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USG senator arrested, removed from meeting

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Handcuffs jangling on his wrists, hands behind his back and two officers escorting him from the Student Center was not Rob Taylor's ideal way to leave Wednesday night's Undergraduate Student Government meeting.

The meeting started normally enough — and instantly exploded into a screaming match in less than five minutes of the call to order.



Taylor

The meeting evolved into Taylor, the senator in question for grade point average requirements, refusing to obey the request of the Student Center building manager to leave the Student Center.

The debacle started with the completion of roll call for USG members when Taylor asked why his name was not called for attendance.

USG Vice President Scott Belton quickly informed Taylor, a longtime student-activist, he lacked the necessary grade point average to maintain his senate seat. Belton attempted to continue the meeting but Taylor protested.

Taylor said he had proof of his eligible GPA and immediately produced a document, mailed to him by SIUC after the fall 2000 semester, that showed his GPA was 2.26. The GPA

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Carbondale schools get new look

Local district building modernized high school, middle school

BRENDA CORLEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With a new high school coming soon to Carbondale, community members are eager to reap the expected benefits.

A high school and six elementary schools are being renovated and built in Carbondale, with state funds and increased taxes, providing the attractiveness potential residents look for.

School officials, parents and City Council members say Carbondale has been long overdue for the change.

Jeff Doherty, Carbondale City Manager, believes the lure of new educational facilities will encourage people to move to Carbondale and allow existing residents to take more pride in the city.

The buildings in Carbondale's elementary school district 95 are about 50 years old, while the East Campus building of Carbondale Community High School has been standing since 1923.

Completions for each school are aimed at sometime during fall 2002 to 2003.

Christine Szpisjak, a Carbondale resident, has a second-grader who attends Lewis School, 801 S. Lewis Lane, and cannot wait for the construction to be complete.

"Yahoo! That's what I say about the building of the new school," she said. "I work at Lewis School and I say it's about time."

In the Carbondale elementary



JESSICA KOLB - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rob Hengst and David Davison of the J&L Robinson Construction Company lay brick Wednesday during the ongoing construction of a future Carbondale middle school on Lewis Lane. The projected completion date of the first middle school in Carbondale will be November.

system there are six schools that divide students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

There will be additions and space changes at four of the schools and the construction of Carbondale's first middle school accommodating sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

"We basically didn't have any adequate space and it was cramped," said Elizabeth Lewin, superintendent of Carbondale Elementary School District 95.

In 1998, the Illinois State Board of Education put dollars

into upgrading old schools and District 95 jumped at the opportunity, said Lewin.

The total cost for the middle school project is estimated at \$11 million.

With the construction of the middle school and additions to the others, it will double the size of student occupancy from a previous 200 students up to 400 students.

"Because of the updated technology we plan to offer continuing education programs for parents, after-school activities and it

will benefit the community as a whole," said Lewin. "We've been wanting to do that for a long time."

Two rooms, a cafeteria and a gym, are currently combined into one multi-purpose room.

"But now will have specific rooms that will allow us to meet new learning standards," Lewin said.

Carol Lepair, of White and Borgognoni Architects-PC, is

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Nationwide school spending not up to snuff

Illinois education better than most

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With the construction of two new schools in Carbondale, it may appear education is receiving the attention from legislators that it deserves. But even with the Lottery and property taxes, SIUC officials say educational funding is still short-changed.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, governors in several states including Alabama, Arkansas, North Dakota, Iowa, Delaware, Georgia and Wyoming are increasing spending on elementary and secondary education, drawing attention away from higher-education needs.

Higher education receives about 13 percent of state expenditures while elementary and secondary education institutions receive about 35 percent.

But because there are more students in elementary and secondary education institutions, those schools will continually secure funding.

"They're always going to receive more money because the number of students is greater," said

Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration. "The cost per student isn't as high, but the numbers are great."

Poshard said education on the whole is underfunded, but he also observed that technology and utilities in primary and secondary schools are outdated. But those schools receive money from property taxes to help fund the budget.

"I don't think it's fair to have the value of a child's education on the value of the property of where a child lives," Poshard said. "But there are areas at both levels that need to be looked at."

The state is far behind in funding education, but Poshard said the state is doing the best it can. And although Illinois appears to be improving education faster than some other states, Poshard is certain that it is still not at the top of the list.

Don Sevener, director of commerce with the Illinois Board of Higher Education, said because there are more than one million public schools in Illinois, they will obviously receive more funds. But Sevener also emphasized Gov. George

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Gap signs letter of intent to open store in University Mall

MARK LAMBRID
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The signing of a 'letter of intent' by Gap officials to bring a store to the University Mall by Christmas was announced Tuesday night at the Carbondale City Council meeting.

On the coattails of the Gap, there are four other business negotiating with mall management. Three of the businesses are in the advanced stage of closing a deal, though a mall official declined to comment on the stores' names in negotiations at this time.

But while the Gap is coming to the mall, several other deals have fallen through or been placed on hold.

City Council members listened as Leonard Richards, the vice president of Landau & Heyman, the company that manages the mall, explained that the overriding reason mall development remains slow is the national economy's downturn.

