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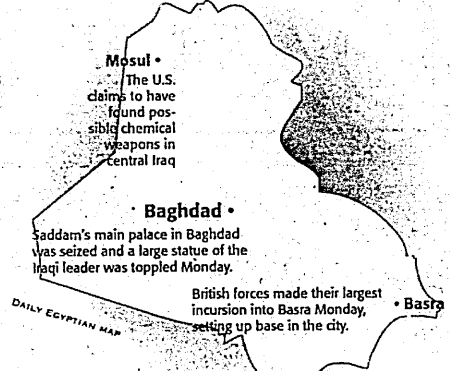
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### WAR UPDATE

**Current as of 8 p.m. CST, Monday**

- U.S.-led forces swept into Baghdad Monday and took over two of Saddam Hussein's palaces, sending a message, in the words of a top U.S. general, that Saddam's regime "is gone." But the discovery of drums of what may be chemical weapons materials raised concern south of the Iraqi capital.
- When more than 100 tanks and armored vehicles rolled into Baghdad, some toppled a 40-foot statue of Saddam that had stood over the parade grounds at Zawra Park, where the Iraqi leader traditionally addressed his troops. (cnn.com)



- U.S. President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair see an advisory role for the United Nations in a post-Saddam Iraq, a senior U.S. administration official has told CNN. The two leaders will discuss details of their vision on Tuesday at a news conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland. (cnn.com)

troop movements in the sand. The Fox News Channel correspondent, now in Kuwait, delivered his apology on the air Sunday night. He said a review of his report while traveling with the 101st Airborne Division last week "showed that I did indeed break one of the rules related to embedment." The Pentagon asked that Rivera be taken out of Iraq after his report. (bbc.com)

- At least two soldiers and two journalists were killed in fighting in and around Baghdad, and two Marines also were killed Monday, military sources said. Two soldiers and two reporters died and 15 others were injured Monday when an Iraqi missile struck the tactical operations center of the 2nd Brigade of the U.S. Army's Third Infantry Division, located south of the Iraqi capital, Army sources told CNN's Walter Rodgers, embedded with the Division's 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry. (cnn.com)

### Attacker Iraq?

- Geraldo Rivera says he's sorry for breaking the military's rules for journalists by outlining planned

- US shares have ended the day barely higher, after having surged wildly during the first few hours of trading. Overnight successes produced excitement on Wall Street and beyond, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up as much as 243 points early in the day. But it closed just 23 points, or 0.3%, higher, at 8,300, as investors paused to consider the lack of fundamental improvement in the economic outlook. (bbc.com)

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## CALENDAR

### Today

Career Services Orientation workshop, information on majors and career choices  
Woody Hall B-204  
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Campus Shawnee Greens weekly meeting  
Interfaith Center  
5:15 p.m.

Kayak Club  
Student Recreation Center Pool  
7 to 9 p.m.

### Wednesday

Preservation Work Plan Subcommittee meeting  
City Hall, second floor conference room B  
200 S. Illinois Ave.  
4 p.m.

Proclamation and Opening Ceremony for Africa Week  
Student Center Auditorium  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## POLICE REPORTS

### University

- Robert Frank Augustyniak, 35, Carbondale, was arrested and charged with battery at 9:57 p.m. at Grinnell Hall. He was released on \$75 bond.

- Madeline Rae Simington, 22, Cape Girardeau, Mo., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol, failure to yield to a pedestrian, and a seatbelt violation at 2:25 a.m. Sunday in the 300 block of East Grand Avenue. She was unable to post bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

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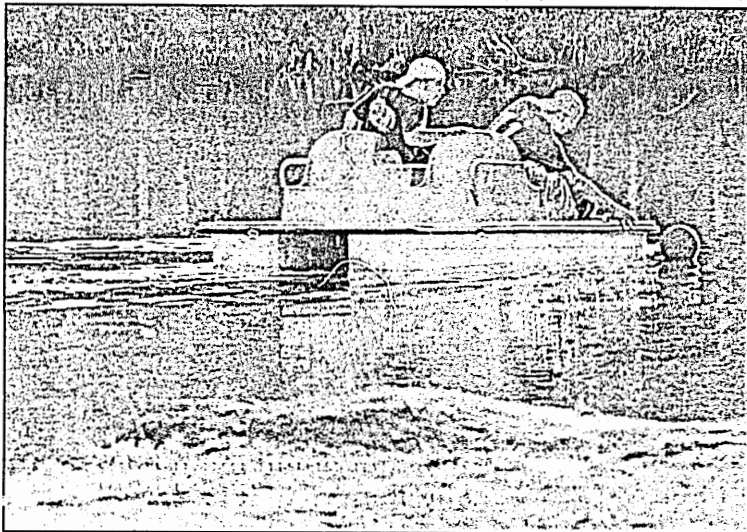
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**Gone fishing:** (From left) Adam Clausen, a freshman in business from Mount Prospect, and P.J. Domain, an undecided freshman from Wheeling, use a paddleboat on Campus Lake Monday afternoon to retrieve the basketball they had lost in the water. The two lost the basketball when one of them decided to kick the ball over the fence of the basketball court behind Pierce and Lentz halls in Thompson Point.

## Governor to issue budget address

### Blagojevich's plans remain unclear

Burke Wasson  
Daily Egyptian

Gov. Rod Blagojevich will deliver his budget address Wednesday and will reveal his plans to pull Illinois out of the state's largest budget deficit in history.

Blagojevich has been very secretive about his budget plans, merely saying that he has a framework for how to dig the Illinois budget out of a nearly \$5 billion hole.

Part of that financial blueprint fell into place Friday as the Illinois Senate passed a \$10 billion bonds borrowing program. The plan authorizes the state to borrow the bonds and invest them in the Illinois pension systems. That means Illinois can bypass putting \$1.9 billion in scheduled payments into the pension systems and instead use that money to decrease the budget deficit.

The governor has been open about what programs he will not cut. These include health care, education, Medicaid and public safety. He has also said that he will not attempt to fix the budget by raising taxes or by making gambling expansions in Illinois. However, the governor has not publicly defined what any of these broad categories cover.

Like many state legislators, Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said he is eagerly anticipating the Wednesday address. Bost said that as a state representative, he feels that his hands are tied until the governor makes his plans known.

With a huge deficit added to the uncertainty, Bost said he has been playing it safe. He has refused to support spending any more of the state's money and has declined to vote in favor of new legislation.

"I've been voting present on anything that spends money because I don't know what the governor's priorities are," Bost said. "The Illinois state constitution calls for an executive-driven budget. Without knowing what his direction is, I don't want to spend any more money."

Rep. Brandon Phelps, D-Harrisburg, said he is also skeptical of the state adding expenses at this time, but he hasn't completely abandoned the idea of voting for legislation that comes into the Illinois

House. He practiced that philosophy Friday by voting for Blagojevich's borrowing plan. Phelps said that the plan is in the state's best interest for repairing the budget crisis because it provides immediate help.

"It's tough for me to vote on anything right now, but we have to act," Phelps said. "We can't worry about the future all the time. We have to worry about today first."

Critics of the plan say that the venture is too risky because it works on the assumption that the borrowed money can be invested at a higher rate of return than the interest at which the loans will be taken out.

Bost said he is against the state's borrowing plan because it is unlikely to be successful and it will drive the deficit further into the ground. He said all the bonds in every state sold between 1990 and 2000 do not total \$10 billion. The idea that Illinois can sell \$10 billion in bonds by itself is far-fetched, Bost said.

"I understand the theory, but it's a huge gamble," Bost said. "He's using a gamble to dig us out of a hole. That hole will be put on the backs of our grandchildren if we continue with plans like that."

Another rumored plan that Blagojevich could propose Wednesday is the implementation of fee hikes to state agencies and businesses. According to the News-Gazette in Champaign, some examples of this could include raising regulatory fees for businesses or raising the costs of acquiring fishing or hunting licenses in Illinois.

The governor repeatedly said in his campaign last year that he would not raise taxes. Some people see raising fees as an indirect way of breaking that promise.

"I think a fee is a tax increase, but the governor claims it isn't," Bost said. "He's kept his promise so far, but he could break it now."

Phelps is also against the idea of fee hikes to state agencies and businesses. He said that the people of Illinois should not have to pay to fix the state's budget.

"We're taxed to death already," Phelps said. "It's going to be tough to vote for tax increases right now. I've heard that he won't propose raising the income or sales tax, but he shouldn't raise fees either. We don't want to put the brunt of this on tax payers."

The expansion of gambling is

another issue that remains unclear. Blagojevich has said he would not expand gambling in Illinois, but he has not clearly defined what would be considered expansion. The governor said that he has not given much thought to whether increasing the number of slot machines, gaming tables or riverboats qualifies as gambling expansion.

Phelps said he would vote against any piece of legislation that would expand gambling in Illinois.

"I think we have enough gambling right now," Phelps said. "We really don't need to spend any more money on it."

Bost said he is also opposed to the expansion of gambling. The very nature of making money from gambling enterprises is flawed, Bost said.

"Gambling doesn't sell labor," Bost said. "It's not a creation of wealth. It's a transfer of wealth from one place to another."

No matter what rumors may be spreading, many people will be watching and listening Wednesday. Mike Lawrence, associate director of the SIUC Public Policy Institute and press secretary to former Gov. Jim Edgar, said that he is looking for the governor to come out with a fiscally responsible plan.

"He can do one of three things," Lawrence said. "He can increase revenue, decrease spending or do a combination of both. There's a basic structural problem of the state spending beyond its means. I hope the governor looks long and hard into the spending side of the issue, but also looks into raising revenue. You have to do both."

Phelps said he is looking forward to hearing Blagojevich's address on Wednesday so that he and the rest of the Illinois General Assembly can take action. The assembly should be willing to take action in a bi-partisan manner, Phelps said.

"It's the most anticipated budget address ever for our state," Phelps said. "I think we need to listen to what he has to say and then be committed to work together in a bi-partisan way."

