of two men convicted of erecting that cross and consider whether Virginia's ban on cross burning violates free-speech rights. The high court will consider the case Wednesday in combination with another challenge to the Virginia statute by a Ku Klux Klan leader convicted after he organized a rally where a 25-foot cross was set ablaze.

The Supreme Court's ruling could help clarify the blurry boundaries

between free speech and hate speech, legal experts said. Burning the American flag is a form of constitutionally protected symbolic speech, for instance, but threats, obscenities and "fighting words" likely to incite a physical confrontation are not.

Jubilee's trouble began when he inquired about noise from a firing range in the backyard of his neighbor Richard Elliott. After a night of drinking beer, Elliott and Jonathan O'Mara, both 18 at the time, as well as a 17-year-old friend, decided to "get back" at Jubilee, who is black. They cobbled together a crude wooden cross in the garage, planted it in Jubilee's lawn and tried, with limited success, to set it on fire.

Both were charged with attempting to burn a cross with the intent to intimidate. O'Mara pled guilty and Elliott was convicted at trial.

In the second case before the court, white supremacist Richard Elton Black was charged with cross

burning after an August 1998 KKK rally on private land in rural Carroll County. The group's flaming cross could be seen for almost a mile up the highway. Rebecca Sechrist, a white neighbor, said the rally made her cry and left her "scared." Police said a black family saw the flaming cross from the road and sped away.

The high court last dealt with the issue of cross burning in 1992 when it struck down a local law banning the practice in St. Paul, Minn. The St. Paul law made it a crime to erect a symbol, like a burning cross, "which arouses anger, alarm or resentment in others on the basis of race, color, creed, religion or gender."

The Supreme Court ruled that the law amounted to "content-based discrimination" because it did not outlaw hostility based on, for instance, sexual orientation or political affiliation.

Virginia Attorney General Jerry Kilgore said the commonwealth's law differs from the Minnesota law that

the Supreme Court struck down in crucial ways. The Virginia statute does not target any sex, race or religious group, as the St. Paul law did, and the Virginia law prohibits only cross burning with the intent to intimidate. That means the law bans conduct - intimidation - not expression, Kilgore said.

"A burning cross - standing alone and without explanation - is understood in our society as a message of intimidation," Kilgore argued in a brief filed with the court.

"Intimidation is not protected speech," the U.S. government said in a friend of the court brief supporting Virginia's appeal.

Lawyers for the three men said a ban on cross burning erodes First Amendment rights.

"It is but a short step from the banning of offending symbols such as burning crosses or burning flags to the banning of offending words," their court brief said.

## Students raise money to buy, retire pollution credits

Randy Lee Loftis  
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (KRT) - Some future lawyers are doing something lawyers aren't always known for doing: making things clearer.

The Environmental Law Society at Southern Methodist University is raising money to "retire" some sulfur dioxide from the nation's skies. Sulfur dioxide is a pollutant, mostly from power plants, that leads to acid rain.

For about \$130, the law students - or anyone else - can buy an allowance that otherwise would let a power plant or factory emit 1 ton of sulfur dioxide in a given year. The students can permanently retire the allowance, keeping that ton of pollution out of the air forever.

"Everyone wonders what we can do to help make a difference," said Craig Pritzlaff, president of the SMU group. "This is something people can do."

The allowances are part of a market-based strategy for cutting pollution under the federal Clean Air Act, a utility that emits less sulfur dioxide than it's allowed can sell its unused allowances to another company that didn't cut its emissions. Because the federal government puts a cap on the amount of allowances nationwide, the result is less pollution.

People who want to help clean up the air can buy the allowances, too - and retire them, never to be used. The Environmental Protection Agency issues the credits to utilities, but the public, investors and other utilities purchase them, most often through private brokers.

SMU's Environmental Law Society, with about 40 members from the university's law school, decided to scrub the air by doing that. Environmental law groups at other universities have done so for years, as have environmental groups and other nonprofit organizations.

The pollution retired by the students' purchases would help fight continent-wide haze from sulfur-dioxide emissions, but the purchases wouldn't help the Dallas-Fort Worth area comply with the Clean Air Act.

Credits for those pollutants are far more expensive. Over the last 18 months or so, credits for nitrogen oxides emissions in the Dallas-Fort Worth area have traded for \$900 to \$6,500 per ton, according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The higher price reflects the limited local supply and the increased demand because of mandatory cuts in emissions of that pollutant.

After fund-raisers end semester finals, the students hope to buy sulfur-dioxide allowances this spring; the number of tons retired depends on the amount of money raised.

The environmental law group, which also has adopted a beach at White Rock Lake, includes students destined for all sides of air-quality controversies - working for government agencies, environmental groups and the companies that emit sulfur dioxide and other pollutants.

## Yale students may expel their president

Chris Gillon  
Columbia Daily Spectator  
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**NEW YORK (U-WIRE)** — Seventy-six undergraduate students at Yale University filed formal charges against Yale President Richard Levin Thursday, claiming he violated university bylaws in his treatment of students, particularly those exercising their freedom of speech right.

If Levin is convicted by the University Tribunal, he could face suspension or expulsion, a press release by the Undergraduate Organizing Committee states.

A letter, which was submitted with the charges, states, "the seriousness of [an expulsion] matches the seriousness with which we take these issues."

The letter cites the ongoing labor strife, which has left almost 4,000 Yale workers without renewed contracts as of yet.

The press release argues that Levin has violated bylaws requiring administrators to "preserve mutual respect and charitable relations within the Yale community."

Yale freshman Thomas Frampton said Levin has done exactly the opposite, saying his inactions with regards to workers' rights and students' rights have led to a crisis on campus.

"We've approached him at open forums," Frampton said. "We've tried informal sit-downs with him where students felt disrespected or shut down."

Another charge states that Levin has misrepresented university policy to the student body. Frampton said he and other students were leafletting near the Woolsey Rotunda on campus and were harassed by police.

"Repeatedly, President Levin was asked why it happened," Frampton said. According to Frampton, Levin said leafletting is not allowed in that area, which prompted him and others to research Yale policies.

"Nowhere it says leafletting is [prohibited]," Frampton said.

