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Colton Braswell, 3, enjoys the playground at Giant City State Park on Tuesday afternoon. Colton and his family were out enjoying the warm weather.

ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

USG senate to vote on Obst for the final time

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A divided Undergraduate Student Government may finally decide on two major issues directly affecting the student body at tonight's meeting.

The appointment of the election commissioner and a proposed increase to the Student Activity Fee slowly heated up the senate during the first two meetings of spring semester.

A special senate meeting was called for Tuesday evening to inform USG members and students of the proposed fee increase before tonight's regularly scheduled meeting.

Tonight's meeting may finally bring an end to the two issues plaguing USG since October — and some USG members could not be happier.

A persistent problem during the past year for USG has been appointing its spring 2001 election commissioner.

After more than four months, Marty Obst, president of Inter-Greek Council, may see the end of the long and winding road to appointment if approved as the USG election commissioner on Wednesday night.

"I just expect fair proceedings and hope people will just hear me out more than anything," Obst said.

A common concern among students, as well as USG members, has been the high possibility of corruption and unfair polling practices affecting previous years' elections.

Obst said he has been analyzing past problems, designing procedures to lessen the possibility of corruption and preparing implementation of secure observance of polling places.

Walkie-talkies to improve communication and coverage of polls, an arbitrary election liaison to ride with Obst during the election to ensure efficiency, arbitrary poll-watchers and more secure balloting are keys to Obst's plan.

Obst said he wants the right process to be implemented and is more concerned with that than receiving the appointment. He said he will hand out copies of the election format he designed before the vote.

"Hopefully, they'll take it and use it no matter who the election commissioner would be," Obst said. "Just as long as the election shapes up, which was my intention to begin with."

Obst said he doesn't feel nor has he heard about significant oppo-

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Illinois owns a piece of history ... well, most of it

Old Slave House sold to the state, but furniture remains unsold

CODELL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN

More than 50 years of negotiating with the state of Illinois came to an end for George Sisk when he sold a piece of history for \$500,000.

Since 1944, the owners of the house have been negotiating with the state to purchase the slave house, also referred to as the Crenshaw House, and keep it preserved. The state announced its plans to buy the house — located in Equality — last April, and on Jan. 24, the deal became final.

But Sisk is wondering why they did not buy any of the antique furniture inside the house.

"Who would want to come and see an empty house?" Sisk said. "I'd like them to either tell me they're interested or not interested."

The house's historical value comes from the original owner, John Hart Crenshaw, who is believed to have sold freed slaves back to the south and kept them for work in his salt mine as well. Sisk's grandfather bought the 13-room house in 1913 with 200 acres to accommodate his wife and 12 children. People began touring the house because of its size and was opened to the public in 1926.

Since then, historians have studied the house for its architecture and history. David Blanchette, spokesman for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, said the house has a strong historical value, but said the rumors on slavery have not been proven.

But for Sisk, the dungeon-like atmosphere on the third floor of



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Progress on research park slow

Phase One of SIUC research park under way

CARLY HEMPHILL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The first phase of the \$40 million SIUC research park is closer to being built, with \$1.6 million already committed to its infrastructure, though the project is still a few years from completion.

The research park will be located at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center and is intended to create technology and knowledge-based businesses that stem from University research. Phase One, located near the corner of Pleasant Hill Road and U.S. Highway 51 South, will include 40,000-square feet of office and laboratory space.

"It will allow for the economic development to continue for Southern Illinois," said Kyle Harfst, the manager of the Small Business Incubator located at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center.

The first phase, consisting of two buildings, is expected to be completed within the next two years. Construction will begin within the next 12 to 18 months and the buildings will take about a year to construct.

The park will benefit SIUC and the community by employing students and housing start-up businesses from research done at the University, said Raymond Lenzi, the director of the research park.

"The research park will require that all businesses within the park have an agreement to link and partner with the University in some way," Lenzi said.

The board of directors for the research park is composed of eight members and will be represented at the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday. The board of directors will make a recommendation today on the member who will represent them at the meeting.

The proposed plan for the 42 acre research park involves four phases of development. The remaining three phases of the research park include 10 buildings that will cover 196,000 square feet of land. The development plans for these phases will begin after Phase One is complete. The funding for the infrastructure plans for Phase Two is under way, although the construction of Phase One buildings is more important, said Lenzi.

Total estimated infrastructure costs for the non-profit research park is \$4 million. SIUC received a \$500,000 Illinois First grant in October with help from Rep. Mike Bost and Sen. Dave Luechtefeld. This will pay for extension of water, sewer, electric and telecommunications utilities for the first four acre phase.

A \$300,000 grant from the federal government will help pay for the infrastructure of Phase One. GTE-Verizon also donated \$800,000 toward telecommunications for a fiber-optics switching center, which is almost complete.

Harfst, research project specialist, said the project will encourage job growth and commercialization of the University's research. The park is expected to create between 800 and 1,200 new jobs and will allow for a place for University-based research businesses to be housed.

SIU-Edwardsville's research park is serving as a model for the development of the park.

The full build-out of the research park, when all phases are completed, is projected to take 20 years.

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OBST

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sion to his appointment. With the unanimous support of the USG Internal Affairs Committee, he said he is confident about Wednesday's approval vote.

"More than anything, it will be resolved in the best interests of everyone," Obst said. "We need to improve the image of the elections. Regardless of who wins, it needs to be a fair election. There definitely have been problems with the elections that needed to be looked at."

USG President Bill Archer said he has no idea of knowing which way the Obst appointment will go. He said that if Obst is approved, students can look forward to a good election.

"If he doesn't get approved, we could get another bad election just due to bad planning," Archer said. "We are running close to [election] time and no one else has offered to run as election commissioner."

Another dilemma for Archer is getting support and majority approval by the senate of a \$10 per semester Student Activity Fee increase.

Archer said he was hopeful Tuesday night's special senate meeting would help educate and inform senators, as well as students, about why the fee increase is necessary.

"The information [about the fee increase] has basically been out since last semester," Archer said. "Hopefully, the senators will be able to attend [Wednesday's] meeting with a good idea about what is going on."

Archer said while his fee proposal includes a \$10 per semester hike of the fee, incremental disbursements to Student Development, the office administering allocation funds, are not a part of the proposal.

"The problem a lot of people have is they think that the administrative costs that are in the proposal are part of my proposal," Archer said. "The problem is it's not part of my proposal."

Archer said the administrative costs are part of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz's maneuver to bring SIUC, as well as USG's allocation process, up to par with national trends.

Archer said without the fee increase and with the disbursement of funds to Student Development, the allocation process could be tightened in the coming years, making it even more difficult to fund Registered Student Organizations.

USG MEETING

* THERE WILL BE A USG MEETING TONIGHT AT 7 P.M. IN THE RENAISSANCE ROOM IN THE STUDENT CENTER.

HOUSE

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the house is proof enough.

Despite the history behind the house, Sisk said there is no denial that the antiques inside, including furniture, Crenshaw family portraits and an old piano, tell part of the story that makes up the old estate.

Blanchette said the state legislature only got enough money to buy the house whether they receive more to buy the antiques remains to be seen. Blanchette said he is more worried about getting staff to maintain the house and keep it as a tourist attraction.

"The state does own it, but there is not a

whole lot we can do with it," Blanchette said.

Sisk said if the state does not buy the antiques inside the house, he would be forced to sell it but would give special consideration to the state.

"I'll take less money than what the state appraises them for," Sisk said. "I want the state of Illinois to have the first shot."

Sisk said the money is not the top priority for selling the house and the antiques inside it. His biggest concern is keeping the house open to the public so they can learn more about the history that lies within it.

"The historical value of the house is so immense it needs to be owned by the State of Illinois, who has the funds to keep it preserved," Sisk said.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY
Video Technology Expo
9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Ballroom D - Student Center
Women's Mid-life Career Development
4:30-6 p.m.
Woody Hall 306 A
Public Relations Student Society of America Meeting
4:30 p.m.
Cambria Room-Student Center
Men's Basketball vs. Southwest Missouri
7:05 p.m.
SIU Arena

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TODAY: Partly Cloudy
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THURSDAY: Rain
High: 67
Low: 47



FRIDAY: Rain
High: 51
Low: 27

CORRECTIONS

Monday's story "Trustees primed to entertain Q&A session" should have read the \$1.5 million softball complex will be voted for approval at the Board of Trustee meeting Thursday. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

Tuesday's editorial, "Why it just doesn't add up," the cost of the student activity fee per semester should have read \$18.75. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

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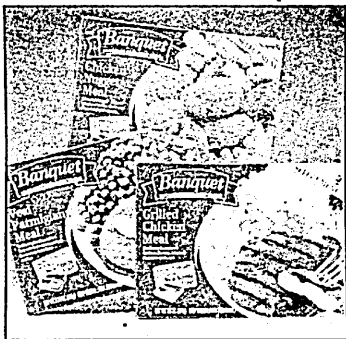
THIS DAY IN 1991:

- American jet fighters shot down Iraqi warplanes who were trying to flee to Iran.
The football team signed 16 high school players to add to the 11 junior college transfer players already signed for the 1991 SIU football team.
SPC Films was showing National Lampoon's "Animal House" for \$1 at the Student Center.