Richards sighted the collapse of the movie theater industry and stalling retail-sales in the past year as the reason most plans are on hiatus or were terminated altogether.

One of the deals that fell through was

with a subsidiary of Sax, Inc., who own Sax Fifth Avenue.

"At the second meeting we had with Sax, Inc., it became clear that they were not financially able to develop a store at the mall," Richards said.

If the deal was made it would have brought a large apparel store to the mall. This store is what mall management call a destination, a business that draws people to the mall. Once there, they go to other stores and increase total sales. The Gap store is considered a destination store that will draw business to the mall.

Richards said that a final announcement was about two months away on the Gap deal. At

Gus Bode



Gus says: There's already a lot of gaps in the mall.

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EDUCATION

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Ryan's generosity to higher education. Ryan proposed a \$40.6 billion budget for fiscal year 2000, increasing education-aid funds by \$536 million. Ryan also recommended to fully fund all of the IBHE-recommended budget for fiscal year 2001, giving SIUC a 5.7 percent increase.

"The governor kept his promise to devote 51 percent of all new state dollars for education," Severin said. The budget for fiscal year 2002 will be released Feb. 21.

According to the Illinois State Constitution, the state is supposed to pay for the "majority" of education costs. However, even with Ryan's promise to devote 51 percent of all new money to education, the state is not funding the majority of educational needs.

TAYLOR

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requirement to be a USG senator is a cumulative 2.25.

According to information from Student Affairs, given to USG, Taylor's GPA was 2.16.

"I don't see why my GPA has to be passed around," Taylor said, watching his grades pass along the executive table as members in close proximity looked at it. "It's really none of your concern. This is a senate concern. My name should be called for attendance right now."

Belton announced that the USG Internal Affairs Committee would look at the evidence, but Taylor insisted his name be called.

Despite heated discussion and noise, Belton made the decision to continue the meeting. He was stopped soon after by USG Senator Adam Joseph, who asked those in attendance to calm down.

The Illinois Lottery was created with the intent to send extra dollars to education. But Poshard said much of the money is sent to other avenues.

"The legislature has just found other ways to spend that money," Poshard said. Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement, said although higher education in Illinois, including SIUC, has received more funding recently, money is forever a need.

"There are a number of priorities that have to be funded," McCurry said. "All are important. The real challenge is to find enough dollars to meet all those priorities. You don't want to put [kindergarten] through [grade] 12 against higher education. We just have to look to increase the budget."

McCurry is still not happy with the budget for SIUC.

"We like to have everything funded. The newest building on this campus is probably older than [most students]," he

Joseph opened the USG Constitution and asked the members in attendance to review GPA and senator removal requirements, with Taylor's report card GPA.

As Joseph finished his comment, Belton asked where the security guards were and attempted to continue the meeting. Belton repeatedly called for security, while hammering his gavel.

Belton's desire met resistance from senators shouting, "We are not going to move on! We're going to deal with it! Where's due process?"

The noise level raised instantaneously as other members of USG shouted for a point of order while students and others in attendance shouted about Taylor, "Remove him!"

To calm the senate, a five minute recess was called.

The Student Center building manager arrived, followed by two SIUC police officers who stood and waited near the doors of the meeting room. The building

manager told Taylor he could not create a conflict inside the Student Center. When other members of USG attempted to explain the situation to the building manager, the building manager told them to take it up with Jean Paratore, the USG advisor.

The building manager then requested Taylor to gather his things and leave the building. But Taylor refused. "I'm not going to go unless I'm formally arrested," Taylor said. "My rights are being violated." USG senator Michael Leahy attempted to talk to the building manager, who informed Leahy he was only talking to Taylor.

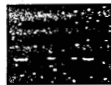
After refusals to step outside at the request of the building manager and the two police officers, Taylor was handcuffed and led outside the building.

In protest, at least four senators walked out of the meeting at which point the meeting continued.

WEATHER



TODAY: Cloudy High: 65 Low: 59



FRIDAY: Rain High: 59 Low: 27



SATURDAY: Partly Cloudy High: 44 Low: 29

POLICE BLOTTER

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A residential burglary occurred at 404 S. University Ave. The suspect allegedly tore the screen and entered the apartment sometime between Monday at 10:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. A Compaq laptop, valued at \$500, was taken. There are no suspects.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY

- Pre-Law Association Meeting 6 p.m. Mackinaw Room - Student Center. "Ask the Pros"- How to get a job...How to keep a job 7 p.m. Wham 105. Blacks in Communications Alliance Meetings 7 p.m. Sangamon Room. Society of Professional Journalists Meeting 7 p.m. Communication Building.

John A. Logan College

You are Invited to GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN'S 175th BIRTHDAY PARTY with CAKE AND COMMENTARY



- Dr. Jack Hill on the Naming of John A. Logan College
Mr. Mike Jones on Logan Research by Murphysboro Students
Ms. Adrienne Barkley on Logan Memorabilia and Current Exhibits

The SIUC Press' Gordon Press will be present with 25% discounts on Back Jack (paper, \$11), Birthdays of a Soldier's Wife (paper, \$15), and information about John A. Logan's Salem Republic from Elizabeth, volume two of Logan's biography.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 10:00 - 10:45 AM in the College Atrium

1826-1886

ESPN logo in a stylized oval. Text: LIVE FEB. 10 • 1pm SIU ARENA. SHOW OFF SIU TO THE NATION.