The third and fourth charges listed claim Levin has violated Yale's Freedom of Expression Policy, stifling free speech through the use of university police.

"There's a lot of students that feel marginalized and intimidated," Frampton said.

Yale spokesman Tom Violante declined to comment.

The letter from the students says that the charges are not a personal attack on Levin.

"We are asking nothing more than that as University President you will be held to the same standards as you would hold your own undergraduates, the letter states.

The next step, Frampton said, is unclear. He said an investigator will most likely investigate the complaints to try to informally resolve the problem. If it is not resolved, it will go to trial before the University Tribunal, he said.

## Sex in the classroom creates mixed student reactions

Melissa Lee  
Daily Nebraskan (U. Nebraska)

**LINCOLN, Neb. (U-WIRE)** — Richard Dienstbier likes to put it this way: The people in these videos aren't exactly playing cards. Instead, they're ... ah ...

Well, take a clue from a student evaluation of Dienstbier's Human Sexuality course: "I didn't really like watching porn with 150 other people."

"Yes, there's definitely some folks who indicate that they don't like watching the videos," said Dienstbier, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln psychology professor.

But Dienstbier doesn't like calling the videos "porn." They're used for lots of reasons, he said — all professional.

The course covers sexual dysfunction, sex therapy and other subjects. So videos, though explicit, are directly related to the curriculum, Dienstbier said.

"People are going to have to achieve a certain level of maturity about explicit sexual material," he said. "We need to confront this in an open, frank way."

But students don't always agree. Dienstbier's class isn't the only one at UNL with sometimes-touchy material, either.

Across campus, faculty are taking hefty advantage of their academic freedom: Dienstbier shows a video of a young girl being sexually mutilated. Other professors' reading curricula include homosexual love scenes. Another teacher brought in a lecturer who taught students how to have good sex in their marriages.

Professors say the material is appropriate within their classes, but they also are ready and willing to provide alternatives to students who would rather opt out of a particular book or video.

And that's the way it should be, said Tice Miller, president of UNL's Academic Senate and a professor of theatre arts.

Censoring course work at a public institution would be a major encroachment on academic freedom, Miller said. "Professors have lots of leeway in their courses," he said.

UNL has no official policy for student protest against class material, but problems usually are solved at the first stage, Miller said — talking it out.

"The first line of defense is to talk to the instructor," he said.

"Many instructors find alternatives, and hopefully there's some kind of resolution."

Academic freedom is one reason Robert Aguirre never would teach

high school. There's an incorrect assumption young people can't handle explicit material, said Aguirre, an English lecturer at UNL.

"Studying literature at the college level means studying human beings and their complexities," he said. "But in doing so, there are bound to be moments of controversy."

But Aguirre is careful to note "controversial" can have plenty of definitions: Whether it's Kathy Acker's "Blood and Guts in High School," Salman Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses" or Bret Easton Ellis' "American Psycho," a great deal of advanced literature contains material that may offend someone, he said.

Aguirre's goal in class, then, is to teach his students why a given graphic scene is included.

"I try to put it into context," he said. "I try to make it so that they never being titillated or horrified without some kind of reason."

He's had at least some success: Aguirre said he'd never had a student approach him mid-semester specifically to complain about a book.

Students have, though, withdrawn during week one after seeing what the course will include. And that's why it's important for all instructors to put a disclaimer on their syllabi, Aguirre said — so students could be forewarned they

might encounter a few questionable passages.

For their part, students say a heads-up is greatly appreciated.

Erin Simpson, a junior textiles, clothing and design journalism and mass communications major, was well-prepared for a lecturer who talked about sex and marriage in her Family Science 280 class.

Simpson didn't have a problem with the discussion, but she said lots of people in class were hesitant to participate.

"We're all adults. We know what sex is. It's a natural part of marriage and family," she said. "But lots of people were visibly uncomfortable."


She believes that discomfort needs to change. Americans often are raised to avoid publicly talking about sex, she said, which was ridiculous.

Other students simply aren't used to such frank discussions.

Take Traci Christensen, who was a bit taken aback when she first read "Becoming a Man," by Paul Monette. It's the story of a gay man's coming-out, and it includes explicit homosexual sex scenes.

"I was a little shocked," said Christensen, a freshman math and dance major. "I wasn't prepared for that much detail. It was the first time that I've ever had to read something in that much detail."

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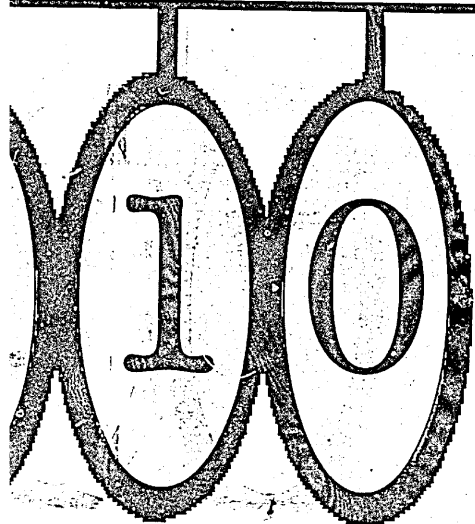
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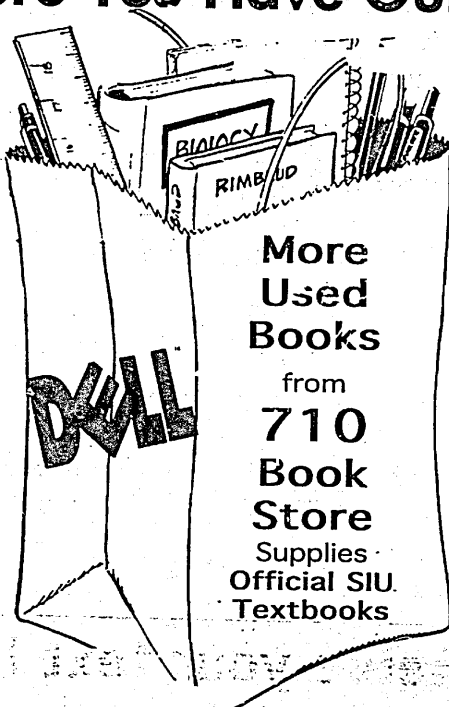
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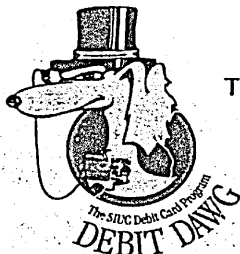
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# How to keep winter weather from shriveling your skin

**Crystal Dempsey**  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) — Winter weather has just descended, and you're already piling on the lotions and creams because your dry skin feels three sizes too small.

