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Four arrested in Murphysboro meth lab bust

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

MURPHYSBORO — Murphysboro Police took down a methamphetamine operation Sunday after a tip led to the arrest of four Murphysboro residents.

Brian Hendrickson and Donald E. Whittington were incarcerated in the Jackson County Jail on an initial charge of production

and possession of controlled substances. Hendrickson and Whittington remain in custody, with bond currently set at \$500 for each of them.

Also implicated in the case were Randall D. McBride and Catina M. McBride. The McBrides were referred to the Jackson County State's Attorney for consideration of charges.

According to the Jackson County Circuit Clerk website, both have been charged with possession of "other amount of methamphetamine

or analog," the same charge as shown for Hendrickson and Whittington.

According to a press release from the Murphysboro Police Department, the police received the tip Sunday, initiating an investigation described by police as "brief." Shortly before midnight, the four were taken into custody during a traffic stop in the 100 block of North 11th Street in Murphysboro. During the stop, police found and seized an undisclosed amount of methamphetamine in the automobile.

Police were also able to locate and take down the clandestine laboratory where the drugs were produced.

Murphysboro Police remained tight-lipped about the case Monday. Reluctant to release the name of the suspects, it was late Monday afternoon before the identities were confirmed. This was due in part to the investigation by State's

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Dirt track date:
Monster truck enthusiasts cheer as their favorite competitors race through the course at the Show Me Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo, Friday night.
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JUSTIN JONES
DAILY EGYPTIAN



Former SIUC student found dead

Arrest made in connection to death along Interstate 55

ANDREA DONALDSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A 28-year-old Wapella man was formally charged Monday with the death of former SIUC student Heather Tomnich after her body was found Thursday morning at a rest stop along Interstate 55.

Master Sgt. Rick Hector, spokesman for the Illinois State Police, said the State Police arrested Kevin M. Bray late Friday in connection with the death of Tomnich. Tomnich's body was discovered at the Limestone Rest Area, two miles south of Pontiac, after the police received an anonymous 911 call.

Information developed Friday leading State Police investigators to Bray's residence in Wapella, located 12 miles south of Bloomington. Bray was taken to DeWitt County Jail for questioning, where he was kept overnight. He was transported to Livingston County Saturday afternoon, where he was kept without bail in the Livingston County Jail, Hector said.

Hector said the investigation is now in the hands of Livingston County State's Attorney Thomas Brown.

Hector would not comment on the relationship, if any, between Tomnich

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Mall additions remain in question

Gap, Gap Kids in final stages of negotiation

MARK LAMBDIRD
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Empty stores are the first thing many people notice when walking through the University Mall. But mall officials, and now the Carbondale City Council, are doing everything in their power to make sure it does not stay that way. Councilman Brad Cole has requested that a mall representative come before the council Feb. 7 to give a store-by-store review of potential businesses interested in locating at the mall.

At this point, Cole said final negotiations are in process with Gap and Gap Kids. Also, Kerasotes Theaters, which owns University Place 8, The Varsity and Fox East Gate in Carbondale, was named as a possible business looking to locate there.

But Cole added that it is questionable whether the theater will be coming to the mall.

"Across the nation movie theater expansion has slowed down, that is the main factor with this deal," Cole said.

Officials for Kerasotes could not be reached for comment. The mall also was working on bringing Old Navy to Carbondale, but there is no official word on the status of those negotiations.

While these stores have

approached the mall, there is some speculation as to whether the new stores will pan out. For the most part, store managers refused to comment on their business or the possible effect of new stores moving to the mall.

In the past several years the mall has lost numerous tenants. Most noticeable was the 1997 closing of Montgomery Wards. Mall officials have said many of the store closings were related to those business' nationwide downsizing.

Jodee Stone, a manager at Garfield's, is one of the current mall tenants banking on new business flocking to the mall.

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METH

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Attorney Mike Wepsiec. Murphysboro Police also are continuing to investigate leads developed from Sunday's bust.

"These things rarely end in and of themselves," said Murphysboro Police Officer Mike Laughland.

Because of the inherently hazardous nature of methamphetamine labs, officers of the Southern Illinois Enforcement

Group were contacted to assist the Murphysboro Police and Fire Departments to safely secure the laboratory and its contents. A specially trained hazardous material disposal unit will oversee cleanup of the site.

Hendrickson and Whittington are scheduled to appear before Jackson County Circuit Judge David W. Watt Jr. at 10 a.m. Feb. 6 for a preliminary hearing. The McBrides are scheduled for a first appearance hearing before Judge E. Dan Kimmel at 1 p.m. Feb. 7.

STUDENT

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and Bray.

Hector would not release the cause of death, but he said police officially classified Tomich's death as a homicide Friday after receiving autopsy results.

Livingston County Coroner Michael P. Burke told The Beacon News that the autopsy results will not be released until after an inquest. Hector was unsure of when the inquest would occur.

Tomich, a 26-year-old flight attendant from Yorkville, attended the University until 1996, when she was a senior in elementary education.

MALL

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"[Garfield's] business will increase at least 10 percent," Stone said.

Pasta House manager Gary Wymys

said high taxes increase the rent for mall tenants, prompting some business' exodus from the building. Like others, Wymys awaits what comes from the council meeting in two weeks.

"I hope that it will generate business," Wymys said.

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1985:

- Electricity was out for three days in Neely and Allen halls.
• A United States Air Force plane with 21 people aboard went down in the Caribbean Sea off the Honduras coast.
• Running back O.J. Simpson, quarterbacks Joe Namath and Roger Staubach, NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle and old-timer Frank Gatski were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
• A study estimated that about 4 percent of Illinois' elderly population are abused or severely neglected each year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY
SIUC Choirs
Choral Auditions
1-3 p.m.
Altgeld Hall Room 115

Open Forum with
President Walker
3:30 p.m.
Student Center
Auditorium

Wildlife Society
Jamie Feddersen
"Water-Fowl"
6 p.m.
Lawson 221

An Evening
with Dick Gregory
7 p.m.
Student Center
Ballrooms C and D

Yoga Club Meeting
7-9 p.m.
Recreation Center
Assembly Room

WEDNESDAY
Women's Midlife 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

Zoology Club Meeting
5 p.m.
Life Science II Room 367

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WEATHER



TODAY:
Mostly Cloudy
High: 49
Low: 29



WEDNESDAY:
Partly Cloudy
High: 43
Low: 18



THURSDAY:
Mostly Sunny
High: 44
Low: 29

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

• At 2:33 a.m. Saturday at the corner of Neely Drive and Logan Drive Roger L. Taylor, 21, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and reckless driving. He was released after he posted a driver's license and \$100 cash bond.

