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## MONDAY.

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USG presidential contenders running into candidacy obstacles. NEWS, PAGE 3

Bill to regulate gun show retailers passes House, moves to Senate. NEWS, PAGE 5 SIU loses two of three in series against Illinois

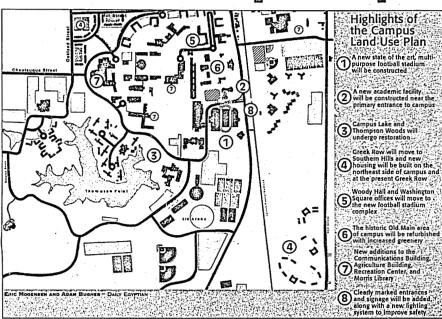
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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

## Drastic land use plan would revamp campus



## Plan calls for new SIUC entrances

MOLLY PARKER DAILY EGYPTIAN

Plans to restore beauty and advance architecture on SIUC's historic campus will be reaching its final stages, as officials present the campus land use plan to the Board of Trustees Thursday. The vision for the SIUC cam-

pus includes dynamic lighting, innovative buildings, a signature entrance into the University and plans to beautify the overall cam-

The plan evolved from a committee that formed one year ago, with Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard leading the way. Poshard, chair-man of the Committee Concerning Campus Environment, said the committee drew upon priorities that include expanding academic programs and athletic facilities, enhancing streets and entrances, keeping the campus clean and planning for

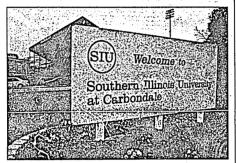
future growth.

Searching for guidance last fall, the University contracted with Civitas, a consulting firm based in Denver, and assigned it to examine land use options, analyze problems on campus and initiate solutions. With the help of Civitas, this extensive land-use plan may eventually shape the future of SIUC's campus. Poshard said a main concern

of the committee was a lack of clearly marked directional signs around campus, also pointing to a need for a more dynamic entrance onto the campus. Currently, there is no defining marker that distin-guishes where the campus begins, but the plan incorporates a symbolic entrance on the corner of Mil1 Street and U.S. Rt. 51. The primary visitor's entrance will be located off of U.S. Rt. 51 beside a

new football stadium. The plan also provides for a multi-purpose three-story com-plex connected to the football stadium. The building will include a Saluki Hall of Fame include a Saluki Hall of Fame and student services such as Parking Division and Payroll. Offices from Woody Hall and Washington Square will move to one wing of the stadium under the plan and create a "one-stop shopping area," Poshard said. The facility will extend into the visitor parking lot in front of the Student Center and the current two-story parking garage

rent two-story parking garage will likely gain levels to accom-modate lost parking spaces.



Entranceways like these will be replaced with more aesthetically pleasing gateways under the proposed campus land use plan.

And with an entire wing of Woody Hall cleared out, the Rehabilitation Center would relocate to Woody Hall. Currently, the Rehabilitation Center is split between the Communications Building and Rhen Hall. The move would free up space for the growing College. up space for the growing College of Mass Communication and

of Mass Communication and Media Arts and the College of Business and Administration.

The plan also calls for a brand new academic building located just inside of the primary entrance to campus that will create added classroom space. As the context buildings on campus, it newest buildings on campus, it would accentuate the entrance

way onto campus. Under the plan, Thompson Woods will also be restored by

removing the underbrush and growth of non-indigenous plants, which have destroyed much of the original plant life and forestry. The area in front of the Communications Building where Lincoln Drive runs will be transformed into grove runs will be transformed into grove runs with a formed into green space, with a secondary gathering area, linked by a direct path to the primary gathering area located in the historic area of campus between Anthony Hall and Wheeler Hall.

Anthony Hall and Wheeler Hall.
This main gathering area will
also be showcased by the expansion of University Avenue in
front of Quigley Hall. The road
will be expanded into two lanes
separated by an island median

## Norwood likely to be ousted from SIU Board

Gov. Ryan reappoints two, adds two new BOT officers

> MOLLY PARKER DAILY EGYPTIAN

Two veteran board members, a familiar face to the world of college basketball and a banking leader are expected to be named to SIU's Board of Trustees, sources say.

Sources familiar with opard operations have confirmed that high-profile college basketball referee Ed Hightower, also superintendent of the Edwardsville Community Unit School District, and Mark Retking, president of Liberty Bank in Alton, are expected to be announced as truster. trustee appoint-ments early this

week. The terms of Molly Trustees D'Esposito, Harris Rowe and Bill Norwood expired in January, but those members are permitted to fulfill their duties until re-appointment or

new appointments
are made. The fourth open slot was vacated
by former Trustee Celeste Stiehl last

D'Esposito, Norwood and Rowe sought another six-year term on the board, but Carbondale-area resident and SIUC graduate Norwood, who has served for 25 years,

will reportedly not be re-appointed. Hightower, Retking and Norwood could not be reached for comment as of press time Sunday.

The governors office would not comment on the appointments.

"We are not going to confirm or deny that until an official statement has been released by the governor," said Brad Cole, a Southern Illinois liaison to Gov. George

Southern Illinois haison to Gov. George Ryan.

In a space of Board and Commission appointments Feb. 28, the governor made appointments to six Illinois colleges, but no movement was made to fill the four transient positions on SIUC's board

The Boards and Commission's Office.

said, "an effective and precise process often requires significant time and patience."
Appointments to the board require the con-

sent of the Senate. The Senate is on break until April 17 in observance of the Easter Holiday, and if appointments are made before the Thursday board meeting, new

petore the Interact board meeting, new appointers would be permitted to vote at the upcoming meeting.

After the expected new appointments, four members will be Republicans—
VanMeter, D'Esposito, Rowe and newcom-

er Retking.

No more than four members of the seven-person board — excluding the two

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Although the campus already has brightway paths, Poshard said they are not sufficient for both afety and presenting the
beauty of the campus at night. The plan
would incorporate enhanced lighting
around campus that will highlight sidewalks
and the architecture of the buildings.

Additionally, Greek Row is scheduled to

relocate to Southern Hills and new apartment-style housing will be built along the northeast edge of campus.

A plan for funding the campus land use plan is only in the infant stages. With no current funding sources, the board would only approve the "ideal of the plan," interim Chancellor John Jackson said.

Jackson said each portion of the project will go before the board during different will go before the board during different phases of the plan and be approved for funding separately. Although the detailed plan would likely take 15-20 years to com-plete, Poshard said he hopes the elements of the plan that are determined to be the first priorities could begin within the next couple

years.
With alumni more likely to support something they can see, University officials say the plan will likely aid a planned capital fundraising drive. However, this will not be enough to supply the entire project and the University would likely also lean on bonds and state funding.

The University spent \$24,000 on Civitas' service and officials said they will likely renew that contract, which expires in June, to polish the final stages of the plan.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### TODAY

African Student Council Food Fair 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Ballroom D - Student Center 50 cents per ticket

Blood Drive Sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 2nd Floor - Student Center

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Towers Residence Life
12 p.m.-6 p.m.
Grinnel Hall
Providing free t-shirts
for donors.

