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The Journey Home

International students are plagued with long flights and stressful waits

STORY BY IVAN THOMAS

For Sani El-Rufai, a freshman from Nigeria; going home means facing 40 hours of travel by train, bus, and airplane.

It all begins with a six hour train ride to the Chicago Amtrak station, and a 9 hour wait. Thirty-five hours later he is finally able to leave the US for Nigeria. From Washington D.C, he takes an eight hour plane ride to London, and finishes the trip with a six hour flight from London to his home city, Abuja.

"This time I was a little unorganized, and I kind of did everything in the last minute," he said. "Hopefully it won't be as bad next time."

Nigeria is a long journey away from the SIU campus. Far longer and more difficult than the drive most students complain about when traveling back to St. Louis or Chicago

This is the exhausting experience many international students encounter when leaving home for break.

According to Jared Dorn, Director of the International Programs and Services office, about 450 students traveled home over winter break.

Gayathree Achu, a senior, traveled overseas to Doha, Qatar, which is part of the United Arab Emirates. The trip took nearly a day and a half before she reached her destination.

Going through the travel system in the United States, an international traveler will run across an ocean of problems, switching over to the system of their native country, or perhaps even another foreign country.

"I had problems with American Airlines because I didn't have the original copy of my visa," said Achu. "And I actually missed a flight in Chicago because of security. They screened me like four times."

Ayman Almutairi, a student originally from Kuwait said passengers from countries in the Middle East are treated unfairly.

"Me and other guys from Kuwait had no trouble with security," he said. "But I have three friends from Jordan, and they had their underwear searched. It was crazy."



STEVE JAHNKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sani El-Rufai, a freshman from Nigeria, lives in Kellogg Hall on Thompson Point while he attends SIUC. El-Rufai, like many of the other international students that attend the university, have had to deal with longer trips home due to tightened security since the September 11 attacks.

Almutairi noticed that security looked at appearance, and were suspicious of passengers with Muslim names. Also, American passengers aboard the planes gave them strange looks because they are of Arab descent.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks do seem to have an affect on the tightening of security in major airlines. For that reason, passengers going to and from Muslim countries will have more trouble when they chose to travel.

"In the Chicago Airport it seems that they check according to country; so they had a different search for each one," Achu said.

"People from Africa and the Middle East got

searched more extensively."

In order to return home, international students have to go through several stages in order to make sure that everything will run smoothly. For assistance, students look to the staff members of the International Programs and Services office.

"All work concerning immigration would be done here, and student advisors assist and make arrangements for students to travel," said Dorn.

In order to go home or to get back, students

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Murders mount in past year

Sara Hooker
Daily Egyptian

2001 was a violent year in Carbondale as five murders occurred in the city - more than the city has seen in the last four years combined.

Carbondale police can't even remember a time when five individual murders took place in the same year. The only year that compares is 1992, when Carbondale recorded seven murders, five of which were attributed to one event.

"I've been here 20 years, and to my knowledge that's the highest, excluding the Pyramid fires," Sgt. Paul Echols said.

In 1992, five SIUC students were killed when an arsonist set fire to the Pyramids apartment. There were also two separate cases of murder that year.

FBI statistics show the 2000 national ratio of homicides-to-persons was 5.5 homicides per 100,000 people. Carbondale's population is about 27,000 people, making Carbondale's murder rate roughly four times that of the national. Homicide statistics are relatively hard to calculate because they occur in low numbers.

"It's high. That's a lot of homicides," Police Chief R.T. Finney said. "But if you look at the numbers for past years, it averages out to be about one a year."

The first murder took place March 17 when the body of an SIUC student was found in a stranger's apartment. Marcus S. Thomas, 21, of Matteson, was found on the living room floor of an apartment on Marion Street, just two blocks from his home on East College Avenue. Neighbors said they awoke at 3 a.m. to gunfire. Police believe that Thomas was ambushed and ran from his attackers to the apartment where he was found. The death was ruled a homicide, and police still have not identified the shooter.

Carbondale's second homicide was a result of the foiled Midwest Cash robbery on March 24. Lucia L. Cristaudo died after the car she was being held hostage in slammed into two trees in the median between Lincoln Drive and Mill Street. Christopher Andrews and Robert Custon allegedly took Cristaudo hostage after police arrived at Midwest Cash. Custon was also killed in the crash. Omar Moore, who allegedly drove Andrews and Custon to Midwest Cash, was sentenced to 20 years in prison on Dec. 28 for armed robbery for his role in plotting the holdup. Christopher Andrews is still facing murder charges.

The June 14 shooting of Michael Corney led to the third homicide of the year. Corney, 22, a former SIUC student, lived until July 2, when he

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Judge to Argersinger: SIU will not pay attorney fees

University has until Feb. 8 to turn over additional documents

Molly Parker
Daily Egyptian

A judge nixed former Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger's request to have the University pay the cost of half her attorney's fees at a hearing in Springfield Thursday.

Argersinger was successful, however, in her attempt to get the University to turn over additional e-mails or information pertaining to the

case. University officials have until Feb. 8 to search for any further documents.

Argersinger is currently suing the University in federal court alleging the Board of Trustees acted in violation of the Open Meetings Act by terminating her in May 1999. She alleges the board made the decision behind closed doors rather than at the open meeting, which is required by law.

University lawyer Peter Ruger said the University will file to dismiss the case in March. If the University is unsuccessful, Argersinger's lawsuit will come to trial on Aug. 5.

The evidence in question at Thursday's hearing was additional e-mails sent by former

President Ted Sanders, board members, or any other University officials that were not yet in the hands of the court.

Neither Argersinger nor her attorney could be reached for comment.

Sanders, who now lives in Colorado, directed any comments about the case to his attorney who also could not be reached for comment.

"I do know all of my e-mails pertinent to anything remotely concerning this case has already been turned over to her," Sanders said.

What will not be given to the plaintiff, Ruger said, is e-mails sent from University employees that do not specifically relate to the case.

"The wide-spread fishing expedition that

she and her council has been on has been limited by the court," he said.

Ruger said the University will look through their records and e-mail system to make sure they did not leave out any documents required to be handed to the court. He said they had already turned in 99 percent of the subpoenaed information.

"Her attorney's suggestion that somehow we are hiding things is ludicrous," he said. "Our lawyers have unrestricted access to all documents, University officials involved and all the board members," he said.

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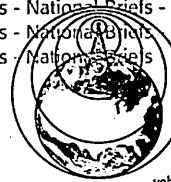
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**Shoe bomb suspect
trained at Afghan
camp, indictment
says**

A federal grand jury on Wednesday charged alleged shoe bomber Richard Reid with being an al-Qaida trained terrorist in an indictment Attorney General John Ashcroft hailed as fresh proof of the government's ability to prosecute terrorists.

The attorney general discussed the charges shortly after a federal grand jury in Boston handed up a nine-count indictment. The charges, which came the day after the federal government filed a host of charges against American-Taliban John Walker, were handed up by a federal grand jury. Reid has been held since the December incident in Plymouth, Mass. A 12-page indictment alleges that Reid received training from al-Qaida in Afghanistan and attempted to kill the passengers on American Airlines Flight 63 from Paris to Miami on Dec. 22. Reid, a 27-year-old British citizen and convert to Islam, could get five life sentences if convicted. In addition to attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction,



attempted murder and attempted homicide, Reid was charged with placing an explosive device on an aircraft, interfering with a flight crew, attempted destruction of an aircraft, using a destructive device during a crime of violence and attempted wrecking of a mass transportation vehicle. There were 183 passengers and 14 crew members on the flight, which was escorted into Boston's Logan Airport.

**FBI warns of potential
cyberattack**

WASHINGTON — The FBI law enforcement and high-tech companies are on guard for possible terrorist activity that could use or affect the Internet. It was not specific in its time frame or geographic area, a spokesman said. The warning went to 18,000 law enforcement agencies and some technology firms, an FBI official said. The government has called on law enforcement personnel across the nation to remain vigilant against domestic terrorism until March 11, extending a standing alert through the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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**Negotiations in
Columbia work to
end 38-year war**

BOGOTA, Colombia — Colombian FARC guerrillas and government negotiators have met in a rebel enclave to try to hammer out a timetable for agreeing on a cease-fire before Sunday as troops massed nearby. In the latest of a series of ultimatums declared by the increasingly tough President Andres Pastrana, the government said it would close down a large rebel safe haven unless the five days of talks produce concrete results.

For the first time since a rebel climb-down narrowly averted an army offensive into the enclave on Monday night, government peace negotiator Camilo Gomez sat down with commanders from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia — known by the Spanish initials FARC.

In a dramatic and rare negotiating retreat, the Marxist FARC on Monday accepted government demands to start immediate talks on setting a timetable for a cease-fire in a



war which has claimed 40,000 lives in a decade. If they had delayed just a few hours longer, Pastrana would have ordered tanks and 12,000 men to sweep across the borders of the southern Colombian zone and put a violent end to negotiations to end a 38-year war. Troops remained massed on the enclave's border.

Powell calls for peace

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Secretary of State Colin L. Powell launched a personal diplomatic effort Wednesday to coax India and Pakistan back from the brink of war, declaring that dialogue is the only way to resolve their standoff over the disputed region of Kashmir.

At a news conference after meetings with President Pervez Musharraf and other Pakistani leaders, Powell praised Musharraf for what he termed "strong actions" to rein in militant Islamic groups that have used Pakistani soil to launch terrorist attacks against India. He called on both nuclear-armed countries to build on the actions to bring peace.

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- A wallet was reported stolen Wednesday between 5:30 and 9:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center. Police have no suspects.
- A stereo, a chest and an alarm dock were stolen between 3 p.m. Dec. 13 and 4 p.m. Wednesday at Schneider Hall. Police have no suspects.

Corrections

Thursday's story "Joint Police Facility in the works for Carbondale" should have said Mayor Neil Dillard has not yet formulated plans to obtain the land for a new police facility.

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, ext. 252.

Calendar

TODAY

- German Table**
From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Booby's, 406 S. Illinois Ave. For more information, call 549-1754.
- Spanish Table**
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Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The form must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item.

Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1247, or faxed to 453-8244. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

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New techniques may boost wheat yields

Keva Gaston
Daily Egyptian

As far as farming is concerned, Illinois could learn a few things from its neighbor to the south, Kentucky.

A boost in wheat yields will benefit SIUC through increased farm revenues, according to John Russin, plant pathology professor and chair of the Plant and Soil Science Department. Russin said wheat is of interest to SIUC because it is grown locally, and it's cheaper for SIUC to get wheat in-state rather than have it shipped from Kentucky, whose techniques are producing nearly double the wheat.

Russin and Bryan Young, an SIUC agronomist, are working to boost wheat yields in Southern Illinois. Russin initiated the project in terms of the overall scope and dissemination planning, while Young, main faculty coordinator for the project, began testing the new management techniques this fall in wheat plots at the Horticultural Research Center located southwest of campus. Young received funds from the Seimer Milling Company in Teutopolis to conduct the preliminary field tests this year.

"The intent of the donation was to start generating data on intensive wheat management to allow for future funding opportunities and to deliver the information to wheat growers," Young said.

Seimer Milling company representatives have also pledged to support SIUC's efforts to obtain the state grants to test additional varieties at other sites in Southern Illinois. But in the meantime, SIUC researchers are exploring opportunities for additional funding with the Council for Food and Agricultural Research (CFAR).

Limited funds prevented researchers from including as many wheat varieties as they desired. The additional funds would have increased wheat varieties, representing a larger sample group of what is being grown commercially.

Russin and Young decided to pursue the project because Kentucky farmers had much success with the new technique.



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

In fields like this one near University Farms, SIU researchers are using a new technique to boost wheat yields in Southern Illinois.

"Illinois farmers practice a low input and little-if-any management plan," Russin said.

Illinois farmers have difficulty growing wheat yields because they are often disappointing, and the market price is low due to poor management. With this new technique, Illinois farmers can practically double their wheat yields like farmers in Kentucky have.

"Farmers in Western Kentucky went from 40 bushels per acre to 70 bushels per acre,"

Russin said.

Kentucky farmers used several techniques to increase wheat yields dealing with variety selection, field preparation, seeding depth and rate and treated weeds, insects and disease.

A company called Wheat Tech Incorporated also helped Kentucky farmers produce more wheat yields. Wheat Tech initially started the project by scouting and making management recommendations.

"Wheat Tech charged Kentucky farmers \$7 to \$7.50 per acre for their services but, despite the cost of scouting and the increased input costs, they're making a fair profit because their yields are going up so dramatically," Russin said.

