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Mom 'n' Pops strained by weak economy

One dying Carbondale bookstore won't surrender without a fight

MARLEEN TROUT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sigurd Utgaard, known to his customers as simply Sig, realizes it is just part of the changing modern landscape. Mom and Pops go down while big chains dwarf the streets of Anywhere, USA, with dazzling bargains made available through mass production.

But Sig's little community bookstore, Rosetta News, is caught in the battle, and it is losing the fight. His cash register is feeling the emptiness of this trend toward the corporate.

Sig does not blame a recession rippling to all small businesses for the steady decline in sales that threatens to shut Rosetta's doors. He believes his remedies are the local Barnes and Noble, the ease of clicking on Amazon.com and the struggle to stay alive in a college town with dwindling enrollment.

But quoting Mark Twain, he says, "the rumors of my demise are premature." The blue Egyptian eye that lights the storefront of Rosetta News, 212 W. Freeman, will continue to cast its florescent glow if he can help it.

"Things are getting tougher for everyone," says Sig, squirting the steam out of the store's espresso machine. "It's not like I don't think about it [closing] everyday. It's a possibility we might have to consider as the most viable option left. If it wasn't a labor of love, it would've been gone a long time ago."

Sig does not believe he is struggling just to save his business, but to provide people with a literary outlet as varied and bold as people themselves. The name Rosetta News may be a misnomer. This is not a place to pick up a copy of the newspaper per se, but a voyage into rare videos, magazines and books that just do not sell enough to be mass-produced.

In 1984, the Carbondale native and SIUC graduate of philosophy and German, returned to his home-

town from Seattle to fill a void.

"We thought we could really offer the community something it didn't have."

And thus was born a bookstore for the fringe readers, those who want a copy of staunchly opinionated political literature or tattoo mags or hard-to-find design journals. Book sections such as Contemporary Politics, Media, Philosophy, Eastern Thought, Gay/Lesbian, Gender, Magic, Women's Studies and Health and Healing rule the shelves in lieu of the Mystery or Self Help divisions of the chain stores.

There is little pulp fiction to be found. If it is on the bestseller list, there is no guarantee that it will find its way into Rosetta. Sig says the bookstore may not have what you are looking for, but that is the beauty of it.

"New book sales are hugely tilted towards new bestsellers. We try to carry books that people remember after the hype machine has been turned off, the kind of books that friends recommend to each other," Sig explains. "The advantage of going into a bookstore is finding stuff you don't know you're looking for."

This is the reason April Bartnick, a graduate student in sociology from Makanda, could be found browsing the Ecology section last Thursday. She shops at Rosetta to support local business, and because of the way the diversity leads her to reads she did not know she yearned for.

"You're not going to see this at Barnes and Noble," said Bartnick, pointing to a book whose leafy cover, poking out of the herbal section, read, "Marijuana Outdoors: Guerrilla Growing." "This is more cutting edge, and actually I was coming here to find a new topic." Sig admits he wouldn't read

If it wasn't a labor of love, it would've been gone a long time ago.

Sigurd Utgaard
Owner, Rosetta News



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sig Utgaard, owner of Rosetta News bookstore, stands in the aisle of his store Sunday. Rosetta News is suffering as a small business because of corporations such as Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble taking away business.

Recession smacks Illinois businesses, bankruptcy jumps

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The usual mob of Christmas shoppers is there, but small businesses are still feeling the pinch of an economic recession.

Personal and business bankruptcy filings in Illinois are up 14 percent from last year, according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. And about 98 percent of those filings are made by individuals, slightly more than the national average.

Nationwide, there have been about 1.4 million business bankruptcy filings, compared to the 1.3 million last year.

Olie Musgrave, president and CEO of South Pointe Bank, 925 W. Main St., said many people have high credit and mortgage bills left from the frequent and high spending in the 90s. Musgrave said the Southern Illinois region is not as hard hit as some, though, and expects the market to improve next year. He said although more bankruptcies will affect the econ-

omy, it is not as bad as it could be.

But for Kim Treger, owner of Walk the Line Shoes, 703 S. Illinois Ave., this year's business has been the slowest since 1996.

"It's pretty scary," Treger said. "I'll just stick it out."

Treger said not much of her stock is moving, accounting for the 20-percent-off sale she is having through Dec. 31. She said many other Carbondale store owners are having similar problems, which she attributes to Sept. 11.

City Manager Jeff Doherty also said he was not certain of how the situation could affect Carbondale.

It takes three months to get the receipts for sales taxes, Doherty said. August's sales were fine, but he expects a negative difference when September's records arrive.

Most of the Illinois bankruptcies are filed under Chapter 7, which allows individuals to keep certain property while other assets are sold to pay creditors. The Small Business Association estimates that more than 500,000 jobs

were created nationwide in 2000, with about 550,000 lost through business closures.

Federal interest rates have been cut 10 times this year, to the lowest they have been since 1962. The cuts were intended to prevent a recession, affecting the interest rates banks, credit card companies and corporations use when borrowing money from the government, encouraging businesses to spend.

The unemployment rate is at a six-year high of 5.7 percent, with Americans losing about 2.5 million jobs since last November. The Federal Reserve's last 2001 meeting will take place Tuesday, with the possibility of another interest cut.

According to the Chicago Tribune, President Bush called for the Senate to pass an economic stimulus bill. Predictions place economy recovery from sometime early next year to the end of next year after global recession.

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Wood campaign blasts Ryan, other political leaders



O'Connor

Lt. Gov grabs State Rep. O'Connor for running mate in '02

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

MARION — In the midst of a TV ad campaign that portrays Lt. Gov. Wood as a strong-arm against party leaders who tried to convince her to abandon the governor's race, she announced state Rep. Bill O'Connor as her choice for a running mate on Sunday.

O'Connor, from the west suburbs of Chicago, is currently serving his third year in the Illinois House. The announcement and the new ad was an effort by Wood to boost her campaign and put her foot down simultaneously.

The Wood camp began running a TV ad Friday blasting Gov. George Ryan and party leaders for trying to convince her to run for another office. The \$582,000 ad will run for about two weeks.

"Recently party insiders tried to pressure Lt. Gov. Corinne Wood to drop out of the race for governor," a female voice says in the ad. "Corinne Wood's respectful answer to Gov. Ryan: 'NO.' The voters, not party leaders, should be choosing our next governor."

'Recently party insiders tried to persuade Lt. Gov. Corinne Wood to drop out of the race for governor. Corinne Wood's respectful answer to Gov. Ryan: 'NO.'

television ad, Wood campaign

Ryan refused to comment on the ad, a governor spokesman said, although the Chicago Tribune reported that top Republicans said Ryan was not happy about it.

Tressa Pankovits, a spokesman for Wood, said the ad — which uses newspaper headlines to show how she refused to bow out of the race despite pressure — is in response to Ryan and other political leaders

trying to kill competition for a smooth primary. Ryan suggested that she run for lieutenant governor on a ticket led by Attorney General Jim Ryan. Both candidates refused the offer.

Ryan tabbed Wood, who was greeted in Marion, Sunday by about 40 supporters

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U.S. children raise \$1.5 million for Afghan youth

NEW WINDSOR, Maryland — American children have raised more than \$1.5 million for children in Afghanistan, President Bush said Saturday.

The Red Cross and other charities packed five truckloads of items to be shipped to Afghanistan on Sunday.

"We have given the Afghan children something to smile about because America's children are generous and kind and compassionate," Bush said at the Church of the Brethren Warehouse in New Windsor, Md.

In less than two months since Bush called for children to donate in an Oct. 11 news conference, more contributions could arrive at the White House due to a recent lifting of a quarantine related to the anthrax scare, said Barbara Westing of the American Red Cross.

Each parcel will have a message translated into several local Afghan languages: "A gift to Afghan children from American children."

According to Bush, one-third of Afghan children are



orphans, nearly half suffer from malnutrition and one in four does not live past the fifth birthday.

Fans remember death of John Lennon

NEW YORK — Fans gathered at Strawberry Fields in Central Park Saturday to recognize the 21st anniversary of John Lennon's death.

Hundreds gathered around the "Imagine" mosaic that was built after Lennon was shot in 1980 by deranged fan, Mark David Chapman. Many attended to remember Lennon and George Harrison, who died of cancer on Nov. 29.

Lennon's death was remembered in other parts of the world as well. Fans arranged flowers in a peace symbol around Lennon's star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame and was honored in Europe when city fathers in Novi Sad, Serbia, renamed a local thoroughfare, "John Lennon Street."



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Ebola outbreak confirmed

GENEVA, Switzerland — The World Health Organization said there has been at least one confirmed case of the Ebola virus in Gabon, a country in Central Africa.

A WHO official said on Friday that 10 people died from what is feared to be Ebola in Libreville, the capital of Gabon. In 1996, at least 66 people died from Ebola in the same area of Gabon.

Another WHO official said on Friday 28 people died in the Democratic Republic of Congo of hemorrhagic fever, which doctors also feared could be Ebola.

There is no known cure or vaccine for the virus, which



causes about 90 percent of those infected to bleed to death in a matter of days.

Search for bin Laden intensifies

TORA BORA, Afghanistan — On Sunday U.S. warplanes attacked the White Mountains near Tora Bora, where Osama bin Laden and his al Qaeda followers are believed to be hiding.

Tribal commanders believe bin Laden is commanding close to 1,000 al Qaeda fighters to defend their positions. Al Qaeda fighters kept anti-Taliban forces from moving in as mortar fire defended the mountain targets for several hours Saturday.

Police Blotter

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- A backpack was stolen between 5:55 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday from a Neely Hall dorm room. Police found no signs of forced entry and have no suspects in the burglary.
- A bicycle was stolen between 1 a.m. Wednesday and 4:30 p.m. Thursday from the Glove Factory. The value of the bicycle is unknown and police have no suspects in its theft.
- Vincent Ralph Mehlbaum, 20, was arrested at 2:25 a.m. Friday and charged with squealing tires at the intersection of East Grand Avenue and South Washington Street. Mehlbaum posted his driver's license as bond and was released by police.