Blood Drive Blood Drive
Sponsored by College
of Mass
Communication and
Media Arts, Intergreek
council, Army and Air
Force ROTC and
Saluki Volunteer

Corps 3:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Upper Level -Recreation Center

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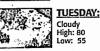
Calendar item dead-line is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and or of the event

6 pm

## WEATHER



TODAY: Partly Cloudy High: 84





WEDNESDAY: Scattered Storms High: 74

#### POLICE BLOTTER

#### UNIVERISTY

- Randall E. Jones, 38, of Du Quoin, was arrested at 8:03 p.m. Thursday at the SIU Arena and charged with obstructing a peace officer and possession of under 30 grams of cannabis. He was released on a personal recognizance bond.
- Steven G. Gutierrez, 21, and Kearly J. Supan, 20, were arrested Friday at SIU Arena at 11:37 p.m. and charged with criminal damage to state property. They were both taken to Jackson County Jail.
- A fire was set to the Alpha Tau Omega sign in front of the fraternity house at 1:50 a.m. on Friday at Greek Row. The suspect is unknown.

#### UNIVERISTY

Monday, April 9

Tuesday, April 10

Women's Center Annual Meeting - Public Invited - Newman Center • 715 S. Washington

• James Luane Jackson, 26, of Carbondale, gave another man \$5 to drive Jackson to the store at about 2:10 a.m. Jackson, of 5990 Hwy 51, discovered the store was closed and demanded the money back from the man. After the man refused to return the \$5, Jackson struck him in the head. He was arrested, charged with aggravated battery and taken to Jackson County Jail.

#### CORRECTIONS

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student trustees - can be from the same political party.

Like Norwood, Hightower is an Independent. Gene Callahan, who was appointed to the board last fall, and Herrin resident John Brewster are Democrats.

Political affiliation has been brought to question before the board when former Trustee George Wilkins, who was appointed as a Democrat and served on the board for 21 years, was later found to have voted Republican in an Indiana primary.

When is pleased about the appointment of Hightower. As an NCAA referee, Hightower has been assigned to work several Final Four tournaments and other prestigious games. Hightower is "very well-respected throughout the country," Weber Weber said his dealings with Hightower

SIU's men's basketball head coach Bruce

have been positive. He personally hopes Hightower is appointed to the board because of his pro-athletic inclination. "My dealings with him have been very professional and he handles himself well and this is how he officiates also," Weber said.

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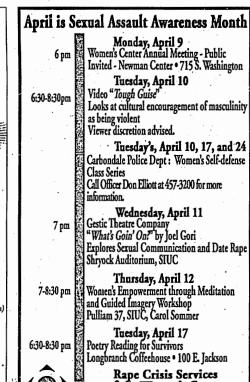




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Video "Tough Guise" 6:30-8:30pm Looks at cultural encouragement of masculinity as being violent Viewer discretion advised. Tuesday's, April 10, 17, and 24 Carbondale Police Dept: Women's Self-defense Class Series Call Officer Don Elliott at 457-3200 for more information. Wednesday, April 11 Gestic Theatre Company 7 pm "What's Goin' On?" by Joel Gori Explores Sexual Communication and Date Rape Shryock Auditorium, SIUC Thursday, April 12 7-8:30 pm Women's Empowerment through Meditation and Guided Imagery Workshop Pulliam 37, SIUC, Carol Sommer Tuesday, April 17 Poetry Reading for Survivors Longbranch Coffeehouse • 100 E. Jackson 6:30-8:30 pm

Rape Crisis Services of the Women's Center 24 Hour Crisis Hotline 529-2324 or 1-800-334-2094

#### USG Presidential Candidates















## USG elections bogged down by delays

Petition guideline questions delay USG spring elections

> CHRISTIAN HALE DAILY EGYPTIAN

With only nine days left until the Undergraduate Student Government spring elec-tions, presidential candidates are still scrambling to

tons president candidates are sin Seramoning to meet requirements to get on the ballot. Six students have filed for presidential candida-cy. The candidates are USG President Bill Archer, cy. The candidates are USO PRESIDENT OF TRACE, USG Senator Peter Normand; USG Senator Rob Taylor, Damion Campbell; Michael Perry and

Phillip Florey.
Although each of the candidates meet new election requirements regarding candidate peti-

tions, the official list of candidates will not be avail-able until Tuesday, leaving eight days for cam-

paigning.

The USG Judicial Board will be meeting at 430 p.m. Monday in order to determine which of the candidates qualify for this spring's election.

Wednesday night's planned debate has not been finalized due to the multiple delays dragging down this spring's elections, according to USG President Bill Archer.

\*\*Libral of descends on Monday's judicial board\*

President Bill Archer.

"It kind of depends on Monday's judicial board meeting of who's allowed in the debate and who's not," Archer said. "Hopefully a lot of people will show up to the debate. Personally, for my own personal preference, I'd like to have six people run-

ning."
Brian Morris, chair of the USG Judicial Board, said that all decisions made by the board on Monday will be final. After that meeting, the candidate list will be official, he said.

"The original intention of the Monday meet-

ing was to get the board together to figure out what we need to know about the current situation, as far as the elections are concerned," Morris said.

However, Morris said two complaints have already been filed to the board and there is the possibility four or more complaints will be filed before the board meets this evening.

Florey may be considered ineligible for run-

ning on his own without a vice presidential candi-

Two other presidential candidates, Rob Taylor and Damion Campbell, may be considered ineligible for not meeting the 2.5 grade point average requirement required for election to the two highoffices in student government.

The USG constitutional bylaws for elections, oncerning candidate petitions, state that condidates for president, vice-president or senator must have a 2.25 GPA or higher.

These same bylaws also state that the president and vice president must have a minimum cumula-

USG PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DEBATE WILL BE AT 7 P.M. WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT WHAM, ROOM 105.

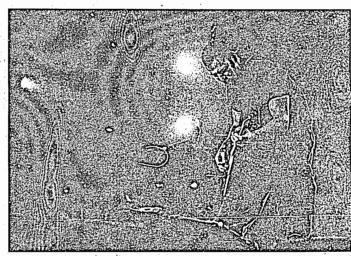
tive 2.5 GPA for election, but need only maintain

a 2.25 in order to retain their position.

Taylor, a USG Senator, was allowed to run for president last year without meeting this require-

"Essentially, you need to have the 2.5 GPA for about 45 seconds to take the oath," Taylor said. "Immediately before and after taking the oath, you need only have a 2.25. I'm meeting tl.at now. In fact, my GPA was lower last year when they let me run than it is right now at 2.285."

According to the decision by last year's USG Judicial Board, a presidential and vice presidential candidate need only meet a minimum 2.25 GPA



#### NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

#### House votes no for coal

A bill designed to revitalize the Southern Illinois coal industry died on the House floor when it fell 11 votes short of passage.

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The legislation, called "Empower Illinois," would have given the state permission to sell up to \$500 million in bonds to gear funding toward new projects. Most of the money could have paid for new generation or pollution-control equipment in coal-dried plants.

Other segments of the bill suggested setting dean-air standards, setting a pilot project using biomass, such as dired grasses, as a renewable alternate fuel, plus' establishing a new board composed of both coal-use advocates and environmental composed of the coal-use advocates and environmental coal-use advocates and environmental coal-use. ronmentalists to recommend agreed upon projects for the \$500 million.

