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

USG senate to vote on Obst for the final time

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 debate during the first two meetings of spring semester.

A special senate meeting was held 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 members and students of the proposed fee increase. 

More relevant to students, the election commissioner appointment will affect previous years' elections.

"I just expect fair proceedings and hope people will just hear me out rather than worrying about who's up or who's down," Obst said. Obst acknowledged the election will be a top priority issue before the USG.

A persistent problem during the past year for USG has been the issue of secure observance of polling places. 

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 implementations of secure observance of polling places.

Upsilon-alpha to impose communication and coverage of polls, an arbitrary election filing fee to line Obst during the election to ensure efficiency, arbitrary poll watchers and more secure ballot boxes in USG.

"If we can't get the students to come up here to represent them at the meeting, they can't control what we do," Obst said. Obst added that the USG Commodores must take a role in this decision.

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

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

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 Clawshaw 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.

The house's historical value comes from the original owner, John Hart Crenshaw, who is believed to have sold freed slaves back for George Sisk when he moved 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 grow cotton and raise rabbits. But for Sisk, the dungeon-like atmosphere on the third floor of the house is what made it so special.

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 Duke-Richmond Economic Development Center and is intended to create technology and knowledge-based businesses that stem from University research. Phase One, located at the west 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," said Boyd Harfst, the chairman of the Small Business Incubator located at the Duke-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 startup businesses from research done at the University, said Raymond Lundy, the director of the research park.

"The research park will remain that all businesses within the park have an agreement to link and partner with the University in some way," Lundy 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 46 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 Lundy.

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 or 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 $150,000 toward telecommunications for a fiber-optics switch access center which is almost complete.

"The research park will be a model for the development of the park," Shannon Edwards said. SIU-Edwardsville's research park is serving as a model for the development of the park.
The information [about the fee increase] has basically run 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 manner to bring SIUC, as well as USG’s allocation process, up to par with national trends.

"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 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, still tell part of the story that makes up the old estate.

Blanchette said the state legislature only get 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.

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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 at 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.

Bill 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 Sehrentz, a retiree who worked at SIUC for 20 years and co-chairman of 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.

Sehrentz proposed an education foundation that would collect money from people in the community. The money would then be put into a bank account as a mutual fund. Besides providing extra money for schools, it would also save the state money. "We're not saving money and the money market is doing a lot of the work," Sehrentz said.

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The committee also decided to propose a funding method that would be more equitable for the future.

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Diversity has become one of the most important issues in higher education in the last few years. Universities have been concerned about the inclusive atmospheres of their campuses and the multicultural experiences of their classrooms. For example, African-American students have been more interested in the multicultural experiences that they can find in their classrooms. This is an interesting question of "diversity," but I don't know how it is dealt with in the classroom.

The issue of diversity is not just about the inclusion of minority students, but also about the inclusion of faculty members. For example, African-American faculty members have been more interested in the multicultural experiences that they can find in their classrooms. This is an interesting question of "diversity," but I don't know how it is dealt with in the classroom.

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 last semester.

The SIU softball team has struggled for years with a lack of basic facilities such as a dressing room, clubhouse and restroom. Currently, players are forced to change into their uniforms elsewhere and then come to the field, which looks more like a Little League sandbox 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 came 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.

Citizens might 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 Reserve and Budget account, which was created since 1984 and dedicated specifically to softball facilities. Although the account is funded through a portion of student fees, Athletic Director Paul Kowalsky emphasized that student fees would not be affected by the project.

The sooner we see a softball complex, the better it will be for our players and their decision, Many great chapters have been founded based upon situations that were similar to this.

Once again, apologize for my negative experience with the Greek system. I hope to have the chance to meet members of different organizations and learn more about their different lifestyles.

My Nommo

By Tommy Curry

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My Nommo appears Wednesday. Tommy is a senior in political science and philosophy. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.
DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Andrew S. Jackson's letter claiming that "the greek system perpetuates rape, sexism, and homophobia." I am wondering why Mr. Jackson feels that he can make such an accusation, 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 win around about the Greek system. My individuality is still intact, and I am sure that my experiences with Phi Delta Theta are anything but superficial.