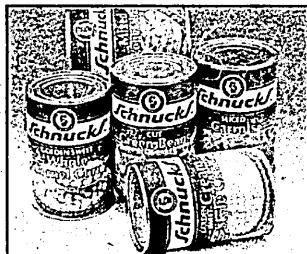
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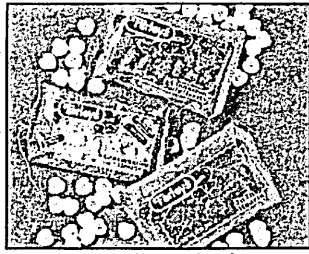
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Funding proves unequal in Illinois school districts

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

MARION — Concern for the heavy reliance of property taxes to fund education brought together an array of people from farmers to school teachers and administrators to a public forum Monday evening.

The forum, conducted by the Farm Bureau and Network 21, discussed the problems of funding education with property taxes at the

Twin Counties Service Co. in Marion.

Network 21, a coalition for quality schools and stronger communities, in conjunction with the Farm Bureau, are working to develop a plan to improve education for Illinois children.

Will Burns, the education and tax policy manager for Network 21, said the plan to move to a different form of funding education is a complicated process when you take into consideration the different needs of

Cook County and southern districts in the state.

"Illinois is practically two different states," Burns said.

Frank Sehnert, a retiree who worked at SIUC for 20 years and was co-chairman for the Carbondale Community Education Committee, proposed a simple method to provide more funding for schools that would also teach the importance of "saving a buck."

Sehnert proposed an education foundation that would collect

money from people in the community. The money would then be put into a bank account or mutual fund.

"Besides providing extra money for schools, it would also teach kids about money and the money market," Sehnert said.

Property taxes were the basis of funding education since the time that only property owners could vote, said Sam Goldman, professor of administration and higher education.

"We don't have that anymore — either sales tax or income tax is a lot more equitable," Goldman said.

Burns said the state runs about average as far as taxation rates, but that Illinois is among the top 10 percent for the amount property owners pay in property taxes.

Burns said there are no long term solutions right now, but they are assessing the situation and would like to propose something for the next legislative session.

Education is funded through three sources which include local tax dollars, general state aid based on attendance at each school and federal sources such as grants for low income stu-

dents. The state sets a foundation level for the amount of money that is spent per child, which is currently \$4,425. Money is provided by the state for districts that cannot match this price.

Carbondale's property tax payers supply 53 percent of funding for public schools in the district. Carbondale High School District 165 spends \$5,200 to \$5,300 per student compared with \$11,306 allotted for students at Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School in the suburbs of Chicago.

Carbondale City Councilman Brad Cole said for this part of the state property taxes are considered high because funds are pulled from a small tax base and support resources such as park districts, a public library, a 911 system and several school districts.

Cole said that property taxes are lower in Marion because there is not a park district and there is only one school district, which eliminates duplications such as hiring two superintendents.

John Williams, superintendent of Carbondale Elementary Grade School, said property taxes are a very inequitable way to fund public schools, explaining that children in Southern Illinois school districts receive \$4,000 to \$5,000 on average and students in large industrial based metropolitan areas receive \$12,000 to \$13,000.

Steve Sabon, superintendent of Carbondale High School, said he is apprehensive about switching from property to income taxes as the main resource to fund schools because northern districts are, on average, more wealthy than districts downstate.

"One problem with switching to income taxes and lessening property tax is that it does not guarantee equality of school districts which is the purpose of looking for other ways of funding," he said.



JUSTIN JONES — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Frank Sehnert of Carbondale expressed concern about the Network 21 program, quality schools and stronger communities Monday night in Marion. Members of the Chicago Metropolitan planning committee came to discuss issues relating to local school structure and property taxes.

Slowing economy not affecting students

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The economy may be declining, but students do not seem to be feeling the pinch of money troubles any more than usual.

Although the country has experienced an increase in unemployment rates, Carbondale and SIU appear immune to the problem at this time.

Dane Johnson, a sophomore in cinema and photography from Oswego, said although the economy might be affecting students, he has not seen evidence of that.

Although he owns stock, he said his conservative stock purchases prevents severe problems.

Kevin Sylwester, assistant professor in economy, said one reason college students are not as affected is the support from parents.

"If a student doesn't have to work and their parents' jobs are secure, it's not going to affect them that much," he said.

Sylwester observed that although a downturn in economy could lead to a recession, Carbondale is fairly protected from significant problems because of University support. Towns that rely on industries such as manufacturing are more likely to encounter money difficulties when lower profits lead to layoffs.

But the University receives funds from the state and from tuition, two more reliable sources of income.

Some evidence of declining profits could be found in local business when cut-

ting back on part-time or temporary positions, typically filled by students. Sylwester guesses that those jobs may be harder to find.

Kim Norton, a senior in speech communication from Cobden, said because most students are not from the area, they will most likely not experience problems.

"I haven't notice a direct effect yet," she said. "For students who are local, with families who work at factories, it might be more of a problem."

Unemployment is rising, sales tax revenues are slowing and corporate profits are falling. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the state's jobless rate hit a four-year high of 4.8 percent in December. In January, it declined slightly, to 4.2 percent.

Teen-agers are the hardest-hit working group, with a 13.8 percent unemployment rate compared to 3.6 for men, women and whites. Blacks and Hispanics suffered higher rates at 8.4 percent and 6 percent respectively.

But local restaurants are not experiencing problems. Bryan Lingenfelser, kitchen manager of Lone Star Steakhouse 1160 E. Main St., reports no cutbacks and an increase in profits since last year.

Applebee's Bar and Grill, 1125 E. Main St., and Tres Hombres Mexican Restaurant and Lounge, 119 N. Washington St., also report steady business.

Sylwester said although interest rates have fallen 1 percent in a month — a clue of the government's concern — predicting the future is premature.

"It's too early to tell," he said.

Computerized GRE may be more trouble than it's worth

Difficulties experienced on automated version of test

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ann Mare Obilade is relieved she took her Graduate Record Exam four years ago when the computerized version was not required.

Obilade, a graduate student from Nigeria, took her written exam to get into SIUC's graduate English program. But now all students are required to use a computer instead of a number two pencil.

"Back then I could not imagine taking a big exam on the computer, because I was used to the practice exams on paper," Obilade said.

According to a Daily Illini article, the Educational Test Service has acknowledged some GRE scores might be inaccurate for some students.

But James Scales, SIUC's director of University Career Services, said 99 percent of the problems are from student error. Scales suggested that some students do not read the instructions.

"Students are used to proctors giving the instructions and they don't read it on the exam, but now they must in order to get accurate test scores," he said.

The other 1 percent derives from difficulties with a computer as a method of test-taking, which can be a hassle after paying about a \$100 to take the exam. Although the paper and computerized exam have about the same average test scores, Scales said computerized scores have been slightly lower.

"Sometimes students have computer anxiety, and being in a small cubicle with nobody around could give a student an uneasy feeling," Scales said.

When clicking the computerized test, once students click to the next question, they cannot go back and change their answer.

SIUC students take the exam at Sylvan Learning Center, 1348 E. Main.

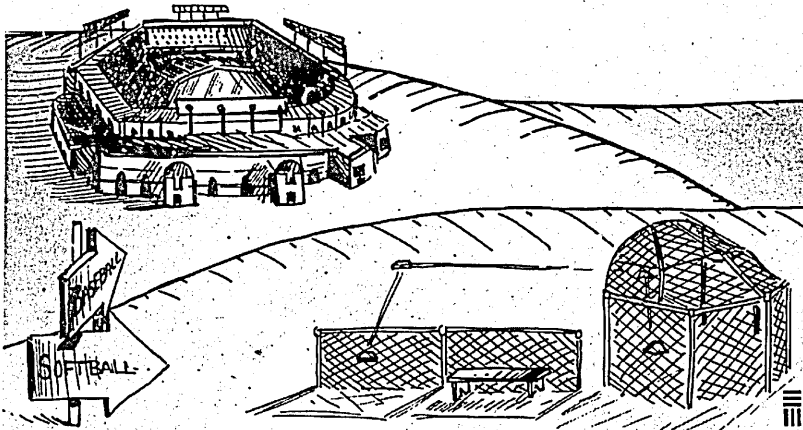
Gary Jones, administrator at Sylvan Learning Center, admits that on occasion there are computer or facility problems that would prevent a student from finishing their exam and having to postpone the test until another day. He said sometimes the computers freeze, software is corrupt, computer glitches occur or there are power outages. And instead of proctors assisting students or observing to see if students are cheating, there are surveillance cameras watching their every move.