Those opposed to the bill argued the legislation did not guarantee improved air quality or that respiratory health problems would dimin-ish. The final vote was 60-49 in favor of the bill. In order to pass, the bill required 71 votes issued bonds would have funded

#### guitarist Tony Rombolla plays at the SIU Arena to a boisterous crowd. Godsmack played the SIU Arena on Thursday night as part of their "Wake the F\*\*\* Up" tour, along with Staind, Cold, and Systematic.

CARBONDALE GETS SMACKED: Godsmack

## Winters returns from job interview at Eastern

IENNIFER WIG DAILY EGYPTIAN

Interim Provost Margaret Winters returned Friday from Charleston where she interviewed Margaret for the provost position at Eastern Illinois University. Winters had little to say about

being one of five finalists for the

administrative position.

"I went up there to look it over," said Winters, also the vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at SIUC. "I'm

thinking and they're thinking."

EIU advertised for a provost in

November with an application November with an application deadline in January. The committee will review the five finalists and make its report to EIU's president April 16. The provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at Eastern reports to the president and leads a team to coordinate academic pro-grams and develop policies and bud-

interim Chancellor John Jackson

said he is aware of Winters' possible relocation, having spoken to her fre-quently about it.

"It would certainly be a loss to

SIU for Margaret Winters to leave," Jackson said. "On the other hand, I don't blame her for looking around. Margaret will be a very competitive applicant for that position or a variety of other academic positions she might seek."

SIUC has been searching for a

provost since 1999 when Jackson was named interim chancellor. Winters was appointed interim vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research in January 2000. The search for a permanent provost has been put on hold until a chancellor has been found.

It is unclear whether Winters would seek the permanent provost position at SIUC, but Jackson said if she applies, she would certainly be considered.

Winters has worked at SIUC since 1978, when she began as an assistant professor in foreign lannas since filled positions of chair for the Department Foreign Languages and associvice chancellor Winters

Academic Affairs.

Winters attended Brooklyn
College to get her bachelor's degree
in French in 1967. She also has a
master's degree in French from the
University of California, Riverside and a doctoral degree in romance linguistics from the University of

Pennsylvania.
While at SIUC, Winters has participated in the task force on International Programs and Services, the SIUC Planning and Budget Council and the steering committee for North Central Accreditation Preparation.

## Administration, faculty haggle over paycheck error

KATE MCCANN DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nearly half of SIUC faculty received inflated paychecks for the month of March, but the extra cash must be returned via deductions spread out over two paychecks.

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An accounting error is blamed for the extra \$98,000 pumped into the bloated checks last month, in the confusing aftermath of the recently settled faculty contract — which promises an average 5 percent raises to all tenured and tenure-track facults.

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Morteza Daneshdoost drafted a letter to Jackson demanding to bargain' the payroll error. Originally, the administration had told faculty the money would be deducted from paycheck, a plan that was owned upon by the union.

The union and administration

reached a mutual decision where reached a mutual decision where faculty can pay the amount with deductions in either one or two paychecks in May or June. Jackson said the intentions of the administration were to save the payroll workers some time and get the error straightened out before the end of the fiscal

"I'm told its a fairly tedious operation that individual checks has to be figured by an entered by hand," Jackson said. "Our original intent was to get it over in one month to save some work, but it was worth meeting with (faculty union) and hearing their objections with it, it's not a big deal."

The error overpaid pro-rated fac-ulty under nine month contracts by an extra one-month increment.

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Monday, April 9, 2001

Our Word

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## Greeks lead by example with **Multicultural Day**

On March 30, one sorority and two fraternities celebrated the first Multicultural Day, a greek event that paired community service with a diversity discussion.

Delta Xi Phi, Sigma Lambda Beta and Beta Theta Pi all

teamed up to sponsor the first-time event that included an teamed up to sponsor the IISS-time event that included an Easter egg hunt for 220 students from Thomas School in Carbondale and afterward, a group discussion about how to improve diversity within the greek system and on campus.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN was glad to hear about the event,

and applauds the greeks for their efforts to improve multicultural understanding on campus.

Our nation is becoming more diverse each day, and any efforts to improve communication and friendship between

minority groups on campus is commendable.

The United States Census Bureau recently showed that Hispanics are now the largest minority group in the United States. And it is estimated that in the not-too-distant future, there will be no clear cut racial or ethnic majority. While Illinois' population statistics still show a substantial number of white residents (73.5 percent), specific counties, like Cook County, have minority groups making up almost half the population. As our nation's population grows to encompass more non-whites, small steps such as those taken by the greeks March 30 will smooth the way toward

a more amicable society.

We think the SIUC campus can take a lesson from the sentiments of the three greek organizations that reached out toward each other. While it is important to have groups dedicated to one race or ethnicity, such as the Pan-Hellenic Council, we as a campus should do all that we can to interact with each other and learn the valuable lessons that someone with different experiences can teach. Only by taking the first step, and initiating contact with different races and ethnicities, will diversity on our campus truly move beyond the superficial.

> **Important** opportunity for Opp

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk searched, interviewed, deliberated, and ultimately, decided to stay the course in his decision to name Lori Opp the permanent SIU women's basketball coach. Although Opp struggled in her one season as interim head coach, Kowalczyk decided that Opp did not have a fair chance to showcase her ability and has obviously seen enough to believe that, given a few

years, Opp has the tools to turn the program around.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN wishes Opp well as she steps into the challenging assignment of attempting to revitalize a once-proud Saluki women's basketball program, which has fallen off the radar of SIU's premier sports programs.

The women's basketball program has been one of the strongest at SIU over the years, and although the losses of the past five years has clouded the memory, it was not too long ago that Cindy Scott's SIU teams were consistent winners and postseason contenders. But SIU's 21-61 mark during the past three years shows that the Saluki women's program is a wounded animal in desperate need of some fresh leadership.

As a showcase sport for women's athletics at SIU, it is important that the Saluki women's basketball team turns its fortunes around and reasserts itself as a force in the Missouri Valley Conference. Opp has been given the vote of confidence — now it is time for her to deliver and restore respectability to Saluki women's basketball.





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## If life were just that simple

I am of the opinion these days that human civilization has reached a peak. This is not to say we are the No. 1 civ-ilization in the universe or anything after all, there is no way we co uld count all the civilizations out there in the cosmos. We are far too stupid to count that high! Last time we had an election, the American democracy almost crumbled because our election officials apparently had the math skills of wallpaper glue. And according to the recent Carbondale census, several thousand people recently fell off the edge of the world. Face it — had we not invented the calculator, everyone would have to do their taxes via the "Sesame Street" method.

But whatever. I'm rambling again.
Let me get back to my point.
We obviously have reached an impasse as a society. Once we finally create a calculator that can run the government, plus perhaps wash dishes and do laundry, we'll have a lot of free time on our hands. And the way I see it, we'll have no idea how to pull our-selves out of this slump. The logical solution, of course, would be to inven something to figure out the logical solution for us. This has worked well in the past, but there's just one prob-

lem. What the hell are we going to invent? We already have roller scooters

and Chinese drive-thru, after all -

what else do we need?