DEAR EDITOR:

When I first started thinking about a fee increase for USG, I admit that the word most people at first didn't think about -What happens if this money doesn't go through? 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, fraternity trips). Anyone who joins can see this. It is not only on an individual level, but groups as well. RSOs participate in community service and homecoming events, but are hardly ever recognized. For the most part they cannot afford to advertise their accomplishments.

Bill Archer
President, Undergraduate Student Government

Pep band's behavior something more than 'childish'

DEAR EDITOR:

It's a good thing the two authors who defended the Pep Band aren't in college. Maybe then they can become educated enough to know that their articles were ignorant. To say they were stupid and 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 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. Writing bullets to distract the opposition is one thing, but they called her name a name that has racial connotations. Mr. Feicho stated that the pep band is supposed to be funny, but 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, whoever is in charge of the pep band, chose to ignore the ignorant comments that his members choose to make or not. Greenstein wrote that they are guided 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 soft in their win of the Arena. Ask any African-Americans in person and I guarantee you they will tell you it's not funny at all. Maybe the band leader didn't do a good job at blowing the whistle. In any case, the band leader should do something so they can't do it again.

Dana Glass
"mike, nothing"

Greek system finances questioned

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to the letter "Greek life confined to wealthy, attractive, and snobby members" 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 and 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 'snobbish or privileged' than anyone else are. 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, fraternity trips). Anyone who joins 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. For the most part they cannot afford to advertise their accomplishments.

Diana Nutt
Administrator of Justice

Fee increase necessary in two years

DEAR EDITOR:

I just wanted to thank the Daily Egyptian for pointing out that a flaw at SIUC, the ability to be unique-form, is in Tuesday's Old World, more than half a page was dedicated to showing students what happens if they listen to the numbers doesn'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 we 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 SIU don't think about, "What happens if this increase does not go through?"

Bill Archer
President, Undergraduate Student Government

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A plethora of flavored syrups, coffee beans and grinding machines sit idle behind a pulldown 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 for the chance to perk up tired souls and open sleepy eyes. She estimates that a customer visits 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 "I think people are grateful for some decent coffee on campus," Stevens said. "It's relaxing to just sit down with a good book and have a cup of coffee and talk." Stevens said.

Howell said she sells a wide variety of coffees, with the most popular drinks depending upon the weather. Mocha is popular during the cold winter months, while spring brings an increase in the elaborate frappuccinos.

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 manning the Student Center stand on her own next week, predicts the new stand will enjoy the same success as the original.

Connie Howell, owner of the Jaguar Java stand, said, "I think people are grateful for some decent coffee on campus," Stevens said. "It's relaxing to just sit down with a good book and have a cup of coffee and talk." Stevens said.

According to Howell, Jaguar Java has remained popular because its coffee beans come 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."
Phase one of renovations complete

Return of the Kingston Trio

KATE McCANN
Daily Egyptian

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

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

After asbestos removal is complete, 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 frus­tration 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." Inside asbestos removal and heating/cooling conditions, 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, as move Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard has caused little to no inconvenience.

"I'm pretty comfortable here," Poshard said. "I love Anthony Hall, but give this building a nice size 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 1982. It was named in honor of women's rights activist Susan B. Anthony.
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 ping pong 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 ping pong.

The School of Law will hold its first annual ping pong tournament, awarding a $1,000 scholarship to a student that is a unique way to help support the Salukis every season.

The School of Law received $20,000 in funds last year from Boggs specifically for ping pong 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 alumna of SIUC.

"We played ping pong 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," Thomas Guernsey, dean of the School of Law, said.

"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.

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

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

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The tournament is free to all SIU students, with a valid student ID card.

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

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 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 St., 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 this 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 Doug Powell area and the greeks will be wearing their letters to show greek spirit," Obst said.

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Set a spell in Mary Lou's Grill. Absorb the atmosphere like a pancake soaking up warm maple syrup.

It's the kind of place where Jack Kerouac or Bob Dylan would dine. The bacon dances on a flat griddle and the sweet acrid smell of cigarette smoke waltzes in the air with the scent of hot white gravy. Old-timers who've come here every week for 30 years clutch mugs of black coffee and spar with the waitresses from lunch-counter stools.