"These problems happen very seldom and when they do, the students can come back and take the test for free," Jones said. "But we never had a problem where students had a problem with their test score."

But Jones said there is more good than bad with computerized GRE test-taking. Students are able to receive the test scores once the test is finished, although they are unofficial. The official score does not arrive until two weeks later. Students can also take the GRE Monday through Saturday, in the morning or afternoon, as opposed to only taking the written exam during national monthly scheduled times.

"Students should always have a choice of which method they want to take the exams," Obilade said. "We just have to adapt to the changing technology."

The GRE was first offered to students on computers in 1993. The test has three sections — math, verbal and analytical. The paper exams were eliminated by ETS in 1998. The GMAT (Graduate Management Admission's test) and TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) are also available on computers.



OUR WORD

BOT should go to bat for SIU softball facilities

Last fall, a Title IX complaint was lodged against the University, alleging discrimination against SIU female student-athletes with regard to athletic facilities. Tomorrow, the Board of Trustees has the opportunity to finally right a wrong that should have been taken care of long ago.

The SIU softball team has struggled for years with a lack of basic facilities such as a dressing room, clubhouse and restrooms. Currently, players are forced to change into their uniforms elsewhere and then come to the field, which looks more like a Little League sandlot than an NCAA Division I softball field. Players also face the further indignity of having to walk across the street to the Recreation Center to use the restroom, taking off their cleats before being allowed to enter.

Title IX is a section of the law governing not just athletics, but any educational program or activity that receives federal funds. Its purpose is to ensure that opportunities, both in academics and athletics, are equal between both sexes. One need only look at the men's baseball facilities to see that the two programs, in terms of facilities, are anything but equal.

Granted, much of the funds used to construct the baseball facilities come from donations, but that does not negate the University's legal responsibility to provide, as stated in Title IX, equivalent "quality, availability, exclusivity of use, maintenance

and preparation of facilities."

Critics may wonder how a department with an operating deficit of nearly \$1 million can build a softball complex with a \$1.5 million price tag. The answer is simple—the money doesn't come from the department's operating budget. The Athletic Department already has \$250,000 from donations to go toward building the facility. Another large chunk of money will come from the department's Repair, Replacement and Reserve account, an account in place since 1984 and dedicated specifically to athletic facilities. Although the account is funded through a portion of student fees, Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk emphasized that student fees would not be affected by the project.

The rest of the money would come mostly from private donations, as well as a determined and continued effort to keep costs down.

When prospective student-athletes come to SIUC, one of the main things they look at is facilities. The woefully inadequate state of softball in this area can only have a negative effect on recruitment. It sends a message about how the University treats its student-athletes. However much it costs, these new facilities need to be built, not just because of the legalities involved, but because it is the right thing to do. It is no longer a matter of whether SIUC can afford it, because, as Kowalczyk has said, "we can't afford not to."

COLUMNIST

Higher education only pays lip service to "multi-culturalism" in the classroom

Diversity has become one of the most important issues in higher education in the last few years. Universities have been boasting about the inclusive atmospheres of their campuses and the multicultural experiences of their classrooms. Funny, I can remember being the only African-American in both of my majors' classes as recently as last semester.

This, while being a true testament of the lack of diversity in the classroom, does not speak to the total issue concerning the lack of diversity in the institutions of higher education. The conservative right would have us to believe that the incorporation of more ethnic students in the classroom is the desire and most important agenda in the protection of "multicultural education," and that incorporation of "multicultural texts" merely distract from the seriousness of competitive disciplines that form the intellectual and academically rigorous student, but I ask what about blacks already here and the texts already in use? Is the agenda of higher learning merely to eliminate the "ethnicity" of the ethnic minorities under the guise of "achieving diversity through quality (competitive) education?"

I can't remember the last time I heard of black contributions to liberal sciences. In fact, the University glorifies the existence of the white males who built the respective disciplines on the torture, murder and debasement of Africans and other ethnic minorities

that were not of European origin, or white.

This raises an interesting question of "diversity," doesn't it? How is it that I learn about Hume, Kant and Hegel and their contributions to intellectual

thought, but I don't know, (or was not supposed to find out) that they were all racist and did not think that blacks could comprehend the ideas they articulated and the philosophies they upheld. What is even more interesting is how ethnic students have to deal with this "diversity" all across the campus. It extends into most if not all academic fields, Jung, Freud, Locke, Galton and Spencer all have this "diversity" in common.

So what happens? The black or ethnic student is alienated, forced to reconcile allegedly objective information with subjective and oppressive actions. The University seems to be more than comfortable with this contradiction and creates scholars that perpetuate it in the very fact that the "scholarship" is taught with-

out revision or consideration of the "cultural racism" intrinsic to the texts.

We see a multicultural education that teaches nothing of African intellectual thought or interest, and consistently puts professors with little or no exposure to cultural studies; on an academic pulpit with a tangential, if any, interest in the academic voices of ethnic minorities.

The education we are receiving is what destroys "multiculturalism," because the tradition is to learn about what is taught, not to learn from what can be taught.

We should question the tactics of an institution that has historically been focused on keeping blacks off the university campuses and the instruments of its power, namely its professors and their lesson plans in "destroying true multiculturalism. Does diversity only designate itself on the fourth floor of Faner Hall, in the Black American Studies departments across the country, or can diversity show its many faces and shades in the more traditional courses of the land?"

MY NOMMO appears Wednesday. Tommy is a senior in political science and philosophy. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Greek chapters try to include almost everyone

DEAR EDITOR:

As president of the Inter-Greek Council, I was concerned and disappointed by Andrew Jackson's statement in the Feb. 5 letter to the editor. The Inter-Greek Council at Southern Illinois University and the 24 member chapters certainly do not wish to leave impressions about the greek system that have apparently fallen upon him. We as a council are desperately trying to improve the way in which we operate and negate some of the stereotypes that still exist on this campus.

The member chapters of the IGC have improved greatly in many areas, including community service, leadership involvement and risk management. We are actively trying to bring in new men and women to our organizations that could aid in our commitment to academic, social and community excellence.

Perhaps Jackson has not found the fraternity that is best suited for him. The fraternities and sororities on this campus are very diverse and take many different types of members. In addition, greek organizations are not based solely upon physical appearance or personal wealth. While some members may meet those criteria, there are many who do not. Greeks are faced with many of the same issues that befall independent students on this campus, such as making friends, paying bills and balancing academic and social interests.

The fact remains that the greek system is not for everyone. I compare the situation to Saluki athletics; everyone who wishes to play intercollegiate sports is not guaranteed a spot on the team. While it may be unfair, it is a fact of life. My advice to Jackson would be that if no fraternity responded to him, then he should start his own and make them regret their decision. Many great chapters were founded based upon situations that were similar to his.

Once again, I apologize for your negative experience with the greek system. I encourage you to attend a fraternity open house and meet members of different chapters — perhaps you may find what you are looking for.

Marty Obst
Inter-Greek Council President

READER COMMENTARY

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There's no '-isms' in 'greek'

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Andrew S. Jackson's letter claiming that "the greek system perpetuates rape, alcoholism, homophobia..." I am wondering why Mr. Jackson feels that he can make this assumption, when he did not consult myself or my fraternity brothers. We make part of the Greek system, too. I am a member of Phi Delta Theta and have never run into any of these types of problems with this fraternity. By the public accepting your claims, you are undoing all that my fraternity has worked for and tried to turn around about the Greek system. My individuality is still intact, and I am neither rich nor physically attractive, so please take your whining elsewhere.

So, you can either live your life under false impressions and stereotypes or you can continue to hold grudges and pointless angst. I cannot speak for all fraternities and sororities because the truth is that each is different, but I do know that my experiences with Phi Delta Theta are anything but superficial or perpetuating of such "isms" that you spoke of.

Kenny Gilbreath
Sophomore, Cinema and Photography

Keeping in mind that fee increases don't take effect until two years after they pass, where will the activity fee be in two years? At the height of the fee (which was about four years ago) USG received 480,000 to give out to RSOs. Two years from now, the amount that USG will have to pass out to RSOs, after taking out money for SPC and USG, will total about \$120,000. There are numerous reasons for this. The whole point is that we receive more than \$2 million in requests for funding, and we do what we can with what we have. Yes the allocation is not perfect! But how many RSOs depend on the little money that they do receive from USG? If that little money was cut in half, how many RSOs would still survive? The argument can be made that not everyone is in an RSO. My reply to that is, though you may not be in an RSO, it doesn't mean that you cannot enjoy the benefits that the RSOs provide. RSOs are responsible for the programs such as Spring Fest, Sunset Concerts, International Festival, movies in the auditorium, Guest Speakers and more community service per person than any other groups of people. All in all, we are fixing the allocation process and the next two administrations will be improving on it as well. Don't think about today and think about what happens in two years. Do we like the concerts and the fun stuff that goes on at SIU? Or do we want to get rid of all the RSOs and all we want to do is study and sleep? I know what my answer is and that is why I wrote the proposal.