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Pre-nursing Sophomore Latoyla Hayes braves the cold and snow to do her shopping on Thursday evening. With warm weather for most of the week, 'old man winter' has decided to rear his head towards Carbondale with snow fall late Thursday afternoon.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Sheriff's Association awarding scholarships

The Illinois Sheriff's Association will award 111 \$500 scholarships throughout Illinois for the 2002-2003 academic year.

To be eligible, students must be a permanent Illinois resident attending an Illinois college and must be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2002-2003 school year.

Applications will include an essay question and can be picked up at any local sheriff's office, or on the Internet at www.ilsheriff.org. They must be turned in to the sheriff's office by March 15.

For more information, contact your local sheriff's office, high school advising center or college financial aid office.

ON CAMPUS

Rape defense classes offered

A Rape defense program will be offered by the Department of Public Safety beginning in February.

Rape Defense Defense, or R.A.D., will be taught in four 3-hour sessions to be held from 7 to 10 p.m. every Thursday in February in the Student Recreation Center activity room.

Class size is limited to 20. Those interested should call the Department of Public Safety at 453-8617.

MLK celebrations sweep across town

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

High Muldoon wishes someone would bang on all the residence hall doors Monday morning to wake up students and bring them over to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Breakfast at Grinnell Hall cafeteria.

The annual event is one of the opportunities students have to come together with the community and commemorate the life of an individual who strived so hard for equal rights and nonviolence. Numerous groups are celebrating with services, gatherings, banquets and even a book signing this weekend to celebrate the life of King.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Carbondale branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and has been conducted since 1984. Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. and the program starts at 9 a.m., tickets cost \$3.

"The breakfast is a real community event that brings together people of all races," Muldoon said. "It's one of the few times where people sit down and have a breakfast together for a cause like this."

The Carbondale Public Library is also having a family event with guest Jan Spivey Gilchrist, an illustrator and author of 47 children's books, among which, one received the Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration, and another was named a Coretta Scott King Honor Book.

Gilchrist was honored to receive the awards and is a strong advocate of King's beliefs of love and nonviolence.

"I love the award because it's about peace and harmony, and that's what I'm about," Gilchrist said.

She originally accepted the offer to speak and sign books on a separate date, but thought her visit should be scheduled for King's birthday. Gilchrist speaks to numerous groups and enjoys when the presentations are family-oriented.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to me to talk to the family and children. Kids are the most peaceful people on earth," Gilchrist said.

A local pastry chef will be baking a cake for the event, and a group will sing the African-American National Anthem.

Some of Gilchrist's books will be for sale at the event, and anyone may pur-



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION PROVIDED BY KRT CAMPUS

chase one to be signed or bring their own copies.

Churches are also celebrating King's birthday with services, lunches and dinners on Sunday.

Rev. Philip Nordstrom said the Christ Community Church, 805 N. 16th St., in Murphysboro, will be having a unity service for Carbondale and Murphysboro on Sunday, which has taken place annually for the past six years.

The musical group, Voices of Inspiration, who sang at the Coretta Scott King speech at the SIU Arena in November, will perform at the worship service.

Rev. Steve Robinson of New Zion Baptist will also speak, and everyone is invited to enjoy the event. A light lunch will also be served.

Rev. Bill Sasso also helped assemble gatherings, which will take place all day Sunday, and invited other congregations to join in on the celebration.

The day will start with a service at Unitarian Fellowship, 301 W. Elm St., at

10:30 a.m., during which the letter that King wrote from Birmingham Jail will be read.

Later that evening, a community ceremony will take place in honor of King's legacy. The ceremony will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center and 10 congregations will be involved. Sasso expects the number of parishioners to be close to 350.

"We want to get a mix of churches and people at the celebration," Sasso said in reference to the racial diversity of the churches. "It's an interracial event."

Refreshments will be served to the public and several pastors will also be speaking.

With all the local events going on, people of all nationalities and religions can come together to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. day with food, fun and entertainment.

Ginny Skalki contributed to this story. Reporter Brian Peach can be reached at bpeach@dailyegyptian.com

Do not pass Go: Amtrak losing big at Monopoly

Amtrak to operate stations through different companies

Arin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

Depending on a Congressional decision, students could be giving their money to a variety of companies whenever they take the train to go home.

A proposal by the Amtrak Reform Council goes to Congress Feb. 7 for possible legislation. The Amtrak Corporation, also known as the National Rail Passenger Corporation, has been steeped in financial problems for years and it keeps getting worse. As the only passenger rail company in America, Amtrak has monopolized the industry.

The proposal is based on a new business model. The proposal, if passed, would alleviate debt and organizational problems. Amtrak has been expected to maintain too many responsibilities and does not possess the staff to monitor fiscal issues, said Deirdre O'Sullivan, spokesperson for Amtrak Reform Council.

O'Sullivan said Amtrak is a quasi-government agency as well as a huge infrastructure company. They must lobby the government for funding each year, as well as run all their trains as one of the largest corporations in the United States. This task is next to impossible, she said.

O'Sullivan said that the proposal would allow for other companies to take on some of the responsibilities so that Amtrak can focus on their

core business, running the trains.

"This proposal opens up the door for the possibility that could allow for private companies to bid on the train service," O'Sullivan said.

If private companies took over service operations from Amtrak, the service would still remain "sensed under the federal oversight agency. This would allow for the routes and stations to be run for less money but still remain a part of the parent corporation.

Amtrak reports show that in fiscal year 1994, Amtrak suffered a deficit of \$4 million, that number skyrocketed to \$1.06 billion in 2001. It costs Amtrak \$3 billion a year to run its entire corporation, but they only bring in an average of \$2 billion a year. In accordance with the general accepted accounting principal, Amtrak must account for around a \$1 billion deficit each year.

The Amtrak Reform Council is trying to restructure for better service in the future so that Amtrak must no longer have to rely heavily on the government, or in one case where they had to mortgage a portion of Penn Station to a French Bank to help alleviate their debt problem.

The station in Carbondale, as well as Union Station in Chicago, will probably not be affected in a negative way. O'Sullivan said that the Council is not projecting that this would affect ticket prices either way or that stations or services would suffer.

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Experienced cops vie for sheriff spot

Sheriff must first get through bizarre primary

Joseph D. Johnson
Daily Egyptian

Bill Kilquist boasts that he has served Jackson County as an effective sheriff, but voters will have a second experienced option, as well as the choice of a candidate with some unconventional ideas.

Republican John Sytsma, a lieutenant and 25-year veteran with the Carbondale Police Department, will challenge the incumbent Democrat.

"My experience and education qualify me for this position," Sytsma said. "The citizens of Jackson County will decide if it is time for a change."

his record and felony aggravated battery charges that were later dismissed.

Sytsma will run unopposed in the Republican primary.

If elected, Sytsma claims he can further improve the Jackson County Police Department.

"I will manage the office to provide the best possible quality service to the citizens of this county through conservative and efficient fiscal and personnel management," Sytsma said. "I will work together with other county government bodies and law enforcement agencies."

"I will provide leadership resulting in relentless criminal investigation, improved traffic safety and efficient jail management."

Sytsma served as the acting Carbondale Chief of Police for over nine months while Police Chief Don Suom ran for state representative against Republican Mike Bost in 1998. After Strom officially resigned, Sytsma did not attempt to become police chief indefinitely because of a rule that requires in-city residency for top administrators.

During his four terms, which began in 1982, Sheriff Kilquist has said he's not backed down from some of the larger, more controversial issues such as racial profiling.

"It's important that we have good cooperation of all people of the county; we can't do this job alone," Kilquist said. "And to alienate anybody or to disenfranchise anybody is totally against our desires and it will not be done as long as I am sheriff of this department."

While he admitted there may be some racial profiling, Kilquist said he felt vehemently about exposing and exterminating any such unethical practices that occur.

"I've demonstrated my ability and I'll keep demonstrating my ability everyday to the people of the county," Kilquist said.

The sheriff's department employs 71 people, including investigators, patrol division officers, correctional officers, court security personnel and custodians for the department and courthouse.

Last fiscal year, the jail budgets totaled just over \$4 million.

The primary election for sheriff will be March 19.

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Election

Kilquist contends that his record qualifies him to be retained.

"A lot of people will come out and say 'if I'm elected, I'll do this and I'll do that,' but put your money where your mouth is. And I've done that," said Kilquist. "The killings, the murders, the rapes, the armed robberies that we've solved time after time ... it's phenomenal."

Kilquist is also proud of being head of the department that first got a warrant on Rafael Resendez Ramirez, the infamous Railroad Killer, that led to his arrest in Texas. He gave much of the credit to his department.

To reach Sytsma in the general election, Kilquist will have to get by primary opposition Bob Boyer, a resident of Murphysboro.

Boyer, 52, is unemployed and receives a disability pension. He has never served in law enforcement and says his primary campaign promise is to take squad cars and police officers off the streets.

"I would cut down on squad cars and number of officers," Boyer said. "I would improve conditions at the jail, I'd improve the food [at the jail]. The food is terrible."

Kilquist refutes Boyer's claim.

"I run a constitutional jail," said Kilquist, who also added that he personally eats the same food as his inmates and finds it quite good.

Boyer, who served in the Army during the Vietnam War, has had past law problems, including numerous traffic citations on

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OUR WORD

Blacklisting professors hurts education goals

Even before Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes coined the phrase "marketplace of ideas," American colleges and universities have served as that place. Institutions of higher learning are historically our greatest playground for civil rights and military criticism.

Recently that role has been revisited. Professors throughout the nation have been punished for "unpatriotic" views following the Sept. 11 attacks. The American Council on Trustees and Alumni released a list of 115 quotes by professors that have a "blame America first" attitude. The report, "Defending Civilization: How our universities are failing America and what can be done about it," has been likened to the communist witch-hunts of the 1950s.

Jokes, e-mails and criticisms of U.S. foreign policy by professors in their classrooms have prompted firings and other forms of collegiate censure.

Sami Al-Arian, a computer engineering professor, was fired after alleged ties to terrorism were brought to national attention following his appearance on Fox News' *The O'Reilly Factor*. The University of Southern Florida dismissed Al-Arian after receiving several death threats. In the case of Ken Hearson, four Muslim students alleged the Orange Coast College professor called them "murderers" and "terrorists." The accusations leveled at Hearson shed light on the issue of racial intolerance in a time of war, and should be addressed.

While we stand behind the plights of classroom safety, respectability and racial sensitivity, we also understand that controversial thought is the cornerstone of critical thinking. Freud, Machiavelli and Marx are just a few of our more racy college companions. Whether we agree with them is not the point; they raise important issues. They help us to form our own opinions, to firmly believe in them and defend them against the skilled arguments of others.

The appeal of the academic setting is this free exchange of ideas.

The appeal of the academic setting is this free exchange of ideas. A professor should not be condemned for his or her views. Teachers who are insensitive to students or let extraneous viewpoints interfere with mastery of a subject pose the real threat. There are already mechanisms in place for dealing with those types of behavior.

Public education exists because our democratic nation needs to be fueled by an informed citizenry. Sometimes being informed means being offended. If a university is to succeed in its educational goals, it must offer that marketplace of ideas, even when, and especially when, views threaten the status quo.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Remembering the Rev. Lenus Turley

By Charlie Howe

The Rev. Lenus Turley was a true son of Southern Illinois. Who was he? He was one of our own local African-American leaders and as the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday approaches, it is fitting that we remember who Turley was. The Rev. Lenus Turley was a larger-than-life character and an outstanding individual. Born April 27, 1904, in the Ohio River community of Brookport, Turley showed an engagement for life and concern for all people. Rev. Turley played an important role in the Civil Rights struggle right here in Southern Illinois.

Carbondale in the early 1960s, as throughout the country, was a time of social fervor and change. Jim Crow segregation was evident here, with blacks excluded from many restaurants in Cairo, for instance.

The Carbondale Ministerial Alliance, to which Turley and my father belonged, was in a quandary about how to address this state of affairs. In exhorting his fellow clergy to engage in a protest sit-in, my father recalled Turley's stentorian voice quivering with indignation, and rising in a mighty crescendo as he decried the injustice of this discrimination. In the end, the Alliance agreed with Rev. Turley and staged the sit-in. The Rev.

Turley practiced what he preached, not only at the local level but also at the national level by participating in the 1963 Civil Rights March on Washington, D.C., then later by marching across the Edmund Pettis bridge in Selma, Ala., in 1965.