I read an article last v how in the future we will be able to check our e-mail and drive our cars at the same time. This is pretty much the plan right now — take two objects and turn them into one larger, more versatile thing that no one will be able to figure out how to operate. Killing two birds with one stone, so to speak. And the thing is, this philosople, is branch-ing out into all industries. TV/VCRs. Shampoo plus conditioner. Wal-Mart's

very own gas station. We are running out of ideas for

things.

By the way, did you know that singer Meat Loaf has not only recorded several hit albums, but he is also the star of more than half a dozen movies? An actor and a singer. In the industry, this is sometimes called a "double

But again, I digress. Eventually we will invent one Eventually we will invent one object that is capable of doing every-thing. Sort of a magical "machine for the millennium," if you will, except that it will also be able to dispense Pepsi products. You'll probably be able to brush your teeth with it. For the mistance prone, it will have erasers on both ends. And to top it off, it will be able to wash several loads of Lundry at



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once, using a BUILT-IN DETER-GENT FORMULA! The thing will be able to do everything!

And the best part is, we will each only need one of them.

However, the question still remains: What on earth will we do with all our free time?

Perhaps the machine will be able to fix that too. Give us an endless stream of "Friends" reruns to gape at while it makes dinner and washes our boxer

A sad, sad world. But if that's not killing several birds with one stone, I

EDGE OF THE KNOWN WORLD appears on Monday. Geoffrey is a junior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

#### AT&T to cut St. Louis television in Southern Illinois region

DEAR EDITOR:

Friday, April 13 will not be a good Friday for the people of Carbondale who like to watch KPLR, KMOV, and KSDK on cable. AT&T cable is planning to remove all St. Louis television stations from all its Southern Illinois cable systems on that day. These channels have been available on cable since cable day. These channels have been available on cable since cable was first installed 30 years ago and many people depend on them for news, weather and sports from St. Louis. Your paper has failed to report on this. I would like to urge everyone who is opposed to this to call the local office at 529-2001 or the general manager David Daack at 993-5216 and complain.

I would also like to urge people to go to Carbondale City Hall and file a complaint with the city cable commission like I did. It worked once before. In 1987, the cable company took off KSDK, only to reinstate it a month later after enough people complained. The next Carbondale Cable commission meeting is on May 9. We need as many people possible there to protest AT&CT's actions. A cable company should give people channels that they actually want to watch, not just keep adding more and more junk channels so they can keep raising our rates.

**Kyle Englert** 

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## Gun show legislation passes the House

Downstate representatives want to protect sportsman shows

> ANNE MARIE TAVELLA DAILY EGYPTIAN

Contrary interpretations of a bill that would require all gun dealers at gun and sportsman shows to be feder-ally registered has incited members of the House of Representatives to take opposing sides.

House Bill 1945 would amend the Firearm Owners

Identification Card Act to require a person who is not a federally-licensed firearm dealer who wants to transfer a frearm on the grounds of a gun show must do so only through a federally licensed firearm dealer. The bill passed the House 69-44 Wednesday and is now in the Senate Rules Committee.

Rep. Jeffrey Schoenberg, D-Evanston, said the bill would stop unlicensed dealers from selling guns along side the federally licensed dealers at shows.

Currently, unlicensed dealers are permitted to sell guns at shows without performing criminal or mental-health background checks on buyers.

If someone wanted to avoid receiving a background check they would just have to move to the next table,

said Schoenberg, the main sponsor of the measure.

"This is a very reasonable effort to close a gaping

loophole in existing law, he said.

Although the law does require buyers to have a Firearm Owner Identification card or FOID card, Schoenberg said it is possible to have an invalid card.

One argument against the bill was that background

circles are a major inconvenience to sellers and buyers. Schoenberg said statistics show 72 percent of federal background checks are completed in two minutes and

background cheese are completed in two minutes and 95 percent finished in less than two hours. The remain-ing 5 percent are 20 times more likely to be felons. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, voted against the bill. He said if people want to sell firearms they will find a way to do so, even if that means they have to move into the opicing less against the stress.

into the parking lot or across the street.
"This doesn't stop that," Bost said.
He said proponents of the bill are attempting to keep rie said proponents of the bill are attempting to keep criminals and gang members from obtaining guns at sports show. However, Bost argues that the FOID card requirement already serves that purpose.

"Odds are gang members don't have FOID cards,"
Bost rold

Bost said.

He said the bill could be used to require all retailers at gun and sports shows to be federally registered, even retailers who are not selling guns. Bost said the bill will be used against people who are trying to sell other things like knives, clothes and gun oil. And that is why he and the other downstate representatives wored he and the other downstate representatives voted

We think our sportsman shows are in danger," Bost

Although he said he firmly believes gun dealers should be registered, he does not want to put unnecessary requirements onto other retailers at sportsman

Bost said the discrepancy between how he reads the bill and Schoenberg, who said the bill would only affect the sale of guns, is simply a difference of interpretation. "Schoenberg and I disagree on about everything," Bost said. "But we agree to disagree."

## MCMA broadcasting service in a tight place

Raising money for federal mandate, space problems not

an easy task

Jennifer Wig DAILY EGYPTIAN

When Scott Hodgson came to SIUC in 1988, he was part of a space committee to fix the "desperate needs" of the Communications

Building.

Twelve years and three space nothing has changed.

College officials met with their Alumni Advisory Board Friday to present the space and financial needs of the College of Mass Communications and Media Arts. In a PowerPoint presentation aimed at garnering support from alumni, Hodgson, interim chair of the Radio-Television Department, outlined the problems.

With professors shoved in to janitor's closets, graduate assistants thrown into a condemned loft and new faculty given space in a trailer, the building's problems have reached a breaking point.

it any "We cannot ignore longer," Hodgson said.

The problem is further complicated by a federal mandate requiring all television broadcasters, commercial and public, to convert to digital broadcasting by the year 2003. Although this is not a difficult proposition for some schools, SIUC's broadcasting needs combined with growth and spatial probined with growth and spatial problems makes the transition more dif-

ncuit.

MCMA has grown 39 percent since 1993, adding more students than the number of students, faculty and staff within the School of Journalism The ty and staff within the School of Journalism. The mandate will cost the college \$9 million for equipment and \$10 million for a building to house the technology. It also requires broadcasting service to maintain analog transmissions until 2006, or when 85 percent of their market has converted to digital, costing an additional \$4.8 million.

The Communications Building has two additions planned through

has two additions planned through the 10-year land-use plan under Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration. But the building's additions are considered separate, and although they were included on the Resource Allocation Management Program this year, they were too far down the list to

receive any funding.

Bob Gerig, director of
Broadcasting Services, said because
the MCMA requirements did not

receive funding this year, making the deadline may be difficult. "It's not going to help," Gerig said. "It increases the need for private funding."

Gerig's plan was to raise one-third of the money privately, with state and federal support making up the other two-thirds. So far the college has only received \$4.8 million toward the digital equipment through Gov. George Ryan's Illinois FIRST program.

If the deadline is not met, SIUC

could lose its license to broadcast. rendering hands-on programs use-

less.
Private funding is being sought, but Barbara Lesar is uncertain whether the efforts will pay off in time. Lesar, a member of the Friends Advisory Board for WSIU, was in Washington, D.C., last week lobbying congressmen for support for the mandate.

tor the mandate.
"Some congressmen .... we know
they will do everything they can,"
Lesar said. "Others ... we have no
assurances that they will push for
the support we need."