Bill Archer
President, Undergraduate Student Government

Fee increase necessary in two years

DEAR EDITOR:

I just wanted to thank the Daily Egyptian for pointing out one major flaw at SIUC, the ability to be unformed. In Tuesday's Our Word, more than a half page was dedicated to showing students what happens when you listen to gossip and don't find out what is really going on in USG. I admit that when I first started thinking about a fee increase, I was thinking to myself, "Why would I want to pay more to go to school?" But after researching this for more than a year, I found out something that most people at first don't think about. "What happens if this increase does not go through?"

Pep band's behavior something more than 'childish'

DEAR EDITOR:

It's a good thing that the two authors who defended the Pep Band are in college. Maybe now they can become educated enough to know that their articles were ignorant. To say they were stunned and thought that Jennifer Lee's comments were absurd is mind-blowing to me. But Ms. Lee was wrong, their

comments weren't childish. They were ignorant and racist. I don't care what #3 looked like, the purpose is to rev up the crowd and cheer on SIU. Their job is not to make derogatory comments at the opposing players. Waving balloons to distract the opposition is one thing, but they called someone a name that has racial connotations. Mr. Feicho stated that the pep band is supposed to be loud, obnoxious, and wild. He also stated that they are there to make the audience laugh. Well, whoever laughed is a racist idiot. I am also sure that not everyone heard you. If so, you might not have been happy with the repercussions.

So, in my opinion, Mr. Feicho and the pep band missed their goal. How does he know that #3 didn't get angry? Maybe he was the better person and chose to ignore the pep band's ignorant slur. I hope that the band leader, or whoever is in charge of the pep band, doesn't condone the ignorant comments that his members choose to make at games. Mr. Geeseman says that they are graded for participation; well, I hope that he and anyone else who participated in that chant received an "F" for Fool. Realize that African-Americans don't find being called "Buckwheat" funny at all, now or in the 1940s. Maybe they were just a little too safe in their wing of the Arena. Ask any African-American in person and I guarantee you they will let you know it's not funny at all. Maybe the band isn't doing a good enough job in aiding to Home Court Advantage. Also, remember you are representing a university. Finally, the last time I checked the record was 11-10. That's not so hot in my book.

P.S.—Kelly Garman forgot to mention Rule #4, don't be a racist idiot.

Dana Glass
senior, marketing

Greek system finances questioned

DEAR EDITOR,

I am writing in response to the letter "Greek life confined to wealthy, attrac-

ive drunks" which appeared in Feb. 5 issue of the Daily Egyptian. Jackson stated that the greek system promotes, in short, all kinds of biases. He stated that in order to be greek one has to be wealthy, physically attractive, and willing to give up their individuality. For the most part I disagree with this. I have friends who are greek. They act just like anyone else. They are no more "alcoholic or prejudiced" than anyone else our age. Also, not all of them are physically attractive. There is one thing with Jackson's statement I do agree with. If you are not wealthy you cannot be greek. I wouldn't mind being in a sorority, but there is no way I can afford it. Everything they do seems to involve money (i.e., dues, attire, trips). Anyone who looks can see this. It is not only on an individual level, but groups as well. Many RSOs participate in community service and homecoming events, but are hardly ever recognized.

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Owner Connie Howell accepts payment for coffee from Nathan Opp, a freshman in civil engineering, and Sarah Renois, a sophomore in administration of justice, at the Jaguar Java kiosk located in the Student Center.

SARAH ROBERTS
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A plethora of flavored syrups, coffee beans and grinding machines sit idle behind a padlocked gate waiting for the chance to perk up tired souls and open sleepy eyes.

On Monday, the machines will come to life, bringing the aroma of gourmet coffees and freshly baked goods to the Wham Education Building as part of a new Jaguar Java stand. The new stand will be a sequel to the existing Student Center Jaguar Java and will be open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Connie Howell has owned the Jaguar Java stand in the Student Center for one year and has seen the coffee trend grow exponentially on campus. She estimates that a cus-

tomers visit her stand every two minutes for the 12 hours that it is open each day.

"Everyone wants different drinks, and everyone wants their caffeine," Howell said.

Kristy Stevens, a junior in English from Morton Grove, is not a soda drinker and relies on two cups of coffee each day for her caffeine boost. While she doesn't buy into the whole coffee craze, she understands the attraction of a good cup of joe.

"It's relaxing to just sit down with your friends and a cup of coffee and talk," Stevens said.

Howell said she sells a wide variety of coffees, with the most popular drinks dependent upon the weather. Mochas are a favorite during the cold winter months, while spring brings an increase in the elaborate frappe freezes.

Jaguar Java's widespread popularity

led many Wham faculty and administrators to approach Howell about the possibility of a second stand. They requested that their building be given top consideration because of the many graduate students who research and study there.

"They really have nothing in that building, and there are a lot of grad students who are tired and busy with other jobs," said Howell, who will take over the new stand with the aid of her husband and two student workers.

Connie Macke, who will begin managing the Student Center stand on her own next week, predicts the new stand will enjoy the same success as the original Jaguar Java because it offers something for everyone.

"It's wonderful to have such a selection. People are just different and have different tastes," Macke said.

Stevens, who lists Starbucks Coffee as her favorite coffee brand, claims the Java stand brings some classy alternatives to regular coffee and "gas-station" cappuccinos.

"I think people are grateful for some decent coffee on campus," Stevens said.

According to Howell, Jaguar Java has remained popular because its fresher coffee lures people away from grocery store brands after just one taste.

"People really like good coffee, and they can notice a real difference," Howell said. "Once you've had gourmet coffee, there's no going back."

Students to invade SIU Arena tonight

STACEY ROBINSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU Alumni Association and SIU Foundation will show their gratitude to students by having Student Appreciation Night at tonight's men's basketball game at the SIU Arena.

The night will be filled with plenty of giveaways for students, including a \$2,000 scholarship.

Students who want to register to win prizes must attend a reception from 6 to 7 p.m. on the concourse of the arena; the Alumni Association will provide refreshments. Registration for the scholarship will be open until halftime.

The prizes, donated by the association, will include eight movie passes to University Place 8, dinner for two at Garfield's Restaurant, five free rental car certificates and five upgrades from Enterprise and other miscellaneous items including T-shirts and key chains. As an added bonus, current students who are members of the SIU Alumni

Association can receive discounted airfare certificates for up to \$100.

Mike Trude, director of marketing and promotions of the Athletic Department, said the atmosphere at tonight's game will be tremendously enthusiastic and he encourages students to attend the game, show Saluki spirit and experience it for themselves.

"The students bring an electric atmosphere when they are there," Trude said.

Greg Scott, assistant director of Alumni Public Relations, said the Alumni Association wanted to extend their appreciation to students who

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Greeks help show Saluki spirit during rush week

Picture an array of bright mismatched colors, bold print greek letters, screaming for attention and chanting fans. For the first time this semester the Greeks will make a collective effort to show Saluki spirit, as well as greek pride, at the men's basketball game tonight.

As a part of continuing rush week, University greek letter organizations will participate in a pack the gym night at the SIU Arena.

Mike Trude, director of Marketing and Promotions of the

Athletic Departments, said the idea of pack the gym night stemmed from a combination of things including the game, rush week, student appreciation night and just supporting the team.

"It all came into place from one idea," Trude said. "We thought it would be a great way to entertain [students]."

Jenny Price, member of Alpha Gamma Delta and vice president of Inter-Greek Council, said Greeks will

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JESSICA KOLE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Danger signs posted around Anthony Hall warn students about entering the contaminated asbestos area. Beginning with Anthony Hall, several buildings on campus are to be inspected and renovated for asbestos.

KATE MCCANN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The threat of a health hazard for SIUC's top administrators vanishes next week with the completion of the first phase of a \$3 million Anthony Hall renovation project.

Construction workers are nearly finished removing the asbestos in the basement of Anthony Hall, home of two several administrative offices. Asbestos is a material used for insulation, which was found in the early 1980's to be a possible airborne carcinogen.

After asbestos removal is completed, the demolition phase of the 87-year old building will begin. Phase II consists of removing the old piping and some walls inside the building,

where all the construction is being done.

Anthony's Hall's bizarre heating/cooling system has caused faulty ventilation in the past. Hot and cold air is funneled into one room through separate pipes, but all the air is sucked out through a single pipe.

University Engineer Phil Gatton said the project is proceeding comfortably within its \$3 million budget.

"We're doing really good so far on the budget," Gatton said. "All the bids came in low and we have a nice contingency."

Beside asbestos removal and heating/air conditioning, repairs will be done to some ceilings and walls. New lights will also be installed in some parts of the building.

SIUC administrators have been

temporarily displaced until construction is completed. The administrative offices are now housed in the recently-renovated Northwest Annex A-wing, a move Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard says has caused little to no inconvenience.