Correction

Friday's story "USC discusses fee increases for 2004" should have read that students may soon see a 10.93 percent increase in fees in two years in order to help fund University construction costs. The increase will raise student fees by \$47.75. Fees would raise 5.44 percent if no construction costs are allowed and the Student Center fee would raise \$3, which is 4.92 percent. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

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

Calendar

TODAY

- Student Programming Council Films Committee meeting Mondays, 6 p.m. Activity Room B-Center
- Student Programming Council Concerts Committee meeting Mondays, 6 p.m. Activity Room A-Student Center
- Student Programming Council TV Committee meeting Mondays, 6p.m. Video Lounge- 4th floor of Student Center
- Visual Arts Committee meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. Art Alley, 2nd floor of Student Center
- Outdoor Adventure Club meeting Mondays, 8:30 p.m. East Assembly Room-Rec. Center

Only public events affiliated with SIU are printed in the Daily Egyptian Calendar. The editors reserve the right not to print any submitted item. RSO and departmental events are printed in the Daily Egyptian Online Calendar at www.dailyegyptian.com.

Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1247, or faxed to 453-8244. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

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Carbonale attorney runs for House of Representatives

Whitney goes for the gold on the Green Party ballot

BETH COLDWELL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With a group of college undergrads masterminding his campaign for state representative from the 115th district, Carbonale attorney Richard Whitney is not your typical politician.

In a meeting of members of the Campus Shawnee Greens and supportive people from the community, Whitney confidently said the Green Party is not just for "aging hippies, idealistic college students and people who eat granola."

He chuckled about the students' good-natured teasing about the length of his silver hair, then carefully listened to their concerns about the social, economic and environmental condition of SIUC and Southern Illinois.

Whitney said he has been involved in alternative, progressive politics throughout his adult life.

When he was an undergraduate at Michigan State University in the 1970s, he joined the Socialist Labor Party. He became interested in a variety of social, environmental and political issues.

Whitney said the Socialist Labor Party was concerned with making society better for working-class people. While he was in Michigan, Whitney was also involved in determining causes of environmental destruction, ending discrimination in the workplace and defending the Equal Rights Amendment.

"I guess I've always felt that we as individuals will all benefit from a more just society," he said.

In the 1980s, Whitney worked in California as a journalist. He participated in several marches and demonstrations to stop nuclear energy use and unfair labor practices in Central America. By the 1990s, he was looking for a career change and decided to attend law school at SIUC.



LIBA SONNENSCHNIG - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Green party candidate Richard Whitney (right) and his campaign manager Erik Waitr discuss how their meeting with the Campus Shawnee Greens went at the Interfaith Center Thursday.

'American democracy was not set up as a two-party system. At one time, the Republican party was the third party.'

Richard Whitney
Carbonale attorney

providing more job opportunities in Southern Illinois through a sustainable energy research facility. Whitney also wants to focus on universal health care through a single-payer system.

"Think of what would happen if Medicare was extended to everybody," Whitney said.

Whitney will also work on receiving more funding for SIUC and getting state aid for students to attend college.

"If we have the right priorities, the state should be picking up some of the cost of higher education," he said.

Whitney said that during Ralph Nader's 2000 presidential campaign, he talked to many party supporters who want Green candidates to run on local and state levels. Whitney

boasts that Jackson County had the highest percentage of Nader votes of all the counties in Illinois with 5.3 percent.

"American democracy was not set up as a two-party system," Whitney said. "At one time, the Republican party was the third party."

While many voters throughout the country complained that a vote for Nader in 2000 would have no effect, Whitney said he feels an election on a smaller scale will be much different.

"This is not a symbolic campaign," he said. "We can do it. It's not going to be easy, but we can do it."

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Undergraduate student works as campaign manager

BETH COLDWELL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For Erik Waitr, it would be impossible to sit back and watch college pass him by. Every day, he looks for ways to spark social change right here at SIUC.

Waitr, a junior in history from Bridgeview, has been involved at SIUC as an Undergraduate Student Government senator and a member of Campus Shawnee Greens. This semester, he accepted the challenge of becoming the manager for Richard Whitney's state representative campaign.

Waitr first became interested in the Green Party in summer 2000 when he saw Ralph Nader's nomination acceptance speech on CNN. He said he was inspired by Nader's commitment to campaign reform, universal health care and electoral reform.

He immediately contacted party officials to find out how he could become involved. Since then, he has taken a position as a representative on a national Green Party committee and has attended conventions in Santa Barbara, Calif., and Philadelphia. At the state level, Waitr helps draft policies and raise funds.

Waitr met Whitney about a year ago through the Shawnee Greens Party, and was not surprised when Whitney asked him to be the campaign manager. One of Waitr's main priorities is to convince voters that the Green Party can bring about social and economic justice.

Waitr said voters should not feel obligated to vote strictly Democrat or Republican just because they are the two mainstream parties.

"If people are not going to

SEE WAITR PAGE 13

Children 'shop with cops' in Murphysboro

9th annual program helps 150 Jackson County children have a Merry Christmas

BRETT NAUMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Billy won't find an abundance of toys underneath his Christmas tree this year. The 6-year-old's parents cannot afford to buy for him the Power Rangers, Hot Wheels and other eye-catching gadgets he wants.

But at least Billy will have the winter necessities after participating in the Fraternal Order of Police-sponsored "Shop with a Cop" program. More than 150 area children flocked to the Murphysboro Wal-Mart Saturday for the 9th annual event where county police officers take children, who cannot afford to do so, Christmas shopping.

When a police officer asked Billy what he needed for Christmas, the boy replied that he should spend his \$50 on new pairs of shoes, pants, and socks instead of toys.

Donna Young, a Grand Tower woman who brought her children for shopping, said she can't think of a more humanitarian way for the police to give back to the community.

"This is the greatest thing in the world for

kids and parents," Young said. "This is the best thing for kids who aren't going to have a Christmas."

Rhonda Walker has been organizing "Shop with a Cop" for the last three years. She said police officers throughout the county show up to make Christmas happen for those who don't otherwise afford to have it.

Walker said she signs up children for the event based on financial need from information given to her from police officers, local schools and churches.

The program kicked off at 7:30 a.m. when four siren-blasting squad cars converged on Wal-Mart with a jolly old man integral to the program's success.

"It's Santa," scores of children said as Mike Singleton stepped out of the car into the store's parking lot. One child went as far to climb on top of shopping cart to get a better view.

Singleton has been playing Santa Claus for every year of the event and recalled last year when some children were frightened at seeing him riding in the back of squad car.

"One started crying because he thought Santa was going to jail," Singleton said.

Jackson County Deputy Mark Wilson said the "Shop with a Cop" program has been one of the brighter parts of his job in recent years. Seeing children go for clothing instead of toys touches his heart and shows him the Fraternal Order of Police are making a difference.

Wilson took Jonathan, 10, and brother

'This is the greatest thing in the world for kids and parents. This is the best thing for kids who aren't going to have a Christmas'

Donna Young
Grand Tower

Jordan, 5, Christmas shopping. The two boys picked out their favorite Tyco motorcycles and Outdoor Sportsman ATV racers, but their shopping wasn't complete until they found their favorite Rumble Robots, Lob Jaw and Lug Nut.

The children were taken to Murphysboro's University of Illinois Extension office following the shopping where police served eggs, sausage and danishes for breakfast and a drawing took place. Jackson County Sheriff William J. Kilquist announced the drawing winners as more than \$1,200 in toys were given away to children in attendance.

When Billy's number was called, he finally got to pick out one of the toys he'd been wanting for a long time — a set of Fisher Price walkie talkies.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Carbonale man robbed, beaten

A Carbonale man was robbed at gun point and beaten by several men Saturday night after he surrendered his money and some clothing at an apartment on South Lake Heights Avenue.

The victim told police the incident occurred at 7:58 p.m. while he was speaking with a friend at 212 S. Lake Heights Ave. The victim said the suspect came upon him from behind, put a gun to his head, and seized his money and a black leather and fur coat.

The victim told police after he gave the possessions to the assailant, another man smashed a broomstick across his head. At this time, several other men apparently joined in beating the victim, police said.

The victim managed to escape, but suffered a gash on his forehead from the incident.



OUR WORD

The plight of the working woman

The battle of the sexes has never been a fair fight.

White males have had a stranglehold on the work world for quite some time. Even the more liberated current version of our society favors men becoming doctors, lawyers and CEOs. Meanwhile, for the most part, the primary goal that is set for female counterparts (other than looking pretty) is the role of the assistant, the helper — anything useful they can contribute as long as it doesn't get in the way of the man or challenge his authoritative role.

However, the feminism movement in the later portion of the last century spurred a new kind of thinking that has the male gatekeepers looking over their shoulder every step of the way. Women have established that they are equal and now demand equality in the work environment.

Women are climbing the corporate ladder no matter how slippery men try to make the rungs. Solid work ethic and bold initiative have helped propel such women as SIUC graduates Lisa Owens, Diane Schumacher and Barbara Blacklock to high positions in business. They've found a way to succeed, not allowing discrimination to stop them.

"You can't let those things hold you back," Owens said.

We laud these individuals for their hard work and dedication in an environment where the odds were stacked against them. We encourage other women to continue the effort and to remember it's not really a battle of the sexes, but a fight for equality.

And men have much more to learn as well. A woman's strength and ability to stand toe-to-toe with you is not a threat to your manhood, but an extension of it. You can either share in the fruits of freedom and opportunity you've been feasting on for years, or find yourself starving for any kind of nourishment for the women who are now gathering up the goods, as they should. There are opportunities for young women here at SIUC. There's a wealth of opportunities and programs for young women to engage in. Your time is now. But the truth is, your time is long overdue.

In addition to other minorities who have struggled for such equity in America, women have come a long way. And we all owe something to those individuals who pioneered that movement. Yet, the fight is far from over. Being a woman means much more than being pretty or aiding men, and those women who have the courage to succeed in a gender-biased world have proven that.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Advertising may be described as the science of arresting the human intelligence long enough to get money from it.'

- Anonymous

COLUMNISTS

So racism isn't bad as BLACKS say, huh?