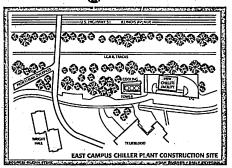
Lesar said the digital conversion
has brought such a tremendous cost
that attempting to raise one-third of

that attempting to raise one-third of the money locally is a challenge. "If we can possibly do it we will," she said. "What we need is a ferry

godfather or godmother to com-along."

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## With summer near, Housing chills out



University Housing to install new chiller

> CODELL RODRIGUEZ DAILY EGYPTIAN

After serving 15 years past its life span, the chiller that has pro-vided air conditioning to East campus since the early '60s will

step down.

The new chiller will cost more than \$3 million and construction will begin today behind will begin today behind Trueblood Hall and is slated to be rueblood Hall and is stated to be completed by August. The price is high, but Glenn Stine, assistant director of Housing in charge of facilities, said the change is long

"The residents overall are going to see a big plus," Stine

The plus Stine is talking about a more reliable facility to provide the students with air condivide the students with air condi-tioning. The old chillin, which was only supposed to have a life span of 25 years, had problems with breaking down, and Stine said it would take a day or two to get it running again. This would cause even more trouble to the

"When the building warms up, it's hard to get it cooled down," Stine said.

The improvements made with the new chiller will come with a paice. That price will be about \$2.3 million for the chiller and \$540,000 for the building, bring-ing the total to \$3.2 million. Stine said the cost of the chiller should not affect the students because of the money they will save on steam from the Physical Plant. The new chiller will require less steam to turn into cool water to send to the residence halls.

"Hopefully it won't cost the idents anything," Stine said.

Stine said a study was con-ducted that found they would save about \$150,000 from the Physical Plant. Last year,

The University Parking Staff has been trying to notify everyone about the temporary loss of parking. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Glenn Stine

University Hous Housing

Another improvement that will come with the new chiller is the actual temperature of the water. The new 640-ton-chiller will produce water at 40 degrees, 5 degrees cooler than its 600 ton predecessor.

While the new chiller will bring improvement to on-campus residents, Stine said there will also be sacrifices. The most notable sacrifice will be the removal of 59 student and staff spaces in purk-ing lot 14 behind Trueblood Hall.

Ed Jones, director of University Housing, said there will be some dismayed reactions to this but it is the only way to

replace the chillers.
"Unfortunately, this is the best
way it could've been done," Jones
said.

The current chiller is located in the basement of Trueblood. The original plan was to take them out and replace them with the new machine. However, moving the chillers in and out of the basement would be too difficult and cause inconvenience to the

"The University Parking Staff has been trying to notify everyone about the temporary loss of park-ing," Stine said. "We are sorry for the inconvenience."

Despite the few setbacks

Despite the few setbacks caused by the installation of the new chiller, Jones said it is better than what would happen if they did not get a new chiller at all.
"If we do not replace that chiller, one day people would be without air conditioning," Jones wild

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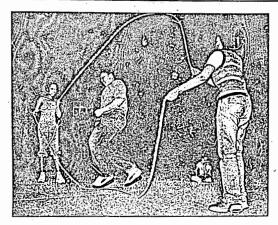
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Jonnia Roundtree and Angela Phillips, both seniors in early child development, and Cassandra Kitching, a senior in elementary education, practice their doubledutch skills outside Pulliam Hall Saturday night.

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## Students jump to raise money

OMESE fund-raiser helps local schools

CARLY HEMPHILL DAILY EGYPTIAN

Children on piaygrounds all around the country do it every afternoon at recess.

Saturday, the Organization of Multi-Ethnic Students in Education used this childhood

activity as a fund-raiset.
Six SIUC students performed double dutch for a small crowd in the Pulliam Hall gymnasium to help the organization raise money for schools. These funds will contribute to the \$2,000 in books the group is donating to local elementary schools.

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The double dutch teams performed during halftime at an intramural basketball tournament sponsored by the group. The tournament, organized for the first time by the club, was a chance for the group and other SIUC students to gather to support education majors.

The three basketball games concentrated on fun rather than winning, although the games were scored. Hip-hop music played during the 15-minute halves, allowing the crowd to listen to music as they watched the action.

The spectators enjoyed the halftime entertainment of the first gaine, with the music continuing to play as the ropes flew through the air and the women jumped in and out of the rapidly spinning ropes.

Jai Roundtree, a senior in early childhood education from Chicago, participated in the double dutch, a skill she picked up as a child. She always piayed doub dutch when there was a break between classes and learned the tricks on the playmoust.

tricks on the playground.

As one of the 35 students from the College of Education who are

members of the organization, Roundtree has not only been able to network with school districts around the state, but elso supports schools around the area.

"OMESE is a chance for students in education to come together and help the children," she said. Jenise Wilson, the adviser for

Jenise Wilson, the adviser for the Goulge of Education, enjoys working with the students and praises their hard work in and out of the classroom. As an alumna, Wilson participated in the organization and believes that it is helpful for students to be able to identify with other students in their major.

"The whole purpose of OMESE is to get through the college with the help of other students," Wilson said.

The accelerated reader books the group raised funds for will be presented to elementary schools in Carbondale, Murphysboro, Carterville and Du Quoin at a reception April 18.

## Students engage in cultural sharing

African students work to improve home countries

EMILY OSTENDORF DAILY EGYPTIAN

For Saidou Hangadoumbo, sharing his culture means more than ethnic foods and native clothing. It means educating others and investing in the future of his African homeland.

Hangadoumbo, a doctoral student in health education from Niamey, Niger, serves as president of African Student Council. This group will sponsor activities as part of Africa Week 2001, which begins today.

The theme for the celebration is Africa-America: Two Partners for Peace, Development and Progress. African heritage will be highlighted through music, food, sports and arts, but more than that, African students aim to open the lines of communication between their homeland and the United States.

An opening ceremeny will be at 11 am. today in the Student Cente: Sallery Lounge, Tickets will be sold for fifty cents each for the food fair that will follow at 11:30 in Ballmom D. The Botswana movie spoofing the American perspective of Africa, "The Gods Must Be Crazy" will be show- at 2 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium.

Wednesday features a roundtable dis-

Wednesday features a roundtable discussion, "How SIUC Cau: Contribute to the Partnership Between America and Africa," from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave. The discussion will be mediated by Paul Simon, Director of the Public Policy Institute.

This event is important to Obonye Malope, a junior in radio-television from Gaborone, Botswana. She said that although African students have been on campus for 30 years, Americans still need to be exposed to the culture.

"Every year it seems like we are starting from scratch," Malope said. "The media doesn't always represent Africa the true way we see it. People are not just running around chasing animals ... people cannot begin to see Africa until we show them."

The week-long events conclude Saturday with a soccer game from 10 a.m. to noon on the field behind Wham Educational Building and a banquet from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn., 800 E. Main St. Tickets for the banquet are \$10 for students and \$12 for non-students and may be purchased at the door.