SPC Films Presents Robert De Niro Ben Stiller Meet the Parents Thursday at 7pm Friday and Saturday at 7 and 9:30 pm \$2 SIU students \$3 general public Showings in Student Center Auditorium

The Kayak Shop If the water is still liquid, it's still paddling season! Shawnee Trails

Meeting the standards

SIUC is working to meet the needs of disabled students

ANDREA DONALDSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The University has spent about \$7 million since 1993 on renovations of sidewalks, ramps and buildings in an attempt to make the campus compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This spring the University will be posted with 11,000 new interior signs in 41 main campus buildings.

According to an architectural survey done in

1992, the University is still \$19 million short of making the campus entirely compliant to the needs of disabled students.

"There is an effort right now to get more money," said Kathleen Plesko, director of Disabled Support Services.

Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration, said the signage should be complete within a few months, bringing the University one step closer to compliance. Renovations have already been made to restrooms, doors and sidewalks. The signs are the fifth phase of Poshard's project to update campus.

He said the signage on campus has not been up to standards for many years.

"This is a priority issue for us and we want to

do everything we can to fill the needs of our disabled students," Poshard said.

Phil Gattton, SIUC's supervising architect and engineer, estimated the signage across campus to cost \$235,000. He said the University has contracted the job out to 5-Star in Fairview Heights.

Plesko said she is rarely faced with architectural-based complaints from students, though she is sure there is a lot of work to be done to make the campus 100-percent compliant with the ADA. She said some barriers like Thompson Woods are still a problem for students, but it will take a while to solve them.

"I think we're in really excellent shape on a day-to-day basis," Plesko said. "Students can get to class and have what they need."

NEWS IN BRIEF

BOT to meet today

The Board of Trustees will meet at 10:30 a.m. today in Student Center Ballroom B.

Members of the public will be allotted 30 minutes to ask questions and voice concerns to trustees. A sign-up sheet will be made available before the meeting, and questions will be addressed in the order they are received.

Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk will present plans for the \$1.5 million softball complex and new turf for McAndrew Stadium for approval by the board.

Trustees will also vote to approve funds for \$1.3 million in construction funds for structural repair and deck replacement of the overpass that runs from Brush Towers to campus.

The board will also vote to approve a 5-percent salary increase for the chancellors of SIUC and SIU-Edwardsville, and the faculty contract, which offers an 11-percent faculty raise during the next two years.

Meditation trend grows in a more relaxed Carbondale

KELLY DAVENPORT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mati Vargas sits and breathes — just breathes — twice a day. If she doesn't, her inner boob tube chatters nonstop and she worries about things she has no control over.

"I get noisy — I start making up the future," she said. "When really the present moment is all you have control over."

To free herself from worry and mindlessness, Vargas meditates. On Monday night at the Recreation Center, she helped others learn to meditate, too.

A deceptively simple practice, meditation means turning your attention inward. Feeling only your breath as it flows in and out of your body.

Vargas said the human mind is "monkey-like" — always shrieking and jumping from thought to thought with little coherency.

But meditation teaches how to detach from these mindless worries to build a stronger, more centered self.

The practice itself has roots in almost all major religious traditions. For centuries, Christian monks, Jewish mystics and Hindu yogis have practiced the art of meditating in order to live in the moment.

Now modern folks in search of fresh insight into their lives are turning to meditation to show them a new path. Many Carbondale residents tread that path today.

Like Randy Osborn, a Carbondale resident and member of the Shawnee Dharma Group — a Buddhist meditation group that meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Interfaith Center, 913 S. Illinois Ave.

About 10 years ago, Osborn came to a turning point in his life.

"I just wanted something deeper," he said after Tuesday's

meeting, where members shared 30 minutes of sitting meditation followed by discussion.

Scientists now know meditation has many physical benefits: it lowers stress response, decreases adrenaline and strengthens the immune system. A recent Duke University study showed relatively healthy senior citizens who meditated or prayed lived longer.

While teaching at the Recreation Center, Vargas has noticed an increased number of people seeking mindful ways of living.

The new students in her meditation class — which meets again at 7 p.m. Monday — came for many reasons.

Some wanted to learn stress-reduction techniques to help them combat the photocopy machines, ringing phones and piles of paperwork.

Others wanted to further their study of the discipline, which they had just begun to dabble in.

It wasn't that long ago when Vargas herself was plowing through a period of self-discovery. She attended meditation retreats with Tibetan monks and learned prayer rituals, which helped her turn the corner.

Anthony Steinbock first experimented with meditation 25 years ago, hoping to bring more of a spiritual context to his life.

"This [spiritual capacity] is something that I think we have in general, but we keep it away from ourselves," he said.

Steinbock, a professor in philosophy at SIUC, teaches a course on mystical literature and meditation that will be offered this summer. And since the class stresses both the history and experience of meditation, Steinbock said students may taste personal benefits.