The governor's budget address will air live on WSIU-TV and WSIU Radio, 91.9, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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## Council to vote on HRC outline

### Proposal fails to meet standards of commission's proponents

Brian Peach  
Daily Egyptian

After a six-month pause, the Carbondale City Council will face the much-debated proposal outlining the Human Relations Commission tonight.

And City Councilman-elect Steven Haynes, a member of the task force that proposed the HRC to the City Council, said he and the rest of the task force are unhappy with the contents of the outline because it omits certain points they wanted to see put in.

"Of the recommendations we made on the HRC, none of those were followed through with for the most part," Haynes said. "After discussing with our other task force members, they feel kind of let down by what's on the table today."

In a copy of the outline, which is available on the City of Carbondale's website, it states that

the commission would not have the power to subpoena people if a complaint is filed against them. Haynes said the SIUC/Carbondale Task Force on Race and Community Relations fought for this and is not only disappointed that it may not be included, but also with certain reactions to the subpoena power throughout Carbondale.

"A lot of people focus on the subpoena power as negative, but it's not," Haynes said. "It wasn't to be used as a whipping block. It was to allow for closed meeting sessions and to do things that weren't necessarily in the public eye."

The current outline allows for all meetings pertaining to the HRC to be open to the public, and Haynes said he predicts many people being embarrassed if asked to appear before the commission. The reason is because individuals would be discussing their problems, even if only with one other person, before an open audience and the press. If the outline is approved, the HRC would not be able to hold closed sessions, because it would be unlawful.

Aside from the issue of subpoena power, which has been the most

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## State lifts policy for foreign drivers

### Driver's license available with non-work number

Jackie Keane  
Daily Egyptian

Family members of international students who come to Illinois for their spouse's studies have not had the luxury of driving themselves since March 2002, but will soon be able to apply for driver's licenses because of a change in state policy.

Illinois is one of the only states that require a Social Security card to receive a driver's license.

As a way to curb terrorism post-Sept. 11, the Social Security Administration made a policy to change the rules for issuing non-work social security numbers to foreigners, making Illinois families more severely affected by this issue than other states.

The family members live here legally, but because they were not authorized to work, they did not get Social Security numbers, and therefore could not get an Illinois driver's license.

The policy has since been changed and will allow legitimate foreigners in the United States to apply for licenses. They must schedule an appointment on six dates in April and May. The dates will begin April 14 at the Carbondale Department of Motor Vehicle office.

The change for foreigner's families followed a lawsuit filed against the Social Security Administration. The federal court ruled public hearings and the public's opinion were required to be heard before a policy change could be made. The court said the administration did not follow the correct procedures for refusing to issue the non-work

Social Security numbers.

The policy presented a problem to foreigners' families on work or study visas.

Mohammad Ahmad Deyab, an international student working on his English doctoral degree, brought his wife and children to SIUC for his studies. His wife, Aebthial Elshaiikh, was allowed to get her driver's license before the Social Security Administration stopped giving out non-work numbers.

"We are lucky enough because she got here before Sept. 11," Deyab said.

While Deyab has not witnessed the repercussions that a family must face from not being able to legally drive, many of his friends have. Hardship families have faced because of this policy are not being able to run small errands, take

children to school or to the doctor in case of an emergency.

Elshaiikh, who has since gone back to

Egypt, helped friends by giving them rides and driving their children and her own to school while she was here. She even tried to teach them how to drive themselves before the policy was imposed.

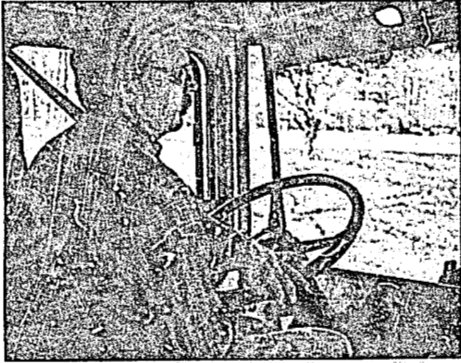
Foreigners wishing to receive their driver's license can now make an appointment with the Secretary of State's Office to take the same driving, writing and eye exam that is required in the state of Illinois for its citizens.

According to Associate Director for International Students and Scholars, Carla Coppi, this is a common problem for foreigner's families after they arrive, rather than something that hinders their travel to Illinois.

She said that in case of emergency with an SIUC's international student's family, the office would help them out.

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## Riding the bus



LESTER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

(Above) Dan Jones is driving a Thomas bus Monday covering Route 6 for the Saluki Express. Jones is a native of De Soto and has been driving for the bus company for one year. Jones said the bus is a 1995 and he really enjoys driving this route. (Right) Travis Scott uses the Saluki Express to get around on campus even though he says it's not very convenient. Scott is an Electronics Systems Technology major specializing in Telecommunications. Scott is 23 years old and is a resident of Carbondale.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### ON CAMPUS

#### Teams battle in water polo tournament this weekend

A Water Polo tournament, the Paul Bell Invitational, will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the east end of the Student Recreation Center Pool. The University of Illinois, Missouri, Xavier and Illinois Wesleyan will be competing in the tournament. Other teams include: S.L.A.P. Parkway water polo, St. Louis Gators and the SIUC Water Polo Club. For more information, contact Kevin Hays at 351-5929.

#### Artist brings photo-based imagery to SIUC

Valerie Mendoza will present photo-based imagery with video, digital and audio information in an ongoing investigation of the interaction between history, memory, media and language at 7 p.m. Monday in the Department of Cinema and Photography Sound Stage in the Communications Building, room 1116. Her work includes Dark Matter, Secret Life of Dust and Artifact. Mendoza, a multimedia artist and writer is an assistant professor at the University of South Florida.

### CARBONDALE

#### Preschool sponsors scholarship fund-raiser

The Presbyterian Preschool in Carbondale will be sponsoring its annual Scholarship/School Expense Sandwich and Dessert Buffet fund-raiser from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church-New Fellowship Hall at 310 S. University Ave. Tickets are available to the public, sold by nursery school parents, or at the door. Cost is \$5 per adult and \$1 per child. There will also be a raffle, silent auction and games for children. The majority of the money raised will be used to create scholarships for students to attend the preschool. For more information, call Ann Dillard at 619-529-1264.

#### Cops play ball to raise money for Special Olympics

The Carbondale Police Department will play a basketball game to raise funds for the Special Olympics tonight.

Officers from the department will be playing the "2100 Zooper Hoopers," of Zimmerman Radio Group, at 7 p.m. in Bowen Gym at the Carbondale Community High School. Members of the SIUC basketball team will referee the game and will be available to sign autographs.

Proceeds from the game will go toward the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Illinois' Special Olympics. Police said the torch run is the largest fund-raiser for the program and last year the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run was the fifth largest contributor worldwide.

Giveaways and a three-point contest with the high school will be done at halftime. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for high school students and younger.

#### Statewide litter pickup is this weekend

The fifth annual spring statewide highway litter pickup day will be Saturday according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Adopt-A-Highway groups from around the state will be picking up trash from Illinois roadways.

The Illinois Adopt-A-Highway program began in 1995, and today more than 1,000 volunteer groups collect 265,000 bags of trash each year from state highways. More than 2,800 miles of Illinois highways have been adopted, but more than 12,000 miles are still eligible. For more information about the Adopt-A-Highway program, visit the IDOT Web site at [www.dotstate.illus.gov](http://www.dotstate.illus.gov) or call 217-782-6953.

# 3 more SARS cases in Illinois, 8 Illinois residents now afflicted

## Illinois now ranks third in cases behind California, New York

Andy Horonzy  
Daily Egyptian

Three more Illinois residents may have fallen victim to a mysterious flu-like illness, according to state and local health officials.

Three females who recently traveled to China are suspected of having contracted SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, the Illinois Department of Public Health said Friday.

Two of the women are from downstate, while the other is a Chicago-area resident. The Chicago woman is 17 years old, and the downstate women are 59 and 70.

The department would not release any other details, citing patient confidentiality restrictions.

The three new cases bring the total in Illinois to eight, making it the third most afflicted state behind California and New York. Illinois Public Health spokeswoman Tammy Leonard said all three met the criteria for the illness established by the Center for

Disease Control and Prevention.

Their symptoms included temperatures of at least 100.5 degrees, respiratory difficulties, and onset of illness within 10 days of traveling overseas.

Carla Griffin, Jackson County Health Department nurse practitioner, said she was not sure if any of the cases reported in Illinois were connected, but said they shared similarities.

"All eight of them have a history of traveling overseas, more specifically during the suspected incubation period of this mystery illness," Griffin said.

According to Griffin, none of the cases were presumed to be serious or life threatening and all eight patients had already recovered or were currently in recovery.

"As far as I know, they are all already better, or are getting better," Griffin said.

Griffin said SARS victims typically develop coughs, pneumonia or shortness of breath.

The Asian-born disease, first reported in November, has been the cause of more than 100 deaths worldwide, and more than 2,300 people have been sickened. Close to 100 cases have been reported in the United States.

Several colleges in Hong Kong and other parts of Asia have recently suspended activities because of the disease, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Many American universities have begun

to follow suit, calling off study-abroad trips in order to avoid possibly spreading the disease.

George Mason University, Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis, Syracuse University,

Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., and the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point are among those who have announced cancellations.

Chinese universities have also begun cleaning and disinfecting classrooms and buildings during the past week, and several are distributing surgical masks to their faculty and students.

Leonard said that the Illinois Department of Public Health would soon

be taking similar precautions, having patients wear masks over their mouths to prevent the illness from spreading.

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# University Police to begin fourth DUI enforcement period

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Daily Egyptian

The SIUC Police Department will be targeting drunk drivers in the fourth two-week enforcement period on and around campus.

Sunday was the first day of the term in which the department will have an extra officer on duty for overtime patrols in times and areas where alcohol-related driving offenses are most likely to occur.