And everyone is “honey.” And everything is homey.

Soak all this up, 'cause the folks at Mary Lou's know good food and good company can right most any wrong.

“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."

(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) Tina, 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.

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"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"

Marilyn 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.

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NEW ORLEANS (U-WIRE) -- A lawsuit aimed at directing student athletes at a basketball game last January accuses a cheerleader of hitting and causing injuries to Loyola University-New Orleans in a lawsuit.

According to public records, 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 Kaush, 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.

According to a waiver form, the cheerleader and all club sports athletes must sign, 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 as a result.

The suit states that as a result of the fall, Ruelle suffered injury to her head, neck and back and that these injuries will keep her from working, earning a salary, suffering loss of income, and endure pain, suffering and disability.

According to Boatner, in members are now limited to tumbling, jumping and dancing. Jasmine de La Cruz, 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 tutelage lessons to improve.

'It performs' stunned was an eerie view because it's not on this with big rig trucks,' LaCruz said.

Boatner said while the suit does have an attorney, 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 small schools such as Loyola do not usually have cheerleading teams, recreational Sports does not provide paid staff for student organizations.

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

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

'It appeals to all generations. They've tapped into that. Music is music, it appeals to all generations. The spirit in which they sing is forever young.'

'It was a fun, light and happy performance.'

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Swimming and diving teams in final stretch before MVC Championships

**JENI TEEUW/DAILY INDEPENDENT**

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 reign its crown after a five-year reign at the top was halted by Southwest Missouri State 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 Bear had three swimmers pull double duty and dive to take advantage of the fact SIU had just 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 Weber. "Right now, it's not a main concern of ours, what we need to worry about and focus on is what we need to do. They're the team to beat and they are the favorite, so we have to overcome that." Weber.

The Salukis are now 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 them-elves-to death in practices.

"It doesn't do you any good to train real hard, swim a hard race and then glide in on the famous 50 freestyle lose by a matter of a hundredth of a second," Weber said. "We're getting 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 done so 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 withdraw 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 coach Donnie Torres. "They're excited to be a part of a team and try to win the conference title back."

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

"Overall, the team will win, I guarantee it," said sophomore Jake Calvert.

"As far as diving, our chances of going one, two are excellent and Adam Peyer 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 titles and is the favorite to win it again.

"Looking at the way they've performed already, they [should] jump [out] just tremendous, they [should] dive great, we [should] have a great conference," Walker said. "We've been in plenty of years, so I said women's head coach Jeff Cole.

"Everyone's just going to have a great meet, we're going to have a great team. Everyone's just going to have a great time," senior Anna Stull said.

"I feel it couldn't have been too drastic of a foul if Dearman that virtually swung the game in the <>. achieving a 3-1 lead after winning the first two games of the match, the Bears went on to win the match 3-0.

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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 fishers 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 existing diverse 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 flock to.

“Anyone out there 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.

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“Have you ever seen a picture of a 20-foot male walleye?” Hirst said. “It’s just all added up to frustration 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 disappear.

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.

Last year, a local tree farmer donated trees that he couldn’t sell. This year, Hirst plans on sinking about 100 trees provided in place.

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Mells, a Memphis native, was expected to 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.
Salukis try to get Bears off Weber's back

COURTNEY CURRIE
DAILY EAGLEIAN

Chicago had "Da Bears" in the early '90s. Chris Farley and the Saturday Night Live crew sat at the roundtable and talked "Duh Bahrs?" over fried roadkill and WildTurker sausage and bratwursts while guzzling smack, simultaneously engulfing Polish another charismatic leader, "Hinson," as in concerned. The leader of the round table disenough cold ones to floor a large mule, some

Mells out indefinitely

ANDY EGENES
DAILY EAGLEIAN

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

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 [Hatcher] has been steady, but we got to find somebody to back him."

Salukis square off with SMS tonight at the SIU Arena

ANDY EGENES
DAILY EAGLEIAN

The SIU and Southwest Missouri State men's basketball teams have one thing in common. They don't like each other.

Southwest Missouri State enter 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) was leading nearly the entire game when they were on a run ...... _

The word on the Salukis:

SIU basketball coach Bruce Weber jams 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

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