Don't just blame the cooler temperatures. Dry heat, pollution, smoking and sun damage are also moisture leeches.

Relief is possible and easier than you think, say two experts.

Cristina Carlino, founder of the Philosophy skin-care/cosmetics line, and Stephen Pennisi, director of the Lanacane Itch Information Center, shared these tips for tending

to dry skin:

- Remove dead skin with a scrub, loofah or body brush. "I'm highly in favor of exfoliation more often and way less aggressively," Carlino says. "It doesn't make sense to put nice, expensive creams on a layer of dead skin. Even a washcloth is better than using your hand." Exfoliate for 30 to 60 seconds, and then rinse.

- Change your moisturizer. If you favor a product line, ask for a creamier or emollient version for fall and winter. "Does the moisturizer feel substantial?" Carlino asks. "Substantial and greasy are not the same thing. You don't want to be greasy."

- Drink eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day. "If you eat enough veggies and fruits, you may not need that much," says Pennisi. Also, avoid caffeine, which is diuretic.

- Set your home thermostat at 68 degrees. "You'll increase the relative humidity in your home by 10 percent," says Pennisi.

- Buy a cool-air room humidifier. Or have one installed with your furnace. "The cooler the air, the more moisture," he says.

- In vehicles, don't point the air vents directly on you. "Crack the window to keep moist air circulating," says Pennisi.

- Avoid harsh cleansers and soaps, which strip skin of its sebum,

the oil on the surface of the skin. Use a mild cleansing bar or body wash that's free of detergents, soap and fragrances. Pennisi recommends Dove Beauty Bar. Plus, he says, people tend to be less active in the winter and don't need to cleanse as often.

- Lips and the eye area especially need moisturizing. Get something that will seal moisture in. "Some of these eye creams are less substantial than regular moisturizers," says Carlino. "I'd rather see someone use Vaseline than some of these creams."

- Avoid long hot showers and hot baths. "These strip skin of its natural oils," Pennisi says. "If you

have dry skin, you're prolonging agony." Instead, take quick showers with the water as cool as you can stand it.

- Apply moisturizer or oil immediately after bathing.

- Whatever moisturizer you use on your face, put it on your neck and the top of your hands, says Carlino. Those areas suffer from the same exposure to the elements that your face does.

- Itching often accompanies dry skin. Don't scratch, warns Pennisi. Apply a product with an anesthetic ingredient for the itch, such as Lanacane. Then apply lotion, such as Neutrogena's Norwegian Formula line, to seal it.

# U.S. officials skeptical of Iraq's report

**Bush administration must plan next move**

**Seth Borenstein**  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — Iraq used more than 12,000 pages to say that it has no weapons of mass destruction, but top officials said Sunday that Iraq's report can be summed up in one word: baloney.

"That just doesn't meet the laugh test," said David Kay, former chief U.N. nuclear weapons inspector, on NBC's Meet The Press. Two other former U.N. arms inspectors agreed in interviews elsewhere.

So did former Vice President Al Gore. Asked if he believes Iraq's claims, Gore said, "No, of course not," on ABC's "This Week."

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he has seen classified evidence proving that Saddam continues to seek the outlawed weapons.

"We are in possession of what I think to be compelling evidence that Saddam Hussein has and has had for a number of years, a developing capacity for the production and storage of weapons of mass destruction," Graham said on CBS's "Face The Nation." "I have seen enough evidence... to be satisfied that there has been a continuing effort by Saddam Hussein since the end of the Gulf War, particularly since 1998, to re-establish and enhance Iraq's capacity of weapons of mass destruction, chemical, biological and nuclear."

In Baghdad, a top adviser to Saddam challenged Washington to make public any proof that Iraq's report is false. "It's accurate, comprehensive and truthful," Gen. Amar al-Saadi said of Iraq's documentation. If others have contrary evidence, he said, "let them come forth with it."

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., who will become chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee next

month, said the Bush administration now must decide how much of the now-secret U.S. intelligence to make public in order to rally the world behind military action against Iraq.

"I think these are delicate judgments," Lugar said on CBS. "It depends upon the nature of the intelligence." Often the most valuable information comes from scientists inside a regime, he said, implying that making such intelligence public could expose the sources to harm.

At the same time, Lugar noted, U.S. allies may push Washington to lay out its evidence publicly to justify military action.

Former U.N. weapons inspector Kay emphasized the same point, warning that waiting for the current U.N. inspection process to provide conclusive answers about Iraq's weaponry could play into Saddam's hands.

"I think quite frankly inspection is a dead-end trap right now," Kay said on CNN.

Kay expanded his point on NBC: "What you should not do is get the inspectors again playing that 'Where In The World is Waldo' game that we played for 8 years searching for weapons. You can't do that with 50 inspectors in a country the size of California and with eight helicopters. The administration needs to lay its case out to the world and the American public of why it knows that is not true."

Asked if war against Iraq is inevitable, Graham said: "I don't reach that conclusion. I think the administration is genuine in its desire to pursue the issue of disarmament of Iraq, which begins with knowing what it is they've got to disarm. I don't think we would have gone through this process of getting congressional support and then getting the United Nations to adopt a new resolution which gives substantially greater powers to the inspectors just as a show."

Some 25 new U.N. inspectors

arrived in Baghdad on Sunday, doubling the number present, and paid a surprise visit to the State Company for Geological Survey and Mining. A nuclear inspection team spent about two hours at the two-building complex, which in the past housed uranium-fuel processing that could have been used in nuclear-weapons.

Iraq's report was sent Sunday to the United Nations in New York, where officials said they would delve into it immediately. Hans Blix, chief of the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Committee (UNMOVIC), the lead inspection agency; U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan; and the U.N. Security Council are expected to discuss the report in private Tuesday.