Back home in Carbondale, Rev. Turley was active with many civic and community organizations — citizens advisory, senior citizens, county mental health and family and child welfare, to name a few. As a young man, Rev. Turley was interested in all facets of life including music, athletics and politics. He once led a choir that toured Southern Illinois and neighboring states. He was an outstanding athlete in baseball and boxing. Rev. Turley once swam the Ohio River near Metropolis. No stranger to danger, he dived into politics and organized a Democratic club in Massac County to promote equality in job opportunities for blacks.

In the mid 1950s, Rev. Turley left Metropolis and came to Carbondale. One of the first things he and his wife did was invite our family, also newly arrived to Carbondale, to dinner. I remember this period as a small boy. While the Turleys were black and we were white, both the Reverend and Mrs. Turley struck me as genuinely

gracious and kind people. A short time later, Rev. Turley drove my father, Rev. Charles F. Howe, and I out to a farm near Cambria and north of Crab Orchard Lake. His church, Rockhill Baptist, garnered the necessary funds to purchase the farm. "Here," Rev. Turley told us, "our children can come, be out of the city, and learn to grow things."

Rev. Turley passed away on Nov. 8, 1969, and was laid to rest in Oakland Cemetery on the northside of Carbondale.

Great Oaks Tower stands above his grave, a fitting symbol of a man who stood up strongly for his people, his community and the principles in which he believed.

The city of Carbondale honored him by naming one of their parks after him. I never go to Turley Park, but I recall with fondness the memories of the Rev. Turley, and his spirit continues to abide with and inspire all who knew him.

Charlie Howe lives in Carbondale. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

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WORDS OVERHEARD

"A real university is about knowledge and inquiry ... now the American campus seems to be on the cutting edge of intolerance. And all in the name of social justice."

Richard Berthold, a University of New Mexico history professor, after facing University censure from making this joke to his class on Sept. 11: "Anyone who blows up the Pentagon has my vote."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All censorships exist to prevent any one from challenging current conceptions and existing institutions. All progress is initiated by challenging current conceptions, and executed by supplanting existing institutions. Consequently the first condition of progress is the removal of censorships."

George Bernard Shaw

COLUMNISTS

No cleavage required

Breasts. They're everywhere. Women's body parts swarm my peripheral field in magazines, on billboards and in the flesh. But I rarely see their theories. Women are still the visual and the silent stimulus.

Traditionally we blame men for mentally probing our bodies while our beautiful minds sit dormant. We blame men for glorifying dirty sex and anemia. We blame men because we get paid less. But the truth is that we are the devisors of our own lingering oppression.

The oppressed always finds the oppressor in his or her opposite. Followers blame leaders while the boss blames the employee. The poor blame the rich while the elite blame those on welfare. The "us/them mentality" fuels every war, office conflict and race riot. We all seem to realize this is flawed, but we continue to think that way anyway.

Existentialists say we are islands in the universe, creating our own paths and defying the roles others play by our own behaviors and perceptions.



The Femme factor

BY MARLEEN TROUTT
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Never is this clearer than in the case of the modern woman. Women still bare the scars, but the shackles have been lifted. We have crossed a threshold where we know we can do anything. However, we still clasp to those who oppress us. We choose to starve ourselves in the nation of abundance. We choose to flash our panties instead of our intellect. We do not ask to be paid what we deserve. We sit outside the Oval Office instead of in it.

So why do women remain in degrading and subservient positions? Because, ironically, this is where

feminine power still resides. A more attractive female is likely to get the job and win the admiration of both male and female peers and thus succeed financially and emotionally.

The western female still believes her supreme powers spring from being sexually arousing to the male. She bases almost all of her grooming habits around that — from applying lipstick to shaving off all of her body hair. If she achieves this accepted standard of beauty, she is guaranteed her slice of the "American Dream."

But women have greater tools than lipstick in their massive purses, and they may have been borne from that feminine history of subjugation. Our propensity for shopping is not some derogatory stereotype. Through centuries of markets we have found the cloth, negotiated the price and made the garment. This has made us explorers, merchants and designers.

We oversaw the household records as shrewdly as we managed laundry for our 10 children, still finding time to

craft and maintain a social life. These tasks have bred us to be organizers, time managers and personnel experts. While men hunted, gathered and provided, we were the problem solvers of the most complex and important of human connections: the family. These skills blend into a guaranteed elixir for success.

Women must internalize, as men already have, that reaching the pinnacle of intellectual, political and/or social fulfillment has little to do with shaving armpits or baring skin.

We affect positive change in our communities and our souls by sweating through the negative and not caring who sees it drip from our brow.

We conquer injustice by going where we should go, whether or not we were invited. We capture the moment of power by forging our own destiny, not seducing the powerful to hand it over.

The Femme Factor appears every other Friday. Marleen is a senior in journalism. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

Controversial alumnus makes waves in the news

One of SIUC's most notorious graduates caused an uproar in the news again last Saturday. Matthew Hale gave a speech in York, Pa., that resulted in riots, more than two-dozen arrests and a massive police response.

Hale, a graduate of SIUC's Law School, is now the leader of the white supremacist group the World Church of the Creator, a self-proclaimed non-violent group. One of the group's goals is to start a race war, according to the York Daily Record. Hale used the Martin Library in York as a springboard for his racist message.

According to the Associated Press, Hale told about 70 supporters in the library, "We seek the advancement of white people, our people, without any apologies, any compromise, any groveling before anybody."

The speech led to clashes, within a group of about 400 protesters followed by two dozen arrests outside the library. Two protesters were reportedly hit by a pickup truck,



Brennan's Column

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according to a story by the York Daily Record. The police struggled to keep the white supremacists and protesters of the speech separated.

It is sad to see a graduate of Southern Illinois University preaching such a tragic message. I would rather have seen protesters from SIU than the speaker himself.

This is not Hale's first brush with the news. He did not condemn Benjamin Smith's 1999 killing spree, which took two lives and

ended with Smith committing suicide. The spree overlapped Illinois and Indiana, injuring nine people in the process. All the victims were Jewish, black or Asian.

The World Church of the Creator held Smith up as a martyr after the shootings. Hale's comments on the Sept. 11 tragedy appearing on his group's website were, at the least, interesting. He offered condolences only to the families of white people who were affected. Hale specifically excluded everyone else.

The World Church of the Creator is interested in saving as many lives as possible, according to Hale. The group wants the government to save "our" lives, and not those of "a foreign power like Israel," according to the website. I, for one, would be interested in reading what that specifies.

Does the statement "our" lives mean only white American lives? What about the several other nationalities of victims in the attacks? It sounds to me like Hale wouldn't

care about them either.

Hale's message is a perfect example of what we have to put up with in our country to practice free speech in our order. I disagree with his message wholeheartedly, and I suspect I'm not alone on that one. Still, giving everyone the right to speak comes with a price tag.

It is unfortunate to see an SIU graduate in the news preaching such a hateful message. Hale tarnishes the reputation of all SIU graduates with his racially bigoted views.

If you asked Hale, I'm sure he would say it's his love for the white race that fuels his actions. Maybe, but it doesn't justify hating everyone else.

Brennan's Column appears every other Friday. Matt is a senior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

LETTERS

A message to Tommy Big Head

DEAR EDITOR:
I think you need to provide a much larger space for the picture of Tommy Curry that accompanies his column. It seems that the little bit of press and accolades he received last semester has caused his head to swell considerably.

Mike Youtier
instructor, physiology

Bars could encourage more diversity

DEAR EDITOR:
Regarding Nayeli Chavez's first-hand account of racism against Mexicans (14 January edition), I agree with the need to pay

more attention to racism against Hispanics, an attitude at odds with the strongly growing Hispanic U.S. population. But Chavez's column was interesting for another reason. As a humanitarian, my heart sinks at her feeling of being an outsider on our campus; as an academic, it is important to note Chavez is exactly the sort of student SIU should be attracting. She showed both concern and ability for academic achievement, and it is that, more than race, that distinguishes her. Her origin, academically speaking, is only a bonus. The objectionable Caucasians in her class resented her because she achieved. They should have taken the opportunity to try to achieve as well. It is by this friendly atmosphere of academic competition that racism at SIU can be defeated. Instead of seeing race, let us see that Chavez achieved a high level of academic success, beating others by the same standards. A truly academic community praises success, whatever the color

in which it comes.

Julian D. Bukalski
graduate student, literature

Prayer no longer normal

DEAR EDITOR:
About Easter time of 1944, while a student at SIU, I attended Chapel, which was required back then, at Shryock Auditorium, and heard a female student sing, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" It was lovely and I never, to this very day, forgot it. Tears still well up in my eyes when I remember it. It awakened something in me, I guess.
But if Chapel had not been allowed at SIU back then, I would not have that precious memory. They took the Normal out of Southern Illinois Normal

University and made it Southern Illinois University after WWII; back before the war it was "normal" to hear prayer at public institutions.

Helen Sue Johnson
Murphysboro

Graduation prayer misconstrued

DEAR EDITOR:
In defense of Michael Perry, most of the people complaining about the prayer at graduation do not know the lengths that he went to to make the prayer as unimposing as possible. I personally know that Mike went to various campus ministers to find a way to make the prayer conducive to all religions. However, because he didn't advertise it, he gets slammed. He

also announced it at a public meeting with all of the people we elected to represent us. The announcement was even greeted by applauding senators. Only one concerned voice spoke up, and he wasn't even opposed to the prayer after he heard it. This is America where majority rules. If we ask USG to be in 100 percent agreement on everything, nothing would ever get done. I congratulate Mr. Perry for bringing a sense of spirituality during a time of deep reflection. If you don't agree with the prayer, fine. Ignore it. No one can make you believe anything you don't want to. If we are such an individualistic, self-sufficient society, why do we care what someone else believes? Of course what do I know? I'm just a fat guy who goes to church every Sunday and works in the USG office.

Glynn Murphy
senior, forestry

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“When I leave my family at home, I am coming to another family.”

Tracy Meyer
resident of Grey House



Tracy Meyer, Sara Freeman, Dana Zack, Tara Murray and Marian Appiah-Kubi socialize in their Grey House living room after a long day of classes and work on Wednesday. The five girls have lived at the Gray house since the beginning of fall semester.

Touch of grey

Five Catholic students use their living arrangement to reach out to the community

STORY BY SAMANTHA EDMONDSON

PHOTOS BY RHONDA YEAGER

Marian Appiah-Kubi is the only Catholic in her atheist family. When visiting home, she says there is no one who can nur-

ture her spiritual growth. However, when Appiah-Kubi returns to Carbondale and her four roommates at the Grey House, she feels like she is home.

“I feel like these girls are people I can talk to about issues and problems,” said Appiah-Kubi, a junior in communication disorders and science from Toronto. “The girls are helping me on my journey.”

Nestled among the trees behind the Newman Catholic Student Center, the light gray two-story building, owned by the center, has housed SIUC students for several years. The Grey House has also provided a spiritual sanction for its female residents.

In its beginning years, the house roomed up to 12 people and supplied bunk beds in its six bedrooms, giving it a more dormitory atmosphere. The Grey House has converted from all male student housing to a co-ed living environment.

For the past six years, the building has housed up to six female students. Even though the living environment may reflect a strong religious overtone, the women that live there embrace non-religious aspects of life.

Like many college living situations, the current residents met as strangers for the first time in their new home, not knowing what it would be like.



Tracy Meyer (front) and Sara Freeman prepare and test chilli for the upcoming light supper at the Newman Center on Thursday night. “I love the free food-and the conversations are good, too [at the suppers],” Meyer said.

Tracy Meyer, a junior in cinema and photography and radio-television from Teutopolis, lived in the Grey House the previous year. She said when she first moved in she was the new person and didn't know anybody. However, after her roommates arrived, she said it was a different story.

“These bunch of girls are the closest thing and are like sisters to me,” Meyer said.

Appiah-Kubi said at the beginning of any living arrangement, it's like a honeymoon. She said everyone is on their best behavior and puts on their best face. Eventually, she said her roommates began to relax and come into their own.

“People accept all your different idiosyncrasies and we now work comfortably with each other,” Appiah-Kubi said.

Moving into their second semester together, Appiah-Kubi, Meyer, Dana Zack, Tara Murray and Sara Freeman have formed a close bond where their arguments are about watching cartoons or figure skating while Buffy the Vampire Slayer is being taped.

On a typical day inside the Grey House, Meyer may be watching episodes of Powerpuff Girls while Zack practices her guitar or prepares for a hike with her walking stick, Herman. While Freeman is spending time catching up with friends on the phone, Murray and Appiah-Kubi practice their songs for the Newman Center choir.