'After seeing [the pictures from Auburn], calling the Miss Ebony Pageant racist makes as much sense as referring to David Duke as "Soul Brotha No. 1.'

On Nov. 15, 15 members of the Beta Theta Pi and Delta Sigma Phi fraternities on the campus of Auburn University in Alabama were suspended and their fraternities disbanded for wearing racially offensive attire to a fraternity Halloween party.

Some members were in "black face" while others dressed in KKK attire with white hoods and pointed hats. Some wore afro wigs and shirts with the Greek insignia of a black fraternity on them. Numerous photos showed one particular member in black face with a noose around his neck wearing a T-Shirt with the word FUBU on it as he stood in front of the Confederate Flag.

They threw up hand gestures and grabbed their crotches in an obvious attempt to mock black culture. They were accompanied by other party-goers who seemed unified by their dress and behavior. The 18 photos can be viewed on the Southern Poverty Law Center website, www.tolerance.org (The precise URL is, www.tolerance.org/news/article_hate.js?pid=319). The Center discovered the photos on the Internet after the story first broke in early November.

The fraternities apparently placed the photos on the Internet, and with no shame. I would like everyone who reads this column — black, white and whomever else — to go view these photos. But I particularly want those white students who feel racism is caused by blacks constantly talking about racism to view the photos. Why? Because these pictures serve as a lesson to us all. Readers of the DAILY EGYPTIAN have seen countless letters on the Voices pages about racism — and yes, I am the DAILY EGYPTIAN Voices editor and I've seen them all and have run them without bias or prejudice.

The pictures speak for themselves, but many black students on this campus who saw them were not surprised. The

reaction was basically, "yeah, it's a damn shame, but what do you expect." I wasn't surprised. It wasn't the first time I've seen white folks in black face, a practice I've done for many years by white performers who got big laughs from imitating so-called ignorant Negroes. It's not the first time I've seen whites draped in pointed hoods and robes either. No, I wasn't shocked. That stuff doesn't shock me and other black people anymore.

What about whites. Does it shock them? Will these deplorable sights of young, WHITE, college men engaging in unabashed racist activities stir the same passions among some white students as say, a black woman being crowned Miss Ebony? After seeing the pictures, calling the Miss Ebony Pageant racist makes as much sense as referring to David Duke as "Soul Brotha No. 1."

Sure, we can talk about HBO's "Def Comedy Jam" and BET's "Comic View"; sitcoms like "Martin" and the Wayans Brothers; or comedians like Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy; all who have come dangerously close to the kind of "black minstrel" parodies we've been trying to live down for years. I'm sure that's the first thought that will pop in the heads of some whites — "well if it's not wrong when you do it, then why is it wrong when we do?"

First, no one said it was right when we do it, but what in the HELL gives you the right to think you can do that crap whether we do it or not? If I say to another black man, "Yo what's up, Nigga!" that's between me and him, and we'll deal with the ramifications from it in our own house, so to speak. Second, people need to stop being so naive and so disingenuous when it comes to what is, or is not racist. Me wearing a Malcolm X T-Shirt is not racist. Me wearing a "Whitey Sucks" T-Shirt IS. A white student wearing an "I'm white and I'm proud" T-Shirt is not racist —

unless you are, then everything else is by default. This is the point that so many people can't seem to get.

The fraternity members are bigots, racists, prejudice, et al, pick your poison, not because they wore such attire, but because they have no sense of shame within them about doing it in the first place. What person with any amount of decency, common sense and integrity would do so? They dressed up to imitate a prominent black fraternity (I won't further disrespect the fraternity by mentioning them in the same context as their imitators). They put FUBU on their shirts (the clothing company was founded by four black men with the motto, "For Us, By Us"). They put nooses around their necks while others tugged on it (what image do you think they were trying to conjure up). Starting to get the picture?

But again, PLEASE don't miss the point. There are plenty of whites who are racist to the bone who don't dress up in their momma's white bed sheets and their daddy's shoe polish. The attire ultimately doesn't make you racist, just the idea in your mind that it's OK if done at all. And let's remember, there were plenty of people who didn't seem to have a problem with posing with those guys. I hope people do go to the website and come away with some greater understanding of what black folks have been talking about for too many years.

But the next person who compares THIS stuff to black organizations, events, TV networks and other black media automatically exclude themselves from speaking with any authority or credibility on the subject of racism. PERIOD.

KEEPING IT REAL appears on Monday. Terry is a senior in journalism. His view do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



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Two Auburn University fraternities were suspended after photos such as the ones above were published on the Internet.

It's good to be a columnist

It must be getting close to Christmas — things around my house are breaking with quickening intensity. I always have these grand plans for Christmas, but instead of buying the family that new 400-inch television set, I end up buying parts for household appliances and repairing vehicles. Fortunately, none of the vehicles have broken down since Thanksgiving. Friday after Thanksgiving, I shed a good little bit of knuckle flesh changing a water pump on my sister-in-law's car on the side of the Western Kentucky Turnpike.

Appliances are different matter this year. Right now, our 8-year-old washing machine sits half in and half out of the laundry room, its shell peeled away, exposing a structure that looks eerily similar to a small water tower. It's the only way I could get the pump out, since it appears the pump was the first part installed, and the rest of the machine assembled around it. And of course, the one outfit that has complete control of the home appliance parts market in Carbondale

isn't open on weekends. Still, it has been a pretty good semester. I have finally realized my dream of being a DAILY EGYPTIAN columnist. I applied for the position several times when I first arrived at SIUC and quickly found that while many are called, few are chosen. I went to work in the newsroom thinking that would get me an "in," but I found life as a reporter left little time for column writing. I was supposed to have a column this past summer, but the smaller summer edition left no room for an extra columnist.

Finally, fame and glory have been mine this semester. And I have gained quite a following. I am happy to say I am read not only in Southern Illinois, but also from the Pacific Northwest to the Florida panhandle and points in between. I think I have even had a following in New England, but I haven't talked with my brother in Massachusetts lately to see if he's still reading me online. The nice thing about online readers is I know they're not reading me in the lava-

tory. I had hoped to garner a lot of mail, but it seemed everyone was too busy writing in to bash another columnist whose views were a little more extreme than mine. I did get one letter in the beginning of the semester castigating me for my second column, but I still suspect that was a joke from a friend so I don't count it. I have been recognized in local businesses, though. My pharmacist threw me off one day when she asked how I made out with the city and my truck. It took me a minute to realize this was someone, who was NOT family, who had been reading my column! There's nothing like walking into a local business and finding you're a minor celebrity.

My 17-year-old niece has been thrilled to be an occasional part of my columns and has shown them to all her friends. It assures me an additional audience and helps me send some not-so-subtle warnings to the local high school Lotharios that I am protective of her and not a man to be trifled with. I also have

followings at a local bank and also with an Internet Service Provider — places where my sister-in-law and wife work. A little networking never hurts. Maybe next semester they could hand out copies of my column with deposit receipts and Internet bills.

Fame, if not fortune, has been mine, and my stocking runneth over. Thanks to all my loyal readers, and I look forward to ranting again next semester. In the meantime, enjoy the break, and Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanzaa or "bah, humbug" (Chose the phrase that fits.) And next year, please resolve to write the editor in response to at least one of my columns, whether it is to praise me, or flog me with Tongues of Fire.

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Tales from Oz

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First candle lit for Hanukkah

JANE HUH
DAILY EGYPTIAN

In addition to this week's final exams, Scott Mayer has religious obligations to tend to throughout the week.

Mayer, a junior in Administration of Justice from Hazelcrest, is one of the Jewish students on campus who will take part in celebrating Hanukkah, which began Sunday at sundown.

Hanukkah, one of the most holy celebrations of the Jewish faith, is commemorated with the lighting of eight candles. The candles represent eight days, the duration of Hanukkah.

Ben Shaer, president of the Hillel Foundation for Jewish campus life, said the religious holiday is initiated by lighting the menorah that holds eight candles, saying a Hanukkah prayer and giving gifts to close friends and family each day.

The lighting of the menorah signifies a miracle that occurred back when the Temple of Jerusalem was destroyed, said Mayer. According to the Jewish faith, the candle's one day supply of oil lasted for eight days.

"The Jews looked upon it as a miracle," Mayer said.

While the Jewish students will use candles, Mayer said others who are more religious may use oil lamps to identify with the way it was celebrated long ago.

Spinning the dreidel is another practice associated with the Hanukkah tradition. The dreidel, a four-sided spinning top with Jewish scriptures from the Torah, is used to play games for children and adults to enjoy.

The dreidel came about centuries ago when the Syrians conquered the

Temple of Jerusalem and banned Jewish practices.

Mayer adds that exchanging gifts as a Hanukkah tradition is a common misconception.

"Hanukkah really isn't a gift-giving holiday. It started in America when Jewish kids noticed their other friends were getting gifts for Christmas," he said.

The decision to exchange gifts with friends and family depends on the individual.

"I know some people who don't get any gifts at all," Mayer said.

Mayer believes the kindred spirit of Jewish students along with the support from Hillel, Carbondale's Congregation Beth Jacobs and his congregation back at home encourage him to stay committed to his faith.

"They (his congregation) set aside money every year to supply us with the menorah, candles and a box of Hanukkah chocolate," Mayer said.

Notwithstanding the relatively small Jewish population, students manage to keep up with their faith. Shaer and Mayer invite others outside of the Jewish faith to experience a Hanukkah holiday by attending a Hanukkah party.

"While other students have Christmas, this is just a way for us to share time with our friends and to remember," Shaer said.

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Anyone interested attending a Hanukkah party at 8 p.m. can call Hillel president Ben Shaer at 549-1120 or Scott Mayer at 529-2890 for more information.

Air devils bring home a win

SIUC students scrape skies to win national collegiate title

MIKE PETTIT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Being drenched in sweat and pummed by fatigue after a flight is the ultimate feeling for Ty Englehardt and his teammates.

But experiencing the g-forces in their bodies, going from negative to positive, is nothing compared to the rush of becoming national champions.

Englehardt, a senior in aviation technology from Lake Bluff, helped the aerobatic flying team from SIUC turn tricks in the air to win the national title for the first year of the National Collegiate Aerobatic Competition.