"We'll have a quick look at it tonight just so we can start to think about the mechanics of dealing with it," UNMOVIC spokesman Ewen Buchanan said in an interview. "One of the first things we'll have to do is determine how much of this stuff is actually new."

UNMOVIC's analysis team of about 15 experts will pore over the documents, but must wait for many crucial pieces of evidence to be translated from Arabic, Buchanan said. U.S. officials will do the same.

The Bush administration has made clear that it believes it has independent U.S. intelligence proving that Iraq has nuclear, biological and/or chemical weapons, or at least is trying to develop them. So far it has declined to make its evidence public, essentially saying "trust us."

"President Bush has said Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. Tony Blair has said Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. Donald Rumsfeld has said Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. (Former U.N. arms inspector) Richard Butler has said they do. The United Nations has said they do. The experts have said they do. Iraq says they don't," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Thursday. "You can choose who you want to believe."

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Wentler asked for names of four candidates from each group to be submitted by Friday and plans to name members by the end of the month.

Additionally, students will have the opportunity for input, with one representative coming from Undergraduate Student Government and another from the Graduate and Professional Student Council. Student leaders said they were glad for the chance to give feedback.

"We're pleased with that," said Neal Young, vice-president of USG. "That's all we wanted — for all the groups to be able to give input."

Amy Sileven, president of GPSC, agreed. "It seems like we all have fair representation," she said.

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## PARADE

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Matt Hamalton Sr.

"Currently, this blanket," said Sheri Trandel of Anna. "I'm grateful that Carbondale puts this parade on every year. It's just heart for me because it's home," said Gray Landt, 21, who brought his pit bull Nino out for the show. "Oh, he just loves this place."

The parade windied to an end. The lights flickered dim. The people were reminded their toes and ears were cold. The rerouted roads put traffic at a standstill as police did their best to usher the traffic. It was only a matter of hours before the sound of music was replaced with the sound of laughter from tipsy college students. But if only for a moment, or an hour of fantastic lights, Carbondale was gathered on the sidewalks to oggle and oggle in Christmas cheer. It was truly Carbondale's brightest hour.

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# What are the wonders of the season?

Many holiday traditions date back more than 100 years

James A. Fussell  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) Fruitcake: treasured Christmas tradition or hefty holiday menace?

That's a question you've probably answered for yourself.

Here's a harder one: Why did eating fruitcake become a holiday tradition in the first place? Or drinking eggnog for that matter? Or buying poinsettias and hanging wreaths? Spinning dreidels and frying potato latkes?

We all know why we do these things. We do them because, well, because we've always done them ...

Oh, all right, we don't have a clue why we do them.

Who has the time to research that?

We do. So sit back and have some eggnog as we answer these and other holiday questions you may have wondered about.

• Why do people hang up a Christmas wreath?

It's a circle. It's traditionally made out of flowers or foliage. Remind you of anything? How about the crown of thorns Jesus was made to wear before he was crucified?

• Why are fruitcakes a holiday tradition?

Modern fruitcake was born with an influx of cheap sugar that arrived in Europe from the colonies in the 1500s, says Robert Sietsema, writing in the *Village Voice*.

"Some goon discovered that fruit could be preserved by soaking it in successively greater concentrations of sugar," he wrote, not in the most appreciative tone. "Not only could native plums and cherries be conserved, but heretofore unavailable fruits were soon being

imported in candied form from other parts of the world. Having so much sugar-laced fruit engendered the need to dispose of it in some way — thus the fruitcake."

Suddenly they were everywhere. Their ubiquitous nature spawned an 18th-century law in England restricting the consumption of fruitcake — or plum cake as it was called — to Christmas, Easter, weddings, christenings and funerals. Eventually the other occasions fell by the wayside, leaving Christmas as the lone holiday with a link to the fruity cake.

Another theory: Well-heeled Englishmen would give slices of fruitcake to poor women caroling outside their houses.

• Why do people drink eggnog during the holidays?

Short answer: It has booze in it — usually rum, brandy or sherry.

But, as you might have guessed, there's more to it. Eggnog is thought to have started in England, around the 17th century, where it was a favored drink of the rich. Early hot versions, called posset, contained milk, eggs and ale. (In Britain, nog is slang for ale.) Then someone added sugar, took out the ale and replaced it with brandy or sherry.

But why make eggnog in the first place? Historian James Humes put it this way:

"The average Londoner rarely saw a glass of milk. There was no refrigeration, and the farms belonged to the big estates."

The heat and the alcohol helped preserve the milk. Dairy farms were plentiful in America, and the new drink soon became popular here. Colonists often substituted rum, which was cheaper than the heavily taxed brandy or sherry.

George Washington, reportedly a big fan of eggnog, had his own recipe, a knee-weakening concoction made with rye whiskey, rum and sherry.

The frothy brew quickly gained favor as a social drink, and a cup of nog was often used

to toast friends and family and spice up special occasions.

• For Hanukkah, we know people eat latkes — potato pancakes fried in oil. We know they're reminders of an ancient miracle, when a bit of oil burned for eight days in the Temple of Jerusalem. But why fried potatoes? Why not fried squash or calamari?

Actually, another fried food — the chicken doughnut — is also a Hanukkah tradition. But thanks to all the Jews who came from Russia, potatoes reign supreme. There really wasn't much people could celebrate with back in 19th-century eastern Europe, says Rabbi Vered Harris of Congregation Beth Torah. They were poor. It was December. It was Russia. About the only food anyone had was potatoes ("which last pretty much forever," Harris says) and old chicken fat, called "schmaltz." "You'd light the Hanukkah candles, have people come over and you'd have to be able to feed them something," Harris says. Latkes.

• Why is Christmas sometimes written as "Xmas"? And is it just a disrespectful advertising practice that takes Christ out of Christmas?

Advertisers prefer "Xmas" because it's short. And its four letters do fit nicely with the word "sale." But Xmas is more than just a 20th-century marketing term. The Greek word for Christ is Xristos, and, according to the book "Did You Ever Wonder" by Jeff Rovin, the use of "Xmas" became widespread in Europe as far back as the 1500s.

X is the Greek letter "chi," the equivalent of "Ch." Therefore, Xristos is pronounced "Christos," (meaning Christ) and Xmas is not as disrespectful as it once may have appeared.