• At 2:50 p.m. Saturday Daniel M. Piarowski, 20, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass to a residence in Boomer III. He posted a \$100 cash bond and was released.

• At 2:40 a.m. Saturday Patrick H. Somerville, 18, was arrested and charged with criminal damage to state property. He was taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale after receiving injuries from breaking a window. He was later transported to Jackson County Jail.

• Between 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Friday a vehicle burglary occurred in the upper level of Lot 112. A laptop computer was taken. There was no sign of forced entry and police have no suspects.

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's story "El Salvador earthquake claims the life of SIUC alumnus," the address for the William Rodriguez memorial service should have been Calvary Campus Church, 111 S. Poplar St. The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.

Welcome Back SIU

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Students dish award-winning tacos

Student Center
Taco Bell ranks
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CODELL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Scott Strait rummages through a sea of taco shells as his co-workers throw toppings together at lightning speed to fill orders during the lunch rush.

The employees' speed and efficiency led them to being considered the No. 4-ranked Taco Bell in the nation. It also resulted in Strait, general manager of the establishment, winning a vacation for six days and seven nights to Hollywood, Calif.

The local fast food alcove was awarded Jan. 15 after the Taco Bell franchise sent a mystery shopper to grade the store based on cleanliness, hospitality, accuracy, maintenance, product quality and speed. After all the reports were in, only three Taco Bells out of 872 nationwide ranked above the one in SIUC's Student Center.

Strait said all the employees worked their hardest to earn the rank of fourth in the nation.

"It's an ongoing process," Strait said. "It doesn't happen overnight."

The process takes one year to be exact. The year is split into 13 periods, each of which a mystery shopper pays the establishment a visit. The shopper is someone who registers, usually over the Internet, to visit a local Taco Bell and order up to four items.

The shopper then judges the restaurant on factors including service and friendliness. They also judge the item they purchased by weight and how evenly a taco or burrito is stuffed.

The shopper then gives the Taco Bell a grade out of 100. The Taco Bell in the Student Center received 11 perfect scores in a row. They were not graded the last two periods because they were closed for winter break.

At noon on Monday, the Taco Bell was in a frenzy as students on the run lined up at the window holding their backpacks and repeated-



JESSICA KOLB - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Adam Swanlund, a freshman in business management, and Nick Patterson, a senior in automotive technology, prepare food at the Student Center Taco Bell. Recently awarded the Golden Bell, the Student Center Taco Bell placed fourth in the nation for overall quality.

ly checking their watches. Patrons like Dan Westermann, a senior in mechanical engineering technologies from Palatine, choose the Student Center Taco Bell because it agrees with his student lifestyle.

"It's cheap," Westermann said. "This one isn't bad compared to the other Taco Bells I've been to."

In addition to earning the No. 4 rank in the country, the Student Center Taco Bell also scored high on audits. The audits are efficiency tests conducted by an independent company hired by the Taco Bell franchise called Audits International. This company visits each Taco Bell establishment unannounced once a year. The audits check everything about the restaurants from sanitation to the temperatures in the kitchen.

In the audits, the Student Center Taco Bell was ranked first in a division of about 20 establishments. Those who work with Strait credit his leadership and the team effort to the success of the fast food service.

"Everything's done pretty well here," said Adam Swanlund, a freshman in business management from Belvidere and assistant manager of the Taco Bell. "There is an awareness of the management and staff and a knowing what needs to be done."

While the vacation was awarded to Strait, he denies his ability to carry the establishment to that success without his crew.

"If it wasn't for my staff and management crew, we wouldn't be here now," Strait said.

Gus Bode



Gus says:
Fourth best in the nation!
C'mon, they don't even
have cinnamon twists.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Insurance refund deadline set for Friday

Students who want a student health insurance refund must apply by Friday. To receive the \$132 refund, students should bring a copy of their insurance plans to Kesnar Hall to fill out the refund application. In order to qualify for the refund, the existing plan must be comparable in coverage to the student plan. Students can also keep both their original plans and the student plan for secondary coverage.

For more information contact Jake Baggott at 453-4446.

Gregory speaks tonight

The Public Policy Institute is bringing activist Dick Gregory to SIUC tonight.

He will speak in the Student Center in Ballrooms C and D at 7 p.m. Gregory's visit starts with a community gathering at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church at 9 a.m. before a full day of receptions and speeches.

Simon visits White House

Former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon met with President George W. Bush Monday afternoon at the White House.

Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute, was accompanied by former Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio); Robert Strauss, former national Democratic Party chairman; Jody Powell, former press secretary to President Carter; and Richard Moe, who was a top aide to former Vice President Mondale.

Bush and the group reportedly discussed how to work effectively across party lines.

CHAMPAIGN (DAILY ILLINI)

U of I students can speak out against TA's

If understanding an instructor is harder than understanding class material, students have somewhere to turn.

According to University of Illinois policy, a student with a complaint about an instructor's speaking skills should first report the problem to the head of the department in which the course is being offered.

If the department head finds that a large number of students are having trouble understanding an instructor, a new instructor will be assigned to the class.

Research stages of pharmacy school in progress

BRENDA CORLEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The possibility of a school of pharmacy at SIU remains in limbo as it inches its way through the preliminary stages.

SIU-Edwardsville officials are presently conducting studies that analyze the need for a pharmacy school using a Southern Illinois mail survey involving pharmacists.

The idea originated when SIUE performed a Needs Analysis Study last

December of central and Southern Illinois concerning the need for a pharmacy school.

The study showed that there will be a big demand for pharmacy in the future and the demand will continue to grow.

The Board of Trustees appointed former SIU interim President Frank Horton to perform further research of the health-care needs of Illinois and how SIU can meet those needs.

"When Frank Horton is done with his search, we will combine all the information and then begin to make decisions based upon need," said Dwight Smith, associate provost

of planning at SIUE.

The issue at this time is whether or not another pharmacy school in Illinois would be advantageous. There are currently two in the state — the University of Illinois-Chicago and Midwestern University — both located in the Chicago area.

"Beyond the study that the Edwardsville campus has done, the needs for a [pharmacy] school are continuing to be looked at, nothing else is really going on," said Scott Kaister, spokesman for the Office of the President.

The SIU administration first presented

the idea for a school of pharmacy to the Illinois Board of Higher Education Sept. 22.

In the proposal to the IBHE, the total cost is estimated to be between \$4 million and \$8 million, with \$6 million going toward building the facilities. Decisions as to where the school will be located have not been made yet.

Kaiser looks forward to a potential pharmacy school at SIU and believes SIU can help meet the health-care needs of Illinois.

Horton could not be reached for comment.

Recent election fumbles spur proposal and investigation

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Illinois elects more than 40,000 public officials as well as more than 6,000 units of local government, more than any other state in the nation.