The program is made possible from a grant of more than \$18,000 given to the department as part of the Illinois Department of Transportation's Mini Grant Alcohol Enforcement Program. The program allows for seven two-week enforcement periods that focus on impaired driving laws and have secondary objectives of decreasing seat belt and speeding violations and teaching Illinois residents about the consequences of drinking and driving and lack of use of restraint systems.

The grant runs through 2003 and will be completed by early September. Lt. Todd Sigler of the SIUC police said the previous three patrol

periods have netted nine additional DUI arrests with about 81 hours of overtime patrols. IDOT figures show 21 citations, including five DUIs, from Oct. 20 to Nov. 7, during the first enforcement period.

The SIUC department's other patrols have had 26 arrests during the same six weeks of focused enforcement.

The four to six-hour patrols will be in late night and early morning hours on the days that police expect to find driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol and zero tolerance offenses.

Sigler previously said police would most likely be patrolling at bar closing times and other times that have historically netted high numbers. He said Monday the enforcement times would stay consistent with previous patrols.

Each conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol carries costs to the offenders that give the arresting department an additional \$100. Sigler said the SIUC police could potentially receive an additional \$900 from the arrests, but those costs are the last to be paid, coming after

court costs and restitutions.

Sigler said the department will cover roads on and near campus, including roads around the Glove Factory, 428 S. Washington St., and Grand Avenue, which runs past Pinch Penny Pub and Carboz.

Shannon Alderman, chief of traffic safety projects for IDOT's division of traffic safety, said the SIUC police are eligible to receive reimbursement for expenditures out of a pool of \$250,000 allocated toward the project statewide. He said the money comes from a federal grant of \$7 million to be distributed by the department because of Illinois laws against driving with a blood-alcohol content of more than 0.08.

Alderman said about half of the federal grant goes toward traffic safety projects.

Sigler said he did not have enough information to determine if there is a decrease in driving under the influence, but said he believes the patrols are a deterrent. He said figures for DUI arrests may go up but that would be a product of the increased focus on the offenses and that it may take time for the effect to be seen.

"We think the full effect as a deterrent is yet to be realized," Sigler said.

Alderman agreed that it is difficult to determine the impact of the program and said the department has to look at trends. He said the number of alcohol-related traffic deaths has dropped from 2,500 to 1,400 statewide in the last 20 years.

Sigler and Alderman both said they believe the program is a deterrent to drinking and driving. Sigler said officers have told him they have had more difficulty finding people driving under the influence since the program began.

Alderman said 40 percent of fatalities in traffic crashes in Illinois involve alcohol, and he said he believes the programs go a long way toward finding people who are putting others at risk.

"There's no question the combination of increased enforcement and high profile enforcement is a deterrent to driving under the influence," Alderman said.

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# SIUC fraternities, sororities celebrate Greek Week

## Greeks venture to several locations for week full of activities

Jessica Yorama  
Daily Egyptian

Among the ducks typically waddling alongside the docks at Campus Lake, there is a unicorn, a couple of dogs and one large dove.

A few selected members of various sororities and fraternities wear costumes that represent their organization's mascot.

This is the first of five appearances representatives from each organization will make, as they compete for the title of Greek God and Goddess.

This is just one of many competitions that will take place this week during the remainder of Greek Week.

"We usually get a good range of turnout for Greek

Week," said Jennifer Barry, a junior in public relations from Decatur. "It's just a good way for Greeks to unite and put any differences the houses may have aside."

The week of events began Monday with a day at the lake that included a pie-eating contest, joust, obstacle course and canoe race. Lake games were the theme for the first day of events.

"It's a lot of outdoor activities that are a lot of fun to do and a lot of fun to watch too," said Jennifer

Homel, a sophomore in athletic training from Tinley Park. "It's a lot more fun than it is competitive."

On Wednesday, Greeks will venture to the Student Recreation Center where they will compete against their fellow fraternity and sorority members in several athletic contests including a free-throw contest, soccer shootout and a lay-up contest.

Thursday and Friday's events will take place at Greek Row, where such events as the Greek Row Run and football throw will take place.

The week of events will end with a picnic, as well as the crowning of Greek God and Goddess.

Members of Greek organizations agreed that a slight problem with stereotypes and Greeks exists on the SIUC campus, and said they see fun, collaborative events such as those for Greek Week as a way of showing the positive side of being Greek.

"A lot of people make judgments before they know

us and they don't see the positive in the Greek system," said Katie Spicuzza, a sophomore in fashion merchandising from Mt. Vernon. "Events like this encourage us to do our best in spite of the stereotypes and the small system we have."

Jon Windish said that he has already had some problems with Greek bashing.

Windish is a member of Phi Sigma Kappa, a fraternity that was just reinstated this year, and will, along with the festivities, enjoy the

*"We usually get a good range of turnout for Greek Week. It's just a good way for Greeks to unite and put any differences the houses may have aside."*

— Jennifer Barry  
junior, public relations



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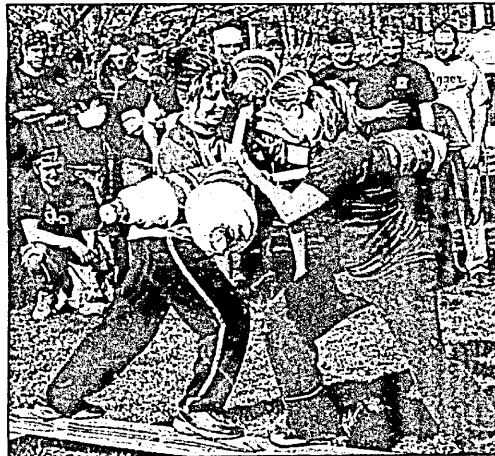
Stacey Elza, a sophomore in food and nutrition from Bloomingdale, compete in the pie-eating contest for Sigma Kappa Monday. As of press time, the contest was undecided.

official reinstatement ceremony at the end of this week.

"This week is all about networking, having fun and other things besides the usual concepts people have about Greeks," said Windish, a junior in English education from Tinley Park.

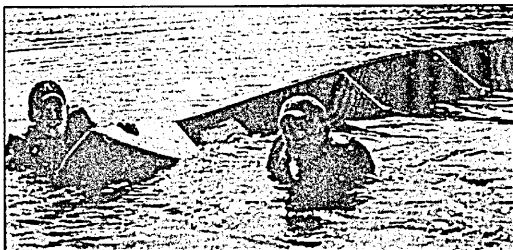
"Greeks aren't what you see in the movies."

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Heather McCarron of Sigma Alpha and Jennie Homel of Sigma Kappa compete in the pugil competition during Greek Week on campus Monday.



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Donnie Benolt (left) and Evan Shike compete in the canoe races for Alpha Gamma Rho Monday during the start of Greek Week but had a little problem in canoe handling. Benolt and Shike waited in the water for the rescue boat after their canoe turned over during their heat but no one was injured.

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OUR WORD

## Phone pranks disgusting

At a time when emotions are running high in America, it's saddening to hear news that a loved one has perished or been captured in the war in Iraq.

It's even more disturbing when the news of a loved one dying or missing in action turns out to be a hoax at the hands of a disturbed prankster.

Such has been the case for several family members throughout the United States when callers, posing as workers for the American Red Cross, have told them that their family member was either killed in action or a prisoner of war.

Cases of these phone pranks have been reported in Delaware, Michigan and Alabama, but so far none have been reported in Illinois.

We would like to see it remain that way.

SIU currently has 94 students and six faculty and staff deployed overseas and 1,191 veterans, guardsmen and reservists. The thought of their families hearing faulty news from a prankster is sickening and cowardly.

The men and women who serve this country and their families who hope for their safe return are under immense physical and mental duress. They should be treated with respect and sympathy.

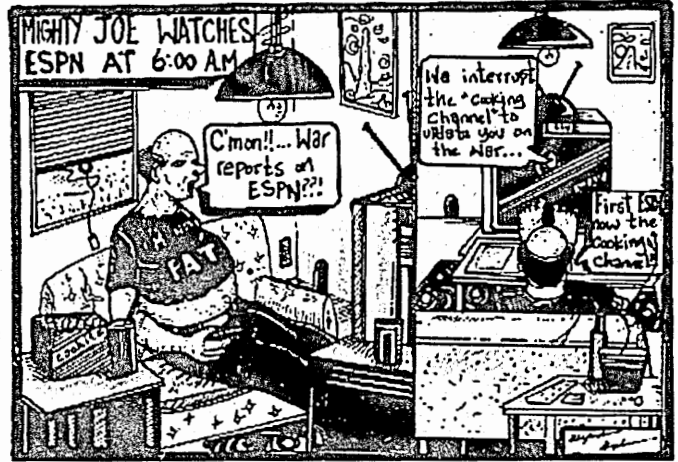
Death is not a joke. Imagine how your family might feel if you were serving in the military and they received the same horrific phone call. Just imagine how they would feel thinking that you were dead or captured.

Morale is already low in this country. How an individual or individuals could kick somebody when they're already down is incomprehensible. Those found guilty of this crime should be charged the maximum sentence punishable.

Pranks to families in a time of war are unacceptable and cruel. Demonstrate sensitivity and show compassion for the men and women who serve our country. Just remember, you wouldn't want it to be you.

Anyone who has received a hoax call is being requested by the American Red Cross to contact their local military liaison and report the incident to a special American Red Cross phone number at 888-309-9679.

How an individual could kick somebody when they're already down is incomprehensible.



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## GUEST COLUMNIST

### USG's Jarard/Young administration undexterous

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*Editor's note: This is a two-part guest column. Its conclusion will run Wednesday.*

Below you will find part one of two of my official complaint filed with the University. It is in reference to the Undergraduate Technology Surcharge. My views are clear, the question is "How do you feel?"