• Why do people hang gigantic socks on the mantel on Christmas Eve?

Saint Nicholas is said to have given gold

coins to three poor girls who needed money for their wedding dowries, writes Marshall Brain in *How Christmas Works*. According to tradition he left the coins in the girls' stockings. The girls had hung them by the fire to dry.

• What does a dreidel — a four-sided spinning top — have to do with Hanukkah?

The Syrian Greeks wouldn't allow the Jews to practice their religion — they couldn't even learn Hebrew, Rabbi Harris says. So,

according to folk tradition, parents painted the Hebrew letters on dreidels. When the henchmen came by, they thought everyone was just playing a silly game. Today the dreidel is a symbol of Hanukkah; its Hebrew letters stand for the phrase, "A great miracle happened there."

• Why do people hang mistletoe and kiss underneath it?

Mistletoe traditions go back many years to many cultures. In most places mistletoe is considered a sign of love, peace and goodwill.

But why would people kiss under mistletoe, a parasitic plant that grows on trees? You can thank Frigga for that, or so goes one theory recounted in "How Christmas Works."

Frigga is the Scandinavian goddess of love and beauty. One day, according to tradition, Frigga's son, Balder, was killed by a poison dart that his enemy, Loki, made from mistletoe. Frigga's tears changed the red mistletoe berries to white and raised Balder from the dead. In gratitude for getting her son back, Frigga then reversed mistletoe's bad reputation and kissed everyone who walked underneath it.

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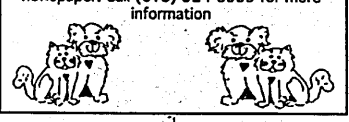
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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

**Today's Birthday (Dec. 9).** This year, your priorities are diverse. Don't be surprised if you feel the need to revise or renovate. First, make a plan to minimize disruption. Compromise with your partner. Then, rip and tear. You'll have to first make a mess in order to finally get things just right.

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

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 7 - Your life has been on the fast track, so don't be dismayed if you find you're a little bit tired. Slow down, and you can avoid making a big mistake.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 7 - You know your friends are, so let them know you care. Some of them are so far away, you won't get to see them this year. They'll be happy to know they're in your heart.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 6 - Feeling pressed for time? Unapologetic and maybe slightly blue? Do something helpful for a co-worker, and it'll pass.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is an 8 - Whoa! All of a sudden you're a powerful force with which to be reckoned. What happened to Mr. or Ms. Meehk? Jumped the fence and set sail for the Caribbean? Stranger things have happened.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 7 - Oops! Did you temporarily run a little low on cash? Is it more of a dribble than a torrent? Too bad. But luckily you're creative, as you'll soon discover.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 7 - If you're worried you might get turned down, get an emissary to ask for you. You might not get everything you want yet, but you can move things in the right direction.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is a 7 - What looked like a good idea at the time could turn out to be a lot of work. Hurry so that it doesn't interfere too much with your fun.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 7 - You're decisive, dynamic and very attractive. You won't get everything you're after, so go after more than you need. This could work! Oh, and play by the rules.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 6 - Something you and a friend find hysterical could hurt another friend's feelings. You'd better be sure to do that on purpose, of course. Don't do it accidentally, either.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is an 8 - By applying what you learn now, or what you'll learn soon, you'll figure out some of the things you've been doing wrong. This will be wonderful.

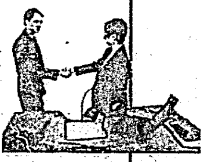
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 7 - While you're out and about, you may spot an item you'd like very much. It would make your life easier, but don't buy it for yourself. That would actually make your life more difficult. Write it down.

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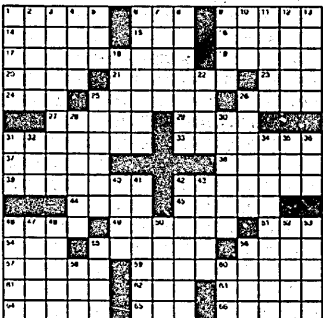
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Yesterday's Jumble: BRASS... TUNED... NEEDLE... PAYOFF  
Answer: When the boxer liked to get up - BEFORE-TEN

# Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Wonder
  - Highland boy
  - Sword handles
  - San Antonio landmark
  - Anger
  - BatSheba's husband
  - Dear in the NFL Hall of Fame
  - African snake
  - Uniform
  - Extra, extra helpings
  - voyage!
  - Moines
  - Taken care of
  - Reserve
  - Does the
  - Puerto people
  - Superlatively
  - Imaginary
  - dishonestly
  - Kitchen knife
  - Lucy's best friend
  - Small carpet
  - Will craft
  - Maiden or Marx centers
  - Doughnut
  - Donations to the poor
  - Fats of music
  - Turner channel
  - Bronx cheer
  - rodents
  - African succulent
  - Small antelope
  - Repetitious
  - Romano brides
  - Letter following
  - Inflects
  - Putter's surface
  - Young adults
  - Draft letters
  - Ahead of time



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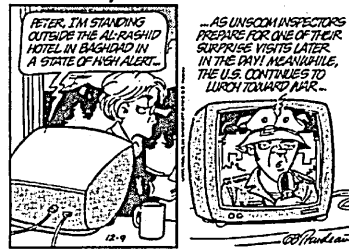


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# Franchione announces transfer to Texas A&M

**Matt Giesman**  
The Crimson White (U. Alabama)

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (U-WIRE)— The words and the face were the same, but the backdrop bore a Texas A&M logo instead of an Alabama likeness. Former Alabama head coach Dennis Franchione faced the media Friday at 8:30 a.m. in College Station, Texas, for the first time since deciding to leave the Crimson Tide for greener pastures.

Franchione mentioned the words "accountability" and "loyalty" and spoke of creating a "football family" at A&M, words which are sure to upset the Alabama family who feel they were misled by Franchione's vague denials of A&M job rumors and hollow promises to sign his 10-year contract extension with Alabama.

Franchione's deal with A&M is reportedly worth \$10-11 million over five years.

Rumors abound about Franchione's reason for walking out on the remaining five years of contract with Alabama, and it appears that one of the most prominent — that Franchione left the Tide after a 10-3 season because he was misled and upset about the severity of NCAA sanctions — may be more true than once thought.