Turmoil from the recent presidential election has spurred legislation from all sides of the political spectrum to take a closer look at the nation's electoral system.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte, announced a cosponsored, bi-partisan bill to create a federal election review commission Jan. 10.

"Perhaps Illinois could have handled a close election such as the one in Florida, but Florida probably thought they could handle it too, before Nov. 7," said David Gillies, spokesman for

Costello.

The commission Costello has proposed would create a 12-member, non-partisan board to review and analyze all aspects of the electoral process. Members of the commission are to be elected by the U.S. speaker of the house and the majority and minority leaders of the U.S. Senate.

The proposed commission would be mandated to hold five public meetings — one conducted in Washington D.C., and others throughout the nation as set by the commission.

Information gathered from members of the commission, along with the public forums, would be used to analyze reform proposals and take recommendations to Congress.

The board will analyze important issues such as voter registration, Gillies said.

"The commission will ensure that when people register and go to the polls, they get to vote,"

Gillies said.

The commission will also review a standardized method for gathering military ballots. Men and women serving overseas who take the time to vote should be ensured that their ballots are counted, Gillies said.

Along with such issues as registration and overseas ballots, the commission will also look at the rationale for the Electoral College, ballot access, design and technology issues.

The bill has not yet been voted on and Congress has not been in session because of the Inauguration. Congressional sessions will resume next week.

"The [congressman] would like to see the bill considered as soon as possible," Gillies said.

Other legislation to improve the election process has also been brought to the floor of the House. Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., introduced a bill

to establish an Election Administration Commission.

Davis' commission differs from Costello's commission because it is a "standing permanent commission," said Gillies. Costello's proposed commission creates a staff that will review the election process for one year.

Davis' commission calls for four members to be appointed by the president and to be approved by the Senate.

Responsibilities will include advising states on the requirements of voting accessibility for the elderly and handicapped, and mandating and enhancing the accessibility of registration facilities, polling places and voting methods for voters.

The commission will also be responsible for administering overseas ballots, enhancing the federal, state and local elections and maintain procedures regarding mail-in voter registration.

OUR WORD

Walker forum requires student participation

When James Walker left Tennessee to take the reins of the SIU President's office in October, faculty and friends from Middle Tennessee State University could not compliment him enough. They said he was a team player, a visionary and a diplomat. But, most of all, they praised his desire to hear the concerns and ideas of the members of their university.

Now, Walker is showing that same desire for the SIU community. After a few months of adapting to the unique environment of the University, Walker is doing precisely what so many students and faculty want — he's asking them what they think.

Every student, faculty and staff member is invited to the University-wide forum Walker is sponsoring this afternoon at the Student Center Auditorium. Walker is ready to move this University forward, and he wants to do so armed with thoughts and ideas from the entire University.

This kind of inquisitive leadership is just what SIU needs. In the past, many constituency groups on campus have complained that they are

left out of the decision-making processes of this University.

But Walker is determined to change the status quo and is making the first overture by sponsoring this forum. Now it's time to act on our part of the deal by letting him know just what we think of the current state of SIU. Walker has outlined some areas he wants to discuss, namely SIU's strengths, major challenges and how SIU should be perceived in 2010. Those broad topics can encompass everything from concerns about the core curriculum to housing.

Faculty have been vocal about changes they want to see in SIU and it's safe to assume they will be in strong attendance today. But a student perspective at the forum must be present as well. Students are the ones who are receiving an education, living in the housing, doing graduate research and participating in sports and RSOs. Anything that goes on at SIUC directly impacts them, and to brush off this forum is nothing but a squandered opportunity.

It is easy for students to feel like a nameless face in a sea of 20,000 other students. In a blur of unend-

ing classes and schedules, it can feel like opinions and thoughts go unnoticed. But the perfect opportunity is here for the taking. With a healthy showing of students, fresh, innovative ideas will surely result.

It's kind of like voting. Some say if you don't vote, you lose your right to complain about government. The same holds true for participation in the forum. If students don't take the time to voice their opinions about the future of the University, they can't complain that their voice is never heard. Walker is taking the initiative, students must show him we are worthy participants.

Walker left MTSU considerably stronger than he found it. In his nine years there, he ushered in a era of increased enrollment, a brand-new stadium and library, and expanded academic programs.

With Walker's leadership and the involvement and support of the student body through participation in this forum, there's no reason SIU can't achieve the same success.

SIU has been referred to as a "sleeping giant." Today, Walker is making it known that he, along with the SIU community, are the ones to wake it up.

OVERHEARD

☞☞ The possibilities range from accepting the offer to going on strike. We have to wait and see what happens, nothing is for sure.

Morteza Daneshdoost
 faculty association president,
 about the recent final offer by
 the administration

READER COMMENTARY

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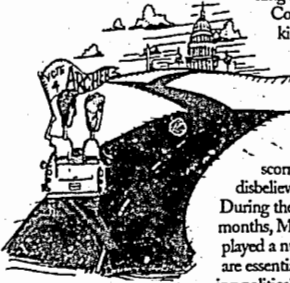
COLUMNIST

Forget City Council: Archer for Congress!

During the past weekend, one president's term expired and another's term began. But there is another president who still has some time left. Bill Archer, our beleaguered, battle-scarred USG leader, is still on the job. And, although he only has a few months to go as president of Undergraduate Student Government, Swillin' Bill isn't resting on his laurels. That's right, Mr. Archer is running for City Council this April.

Let me pause a moment to allow those of you who have been here awhile and know of Mr. Bill's exploits to regain your composure after reading that last sentence. I required chiropractic care because I doubled over so fast. But then, the more I pondered Archer's qualifications, it came to me.

This guy shouldn't be running for some City Council seat. This kid's got some political chops; I say Bill Archer for Congress! Now, before I get deluged with scornful e-mail from disbelievers, let me explain. During the past eight months, Mr. Archer has displayed a number of skills that are essential to anyone seeking political office. To further explain, let's start at the beginning.



reveals that the vote count was a paltry 1,430 out of a possible 18,000 or so, of which Archer took 670. So how does Archer come to the conclusion that the "students pulled together and voted for him?" Spin! Glorious spin. The ability to turn a negative into a positive is crucial to anyone seeking political office, and Archer seems to have it in spades. Just consider the final USG meeting from last semester. According to Archer, 95 percent of the senate body was in attendance at that meeting. However, 23 people were there, and the Senate has 41 seats. The Spinmeister strikes again, portraying a student government body a third empty as one full of solidarity and dedication.

Last semester, USG's efforts were described as a "do-nothing" semester. While that may spell trouble for some, I call it a political leg-up for Archer. The ability to foster and sustain gridlock, to the point that nothing gets accomplished, while at the same time touting bold new initiatives, is a time-honored tradition in Congress, one that Archer could faithfully carry on.