Using a Pitts Special bi-plane and a Super Decathlon aerobatic trainer owned by his father, Englehardt and his teammates Matt Boehm and Sean Roarty were able to create a champion flying team consisting of aviation technology majors.

The event was conducted through a series of competitions throughout the year and winners were announced early last week after scores were totaled and teams were placed by the International Aerobatic Club.

Englehardt began taking aerobatic lessons shortly after he received his private pilot certificate in 1997, and from then on has been flying in air show demonstrations as well as competitions.

"I just kind of got hooked on it," said Englehardt, who also won the national award for best individual pilot.

He took the initiative to get a team started at SIUC and recruited the two other members last spring. The team began training in May and practiced every day at Pinckneyville-Du Quoin Airport, critiquing one another in preparation for a season of about 20 contests.

The competition, sponsored by the International Aerobatic Club, required that each team have at least three members flying in three contests.

The team from SIUC flew with the minimum number of pilots allowed, and still beat out teams like Embury-Riddle, an aviation school out of Florida with

over 200 members on its aerobatic team.

"Our top three pilots were our only three pilots," Englehardt said.

Roarty, a senior from Petersburg, was recruited when he was Englehardt's neighbor at University Hall. He had flown in one competition in 1999, but wanted to experience complete control of the aircraft again.

"You have a degree of dominance over the airplane," Roarty said. "Nothing is being wasted."

Boehm, a junior from Glendale Heights, has been a spectator of aerobatic flying all his life, going to Wisconsin's Oshkosh Air show for the past 19 years. However, his first flying experience was when he went "upside down" about a year and a half ago.

Inverting an aircraft is part of an Immelman, one of many maneuvers involved in aerobatic flying, said Eric Basile, a visiting assistant instructor in aviation flight. The pilot pulls back until the airplane is completely upside-down, and then rolls over to put the plane right-side up.

Presentation, along with the technical aspect of flying, is what judges look for when critiquing flights. Pilots must fly in an imaginary box in the sky and keep their flights perfectly round, symmetrical and in sequence, said Basile, who is also a judge for the International Aerobatics Club.

"It doesn't just have to look cool," Basile said.

Charley Rodriguez, an assistant professor in aviation technology, served as faculty advisor for the new team while it performed at air and science shows for different organizations, such as the Girl and Boy Scouts and 4-H Club.

"We try and share aviation with the community," Rodriguez said.

With Englehardt and Roarty graduating, Rodriguez and Boehm are looking to continue the legacy of the aerobatic team by recruiting new members, getting sponsorship and securing airplane access. But the fun of flying an alternative air route is what really keeps the team in pursuit.

"It's probably the best group of people you could spend the weekend with," Basile said.



Gus says:
I've been flying high for years, but I never got into turning tricks.

'You have a degree of dominance over the airplane. Nothing is being wasted.'

Sean Roarty
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Raising Jaden

He made their life more complex, complicated and complete



Two-year-old Jaden Bradley gazes out the window of the car on his way to daycare. Jaden is being raised by his mother and father, two SIUC students who are trying to balance school with the struggles of parenthood.



Above: Jaden pays no attention to Jimi tickling Datrese as all his attention goes to the TV while he eats his dinner.

Top right: Jimi calls relatives to tell them the baby is on the way while Datrese continues through her 14 hours of advanced labor at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro. Jaden DeShaun Bradley was born Feb. 7, 2000.

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Jimi Bradley and Datrese Dozier have a hard time agreeing about anything. They argue about what day of the week they met two years ago. They bicker about the reasons why they've broken up. They fight about who does more around the house and how many hours Datrese was in labor.

As the two sit side by side in the cramped one-bedroom apartment they've shared all semester, good-natured bickering dominated their conversation.

The atmosphere changes, though, when a little boy stomps into the living room. Here, finally, was something they agree upon.

"He's hard-headed," Datrese, a junior in education, says proudly as she pulls him toward her and kisses the top of his head.

"Yeah, Jaden's stubborn," says Jimi, a junior in criminal justice. "He doesn't listen."

Jaden is independent, they both say. Almost two, he almost knows how to dress himself and how to use the potty, showing a self-reliant streak his parents are fierced proud of.

His 21-year-old parents struggle daily with the challenge of maintaining their own relationship while juggling schoolwork, jobs and parenthood. It's a daunting task, but one made worthwhile by the "little man" Jaden is becoming.

At first glance, Jimi's apartment doesn't look like the house of a family with a toddler. It is furnished with old leather couches, a collection of alcohol bottles and a gigantic TV and DVD player.

But look closer and you'll see the telltale signs of the other roommate. The miniature bookbag in the corner, a little bowl of chicken fingers and crayons scattered on the coffee table.

This is Jaden's temporary home, a home that he shares with his mom and dad and their friend Des. Soon, though, Datrese will be moving out. It's been hard sharing a one-bedroom with two grown men and Jaden, but it's been nice for them all to be together.

Since Jaden was born, Datrese has been moving — from apartment to apartment in Carbondale



Above: Des, Jimi's best friend, plays with Jaden in the house that he, Jimi and Datrese share. Right: A few weeks after bringing Jaden home, Datrese tries to catch up on her homework while Jimi is at work. Datrese had to take incompletes after missing classes during her pregnancy and was set even further behind when she recently changed her major.



JADEN

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and then to her parents' house in Chicago.

Jimi's apartment has become a gathering place for their friends on the weekends, when they convene to drink and play cards and feel like regular college students, if only for a few hours.

Jaden runs around while the grown-ups hang out. Datrese is scared she's going to miss out now, and be stuck at home like the old days.

The entertainment situation used to be a bigger trouble spot. Jimi would go out and party. Datrese would stay home with the baby.

"I had to make a real big change," Datrese says. "He got to do everything he used to do."

For Datrese, mundane chores suffice as her entertainment.

"I go to Wal-Mart and the laundromat," she says ruefully. "I go to bed."

"It's not my fault you go to bed so early," Jimi said defensively.

"I'm tired, OK?" And the bickering starts again.

Those kind of pressures split the two up last summer. She hadn't done well in school because of all the incompletes she received when she had Jaden, and she and Jimi were on the rocks.

She went to her parent's home in Chicago. But it didn't last. Jaden missed Jimi, and so did Datrese. They decided to try again, and Datrese came back to Carbondale. Her father said he wanted her to leave Jaden in Chicago. He thought it would be easier for Datrese to finish school, but Datrese was adamant. She wanted her baby with her.

"It was hard without Jimi," she admits. "Jaden listens to his daddy. He doesn't listen to me."

At the sound of the word "daddy," Jaden looks up.

Jimi does the disciplining but Datrese handles most of the care. Jimi has friends over while Datrese is usually collapsing into bed at 9 p.m. Her daily routine goes something like this: "Up by 7, gone by 8, work till 12, class till 4, back at 5, and in bed by 9."

Datrese irons Jaden's clothes every day before his trip to the Eurna Hayes Child Care Center. She presses her outfit, and then drops him off at the center. She works on campus, giving her some flexibility so she can attend classes. That looming term paper or reading assignment waits until Jaden is tucked in bed.

It's a hectic life, she admits. She doesn't feel like her age affects her mothering skills, and actually credits her youth with making her more resilient.

"I'm a better mother because I'm younger," Datrese says. "I can play with him."

And because Jaden's parents have a group of friends the same age, Jaden has an



always-ready supply of people that want to play.

Desmond "Des" Kimberly, Jimi's roommate and longtime friend, is another father-figure in Jaden's life.

Shy and quiet, Des doesn't have much to say about Jaden. But his shortage of words belies the devotion he feels for Jaden. Des is often the one to take him to day care in the morning, to feed him dinner or to dish out some discipline when needed.

"I'll tell you one thing," he says. "I love Jaden like he's my own."

Raising Jaden has changed Jimi and Datrese's lives irrevocably. The two recognize that they are bound together for the sake of their son. And their constant fighting disguises a true feeling of commitment.

The couple plans to marry eventually, probably after graduation. And both want more children in the future. Jaden's made them realize how fulfilling parenthood can be.

"I want three more, two more boys and a girl," Datrese said. Jimi doesn't want to talk about it, he claims it may jinx the future.

After Jaden, though, they know they can handle it.

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Above: Datrese irons everyone's jeans before leaving for her job at the Mae Smith rail room. Top: Datrese and get Jaden ready and his teeth brushed in the morning.

Jimi packs his bag in the bedroom while Datrese gets Jaden dressed before school. The tiny apartment can get hectic in the mornings while they all try to get out on time.



After Datrese unsuccessfully attempts to keep Jaden from splashing, a warning fist from Jimi stops him instantly. Jimi has a loving relationship with his son, but is the main disciplinarian and can command Jaden's attention when his mother fails to.



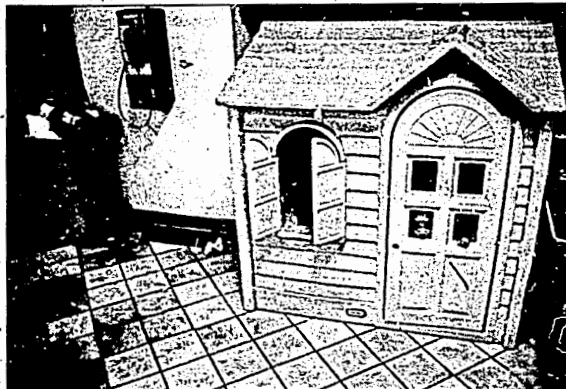
Early morning light shines on Datrese and Jaden as they begin their day. They get up at 7 a.m. each day, she gets to work by 8 a.m., picks up Jaden after 5 p.m. and is in bed by 9 that night.



Far left: Des, Jimi's best friend and roommate walks Jaden to daycare at the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center.

Left: Jaden gets a comb and tries to help as Datrese braids Jimi's hair.

Below: Jaden peeks out of a playhouse at Laundry World while his mom washes the week's laundry.



Faculty honored with USG banquet

BEN BOTKIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Professors took a break from helping SIUC students prepare for finals during the first annual distinguished faculty banquet on Thursday evening at the Student Center.