While some housing landlords do not have close ties with their tenants, the residents feel the director and



Tara Murray sits at her favorite prayer corner in her bedroom at the Gray House. “My spiritual life is very important to me, that's why I surround myself with peaceful and happy reminders,” Murray said.

GREY

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assistant director of the Newman Center are their surrogate father and mother.

Assistant Director Mary Mertzluft has kept in contact with many of the Grey House residents within her five years at the Newman Center. She said acting as landlord for the Grey House is like parenting. Not having any children herself, Mertzluft enjoys the time she can offer a friendly ear to the women's problems.

"To the Newman community, these girls are seen as student leaders," Mertzluft said. "It's nice to be a support to them and feel like a parent."

Despite their involvement in hobbies, several University organizations and occupations, the students are involved with a program through the Newman Center. Under their housing contract with the center, they also work three hours a week serving the Newman community.

Murray, a junior in linguistics from Oswego, visits the Vienna prison

three times a semester. While at the all-male minimum security prison, Murray helps a priest with mass and leads a faith-sharing group with the inmates.

"I really like it and get so much out of it," Murray said. "I learn so much from the inmates and get insight from the prison."

Also involved in community service, Zack, a junior in therapeutic recreation from Aurora, is looking to take over Choate, a program that helps the developmentally challenged.

Concentrating on programs directly involved with the Newman Center, Freeman, a senior in social studies education from Danville, is leading the Newman club. The organization is an activities group for SIUC students.

While helping out with the Newman club, Meyer acts as the Grey House liaison. She makes chore, dinner and service schedules for her roommates as well as conducting house meetings and group prayer times. However, Meyer makes these gatherings vibrant and exciting for her roommates.

"I try to do different [types] of

prayer," Meyer said. "I will bring in a song, Dana might read a story or I'll take them outside to walk among the trees and meditate with God."

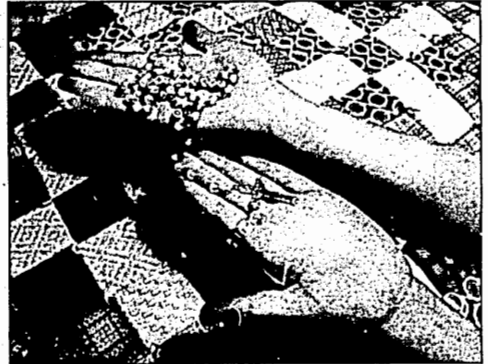
A lot of the roommates' time is devoted to religious service and devotion. However, the women live in the Grey House for the all great opportunities it provides to them as individuals.

"In no way are we stuffing the Bible down anyone's throat," Freeman said. "It's just great to live in a house with people with the same beliefs and who are not forcing their beliefs on anyone else."

At the end of each semester, the Newman Center staff announces information and spaces available in the Grey House. The applications are open to all students, without religious discrimination. Then, the staff conducts interviews with each of the applicants before a selection is made.

Coming from diverse backgrounds and college living situations, the Grey House residents feel this arrangement may have been the best they have had during their college career.

"We all have the same life roles and morals that we live by," Zack said.



The Catholic rosary is a prayer emblem with beads representing specific prayers.

"We all look out for each other."

While protecting each other as roommates, the students also look out for each other as sisters. They let each other know where they are going and also do activities with each other outside their meetings and prayer.

"When I leave my family at home, I am coming to another family," Meyer said.

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Gus Bode



Gus says: I hope we have enough students to shop there

Best Buy on schedule to open on April 1, 2002

Brad Brondsema Daily Egyptian

Best Buy, the electronic store giant, is nearing completion and is slated for an April 1 opening.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said that construction is on schedule and hopes that Best Buy will play an important role in area business.

"Best Buy is a destination store — it should attract a lot of people to the area," Doherty said.

The store will create approximately 90

new jobs. Many of the jobs are part-time which should fit well with many student's hectic schedules.

Best Buy offers a wide range of electronic goods from CDs and DVDs, to washers and dryers.

The store will be located on the site of the old Kroger, next to Kmart at University Place Mall and cover 30,000 square feet.

The store prides itself in being the largest specialty retailer of consumer electronics, personal computers, entertainment software and appliances in the United States.

Currently, Best Buy has more than 400 stores operating in the United States and is on track to have 550 by 2004.

In the last fiscal year, from March 2000 to March 2001, Best Buy grossed more than \$15.3 billion in national sales.

John Linchan, executive director of the Carbondale Business Development Corporation, said he is excited about the store opening.

"It will provide shoppers with an extra alternative when shopping for electronic goods," he said. "Hopefully, it will increase the tax base of the city."

The opening of the Carbondale Best Buy should be a convenience for those who trek to the nearest stores in St. Louis and Evansville, Ind.

Craig Taylor, a senior in radio and television from Decatur, is looking forward to the opening of the store.

"They have the latest technology, good customer service and the setup of the store is convenient to find what you're looking for," he said.

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Enron scandal prompts accounting oversight

Ken Moritsugu Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — A top federal official proposed Thursday the creation of an independent board to oversee the accounting industry after the collapse of Enron, the nation's seventh largest corporation, amidst allegations of widespread accounting abuses.

Harvey Pitt, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission said, the board would have the power to discipline firms for ethical lapses or mistakes. It would also regularly review individual firms to ensure that they are up to standards.

The proposal is an attempt to restore faith in the U.S. accounting system in the wake of the Enron debacle, in which the company had to slash its reported profits for past years because of accounting discrepancies.

The firm's outside accountant, Andersen, has come under fire for destroying documents from an audit of Enron and failing to catch the alleged misrepresentation of the company's financial health.

The SEC, which is investigating the Enron-Andersen case, would continue to oversee cases with potential violations of law. The independent board would monitor failures in ethics and competence.

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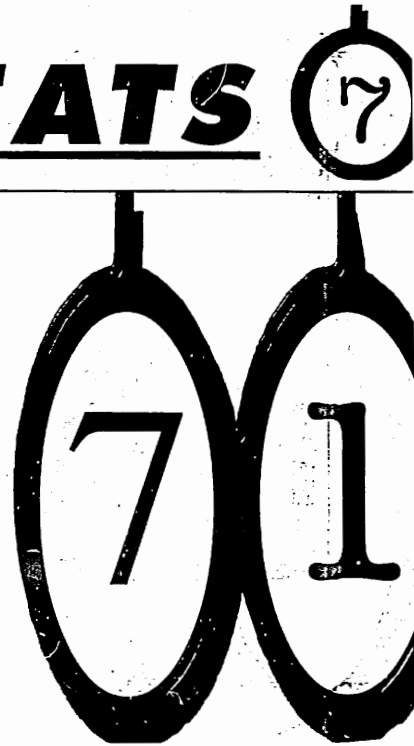
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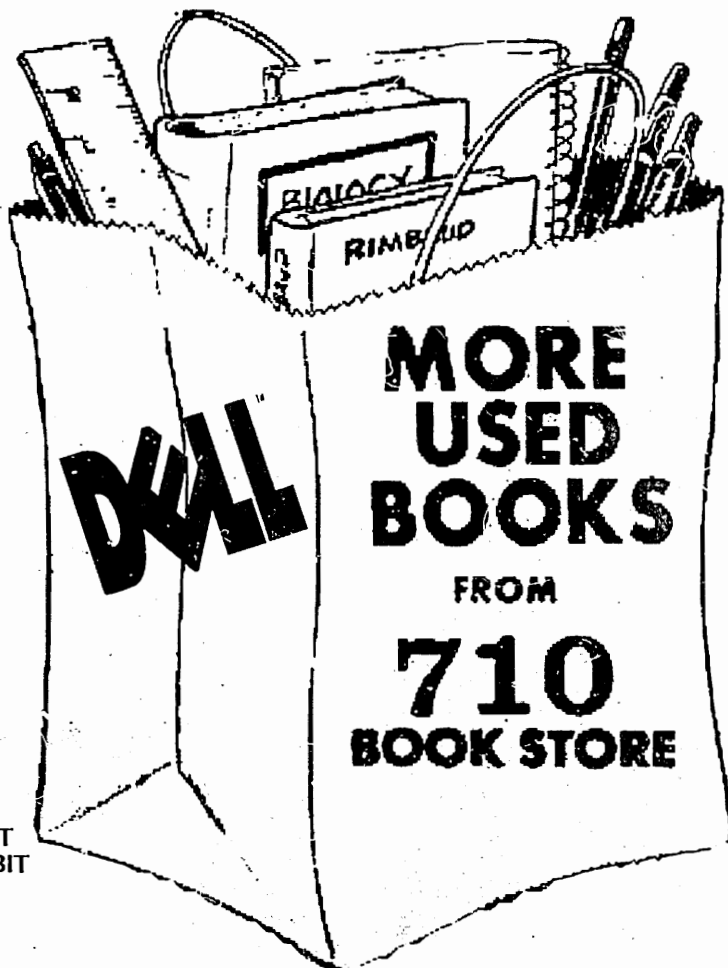
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SIUC receives new computer equipment

Committee raised \$860,000 for computers, expects them by summer

Keva Gaston
Daily Egyptian

The University Computing Advisory Committee, headed by Geoffrey S. Nathan, assistant professor of linguistics at SIUC, raised funds for the new equipment by increasing student tuition costs.

The committee, made up of four staff members and two SIUC students, reviewed 40 requests for computer equipment.

Out of 40 requests from several departments, Information Technology, Student Center, University Housing, Morris Library, Education, College of Liberal Arts, School of Art, Chemistry, Disability Support Services, College of Engineering, Philosophy, Architecture, Physics, English and Mathematics were funded based on technology needs.

The equipment is expected to arrive in the summer and installed in the fall.

The College of Engineering has already received its new computer equipment, which includes 19 new desktops in the college's laboratory.

Although the new computers have the same software, "the old computers were over four years old and in disrepair," Roger Missavage, director of the Computer Center in the College of Engineering, said.

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Teachers display their art in University Museum

Faculty members show off some of their works

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

Faculty and professors are always assigning and grading projects, but starting Saturday, students and the public will have a chance to see what kind of work the teachers can create.

A reception on Saturday will kick off a two-month exhibit that will display selected works from current and retired faculty from the School of Art and Design, the Department of Cinema and Photography, the Department of Theater and the Department of Interior Design.

"It's a venue to show the com-

munity what these artists are doing and their latest work and acts as a way of showing people who might be interested in the University and what professors are doing," said Bob Dehoet, education coordinator for the University Museum.

Dehoet said there will be an "extraordinary amount of variety" in the exhibits from the different departments. Everything from abstract to realistic paintings will be shown. Sculptures will be displayed, and drawings and photographs will hang from the walls.

"The levels of creativity are just spectacular," Dehoet said. "That's reason enough to come and see the exhibit."

The artists will all be present at the reception, and snacks will be provided, including cookies, coffee and fruit.

While enjoying the works of various SIUC faculty, museum patrons may visit numerous other

new exhibits on display. This includes "Other Africas: Images from Nigeria," which shows a side of Africa that anthropology members say is not normally envisioned by people when they think of the country.

"We wanted to get away from the typical representations of Africa being a safari-land and from the timeless uncivilized side of Africa," said Christy Carville-Routon, a doctoral student in anthropology.

Routon and others traveled to Nigeria in summer 2000 and looked at aspects like city life. They brought back movie trailers, which are on display, and clothes with designs on them like cell phones, camcorders and light bulbs, which Routon said is one of the current trends.

Other exhibits include: artwork by famous painters like Renoir and Manet, sets of minerals and gem-

stones from the museum's geology collection, pottery from people in other countries such as New Guinea and a metals display that offers a look into the minds of metalsmiths and how they design their work accompanied by samples of their works.

The faculty exhibit will be open from Saturday to March 24 in the north end of the museum during regular museum hours, which are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

The other exhibits will be available during the same hours, and some will show through April 21.

Students may not be able to critique their professors' works at the exhibit, but they will, however, be able to ask questions that may help with future class projects.

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Airlines will meet new security deadline, Mineta says

By Seth Borenstein
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) - Federal transportation officials Wednesday unveiled a new approach to tighten baggage security at airports beginning Friday.

It doesn't close all the loopholes, however, according to aviation security officials.

The system will use bomb-detecting machines, bomb-sniffing dogs or workers searching by hand, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta said.

Because there isn't enough equipment and personnel to screen all bags, many airlines will use an alternative method: matching checked bags to passengers.