Background: In November of 1999, the members of the Board of Trustees passed a resolution creating a technology surcharge. This surcharge began in the 2001 fiscal year and by request of the Board an audit is to be completed the first, second, and third years. In the first year of the committee student participation was numb, since the faculty members did not want to make decisions on student money they decided to grant every department that requested funds a share of the monies. In the second year, student involvement was overwhelming. I, Timothy Wills, was the first student to chair the committee and share the responsibilities with Dr. Geoff Nathan. Geoff essentially guided me through the steps in organizing and working with campus administration in order to get the surcharge spent adequately. In my first year, while helping to establish the committee I worked with individuals at other universities with identical surcharges. In result I was able to develop an online proposal form used by the committee today. In my second year it has also been my priority to keep in contact with the committee's faculty advisor, Dr. Dunn, Provost. By doing so, and following the Boards guidelines, I

requested that a copy of the funded departments for the first two years, as well as the upcoming years, be kept on file in the Office of the Provost and my request has been approved. Nevertheless, my devotion to student technology needs and by following the rules and regulation set forth by the Board has ended. As of March 18, 2003, I was removed from the committee as a student appointee by the Undergraduate Student Government.

Complaint: REMOVAL WAS UNJUST AND USG POWER OVER UNIVERSITY SURCHARGE IS IRRESPONSIBLE. I was removed from this committee because I refused to vote in favor of a proposal that I felt was not within the Boards guidelines of "technology." I received a phone call from USG President Mike Jarard on 3/18/03. I received this call at 4:54pm and was asked how I would vote on the History proposal; I indicated that I would vote against the proposal. In less than five minutes later I was told that immediately I was removed from the committee. When reviewing proposals, I look at several aspects of each: (a) benefit to students, (b) number of student to benefit, (c) does it fall within the Boards mandate of "technology." I believe as an individual member of the committee I was appointed as a student representative to evaluate all the proposals submitted. In my personal opinion, I completed that task until student government decided that its power was stronger than my experience.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Give me a museum and I'll fill it.”

Pablo Picasso

WORDS OVERHEARD

“This is in an effort to mobilize the university community to defend the institution.”

James Allen  
Faculty Senate member commenting on a resolution drafted to fight higher education cutbacks.

COLUMNISTS

# The African paradox

It would take more than a 700-word column to grasp the complexity of the African paradox or experience. This will serve just as a brief insight into the dark cave that constitute the sum of Africa's problems primarily for the African student whose role is to eventually reflect about and address these issues and to a lesser degree to the American student

Contrary to the understanding of the common man in North America, Africa is not poor. Africans are. Africa is potentially the richest continent on earth. The late and former president of Guinea Sekou Toure was right when he coined Africa as a "geological scandal." Our mineral resources range from gold, diamonds, manganese, chromium and nickel to bauxite, cobalt, uranium and petroleum. Africa hosts about 30 percent of the planet's mineral reserves, including 40 percent of gold and 60 percent cobalt. And to many geologists, the potential for new mineral discovery is immense. As to energy, which is necessary for economic development or industrialization, the African continent contains over 40 percent of the potential water power of the world as compared with approximately 10 percent for Europe and 13 percent for North America. Despite such unprecedented wealth and potential for development Africans are the poorest of all and are dangerously lagging behind. We represent a little more than 1 percent of world trade compared to 7 percent a few decades ago. Never before in the history of the world has one continent been endowed with such wealth, with such potential for greatness. What went wrong?

There are evidently many factors that contribute to our condition ranging from the legacy of colonialism and the international division of labor into core and periphery countries, and the subsequent trade disadvantages that the latter notion implies. These are issues of an economic order which can only be rectified through the use of and enlightened political vision. In sum, the African problem is of a political order. And Kwame Nkrumah with the great passion that he had for his people rightly advised them with the following words: "Seek ye first the political kingdom and all else shall be added unto you." His critics however claim that his emphasis on political power has turned the African political kingdom into an end in itself. As a result, African politicians are blinded with political power to the extent that upon yielding it their sole preoccupation is to preserve it, disregarding economic development or social issues. This view however



City of Geopolitics

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fails to acknowledge that what really matters is not the political quest but rather the nature and philosophy of the political kingdom to be sought. Traditionally the African cultures stress subordination to the group and a set of values along these lines. These values are pervasive in the society and consequently affect public affairs.

The most serious consequence is the lack of accountability of public officials that in turn create corruption, bad economic policies and the lack of transparency. The western nations before the Enlightenment period and the birth of John Locke were as poor as Africa. After the values of individual rights and freedom were disseminated across the West, an unprecedented economic and technological revolution was set that transformed the face of the Earth, individual minds were set free to invent and produce goods for the furtherance of life and happiness and the continuance of such liberty. What we need is freedom, a free political kingdom: a democracy at the continental level so that all can gleefully participate and be accountable.

Such prospect would entail breaking away with some aspects of our cultures that keep us in fetters in today's world and adopt a philosophy of absolute pragmatic reason. As an African, it certainly hurts this writer in the deepest depths of his heart. But, the level of emergency is at its highest, pessimists are already predicting the slow disappearance of Africa and of the African race Antoine Glaser and Stephan Smith, which is already visible through our level of world trade as mentioned above, also history provides us with a long list of peoples and nations who have completely vanished. Epidemic killers, famine and poverty have long kicked down our gate, the road is slippery, we shall break away or we shall fall.

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# The beating of the world's heart



Piattology

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The human race has an unbelievable ability to add excitement and wonder to an already amazing and mysterious world. As if we don't have enough around us naturally to stimulate our senses, we find a way to make life more thrilling.

God gave us cliffs ... we jump off of them. We build airplanes and as if that wasn't exciting enough ... we jump out of those too. We created sports and games. By doing so giving the people playing and the people watching a rush of adrenaline, as outfielders dive for balls, and quarterbacks launch passes into end zones. This earth is full of so many people who can fill into a stadium and collectively cheer their team to victory ignoring everything else in the universe for two hours.

Throughout history, the inventions and accomplishments have been phenomenal. It becomes so routine and normal that we forget how mind blowing it really is that we can talk to someone in another state or country instantly over a piece of plastic we hold up to our ear, or watch ourselves on a screen because some wires outside are filtering these images lightening fast all over the world, and no matter how many times I watch the discovery channel explain how it works, it is still magical to me.

The thing that is more amazing than all of these technological advancements and inventions is the heartbeat of the world that pumps life into everyone and everything around us. It is the same dreams and desires that made people just as happy and excited about life 500 years ago without our advancements today.

It is the same thrill-seeking fire and curiosity that created the Olympics and dancing, sailing and hot air balloons. It is the reason for state fairs and festivals, parties and celebrations. No matter how bad it might look outside, or how troubled the world is according to the news — we are still having fun. There is a war going on right now, but we are still playing baseball, people are still having birthday parties, just like people before us during times of conflict.

The cynical, unhappy, war hungry people in the world fueled by hate, fear and greed would love to smother the world and its heartbeat. Throughout time there have always been those who have made this their goal, to suffocate happiness and spread despair. As much as the world seems tainted and torn these days, battered by war and oppression, I can still hear the heartbeat pulsating through the ground below me.

Just as I am taken aback by the magic and wonder of the world and its people, I am also amazed and confused about one thing.

The earth is full of so many people fueled by faith and love. We have people who will trade their life selflessly so that another can live. We hope and dream of love and families, wishing only to see those dreams and families grow. Yes, there are a lot of people who don't have time for the world to be falling apart right now, cause they have lives and goals. They have children and gardens, careers and romances. Some are old and full of memories, while others are young and collecting things to remember.

So how is it that so many people with such a strong desire for happiness and unbelievable abilities to create and add to the beauty of the world, can let a small handful of people without a heartbeat, control our fate and beat the heart of the world?

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## SIU split not so smart

DEAR EDITOR:

Now that Rep. Jay Hoffman has come up with such a brilliant strategy to save the state of Illinois a bundle by putting forth legislation to split SIUE from SIUC, I'm sure he'll follow up with another proposal that could save even more by splitting up the three University of Illinois campuses!

William M. Vicars  
Emmett, Carbondale

## Once a Life Taken

Sitting safe in this darkened room I wonder I wonder what it is like to take a life I wonder what life is like once a life taken A warrior of violence I've never been Should I apologize? A life I've never taken, Should I regret? Peace cannot be forced upon a life or am I missing something? Am I a fool to speak when a life I have not taken?

Am I deprived for having never taken a life? Once a life taken... what is revealed? What is revealed that the peacemaker cannot see? Once a life taken... is heaven's truth imparted to the taker of life? When I write or march or vote for peace what crime do I commit? When I explain the observed pain of war what nerve do I sever? Once a life taken, is freedom secure? Once a life taken from mother or father is taker revered or his cause welcomed in their grief, or even? What, as one having taken no life, is so misunderstood... so blindly not seen? Enlighten me, oh taker of life, for I cannot see why my passion for peace so offends you Once a life taken what do you know share, oh taker, your wisdom Lines in the sand and bombs bursting in air can silence the tension but not the despair Lines etched by leaders of nations and such... —once a life taken, to you mean so much Lines in fine sand blow in nature's wind only when blood binds each free grain in death do lines in the sand persist; and persist Free sand blows in the wind Once a life taken what does one see...

that makes one have the peacemaker like me? Once a life taken a mind cannot change Once a life taken a heart cannot love Minds not hearts where peace truly lives can be changed by hell-fire missiles or mortars or regime changes Dead minds and hearts are dead forever Once a life taken Survivors cannot forget the so-called liberator, the taker the taker's cause, no matter how noble, still killed their child the liberator with omnipotent force and angelic smiles Once a life taken - a mystery to me What does the taker know, that I cannot see? why do takers hate me, why me do they scorn? why do they accuse me, a peacemaker like me?

Duane Short

## Oversight by city

DEAR EDITOR:

We have witnessed another victim of oversight. The report last week of Mr. Summers being struck by a motorist on South Illinois Avenue near the pedes-

trian overpass was like the other shoe falling. Thank God he was not badly injured and was able to receive his citation for not using a crosswalk.

Would it make it safer if the police were out there on South Illinois Avenue by Davies Gym ticketing the hundreds of pedestrians crossing the highway daily? For some dumb reason, there is no stairway to the pedestrian overpass.