"You suddenly stop being reactive," Vargas explained. "You take everything as a little passing cloud and you just watch it go by."

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MATI VARGAS
Carbondale meditates



RONDA YEAGER — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Keith Berry (left), a doctoral student in speech communication, Brian Norris, a sophomore in cinema, and Bijay Gurung, a freshman in mechanical engineering, concentrate on deep breathing at the Mindful Awareness class Tuesday night in the Conference Room of the Recreational Center. The class will meet once more on Monday.

Illinois breaks spending records in 2000 elections

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

More than \$1 million spent in eight districts

The cost of contested seats in the Illinois General Assembly surged into record-breaking territory in the 2000 election.

New records were set for the most expensive Senate race and House race in Illinois history, and the record of number of races exceeding \$1 million doubled to eight.

The figures were compiled by the Sunshine Project and the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform from year end reports filed with the State Board of Elections.

The last record was set in 1996 when the number of million dollar legislative races reached four. In 2000, races in the 18th, 27th and 30th Senate districts and the 63rd, 103rd, 116th, 117th and 118th House districts jumped to more than \$1 million.

Kent Redfield, director of the Sunshine Project, said the 2000 election can be attributed to the continuing trend of rising election costs, but he was not expecting the number of \$1 million races to double.

"I was still surprised to see that kind of jump," Redfield said.

Three of the record breaking House races were in Southern Illinois, with the 116th district race hitting \$1.36 million, the most ever spent on an Illinois House race in history.

Redfield finds it troubling that \$1 million is spent on the campaign for seats that pay about \$55,000.

He said most of the money spent in the 116th, 117th and 118th races was funneled to the candidates by leaders in their parties.

"Very little of the money came from those districts," he said.

The races present a power struggle between the two political parties and right now there are not regulations to stop it, Redfield said.

According to Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, Southern Illinois was a "battleground" because of the seats left without incumbents.

"The turnover is something we haven't seen for sometime," Bost said.

When two new candidates compete for a seat, they are often working with out the advantage of name recognition or an established presence in the area, Bost said.

Another consideration is the boost that advertising elections creates, he said.

"The reality is, for the economy, it's great," Bost said.

Advertisers were probably reveling in the Senate's 27th district where candidates set a new spending record at \$1.4 million.

Bost said he is in favor of regulating the current system by implementing regulation that would have candidates match money received from outside their districts with money raised within the district.

However, Bost said he does not support all types of campaign finance reforms.

Mike Lawrence, associate director of the Public Policy Institute, said spending has increased with each election.

Lawrence said large amounts of money are poured into a relatively small proportion of races that are highly contested. About a dozen races in the House, and fewer in the Senate, determine which party will control each section of the legislature.

Highly contested seats downstate can carry a large price tag because of the use of television commercials in Southern Illinois campaigns.

"A considerable amount of money is used to buy advertisements on television," Lawrence said.

The situation does warrant concern, but Lawrence said the possible ramifications of reform should be considered.

One problem with forcing matching funding is that it could provide an advantage for the incumbent, Lawrence said. Challengers, who are less known in the area, may have difficulties raising funds within the district.

"I understand the need for reform, but I think we need to be careful," he said.

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OUR WORD

Camera's watching you, SIU

You can't buy advertising like this. When ESPN's cameras roll into Carbondale for Saturday afternoon's basketball game between SIU and Creighton at the SIU Arena, the University will have two hours of televised national exposure. Saturday's game is a wonderful opportunity for the Saluki basketball program to receive a major dose of positive P.R. But it is also a chance for the University as a whole to bask in the limelight of national prominence. So how do we want to be portrayed to the rest of the country? One possibility is for viewers to tune in and see a dull game played in front of an unimpressed amount of apathetic students. Or, more optimistically, maroon-clad students

will show up in droves and turn the Arena into the type of raucous pit that makes college basketball so appealing to the masses. SIU's last ESPN game took place during the 1995-96 season, and that was a road game. For a school like SIU that does not enjoy the advantages of regular attention from the national media, this game is a big deal. Saturday afternoon provides a golden opportunity for us to show a nationwide audience what SIU is all about. The ball is in our court to begin projecting the type of image of our University that we want others to perceive when they think of SIU. So let's come to the Arena loud, enthusiastic and ready to show the country that we are proud to be Salukis.