The Undergraduate Student Government sponsored the banquet so students could honor their professors by buying them seats for the banquet. About 20 professors attended the event, which featured Harvey Welch, retired vice chancellor for Student Affairs, as the guest speaker.

Welch encouraged the professors to continue using their talent to help students.

"To whom much is given, I think much is expected," he said.

Welch spoke about teachers who have influenced his life, beginning with his mother, who raised his family on a limited income.

He also said his sisters fostered his desire to read at young age, a crucial skill for success.

"They went to the library three times a week," he said. Welch said a third grade teacher he had at a school in Centralia stressed the potential of students.

"The teacher encouraged me and told me, 'You are somebody,'" Welch said.

A teacher he had during junior high taught him not be discouraged by discrimination, said Welch, who is black.

"I learned that if you earn an 'A' and get a 'C,' accept it and move on," he said.

USG President Michael Perry said the event is unique since students were involved in sending their professors to the banquet.

"Students are giving them the award, not their bosses and peers," Perry said.

Faculty members who attended the banquet said they appreciated the students who treated them to the event.

"It's quite an honor," said Charlie Rodriguez, an aviation technologies professor. "I work them very hard and they retaliate with this."

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DYING

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some of what he carries as he restacks the journals of art, culture and literature, and the nearly 4,000 periodicals that can range from a little weird to totally bizarre. A spectrum of social commentary and critique, from the left to the right, is nestled with fringe zines that the "big boys don't tend to mess around with," from punk periodicals to urban culture magazines like "Big Daddy."

But the weeding out of diverse opinions due to the consolidation of publishers and booksellers during the past 15 years, makes it all the more crucial for him to stock the voices of dissent, often relegated to whispers.

Edward Brunner, an SIUC English professor, believes much is lost when the wordsmiths of small publishers, university presses and works that just don't generally churn big profits are left by the wayside.

"There's a homogenization of intellectual ideas that goes hand in hand with this massive marketing strategy," he said.

Brunner is saddened and frustrated by the closure of such endearing St. Louis independents as Paul's and The Library that have been crushed under the volumes of big business.

"When I was younger I used the bookstore as a classroom. I could browse and learn," Brunner said. "I'm not sure the people who buy books for Barnes and Noble are interested in that sort of range and depth. They're interested in books that can become bestsellers and that will appeal to a wide range of individuals."

Brunner's own book, "Cold War Poetry," can be found at Rosetta, neighboring other works from University professors and alumni such as civil rights activist Dick Gregory.

But Sig does not only stock the works of the University professors. Local fan zines by SIUC students and community members such as "Sonambulist" and the comic book "Grandpa's Lap" also figure prominently in his business goal: serving the community and the University.

"A good community bookstore is a kind of symbiotic thing with a University," Sig says. "You have a bit of interest sparked in you."

The interaction with repeat customers like the news junkies who always keep him up to date on the latest scandal is one of the things that makes Sig second guess closing the store.

"It's easier for me to listen to what my customers want and try to respond to it, than it is for a chain," he says. "A lot of people there don't have the ability to affect things. But they do have the money."

One thing the chains don't have, though, is the wealth of foreign films and documentaries carried by Rosetta. Paula Geyh, assistant professor of English, browses Rosetta for her film and literature class and to find the books that adhere to a "higher quality of literature."

"If you go to Blockbuster, they have a 100 copies of Dumb and Dumber, but they don't have anywhere near the range of foreign and independent films."

Sig's video collection first began with 200 foreign films left over when the Varsity video store went out of business. Now he has more than 3,000 titles. While he keeps up with new releases, they are not exactly the same ones you will find

at other rental facilities. They have to have that staying power.

"I don't have Bubble Boy," Sig says. "I rue the day."

He proudly points out that he only carries unrated directors cuts. These are versions of the films before they go through the rating machine that cuts this or that to fit into the rigid standards of PG-13 or R. To Sig, this is a form of censorship and censorship is not something you will find in his outspoken wares. He knows his loyal customers appreciate this. He just wishes there were more of them.

"I think there's still a place for an independent bookstore," he says. "People would miss the absence of it after the fact."

As Sig struggles to row his little ship through the rocky waves of big business, Geyh will keep coming back to rummage through the Philosophy and Critical Theory sections.

"It's a place that's connected and responsive to the community in a way that a chain store isn't," she said. "Closing it would be a tremendous loss to the community."

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WOOD

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wearing red T-shirts and waving "Wood-O'Connor" signs, to be his running mate in 1998 when she was a little known state representative. However, Pankovits said Ryan needed Wood to help mitigate his bad reputation with women voters. As Speaker of the House, Ryan had an unmovable anti-Equal Rights Amendment position, which would have added

an amendment to the U.S. constitution stating that sex should not be a determining factor in establishing the legal rights of individuals.

Wood, Ryan and State Sen. Patrick O'Malley are all contending for the March Republican nomination.

"Who's she trying to kid? She's Gov. George Ryan's full partner in an administration known for coziness with insiders," the attorney general's spokesman, Dan Curry, said in response to the ad.

Jim Ryan recently picked conservative Sen. Carl Hawkinson, R-Galesburg, as his running mate. The governor and lieutenant governor do not run as a ticket in the primary so O'Connor and Hawkinson will also face-off for the No. 2 position in March. O'Malley has not decided if he will endorse a running mate.

O'Connor is a veteran of Republican politics. The Beryyn native worked for former Gov. James Thompson as a public safety advisor and chief legal counsel in

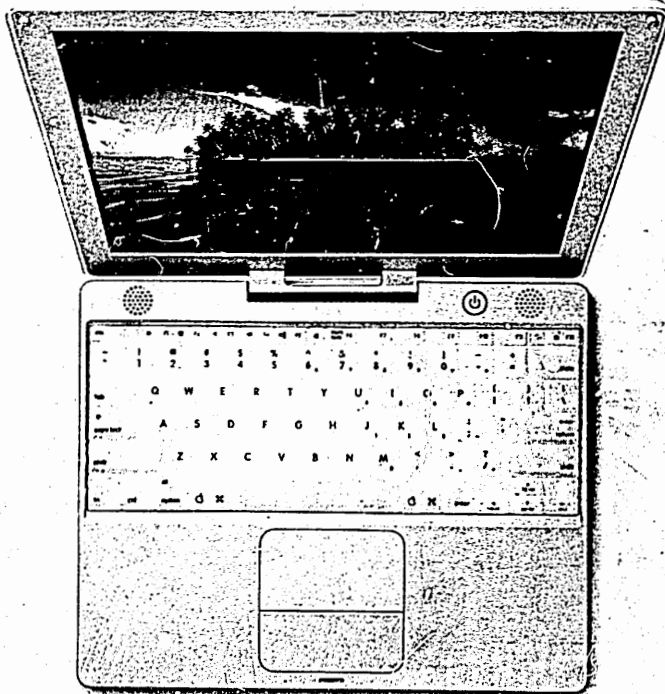
the early 1980s. He also served eight years on the Illinois Gaming Board in the 1990s.

O'Connor is a darling among gun-control supporters and was named legislator of the year by the Illinois State's Attorney's Association in 2000. He also led efforts to prevent federal rules requiring trains to sound whistles at grade crossings.

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Condit will run again for California congressional seat

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MODESTO, Calif. (KRT) - U.S. Rep. Gary Condit on Friday ended the mystery of whether he would run for re-election, walking into the Stanislaus County registrar's office 45 minutes before the filing deadline.

Surrounded by several aides, his son Chad and several dozen reporters and photographers, Condit dropped off 1,500 nomination signatures and a check for \$1,451.

"It was a tough decision, but I've been representing the valley for a long time," said Condit, D-Ceres, describing himself as a "great public servant."

Condit has been the target of intense media scrutiny since Chandra Levy, a 24-year-old Modesto woman, disappeared in late April, several days after she finished an internship with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons in Washington, D.C. Through staff members, Condit initially denied having an affair with Levy. But he no longer denies media reports that he admitted to investigators that he had a sexual relationship with Levy.

Condit's decision to enter the race came despite the misgivings of many prominent Democrats, who distanced themselves from Condit as the Levy saga unfolded last summer. California party leaders even redrew Condit's congressional district, making it tougher for him to win.

Condit, who has fared poorly in recent opinion polls, is expected to face a tough challenge from his former protegee, state Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza, D-Turlock, in the March primary for the 18th Congressional district.

Condit said that he planned to run on his record, and scolded the media, saying, "You guys will have to decide whether you're going to be fair to me."

Friday's impromptu press conference was the first time he has talked to a large group of reporters since before the scandal broke. In August, he gave ABC news reporter Connie Chung and a handful of other reporters interviews in an attempt to salvage his political career.

Levy's parents, who live in Modesto, have condemned Condit for not being forthright from the start. On Friday, however, they told reporters outside their home that they preferred not to comment about Condit's candidacy.

A month ago, Chad Condit, 34, a former aide to Gov. Gray Davis, had filed to run for state Senate in the 12th district. But he said Friday that he had decided against running for the seat so he could work on his father's campaign.

He had left his job with Davis after the governor criticized his father for being evasive. "I'm not running so I can help my dad," Chad Condit told the San Jose Mercury News. "The press has misrepresented who we are."

He said his father had waited until the last moment to file because the family agonized over whether he should run. "But we made the decision and look forward to a positive campaign."

Condit's main Democratic challenger, Cardoza, had originally been expected to run for the 12th district, which as the result of recent reapportionment now stretches from

Salinas to Modesto.

But he surprised political observers by deciding to challenge Condit after receiving encouragement from Democratic Party officials who felt that Condit had become an embarrassment.

Sandy Lucas, chairwoman of the Democratic Central Committee in Stanislaus County, said she couldn't understand why Condit would run, considering that polls showed that it would be virtually impossible for him to win reelection and that he might help sink Democratic candidates for the state Senate and Assembly.

"He can have a full life - without being an elected official," Lucas said, suggesting that he become a consultant, lobbyist or work for a political action committee.

Condit was headline news in both the tabloid and mainstream press over the summer, but he abruptly disappeared from the news after the Sept. 11 attacks. Despite the months of awful publicity, he continues to appeal to a core of loyal Democratic supporters.