How many other people have wondered why a parking lot would be built and then expanded under that pedestrian overpass without access added to provide for the safety of those who park there? Is there still another standoff between the city and the University that puts the students at risk?

Could it have happened like this? The city sees another greedy opportunity to grab parking revenues from students by building a parking lot close to the University. The University, not gaining anything, ignores the city's action that will surely increase students racing across four lanes of Illinois Avenue traffic to campus. Do you wonder if the University ever considered the safety of its students by proposing access to that overpass seems pretty obvious, even architecturally.

When will the right thing happen instead of waiting for the other shoe to fall?

Bob Hageman  
Malden

## LETTERS

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### COUNCIL

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most discussed element of the HRC, Haynes said other issues sought by the task force include the ability for mediation and negotiation. Neither is mentioned in the outline, but the ability to serve as an advisory body to the City Council is.

An issue included in the outline, which was on the task force's original proposal, is that relating to education.

The outline states that the commission would "institute and conduct educational and other programs to promote the equal rights and opportunities of all persons." This goes on to explain that the understanding of anyone with different beliefs or appearances.

The current City Council will meet one more time on April 15 before the new council consisting of seven members will take office on May 6.

City Clerk Janet Vaught said the next meeting will consist of a small reception and resolutions will be passed honoring councilman Mike Neill, who was voted out of office on April 1, and Neil Dillard, Carbondale's mayor for the past 16 years. Vaught said the May 6 meeting will be another reception to honor all new members of the council and mayor-elect Brad Cole.

### Outlined Proposal of HRC Functions

The following briefly outlines the purpose of the Human Relations Commission as it is planned on being presented at tonight's City Council meeting. The proposal calls for an HRC without subpoena power, a major point of contention for the proposal's critics.

- The HRC would serve as an advisory body to City Council. This would give no power to issue subpoenas or take similar legal actions.
- It would assist people in contacting the proper authority when filing a complaint with the city or state.
- It would be required to submit an annual report to the City Council on progress and accomplishments.
- It would be able to examine a semi-annual report issued by Carbondale Police, which includes a list of complaints and tells how well the department is relating to the general public.
- It would help promote equal rights in Carbondale by conducting educational programs.
- It would be required to hold open meetings in which all members of the community and media would be allowed to attend.

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As a member of the task force, which formed after an incident in April 2001 when Carbondale police officers used Mace on about 80 black students while dispersing a block party, Haynes said himself and others are finding comfort in the fact that if the HRC outline is approved tonight, it is by no means set in stone.

Members of the new council have all expressed their support of

the commission and could possibly vote to change it if it is approved as is tonight.

"The HRC has the opportunity to be examined by the new council in May, and it has the chance to be revamped and revisited," Haynes said.

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### REVIEW

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petitioning the county court. The mayor is then notified, who in turn gathers the canvassing committee and notifies other interested parties.

The review could examine an array of issues including registration and particular problems within the precincts, ballots and voting devices and their operation and layout. If enough discrepancy is found, the votes would be recounted.

Flanagan said Reinhardt would have the full description of the Maggie for Mayor Committee's request for examination sometime this morning, but did not elaborate on what aspect the canvassing committee will concentrate.

Reinhardt said the decision to review is a big one because of the different angles that can be taken.

"It's a big decision for them so they are going to have to look at all the different possibilities there," Reinhardt said. "They are going to have to decide what the best avenue is."

Precincts being examined are: 8, Church of Christ, 1805 W. Sycamore St.; 16, Grace United Methodist Church, 220 N. Tower Road; 19, Lakeland Baptist Church, 719 S. Giant City Road; 23, Grinnell Hall; 25, Lentz Hall; and 28, Senior Citizens High Rise, 1425 Old West Main St.

"It's kind of a sampler of all over Carbondale," Flanagan said. "It's all pretty normal. It's a formality."

She said she wants to get the ball

rolling and get it over with before Tuesday's City Council meeting.

"I'd like to wrap up some business so we can move on and get the priorities straight and do the things the people of Carbondale would like to do," Flanagan said.

She said although she doesn't expect the results to hold anything significant, she hopes this will let everyone start off the fiscal year on the right foot together.

"I just want him [Cole] to have a good start," Flanagan said. "I want this whole council to really work. It's going to be a very good council. It's important that we all work together."

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### DIVERSITY

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dents and 6 IMGIP students are currently enrolled at the University. SIUC has participated with both programs since their inception in 1985 and has seen an increase of recipients during the past six years, though they are still struggling to recruit IMGIP students.

"We haven't fared well with IMGIP students, we don't have our

share," McNeil said. "It offers an attractive financial-aid package and is not as competitive. Private institutions usually will add additional institutional funds."

Bryson said Illinois universities also need to develop comprehensive plans listing their goals and initiatives for increasing faculty diversity. He said SIUC already utilizes minority faculty recruitment with a special fund specifically for this purpose.

"It's a challenge for all institutions.

No one can ever do enough; SIUC is just in a good or better position to address that challenge," he said. "Martin Luther King once said 'it is not how far we have come, it is how far we have yet to go.'"

The board will present recommendations for change based on the report during their August meeting.

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### DRIVERS

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"We have such a good repertoire with students, someone would go out there and take them out," Coppis said.

Dave Druker, press secretary for the Secretary of State's Office, said that as long as a person is here legally, he is eligible to make an appointment and take the driving test. If the driving test standards are completed, a fax will be sent to the Social Security Office notifying it of a person's completions.

Once the applicant receives their non-work number from the Social Security Office, they are to bring it to the same Secretary of State Office they took their test at for the issuing of their license.

Druker estimates the process will take only two days.

The short window of opportunity for foreigners to receive their driver's licenses with a non-work issued number comes while the administration is again proposing to rule to not issue non-work numbers to the family members of foreigners who legally enter the United States.

Druker said if the Social Security Office implements the policy again, which he speculates is likely, then the Secretary of State's Office would discuss what document to look at in lieu of a Social Security card.

"We are making a change in response to Social Security Administration making a change," Druker said. "At a point when they are issuing them, we can bring people into take the test."

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The Graduate and Professional Student Council at Southern Illinois University Carbondale desires to express its concern regarding the budget requests currently underway by the state government. In an effort to inform our constituency of the seriousness of the crisis which now confronts us, the Graduate and Professional Student Council of Southern Illinois University Carbondale has decided to publish the following resolution passed by the constituency body on April 1, 2003. For further information regarding this issue or participation in the Graduate and Professional Student Council, contact us at:  
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#### Graduate & Professional Student Council SIUC Resolution Regarding the Budget Crisis

Whereas: According to the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission "Trends in Higher Education" report May 2001, "Illinois public universities and community colleges received a combined total of almost 70% of total appropriated dollars for higher education in FY 2001"; and

Whereas: the Governor and Illinois Legislature are considering serious, draconian budget cuts and recision that will limit the missions of Illinois universities and community colleges; and

Whereas: this resolution concerns recision of Southern Illinois University monies, much of which were NOT originally state appropriations, but monies from private and public grants, student loans, financial aid, and tuition payments from the voters of the State of Illinois; and

Whereas: Students pay fees and tuition to supplement state appropriations; and

Whereas: Grants and other academic-use monies are procured from other sources besides state dollars; and

Whereas: Grants are often procured through the efforts of students, faculty, and staff; and

Whereas: Recision offers a disincentive to find funding from other sources because it can be taken by the state; and

Whereas: Recision of funds that students have already paid to SIU is, in effect, double taxation of Illinois voters.

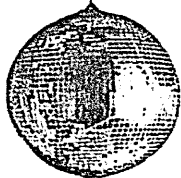
Therefore Be It Resolved That: the Graduate and Professional Student Council at Southern Illinois University Carbondale vehemently opposes the Illinois governor and state legislature's requests regarding preparations for recision of FY '03 funds; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved That: the Graduate and Professional Student Council at Southern Illinois University Carbondale finds it unconscionable that the government request preparations for recision from university funds already appropriated; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved That: the Graduate and Professional Student Council at Southern Illinois University Carbondale condemns the Illinois government's request for any recision which includes tuition, fees, grants, and contracts; and

Therefore Be It Finally Resolved That: the Illinois government should cut the more than 30% of the higher education budget which funds sources other than Illinois public universities and community colleges prior to including Illinois public universities and community colleges in any budget cuts from state appropriations.

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## Fraternity plans week of events for students

Jessica Yorama  
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The CPR workshop sponsored by Sigma Lambda Beta served as more than an educational experience for fraternity members and participants. It served as a reminder, inspired by an actual, fatal incident.

Last year, a member of Sigma Lambda Beta drowned while swimming in Puerto Rico. According to fraternity member Martin Gomez, he was still alive when pulled from the water, but died because no one at the scene was able to perform CPR as a means of resuscitation.

The CPR Awareness Workshop was the first in a week of events for the organization. The group has plans for every day of the week, beginning with educational events to fill out the beginning of the week and finishing with entertaining plans for weekend events.

"Our events have gone very well in the past, and we usually get a diverse crowd to support us and try different things," said Ben Cosyleon, Sigma Lambda Beta president, and a junior in mechanical engineering from Pueblo, Colo.

After a discussion of the role of Hispanics in politics lead by Chicago Alderman Munoz today and a class offered to teach women about self-defense Wednesday, fraternity members will have the opportunity to do some teaching of their own.

On Thursday, the organization will venture to Head Start for a flag presentation that will teach children about the various Hispanic flags.

After a week of providing information to students and attendants of their events, fraternity members will have the chance to sit back and enjoy the more social events of the week.

After washing cars to raise money on Friday, they have a dinner followed by a poetry reading. After a free authentic Mexican dinner, the group will hold its 4th annual Mariachi Poetry Dinner. While this is

not the first year of the event, this will be the first year that a live band has performed.

Sigma Lambda Beta will round out the week with a barbecue at Giant City Park, which, like all of the organization's events, will be a diverse experience that is free and open to the public.