"It played a major role," Franchione said of the NCAA investigation, which says he could be reemployed.

"We'll talk more about that when we get together later. I want to focus on what's ahead."

Franchione's standard response to NCAA questions over the past two years had been, "I spend my time worrying about things I can control."

That line was always in reference to his football team, but with Franchione taking a new job that has been rumored for weeks, it has made some wonder whether there was any behind

the scenes dealings with A&M.

"Oh, there's been a lot of rumors," Franchione said, noting that late Tuesday or Wednesday was when he received his first contact. "In a matter of 36-48 hours, it all came to be."

John Croyle, a former Tide player and father of current quarterback Brodie Croyle, appeared in a television interview Thursday night and said he felt betrayed by the coach. When discussing the timing between A&M's initial contact and Franchione's acceptance of the offer, Croyle said, "I know we're from Alabama and we talk kinda slow, but we're not that stupid to believe this all happened in a matter of two days."

Franchione, who has never stayed at a job longer than six years, says he and his wife expect A&M to be their final stop.

"Me and Kim, we're at the point in our lives where we'd like for this to be our final coaching job," Franchione said. "Kim made it very clear to me that this is the last place."

He added that when he came to Alabama, "I went there with that thought in mind."

At one point, Franchione spoke of Hall of Fame weekend, which is taking place this week in New York, and one of the enshrinees. "Paul 'Bear' Bryant, whose shadow I know a little bit about," Franchione said.

Bryant, who set the record for most wins in Division I-A football while at Alabama, came to the Tide after coaching in College Station.

Franchione reversed that order and said he was "excited to be here because of the commitment we have to compete at the highest level" and added that "tradition and history" were some of the other reasons he came to A&M, a team coming off a 6-6 regular season finish.

He also defended his history of job-hopping by saying "As you go through

a coaching career, you're presented with opportunities that may be too good to pass up."

Franchione has yet to tell his players of his decision to leave the Tide. Instead, he left that task to defensive coordinator Carl Torbush after he canceled plans to tell his players via videconference.

"Well, first off, that could be a long answer," Franchione responded when asked why he never talked to his players. "We loved it there, and we certainly loved those players. They were special to us. It's very difficult. The hardest thing when you leave any job is to leave the players. It is by far the most difficult hump that you have to get over to do what is best for your family."

"If there's anybody that could have nudged on me it would have been them. You can't always handle the situation the way you would have liked to. The way this goes and the way you all helped push this along in some regards, I just hope they would understand. Remember the good things we did, gave to them, what we gave to the University of Alabama and turning that program back into a good direction and the foundation we laid."

Questions during the news conference were restricted to those in attendance.

A few representatives from the Alabama media, however, did make it down to College Station, and one of them asked Franchione why his promises to sign an extension never came to fruition.

"We dealt with that in good faith, and early this week this opportunity came up and put me in a position where I needed to decide which fork in the road I needed to take as I finished up the rest of my career."

Franchione's career record at Alabama was 17-8, including one bowl victory.

# Outback Bowl gives Gators home feeling

**Joel Kaiman**  
Independent Florida Alligator (U. Florida)

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE) — The day after Christmas, Florida offensive guard Shannon Snell probably will wake up, get dressed, spend some time with his family and then get in his car and drive across town.

That is where Snell will meet up with the rest of his Gator teammates to begin final preparations for their Outback Bowl matchup against Michigan.

That day will be somewhat different for the Wolverines. They will be on a plane traveling approximately 1,100 miles south to Tampa, Fla.

While UF would rather be playing in Tempe, Ariz., New Orleans or Miami, the convenience of playing in central Florida is one players said they enjoy.

"I got a lot of relatives down that way," said receiver Taylor Jacobs, a Tallahassee, Fla., native. "I get a chance to go see them and just be close to home."

With most of the Gators being from Florida, many won't have to travel far from home after the holidays. A few Gators, like Snell, won't even have to leave. Six UF players are from Tampa.

"I was hoping we didn't go to the [Capital One] Bowl so we could go home to Tampa," Snell said. "I'm just looking forward to playing in my home town."

While this will be the Gators' first appearance in the Outback Bowl and at Raymond James Stadium, it will not be the first for Snell.

Snell said he just hopes his second experience there is better than his first.

"I played in an all-star game there one time, but I didn't get to play that much because they wanted to hold me out," Snell said.

"It will be my first chance to actually get to play a lot of snaps in it."

Clearwater native and Gators defensive end Clint Mitchell also said he was hoping the Gators would go to the Outback Bowl instead of the Capital One Bowl

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in Orlando. Mitchell's only trip to the stadium was as a spectator, but it was somewhat more successful than Snell's.

"I went to the Super Bowl when my brother played there," Mitchell said.

"It looks like it's a fun, exciting place to play."

Mitchell's brother, Jeff, a former UF offensive lineman, played center for the Baltimore Ravens in 2000, the year they won the Super Bowl.

For Mitchell's second trip to Raymond James Stadium, his family will be watching him. The location of the bowl also will allow some of Mitchell's friends to attend.

"I have a couple buddies [who] have a box there, so they're all going to pack up that box," Mitchell said. "I'll have a lot of people there."

In fact, the location makes the bowl convenient for many Gators fans, while the majority of Michigan fans will have to make a long trip south if they want to see their team.

So with the added convenience for the fans and the team, will UF have an advantage in Tampa?

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in the opening. He scored SIU's first points off a steal and lay-up. He also hit two of his three three-point attempts, including one from well beyond the arc on the left wing. He then hit a short fade-away jump shot on the following Saluki possession.

But it was Hairston who had the best all-around game, scoring 17 points, dishing out a career-high eight assists and pilfering the Indians' ball three times. He also held SEMO's leading scorer, Derek Winans, to 4-of-14 shooting.

SIU never trailed in the game and had a strong start to the game, taking a 36-16 lead with 8:13 to play in the first half.

SEMO head coach Gary Garner thought the pressure coming into the game affected his team early on.

"We didn't get settled down for seven or eight minutes ... and really dug a hole for ourselves," Garner said. "Had we got it started off better, we might have hung around and made a lot better game of it."