Perhaps the greatest skill any modern political officeholder can possess is the ability to withstand scandal. In this respect, Archer has been on a par with another Bill — of Slick Willie himself.

Just as Clinton answered accusations of marijuana use with the now famous "I didn't inhale" line, Archer had pot problems of his own while campaigning for USG president, to which he responded along the lines of "It was those other guys." While Archer's claim that the smell of pot could have been coming from the clothes of his friends is as shaly as Clinton's claim that, because there were other people in the White House, he and Monica weren't alone, it further shows Archer as a skilled navigator of scandal-ridden waters.

More recently, Archer was accused of drinking in a dorm room. Once again, Archer escaped with his presidency

intact, pushing the guilt onto those around him, another tried-and-true Clinton strategy.

On that note of scandal survival, I have taken the liberty of writing the theme song for the Archer for Congress campaign. It is to the tune of Shaggy's latest hit "It Wasn't Me."

They smelled the weed we were smokin' (It wasn't me)
 Heard some words about tokin' (It wasn't me)
 I heard their knocks gettin' louder (It wasn't me)
 They said our party was over

RA's came in and they caught us red-handed
 Smokin' with the guys next door
 Picture this, we were all stoned cross-eyed
 Tokin' on the dorm room floor

How could I foresee that I'd be
 President of USG
 All this time they were standing there
 They never took their eyes off me.

So Bill, whaddya think? Archer in 2002? I'll bring the campaign buttons, you bring the beer.

MARCUM MY WORDS appears on Tuesday. Christopher is a senior in theater. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



MARCUM MY WORDS

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SIUC's Cleanup plans to wax community clean

Cleanup wants to break students of littering addiction

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The thousands of students who walk across the SIUC campus may notice the beauty of the campus, but with the same eye behold the abundance of litter that students trample over.

Todd Lucas, a junior in marketing from Chicago, is one of those students. He said although he sees garbage on the way to class, he confesses that he contributes to the eyesores.

"Sometimes I would throw away an old piece of gum, candy wrappers or even a pop can," Lucas said.

Because students subconsciously use the ground as their trash can, SIUC Cleanup — an organization designed to beautify campus — is expanding its tactics by cleaning up the campus like never before to keep it from looking unattractive and to protect the Earth.

The group started its Campus Cleanup Campaign 2000 as part of the Southern Illinois Cleanup Campaign in early April — a stepping stone to educating students about the impor-

ance of not littering. Many Registered Student Organization have joined the team.

They have adopted various spots across campus including Thompson Woods and Campus Lake, making sure they are cleaned at least three times a week.

Now the organization plans to target Greece Row, the Wham Education Building, Pulliam Hall, Faner Hall and possibly some off-campus locations.

Paul Restivo, director for the Center for Environmental Health and Safety and head of SIUC Cleanup, said Thompson Woods and Campus Lake look much prettier than before the campaign began.

This semester, Restivo said SIUC Cleanup plans to have public service announcements to educate the students about the effects of littering and what they can do to keep the campus sparkling.

"When volunteers clean up their areas, they see bottles, cigarettes, cigarette packs, fast-food wrappers and lots of newspapers," Restivo said. "This stuff won't just evaporate by themselves, it's not biodegradable."

Restivo, who students also call "the

environmental evangelist," believes the Southern Illinois Cleanup Campaign will have a snowball effect on other areas into cleaning up their community.

Because Restivo said the volunteers who adopt certain spots across campus are vital to the campaign, he said those who have committed up to 30 hours by the time they graduate will receive an Environmental Ambassador's plaque by Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration.

Lucas said although litter is a problem, the new recycle and trash bins across campus are helpful. He said the problem of litter could prevent a potential student from coming to the University.

"The cleanliness of a University shows how the students respect their schools and how much University spends on the cleaning," Lucas said.

Restivo agreed with Lucas and hoped that people would wait until they reach a trash can to throw their garbage away.

"This campus is too pretty to be defiled by all the litter," Restivo said. "I would love it if there was no need for an SIUC cleanup program."

REO Speedwagon honored in U. Illinois-area ceremony

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CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (U-WIRE) — For a day, clichés like "local band does good" and "hometown heroes return" seemed appropriate.

Thronging of REO Speedwagon fans from across the state weathered blustery snow and poured into Champaign on Friday afternoon to celebrate the honorary designation of part of Main Street as REO Speedwagon Way.

The band, a brainchild of former University of Illinois residence hall roommates Neal Doughty and Alan Bratzer, received a key to the city. Mayor Jerry Schweigart officially declared Jan. 19 as REO Speedwagon Day in front of the few hundred people who gathered to a stage at Main and Chestnut streets.

"The place of Champaign, Illinois, holds a special place in the hearts of all the band members, past and present," said band member Kevin Cronin to an often boisterous crowd that had chanted his name before he spoke.

He complemented the environment in Champaign that he said fostered artistic expression and gave his band a chance. The group honed its sound playing in Champaign and Urbana bars.

"I haven't been able to sleep for days," said Dan Burgard of Forrest, Ill. "I've been a fan for 25 years, and I'm super excited."

Burgard was carrying an old license plate that read "REO SW 1," and several other fans were toting memorabilia such as old record albums, T-shirts and even alarm clocks in hopes of procuring an autograph from their heroes.

Omega Psi Phi works for RSO status

STACEY ROBINSON
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After 11 years of suspension, Omega Psi Phi's graduate chapter has rekindled the fight for reinstatement.

The fraternity, also known as the "Que-dogs," has been in cooperation with Student Development to reclaim the undergraduate chapter's Resident Student Organization status.

Members have been trying for a year to reclaim their RSO status in order to become more involved in the SIUC community and to represent their fraternity.

Randell Beamon, a graduate student in the MBA program from Chicago, said his fraternity has not received much cooperation because of the school's perceptions of what happened in the past.

Omega Psi Phi's RSO status was suspended by the University in 1989.

"The people that know aren't around anymore to tell us and have moved on," Beamon said.

Not until recently have there been attempts to recruit members. The undergraduate chapter is still in limbo

until Student Development makes a decision.

The graduate chapter of the fraternity is not affiliated with SIUC but still has national ties. They are also not permitted to participate in any activities on the SIUC campus.

Beamon said the University believes the fraternity went around their authority by having a graduate chapter, something he disagrees with.

"We do have a favorable reputation," Beamon said, "but the school also has a misconception of what we've been doing as a graduate chapter."

Nancy Hunter Pei, Director of Student Development, said the fraternity's request is under consideration. She could not comment further on the situation.

Although the fraternity is not recognized on campus, several of its members have served the SIUC and Carbondale community.