COLUMNIST

Feb. 14 nearing, pass the Midol

Here's the thing I hate about Valentine's Day — that I actually need it. Ashamed as I am to admit it, I have to give Hallmark some credit here — not many corporations are so bold to create an entire holiday, then turn around and perpetuate it with such cunning marketing that an entire gender becomes physically and biologically dependent on its existence. And don't be fooled, ladies. That's exactly what they've done. If Valentine's Day was completely stricken from calendars and observance, we would wake up that morning, ignorant to the specific problem but at the same time, with an incredible dull aching deep down inside of us. And that emptiness in the pits of our stomachs would have nothing to do with spouses. It would have everything to do with the female body's inexplicable chemical need to see the colors red and pink one day every year. I don't know how or when it happened, but somewhere along the way, the folks in the greeting card and flower businesses discovered the horrid secret. The truth is, there is an actual medical feminine need for a heavy dose of construction paper hearts and out-of-season perennials that slowly take over our immune systems every February, rendering us weak and defenseless in the path of Whitman's 1-pound sampler box. I know men can't understand this, either. And there is no possible way to show them, short of surgery, why we need this pampering once a year. I put it under the same category as menstrual cramps: You don't understand it; you don't physically go through it; so just humor us on this one. It will save everyone a lot of worry, make you look like the sweetest guy in the world, and probably even win you a little action, so don't knock it. I think it has something to do with the vernal equinox, or maybe the position of the sun and the earth's gravity in relation to the magnetic pull of the supportive underwire in bras; but somehow, something each year breaks my will to avoid the commercialism and leaves me broken and spilled out, dying to sell my own soul for a bouquet of flowers on my desk for that most stressful of days. And it really doesn't matter if you're in a relationship or not. It doesn't even matter if you're completely content and happy with your partner for the other 364 days of the year. If he ignores Valentine's Day, you spend the entire day wondering what on earth has doomed you to be the hideous, personality-minus, completely unattractive, unlucky, unloved creature that you are. You hide your shame from the rest of the world by pretending to enjoy the festive spirit of the day, while secretly you spend your lunch hour wishing those crunchy conversation hearts were instead shaped like gummy bears so you could bite all of the heads off first. Again, I don't know what gets in to me each year. I just know it has to stop. So Cupid, do us all a favor and lace those arrows with some Valentine's Day-Strength Midol. For the life of me, I'll find the peace that comes with a little tradition once a year, but I'll need something to control the bloating after all the chocolates are gone.



Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY
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Renovation in residence halls are well worth the cost increase

When a freshman goes away to college, the new living quarters can be a shock. Instead of a comfortable, spacious house, with a kitchen, bathroom and living room, a four-walled concrete shoe box is their new home. And semester after semester of use by various students can leave the desk a little shabby or the carpet darkly stained. Most residence halls on campus were built in the 1960s and '70s, and lime-green carpet from that era really isn't the fashion anymore. But University Housing wants to renovate some of the older residence halls and make them more homey, more intimate and more up-to-date. Of course, that means housing will cost more money. A 6-percent increase is on the table for the fiscal year 2003 budget, in addition to the 6-percent increase from fiscal year '01 and fiscal year '02. The DAILY EGYPTIAN commends University Housing for being far-sighted enough to realize that comfortable housing is absolutely necessary for a quality university experience. The University has an obligation to the students to have comfortable, clean, up-to-

date residence halls. After all, the University requires underclassmen to live on campus; the students deserve something they can feel comfortable in. Ed Jones, director of University Housing, said that SIUC has the lowest room and board rate in Illinois. This is valuable because an affordable education is one of the key assets recruiters can play up to potential students. But brand-new carpeting and furniture in some of the residence halls will also endear SIUC to a high-school student looking at universities. Students may complain that they should not have to foot a bill for renovations they won't get to get to enjoy. But the costs are absolutely necessary — University Housing can't wait until the residence halls are falling down around them before they act. And Jones said student representatives from the residence halls have weighed in on most decisions regarding the renovations. The transition from high school to college can be a rocky one and the place that students call home should be as close to a real home as possible. Dollars spent now will ensure that new arrivals will find comfort and style as they adjust to life in their new home.

Brand new carpeting and furniture in the residence halls will endear SIUC to a potential student looking at universities

READER COMMENTARY

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Masaki Sumiyoshi, 26, a senior in printmaking from Niigata, Japan, shows off a pipe cleaner bug. Masaki plays the part, wearing a bug suit with giant green tentacles.

Blurring the line between art and play

SIUC art students elevate art to interactive entertainment

STORY BY MARLEEN TROUT
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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Pumping techno music draws one down the concrete floor of the Glove Factory; the mysterious building across the tracks from the Strip where SIUC art students share studios. Fluorescent light bounces off shopworn brick as art sinks into something different from untouchable gallery sterility.

Tonight's exhibit, "Carte Blanche" [Blank Page], is housed in the Surplus Space, which used to be just that — surplus space. But eight eccentric SIUC art students have partitioned it to create mini-galleries. These digs are makeshift universes, as unique as the creators themselves.

The Art of Destruction

Tom Burtonwood wears nuclear fallout gear, including a gas mask and a transparent gauze jumpsuit, as the England native sits at the desk of a mock waiting room.

Participants wait to enter a chamber filled with cardboard boxes, mustard and plastic. They are encouraged to beat up, jump in and mangle the space while dressed in paint smocks and goggles. Before destroyers are allowed to enter they write their expectations and afterwards their impressions at

Burtonwood's desk — a metal hospital tray.

"This is an investigation or experiment to try to come up with some answers about the composition of art — a chaos in a controlled environment," said the graduate student in fine arts describing the piece that was inspired by his job as an industrial cleaner in England.

For the last week people have come to demolish the room. Then Burtonwood cleans it up only to be wrecked again by the next bunch. He documents the ebb and flow of defacement with surveillance video and his camera.