Winans, who scored 11 points, said, "They just came out with intensity, and we kind of came out a little

tense."

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# Saluki track off and running

SIU men's and women's indoor track squads impressive at Saluki Fast Start

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The SIU men's and women's track teams cut the ribbon to their 2002-2003 indoor track season Friday at the Saluki Fast Start Invite, which took place at the Recreation Center.

The non-scored meet was one of those early season meets that men's head coach Cameron Wright said his team has to just train through.

"You are always kind of concerned, when you are in a meet like this, that you don't have injuries pop up," Wright said. "It was a situation where you are kind of concerned training through the meet like we did."

## Saluki Fast Start Invite

First-place finishers	
<b>Men</b>	
• 200-meter dash, Marvin Primo (22.13)	
• 400-meter dash, Felix Anderson (49.03)	
• 800-meter run, Orane Morgan (2:00.34)	
• 3,000-meter run, Tony LaChiana (9:06.38)	
• High jump, Paul Whitaker (6-6)	
<b>Women</b>	
• 55-meter hurdles, Korto Dunbar (1:04)	
• Weight throw, Danielle Lawary (16.42m)	
• Shot put, Danielle Lawary (14.82m)	
• High jump, Latrice Gray (5-6)	

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Well, everyone came through intact, now the next challenge is getting competitors to diligently train over winter break and not let the Christmas ham slow their times.

"It is a challenge because it is so important because the guys need to train when they go home," Wright said. "They are at home and not with us, so they have to spend Christmas break with their families and make sure they train, and then they come back to Southern ready."

Some top-notch performances across the gamut by SIU men's and women's competitors led on that they are pretty close to being ready.

In the men's events, freshman Felix Anderson of Harvey blazed to a first-place finish in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.03 seconds. The Salukis then dominated the 200-meter dash by taking the top four spots with senior Marvin Primo (22.13) crossing the line first. Anderson (22.29), B.J. Davis (22.31) and Maurice Moss (22.58) were all nipping at his heels.

Tony LaChiana (3,000-meter run), Orane Morgan (800-meter dash) and Paul Whitaker (high jump) also picked up first places for the Dawgs.

The women's performance wasn't anything to thumb one's nose at either, especially in the field events, where the Salukis claimed four of its five first-place finishes.

Danielle Lawary, a sophomore from Belleville, netted a first place in the both the weight throw and shot put. Latrice Gray won the high jump

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Cameron Wright  
head coach, SIU men's track and field

with a 5-foot-6-inch performance. Inna Turevsky took the triple jump with a bound of 38-6.

Korto Dunbar's first-place showing in the 55-meter hurdles was the lone victory in the running events. Her time of 8.04 was also a personal best for the junior.

"I was really pleased with everyone's performances," said women's head coach Connie Price-Smith in a press release.

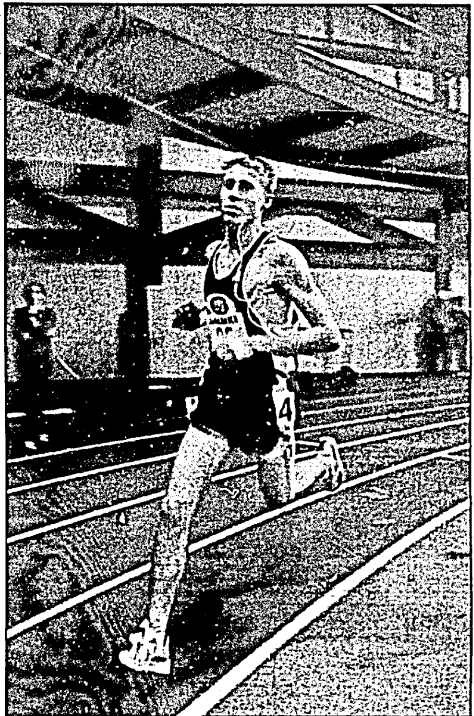
"Everyone competed hard. We had several personal bests. We've been training hard this fall and it showed."

For both squads, all the hard work made the Fast Start a good start to the young indoor track season.

"I think we set ourselves up real well for next semester," Wright said.

Both teams will next compete at the McDonald's Invite Jan. 17-18 at the Recreation Center.

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Sophomore Tony LaChiana placed first in the 3,000-meter run Friday at the Saluki Fast Start Invite at the Recreation Center. The next meet for the men and women will be the McDonald's Invite Jan. 17-18.

# Western Kentucky wins thriller, advances to semifinals

Peter Martinez converted a 25-yard field goal with 40 seconds left in the game to give Western Kentucky a 31-28 win over No. 2-seeded Western Illinois in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA I-AA playoffs.

Russ Michna completed a 56-yard hail mary as time expired to Lawrence Matthews who was tackled at the two-yard line, but a Western Kentucky pass interference penalty gave the Leathernecks (11-2) one final play from scrimmage.

After the penalty put the ball on

Western Illinois' 43-yard line, Mike Scifres lined up for a 61-yard field goal attempt with no time left on the clock. The attempt, Scifres' first of the season, landed about two yards short of sending the game into overtime.

The game was a seesaw battle that was tied at 21-21 early in the fourth quarter. Carl Birts gave the Hilltoppers a 28-21 lead with 7:11 left in the game when he returned a fumble 48 yards to the end zone.

The Leathernecks retaliated by driving 83 yards on six plays, tying the



game at 28-28 with a one-yard Wendell Davidson touchdown run at the 5:22 mark.

Western Kentucky strung together a 10-play game-winning drive that was capped off by Martinez's field goal.

Michna completed 17 of 33 passes for 347 yards and one touchdown, and

rushed for two more touchdowns, becoming the first Leatherneck quarterback to reach the end zone twice in postseason play. Stacy Coleman set school records for most postseason receiving yards (142) in a game and in a season (154).

Jon Frazier rushed for 128 yards on 30 carries for Western Kentucky, and Jason Michael completed six of 14 passes for 130 yards and a touchdown.

Next up for the Hilltoppers (10-3) is No. 3-seeded Georgia Southern (11-2), which defeated

Maine, 31-7, Saturday afternoon.