"I'm pretty comfortable here," Poshard said. "I love Anthony Hall, but gee, this building is very nice and taking care of all our needs."

Gatton predicts administrators will be able to move back into Anthony Hall sometime next spring.

Anthony Hall was originally a women's residence hall before it was designated to the campus to administrative offices in 1962. It was named in honor of women's rights activist Susan B. Anthony.

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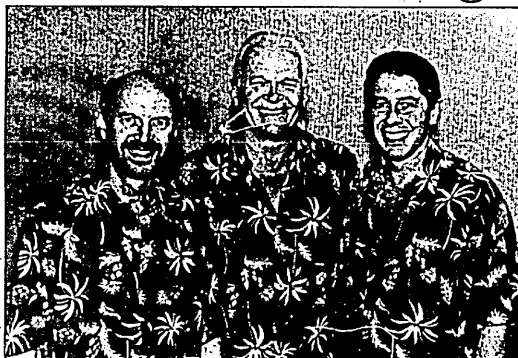
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Return of the Kingston Trio



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music revival began, setting the stage for artists like Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul and Mary and other groups involved in the 1960's protest music movement.

The Kingston Trio was the No. 1 vocal group in the world at the time. Only the Beatles could match the Trio's record sales and concert draws. The band had certainly made an impression on their fans.

"We who grew up with them, we love them because it brings back our youth," Lindquist said.

Today's Trio, comprised of Shane, George Grove and Bob Haworth, is uniting generations.

EMILY OSTENDORF
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bonnie Lindquist may not have found the Fountain of Youth, but she has found something pretty close — the Kingston Trio.

Lindquist, of Murphysboro, will be in the audience during the Trio's performance Thursday evening at Shryock Auditorium.

She graduated high school with Bob Shane, the Trio's founding member.

The original Kingston Trio was formed in 1957, when Shane, Nick Reynolds and Dave Guard were attending college in the San Francisco area. They were a completely acoustic band instrumentally based in guitars and banjos, made famous for their memorable melodies and three-part harmonies.

After the release of "Tom Dooley" in October 1958, a folk

USG President Bill Archer, a junior in business management of information systems from De Soto, has grown up with the music of the Kingston Trio. When Archer was a child, his father was always playing the Trio's recordings.

"That or the Beach Boys, basically," Archer said, laughing.

When he saw the fliers for Thursday night's performance, it was something Archer knew his father would enjoy.

"I can't take my dad to see a Limp Bizkit concert," Archer said. "It's hard for college students and their parents to find something to do together."

But the Kingston Trio provides such an opportunity. Bob Cerchio, director of Shryock Auditorium, said bringing the Kingston Trio to SIUC is a way to return to "another form of nostalgia."

For most college students, it means returning to a nostalgia they never witnessed firsthand.

Almost half of the Trio's current tour bookings feature visits to college campuses around the nation. Before coming to SIUC, the Trio played at Arkansas State.

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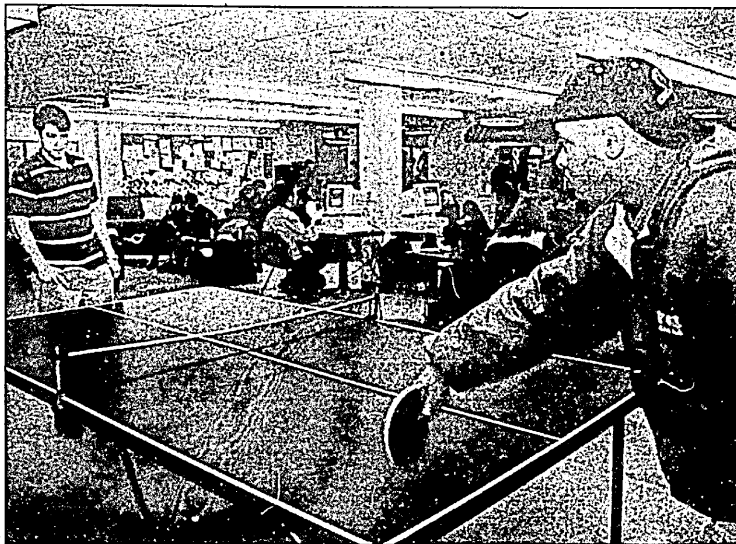
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Law School: pingpong for money



EULALIE FRYE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

James Tyus, a second year law student from East St. Louis, returns a volley from David Hicks, a third year law student from Belleville, Ill., during lunch hour in the Lesar Law Building Monday. Students are preparing for the premiere Ping Pong Tournament March 1-4, first place receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

Law students compete for \$1,000 scholarship for pingpong winner

BRENDA CORLEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Instead of the usual 300 to 500-word essays about career goals and financial needs, one fortunate Law School student can receive a \$1,000 scholarship by simply competing in a game of pingpong.

The School of Law will be holding its first annual pingpong tournament, awarding a \$1,000 scholarship as a grand prize with all participants receiving a commemorative SIULAW pingpong ball.

The Thomas Darin Boggs and Beth Boggs Endowed Scholarship Fund is named in honor of a couple who met while attending SIU School of Law.

The School of Law received \$20,000 in funds last year from Boggs specifically for winners of pingpong tournaments that will take place annually at the school. Only law students in the school, regardless of year, are eligible to play in the tournament.

The tournament will have a series of rounds to take place at the Student Recreation Center from March 1 through March 4, with the final round taking place in the Lesar

Law Building.

Beth Boggs, alumna of SIUC, thought of the idea as way to give back to the place she started and as a wedding anniversary present to her husband, also an alumnus of SIUC.

"We played pingpong all the time and we wanted the scholarship to reflect something that we spent a lot of time doing at school," said Beth Boggs.

"March 9 is our 10-year wedding anniversary and the scholarship is kind of my present to him too."

The same pingpong table Boggs played on as a law student is located in the cafeteria area of the law building.

Between classes many students take the time to compete with classmates at the pingpong table.

About 50 law students have signed their names on the sign-up sheet posted in the lounge area of the law building.

James Tyus, a second-year law student from East St. Louis, has

been practicing for the competition since he first heard of the scholarship last year.

"This is the first time that a scholarship here is not based on academics," he said. "I think it's beautiful that this is about good wholesome fun and no one is a professional pingpong player so everybody has a chance."

Just as Boggs enjoyed relaxing games of pingpong while a student in law school, Tyus believes having a pingpong table at the School of Law is a good idea.

"Last semester during finals playing pingpong was a stress reliever for me," said Tyus.

Thomas Guernsey, dean of the School of Law, views the pingpong tournament as a unique way to help students curb the cost of college expenses.

"It's a fun way of giving away a scholarship and a good diversion from studies for the students," he said.

Guernsey recognizes the Boggs' as great supporters of the School of Law.

Boggs, now a lawyer in St. Louis, plans to visit SIUC for the final rounds that will take place in Lesar Law Building on March 4.

Last semester during finals week playing pingpong was a stress reliever for me

JAMES TYUS
Second year Law student

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support the Salukis every season. Scott also said they wanted to encourage other students to show their support and take advantage of the opportunities available to them.

"That's the difference between college sports and professional sports — the amount of electricity and excitement students bring to the game," Scott said.

Scott also said they would like to educate students about what the alumni program has to offer and answer any questions they might have about the Alumni Association.

Winners will be announced throughout the course of the game, which is free to all SIU students with a valid student ID card.

"You have to show up and be present to win," Trude said.

GREEK

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Gus Bode



Gus says: Don't let the greeks scare you off!

not only show support of student athletics but it is an opportunity for the greeks to be somewhere where students can see them together in a fun-spirited environment.

"We believe the more support we give the University, the more we will get [in return]," Price said.

At the basketball game against Southwest Missouri State, the Salukis look forward to a second win in a row, and students, faculty and the greek letter organizations will be in attendance to support the team.

The greeks have another agenda planned for the event. They will invite potential members and distribute information throughout the game for their rush week.

Marty Obst, member of Beta Theta Pi and president of Inter-Greek Council, said the event is to get all the greeks together to show pride in their organizations and Saluki spirit.

"We will be in the Dawg Pound area and the greeks will all be wearing their letters to show greek spirit," Obst said.

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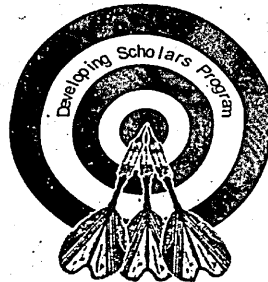
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"Once you're here once or twice; you're not a stranger anymore," says Steve Montel of Carbondale, a 24-year regular, from his fixed place at the counter. "It's one of the last of the old roadhouses."

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(Above) Two regulars swoop into Mary Lou's as soon as the doors open to grab some grub and coffee before their day begins. The first few Mary Lou's patrons trickle in the door at 7 a.m. sharp.