The graduate chapter had active members who have served with Judicial Affairs, Saluki Patrol, members serving

under Undergraduate Student Government and Beamon reported serving as a Resident Assistant and is also president of the Black Graduate Student Association.

Apart from individual involvement on campus, the fraternity works in the Carbondale community tutoring, raising scholarship funds and contributing time to community service efforts.

"We're not troublemakers," said Beamon. "We don't have any of our members in academic trouble or anything."

"The fraternity has received support from members of the national organization, who also had meetings with Student Development, but a decision has not been reached.

Beamon said he was confident that the chapter will be reinstated and the members would abide by the school's decision. Other members of Omega Psi Phi would not comment on the situation.

"Right now we're just taking the steps we need to take," Beamon said.

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A Raucous, Rowdy Journey Into

**Monster Truck
 Madness**

STORY BY KELLY DAVENPORT
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(Above) Cape Girardeau's Flyin' Bryan (58) put on a menacing display during the motorcycle derby.



(Right) Four-wheeler speed demons take the turns at breakneck speeds.

JESSICA KOLB - DAILY EGYPTIAN

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — You feel the monster trucks first in your chest.

A vibrating hum that shimmies and buzzes against your ribcage.

And that's just when they're idling.

Then the drivers each rev 1500 horses, the decibel level sprints from 92 to a jet-engine-level screaming 120, that hum goes BOOM, snatches your heart — and squishes it.

Monster truck fans swooned from this horsepower-induced buzz for almost three hours Friday night at the Show Me Center in Cape Girardeau. They hooted, filled their lungs with noxious exhaust fumes, slurped Budweiser from plastic cups and waved checkered flags for their favorite trucks.

From his second-row seats, 29-year-old Gary Umfleet explained the allure.

"We came to see the big-ass trucks raise some hell," the Fredericktown, Mo., native bleated over the snarl of giant motors. "We're all adrenaline junkies."

Big-ass means 66-inch tires and 557 cubic inch engines. Engines blown on methanol alcohol fuel. Center axles swiped from school buses. About \$250,000 worth of shocks, struts, lift kits and slick paint jobs.

"I don't know if it's a hobby or an addiction," grinned Doug Noelke, the stocky owner and driver of Big Dawg — one of the five monster trucks at the show. He ran his fingers through his mullet cut and added, "But it's definitely a guy thing."

The first guy to birth a monster truck was Bob

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(Above) Motorcyclists lean tight against the curve cutting every second possible from their lap time.
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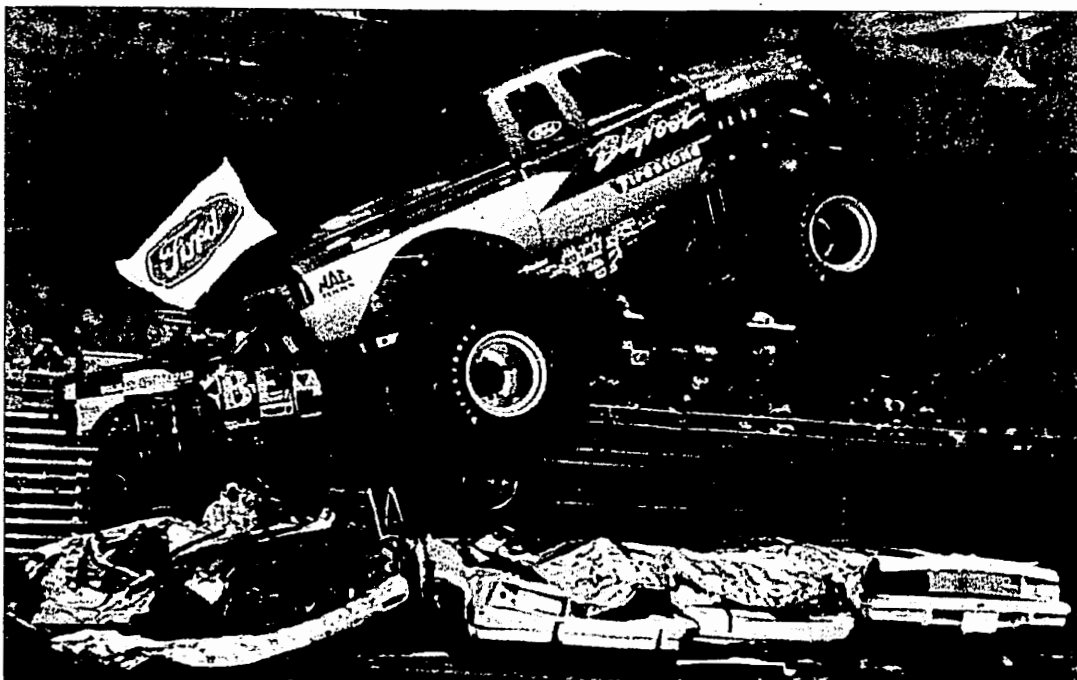


Randy Goetz, 7, of Murphysboro, lets Bigfoot driver Sky Hartley know who he's behind during the free style portion of Friday night's show.



(Right) Sky Hartley, Bigfoot's driver, signs an anxious fan's flag before the show.

"I once flipped a truck end-over-end going 65 mph. I've had 12 rollovers and one concussion — I'm 34 years old, but when I wake up Sunday, I'll feel 54."



(Left) The icon of the monster truck world, Bigfoot, leaps over a line of four demolished cars for a victory during the side-by-side race against the Beast.

(Below) [From Left] Bill and Bill Huber along with John and Jason Vrabel, tune up their Ram Max remote control cars. The Dirtburners go to at least one show a month and surprise the audience at the speed the models travel.



(Far left) The youngsters in the crowd thoroughly enjoyed the vibrations from the 1500 horsepower engine, and the excitement grew during the freestyle portion of Friday nights performance.



(Left) Fans expressed their support for their favorite competitor.

MONSTER

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Chandler. In the mid 1970s, he slapped a set of tractor tires on his pickup and Bigfoot was born. Now the Bigfoot franchise owns about 10 trucks, ferrying them cross-country on tractor trailers with live-aboard teams of drivers, mechanics and engineers.

Most of the trucks are owned by individuals or private companies. Some act as promotional vehicles for truck dealerships and others are just someone's dream 4x4.

Sky Hartley started piloting monster trucks at age 21. He's driven Bigfoot trucks for eight years now, traveling 45 weeks a year.

"Taking a 10,000-pound truck and throwing it 10 feet in the air is a pretty good feeling," said the slim pleasant Hartley, crouching in the arena's sound-buffering stall.

And though Hartley can't imagine himself in any other line of work, he knows the body-wrenching trucks will soon get the better of him.

"I once flipped a truck end-over-end going 65 mph," he said. "I've had 12 rollovers and one concussion — I'm 34 years old, but when I wake up Sunday, I'll feel 54."