If they choose that alternative, the airlines must make sure that all luggage on originating flights is matched to passengers who have already boarded. The bag-matching program, which will be used for most flights, is designed so someone can't check a bomb in a bag and then walk away. Expect some delays at airports, experts advise.

The Aviation Security Act, which President Bush signed last November, requires bag match-

ing or scrutiny of all bags for explosives beginning Friday. Before Sept. 11, only a small fraction was checked.

"The system will be robust and redundant, and we will be relentless in our search for improvements," Mineta said Wednesday, speaking to the Transportation Research Board, a conference of transportation professionals.

"On originating flights, baggage will be matched to its passenger," he said. "Computers will screen passengers, and passengers will be screened for weapons - often multiple times."

According to aviation security specialists and a top lawmaker, the main weakness of the new security setup is that bag matching will be performed only on originating flights, not on connecting legs.

A terrorist flying from Denver to Charlotte, N.C., via Chicago, for example, could put a bomb in his luggage, get off in Chicago and blow up the plane on the flight's second leg.

It's a loophole so big "you can drive an M-1 tank through it," said Billie Vincent, a former Federal Aviation Administration chief of security.

It means, according to House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., that "not all

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Norman Mineta
transportation secretary

of the bags (on a plane) will be matched to passengers, creating another security loophole."

He cited a second problem with bag matching: It doesn't stop suicidal terrorists who are willing to fly on planes they intend to blow up.

Eric Doten, a former FAA senior adviser and now director of the Center for Aerospace Safety Education at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla., agreed with Vincent. But he said the other new security measures would provide added deterrence.

"There is a risk, but it is minimal," Doten said. Department of Transportation officials, who spoke on the condition that they not be identified, refused to discuss either problem in detail, citing security concerns.



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On Oct. 14, Gregory Shumake, 33, of Carbondale, allegedly stabbed his father, Frederick Shumake, to death in the parking lot of Applebee's Bar and Grill. The death was No. 4 in 200, and Shumake is still facing murder charges.

Robert Jackson faces first-degree murder charges for the shooting death of 17-year-old Kameron Allison. Jackson allegedly shot Allison in the head because he did not want to leave Allison's residence on Owens Street. Ricardo Woods, 20, was also allegedly shot in the leg by Jackson. He was released following treatment.

The increase in murders has also led to an increase in the workload for the Carbondale Police Department. Chief Finney said the department employed extra overtime and prioritizing to equal out the oversized load.

Jackson County State's Attorney Michael L. Wepsiec has felt the effects of such an increase too.

"It takes additional resources to handle these cases,"

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Wepsiec said. "Primarily resources of time and money." Preliminary FBI figures for the first six months of 2001 show a 0.3 percent increase in murders nationally, but in the Midwest crime fell 1.9 percent.

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have to have a visa that is valid. If it has expired, they must obtain a document called an I-20, which is received from the University. Then they must set up an appointment and interview with a U.S. government counselor official.

From the amount of international students that traveled home over break, two-thirds required new visas.

The trek home can be frightening and stressful. However, when it is finally accomplished, students are rewarded by the sight of their families and friends, who many of them have not seen for months.

"I had never been happier in my life, because I've never been away from my family for such a long time,"

said El-Rufai.

When visiting their homelands, international students realize how different the various lifestyles are from America. They get the opportunity to be around their culture, and to escape from the daily annoyances at school.

However, when it is time to return to the SIU campus, they must repeat the task of going through security, the long trips to different stops, and they have to make sure they have all of the necessary documents.

Unfortunately many students don't get to come back to the University as planned, and they are forced to seek education elsewhere.

"One of my friends from Jordan had problems with his visa, and had to go to school in Germany," said Almutairi.

The students who are fortunate enough to return to the campus are able to continue with their SIU education. And also, students like El-Rufai, Almutairi and Achu view the University as their home away from home.

Traveling to a home overseas may be a very stressful event in the lives of SIU international students. However, it is something that they must do every year in order to visit their families.

"I was kind of scared and lonely traveling by myself because it was my first time traveling so far without my parents. I knew that it was going to be alright though," said Rufai. "I am grown now, and I can handle those responsibilities."

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Saluki basketball to celebrate past

Alumni game will precede Indiana State game Saturday

Jay Schwab Daily Egyptian

The SIU men's basketball program is dense with tradition, but the people and stories behind that tradition seldom get their due.

That's the way Saluki head coach Bruce Weber sees it, so he's taking steps this year to dust off the memories of Saluki victories past.

For the first time in many years, the coaching staff sent former Saluki players media guides prior to the season, and Saturday, a swarm of former Salukis will descend on the SIU Arena to reawaken the tradition of Saluki hoops.

The alumni game, which will take place at 5 p.m. — two hours before SIU's battle with Indiana State — is intended to foster a renewed connection with the program for former players. Weber emphasized that the efforts of past SIU players and coaches have

enabled the Salukis to enjoy success today.

"I think it shows appreciation, and it keeps the guys involved," Weber said.

The game will showcase 18 former Salukis, coming from as far back as Robert Eldridge (1968-72) to recent players such as Abel Schrader and Josh Cross. Additionally, 20 other former Salukis will be honored during halftime of the Indiana State game.

"We've had a very good response," Weber said. "The only thing is, we didn't have time for some of the guys who live far away to be able to come."

Although attendance for the alumni game may be hampered somewhat because it will overlap with the Chicago Bears playoff game, Weber said it will be a successful endeavor just to assemble all the players under one roof.

"It's more for the guys to have fun and see each other and kind of get re-acquainted with one another," Weber said.

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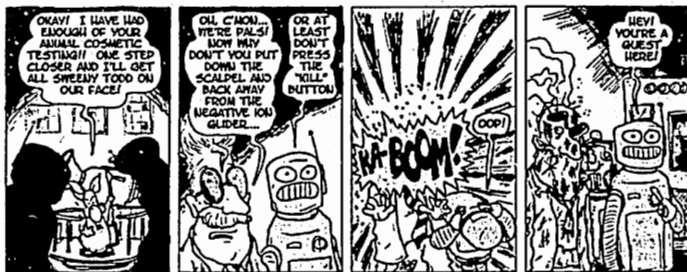


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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - A lot of the big decisions are being made in private, by you as well as others. This gives you more freedom to change your mind without having to explain everything to everybody.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Slow down, and go through your list of pros and cons. Eventually you'll get sick of reviewing things and will simply choose. You can make corrections later.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - A friend can clue you in on the latest scoop. You were missing pieces of the puzzle and couldn't figure it all out. Meet privately with a person who's in the know. It'll all start to make sense.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Don't worry if things seem to be stalled. All in due time. For some of the stuff on your list, the time isn't right yet. Besides, your focus might change. Listen to a person with strong opinions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - Keep shopping if you find the right thing at a price you can afford. You hate pinching pennies, but you can't when you have to.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Mercury, your ruling planet, is going retrograde. From our vantage point here on Earth, it appears to go backward. It's in the area of your chart that indicates you may encounter technical difficulties at work over the next two weeks. Be prepared.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Postpone your date for tonight. This weekend will be much better. Besides, you don't have time. You need every minute to keep a promise you've made. Let somebody know they can pamper you tomorrow.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Mercury's going retrograde. For you, that signals technical difficulties at home for the next two weeks - small appliances, computers, anything with an engine. Better get your car serviced - no pick-up batteries for the flashlights.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Take your time, and read the instructions again. It's not cheating to get a more experienced person's help. Going through your own notes isn't a bad idea. You may already be able to think of something you forgot.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - It's a good thing you're feeling inquisitive, because you will be running into more problems. Most of them: to have to do with money. You'll get what's coming, but it may take longer than expected.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - As you know, the only thing that's constant is change. Mercury, the planet symbolizing the mind, is in your sign, and it's going retrograde, so you may experience some confusion for the next couple of weeks. Use this time to sort, file and fix things.

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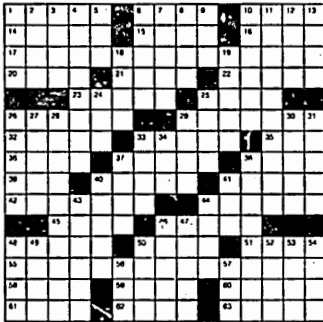
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- 6 Over eating
- 10 Yearn
- 14 In flames
- 15 Sign
- 16 Yummy
- 17 One's son's son's son
- 20 Dish using stock
- 21 Itemize
- 22 Ready available
- 23 ...rehearsal
- 25 Phonograph record
- 26 Zoo attraction
- 29 Lights out
- 32 Permit
- 33 Live worker
- 35 Fort ... NJ
- 36 Disparaging remark
- 37 Combat between knights
- 38 Chap
- 39 Bond
- 40 May or June
- 41 Monterey mistier
- 42 Surround
- 44 Om, for one
- 45 Take on
- 46 Palet or Pamlico
- 48 Fight site
- 50 Thaw
- 51 Place one's stake
- 55 Tailor's requirement
- 58 Comfort
- 59 Gripping tool
- 60 In the company of
- 61 Tiny feathered friend
- 62 I second that!
- 63 Thick

DOWN

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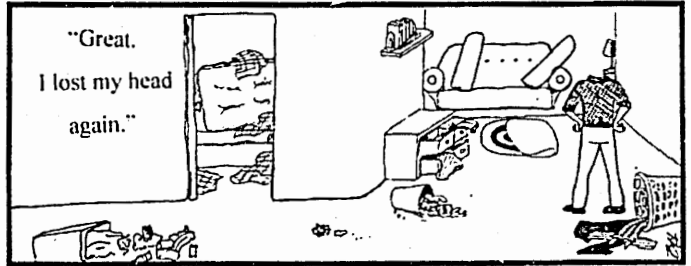
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- 24 Horizontal lineup
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- 28 Mosian periodically
- 27 Worn out friend
- 28 Salad dressing
- 29 Flapoodle
- 30 Bach's "Mass in B ..."
- 31 Newsboy's shout
- 33 Completed
- 34 Not a grocery groove?
- 37 Ballplayer Canseco
- 38 French police officer
- 40 Upright
- 41 Japanese honorific
- 43 Lime tree
- 44 Mixed brood
- 46 Feet
- 47 Ancient
- 48 Once more
- 49 Backdoor
- 50 Cause bodily harm
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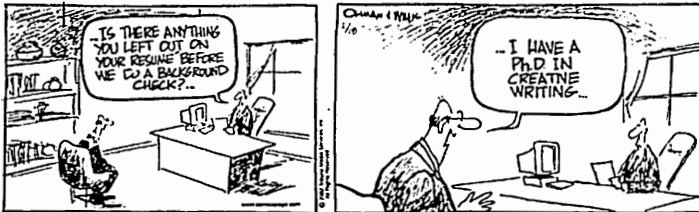
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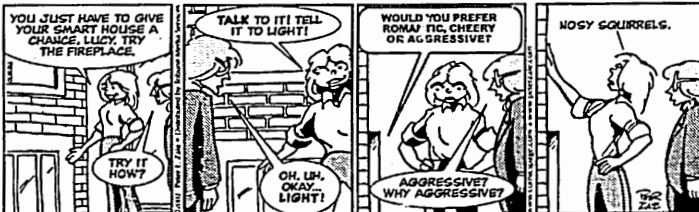
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Illinois State soccer star carries Olympic torch

Matt Goldberg
The Daily Vidette (Illinois State U.)

NORMAL, III. (U-WIRE) - From Dec. 12 to Feb. 8 the Olympic torch will make its way across the United States for the 2002 Olympic games in Salt Lake City.

Last Wednesday Illinois State University's own Annie Wayland had the opportunity to carry the torch a quarter mile in Wentzville, Mo. Wayland is a native of St. Peters, Mo., which is two towns over from Wentzville. The torch only traveled through a select few cities in Missouri.

Wentzville is located between St. Louis and Columbia.

Wayland led the ISU women's soccer team to the Missouri Valley Conference regular season championship this past season. Last year she became the MVC's all-time leader in goals scored mid-way through the season.

"It was just a cool experience in general," Wayland said. "When they asked me if I'd do it, I said sure. I was nominated anonymously based on my athletic accomplishments at ISU and in the St. Peters area."

Wayland received the torch in front

of the Wentzville City Hall and carried it for a quarter mile before handing it off.

Only 11,500 people nationwide are given the opportunity to carry the torch on its route to Salt Lake City. Two days prior to Wayland, popular St. Louis athletes Kurt Warner and Ozzie Smith carried the torch in St. Louis.

"A lot of the people who ran with the torch overcame hardships and personal traumas in their life," Wayland said.

"It was pretty amazing to hear the reason why they were given this opportunity."