(Right) Trina, a 10 year veteran employee of Mary Lou's, jokes with several SIU baseball players that came in for a bite to eat.

(Far right) Tina adds the final touches to a succulent coconut cream pie. Coconut Cream is the only flavor of pie available everyday because of the high demand.

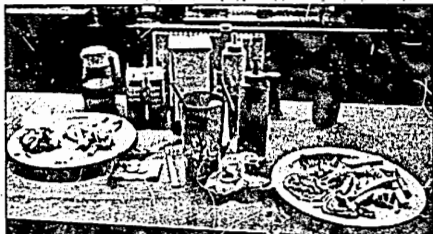


"We all shambled after them to a restaurant run by a bunch of women, and sat around over hamburgers and coffee while they wrapped away enormous meals just as if they were back in their mother's kitchen."

-Jack Kerouac
"On the Road"



Marilynn Martin, current owner of Mary Lou's, begins her day cooking a load of bacon. Martin starts and ends her day at the griddle fixing everything from pancakes to hamburgers.



(Lower left) Debbie carries a load of orders out to hungry customers.

(Left) The original owner, Mary Lou Staffey, relaxes in her home in Murphysboro.

(Far left) Empty plates are the only thing left at the end of the day.

(Below) Mary Lou's infamous sign beckons customers to the food within.



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Montel comes for the chicken and dumplings and to visit Trina Clark of Marion, a waitress at Mary Lou's for the last 10 years.

"I aggravate her 'til she aggravates me," Montel grins.

"That's right, Montelty-Welly," Trina shoots back, busting by with coffee and eggs.

"Anybody here you visit with," Montel continues. "Well, if somethin' were to happen to you, they would help you out."

And that's how it's been since 1962, when Mary Lou Staffey opened a 13-stool nook just off the Strip and worked it all herself with only one cook to help.

But she had her best customer cream pie recipe and she treated her customers like family, nicknaming them and slipping them free meals when they were down on their luck.

"My husband didn't think I could do it," Mary Lou explains. "But I proved him wrong."

Soon Mary Lou's was a Carbondale fixture with a cult following. In the

mornings, hungry customers would stack up four deep behind the stools to wait for their biscuit-and-gravy breakfasts.

Carbondale resident Jerry O'Malley remembers how Mary Lou didn't even use an order pad, she just prowled up and down the counter taking requests to the back.

On Sunday mornings, bleary-eyed bandmates would stumble in to cure their hangovers, and even former Gov. Jim Thompson would stop in for a bowl of chili and a cheeseburger when he was in town.

"Now we have the 'Governor's Special' on the menu," Mary Lou says. "He was one sweet man and he had some good-lookin' bodyguards, ummm, honey."

Today Mary Lou's daughter Marilyn Martin runs the restaurant with her husband, Robert. But time stands pretty stationary behind the double doors of 114 S. Illinois Ave.

"We treat people like I'd like to be treated," Marilyn says while battling mountains of hashbrowns on the griddle. "And this is the kind of food I'd want to eat."

On the walls behind the counter —

the outfit moved to a bigger building in 1976 — hang hundreds of photos. They're all Mary Lou's devotees who came for "the comfort of home," Trina says.

Dennis Franz shakes hands with Mary Lou in one picture, and snapshots of customers' children line the opposite wall.

"And there's a lot more than that [not up]," Mary Lou adds.

She says her customers still greet her on the street, though health problems forced her retirement 10 years ago.

And though Mary Lou misses her "kids" — she still remembers customers with nicknames like Brillo or Oopy or Sweet Cheeks — her homespun legacy lives on.

"The food's still good and they keep your coffee cup filled," says 36-year devotee O'Malley.

So Mary Lou's mooses toward the future with the same burgers and black coffee, gravy and coconut cream pie. And the same unspoken philosophy keeps the customers coming back for decades, still hungry for the comforts of home.

"You know, honey," Marilyn says. "We just talk to people."



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Loyola sees lawsuit over cheerleaders' injury

ELIZABETH STUART
THE MAROON (LOYOLA U.)

NEW ORLEANS (U-WIRE) — A stunt aimed at elevating student cheers at a basketball game last January sent a cheerleader crashing to the floor and landed Loyola University-New Orleans in a lawsuit.

According to public record, lawyers for Shannon Ruelle, former Loyola student and the injured athlete, filed suit against the university Jan. 16.

According to Gail Howard, assistant to the president, the Rev. Bernard Knoth, S.J., university president, had not been served with the lawsuit as of late last week.

On Jan. 13, 2000, Ruelle and other cheerleaders tried to perform a stunt called the Elevator. Ruelle landed on the hardwood basketball court, striking her head and back. According to the lawsuit, the university allegedly "failed to render aid, assistance or medical attention" to Ruelle.

"The lawsuit also contends that after the accident, Loyola 'agreed and promised to pay [Ruelle's] medical expenses relating to the accident.' It states that the university then refused to do so. The suit calls for Loyola to answer these charges.

Yet according to a waiver form the cheerleaders and all club sports athletes must sign, they agree to release "Loyola University, its

agents, employees and representatives from any responsibility or liability for any and all personal injury and property damage to [the club sport athlete] on account of, or in any way arising out of, [club sport athlete's] participation in the activities, practice and play of this sport."

They must carry personal injury and medical insurance in order to perform.

Cheerleaders also sign a contract agreeing not to use drugs, including cigarettes, or alcohol 24 hours prior to performing.

This contract also deals with attendance at performance, meeting, practices and fundraising events.

Ruelle has transferred to Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, and could not be reached for comment. Her lawyer did not return phone calls for comment. The suit claims Ruelle was injured because the university did not provide adequate instruction, supervision and advance warning of possible injury.

"It also states that while Ruelle had reservations about performing the stunt, her captains assured her that she would be fine."

The lawsuit also claims that after Ruelle fell attempting the stunt during practice, she "and other members of the squad asked the captain of the squad if they could perform something else, but were instructed by the captain that everything would be fine and to perform the stunt."

Gidget Fields, psychology senior and cheerleader captain when the fall occurred, is not on

the squad this semester because of other obligations and declined to comment on the lawsuit.

The suit states that as a result of the fall, Ruelle suffered injuries to her head, neck and back and that these injuries will incur medical expenses; "suffer loss of income; and endure pain, suffering and disability."

Brandi Boatner, communications senior and cheerleader president, said the Elevator is not considered hard at the college level. Yet timing is essential to avoid injury.

"We were upset," Boatner said. "People don't realize cheerleading is a sport. It's physical; you can get hurt."

Because of the accident, and for insurance purposes, the squad no longer performs stunts with partners.

According to Boatner, its members are now limited to tumbling, jumping and dancing. Jasmine de LaCruz, cheerleader captain and communications senior, has been cheerleading at Loyola for four years and was on the squad last

January when the accident occurred.

She said the cheerleaders are taking private tutoring lessons to improve.

"It [performing stunts] was never an issue because we're not up with the big-rig schools," LaCruz said.

Boatner said while the squad does have an adviser, Sylvia Young, it does not have a coach. Young, assistant to the dean of University Ministry, said they discussed getting a coach at the beginning of the school year, but there are no plans.

"I think they do well just doing the cheers," Young said.

The cheerleader squad is a student organization, and the participating students are volunteers.

Nan Davis, director of Recreational Sports, said smaller schools such as Loyola do not usually have cheerleading coaches. Recreational Sports does not provide paid staff for student organizations.

Oklahoma St. triumphs in first game since tragedy

JOSH CRUTCHMER
DAILY O'COLLEGIAN

STILLWATER, Okla. (U-WIRE) — Melvin Sanders looked like he knew what was about to happen. Sanders, the Oklahoma State University forward, had been guarding Missouri's Kareem Rush, the Big 12's leading scorer, all night. Now, there were 3.4 seconds left in the basketball game, and the Tigers were ready to inbound the ball at halfcourt, trailing OSU 69-66.

The players, coaches and 13,611 fans inside Gallagher-Iba Arena Wednesday night knew Rush, who had scored 21 points, was about to get the ball.

Missouri guard Brian Graver lobbed the ball to Rush, only it never got there. Sanders knocked the ball away, and the clock ran out on the most emotional game in OSU history.

The scoreboard told the story: Cowboys 69, Tigers 66. Nine days after 10 Cowboys

were lost in a plane crash in Colorado, OSU was back. That, above all else, was what the team and coach Eddie Sutton wanted.

"This is one of the most important games I have ever coached," Sutton said. "I know how much our players, our coaches, our fans and the 10 families whose loved ones went down in the plane wanted this win. It would have been devastating not to win."

Oklahoma State next plays Wednesday at Nebraska, followed by a Saturday trip to Kansas to face the No. 3-ranked Jayhawks.

The Cowboys (14-4, 5-2 Big 12) played like losing never crossed their minds. Fredrik Jonzen led all scorers with 26 points. Maurice Baker outdueled Rush, who is the only player in the Big 12 who averages more points a game than Baker, with 22 points.