It's the quick jolts and G-force-pulling takeoffs that jar drivers like Hartley. And though on Friday night

the trucks only had a racetrack the size of a basketball court to run on, they reached speeds of 20 mph.

At 8 p.m., each truck roared to life, flying solo around the arena for the "freestyle" part of the show. They popped wheelies, snarled over the tops of junked Oldsmobiles and shed smoking rubber tracks on the arena floor.

Down in the pit, Noelke cursed a frayed power steering belt; Big Dawg wouldn't run.

"Let's see if we can get the Big Dawg out of his cage," the announcer hooted.

As the other trucks — Bigfoot, Generation X, The Beast and Mercenary — rocketed herky-jerky around the track, Noelke patched together his ride.

"Give 'em hell, Big Dawg!" a young man in the audience crowed as the monster Ford finally lurched away from the starting line.

Two hours later, Big Dawg claimed top honors, winning the side-by-side racing portion of the rally.

Down on the pit floor, an ebullient Noelke leaped from his truck, his face flushed red.

"I didn't think we'd even get our asses through a run," he shouted. "But now we're top dog." He grinned at the pun.

"This is electric."



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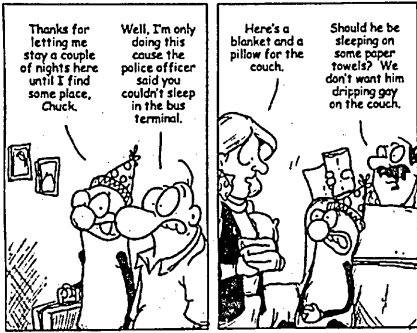
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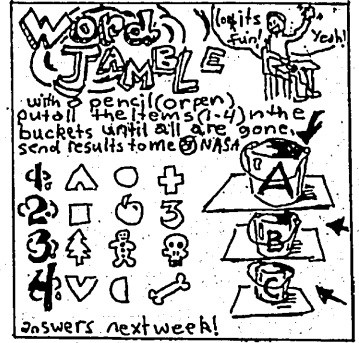
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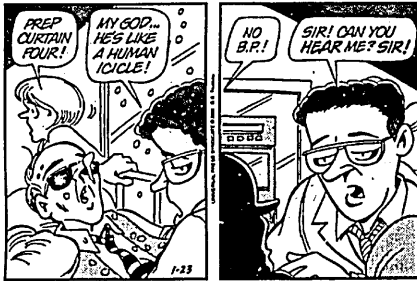
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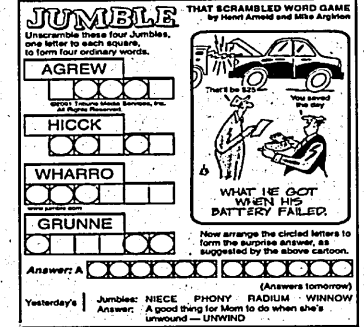
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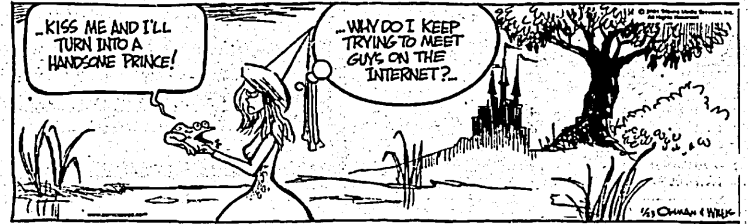
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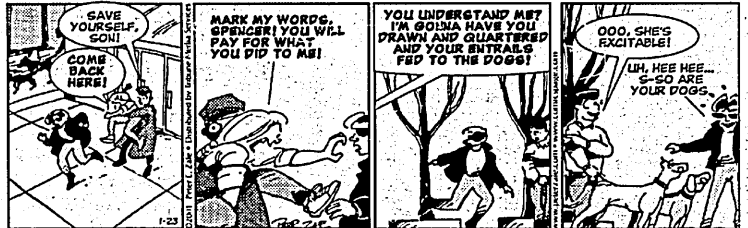
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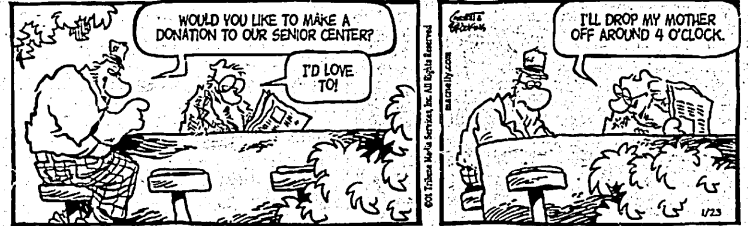
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- Flower
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- Helen's theme
- Incapable
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Campus-Wide Open Forum

With President James E. Walker

Tuesday, January 23, 2001, at 3:30pm
Student Center Auditorium

Discussion Points:

- In your opinion, what do you perceive to be SIUC's major strengths?
- In your opinion, what are the major challenges facing SIUC in the short term? In the long term?
- In the year 2010, how would you like SIUC to be perceived?

SALUKI SPORTS NOTES

Novak named Valley Men's Player of the Week
Daniel Novak, a junior forward for Southwest Missouri State University, was named the Missouri Valley Conference Men's Player of the Week in a unanimous vote from the league's media panel.

Novak shot 65 percent from the field, including 69 percent (9-of-13) from three-point range in leading the Bears to wins against Creighton University and Bradley University last week.

In the Bears 74-67 win against Creighton, Novak scored 13 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and recorded nine assists. Novak needed just one more assist to record the first triple-double in Southwest Missouri State basketball history.

Against Bradley, Novak connected on 7-of-8 field goal attempts, 6-of-7 from downtown, to record a career-high 20 points in the Bears 63-47 victory against the league-leading Braves.

Stiles named Valley Women's Player of the Week — again

For the third consecutive week and fifth time this season, Jackie Stiles of Southwest Missouri State University was honored as the MVC Women's Player of the Week.

Stiles anchored the 14th-ranked Bears to wins against Bradley and the University of Northern Iowa. She averaged 41 points for the week, and tied a league record with her fifth selection as Valley Player of the Week in the same season.

Stiles scored 33 points against Bradley on Thursday and followed that performance with a season-high 49-point effort against Northern Iowa Saturday. The All-American shot 68 percent from the field for the week.

Wichita State coach reprimanded for postgame remarks

The MVC has reprimanded Wichita State University first-year head coach Mark Turgeon for remarks made following SIU's 80-72 overtime victory at Wichita State last Wednesday. Turgeon was assessed a technical foul during the game.

MVC Commissioner Doug Elgin reviewed the context of Turgeon's statements, which focused on his public criticism of game officials, and called Turgeon's remarks "inappropriate."