"The thing I would stress about making art is it's important to be childlike," Burtonwood said. "There's a lot to be said about ideas, philosophy and learning, but at the end of the day you've got to be able to forget in an instant. You've got to be able to drop the theory and run with the ball."

Red-lettered communism

In an isolated corner of the space, red Russian words painted on decrepit windowpanes teeter from ceiling pipelines. If you had grown up in Communist Russia as Anya Shal had, you would understand the words were propaganda, training young minds to soldier-like attention.

Words like "The One That Doesn't Eat Doesn't Work" and

SEE ART, PAGE 8



Tom Burtonwood, 26, is a SIUC graduate student in fine arts from Manchester, England. Burtonwood stands in the middle of his exhibit in the Glove Factory where others destroy the room and he rebuilds it.



Displaying a coyote head on a log, graduate student David Lohman, 24, of Elgin, brings out certain animal quality in his art, beyond just the road kill head.

'Children in the Civil Rights Movement'

Professor brings fresh angle to civil rights movement

SARAH ROBERTS
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The decade from 1954 to 1964 was a tumultuous one.

The Cuban Missile Crisis brought the Cold War to American living rooms, John F. Kennedy's assassination shook the country, Elvis and his swiveling hips caused pandemonium among teenage girls and at the forefront, and the Civil Rights Movement loomed as a constant reminder of the nation's prejudices.

This historical milestone witnessed unifying protests and marches mixed with violence and bloodshed, and it has emerged as the enduring symbol of the era. Sometimes lost in the legacies of Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and Malcolm X are the young, black children who participated in the movement and how civil rights shaped their attitudes and

their futures.

Wilma King has not forgotten the civil rights children. As a professor of African American history at the University of Missouri-Columbia, she has made it her focus to examine the lives of these children and their participation in the movement.

King, who has three degrees in African history, became interested in the subject following her doctoral dissertation.

"My interests really shifted to research on children born in slavery in the 19th century, and I am now working on a collection of essays dealing with African American children in the historical perspective," King said.

SIUC professor Pamela Smoot has been

King's personal friend for 12 years and invited her to speak on the interesting topic in celebration of Black History Month. Smoot, who teaches courses in Black American Studies, said King holds valuable information that people may not typically consider regarding children in slavery and the Civil Rights Movement.

"When you start talking about the Civil Rights Movement, people automatically think of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. They don't realize children were involved as well," Smoot said.

King's lecture will focus chiefly on the role of school children in the modern Civil Rights Movement, including the Brown v. Board of Education case and the Little Rock school

desegregation, and she expects the audience to be intrigued.

"They should be prepared to hear about a very understated dimension of the Civil Rights Movement," King said.

Smoot encouraged the University and the community to attend and raise questions that may lead to further research on the topic, while praising King for bringing a fresh angle to a much-discussed historical period.

"She presents a whole new take on the Civil Rights Movement," Smoot said. "She gives people an opportunity to look at the movement in a different light."

LECTURE

• WILMA KING'S "CHILDREN IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT" LECTURE WILL BE PRESENTED FROM 7PM TO 9PM TONIGHT IN STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM B.

Sociology Professor returns from Bangladesh with visiting instructor

Research on women's work in Bangladesh brings back expert

LIZ GUARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mahmuda Islam's office is almost bare, with only a few reminders of home. There are a few pictures of children, a few books on gender issues, some posters warning against domestic violence and a large wall hanging written in Bangla.



Mahmuda Islam

Islam, a professor of sociology at Dhaka University in Dhaka, Bangladesh, recently came to SIUC as a visiting professor.

Islam and SIUC sociology professor Kathryn Ward returned from Bangladesh 10 days ago.

Ward, two SIUC students, their spouses and two small children traveled to Bangladesh in December.

Ward is the director of Project Nari Jiban, which is Bangla for "women's lives." The project is researching women's work lives in several popular Bangladeshi women's career fields.

Ward and her team are hoping to show the advances women have made in Bangladesh to set an example to the rest of the world. In the past, people viewed women in developing countries as weak, but Ward disagrees.

"Women have come a long way and the Bangladeshi women are strong, powerful women, doing major work and making major changes in Bangladesh," Ward said.

Ward also said the research is an opportunity for us to realize the wonderful work being done in the country.

Ward and her team spent one month in Bangladesh interviewing women in the sex industry, the garment industry, women who did domestic work and women who participated in micro-credit work. Micro-credits are small loans, made available to Bangladeshi women,

that allow them to start a small business of their own.

These four areas are the most common fields for women in Bangladesh. The government in Bangladesh also depends on these industries informally.

Islam aided the team from time to time with their interviewing processes while there. Islam helped the team understand the people and the country.

Ward's research will continue over the next five years. She hopes to return to Bangladesh to see what has changed in the economy and how that will affect women in the work industry.

Meanwhile, Islam has brought her knowledge of women's studies to SIUC and is teaching a course in global women's movements. She focuses her teaching on women's studies and



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gender development.

She is also extensively involved in working for women's rights, not only in Bangladesh, but all over the world. Islam is the founder and an active member of Women for Women, a group that fights for women's rights and gender issues.

Islam also worked as a United Nations adviser in several areas around the world working for women's rights. Islam works on a regional level in Bangladesh, and also on a national level.