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The trudition of sharing African culture on this campus has gone on for 27 years. But besides fostering an atmosphere of cultural understanding, Hangadoumbo said he hopes Africa week will create economic, educational and developmental opportunities for his homeland.

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"Beyond the cultural sharing, we really want to increase the public awareness of Africa. We also want to see how we can create the conditions of partnership between African countries and America," Hancadoumbo said.

Hangadoumbo said.
SIUC could play a role by sending more professors to do research in Africa and more people to help the educational system, improve health care and further develop democracy, according to Hangadoumbo.

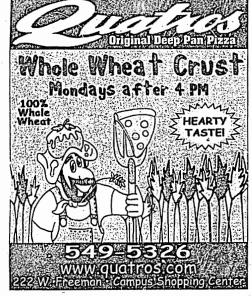
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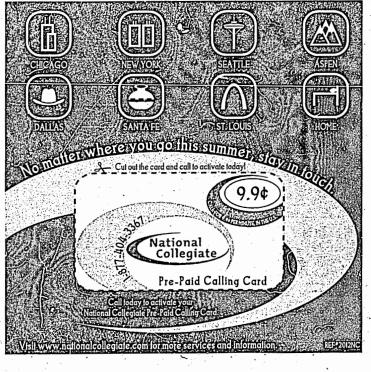
There are many resources here that can help, and as African students, we can work to make that happen," Hangadounbo said.

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## Soldiers get a look into the ways of

Thomas Davis, 23, from Detroit. prepares his gear for the FTX on Thursday afternoon. The FTX is SIU's Army ROTC annual spring training exercises and ran from Friday to Sunday this weekend.

ALEX HAGLUND DAILY EGYPTIAN



#### War simulation gives real life experience

BRETT NAUMAN DAILY EGYPTIAN

The sweat rolled down Scott Engel's face after machine guns began firing at his squad Saturday afternoon in the forests off of Giant City Road near Touch of

Engel, a senior in administration of justice and paralegal studies, was leading 10 troops on a mission when they encoun-

tered enemy gunfire.

More than 50 students in the Army ROTC participated in battle simulations throughout the weekend, familiarizing themselves with the exhilaration produced

by warfare.
The camouflaged battle-fatigue wear ing, M-16 rifle-toting troops were ordered an hour before to enter the forest and take out a faction of the "Southern Illinois People's Liberation Army," which had ambushing locals in the area.

The enemy forces were an array of commissioned soldiers from the U.S. Army, National Guard and student officers of the ROTC who provided resis-

Although Engel was having a good time playing war, firing his gun and telling his troops what to do, he was still under considerable pressure. Engel's perfor-mance as squad leader was being evaluat-ed by U.S. Army Maj. Robert Ware, Ware accompanied the troops to point out tacti-cal mistakes made during the simulation and how they can "think on their feet" more effectively.

"This is going to prepare them for real military situations," Ware said.

During the simulation Engel and

other SIU students in the ROTC program encountered numerous situations that forced them to rely on their reactions and instincts. In one instance they shot an enemy soldier, causing him to fall on his

belly "dead."

"Get out of here," yelled one soldier when they turned over the "wasted"

enemy revealing a grenade.
"You can't teach how to do that in a classroom," Engel said. "You can't do it all by book work. You have to be out here in the field applying what you learned in a

After Engel's squad encountered the enemy gunfire, they hit the ground and began to return fire from their M-16s, which fired blank rounds smelling like Black Cat firecrackers.

The squad consisted of two tearns,

Alpha and Bravo. The objective for Alpha was to support Bravo as they flanked the enemy forces and took them from behind, laying down a wall of covering gunfire. Bravo successfully attacked with Alpha's halve saccessing states with rapids help, killing two enemy soldiers and capturing a third.

Following the attack, Ware sat down with the soldiers/students and discussed

the pros and cons of how they operated. After speaking with everyone, Ware took

Engel aside and gave him his evaluation.
With the simulation over, another soldier offered insight to the ROTC cadets. Master Sgt. Billy Davis said the purpose of the simulations is to prepare cadets for advanced camp battle simulations this summer at Fort Campbell.

Davis said the advanced camp simulations will decided which eadets move to particular jobs. He lives in Carterville and likes passing on the knowledge that he has accrued in his 17-year military career. "This is a great job," Davis said. "Teaching young kids and letting them know what I know."

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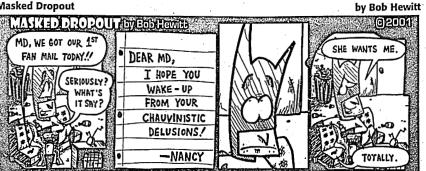
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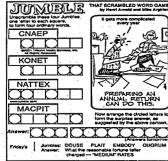
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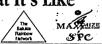
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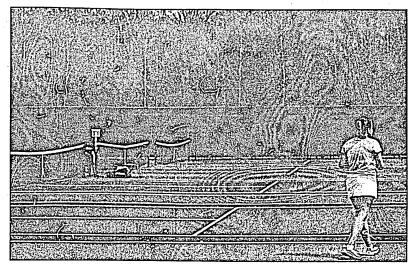


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Above: Alejandra Blanco walks off the court after falling short in the final match of the day in the Salukis 4-3 locs to Southwest Missouri State University Sunday at the University Tennis Courts. Right: Alejandra Blanco serves during her match in the Salukis loss to Southwest Missouri State University on Sunday. SIU won their match Saturday against Wichita State University 5-2 at the University Tennis Courts.

## Women's ternis splits

SIU defeats Wichita State University, falls to Southwest Missouri State University over windy weekend

> STORY BY JENS DEJU PHOTOS BY JUSTIN JONES

The wind was roaring, debris was flapping wildly on the ground, hats were flying off people's heads, even a photographer was thrown backward against a chain-fink fence.

Was this a tornado? A hurricane? An act of God?

No. It was the weather at a tennis match.

The SIU women's team welcomed two teams from the Missouri Valley Conference to the SIU Arena Tennis Courts this past weekend as Wichita State University came into town Saturday and Southwest Missouri State University came in on

While the Salukis (5-6, 2-1 MVC) were looking to raise their conference record to 3-0, they had to settle with splitting the matches as they beat Wichita State 5-2 and fell to Southwest

In the match against the Shockers, the wind was so strong it was almost as if they were playing inside a wind tunnel, and while they could have let that discourage them, they decided to fight

"Their focus and concentration was good, they didn't let the wind bother them and it's really hard to play in conditions like this," said SIU head coach Jud; Auld. "Several players said, "We used the wind, it can be our friend." If you go out there with that type of positive attitude it can work in your favor. If you go out there thinking, 'Oh it's lousy out here, the wind's horrible,' you don't know how to stay positive and rise above it."

The Salukis proved they had what it took to rise above it as

they dominated the Shockers to earn the victory.

"You can't worry about the wind," said freshman Tana
Trapani. "You can't help the fact that the wind is there, so if you get more spin and you try to stay mentally tough, you'll be able

The individual winners for SIU were Erika Ochoa in the No. 1 singles, Alejandra Blanco in the No. 2 singles, Trapani in the No. 4 singles and Sarah Krismanits in the No. 5 singles. The Salukis No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams also won to take the doubles point.