Elgin discussed the matter with Wichita State Athletic Director Jim Schaaf and Turgeon, and has put the matter to rest. Elgin said any future criticism from Turgeon concerning game officials "will be taken much more seriously and will be dealt with accordingly."

Drake loses four players to academic suspension

The Drake University men's basketball program suffered a major blow in the loss of four players that failed to meet the university's minimum academic standards and are academically ineligible to play during the spring 2001 semester.

The four players did not meet Drake's standard of a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade-point average for all students who maintain leadership positions in extracurricular activities, including intercollegiate athletics.

What makes the loss even worse is that two of the ineligible players were key components to the Bulldogs attack.

Junior forward Donta Smith, the Bulldogs' leading scorer at 14.4 points per game and senior point guard Lamont Evans, who led the Valley in assists and ranked eighth nationally with an average of 7.3 per contest, along with

Alberto Jempierre and Mike O'Neill will all have to sit out the remainder of the season, leaving the Bulldogs with only seven eligible players.

The four players will be allowed to practice with the team for the remainder of the season.

Drake, which recently managed an upset win over Illinois State despite the defections, will visit SIU on Saturday.

Haney leads No. 1 Notre Dame to 72-47 Victory

NOAH AMSTADTER
THE OBSERVER (U. NOTRE DAME)

Seton Hall attempt three-point shots, a strategy that proved successful.

"We really wanted them to shoot more threes," said McGraw. "They ended up one for 13 so I thought that that was good."

All-American center Ruth Riley added 13 points for Notre Dame, and contributed to Haney's successful night by drawing double-teams throughout the game.

"They were double-teaming me every time the ball came into the post, so I knew someone must be open so I just looked to kick the ball out to an open teammate," Riley told the Associated Press after the game.

Alicia Ratay added 11 points, hitting three shots from behind the 3-point arc. Also contributing for the Irish was guard Monique Hernandez, who scored a season high 10 points while playing 25 minutes off the bench.

"She played a great game. Just played with a lot of poise," McGraw said of her sophomore guard. "She didn't make a lot of mistakes and just really contributed offensively."

The game was played in front of 1,273 fans in the Walsh Gymnasium at Seton Hall, which seats only 2,600 fans - a far cry from the packed Joyce Center the Irish played in front of against Connecticut.

"You come out of the Connecticut game with the great crowd, the enthusiasm and the excitement," said McGraw. "Now you go to play a team that you know you're supposed to beat. It's a different mental approach to the game now."

The Irish travel to take on the Mountaineers in Morgantown Wednesday night. The team then has a week off before hosting Providence on Wed., Jan. 31.

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (U-WIRE) - Playing without injured forward Kelley Siemon - who was sitting out while her injured hand heals - forward Ericka Haney stepped up her play to lead the Irish past Seton Hall 72-47 on Sunday in South Orange, N.J.

The junior forward led the Irish with 17 points and seven rebounds as the Irish (18-0, 7-0 in the Big East) won their first contest since upsetting No. 1 Connecticut on Monday.

With Siemon missing Sunday's game as well as Wednesday's game at West Virginia, Haney absorbed some of the offensive load normally carried by her fellow forward.

"Me and [Siemon] kind of have the same role as far as going to the basket," Haney said. "I think I did a pretty good job today picking up some of the moves she has when she's in the post."

Haney started out early, scoring the team's first seven points as the Irish built an 11-0 lead to start the game. The Pirates did not score until Charlene Thomas hit two free throws half.

"The first 10 minutes weren't much fun," Seton Hall coach Phyllis Mangina said to the Associated Press following the game. "We felt like the Minnesota Vikings. We just didn't play very well offensively."

Irish head coach Muffet McGraw credits her team's 2-3 zone defense with the early domination.

"Our zone looked good early. It was pretty good the whole game," said McGraw. "I felt we did a nice job of containing the ball and keeping them off the perimeter."

Notre Dame focused on making

THE VALLEY

MEN'S Basketball Standings

	Conference Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Indiana State	5	2	.714	13	5	.722
Bradley	5	2	.714	10	6	.625
Illinois State	4	2	.667	12	3	.800
Drake	4	2	.667	8	7	.533
Creighton	5	3	.625	13	5	.722
Southern Illinois	3	3	.500	9	8	.529
Evansville	3	4	.429	8	10	.444
Southwest Mo. State	3	4	.429	7	9	.438
Wichita State	2	5	.286	7	9	.438
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Losses in upper weights too much for Iowa to overcome

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Williams and Juergens both recorded major decisions against the Sooners, while Schwab got a second-period pin to remain undefeated on the season.

In the loss to Minnesota, the Hawkeyes once again flexed their strength in the lower weights, but their lack of productivity in the upper weights proved to be their downfall for the second time this season. Minnesota's Damion Hahn earned a major decision over Iowa's Jessman Smith at 184 pounds, while Owen Elzen pinned Ryan Fulsass in the 197-pound match.

Heavyweight Josh Liddle, who stepped into the lineup in place of Randy Fulsass last month, lost a 12-4 major decision to Garrett Lowmyer.

Iowa earned the semifinal berth after defeating Edinboro 35-14 in the first round and outlasting Big Ten foe and seventh-ranked Michigan, 20-18, in the quarterfinals. The Hawkeyes, who will travel to Ann Arbor on Feb. 2, got pins from Strittmatter and Schwab and major decisions from Juergens and Williams to counter the Wolverines' five victories at 165 pounds and up.

Schwab, Williams, Strittmatter and Juergens all recorded five victories over the weekend, including two pins for Strittmatter. Mike Zadick went 3-2 for Iowa while 174-pound McMahon went 1-2. Ryan Fulsass was winless in four matches, and Liddle went winless in three showings.

IOWA CITY, Iowa (U-WIRE) - Mark Feb. 18 on your calendar. That's the day the Iowa wrestling team will have a chance at revenge against the Minnesota Golden Gophers, who handed the second-ranked Hawkeyes their second dual meet loss of the season on Jan. 20 in the semifinals of the N.W.C.A. National Wrestling Duals in University Park, Pa.

The third-ranked Gophers used major decisions and a pin in the upper weights to earn the 20-17 win over Iowa (11-2, 2-1 in the Big Ten). The Hawkeyes rebounded Sunday with consolation wins over Oklahoma and Iowa State to finish third in the meet.

The Cyclones forfeited three matches to the Hawkeyes Sunday, as the Hawkeyes defeated fourth-ranked Iowa State for the second time this season, 25-21. The victory was fueled by major decisions from top-ranked Hawkeyes Doug Schwab and Eric Juergens. Lineup regulars Ben Shirk and Gabe McMahon did not compete against Iowa State.