Felipe Gomez, also a member of Sigma Lambda Beta, agreed with Cosyleon's sentiments that SIUC's greek system, as well as the campus as a whole, is in need of diversity. But he said that the greek system is definitely headed in the right direction, and hopes to continue down this path during this week of events.

"You're going to see a lot of different colors and a lot of different people at our events," said Gomez, a senior in industrial technology from Chicago.

The greek system is definitely progressing and not regressing. There could be some improvement but we're moving in the right direction."

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Sigma Lambda Beta Week	
TUESDAY, 7 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion of Latino Politics presented by Alderman Munoz of Chicago's 22nd Ward</li> <li>Location: Student Center, Mississippi Room</li> </ul>
WEDNESDAY, 8 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's self-defense workshop</li> <li>Location: Recreation Center dance studio</li> </ul>
THURSDAY, 2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community service (flag presentation)</li> <li>Location: Head Start</li> </ul>
FRIDAY, 3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Car wash fund-raiser</li> <li>Location: O'Reilly's on Old Route 13</li> </ul>
SATURDAY, 6 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mariachi poetry dinner</li> <li>Location: Dunn-Richmond Center</li> </ul>
SUNDAY, 11 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Came asada BBQ</li> <li>Location: Giant City State Park</li> </ul>

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Calendar of events

# Protesters regroup, consider next steps, objectives

Thomas Ginsberg  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT)— They failed to prevent the bombing. They probably will not get Congress to block war funding. They still do not have the backing of most Americans.

Dissed but undaunted, some peace activists are beginning to ponder their next step, for today and the long run. The inevitable questions arise as they try to seize momentum from their undisputed success in quickly igniting the biggest global antiwar protest in recent history.

Should they demand an end to the Iraq war, or to all U.S. military actions? Should they mount more civil disobedience and disruption, or less? Should they continue to rally around one theme, or widen their banner to a litany of causes?

"Yes, we did fail," said Stewart Nussbaumer, director of the New York-based antiwar group Veterans Against the Iraq War. "We're getting our heads together about it. Do we just go back to normal life? No, the answer certainly is that we're going to do something else. Our goal is becoming larger. We will be transcending Iraq at the same time we deal with it."

For protest leaders across the country and region, this is not a discussion about whether to dissent, but how opposition should be expressed and what should be its short-term and long-term goals. At stake, some contend, may be a chance to cultivate the biggest protest movement since the 1960s.

"I think we are on the verge of ... a mass movement," said Leslie Cagan of United for Peace and Justice, a New York-based leftist coalition. "It now will do what it can to try to change U.S. foreign policy. And beyond that, connect the dots between foreign policy and domestic policy."

"We're not merely an antiwar movement," Mara Verheyden-Hilliard of ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism), another leftist coalition. "This has become a passionate social-justice movement."

Protesters' vision of themselves is borne mainly of high turnout and

rage. Millions of people, representing many causes, including 10,000 in Center City, took part in about 600 demonstrations in more than 60 countries on Feb. 15, a date some call the new movement's birthday.

Hundreds of thousands of people have protested in recent weeks in New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Washington, Philadelphia and elsewhere. Hundreds have been arrested in a flurry of civil disobedience since the war began.

Enabled by sophisticated use of the Internet and e-mail messages, organizers achieved in a few months what took years during the Vietnam era.

Most organizers interviewed agreed Iraq would remain the rallying theme as long as the war lasts. But some also want to nudge protesters toward other themes, such as President Bush's preemptive war doctrine, which could tie into his war on terrorism, which may implicate his entire domestic agenda, they said.

But that opens room for disagreement, too. How today's antiwar masses will respond to the broadened slogans is debatable, not to mention divisive issues such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, globalization and the Mumia Abu-Jamal case.

"A lot of their support is simply not going to move with them to other issues once the war is over," said Rice University political scientist Richard Stoll, an expert on political conflict and national security.

Already, a number of war veterans who had taken part in protests before the Iraq conflict began are now absent without leave from demonstrations out of concern that the displays would demoralize soldiers in the field, Nussbaumer said.

Protest organizers think they can find the right balance.

"We might lose some, but we also might pick up others," Cagan said. "I'm not talking about a laundry list of issues. You hold on to those you have and bring in more people when there are organic connections on issues."

Changes are afoot. Last week, San Francisco protest leaders said they would suspend the disruptive actions, such as traffic blockades,

that had angered so many residents, many of them sympathetic to the cause. Instead they pledged smaller demonstrations against government and corporate offices connected with the war.

The Brandywine Peace Community, based in Swarthmore, Pa., is hoping to harness protest energy for its vigils against local facilities of military contractors, particularly Lockheed Martin Corp., a major contractor for the Defense Department and the Department of Homeland Security.

Veterans Against the Iraq War said it would shift focus and start organizing teach-ins about U.S. foreign policy on college campuses nationwide.

Sojourners, a Washington-based Christian organization, will dispatch Christian ethicists to churches to denounce the war and organize e-mail-writing campaigns to soldiers in Iraq.

The Los Angeles-based Tikkun Community, a peace organization, plans to mount weekly "mourning and grief sessions" in major cities for antiwar education and discussion.

Tikkun chairman Rabbi Michael Lerner, who criticized some leftist organizers as misguided, said the best way for protesters to ignite a meaningful movement is to unite behind a clear alternative to the increasingly favored military solutions.

"What should a progressive antiwar movement be saying at this moment?" he said. "It should say that ... the United States will only be secure when it is and is perceived to be the world's leading force for rectifying poverty, homelessness, hunger, inadequate health care and inadequate education."



VICKI VALERIO - PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

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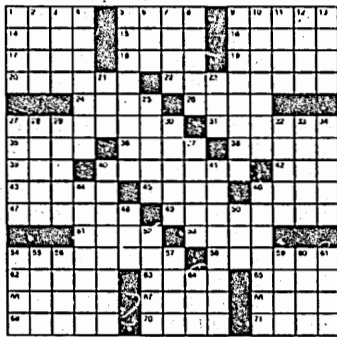






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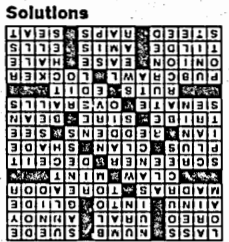
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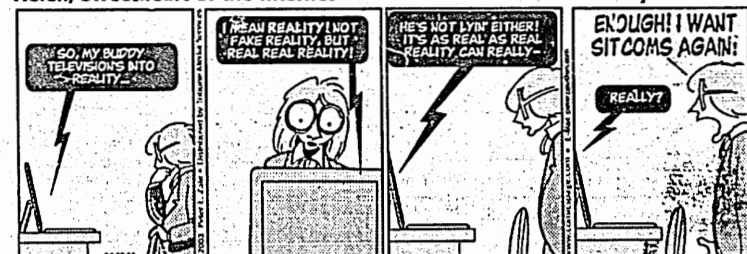


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# Paintball club shooting its way into championships

Christopher Morrical  
Daily Egyptian

The order was given for the men to begin the firefight.

They turned and ran toward their enemy while opening fire — hoping to take out the opposition as soon as possible. The sooner it was over, the fewer casualties there would be.

Reaching a set of blue bunkers, the team dove behind them, taking cover from enemy fire.

"What do you see?" the leader yelled. "What do you see?"

The men began peeking around to try to get a visual on the men across the field. They had to be careful or they might have been shot.

With little more than a few strands of hair or the muzzle of a gun visible, several shots rang out, one striking a man in the head just below the ear.

"Player eliminated," the judge said.

The wounded man got up, held his gun in the air and walked off the field.

When the battle was over, the men, shot but unharmed, met together to discuss when the next paintball game would start.

It was a good practice for the SIU Paintball Club, which will compete in the 2003 National College Paintball Association College National Championships April 12 at Challenge Park Extreme in Joliet.

Club president John Junge will be taking two teams on the trip to compete against 28 other schools with more than 50 teams total.

Universities like Clemson and the United States Military Academy will be on hand to try to take the championship.

"Our chances are pretty good, considering Illinois won the past couple of times and we've actually beaten them," said club member George Phelps. "We think if the other schools are around that level, we actually have a pretty

good chance."

Not bad for a club less than a year old. There used to be a paintball club at SIU, but it fell through and was dormant for more than a year.

That is when Junge and vice president Todd Michaels started the current incarnation.

The club, which practices and is sponsored by Outback Extreme Paintball in Carbondale, is always looking for more people to join the club or just to practice.

Anyone joining the club has two options. They can participate at the recreation events, in which beginners and those not interested in tournaments play, or they can join the tournament team.

The five-man tournament team plays in four college tournaments a year, including the Illinois State Open, the Fall Midwest Intercollegiate Championships, the Spring Midwest Intercollegiate Championships and the NCPAs being held this weekend.

"It's a blast," Phelps said. "Everyone should come out and try it at least once. It's safe. It's a safe sport. You don't think it is because it looks violent, but it's safer than you might think."

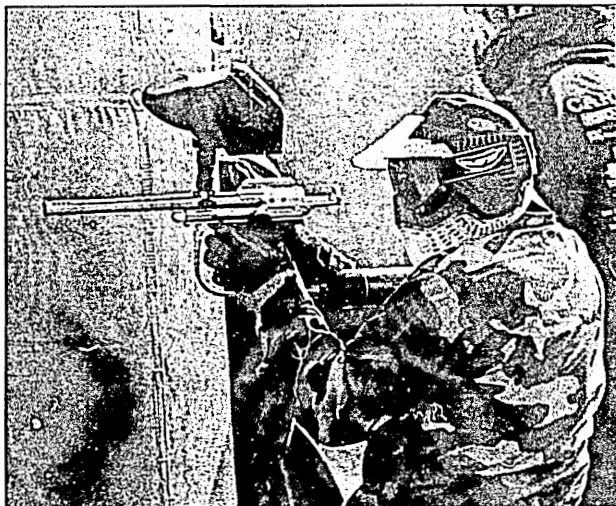
According to the National Injury Information Clearinghouse of U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, paintball experiences only 24 injuries per 1,000 participants, making it statistically safer than bowling.