One of them, Inalee Phend of Oakdale, Calif., was waiting in line in her wheelchair, waiting to file for a seat on the Democratic Central Committee. Phend said she didn't mind allowing Condit to step to the head of the line.

"I've been a supporter for 20 years," she said. "He's been a down-to-earth, intelligent and caring legislator."

Most of the people passing by the registrar's office, however, were less kind.

"I want to know what else he's hiding," said Robert Muller, 31, of Modesto. "You just can't trust him."

Alex Ambrozia, who will soon turn 18, said he intends to register to vote "so I can vote against him."

Friday was packed with suspense. Reporters, photographers and camera crews began staking out the registrar's office early in the morning, waiting to see if Condit would show up. And at first it appeared he wasn't going to run.

The doors to his campaign office were locked, and the staff of his district office shooed reporters away. Then early in the afternoon, Condit's chief of staff, Mike Lynch, showed up at the registrar's office to check to see who had filed for the congressional seat and other offices.

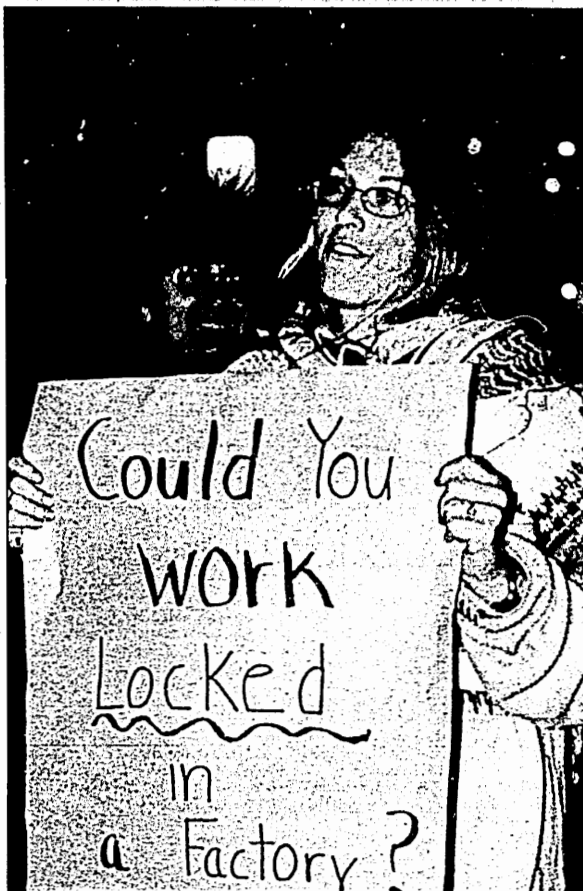
He left after assuring reporters that they would have an answer as to whether his boss would run by the 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time deadline.

As of Wednesday, Condit had turned in 1,982 of the 3,000 valid signatures required, according to the registrar's office. The additional 1,500 signatures are expected to take Condit over the top. But just in case, Chad Condit said, his dad left the \$1,451 check that can be paid in lieu of filing nomination signatures.

GOP candidates in the race include state Sen. Dick Monteith of Modesto, Modesto City Councilman Bill Conrad, former Assemblyman George House of Hughson and Park Yonker of Mariposa.

On Thursday, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt had told reporters he would respect whatever decision Condit made.

"The decision on his race is between - and I've said this many times - him and his constituents."



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A PROTEST IN THE NIGHT: A member of the Campus Shawnee Greens holds a sign up during a protest in front of Wal-Mart in Carbondale on Friday night. The group was protesting that Wal-Mart stores use children in sweatshops to manufacture some of its merchandise.

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believe in a party, then the chances of it succeeding are not that great," he said. "What people need to ask themselves is, 'What has the Democrat or Republican party done for me?'"

Wiatr appreciates Whitney's commitment to influencing the state legislature to give SIUC more funding for research. Wiatr encourages students to start projecting a better image for SIUC and attempt to dispel the "party school" myth.

"I think more attention can be given to Southern to get more money down here for certain areas," he said. "We need to go out there and say 'Look, Southern has really changed.'"

After he graduates, Wiatr wants to move back to the Cook County area and teach high school history. He said he will always maintain involvement in his community and the Green Party.

While all of Wiatr's responsibilities can be a juggling act at times, he does find time for leisurely reading and spending time with his girlfriend.

"I try to use my time as wisely as possible," he said. "If you see a problem, try to address it by being active in your community."

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USC sexual orientation policy draws fire

JEFF STENSLAND
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSFAPERS

COLUMBIA, S.C. (KRT) — USC's faculty senate angered some lawmakers by recommending the university include sexual orientation in its anti-discrimination policy.

Now some students and faculty are now fuming over comments made by a member of the board of trustees.

The faculty senate voted 48-14 Wednesday to approve a proposal to add sexual orientation to a list of categories, including race, gender and religion, in its Equal Opportunity policy.

The recommendation does not address health benefits for same sex couples or extend affirmative action policies at the school.

After the vote, board of trustees member and former home builder Michael Mungo accused gays and les-

bians of "trying to take over the world." Kevin Lewis, a religious studies professor at USC, said Mungo's comments are insulting.

"These comments sound like the ones white racists made about black people decades ago," he said. "Mr. Mungo has outlived his usefulness on the board."

Mungo, who has served on the board since 1969, will begin another four-year term in January, pending ratification by the General Assembly.

On Thursday, Mungo again showed disapproval with the faculty senate's decision.

He said that gays and lesbians who push for nondiscrimination policy changes have a hidden agenda.

"None of them really feel okay, so they're trying to get the rest of us to put a big stamp of approval on their back," he said.

Also this week, Sen. John Hawkins, R-Spartanburg, S.C., said he will introduce a bill that would prevent any state institution from singling out gays and lesbians for protection from discrimination.

"In my view, an administrator should be allowed to refuse to hire someone because of their sexual orientation," Hawkins said. "We should be able to exclude open homosexuals from teaching our kids."

Lt. Gov. Bob Peeler, a GOP gubernatorial candidate, also sent a letter to the board of trustees urging them not to adopt the faculty senate's recommendation.

Peeler said he's concerned about the legality of such a policy. He referenced existing state laws that make sodomy and fornication illegal.

"As one dissenting professor said ... we're essentially legitimizing actions or

activities that run against state law," Peeler said.

USC President John Palms dismissed the same proposal in 1993, saying he had worried it could open the school to lawsuits since no state law singled out sexual orientation as a protected category.

Mungo also said the policy change would give gays and lesbians a reason to sue USC.

"The gays and lesbians harass you, try to intimidate you," he said. "That's why we can't do this, because they'll sue you the first chance they get."

Faculty senate chairman Rob Wilcox said he's worried the faculty senate's proposal won't be taken seriously.

"I would just ask that anyone who is asked to act on this resolution give it full consideration. I'm a bit concerned by the suggestion that the views of the faculty

senate were irrelevant," Wilcox said. Wilcox said other faculty members were upset after reading Mungo's comments after Wednesday's vote.

Zach Scott, chairman of the student government's policy change committee, called Mungo's views "antiquated" and accused him of trying "to push a line between people."

Jeff Crews, president of USC's Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association said while he respects Mungo's right to express his views, he "strenuously" disagrees with them.

Crews declined to comment on Hawkins' proposed legislation.

Hawkins said he doesn't know if his bill will pass, but said he would introduce it shortly after the Legislature meets in January.

"I suspect it'll get strong support from certain parts of the state," Hawkins said.

Old Dominion U. takes more steps to limit outdoor smoking

PHILIP WALZER
THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

NORFOLK, Va. (KRT) — Smokers, step back.

Twenty paces back. Old Dominion University, which already bans smoking in classroom buildings and dorms, will soon restrict outdoor smoking as well. Starting next month, smoking will be prohibited within 20 feet of entrances to buildings.

In addition, people won't be able to smoke in outdoor athletic facilities, such as Foreman Field, or in enclosed courtyards.

"I think we need to provide a healthy environment for everyone in the academic community," said Dana D. Burnett, vice president for student services. "Secondhand smoke can be dan-

gerous to your health and should not be forced on those who are non-smokers."

Now, the entrances to buildings are sometimes clouded in haze from smokers who linger nearby, students said.

"It's almost like a carwalk that non-smokers have to walk down to get to class," said Sarah Young, a junior from Virginia Beach, Va., who says she's an infrequent smoker. "Taking it away would be a positive thing."

Why 20 feet? Burnett said it comes from a recommendation by the American College Health Association.

That distance keeps smoke from doorways and windows, but "also respects the rights of those who smoke," said association official Michael McNeil, the health promotions coordinator at the State University of New York at

Oswego. Most colleges don't have such regulations, McNeil said, but more are following that path, prompted by health and legal concerns.

The 20-foot restriction was endorsed by ODU's Student Senate and Faculty Senate, where one of the biggest backers was a smoker.

"My position has been, I need all the help I can get," said William A. Drewry, a professor of civil and environmental engineering. "Don't let me smoke in the building don't let me smoke in the athletic facilities. If I need to smoke, I can go outside and find a place."

Drewry estimates he ducks out of his building two to 10 times a day to smoke. He didn't worry about the inconvenience the new regulation would cause in bad weather. "I'll just take an umbrella with me and walk out 20 or 25 feet ...

and light up a cigarette," Drewry said. Donald Brown, a housekeeper who works in the library, is another campus smoker who doesn't object.

"If somebody says, 'I don't like their smoke,' I can understand that," Brown said. "We can't complain. At least they're still giving us a chance to smoke."

But others have been less sanguine about the change. Phillip Newallo, president of the Student Senate, has heard condemnation from smokers and not much from non-smokers.

"A lot of smokers haven't agreed with it," said Newallo, a nonsmoker who supports the restrictions. "They thought it as an infringement of their rights. Nonsmokers walk through it every day. If you're used to putting up with something, you're not going to make a fuss."



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Both the Salukis men's and women's track teams took the title of their opening meet to heart, getting off to a fast start.