"I try to make some difference in the lives of women," Islam said.

Minority Engineering Program brings high school students to SIUC

Students better prepared for their freshman year

BRENDA CORLEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Eleven minority high school students will get a sneak peak of SIUC and the engineering program this weekend.

This is the fifth year Minority Engineering Program has hosted the Student Visitation Weekend, a pre-college program for black, Hispanic, American and American Indian high school seniors taking place today through Saturday.

Eleven high school seniors, who will arrive today, from Illinois and Missouri will find out what the College of Engineering, as well as SIUC, has to offer.

Students will be housed with members already in MEP, attend classes with them and participate in workshops that will acquaint them with the administrative and academic aspects of

the SIUC campus.

The College of Engineering has a minority enrollment rate of 21 percent, which is one of the highest among colleges at SIUC.

"The Minority Engineering Program is not the sole reason why our minority enrollment is high," said Mandara Savage, director of MEP. "But I do believe it plays a significant role in affecting a student's decision. Last year we had a good response with three-fourths of the students deciding to attend SIUC."

The informational workshops will include representatives from the Financial Aid Office, Admissions and Records, University Housing, Career Development Center, a faculty panel, a luncheon/dinner banquet, class visits and a campus tour.

Ife Calmese, a junior in electrical engineering from Chicago, came to SIUC for the Student Visitation Weekend three years ago. As a member of the MEP, she now has the opportunity to host a high school student and show them the reality of college.

"I was able to see what my college experience would really be like," she said. "A lot of students come here and

do not know where the buildings they need are at, exactly what they want to major in and even have the wrong idea of what college life is truly like."

Calmese admits that the program showed her, and will show the visiting students, how hard they have to work and that college is not all about fun and games.

"I told the student who will be staying with me for the weekend to bring homework because that is what you will spend a lot of your time doing as an engineering student," Calmese said.

During the students' weekend at SIUC, they will be informed of the Summer Bridge Program, which allows eight students to take classes at SIUC the summer before they start classes in the fall.

On Friday students will attend a banquet where selected students among the 11 will also receive scholarship offers.

Savage said the program allows students to get a better view of a specific program at SIUC.

"Instead of a general open house, this kind of program allows the student to interact with College of Engineering directly," she said.

Gunman outside White House subdued by Secret Service

ZEE ECKERT
DC BUREAU

WASHINGTON (U-WIRE)- Secret Service agents shot and subdued a 47-year-old Indiana man wielding a gun outside the White House Wednesday, officials confirmed.

Robert Pickett, a former IRS employee from Evansville, Ind., was taken to George Washington University hospital after officers surrounded him shortly after 11:30 a.m.

White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer said President Bush was never in any danger, but would not confirm whether shots were fired on the grounds.

At 11:22 a.m., the U.S. Park Police received information about a man with a gun on E Street, south of the White House. A Metropolitan Police officer engaged the man in conversation and a gunshot went off at some point during the conversation, the Park Police said.

The White House said the Secret Service was on routine patrol

when it heard shots fired near the southwestern tip of the White House. Within minutes of the shots, a swarm of Secret Service agents, Park Police and Metropolitan Police officers descended on the scene, quickly locking down the White House and blocking off the area.

President Bush was exercising in the residence at the time of the incident, Vice President Cheney was working in the West Wing.

Dan Halpern, a 24-year-old tourist from Queens, N.Y., said he was walking past the White House when he heard a popping sound.

"Everything happened so quick, you didn't even have time to think," he told U-WIRE. "As soon as I heard a gunshot, the police started converging into the center area from all sorts of directions."

The gunman arrived at GW Hospital at 11:57 a.m. with a police escort, but was not talking and completely motionless, hospital officials reported. A hospital spokesperson said he was in stable condition and underwent surgery to his leg at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

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Disney executives come to SIUC

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Walt Disney company visits campus every spring to recruit students for its internship program. This year, Disney is making two trips to SIUC.

The Walt Disney World College Program Alumni and SIUC's Career Development Center are presenting a panel discussion and question and answer session Thursday. The session, "Ask the Pros," will give students an opportunity to visit with members of Disney's executive team.

The Disney executive team panel will include Kevin Lansberry, director of alliance development, Karen Toney, director of college recruiting, and Corrie Kelly with the college program education team.

The members of the panel will first present topics on career development and professionalism and will then field questions from students. The panel discussion will include how to get a job, tips on interviewing, how to keep a job and what to expect as a new professional.

Angie Baughman, career services specialist, said the session is worthwhile for students to attend.

"It's an opportunity for students to talk with people who are actually out there in the professional field, and to learn from them," Baughman said.

The Disney company will return to the University in April to recruit students for their summer internship program. The program usually enrolls mostly communication students, but there are opportunities for all majors in Disney's internship program. The Disney executive team will also be speaking in classes across campus Friday about professionalism.

Shawna Wright, a senior in hotel and restaurant management from Peoria, spent a summer in the Disney internship program working in a restaurant.

"It's a lot of hard work," she said. "Disney is the ultimate place [for my major]."