NIU remains winless at Toledo

Mark Pickrel
Northern Star (Northern Illinois U.)

DEKALB, III. (U-WIRE) - Some times never change.

Coming into Wednesday night's matchup against conference foe Toledo, the Northern Illinois Huskies had not won on the Rockets' home court since February 19, 1983.

And NIU (5-9, 1-4 Mid-American) will have to wait another year to end the streak as Rob Judson's debut in Savage Hall ended with an 89-80 loss.

Entering last night's contest, the Huskies knew they would have to neutralize the Rockets' three starting guards and keep the Rockets' big men off the glass.

Unfortunately for the Huskies, the defense was able to accomplish only one of these goals.

NIU out-rebounded the home

team 48-28, including 23-13 on the offensive glass. Leon Rodgers led the way for the

Huskies with nine rebounds, as every Huskie player in the lineup had at least one rebound.

NIU's other defensive assignment, to stop Toledo's three guards, was another story.

The trio for Toledo (6-7, 3-1) of Terry Reynolds, Nick Moore and Keith Triplett came into the game averaging 34 points a game and exploded for 55 points versus the Huskies. The threesome also combined for 11 rebounds, 16 assists and three steals.

"Reynolds, Moore and Triplett are three pretty good guards," Judson said.

The Rockets were aided by NIU's inability to hold onto the ball. Toledo converted 20 Huskie turnovers into 29 points.

For the visitors, Leon Rodgers was one rebound shy of a double double,

pouring in 22 points to go along with his nine rebounds. The contest marked the 16th time Rodgers has scored in double figures dating back to last year.

The Huskies put three other players in double figures including Eugene Bates with 14, Marcus Smithwood with 13 and Julian McElroy chipped in with 10 points on 5-5 shooting.

The Rockets were able to overcome a two point half-time deficit by hitting their free-throws down the stretch. After making only 10 of 19 free-throws in the first half, the home team made 20-23 in the second half for 87 percent. In the game, the Rockets shot 17 more free-throws than the Huskies.

After Toledo took a 51-42 lead early in the second half, the Huskies rallied to tie the score at 61 with nine minutes remaining. Toledo forward Ricardo Thomas' layup 22 seconds later put the home team up for good as the Rockets cruised to their third conference victory.

Jeffries adjusting to being 'the man'

Jason Recker
Indiana Daily (Indiana U.)

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (U-WIRE) - Jared Jeffries was having a hard time adjusting to being Indiana's go-to guy.

Coach Mike Davis said it, and Jeffries admitted it.

That was before last week.

The 6-foot-9 sophomore forward torched Michigan State and Iowa, leading the Hoosiers to back-to-back victories over ranked opponents and carrying them to the top spot in the Big Ten. His efforts earned him Big Ten Player of the Week honors, the conference announced this week.

It is Jeffries' second Player of the Week award this season — his other came Dec. 10, 2001 — and the second of his career.

"The coaches have been working really hard with me, and everything is coming together," Jeffries said.

Against then-No. 25 Michigan State on Jan. 8, Jeffries came within striking distance of the first Hoosier triple-double since 1971 when he scored 21 points, pulled down eight rebounds, recorded seven assists and blocked six shots to lead IU to an 83-65 win.

Steve Downing had IU's last triple-double when he collected 28 points, 17 rebounds and 10 blocks against Michigan in February 1971.

Jeffries followed his MSU explosion with another remarkable performance at Iowa Sunday. His game-high 26 points and seven rebounds led IU to a 77-56 victory over the then-No. 13 Hawkeyes.

"Jeffries played like an All-American," Iowa coach Steve Alford

said in the wake of Jeffries' impressive performance. "He was a load today."

During the week, Jeffries shot 61 percent from the floor. He has now led IU (11-5, 4-0 Big Ten) in scoring eight times this season and in five of the last six contests. He is now averaging 17.1 points and 7.1 rebounds per game; both rank him in the top five in the Big Ten. Davis, IU's second-year head coach, is already mentioning Jeffries as a Big Ten Player of the Year candidate.

"He's the guy that's making this team go from the standpoint of creating opportunities for our guards," Davis said this week. "If Jared Jeffries continues to play the way he's playing he can be the Big Ten-Player of the Year. He's playing outstanding right now."

BACK IN THE TOP 25...

HALFWAY: After dropping out of both the The Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today Coaches top 25 polls after losing to Miami (Fla.) Dec. 15, IU made a return to the Top 25 this week. The Hoosiers are ranked No. 25 in the AP poll, but got just seven votes in the ESPN/USA Today poll.

Ohio State, which IU plays Saturday, is ranked 26th in the AP poll. Only three Big Ten teams are ranked: No. 11 Illinois, No. 17 Iowa and No. 25 IU.

IU topped out at No. 20 in the Nov. 19 AP poll after winning the season-opener at Charlotte and got back in the Top 25 by beating up Top 25 teams Michigan State and Iowa.

Three teams IU has played this season — Kentucky, Iowa and Miami — are currently ranked. Butler, Ball State, Marquette and Texas, all of which IU played this season, have been ranked at one time.

IU's Ratings Percentage Index ranking is No. 18 and its strength of schedule is second in the nation. Illinois (No. 9) and Ohio State (No. 13) are the only Big Ten schools with higher RPI ratings than the Hoosiers.

DOWN AND OUT: After dropping its game to IU Sunday, Iowa had just 48 hours to prepare for Illinois Tuesday.

It showed. No. 11 Illinois (14-4, 7-2) put four players in double figures and used a second-half spurt to upend No. 17 Iowa 77-66.

"It's a game I think both schools had circled on their calendars," Illinois coach Bill Self said.

The two schools don't meet again on the regular season schedule until next season.

The loss leaves Iowa (13-6, 2-3) three game behind conference leaders IU and Ohio State. The Hawkeyes still have trips to No. 25 IU, Wisconsin and Michigan State and home games with Ohio State and Minnesota, both of which are playing well. Iowa has now lost three of its last four.

Illinois held Luke Recker to 16 points, and kept Reggie Evans, who Self called one of the "naastiest" players in the league, from being a factor. Evans, who scored just seven points against IU, had 12 Tuesday but was limited to a season-low six rebounds.

Illinois will have its chance to catch the Big Ten leaders, thanks to two match-ups with IU and a trip to Ohio State.

The Fighting Illini play at IU Jan. 26 and follow the game with a visit to Columbus, Ohio, to meet the Buckeyes Jan. 29.



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Sisters Stephanie (left) and Sara Pate, sophomores from Carbondale, are promising members of women's Saluki golf.

Golf twins keep rivalry off course

Erika Blackman
Daily Egyptian

Sibling rivalry. Most people understand this term if they have brothers and sisters, but few understand it as well as a set of twins.

As long as Sarah and Stephanie Pate remember, they have done everything together, from wearing each other's clothes to playing on the same golf team in high school as well as college.

Their father, Steve Pate, turned their interests toward golf when they were 5-years-old. It was expected since the whole family consists of golf fans and the twins' older brother, Scott Pate, played golf for SIU.

On the course the twins display sportsmanship and respect for each other, but off the course can be an entirely different story. Although they shared almost everything — including a car in high school — they did have separate friends.

When they did spend time together, the results weren't always ideal.

"We have our everyday tiffs," Stephanie said. "We've played on the same team all our lives."

During their four years at Carbondale Community High School, Sarah and Stephanie used to compete with each other all the time in golf for the better record

and for the MVP award at the end of the year.

Stephanie was MVP her freshman and junior year and Sarah was MVP her sophomore year. Both twins — who redshirted their first year at SIU — received MVP for their senior year.

"In high school there was more competition than now," Stephanie said. "College is more team-oriented."

When the time came to graduate from high school, Sarah and Stephanie had planned to not attend the same college. In a playful manner with a trace of seriousness, Sarah commented to Stephanie, "I didn't want to go where you went."

"Trust me," Stephanie shot back. "The feelings were mutual."

In spite of their determination to part from each other, golf led them both to SIU. The twins wanted to earn a scholarship for golf, so when the opportunity to play on a scholarship for SIU surfaced, the Pate sisters grabbed it and went with their instincts.

Although Sarah and Stephanie have conflicting opinions at times, the twins work together on the golf course. They said the coach's No. 1 rule is to not bring outside conflicts onto the golf course. According to Sarah, the whole team cheers each other on.

"I think if we played on a bigger team there might be a problem with Stephanie and I separating ourselves from everyone else," Sarah said. "But we only have 10 people, so it's not a problem."

Sarah and Stephanie both explained that their coach, Diane Daugherty, and the rest of the team motivates them to do the best they can do.

The twins both gave credit to their high school coach and to the people at the golf course for motivating them.

The Pates are excited about the spring season, which begins Feb. 18, and perceive it as being successful and challenging.

Daugherty said she has seen a lot of improvement from Sarah and Stephanie throughout the year.

"It is tough to break into the top five and travel," Daugherty said. "I look into the future at Sarah and Stephanie being big impact players."

The twins may look identical with their shoulder-length brown hair and dark eyes, but their personalities separate them drastically. For now, though, the sisters share a common purpose.

"We just want to work hard to win conference," Stephanie said.

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Salukis looking to repeat history against W. Kentucky

Swimming and diving teams eager for first meet in over a month

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

Last season, the Western Kentucky swimming and diving teams came into Carbondale beaming with confidence, as the men had won 42 straight dual meets while the women had won 32 straight.

They left with their heads between their legs as both streaks came to an abrupt halt at the hands of a pair of determined Saluki squads.

Both SIU teams will be looking to repeat history and knock off the Hilltoppers for a second straight year as the Salukis travel to Bowling Green, Ky., Saturday for a dual meet. The meet will be the first for the Salukis since a Dec. 8 bottle against the University of Missouri.

The SIU men's team had its most dominant

performance of the season in last year's win, as it took all 16 events on the way to a 66-point blowout. The women's performance wasn't as dominant, but the team still walked away with a 14-point win.

Two years ago, SIU traveled to Western Kentucky for its annual meet and was greeted by the Hilltoppers mascot, their band and a crowd that had only standing room remaining. All the hoopla left the Salukis with a bad taste in their mouths.

"We were pumped last year," said junior George Oxiros. "We were determined to win. They said they came here tired, but I say we kicked their butts because we just wanted to win real bad just to show them that we're not intimidated by their team, and I hope that we can do it this coming weekend too in their pool."

Both the SIU men's and women's teams know Western Kentucky will be seeking a little payback, and they're going to be ready to take the Hilltoppers best shot.

"We're one of their bigger dual meets a year,

and they're one of our bigger dual meets," said women's head coach Jeff Goetz. "You hope your kids are ready to go, and I'm sure they'll have a little chip from last year just like I would and every other coach where if you lose, you want to get a little revenge."

The women's team will have its hands full. Western Kentucky is led by senior Brandi Carey. Carey has already made three NCAA A-cut times in the 50 and 100-yard freestyles as well as in the 200 individual medley. Nationally, her times are ranked third (50 freestyle), fourth (100 freestyle) and ninth (200 IM).

While the Salukis don't have any athletes with Carey's credentials, they still have a strong squad that has been bolstered by some new additions.

The women's team has two newcomers who should ease the loss of senior Cary Kinnaman to graduation in December. Cyprus native Andri Hatzidoni will compete in the backstroke, butterfly and individual medley events, while Australian native Melinda Page will compete in the freestyle and breaststroke events.

"Hopefully they'll be a really good help," said junior Amber Mullins. "They've been training like animals, so hopefully they'll do really good. I'm really anxious to see how they swim."

The men's team also is getting some help, having added Brazilian native Marcelo Possato to swim in the backstroke, an event the Salukis have struggled in, and freestyle events.

The next two meets for the Salukis take on added importance because they are the final tune-ups for both the men's and women's teams before the Missouri Valley Conference Championships in late February.

"We have a great team, and we're so versatile that some of us are kind of trying to figure out what our place is on this team and what our best event will be," said senior Adie Neal. "The last two meets will definitely tell us who's got a little bit more of an up in a certain event, and I think it'll be good for us to prepare us for our last meet."