Then, there was Ardre Williams, whose defensive presence was such that Tiger players missed uncontested shots whenever he was near.

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University, and following the concert here, they will travel to the University of Illinois at Springfield.

The Kingston Trio's consistent sound has been linked to the band's rebirth in popularity during the last few years, even among a younger audience.

"After a while, you sort of catch yourself singing along with it," Archer said about the music.

Those attending Thursday's performance just might hear him crooning along with "MTA," a song Archer says parallels his life.

It is evident that the Kingston Trio's musical legacy has touched many.

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Swimming and diving teams in final stretch before MVC Championships

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Only eight days separate the SIU swimming and diving teams from their biggest meet of the season — the Missouri Valley Conference Championships Feb. 15-17 at the Recreation Center.

The men's team is looking to regain its crown after a five-year reign at the top was halted by Southwest Missouri State University last season. The second-place finish still haunts the Salukis as they feel they were robbed of a championship that was rightfully theirs when the Bears had three swimmers pull double duty and dive to take advantage of the fact SIU only had one diver.

"Our job will be to deal with what we need to deal with and not worry about what Southwest Missouri does, how many divers they put up," said SIU men's head coach Rick Walker. "Right now, it's not a main concern of ours, what we need to do. They're the team to beat and they are the favorite, so we have to overcome that."

The Salukis are now in the part of their season where they are focusing more on the little things to help them win the close races instead of just working themselves to death in practice.

"It doesn't do you any good to train real hard, swim a hard race and

then glide in on the finish and lose by a matter of a hundredths-of-a-second," Walker said. "We're getting them in the habit of thinking faster and getting to the wall quicker."

Freshman Derek Helvey said this meet is the culmination of all their hard work thus far in the season and he feels everyone will be ready come next Thursday.

"I think everyone's just getting mentally ready more than physically ready, I think they've done that already," Helvey said.

The divers are also looking forward to next week, especially since they were forced to redshirt last season, and therefore could not participate in the championships.

"The main thing now is to get excited because last year they were spectators, now this year they're competitors," said SIU diving coach Donnie Torres. "They're excited to be part of a team and try to win the conference title back."

Despite not having competed last year, the divers are definitely not lacking in confidence.

"Overall, the team will win, I guarantee it," said sophomore Jake Sinclair. "As far as diving, our chances of going one, two are excellent and Adam Peper is the most surprising diver I've ever met. He can jump into anywhere in the top three or four."

While the men are looking for revenge, the women's team has won three straight MVC crowns and is the favorite to win it again.

"Looking at the way they've per-

Everyone's crawling out of their skin. Everyone's ready to just have the meet, get it over with.

COURTNEY CORDER
junior swimmer

formed already, they [should] swim just tremendous, they [should] dive great, we [should] have a great conference meet, the best one we've had in years," said SIU women's head coach Jeff Goetz. "Everybody in conference has some great kids, we're going to have to step up and go. I have no doubt that we have the fastest and the best kids, but they're going to have to step up and show it."

Junior Courtney Corder said the team is both anxious and a little nervous at the same time for the meet.

"Everyone's crawling out of their skin," Corder said. "Everyone's ready to just have the meet, get it over with. We know that we're going to swim fast, but it's in everyone's head that this is our final meet. We have a lot of seniors leaving so I'm sure they're extra nervous since it's the last time for them at the college level."

Goetz said the team's workout has dropped from swimming up to 8,000 yards a day, morning practices and lifting to swimming about 3,000 yards a day with no lifting and no morning practices.

"The whole idea behind taper is all year long you work hard and then during taper you kind of cool off a little bit, work on the little things, starts, turns, relays. Just the little things that are going to make you fast," Goetz said.

And if there's one thing the Salukis have been this year it is fast, as they have annihilated every MVC team they've faced.

"That success has the team feeling good about their chances and they're not afraid to admit it."

"We're going to win, no doubt about it. We are going to win," Corder said.

BEARS

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Hinson, the small, but ever-animating, often-entertaining and outspoken general.

The energetic coach's dancing and prancing around the sidelines with his team's every up-and-down is as entertaining to watch as the game sometimes.

But the Bears have been anything but a laughing matter for Saluki head coach Bruce Weber. Southwest Missouri State is the only Missouri Valley Conference team the third-year Saluki head coach has not defeated since his arrival to SIU. Weber is 0-6 against the Bears, although every contest has been a competitive one.

"We're really aware of that," said Saluki sophomore guard Kent Williams. "If not for ourselves, we're going to win this for coach. He deserves to beat that team, we should have beat them when we were at their place. That was one of those games where we had the lead and we let them come back."

In the past four SIU/SMS games the Salukis have had the lead at some point in the second half before allowing the game to slip away, including the 72-62 setback Jan. 6 in Springfield, Mo.

"Their crowd got involved and they stepped up down the stretch," Weber said.

Weber is looking for that same rowdy crowd environment tonight, only this time out of his team's supporters at the SIU Arena.

Weber's players should be prepared for the battle after that emotional last-second victory against the University of Evansville courtesy of Williams' 35-foot bank-shot Saturday night.

Tonight they can help Weber

get that monkey, rather Bear, off his back, while at the same time taking care of business at home in the MVC.

"We're expecting a war, but we can't let them come into our place and beat coach Weber for [seventh] time, so we're real aware of that and we're going to make sure we get the victory," Williams said.

Hinson, who is 4-0 against SIU, did not have a clear answer to why the Bears have had so much success against the Salukis in recent years.

"I can't explain that, I've only been part of it for one year," said Hinson, as Iowa's head coach Steve Alford coached SMS in Weber's first season at SIU.

"I think if you look at what we had last year, we had a senior-laid ballclub and we were fortunate to win some games."

The competitiveness between the two teams is nothing new, though. Games between the Salukis and Southwest Missouri have been nailbiters before Hinson or Weber were the teams' head coaches. Since Southwest Missouri joined the MVC in 1990, the Bears own a 13-9 edge against SIU in regular season play.

"They were tight games way before Bruce and I got here," said Hinson, who was head coach at Oral Roberts University for two seasons before taking the SMS job. "I think you'll find out that there's never going to be a year when these games aren't tight."

And Hinson can only pray tonight is no different.

"It's going to be a game down to the wire, there's no question in my mind," Hinson said. "I know we come into this game as an underdog."

All we can pray for is that Cletus and the gang don't make the scurry over yonder to Carbondale.

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purpose."

Brakebill left the game and has not returned to action since the incident, but Hinson is hopeful he will return as early as the weekend.

"Hopefully, he'll play some Saturday, but that's the coach coming out in me," Hinson said. "Most likely he won't play until next Saturday at Wichita State [University]."

Brakebill made the basket on the play and

SIU head basketball coach Bruce Weber said he understands Hinson's feelings of animosity, but thought it was a freak occurrence. Also, Weber felt it couldn't have been too drastic of a foul if Brakebill made the basket.

"[Dearman] was sprinting full speed down the court, Brakebill's going hard," Weber said. "Jermaine went to block the shot and caught his arm on him and threw Brakebill off balance."

"Was it a hard foul, yes. It was a hard foul, but I don't think he did it on purpose... I told him after the game, I feel bad. I wrote him a letter telling him that I felt bad. I don't want anyone to

get injured. I can see [Hinson's] feelings that they lost one of their better players."

The play resulted in an intentional foul on Dearman that virtually swung the game in the Bears favor. SIU scored only four points in the latter stretch of the game, as SMS went on to a 72-62 victory.

The Bears have struggled some this season, but still pose a threat. Point guard Robert Yanders is coming off a career-best 27 points in a win against Wichita State, forward Mike Wallace is a load in the paint and Daniel Novak is a dangerous shooter.

Coming off an emotional last-second win over Evansville, SIU needs a win badly to maintain momentum in a season that has given them a fair share of highs and lows. SMS will be the first half of a two-game homestand this week. The Salukis will face Creighton University Saturday in a game that will be televised on ESPN at the SIU Arena.

"They've had the edge on us for the first three seasons that I've been here, it's been six [losses] in a row. You want to start building some momentum not only for the ESPN game, but toward the end of the season," Weber said.

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DNR biologists make it easier for weekend anglers

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MURPHYSBORO — Fish relate to structure.

That simple fact is the reason you'll find biologists like District Fisheries Manager Shawn Hirst of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources sinking Christmas trees, also called brush piles, into area lakes in the final weeks of winter.

And while impoundments such as Lake Murphysboro offer plenty of natural structure for fishermen with the boats to reach them, designated areas for shore fishermen are oftentimes void of the characteristics fish are attracted to.

Being out of the casting distance of weeds, rocks, gravel, stumps and other underwater structure can be a tough bite. This is why Hirst concentrates most of his tree-sinking efforts in and around piers and other areas shore fishermen frequent.