Iowa forfeited two matches in the upper weights against the sixth-ranked Sooners Sunday, but its strength in the lower weights proved to be too much for Oklahoma, as the Hawks earned a 23-18 victory. T.J.

Give Opp some more time

Yes, the Saluki women ballers are 4-12 and on course to a record even worse than last year's 8-20 debacle. But we need to give first-year head coach Lori Opp a chance.

This was not a job she campaigned for. In the wake of former head coach Julie Beck's sudden resignation, Opp was propelled into the position virtually out of necessity.

Mind you, it was in late August before Opp was named to the head coaching position in place of Beck, who resigned for personal reasons. And here we are, months later, as the Salukis wallow near the bottom of Missouri Valley Conference standings.

But it takes years to build a successful program. Years of recruiting, discipline and continuity, and a healthy dose of luck helps. It takes more preparation than the two months before the season begins.

Coaches who were given head positions late in the game, such as Indiana University's Mike Davis and the University of Wisconsin's Brad Soderberg, have experienced some, but limited, success. Davis' team knocked off then No.1 Michigan State University recently and Soderberg's team has competed well in the always-tough Big Ten, but its future as Big Ten top dogs is anything but certain. That is because both inherited teams that had many of the pieces already in place and the powers that be want results now.

And that is certainly not the case with this year's SIU women's squad. Sure, we'd all like positive results now, but Opp inherited a team full of untested underclassmen and injured upperclassmen. Certainly, this combination can spell disaster for any team, regardless of the talent level.

But her team has, at times, played with gritty heart. The type of aggression that allows less talented teams the chance to knock off a top-25 opponent.

If given the time, Opp — who cares dearly about her squad — has what it takes to get this team back to MVC prominence. She is a dedicated coach. But the key is time and the adequate support from people within SIU's community.

It seems that she already has the support of recently-appointed Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk. What Opp and her team could really use is the type of support their male counterparts receive. Realistically, it will likely take a series of winning seasons before 5,000 people pack into the SIU Arena for a women's basketball game. But even 1,000 would be a vast improvement.

So until Opp has been given a reasonable chance, let's demonstrate some patience and keep the skepticism to a minimum.

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A new Saluki to mark 50 years

New 'family' of Saluki logos near completion

JAVIER SERNA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The past 50 years have marked the era of the Saluki at SIU, even if the school has failed to adopt a consistent look for its mascot. But that all figures to change in the near future.

A new 'family' of Saluki logos that have been in the making for the past few months may be revealed to the public as early as March, SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said.

"I want to get things wrapped up by mid-March to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the mascot changing from the Maroons to the 'Salukis,'" Kowalczyk said. "But honestly, I would much prefer to be finished with the process sooner than that."

The new look, which is in the final stages of its creation, is being generated by a committee consisting of representatives from the student body, alumni, faculty, administration and local retailers. The group has worked closely with New York-based Phoenix Design Works.

Before the new logo is officially revealed,

Kowalczyk plans to put a few of the options on the University website to solicit community feedback.

"I don't know that we're going to find ourselves in the position where there are actually two distinct logos that everyone can vote on," Kowalczyk said, "but we want to throw something up there so people can get a peek at it."

The committee, whose members range from the manager of the 710 Bookstore to SIU women's basketball center Kristine Abramowski, will make the final decision with no one representative having more influence than the next, Kowalczyk said.

"I've been really pleased with the group's participation, with their openness and honesty because we want desperately to capture a feel and look that the entire University can embrace and be proud of."

The new Saluki will retain its maroon, white and black colors — with maroon as the dominant color — and was described by SIU Coordinator of Public Information Mike Trude, a committee member, as "a modernized look to the Saluki without losing the tradition."

"I think when you look at it, you'll be able to say 'That's a Saluki,' but it's not the floppy-eared dog that everybody is used to seeing," Trude said.

There may be up to 10 different looks to the family, committee member and Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Archer said.

The cost is estimated at \$25,000 to cover the services provided by the design firm. Kowalczyk, realizing the potential economic impact of a popular logo, feels confident that the SIU community will embrace at least one form of the new logo family.

"Maybe some people might not do like one component of it, but if we take one that we do like and utilize that, then it will be beneficial," Kowalczyk said.

The logo is slated to be ready for merchandising for this year's fall semester, but may take a little longer to have completely worked itself into all athletic uniforms and onto places where the current logo is seen.

"The new look will probably go in as uniforms die out," Trude said. "It's basically an every-other-year deal for the uniforms, so I think within two years everybody will have a logo on their uniforms."

Marion man jumping toward track prowess

Freshman jumper Nathan Alexander follows fellow high school alum to SIU

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU track and field standout Nathan Alexander brings the same intensity to maintaining his integrity that he brings to his jumping — just one reason he was highly sought after by such a prominent high school alum.

"I've always liked Nate, he's got a good attitude," said first-year SIU men's track and field coach Cameron Wright, who graduated from the same high school as Alexander.

Alexander, a freshman who competes in the triple jump and long jump for SIU, was recruited from Marion by fellow Wildcat alum Wright, a five-time All-American high jumper for the Salukis.

Alexander grew up in Chicago before moving to Marion in 1998, where he became an All-State athlete and was named the team's most valuable player.

Alexander said taking care of his family is his utmost importance in life, and credits his mother, who always made sure he attended church; and God for making him the person he is today.

"[My mother] never gives up on me," Alexander said. "I want to do right by Jesus and walk in the way He wants me to walk."

Alexander had a rough start to his SIU track and field career, finishing fourth in the triple jump and not placing in the long jump at the opening meet

of the season — the Saluki Boosters Club Invitational on Jan. 13 at the Student Recreation Center.

"Technically, he's got a lot of things we have to correct," Wright said. "As we continue to correct his flaws, he's going to be really, really good."

Wright praised Alexander for his talent and intensity.

"My goal is to drive him to places he's never been before," Wright said. "He could be a special athlete if he continues to train hard and continues to want it."

The men's track team will next compete this weekend at home for the Saluki/McDonald's Invitational. The team finished fourth at their season's opening meet.

"There's no question about it, we like to have good people in the program and he's good people," Wright said. Wright has been one of those "good people" for the SIU track and field program. Along with

his All-American accolades, he competed in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and owns a personal best in the high jump of 7-6 1/2 mark at the '96 U.S. Olympic Trials. He also owns the Missouri Valley Conference record in the high jump at 7-5 1/4.

Like his coach, Alexander is young and talented, another reason Wright is elated to have him competing for the Maroon and White.

"His best days are ahead of him," Wright said.



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Showing the determination of a seasoned competitor, freshman jumper Nathan Alexander runs down the track at Tuesday's practice in the Recreation Center. Alexander hails from Marion, where he was All-State before he became a Saluki.