With 16 first-place finishes in the unscored meet — nine by the women and seven by the men — SIU left a solid impression on Murray State and Tennessee-Martin, its opponents at the Saluki Fast Start Meet Saturday at the Recreation Center.

The Saluki men were jump-started by freshman Jaanus Undmae, who finished at the top of both the long jump (22'10.50) and triple jump (50'02) events.

Freshman Katy Ritten powered the SIU women's track team, racking up first place finishes in both the weight throw (44'06) and shot put (40'10.25) events.

Other first-place finishes for the Saluki men were Adam Judge (weight throw, 58'02), Kevin Mills (200 meter run, 22'14), Eli Baker (3,000 meter run, 8:48.47), Jeff Young (60 meter high hurdles, 8.09) and Marvin Primo (60 meter dash, 6.92).

First-place finishers for the SIU

women were Susan Miller(400 meter run, 1:02), Christen Carducci (1,600 meter run, 5:38.13), Latrice Gray (high jump, 5'07), Julia Roundtree (600 meter run, 1:37.44) and Korto Dunbar (60 meter high hurdles, 8.96).

The SIU men's and women's track teams return to action Jan. 11, when they host the McDonald's Invitational.

Alumni Member Appreciation Day at the SIU Arena

The SIU men's and women's basketball teams will be playing a doubleheader on Jan. 5 for Alumni Member Appreciation Day at the SIU Arena.

The Saluki women will take on Evansville at 12:05 p.m. and the men will follow them at 3:05 p.m. as they battle Illinois State.

There will be free tickets provided for members of the SIU Alumni Association.

Tickets are available at 26 businesses and banks throughout the Southern Illinois region, including the SIU Alumni Association offices on campus.

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except maybe Iowa State and at half-time I said they're playing harder than Iowa State did."

In addition to being beat on the scoreboard, SIU was also losing the battle on the boards, as George Mason had a 25-14 rebounding advantage at the half.

"[George Mason was] everywhere in the first half," Williams told SIU Media Services. "It didn't matter if we boxed out or not, they got the rebound. At halftime, we talked to each other and said we have to pick it up and take it to a higher level. We made a statement right away in the first two minutes of the second half."

The Salukis were a different team after the break, as they went on a 9-0 run that included a Marcus Belcher three-pointer and dunks by Roberts and Stetson Hairston to close the score to 38-37.

The Salukis kept the intensity up and outscored George Mason 45-28 in the second half, putting the game away in the final five minutes, to earn a grueling seven-point road win.

This was the first of three straight road games for the Salukis, who will travel to Northridge, Calif., to face off against Cal State-Northridge on

SALUKI RECAP												
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS						GEORGE MASON						
Southern Illinois University (73)												
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TOFG	FG-A	FT-FTA	REBOUNDS	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MVN		
Deamon, J.	7-12	5-6	9	1	19	0	0	0	0	29		
Hairston, Stetson	2-5	1-3	8	3	5	5	2	0	4	29		
Roberts, Nolan	6-11	0-0	9	3	12	3	1	2	0	32		
Belcher, Marcus	2-4	0-0	1	3	6	4	3	0	0	31		
Williams, Karl	8-15	5-6	1	2	26	2	3	0	0	33		
Brooks, Darren	1-5	0-1	3	3	2	0	1	1	1	17		
Bue, Tyrone	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	11		
Wells, S.	1-2	1-2	3	2	3	0	1	1	0	13		
Kam, Brad	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5		
Totals	27-57	12-18	35	18	73	15	12	12	3	200		
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TOFG	FG-A	FT-FTA	REBOUNDS	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MVN		
Larranaga, J.	3-11	3-5	8	2	9	3	5	0	2	34		
Young, Jesse	3-7	0-1	6	3	6	3	0	2	2	32		
Nixon, Terrence	5-10	1-2	4	3	11	1	1	0	0	25		
Heaton, Robert	5-11	0-1	5	3	10	2	1	0	0	31		
Anderson, Rob	4-9	0-0	2	5	9	1	2	1	0	28		
Tynes, Richard	1-3	1-2	6	1	3	0	0	1	0	12		
Butler, Lamar	4-10	4-7	4	2	14	1	0	1	1	27		
Cooper, Dean	2-2	0-0	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	9		
Totals	27-63	9-18	39	20	66	12	12	7	6	200		

Sunday before heading to Colorado State.

For now, Weber's team can do no wrong.

"I'm still kind of pinching myself because all of a sudden we won this

game and made some plays... you got to win some games, kind of creep and scrape and find ways to win," he said.

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Crouch proves the best option for Heisman

ANDREW BAGNATO
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

ATLANTA (KRT) — In the fourth-closest race in Heisman Trophy history, Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch won college football's most coveted award Saturday night.

"I'm at a loss for words," Crouch said moments after becoming the 67th Heisman winner during a ceremony in New York City. "Down to this minute, this has been the most anticipated thing in my life."

The vote of the 900-plus Heisman electors came down to four star quarterbacks from four stellar teams: Crouch, Rex Grossman of Florida, Ken Dorsey of Miami and Joey Harrington of Oregon.

Crouch, a senior, edged Grossman, a sophomore, 770-708. Dorsey finished third with 638 points. Indiana quarterback Antwaan Randle El, winner of the Tribune's Silver Football as Big Ten MVP, finished sixth and was No. 1 among voters in the Midwest.

The fifth-place finisher also was a quarterback, David Carr of Fresno State.

The jostest Heisman vote was in 1985, when Auburn running back Bo Jackson beat out Iowa quarterback Chuck Long by 45 votes.

Crouch became the first player in 40 years to win the Heisman while carrying only one voting region. Crouch was the first pick in the Southwest.

Crouch is the third Cornhusker to win the award. Receiver/return man Johnny Rodgers won in 1972 and running back Mike Rozier won in 1983.

Crouch's detractors pointed at his statistics. He ran for 1,115 yards and passed for 1,510. But he had more interceptions (10) than touchdown passes (7).

Still, Crouch led the Cornhuskers to an 11-1 record and the brink of the Rose Bowl, site of the Bowl Championship Series title game. Despite losing its last game 62-36 to Colorado, Nebraska is expected to draw an invitation to Pasadena if Tennessee lost the Southeastern Conference title game to Louisiana State on Saturday night in Atlanta.

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Swim team loses to Big 12 Missouri

Despite loss, both men's, women's, teams win several events

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The men's and women's swimming and diving teams weren't surprised to return from Missouri with a loss, but they won several events and feel they held their own against the Big 12 school.

The men's team finished with 98 points, trailing Missouri's 143. The women lost to the undefeated Tigers 163.5 to 73.5.

On the women's side, sophomore Leane Pienaar took second in the 1,000 freestyle along with another second-place finish in the 200 butterfly. Pienaar also took third in the 500 freestyle. Senior Brooke Radostits earned some points for the Salukis with a second-place finish in the 50 freestyle.

The Saluki women swept the 200 breaststroke with senior Mary Trailow taking first, Susan Furkin second and Kendall Forster third.

Trailow said Missouri swam strong at the meet. The Tigers had

an easy meet the week before and Trailow said they were still on a high from that.

"I think we did our best. We swam really well for ourselves," Trailow said. "We're really making big strides. It's easy to swim against teams we know we can beat and say 'Hey we have a good record, we're undefeated,' but to step up and compete against bigger teams really says something."

The women's relay teams also finished strong. The team of Radostits, Forster, Brigitta Olson and Courtney Corler took third in the 400 medley relay.

Two SIU teams took first and second in the 400 freestyle relay. Freshmen Sarah Lenz and Natalie Kenny, sophomore Kyria Kershner and junior Amber Mullins took first with a time of 3:40.80. The team of freshmen Ashley MacCurdy and Rachel Green and sophomores Karina Belache and Olson finished just behind the other SIU team to take second with a time of 3:40.82.

The men's team also beat out Missouri in several events. Senior Corne Prozesky took first in the 200 breaststroke and finished second in the 200 individual medley.

Sophomore Edoardo Daelli finished

first in the 200 freestyle with sophomore Brent Menghini taking third in the event.

Menghini also placed second in the 200 butterfly. Sophomore Derek Helvey finished second in the 500 freestyle. Senior Chrysanthos Papachrysanthou placed second in the 100 freestyle and took third in the 50 freestyle.

Although the Salukis won several events, Menghini said they didn't do as well as they had anticipated and weren't up for the challenges Missouri put in front of them.

"We're still strong. It was just a hard meet to go into," Menghini said.

The men's relay teams took a first, second and third place. In the 400 freestyle relay, the team of Papachrysanthou, Daelli, sophomore Matt Glowacki and junior Jeremiah Cortez finished first.

Helvey, sophomore Cameron Cook, freshman Ivan Sanchez and junior George Oxinos finished third in the same event. The team of Prozesky, Daelli, freshman Adam Gangl and junior Danilo Luna placed second in the 400 medley relay.

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Northern Iowa 56 Maine 28

Adam Bengé's three rushing touchdowns contributed to Northern Iowa's mauling of Maine 56-28 Saturday in the Division I-AA quarterfinals at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Bengé broke a 28-28 stalemate with a 63-yard rushing touchdown

and the Panthers never looked back, scoring 28 unanswered points.

Bengé finished the game with 114 yards rushing to go with his three touchdowns. UNI quarterback Griffith Jurgens completed 12 of 26 passes for 299 yards and two TDs.

The Black Bears were led by receiver Stefan Gomes, who finished with 174 yards receiving and two TDs, and quarterback Jake Eaton threw for 330 yards and three TDs.

The Panthers (11-2) continue their postseason into the semifinal round of the playoffs as they travel to face the top-ranked Montana Grizzlies (13-1) Saturday.

The Grizzlies enter the contest fresh off of a 49-24 victory against Sam Houston State.

Notre Dame's Humphrey out with stress fracture

ANDREW SOUKUP
THE OBSERVER (U. NOTRE DAME)

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (U-WIRE) — If the Irish hope to bounce back from their first loss of the season, they'll have to do it without Ryan Humphrey.

The senior forward will miss Saturday's game against Miami of Ohio with a leg injury and is not expected to play until after Christmas, Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey said.