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JANUARY

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Wednesday 2 nd	Downtown Steering Committee	Civic Center, 200 S. Ill.	4:00pm
Wednesday 2 nd & 16 th	*Planning Commission	Civic Center, 200 S. Ill. Televised - City Vision 16	7:00pm
Thursday 3 rd	*Liquor Advisory Board	City Hall 200 S. Illinois	5:30pm
Tuesday 8 th & 22 nd	City Council Meeting	Civic Center, 200 S. Ill. Televised - City Vision 16	7:00pm
Wednesday 10 th	Carbondale Library Board	405 W. Main St.	4:30pm
Monday 14 th	Park District Board	Civic Center, 200 S. Ill. Televised - City Vision 16	7:00pm
Monday 14 th	Preservation Commission	City Hall 200 S. Illinois	7:00pm
Thursday 24 th	Elementary School District #95	Lewis School 801 S. Lewis Lane	7:00pm

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FEBRUARY

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday 5 th & 19 th	City Council Meeting	Civic Center, 200 S. Ill. Televised - City Vision 16	7:00pm
Wednesday 6 th	Downtown Steering Committee	Civic Center, 200 S. Ill.	7:00pm
Wednesday 6 th & 20 th	*Planning Committee	Civic Center, 200 S. Ill. Televised - City Vision 16	7:00pm
Thursday 7 th	*Liquor Advisory Board	City Hall 200 S. Illinois	5:30pm
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Thursday 21 st	Preservation Commission	City Hall 200 S. Illinois	7:00pm
Thursday 28 th	Elementary School District #95	Parrish School 121 N. Parrish Lane	7:00pm

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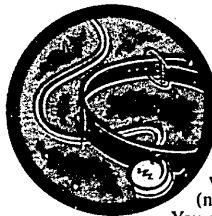
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LOOKING BACK ON 2001

The year 2001 was a time for continued progress in Carbondale. In January many citizens gathered at the City Hall/Civic Center for the Millennium Retreat to set out goals for the community for the 21st Century. Despite the tragedy that occurred on September 11 and the uncertainty that followed, Carbondale continues to move forward.

The development of the Super Block continues. The athletic fields were completed and received heavy use. The roadway and parking lots leading to the athletic fields were paved and lighting installed. The new Carbondale Middle School on Grand Avenue was dedicated on December 18. It is a tremendous addition to Carbondale Elementary School District 95's facilities. Construction is well underway on the new Carbondale Community High School. It already has a striking appearance and will be a great asset for Carbondale. It should be ready for occupancy before the end of 2002.

The Mill Street Underpass was opened for traffic in October. This provides a convenient way under the railroad and is particularly

important for emergency vehicles. The traffic signals and street lights for the project will be completely functional early in 2002. This project was the result of cooperation of many partners including Southern Illinois University, the Canadian National/Illinois Central Railroad, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Commerce Commission, and the Federal Highway Administration.

Two other street improvements were completed in 2001. Emerald Lane was reconstructed from the Murdale Shopping Center to Sunset Drive. Sycamore Street was extended between Illinois Avenue and University Avenue. Both of these projects will improve traffic circulation.

The City's ISO fire rating improved from level 5 to level 4. This reflects improvements in the Fire Department and in the City's water distribution system. The new Fire Training Classroom Facility was completed near the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project was funded in large part by a grant from the State of Illinois. It will be used by firefighters from throughout southern Illi-

nois. A thermal imaging camera that will be of great help in locating hot spots in fires and persons trapped in buildings was purchased with assistance from State Farm Insurance Company. The City purchased a new combination pumper and ladder fire truck. It provides greater flexibility in responding to fires. At the end of 2001, work began to renovate and expand the fire station on South Wall Street with assistance from the Project Impact grant. The renovations will make the building earthquake resistant and provide better protection for the men and women who work in the building and the fire equipment. This building will become the principal fire station for the City.

The Carbondale Police Department was re-accredited. The team that reviewed the Police Department very carefully scrutinized all aspects of the Department. Some of the police cars now have defibrillators that will be available to assist persons suffering from heart attacks. By the end of the year, video cameras were being installed in police cars. These will assist in documenting traffic stops.

Preserving the historical heritage of Carbondale continued. Extensive renovations were made to Woodlawn Cemetery. A new parking lot and historical monument were installed at the Cemetery. The Preservation Commission, City Planning staff and a consultant are in the process of developing a preservation plan for the community.

The City's Solid Waste Collection program began City-wide curbside collection of plastic bottles. This adds to the ability of residents to recycle metal cans, glass bottles and newspapers.

Carbondale experienced a substantial increase in construction in 2001. A record of over \$41 million dollars in building permits were issued. This included projects such as the new high school and expansion of Memorial Hospital. There was significant construction in the business sector also. A new Best Buy store is under construction. The Gap and Gap for Kids opened in the University Mall. Two new gasoline stations were opened. Ninety-five dwelling units were constructed, including nineteen

new single family residences. Grants from the State and Federal governments enabled the City to continue its housing rehabilitation program. In 2001 there were seven annexations of property into the City encompassing 17 acres.

The City continued to receive recognition for its accomplishments. The City received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 14th consecutive year. The Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant was nominated for the "Best Operated Wastewater Treatment Works" by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Carbondale was named a Tree City USA for the 20th consecutive year.

Several events gave residents an opportunity to celebrate together. These included the Lights Fantastic Parade, Annual Lions Club 4th of July Fireworks, Carbondale in Harmony and Main Street Pig Out.

Many people and organizations worked together for the betterment of our community. It is through the efforts of all of us that progress continues in the "Best Small City in Illinois."

ADDITIONAL HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT APPROVED: PART OF NORTHEAST CARBONDALE TARGETED

The City of Carbondale applied to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) for a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) grant to rehabilitate additional homes in Carbondale. Recently DCCA announced the approval of a grant to the City for \$400,000.

This year the rehabilitation funds are targeted to a part of Northeast Carbondale. The part of the Northeast area that is eligible for the housing rehabilitation grants is bounded on the south by Main Street, on the north by Fisher Street, on the west by the rail-

road tracks, and on the east by Wall Street.

Eligibility for the housing rehabilitation grants is limited to low- and very low-income families which are owner-occupants of the homes. Income limits set by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for participation are as follows based on the number of persons in the household: 1 person-\$25,150, 2 persons-\$28,750, 3 persons-\$32,350, 4 persons-\$35,900, 5 persons-\$38,800, 6 persons-\$41,650, 7 persons-\$44,550, and 8 persons-\$47,400. These figures may be adjusted upward if new

ones are received from the State before the applications are reviewed.

Application forms will be available in January, 2002 and due in February 2002. Persons who would like to receive an application form or who have questions about the application process should contact the Development Services Department at 457-3248 or visit the Development Services office in Room 251 of the City Hall/Civic Center.

WANTED: HOUSING REHABILITATION CONTRACTORS

The City is continuously seek-

ing additional contractors to work in the Housing Rehabilitation program. Contractors experienced in building and renovating homes are encouraged to contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237 if they are interested in participating in the Housing Rehabilitation program. The City is an Equal Opportunity contractor and encourages minority and women owned businesses to consider this contracting opportunity. The City also is seeking contractors who are licensed by the State of Illinois to perform lead-based paint mitigation in homes being rehabilitated.

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Seniors and Fire: Preserving History

This year thousands of Americans will celebrate their 65th birthday. This milestone event makes dreams of retirement, travel and more time for grandchildren a reality. Unfortunately, turning 65 also means joining an age group with the highest risk of death due to fire. More than 1,200 Americans over the age of 65 die as a result of fire each year. Many of them might be alive today if they had practiced a few fire safety tips and learned fire-safe behaviors. Consider:

- Residential fires injure an average of 3,000 older adults each year.
- Fires caused by smoking are the leading cause of fire deaths among the elderly.
- Older adults over the age of 65 represent one of the highest fire risk groups in the United States. Adults between the ages of 65 and 75 have a fire death rate twice that of the national average. Adults between 75 and 85 years old are three times as likely to die from fire. Adults over 85 years old are four times as likely to die from fire.

The City of Carbondale Fire Department and the United States Fire Administration (USFA) an entity of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, offers seniors and their family members the following fire safety tips:

Before the Fire

Install Smoke Alarms and Replace Batteries - Install smoke alarms on every level of your home. A working smoke alarm more than doubles your chances of surviving a fire. Batteries in smoke alarms should be changed once a year. Some homes are equipped with "hard-wired" smoke alarms that connect to the household electrical system and may have a battery backup. If you have a hard-wired smoke alarm that uses a backup battery, change the battery yearly. Test each alarm monthly and use new batteries when replacing old ones.

Plan and Practice Escape Routes - USFA recommends developing and practicing home escape plans and planning them around individual capabilities. Have at least two exits from every room and be sure you know how to open your windows quickly in the event of an emergency.

During the Fire

Get Out and Stay Out - Leave your home immediately. Do not try to gather personal possessions or attempt to extinguish a fire.

Stay Low and Go - If you are physically able, crawl low and stay under the smoke. If not, try to cover your mouth to avoid breathing toxic fumes and make your way to safety as quickly as possible.

Fire Prevention

Smoking - Make sure that you are alert when you smoke and never smoke in bed. When you are finished smoking, soak the ashes in water before discarding them. Never leave smoking materials unattended and be sure to discard them in large, deep ashtrays.

Cooking - Never leave the stove unattended while cooking. If you need to step away, turn it off. Also, wear tight-fitting clothing when cooking over an open flame. A dangling sleeve can catch fire easily. Keep towels and potholders away from the flame.

Heating - Install and maintain heating equipment correctly. Do not store newspapers, rags or other combustible materials near a furnace, hot water heater or space heater. Never use a stove as a substitute for a furnace or space heater.

If you have questions or comments please contact the City of Carbondale Fire Department at (618) 457-3234.

JUST A REMINDER!

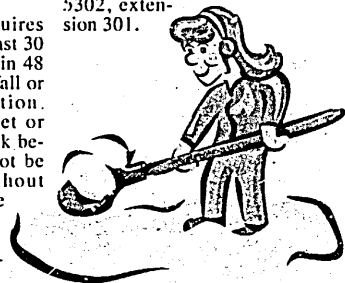
Keep Sidewalks Free of Snow and Ice

Snow and ice on sidewalks are hazardous to pedestrians, particularly the elderly and disabled. Carbondale also has a large number of school and college age residents who get to and from school as pedestrians. In recognition of the hazards caused by snow and ice on public sidewalks, a City ordinance exists which requires the owners and occupants of properties adjoining public sidewalks to keep those sidewalks clear of snow or ice accumulation.

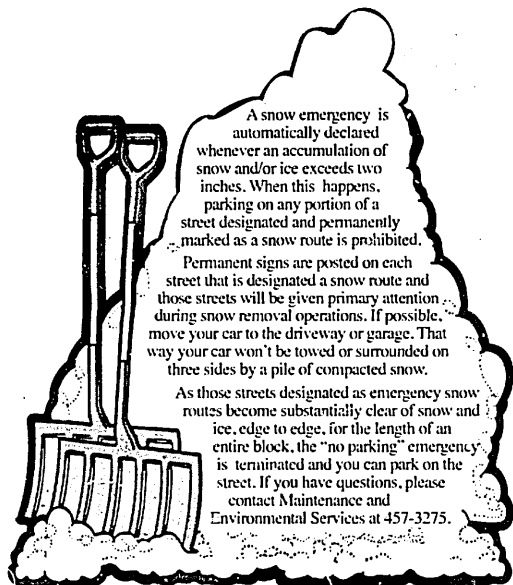
The City Ordinance requires that a sidewalk path of at least 30 inches wide be cleared within 48 hours after the end of snowfall or other freezing precipitation. Sometimes snow, ice, sleet or freezing rain on the sidewalk becomes so hard that it cannot be reasonably removed without damaging the walk. In these situations, a sufficient amount of sand, cinders, or some other abrasive ma-

terial should be placed on the walk to make travel reasonably safe until it is possible to remove the frozen material. Removing snow from the walks as soon as possible after the snowfall usually makes the snow removal process easier.

If you have any questions about the City's snow/ice removal requirements, please contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 549-5302, extension 301.



Carbondale Deputy Police Chief Bob Ledbetter and Police Chief R.T. Finney (pictured left to right) were presented with a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) unit by representatives of Vic Koenig Chevrolet of Carbondale. Chief Finney said he hopes to eventually equip all Carbondale Police squad cars with the AED units. All of Carbondale's police officers have been trained on the equipment and this is the department's third unit. The AED unit is used for stabilizing the heart by restoring normal heart rhythm through the application of a controlled electrical shock. The computer instructs the officer of the most effective action to take with regard to the device, and can deliver the shock needed to restore heart rhythm and save the patient's life. The money for the \$5,000 AED unit came from the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation and Vic Koenig Chevrolet of Carbondale.