Because it is so safe, anyone can play, including men, women and children.

"Women can play with men," Junge said. "They will compete equally. You can have co-recreation teams. It's a really fun sport."

He is only 15, still in high school and not a member of the club, but Jerod Violett of Marion is holding a gun, risking being shot for his team just the same.

He was young, but he moved around the field of battle like a veteran. He had fought in these wars before.



MARY COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

A member of the SIU Paintball Club looks through the scope of his gun as he aims at an enemy competitor Saturday at Outback Extreme Paintball in Carbondale. The club is less than a year old but competes several tournaments each year, including the national championships, which take place this weekend in Joliet.

When the fighting began, he made his way to one of the horizontal bunkers and kept low to the ground.

Pellets were flying over his head, to his sides and some were hitting the bunker in front of him, but so far, so good.

Friends and enemies were being shot everywhere, but the battle wasn't over yet. There were still people to shoot.

He saw his chance and broke for another bunker further up the field. Now there was

only one left, and Violett didn't think the man knew where he was.

He ventured out into the open, aimed and fired. His foe never knew what hit him.

Reporter Christopher Morrical can be reached at cmorrical@dailyegyptian.com

For more information on the SIU Paintball Club, visit [www.siu.edu/~siupbc](http://www.siu.edu/~siupbc) or email club president John Junge at [jjunge@siu.edu](mailto:jjunge@siu.edu).

# NCAA women's final is a tale of two coaches

Dan Manoyan  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

ATLANTA (KRT) — The Tennessee women's basketball media guide features the entire squad inside a boxing ring, dukes up and sporting 8-ounce gloves. In the center of the ring, Kara Lawson hosts a championship belt, an NCAA championship belt.

The imagery and the message are clear. Anyone who wants to win the NCAA title will have to go through the Lady Vols.

It's the analogy that is a bit flawed. Usually it's the champion who hoists the belt and says "come and take it."

In this case, the champion, at least until Tuesday night, is the University of Connecticut. And on Monday, Huskies coach Geno Auriemma was in rare form, playing Muhammed Ali to Tennessee coach Pat Summitt's Joe Frazier.

While Summitt was all business, carefully dissecting every question so as not to provide the Huskies any extra incentive, Auriemma was laid-back and loose. While Summitt was in a defensive posture, Auriemma was jab, jab, jabbing. Always jabbing.

While Tennessee players were practicing free throws in their abbreviated walk-through at the massive Georgia Dome, Summitt was sending assistants over to tell strangers they weren't welcome at practice.

While the Connecticut players were shooting their free throws, Auriemma was schmoozing the press, working the media workroom like Fanny Youngman.

Tip-off for the championship game is officially 7:30 p.m., but Auriemma got the ball rolling — or deeper: ing on your point of view, the fight started — about a week ago when he referred to Tennessee as the "Evil Empire." On Monday, he was more than happy to elaborate on what he meant by that statement.

"I live in Connecticut and I'm a Red Sox fan," Auriemma explained.

"If you talk about Tennessee, they are the Yankees and Pat is George Steinbrenner.

"We make fun of it; it's a way to have fun. But there is nothing evil about (Tennessee) unless you are from Connecticut. They don't do anything wrong.

"Throwing snowballs is part of what we do in a tournament. We are just throwing a couple of snowballs at each other."

If Auriemma's statement was meant to be funny, the buttoned-down Summitt didn't see amused.

"Do I mind?" Summitt said when asked about the Evil Empire statement. "Well, I have been called worse in my career.

"I do have sense of humor, but maybe I don't have the same sense of humor as some other people. I don't think it is going to impact the game here or the rivalry."

"But with their team I think Geno has a team that plays with a lot of confidence and they play with an attitude and I think that is a reflection of his personality."

Summitt tends to downplay the rivalry between the two programs but Auriemma seems to revel in it. Although it is a relatively new rivalry, the teams have met in the NCAA tournament five times, all of

them since 1995, with Connecticut holding a 3-2 advantage.

Two of those Connecticut victories were in championship games (1995 and 2000) and the most recent was in the 2002 Final Four semifinals in San Antonio.

Tennessee's two tourney victories over the Huskies were in the 1996 semifinals and in the 1997 Elite Eight.

"We have had so many big rivalries, I'm used to it," said Summitt, who will be gunning for her seventh national championship in her 15th Final Four appearance. "So what happens or what is said off the court, I have been there and done that, too, with a number of programs and I just try to keep my focus on what we need to do."

Summitt may not understand where Auriemma is coming from with his verbal jabs, but he claims it is all in fun.

"It's not personal at all," he said, "although I do think sometimes they take themselves a little too seriously."

"You have to understand where we are coming from. There are 14 people covering our team and they are bugging me every day for stuff, so I have to make up stuff so that they will be happy and leave me alone.

"Pat just happens to be there. It's not personal."

Maybe not, but it sure sounds as if it is.

"After you break it all down, she can think what she wants about Connecticut," Auriemma said. "I can think about what I want about Tennessee in our darkest moments. But you can't help but respect each other."

UConn (36-1) vs. Tennessee (33-4)  
8:30 P.M. EST AT GEORGIA DOME, ATLANTA (ESPN)

## Position by position

**GUARDS:** The only reason this young UConn team is in the championship game is because Diana Taurasi happens to be the best women's player in college basketball. Her ability to do everything on the court prevents UConn's weaknesses from becoming problematic. Need a big shot? There's Taurasi. Need a key rebound? There's Taurasi. Need her to push it out on a fastbreak and find the open player? No problem. Much like Taurasi, Kara Lawson is the glue that holds together Tennessee. Her poise and leadership on the court have brought the Lady Vols to this point. Lawson, who averages 14.3 points connecting on nearly half of her shots (47.1 percent), is particularly dangerous from behind the three-point line.

## Edge: UConn.

**FORWARDS:** The one thing Tennessee has over Connecticut is a size advantage, which will be important because the team that wins in the rebounding battle will likely win the game. Gwen Jackson, Tennessee's leading scorer, and Tasha Butts are physical players that are able to score in the paint and from the three-point line. Connecticut primarily uses a four-guard lineup with Taurasi often working as the point forward, which explains why she's UConn's top rebounder. Huskies freshman Ann Strother is a promising talent, but her inexperience has shown in the tournament.

## Edge: Tennessee.

**CENTERS:** Since the tournament began, Shyra Ely, Tennessee's 6-foot-2 center, has been a force, averaging 13.6 points and 8.4 rebounds. Her backup, Ashley Robinson, plays just as much, and at 6-5 she's a shot-blocking force, averaging 1.7 per game. Jessica Moore, who averages 10.8 points and six rebounds a game, is Connecticut's second-best player. Moore is shooting .611 from the field.

## Edge: UConn.

**BENCH:** Unlike most championship-caliber teams, Tennessee and Connecticut rely heavily on their reserves for a spark, whether it is scoring, defense or rebounding. Barbara Turner and Ashley Battle are Connecticut's top reserves, and their play in the championship game will be critical to UConn's success because the starters have struggled of late. But the experience of Tennessee's reserves, led by Brittany Jackson and Shane Zolman, makes the Lady Vols a much deeper team than UConn.

## Edge: Tennessee.

**COACHING:** Pat Summitt and Geno Auriemma are legends in the college coaching ranks. Summitt built a dynasty in the women's game. Auriemma has taken her Tennessee blueprint and created an even more impressive program at UConn. Auriemma's Huskies lead the series against Summitt's Lady Vols 10-6, beating Tennessee in the two times these teams have met in the final. But it's about time Summitt begins to even the score.

## Edge: Tennessee.

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# Climbing the charts

Saluki baseball continues to defy coaches, ranked third in Missouri Valley Conference

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Halfway through the season, the SIU baseball team finds itself in third place in the Missouri Valley Conference standings, — in hitting and in pitching.

The Salukis split a series with second-place Indiana State in Terre Haute, Ind., and won a game by virtue of the 10-run rule.

But it's still not good enough. As it prepares for its Wednesday excursion to Southeast Missouri State, the team is looking back on a couple of blown opportunities and wondering what could have been.

"Right now, we're happy, but the whole team knows we could be a lot better," said sophomore pitcher Brian Rueger, who leads the Saluki starting staff with a jaw-dropping 1.32 ERA. "Right now, as a whole, we are happy because we are playing pretty well right now, but we know we haven't played as well as we can."

Many team members continue to view their split at Indiana State as negative, and seemed just as disappointed about Saturday's loss to Illinois State. The reason is not simply because they

lost a game. They know that happens occasionally in baseball.

The problem is that both those situations displayed the problem that has been plaguing the Salukis lately — not firing on all cylinders.

Against Indiana State, the Salukis pitched well, but scored only one run in the final two games of the series. In Saturday's loss to Illinois State, the offense eventually worked, but the defense committed three errors and the pitching staff surrendered 10 runs.

"We've just got to start putting it all together," said senior pitcher Jake Alley. "We can't have days where we hit good and we pitch bad, or we hit bad and we pitch good. We gotta start hitting and pitching and fielding all at the same time."

Though the team considers itself to be a bit out of whack, it is still impressive that it has managed to defy the odds this far into the season.

The Salukis (17-12, 8-3 MVC) were picked to finish fifth in the preseason coaches poll, and are two games ahead of Creighton, the team that currently occupies that position.

Rueger said what the team felt was a low placement has put somewhat of



JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU men's baseball team celebrates after a grand slam Greg Andrews during the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against Illinois State. The Salukis, who won the game 5-1 before losing the second game 10-6, are ranked third in the Missouri Valley Conference with an 8-3 mark.

a chip on the shoulders of the Salukis, and they are eager to throw it back in the face of some coaches.

"I think it does," Rueger said when asked if the preseason poll affected the team at all. "We all expected to get better and after we all saw that we were picked fifth, I think it just motivated us more to try to do better and prove

them wrong."