"It's showing the signs of a stress

fracture," Brey said. "It's not technically a stress fracture, but that's a dangerous area. Our attitude is we need to shut him down until after Christmas and look at him again in three weeks. He just needs to stay off that thing."

Tests revealed Humphrey has a stress reaction in his left leg. A stress reaction is not as serious as a stress fracture. However, if untreated, stress fractures often lead to stress fractures.

"It's a great test for our character again, going into a tough place and trying to win without our guy. No one is playing better than Ryan Humphrey right now," Brey said.

MVC Men's Basketball Standings

As of December 8, 2001

School	Missouri Valley			Overall			Home	Away	Neutral		
	Record	Pct.	PF	PA	Record	Pct.				PF	PA
Northern Iowa	1-0	1.000	67.0	61.0	6-2	.750	73.2	69.2	3-0	2-1	1-1
Southern Illinois	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	7-1	.875	73.5	63.4	3-0	2-0	2-1
Creighton	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	3-2	.600	79.4	69.8	3-0	0-2	0-0
Drake	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	3-2	.600	75.4	70.2	1-0	1-2	1-0
Wichita State	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	4-1	.800	74.5	73.5	2-1	1-1	1-2
Illinois State	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	3-4	.429	68.7	71.1	2-0	0-2	1-2
Southwest Missouri State	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	3-4	.429	75.1	71.3	3-1	0-3	0-0
Indiana State	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-4	.333	57.8	64.0	2-1	0-3	0-0
Evansville	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-5	.286	71.1	81.3	2-1	0-4	0-0
Bradley	0-1	.000	61.0	67.0	2-4	.333	61.3	63.3	1-3	1-1	0-0

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Jermaine Dearman (left) and Rolan Roberts battle among a crowd of George Mason players Saturday in SIU's 73-66 road win. Dearman scored 19 and Roberts had 12 to help the Salukis come from behind to win.

Big three lead the way

Williams, Dearman, Roberts combine for 57 points in win over George Mason

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Be sure you don't blink, because you might miss a very special season.

The SIU men's basketball team continued its early season tear with a 73-66 win over George Mason University Saturday at the Patriot Center in Fairfax, Va., in front of 3,114 fans. It was just the fifth time the Patriots have lost at home in the past four years.

The Salukis were led by their big three of guard Kent Williams, forward Jermaine Dearman and Virginia native Rolan Roberts. The trio finished with 57 of SIU's 73 points en route to overcoming a 10-point halftime deficit.

"They came up big," said SIU head coach Bruce Weber on the post-game radio show. "We said that we had three of the better players in our league and I think they are, especially if Jermaine

comes to play and he came to play."

Williams had yet another phenomenal game. He finished with a season-high 26 points and went 5-of-9 from beyond the three-point arc. Dearman finished with 19 points and nine rebounds and uncharacteristically hit five of six free throws. Roberts finished with 12 points, nine rebounds and two blocks in his homecoming.

Weber said Roberts was ecstatic following the win.

"It was huge for him to come home," Weber said. "I think about 50 or 60 of his people came from back home. No one knows Southern Illinois around here. We're not a name and they're like where the heck is Carbondale and now we come in here and win at their place and now he's got bragging rights for a long time."

The Salukis (7-1) are inching closer and closer to landing a spot in the Top 25 polls, to be released early this week. In the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) as of Saturday, SIU was ranked No. 19 in the country, sandwiched between Missouri and Michigan State.

Saturday's win over the Patriots (5-2) should help the Salukis maintain their ascent in the

rankings, as George Mason was picked to finish second in the Colonial Athletic League. Weber emphasized the importance of playing quality mid-major programs to both bolster their RPI ranking as well as prepare them for the tough Missouri Valley Conference schedule.

"I told our guys that (MVC Commissioner) Doug Elgin tells us that you got to find mid-majors that are going to win 20 or more games and these guys are going to win a lot of games," Weber said. "Now, you win at their court and it's just huge for us."

Early on, it seemed like the Salukis' early season-high may be coming down, as the Patriots wiped out an early 12-8 SIU lead by going on a 19-5 run on the way to a 38-28 halftime lead.

Weber felt the Salukis weren't physical enough in the first half.

"They just bullied us like we had bullied Indiana and Iowa State in the second half and some of these other teams that we played," Weber said. "They just took it to us. I told the guys that they would play harder than anyone

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Women's basketball above .500 for first time in five years

Salukis top Tennessee State

TODD MERCHANT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women's basketball team crept above the .500 mark for the first time in more than five seasons Saturday afternoon as it won consecutive games for the first time all season.

The Salukis, who defeated Tennessee State University 71-63 in front of 652 fans at the SIU Arena Saturday, improved their record to 4-3, the team's first winning record since late in the 1996-97 season when it was 14-13.

Senior point guard Holly Teague led all scorers with 21 points and forward Geshla Woodard and guard Molly McDowell chipped in 14 points and 10 points, respectively.

Teague said the team is pleased with its record, and morale on the team is significantly improved.

"I think being 4-3, our confidence is up right now, and that's helped us go out and play with more intensity," Teague said. "It's a really good feeling to be 4-3."

SIU head coach Lori Opp said her team is excited about its season so far, especially after finishing 7-20 last season.

"After the last win, they said 'we're almost halfway to our win total from last season,' so I know they feel real good about that," Opp said.

"This group, if you watch them at all, you watch the chemistry on the bench, the chemistry on the floor, they really mesh well together. It's really a good group of kids as far as getting along all together."

It was fitting that many of the fans in the stands were from local high school teams, as the level of play by Tennessee State at times seemed more conducive to the prep level. Although SIU had an obvious edge talent-wise, it was only able to connect on 43 percent of its shots from the field in the first half and it missed all four of its free throw attempts, leading to just a 38-30 edge at the intermission.

The Salukis turned the tempo up a notch in the second half, as they went on a 12-1 run to go up 50-31 with 15:30 left in the game. The Tigers did not do much to stop the Salukis, as they committed seven fouls and turned the ball over seven times during the stretch.

SIU controlled the game for about the next six minutes as it led 63-46 with 9:19 left on the

clock. Tennessee State, however, was not done yet, as it used a 10-3 run to cut the Salukis lead down to eight points with 2:44 left in the game.

That was as close as the Tigers would get, as SIU hit five out of eight free throws in the final 2:03 to hold on for the win.

The Salukis shot a dismal 27.8 percent from the field in the second half and just 35.2 percent for the game.

Opp said the team was happy with the win despite a few trouble spots.

"We didn't crank it out the way we would have liked to," Opp said. "We would have liked the margin to be a lot bigger than what it was ... but we'll take the W and take our fans."

The Tigers (1-4) were considerably shorter than the Salukis. The six-foot Woodard used her height advantage to grab a career-high 12 rebounds. Tennessee State was more athletic than the Salukis, however, and blocked eight of SIU's shots, as compared to only two for the Salukis.

"I thought that [the height advantage] helped out some, but being that the girls we were playing against, they could jump, so we needed the height," Woodard said.

Although she posted her third double-double of the season, Woodard was less than pleased with her overall performance

Saturday afternoon. She shot only 3-of-16 from the field, with many of her misses coming from within a few feet of the basket.

"I can always do better, and I'll never be satisfied," Woodard said. "I missed a lot of bunnies. I've definitely got to work on that."

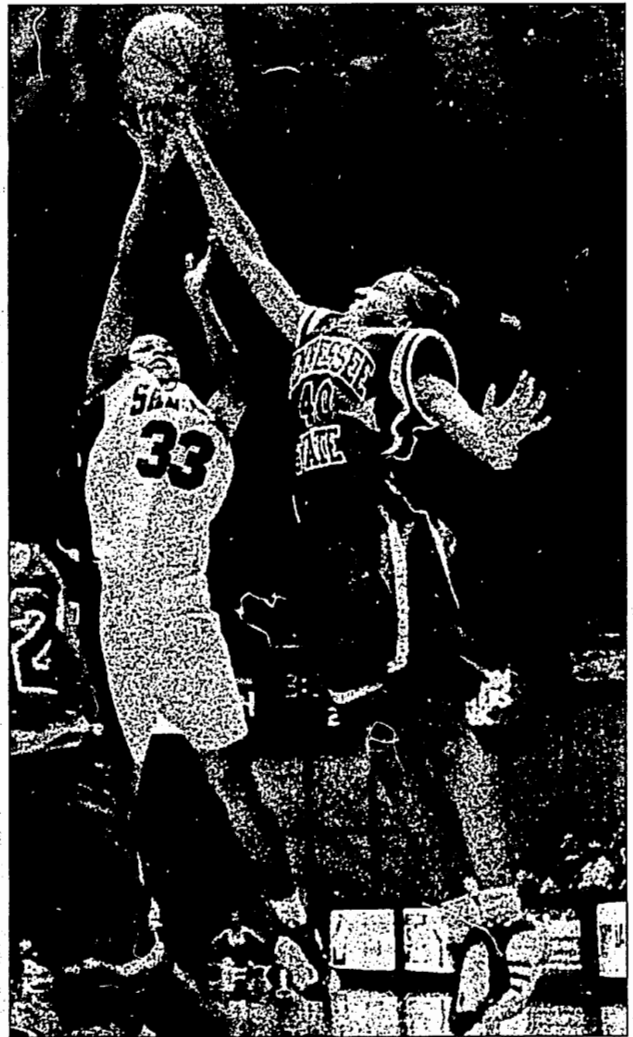
SIU excelled on the defensive end, causing the Tigers to turn the ball over 28 times, which included 15 steals by the Salukis.

"We actually went into the beginning of the game trying to play a real soft 2-3-Press," Opp said, "and that's what we did. We played it real soft, and, fortunately for us, they played into our hands, and we got some big steals."

Tennessee State had four players scoring in double figures. LaRissa Thomas led the way for the Tigers with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Salukis next play on Dec. 19 when they travel to Annapolis, Md., for the Navy Tournament. They take on Winthrop University at 4:30 p.m. and play either Navy or Maryland-Eastern Shore the following evening.

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KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Geshla Woodard goes to the hoop during Saturday's game against Tennessee State. The Salukis won 71-63.