"We played really, really well," Trapani said. "We came togeth-

er as a team and we're starting to play better and we're getting up and I think it helped, being at hor Everybody wanted to do



well in front of the fans."

The Salukis returned to action the next morning when the Bears came into town. Southwest Missouri State was only able to bring five players because of injuries, and therefore had to forfeit the No. 3 doubles and No. 6 singles positions. Following a win in the No. 2 doubles by Blanco and Trapani,

the Salukis were up 2-0 and only needed to win two out of the five singles to knock off the 53rd ranked Bears.

This would prove to be harder than it sounded as the Salukis only won one singles match when Trapani won the No. 4 singles

only won one singles match when Trapani won the No. 4 singles by a sore of 6-0, 6-3.

"It was disappointing," Auld said. "It would be been a good win for us, we would be been 3-0 in conference play, plus they are nationally ranked. Even though they were only here with five playen they still are a nationally ranked team and that might have helped us a little bit in some regional rankings."

The Salukis were still in it all the way until the final and deciding match of the day where Blanco battled it out with Southwest Missouri Strate's Oyuki Cruz in the No. 2 singles.

While Blanco would eventually loss the match 6-3, 0-6, 2-6, she never gave up and left everything she had on the court.

"Hopefully we just kind of learn from this," Auld said. "Some peeple need to turn up their level of intensity and their level

people need to turn up their level of intensity and their level of play and decide exactly why they want to be out there."

#### SALUKI SPORTS NOTES

#### Men's Tennis drops match with Wichita State

The SIU men's tennis team suffered a 6-1 loss to Wichita State University Saturday at the Sheldon Tennis Complex in Wichita, Kan., as Tim Marsh was the lone individual winner.

Marsh defeated Juan Escalante at the No. 4 position, 5-7,6-4,6-4. Marsh teamed up with Alon Savidor to earn a win in the No. 2 deables pairing, while the other two Saluki doubles team were defeated.

#### Track and Field squads return from SEMO, Texas

Sophemore Jamie Waters had four top-five finishes at the 20th annual All-Sport Relays at the Abe Stuber Track and Field Complex in Cape Girardeau, Mo., this week-

After already taking third-place honors in the hammer throw, the sophomore from Jenevyille tossed the shot 41-3 for another third-place, then tossed a 130-4 1/4 in the discus for fifth place and finished up by placing fourth in the javelin with a heave of 113-6.

Also competing at the All-Sport Relays was Jodi Huddlestun, who finished fifth in the 3,000 meter run (11:00.46), Cardice George placed sixth in the long jump at 17-10, Krista Best placed sixth in the pole vault (2-0) and Lax-a Grafton finished sixth in the javelin at 98-3.

For the men, Dan Harrell jumped 15-6 in the pole vault for second place, while Ian Lowthian placed second in the 400-meter run with a time of 48.0.

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There were also Salukis competing of the Texas Relays, as Brock Lovelace finished in seventh in the javelin with a toss of 195-02, while Joe Hill placed minth in the high jump (6-9) and Joe Zeibert finished 10th in the 1,500 meter run (4:02.47).

For the women, the distance medley relay team of Becky Cox, Marissa Jelks, Julia Roundtree and Emily Herrell finished 18th (12:36.37).

## Baseball battered by Bluejay bats

#### Diamond Dawgs lose three of four in weekend series at Creighton

CLINT HARTING DAILY EGYPTIAN

Balls were flying out of the Creighton University Sports Complex on Saturday. Unfortunately for the Saluki baseball team, the balls were off the bats of conference for

The Bluejays amassed 29 runs and 11 home runs off poor Saluki pitching, as the Salukis dropped both games by the scores of 15-12 and 14-4.

On Sunday, the Saluki pitching improved, but SIU had to settle for a split losing the first game 2-1, while winning the final game 13-4. The Salukis (13-20, 7-9) started the four-game weekend series Saturday taking a 6-1 lead early on in game one. The Bluejays countered with seven unauswered runs, and rolled to the win.

Bluejay freshman left-hander Tom Oldham controlled the Salukis in game two, allowing seven hits and three earned runs, as the Bluejay bats continued to scorch. Oldham fanned eight Saluki batters and walked none.

"We swung the bats well enough to win, but unfortunately our pitching was so poor that they couldn't keep us in the game, especially in game one and that set the tone for the day," said Saluki head coach Dan

Callahan in a prepared statement.

A pitcher's duel began Sunday's action, as freshman SIU hurler Bill Clayton pitched six strong innings, giving up two earned runs. A two-run double by Bluejay sopho-more Chris Steele in the fourth was all that was needed, as Bluejay senior hurler Cory Slining stifled the Saluki offense, allowing only one hit and one earned run off a Roman

Schooley homer.

The Salukis were able to produce a balanced attack in the finale, dishing out 13 runs off 20 hits, led by junior Justin Maurath who finished 3-for-6 with a home run, raple and five RBIs. Senior left-hander Chad McCann, making his first start, pitched :--!!, allowing four earned runs in seven inn

Maurath was one of the only hight spots for SIU, as he finished the weekend hitting 8-for-17 with two home runs and nine

RBIs.

The Salukis remain in fifth place in the Missouri Valley Conference with s. 7-9 mark. They next play host to conference foe Illinois State for a four-game series begin-ning at 1 p.m. Friday at Abe Martin Field. The Redbirds are currently in sixth place in the conference.

## Three Tigers face felony burglary charges

KEN TYSIAC KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

- Three CLEMSON, S.C. — Three Clemson reserve defensive linemen were suspended from the football team indefi-nitely Tuesday after their arrests on multiple\_charges, including five felony counts each of first-degree burglary. Paul White Jr., 20, of Columbia; Marcus

Keenan Lewis, 20, of Lithonia, Ga., and Tyrone Dewayne Dickerson, 19, of Rock Hill, were taken to the Clemson city jail Tuesday evening to await arraignment this

morning.

In addition to the burglary charges, the players, all sophomores, each face one mis-demeanor count of interference with a fire alarm and another misdemeanor count of simple larceny. The burglary charges carry the most severe penalty

penalty of 15 years to life in pricon with no

Possibility of parole.

According to Clemson University
Police Chief Lonnie Saxon, the players burglarized five rooms in student residence halls after pulling fire alarms to cause stu-dents to evacuate the buildings. Police said the players burglarized five rooms - one in Lever Hall and four in Byrnes Hall after pulling alarms on three different

## ALUKI SPORTS

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Chicago Cubs 1, Philadelphia 3 Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 3 St. Louis 9, Arizona 4

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

APRIL 9, 2001

Newly-named head coach Lori Opp given three years to turn around the women's basketball team from a series of sub-.500 seasons

> JAVIER SERNA DAILT EGYPTIAN

Excuse Lori Opp if her jokes weren't that funny on

Opp at least gained some token laughter from those in nce as the interim title was formally removed from her job title in a packed press conference at Lingle Hall, where she was officially introduced as the Saluki women's basketball head coach.

passettoau nead coach.

"I can stop practicing my 'Welcome to Wal-Mart, is that a return? line," Opp joked to those in attendance, "because I no longer need to seek other employment."