SIU, obviously, wants to finish better than fifth, and though it could be a daunting challenge with mighty Wichita State sitting atop the conference with a 7-1 record, the team still believes it can make a run for a Valley title.

"We want to win the conference

this year," said sophomore pitcher Andrew Weber. "We have the talent to do it, and hopefully we will do it. I'm pretty sure that we're going to, because we've got a good group of guys here."

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## SOFTBALL

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Damico said the thing that concerns her is balancing the games with her schoolwork.

"The only thing I'm worried about is getting classes and tests taken care of in the process," Damico said.

These games are the middle of a nine-game homestand, the first stretch in the history of Charlotte West Stadium-Rochman Field, which opened in March.

The Salukis' overall record stands at 22-6 with an 8-3 MVC mark, which is good enough for third place in the conference. Illinois State, whose coach recently reached the 600-win plateau, leads the way with a 12-1 league mark.

The Salukis will now take a one-day break from MVC play for their battle against UT-Martin. This is a make-up for an earlier series that was canceled due to poor weather.

The Skyhawks boast a record of 15-1 and have recovered from a five-game losing streak to win their past two.

"They are much improved over years past," Blaylock said. "[UT-Martin head coach Donley] Canary has come in and recruited very, very well. They have a pitcher from Herrin locally who likes to come back and throw."

The pitcher is senior Kendra Kosco, who has a record of 7-7 with a 2.25 ERA and 65 strikeouts in 84 innings pitched. Another local product is first baseman Meredith Ramsey who hails from West Frankfort. Ramsey is one of the team's leading hitters with a .272 batting average, two home runs and 13 RBIs.

Blaylock for one is expecting a tough battle from the Skyhawks.

"They're going to come out and play us tough, I'm sure."

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## HILL

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things while coaching near the Hill and said there isn't anything like it at any other school.

"Even when you go to Wichita and things like that, you're gonna see mainly older adults at the game, but you're never gonna see as many college students at a game as you're gonna see here," Kimball said. "That's kind of a neat thing that goes on. As much as it averts your attention sometimes, it's only good for our team."

Kimball did say the crowd can be distracting when they suddenly start making noise because of a guy climbing a tree or doing a beer bong, but said the group is definitely out to have fun.

The Hill Gang is an SIU original, but it may soon extend to another Saluki sport. The recent completion of Charlotte West

Stadium-Rochman Field has left a lot of dirt piled around the outside of it — including a hill that goes up to the road behind the right field wall. Could there be a development of a second Hill Gang for softball?

SIU softball coach Kerri Blaylock said there is going to be grass planted there for people who would like to picnic or sit out there, but she said she doubted if it will become like the Hill Gang.

"It would be a great atmosphere to watch a game and sit out there in the sun and cook and barbecue," Blaylock said. "I think that was the purpose of doing it — to give us more seating and more atmosphere, too."

Softball may never experience the atmosphere of the Hill, but for now, it will continue at Abe Martin. And until someone says otherwise, the party will go on.

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# SIU student finishes third at St. Louis marathon

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It was far too cold for a marathon, but that did not stop SIU graduate student Jeremy Davis.

Davis finished third overall at the Spirit of St. Louis Marathon Sunday with a time of 2:46:07.

"It was cold; it was about 30 degrees at the start and it was raining," Davis said. "During the race it turned to sleet. My quads started to freeze up during the race, which made it a little bit harder. I think pretty much everyone was slower."

Davis said he was in second place until mile 22, but didn't have anything left after that. He said the cold slowed him by six or seven minutes and his time was his third worst.

The marathon, which was 26.2 miles long, included more than 1,200 runners.

It was Davis' 11th race in four years and his highest finish. He ran a race in Memphis in December in which he finished fourth. It was warmer there in December than Sunday in St. Louis, he said.

For his third-place finish, Davis received \$350, a glass trophy and a certificate for a free pair of Reebok shoes.

Running more than 26 miles

through St. Louis will wear a body down — even more so when it is cold, as Davis found out during the race.

"On top of what I normally feel, you can't really bend your knees," he said. "You just have to fall back. You take walking for granted, normally, but it's really different after running a marathon."

It was even cold enough for Davis to borrow gloves and earmuffs to run and it still took an hour to get the feeling back in his hands.

Now that the race is over, things will not get any easier for Davis. He intends to run in the Country Music Marathon April 26 in Memphis, Tenn.

He finished 10th in Memphis race last year and said he hopes to break 2:40 this year.

Davis starts his cross training for the next marathon today and will have to work through the stiffness in his legs he is still suffering from the St. Louis run.

"It was cold and painful and I did it," he said. "I'm surprised I did so well compared to everybody else, but we'll see how I do in three weeks."

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# Hill dwellers



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Fans mingle on 'the hill' during the SIU baseball team's doubleheader against Illinois State Saturday at Abe Martin Field. School spirit, camaraderie and a lot of alcohol make 'The Hill Gang' one of the most formidable groups of baseball fans in the conference.

The SIU baseball team has developed a home-field advantage with its loyal band of rambunctious fans

**Christopher Morral**  
 Daily Egyptian

Every weekend, hundreds of fans head to Abe Martin Field to cheer on the SIU baseball team, but you won't find many of them sitting on the home-field side of the stands — almost all of them are down the right field line sitting on the hill.

The nearly 300 fans, known as The Hill Gang, park their vehicles on the top of the hill and unload their chairs, blankets and food and choose a spot to watch the national pastime in an area designated for alcohol — much like the parking lot tailgating at football games.

"It's about camaraderie," said junior Ryan Tozer. "Everybody getting together, friendship

and seeing the SIU Dawgs win."

While it is true the fans are as into the game as much as any fans for other SIU sports, The Hill Gang is known for its raucous behavior and party atmosphere. But Tozer said it is still all about the baseball team.

"It's just a big group of friends," he said. "Everybody knows everyone. It's fun. You get to talk to everyone. It's a family. It's all about fellowship."

Tozer was not in the minority; but there was enough alcohol on the Hill during Saturday's doubleheader against Illinois State to start a brewery.

Fans brought kegs, cans and bottles and had themselves a good time. There was so much of a good time that Jason King, SIU assistant athletic director and head of sports facility operations, had to head to the Hill and talk to a few of the partiers.

"We want it to be a fun atmosphere, but it needs to be under control," King said. "That's the

main thing we are trying to protect over here. We want students to be able to enjoy themselves, but they need to understand they need to stay under control as well. Most of the time, they do a very good job of that, but sometimes it gets a little nuts over here."

Besides the innocent grilling of hot dogs, fans were doing keg stands and beer bongs as the crowd cheered them on. One individual, who only wanted to be known as 'Jared, the Rally Bong Guy,' kept taking a beer bong down to the fence on the third base side and taunting players in the Illinois State dugout.

He was obviously enjoying himself.

"By the second game, everyone is so into the game," Jared said. "Every single thing matters. Every hit, every out, every catch, every flicker of your nose matters, because everyone is so drunk and everyone shows way more pride in the team when

they are drunk."

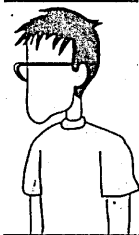
Jared is known by the Hill Gang for his bonging skills when the Salukis get a rally going. He walks down to the fence with the beer-filled bong in hand and waits for the crowd to start chanting, "Rally bong! Rally bong!" Like a superstitious fan who turns his hat inside out, Jared claims the bong works.

"It helped two weeks ago, because we won in overtime," Jared said as his friends laughed at his faux pas, because baseball does not have overtime. "Extra-innings. Fourth quarter. I don't know. Who cares? I boozz ASAP."

The drinking may get out of hand occasionally, but the worst display at the Hill was the public urination at the top despite restrooms only a few yards away. This was only a small minority, and the greater part of the group was able to find the facilities with ease.

But if there were no Hill Gang, there might not be many fans at the game at all. SIU first base coach Kevin Kimball has heard and seen many

## Gus Bode



Gus says:  
 It's time for the seventh inning beer bong.

# Saluki softball returns home against UT-Martin

SIU sophomore pitcher Amy Harre fires a pitch during Saturday's doubleheader against Drake. The Salukis took the first game 12-1 but fell short of one run in the second game, 2-1.



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 Daily Egyptian

For the beginning part of the season, the SIU softball team was a stranger to Carbondale.

The Salukis played just three games at their new stadium while playing 23 away from it.

Now the team is trying to reacquaint itself with the town it calls home.

The Salukis will play a doubleheader against Tennessee-Martin today starting at 3 p.m. and a single game against Missouri Valley Conference rival Evansville Wednesday at 4 p.m. This marks just the third time all season the Salukis will play mid-week games.

Sophomore pitcher Amy Harre said it was hard to believe how few home games they had actually played.

"I couldn't believe that we've only played three home games out of like

20-something," said Harre, who picked up conference pitcher of the week honors Monday. "It was like, we have this new stadium, and we haven't gotten to play in it. We just keep practicing in it."

Harre said one of the best things about playing at home was having SIU fans on hand to cheer on the team. She said in an earlier victory over No. 6 Nebraska the Salukis had just three fans — her father and the grandparents of outfielder Katie Jordan.

Another positive about playing at home this week is the Salukis won't have to travel to their games and therefore miss classes.

"We get to be in classes and we can take care of everything that we need to take care of before we hit the road again," Harre said.

While the team said it is good to be home, it will by no means be a

relaxing stretch.

Between the two games the Salukis played Saturday against Drake and the games on Tuesday and Wednesday, the team will play a total of five games in five days.

SIU head coach Keri Blylock said she is not worried about her team feeling the effects and said if anything it should help her squad.

"I think actually they're anxious," Blylock said. "They're tired of playing two games and sitting for a while and then playing two games. I think they're ready to play consistently and I honestly think when we play consistently we play a little bit better."

The players also feel fatigue (will not be a factor in playing so many games in such a short time span).

Sophomore outfielder Maria

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