**Quarterfinal results:**  
Villanova 24, Fordham 10  
Georgia Southern 31, Maine 7  
Western Kentucky 31, Western Illinois 28  
McNeese State 24, Montana 20

**Saturday's semifinals:**  
Villanova (11-3) at McNeese State (12-1), TBA  
Western Kentucky (10-3) at Georgia Southern (11-2), TBA

## Spinal condition ends Florida lineman's career

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Independent Florida Alligator  
(U. Florida)

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE) — Although he has recovered from an injury that left him unconscious on the practice field two weeks ago, Florida backup offensive lineman Bobby Williams said Thursday his playing career is over.

UF coach Ron Zook said Thursday that doctors found that Williams has Stenosis, a narrowing of the spinal canal which pinches the spinal cord and nerves, that could lead to serious injury if hit again.

On Nov. 19, Williams was taken to Shands at UF after getting injured during a scrimmage that evening. The redshirt sophomore lay motionless on the field for about 20 minutes before an ambulance arrived. Zook said then that he had feeling and movement in all extremities.

Williams spent that night for observation and returned to practice the next day wearing a neck brace. It was that Friday that Williams was informed that he shouldn't play again.

"You never know when your career is going to be over," Williams said. "I am just happy I can walk."

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# Salukis cruise in first road game

Williams explodes for 25; SIU improves to 4-0

Ethan Erickson  
Daily Egyptian

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.— The SIU men's basketball team faced its first road test of the season and passed with relative ease, defeating an overmatched Southeast Missouri State squad 85-69, behind 25 points from senior guard Kent Williams.

The Salukis (4-0) jumped out to an early 20-point lead, led by nine at half-

time and killed SEMO's hopes of an upset immediately after the intermission.

A 13-2 run during the first 3:21 of the second half gave SIU a 20-point lead. Senior forward Jermaine Dearman, who finished with 12 points after struggling in the first half, scored seven of those points.

Dearman had just three points and four turnovers in the opening stanza, and committed multiple traveling violations, including one near the three-point line.

"I kind of let the refs take me out of the game a little bit," Dearman said. "I had a few calls that went against me, but you gotta expect that on the road. I just gotta take this game and learn

from it."

A halftime chat with Williams helped Dearman to improve in the second period.

"He had a little sluggish first half," Williams said, "but second half he played a lot better game. I just told him to relax. I said we're going to get you the ball."

But it was a play on which Dearman received a technical foul that got the attention of everyone involved with the contest.

Williams was driving to the basket and was fouled. A split second after the whistle was blown, SEMO's Brandon Griffin clotheslined Williams, sending him to the floor hard. Dearman got in Griffin's face,

the two teams converged, and a double technical foul was called on Dearman and Griffin.

"I didn't really see it coming," Williams said. "Next thing I know I look up and there's a little scuffle going on. It probably wasn't necessary, but it was nice to see you got teammates to stand up for you."

Williams said the proximity of the two schools to each other played a part in the scuffle, and that there was some bad blood between the Indians (3-4) and Salukis.

Eight minutes later, Stetson Hairston and Damarcus Hence were also called for double technical fouls while SIU attempted to throw the ball in. And in the first half, Williams and

Kevin Roberts also exchanged pleasantries and were reprimanded by the referees.

"After the first half they were a little upset with how it went so then they started playing a little dirty," Williams said, "but that's how the games go."

Th - Indians never drew the game any closer than 15 points after the strong second-half start by the Salukis.

Williams, who had 16 first-half points, hit an impressive array of shots

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# SIU women win third straight game

Crutcher, Heiden, McDowell lead Salukis over Eastern Illinois Panthers

Michael Brenner  
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's basketball team can always count on Eastern Illinois for a pick-me-up.

In what has become an annual tradition as of late, the Salukis (3-2) stomped the Panthers (1-5) 82-67 Saturday, extending their winning streak over Eastern to six games, winning their third straight and improving their record to over .500 for the first time in nearly a year.

"It is so nice," said junior center Tiffany Crutcher.

"We haven't had a three-game winning streak the whole time I have been in school, so it's very nice to be winning like this."

Crutcher led SIU's effort with a career-high 20 points, shooting 8-for-11 from the field and pulling down 10 rebounds. Jodi Heiden and Molly McDowell pitched in 16 and

15 points, respectively, as Eastern Illinois 67  
SIU 82

SIU shot a season-high 58 percent for the game and dominated the boards, out-rebounding the Panthers 42-28.

"I think our post players just stole the game," McDowell said. "Their post players just couldn't compete in my opinion."

Jodi Heiden just had an awesome first half and then Tiffany Crutcher turned it on. When you've got those guys pulling eight to 12 rebounds down a game, we're going to out-rebound a lot of people."

Crutcher attributed SIU's post dominance to overall team improvement.

"It was coming," Crutcher said of her performance.

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SIU jumped on Eastern early to take a 24-11 lead but quickly saw it disappear — something that proved to be a theme Saturday night. The

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junior center, SIU women's basketball

Panthers quickly pulled to within five and trailed only 41-34 going into the half.

SIU stormed out of the gates after halftime as well, re-building a 15-point lead and scoring 13 straight points at one time during that stretch. But as in the first half, the lead evaporated, and the Panthers cut the margin to 56-52 with 13 minutes remaining.

The Salukis went on their final run in the closing minutes, and Eastern had no time to respond, giving SIU the lopsided victory:

"For the most part, we played well," said sophomore guard Chris Perry. "There were a couple of let-downs in the first half where we let them go on a couple runs and a couple in the second. But for the most part, we did well."

Perry said composure and the patience to relentlessly push her team's transition game led to the eventual blowout.

The Salukis hope to use Saturday's victory as a springboard for the rest of the non-conference season, which Molly McDowell said could produce three more victories.

"We feel that we can potentially get the rest of our games going into the conference season," McDowell said, noting that SIU has already played its most difficult teams of the non-Missouri Valley Conference season.

"To go into the conference season 6-2 would make our conference season a successful one."

The Salukis will have their chance at four in a row Saturday night at Northwestern.

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Korto Dunbar prepares herself for the start of the women's 4x400 meter relay Friday at the Saluki Fast Start Invite. Dunbar placed first in the 55-meter hurdles. For more on the meet see page 19.