"Anyone out here fishing with a boat can go out and find downed trees," said Hirst as he steered the boat toward a Lake Murphysboro shoreline that had been worn down by foot traffic.

Hirst began sinking trees last year and distributed about 90 trees between Kinkaid Lake, Anna City Lake, Pinckneyville City Lake, Dongola City Lake, and Lake Murphysboro. Biologists carry out similar operations statewide. Carlyle, Sam Parr, Little Grassy and Crab Orchard lakes will be receiving similar treatment.

"The brush piles provide food and cover for

Outdoors

the fish," said Mike Hooe, a district fisheries manager governing southeast counties of Illinois. "If the trees are down there for a particular length of time, a lot of organisms begin to grow on the brush pile as well as around them, and that in turn begins to concentrate the fish for the anglers."

The structures typically consist of two trees with half-inch holes drilled near the bottom of the trunk. Biologists thread wire through the holes and fasten them to a cinder block. The trees are then loaded onto a large skiff, which allows the brush piles to be placed strategically.

When the trees are dropped into the water, they tend to stand straight up. The tops of the trees usually stick out of the water, allowing fishermen to know where they are. Over time, the trees become waterlogged and lay down.

Hirst prefers to place the trees in eight to 12 feet of water, where he said fish will remain year round. Trees in deeper or shallower water will not contain fish consistently because of fluctuating oxygen levels.

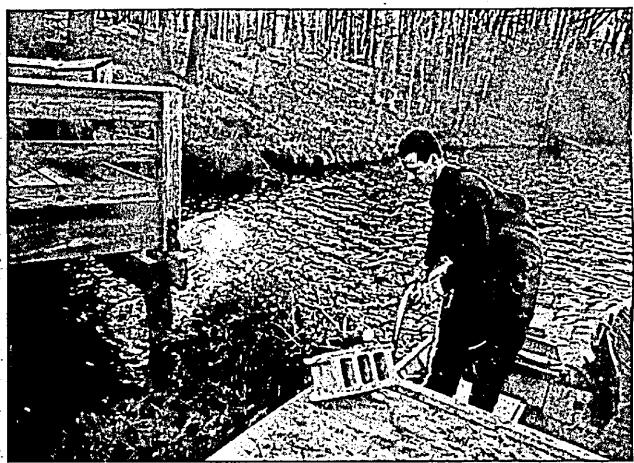
Anyone out here fishing with a boat can go out and find downed trees.

SHAWN HIRST
District fisheries manager

Last year, a local tree farmer donated trees that he couldn't sell. This year, Hirst plans on sinking about 100 trees provided by the city of Murphysboro. The trees were recycled by residents and would have been turned into mulch.

In the winter, Hirst said he saw frequently sees trees that were dragged out on the ice by local anglers. When the ice melts, the trees sink and become secret fishing spots for the people who left them. It is legal for landowners to sink trees on lakes that sit on their property.

But while it is within the law for biologists



EULALIE FRYE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Shawn Hirst, district fisheries manager, places recycled Christmas trees in Lake Murphysboro to attract fish for shoreline anglers. Hirst anchors the trees with cinder blocks so they remain in place.

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like Hirst to sink trees on lakes regulated by the DNR, it is illegal for the general public to do the same on state-regulated lakes.

"We do not encourage people to do that," said Sgt. Monte Burnham of the Illinois Conservation Police, after conceding arrests for such offenses are rare. "We would prefer people work with the fisheries biologists within the department. They coordinate those types of things quite regularly on public bodies of water."

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Mells suffered a foot injury before the season started and was not in uniform during the exhibition games. He fought back to return to

action, but reaggravated it and never returned to full speed.

Mells, a Memphis native, was expected to have a solid junior season after averaging 7.3 points and dishing out 3.5 assists per game last season in a backup role to former SIU point guard Ricky Collum.

Mells' relationship with Weber has not

been an entirely smooth one. The pair have not always seen eye-to-eye on how to handle playing through the injury.

As of press time Tuesday, it was unclear whether any friction between Weber and Mells contributed to Mells' decision to sit out.

"I think it's an add up to the foot injury,

plus not being in shape because of the injury, and not being at the top of his game," Weber said. "It's just all added up to frustration for him. He anticipated having a good junior year and it didn't happen. That was his decision and now we have to go on as a team."

Mells could not be reached for comment on Tuesday.




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Mells out indefinitely

ANDY EGENSE
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Junior point guard Brandon Mells will be sidelined indefinitely, suffering from an ankle injury that has plagued him all season.

SIU basketball head coach Bruce Weber said Mells will not play tonight against Southwest Missouri State University and probably won't play against Creighton University this Saturday.

"Right now, it does not look like he is going to come back, but you never say never," Weber said. "It puts us in a little bit of a bind depth-wise, but Marcus [Belcher] has been steady, but we got to find somebody to back him."



Mells

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Salukis try to get Bears off Weber's back

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Chicago had "Da Bears" in the early '90s.

Chris Farley and the Saturday Night Live crew sat at the roundtable and talked smack, simultaneously engulfing Polish sausage and bratwursts while guzzling enough cold ones to floor a large mule, some nights even Farley.

The NFL version of "Da Bears" were the Monsters of the Midway for quite some time before the final days of "Ditka."

Now there is a new Monster lurking, not in the Windy City, but in the Foothills of Missouri, as far as Saluki basketball fans are concerned. The leader of the roundtable discussion for this team's region would be better led by Cletus from "The Simpsons," as he and his wife/sister and other relatives discuss "Duh Bahrs?" over fried roadkill and Wild Turkey.

Roping the wagons for this bunch is another charismatic leader, "Hinson," as in Bears second-year head coach Barry

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JUSTIN JONES - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU basketball coach Bruce Weber jaws an official during Saturday night's 67-65 win over the University of Evansville. Weber will be attempting to gain his first win in three seasons against Southwest Missouri State University tonight at the Arena.

Dawgs set for grudge match

Salukis square off with SMS tonight at the SIU Arena

ANDY EGENSE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU and Southwest Missouri State men's basketball teams have one thing in common.

They don't like each other. Southwest Missouri State enters tonight's 7:05 p.m. contest at the SIU Arena gunning for its seventh straight win against the Salukis, having won eight of the last 10 in the series.

The Bears (9-11, 5-6) knocked SIU out of the conference tournament last season, and the rivalry took a harsh twist during the last meeting on Jan. 6 in Springfield, Mo. After SIU (11-10, 5-5) was leading nearly the entire game, Bears' forward Scott Brakebill went for a lay-up in transition and was met with a hard foul by SIU sophomore

Jermaine Dearman.

Brakebill hit the deck hard, resulting in a wrist injury that has sidelined the Bears star forward, and surfacing questions from loquacious SMS head coach Barry Hinson.

Hinson publicly made his displeasure known with the hard foul after the play and questioned whether its harsh nature was intentional.

Dearman insists he did not try to harm Brakebill, but simply made an aggressive play in a competitive ballgame.

"[SIU Assistant] Coach [Rodney] Watson mentioned something about me calling him and apologizing, but I don't feel that I did it on purpose," Dearman said. "I was going for the ball. I was trying to stop him from making a lay-up because it was a critical point in the game when they were on a run."

"It was a hard foul. I didn't mean for him to fall on his arm like that, but he just fell awkwardly, but I didn't do it on

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at the SIU Arena in Carbondale
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Series Notes:

Southwest Missouri State University has always been a nemesis to the Salukis. The Bears are 13-9 versus since joining the Missouri Valley Conference in 1990, winning eight of the last 10 games. SMS won both games last year in the regular season 80-73 and 62-59 and won a second round battle in the MVC Tournament, 67-56.

The word on the Salukis:

SIU is coming off a miracle finish from last Saturday's win at the University of Evansville. Kent Williams banked a 35-footer that lifted the Salukis 67-65 win against the Purple Aces.

Projected SIU starting lineup:

- #2 G- Marcus Belcher (Jr.) 6-0
- #3 G- Kent Williams (So.) 6-2
- #45 F- Abel Schrader (Sr.) 6-4
- #12 F- Josh Creas (Sr.) 6-4
- #11 C- Sylvester Willis (Fr.) 6-6



(11-10, 5-5)



(9-11, 5-6)

The word on the Bears:

Southwest Missouri State has endured an up-and-down season. The Bears jumped out to a 3-0 start like SIU, but went on to drop nine of their next 11 contests. SMS has regrouped after the mid-season slump, however, to win four of their last six games.

Projected:

Southwest Missouri starting lineup:

- #11 G- Robert Yanders (Jr.) 5-11
- #35 G- Travis Walk (So.) 6-6
- #40 F- Mike Wallace (Sr.) 6-5
- #41 F- Charles Gaines (So.) 6-7
- #50 C- Matt Reuter, (Sr.) 6-8

Bottom Line: The Salukis have yet to defeat SMS in the Bruce Weber era, no time would be better than tonight.

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