Christmas Tree Recycling Program

The City of Carbondale - Forestry Division will conduct curbside Christmas tree recycling during the three week period beginning January 2 and ending on January 25, 2002. Trees should be placed at curbside on the same day as the City collects refuse and recycling in the resident's area. Collection and chipping will occur the following day. Those wishing to discard trees at times other than their normal refuse day may use one of the following neighborhood drop-off sites (WATCH FOR SIGNS).

- Public Works Complex on North Michaels Street (at gate).
- East Recycling Drop-Off Center on East College located in the parking lot west of Stor-N-Lock.
- Parrish Park Parking Lot on West Sunset Drive.
- Attucks Park South Parking Lot on North Wall Street.

Questions about this program may be directed to the Environmental Services Manager or the City Forester at 549-5302, ext. 332.

Employee Spotlight

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR!



Dan Reed, Community Resource Officer at the Carbondale Police Department, is awarded Employee of the Year for 2001. He has been employed with the City for the past eight years. He won \$500, a plaque and a day off with pay.

• NEW EMPLOYEES



Shona Heitz is a new Child Care Teacher at the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center.

Carl Bailey joined the Engineering Division as an Engineer Technician II.



Robby Hookham leaves us as a Temporary Mechanic to become a Plant Operator at the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant.

ReSheena Humphrey, Faith McBurrows, Kiara McCroy and Kimberly Jackson joined the City as Child Care Aides at Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center.

• PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

Dave Morgan, Plant Operator, is going from the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Jared Holmes has transferred from Refuse & Recycling to a Plant Operator at the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant.



Christopher Pignard has transferred from Facility Event Support Worker at the City Hall/Civic Center to part-time Solid Waste Collector in Refuse & Recycling.

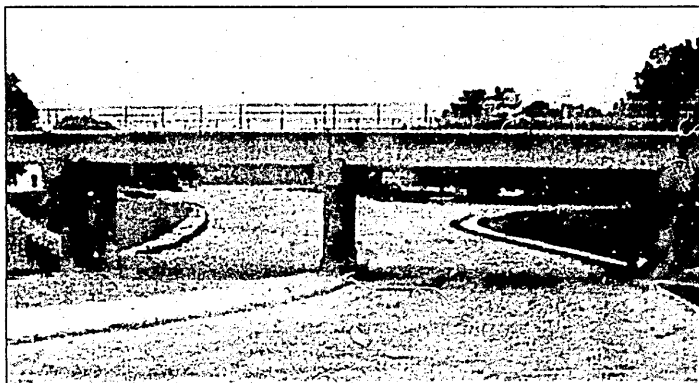
Rebecca Jones has transferred from an Administrative Secretary in Finance to an Administrative Assistant in Finance.

Kathryn Jenkel is transferring from the Human Resources Clerk to the Administrative Secretary in Finance.

• RETIREES

Ronald Murphy retires as a Plant Operator from the Southeast Waste Water Treatment Plant with over 30 years of service (*Actually 30 years, 18 weeks and 4 hours of service...*).

James Miller retires as a Patrol Officer from the Carbondale Police Department with over 21 years of service.



The Mill Street underpass opened on Thursday, October 18, following a ceremony attended by past and present officials to commemorate the completion of the long-awaited project.

City of Carbondale Flood Protection Information

The Carbondale area has a number of creek systems which are susceptible to flooding during or soon after heavy storms. These creek systems include the Little Crab Orchard Creek, Crab Orchard Creek, Piles Fork Creek, Plum Creek, Glades Creek, and Drury Creek. Flooding in Carbondale is relatively infrequent, however there have been road closures within the past two years on North Oakland Avenue caused by overflows of Little Crab Orchard Creek.

The City of Carbondale Planning Services Division can assist property owners, lenders, insurance agents and real estate agents in determining flood hazards for individual properties within the City and within the City's mile and one half zoning jurisdiction. The Planning Services Division can be reached at 457-3235. Flood maps and flood protection references are also available at the Carbondale Public Library.

There are several things you can do to reduce flood hazards in the community.

- Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or streams. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. A plugged channel cannot carry water and when it rains the storm water is likely to flood adjoining areas.

- If your property is next to a ditch or stream, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. The Public Works - Street Maintenance and Environmental Services Division also has a stream maintenance program which may help remove major blockages such as downed trees. To report illegal dumping or debris in ditches and streams you

should contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237 or the Street Maintenance and Environmental Services Division at 457-3275.

- Always check with Planning Services Division before you build on, alter, re-grade, or fill on your property. A Floodplain Development Permit may be needed to ensure that floodplain development regulations are met. It is important to report unapproved construction activity within designated floodplains to the Planning Services Division at 457-3235.

FLOOD SAFETY

Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive, six inches of moving water can knock a person off their feet.

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers, as the water levels may be higher than expected and/or the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to the Ameren CIPS or Egyptian Electric Cooperative. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet, unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried. If flooding is imminent, turn off the electricity at the main electrical panel.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been

turned off and the area has been ventilated. If flooding is imminent, turn off the gas at the gas meter or propane tank.

FLOOD INSURANCE

If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because the City of Carbondale participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded.

FLOODPROOFING

Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sanitary sewers that may back up into the basement during heavy rains. A backwater valve can be installed in floor drain and sanitary sewer drain to prevent backflow into a building. They can be purchased at a hardware or plumbing supply store for under \$50. A licensed plumber may be consulted for the installation of a backwater valve.

Other ways to protect a building from flood damage is to make your walls waterproof and place watertight closures over the doorways. If flooding is imminent, sand bags can be installed around doorways and basement windows to prevent stormwaters from entering a building. In addition, you may keep the water away by regrading your lot to direct water away from your building. Contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division for additional information on flood proofing and retrofitting flood prone structures at 457-3237.

FRIDAY

SALUKI SPORTS

SCOREBOARD

NBA
Chicago 94, Atlanta 91
Dallas 108, Memphis 97

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Sycamores 71 • Salukis 65

Salukis fall short against Sycamores

Saluki women tie school record with eighth straight loss

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's basketball team fell just short of pulling off an upset and winning its first conference game of the season Thursday night at the SIU Arena.

The Salukis took visiting Indiana State down to the wire, but could not pull out the win as the Sycamores posted a 71-65 victory over SIU in front of 275 screaming fans.

It was the eighth consecutive defeat for the Salukis (4-11, 0-6 MVC), tying the record for the longest losing streak in SIU women's basketball history.

SIU grabbed its first lead of the contest when junior forward Megan Miller hit a 3-pointer with 10:16 left in the game to put the Salukis up 50-49.

Both teams went scoreless for 1:32 until when Sycamore sophomore Celeste Hlebovy hit a 3-pointer to put her team up 52-50, a lead that Indiana State would never relinquish.

The momentum shifted back and forth for the remainder of the game, as the Sycamores (6-9, 2-4) went up by seven at one point, but the Salukis cut the lead down to two points.

SIU had several chances to take the lead late in the game, but could not capitalize as Indiana State made six consecutive free throws in the final 17 seconds to seal the victory.

The six-point loss followed four games in which SIU lost by a combined 141 points. However, that was not consolation for the Salukis.

"A nailbiter's a lot tougher," sophomore forward Jodi Heiden said. "We're so close, we just had it right there, and we just let it slip away."

Heiden led the Salukis with 16 points, and junior guard Molly McDowell chipped in 13 in the losing effort.

Senior guard Holly Teague had perhaps the best game for SIU, just missing a triple-double by

"We fouled way too much and didn't get to the line enough..."

Lori Opp
women's basketball coach

one point, as she grabbed 10 rebounds, dished out 10 assists, and scored nine points.

The Salukis topped Indiana State in nearly every statistical category, except for rebounds and free throws, which is what did in SIU.

"We fouled way too much and didn't get to the line enough, unfortunately," coach Lori Opp said. "I was pleased to see us come out in the second half and shoot 54 percent ... but we do need to get to the line more and move our feet defensively and not foul them."

Both teams came out relatively cold in the first half as they combined to shoot 35.4 percent (23-of-65) from the floor.

Indiana State's Kristin Stewart led all scorers with 19 points, 13 of which came in the first half, and she also grabbed 10 boards.

Sycamore guard Courtney Mennen, who came into the game leading the Missouri Valley Conference in scoring with 21.1 points per game, was held to only 15 points.

But the story for the Sycamores was Stewart, who the Salukis simply could not contain.

"She's just a good post player inside, she's strong, she shot the ball well, and when she missed, we didn't box her out well when we needed to at times," Heiden said. "She's just a good player, and you can't take anything away from her."

The Salukis' next game is Sunday afternoon when they host Illinois State at 2 p.m. at the SIU Arena. SIU won both contests against the Redbirds last season.

Illinois State (3-12, 1-5) is alone in ninth place in the MVC after losing to Evansville, 70-57, Thursday night.

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Holly Teague screams after a call against the Salukis sends Indiana State to the line. Teague ended the night one point shy of a triple-double with 10 rebounds, 10 assists and nine points.

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SALUKI BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Indiana State University (3-12, 1-5 MVC)	vs.	Southern Illinois University (15-3, 5-1)
Sycamores		Salukis
Saturday, 7:05 p.m. SIU Arena Radio Magic 95.1 FM		

The Word on the Salukis:
SIU is pleased after sneaking out of Peoria, with a narrow win over Bradley, but the Salukis did not look very good in the process. The Salukis should be able to play a smoother ballgame against one of the league's worst teams Saturday. A win over the Sycamores would allow SIU to reach last season's win total of 16 by Jan. 19.

The Word on the Sycamores:
Indiana State arrives in Carbondale a physically a)ri emotionally battered team. The Sycamores have struggled badly all season, especially on offense, and are playing without leading scorer Kelyn Block, who is injured. Big man Terence Avery also is banged up. Sharpshooter Matt Broermann and post player T'Leah Kanne are capable weapons.

Bottom Line:
This one has blowout written all over it unless something truly goofy happens.

Salukis welcome sinking Sycamores

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

Indiana State's basketball team was not expected to duplicate its tremendous accomplishments of last season.

But the Sycamores weren't supposed to do this, either.

Indiana State has free-fallen about as steeply as a team can free-fall this season after qualifying for the NCAA tournament last season and upsetting Oklahoma in the first round.

This year, the Sycamore offense is averaging an anemic 57.7 points per outing, and Indiana State hasn't even fared well in the few games they've been close enough to have a chance to win.

The Sycamores' hellish season continued Wednesday when a last-second shot by Jake Sams rimmed out and they fell 64-63 at home to Wichita State.

Saluki head coach Bruce Weber theorized that Indiana State's supporting players didn't know what it would take to withstand the departures of lion-hearted seniors Michael Menser and Matt Renn.

"The role players think [success] just hap-

pens, but you've got to earn it, got to work for it," Weber said.

Indiana State's season has been in the tank almost from the start, but ISU's problems were exacerbated when top scorer Kelyn Block was lost to injury a couple weeks ago. Additionally, veteran post player and West Frankfort native Terence Avery missed Wednesday's game with injury and is questionable for Saturday.

Meanwhile, SIU (15-3, 5-1 MVC) is coming off a painfully bumpy road win at Bradley on Wednesday. The Salukis won 55-49, but appeared out of rhythm for most of the game after leading to an early 14-point lead.

Though Indiana State (3-12, 1-5) had had next to nothing go its way this season, Saluki forward Brad Korn and his teammates don't plan on relaxing versus the Sycamores. The Sycamores have a solid post threat in senior Djibril Kante, and guard Matt Broermann nailed eight 3-pointers Wednesday versus Wichita State.

"They're real well-coached, so he'll have those guys ready no matter what," Korn said. "Just like Bradley is down this year too, but that was tough. Anyone from the Valley top to bottom, it's going to be a dogfight. But we've

just got to play our game, because we feel the only team that can beat us is ourselves."

SIU is undefeated at home this season, and the Salukis' preseason goal of a perfect home season has transformed from an ambitious objective to a firm expectation.

"The one thing you've got to avoid is having a mental letdown at home," Weber said. "If you let a team stay close, then all the sudden they get a bucket or a bounce to go their way, they can sneak up on you and get you."

This will be the first meeting between SIU and Indiana State since the Sycamores eliminated the Salukis from the Valley tournament in last year's quarterfinal round.

SIU won both of the regular season meetings a year ago on buzzer-beating shots from Jermaine Dearman.

If SIU avoids what would be an astonishing upset to Indiana State, the Salukis will grab win No. 16 on the year. Amazingly, that would equal their entire win total from last season with six weeks still to spare.

But that's not nearly enough to appease a Saluki team that can smell a monster season. "We can't stop there," Weber said. "We have to keep going."

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