The decision was originally annov: "ed Thursday via a press release, but SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk water of the property o waited until Friday's press conference to release the details of Opp's contract, which is for three years at \$75,000 a

"With that goes the other pressure to succeed and win and to recruit even better than we have already and, of course, to graduate those student-athletes," Kowalczyk

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to work here again at Southern. I feel very good about the fact it's a three-year term contract, which will give me and my staff the opportunity to get the kids in a place we would like,'

Opp said.
The contract ended a national search that began at the conclusion of the 2000-01 women's basketball season. Kowalczyk made mention of a national search when he placed Opp into the interim position after former head coach Julie Beck resigned from the position for personal reasons in August.

"I think we owed it to the program and I think we also owed it to Lori," Kowalczyk said. "The reason I say that,

and I think you'll agree, is that I think she can feel much and I think you'll agree, is that I think she can feel much better about taking this position knowing that she's really earned it. Not only did she get tested and was she judged by a year of experience under her belt, but she also now went up against her peers in the business."

Opp, whose Salukis went 7-20 this year, beat out assistant coach Keila Whittington of the University of South Alabama and head coach Shelly Etheridge of Division-II University of Missouri-St. Louis. South Alabama fin-

ished the season with a 12-13 mark while Missouri-St. Louis went 14-13.

"She has all the characteristics you're looking for in a head coach," Kowalczyk said. "And obviously she had the year experience here and that makes the difference. When you get to know somebody you get to know their strengths and feel comfortable with those and you know strengths and teet comfortable with those and you know where the areas of improvement are and you know you can work with somebody to get that accomplished."

Another thing Kowalczyk did not overlook was the support Opp gained from her team.

"She garnered the support of the general consensus," Kowalczyk said.

Thesi includes the support of CATA.

That includes the support of SIU's top returning

"There have been nights that I've woke up and been thinking about everything that's been going on," said sophomore guard Molly McDowell. "This is just a sigh of

And Opp, who has been recruiting with the interim title, feels good about the April 11 signing period that's

approaching.

"We still have quite a bit of time left," Opp said. "We have five scholarships open and we haven't decided if we will fill all five scholarships ... we have some great kids on our list ... we're up against some pretty tough competition, so we'll have to wait and see.



EULALIE FRYE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lon Opp announces her acceptance of a three-year contract as the women's basketball head coach. Opp handed out bubble gum cigars at the press conference Friday that read "It's a coach" in celebration of the event.

## Top two MVC teams battle head-to-head in Normal

First-place Illinois State takes two of three from SIU

> COREY CUSICK DAILY EGYPTIAN

Valley Missouri Conference Championship preview?

If so, the hype is well warranted. As the top two teams in the MVC bartled it out, a mere run would separate three games of action between Illinois State University and the

SIU softball icam this weekend in Normal. The first-place Redbirds took two of three games from the second-place Salukis, as the two teams split a pair of 1-0 decisions on Saturday, while Illinois State snuck out with a 3-2 game-

three win on Sunday afternoon. "I think we're very, very comparable teams," said Saluki head coach Kerri Blaylock. "This weekend they had the edge, but I think there's a mutual respect there. It was just two good teams fighting it out and they ended up coming out on

"It was just two great teams that went at it.
You know, if we played 10 times, it might be 5-

Saturday's first game featured two of the premier pitchers in the league squaring off in a pitching duel, as Illinois State's Nicole Kurth no-hit the Salukis (24-11, 10-3) in the 1-0 Redbird win. Kurth fanned a school-record 18 hitters, including the first nine she faced.

For SIU, ace Erin Stremsterfer suffered the setback, snapping her 13-game win streak. The lone run was scored on a third-inning sacrifice fly. The loss also snapped SIU's seven-game win

The Redbirds (21-10, 10-1) found ways to make solid contact against Stremsterfer this weekend, as she picked up the loss on Sunday as

well, dropping her to 17-4 on the year.
"They hit Erin harder than anybody has so far," Blaylock said. "They figured out a way to

get it done.
"The thing that they do is they don't strike out a lot. They put the ball in play, they find a way to somehow slap at the ball."

In Saturday's second game, sophomore hurler Katie Kloess allowed just two hits and no runs through 4.2 innings to improve to 6-4 on the season, as Stremsterfer pitched 2.1 innings of relief to pick up her fourth save of

e season. Blaylock said that was the best Kloess has thrown all season, especially considering the

potent offense she was up against.

Another sign of respect between the two teams is that the Redbirds pitched Kurth in the nightcap on Saturday. Kurth allowed just two hits in the second game while striking out nine, pushing her grand total to 27 strikeouts for the day.

Senior second baseman Amanda Rexroat knocked in senior first baseman Netty Hallahan for the lone run of the game with a RBI double in the first inning.
The Salukis return to action on Wednesday

a non-conference doubleheader with Western Kentucky University at IAW Fields,

vestern kentucky University at IAW Fields, starting at 2:30 p.m.
But when looking back on this weekend, the two best teams in the league battled head-to-head. The teams aren't scheduled to play again in the regular season, but Blaylock is a contractive of the back leaf unit part again property. pretty confident they'll meet again come the MVC Tournament May 10-12 in Omaha,

Neb.

"Hopefully it's going to be us and them in the tournament playing for the championship," Blaylock said. "They're a good team, we're a good team, but what we have to do now is come take care of our home turf and keep winning ballgames like we have been."

# Approved Events

The UCard is the Understadgate Student's ticket for a chance to win FREE TUITION or FREE BOOKS for one semester. Drawing date is May 4, 2001 at Noon. Call 453-5714 for details and to get on our e-mail list. Check out the list of events at: www.siu.edu/ urard

\*Conce and Kayak Paddling Clinic Spots and Athletics Category Campus Boat Dock Sponsored by Intramural Recreational Sp

Tuesday, April 10" From 6:30 - 2:30 pm

"Tough Guise," A video review Lecture Series Category Sudent Center Activity Room B Sportsonal by the Counseling Center and Women's Services

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#### Wednesday, April um From 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Learn to Relax Workshop ducational Program Category ee Center Sports Medicine Office ponsored by Wellness Center

Wednesday, April 1114 af 7:00 pm

"What's Goin" On?" Lecture Series Category Lawson, Room 141 Sponsored by the Counseling Center and Women's Services

Thursday, April 121: From 7:00 - \$30 pm

"Women's Empowerment through Meditation and Guided Imagery Lecture Series Category Pullian, Room 36 Sponsored by the Counseling Center and Women's Services

#### Thursday, April 12th af 7:00 pm

"Women's Color Complex Deception or Perception" Educational Program Category Student Center, Kszlaskia Room Sponsored by Student Development Multicultural Programs and Services

#### Safurday, April 1414 From 12 - 6:00 pm

GET STRONG...Your Path to S Bones Educational Program Category University Mall (near food court) Sponsored by the Wellness Center

#### Tuesday, April for Wednesday, 3-5 pm Mon.-Thurs.

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Clean-up Southern Illinois Educational Program Category Contact Paul Restivo at 453-7180 Contact Paul Restro at 72-72-75 for more information Sponsored by Student Developme Saluki Volunteer Corps

\*Little Willow Pedistric Center Educational Program Category 120 N. Tower Road Contact Donna Dunn at 549-1191 for more information Sponsored by the Student Development Saluki Volunteer Corp.