Although Wright said it was overall a good experience, she said she did not learn much about professionalism, saying "it depends on where you work."



PICKIN' AND GRINNIN': Michael Janke (left), a junior in math education, aides Vincent Barbosa (right), a freshman in cinema-photography, with guitar chords Wednesday afternoon in the Art Arcade located in the basement of the Student Center. Instructing music lessons is one of the services that the Craft Shop offers.

RONDA YEAGER
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the same time, the deal that was in the works with Old Navy floundered. Richards attributed this to the weak earnings that Old Navy experienced in the past year. Old Navy's profits are shrinking for the first time in the company's relatively short history.

Council members questioned Richards about the lack of communication between the mall management and the City Council. Councilman Brad Cole said communication is necessary when a private business operates with public money. As an incentive to respective tenants in the mall, the City Council gave the option of a tax rebate to new clients.

"We hear more rumors than facts," Cole said. Cole said he wanted to know how much worse it is going to get before it gets better.

Councilman Larry Briggs echoed Cole, saying mall management jolts current mall tenants with lack of communication on the state of mall developments.

"Business has been left in the dark, with no clue as to where the mall is going," Briggs said.

Mall management blames the national economy for slow development; however, Mike Ricci would place fault a little closer to home. Ricci, owner of Mike's Music at 816 A E. Main St., said Carbondale's

economy is to blame for mall expansion problems — not the national economy.

"During the recession of the 1980s the mall had a waiting list," Ricci said. "That was when University enrollment was up."

With university enrollments across the nation increasing, SIU's enrollment declined in the past 10 years. In 1996, after five consecutive years of declining enrollment, SIU formed a task force to look at why enrollment was shrinking. Ricci said this is the main reason that businesses have no interest in locating at the University Mall.

But Executive Director of the Carbondale Business Development Corporation John Linehan said enrollment numbers have had little effect on the current mall situation. Linehan said the national economy is the underlying reason that mall expansion has taken longer than expected.

"Corporate decision have a major impact on local retail," Linehan said.

Linehan cited the closure of the Montgomery Ward store as one of the corporate decisions that effected the mall. Linehan said that the Montgomery Ward store was performing well but could not make up for the rest of the national stores not turning a profit.

Linehan said the city should be doing everything it can to attract new business. The new market of Internet sales may also have an effect on the pace at which retailers expand stores. Linehan said five years ago there was no competition from the Internet, and that could also have an effect on the growth of retail stores.

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"Forward To The Victory Of Communism" haunted Shal's childhood.

This is the indoctrination Shal escaped at the age of 10 when her family made it out of St. Petersburg and into the states. But her art did not escape. Just like the button she received for passing the first grade — a badge with the infant Lenin — red text is in everything she paints.

"The color red is communism. The communist flag is red. The words I was taught to memorize, the right thing to do, was always written in red," said the 21-year-old senior in graphic design about the communist posters her artwork recreates.

A woolen glove with finger holes cut out let her left hand — the hand her Soviet teacher would strike if she attempted to use — shade in the red letters as she sat immersed in garbage.

"The trash is the disposal site, kind of throwing those slogans out, destroying them, throwing away what I was taught as a kid."

Pipecleaners and giant bugs

Masaki Sumiyoshi talked waving the cloth tentacle of his florescent-green insect suit, one of the many life-size-monster bug outfits made for audience members to wear during the exhibit.

Sumiyoshi, a transfer student from the SIU Niigata Japan satellite campus, explained that he and his Carte Blanche colleagues are not content with passive art viewing in conventional means.

"We want more," Sumiyoshi said. "We want the audience to get involved as much as they can."

The costumes are as shiny and happy as the pipe cleaner and cotton bug figurines he makes in pastels like pink and yellow.

"Everybody tells me this is really Japanese — cute and pop," Sumiyoshi said. "It represents Japanese characters, something that I carried on from where I came from."

The Beast and The Head

While David C. Lohman was sleeping under the stars on a trip out West, he reveled in the carnal shrieks of coyotes — a howling spirit guide for him and art in the making.

The head of a road kill coyote was frozen and resurrected by Lohman to create a 3-D mural of a coyote's adventure. Impaled on a fallen wall of the mural is a log to which the coyote's head is attached. It's the climax of the visible and the coyote's death.

"It's really phallic — that wood penetrating through the wall. It's not just sexuality, it's of youth, of masculinity, of being human," Lohman said while fingering a sock-monkey puppet, one of the many creations for audience members to enjoy.

"Fail more. Fail better" was the personal philosophy he espoused, scratching the surgeon's mask that sat atop of his sock hat, only pulled down when averting paint fumes. "I like things to have a little clunk to it, a little grit. We are animals and we are beasts."

Play and play some more

Aberdeen, Scotland native David Constable, a graduate student in painting, created a pinball machine with 500 slides that intermittently light up. They trace a history of art from the 1300s to Warhol.

Elliott Orr will skateboard over his wooden sculptures. Team Spirit Horse, DJ Dewdrop, DJ Pipsquak and The National Car Crash, a spin-off from the band The Plus, will provide the music.

Lohman explained that this show was a grind against art prescriptions taught in classrooms.

"Coming to school sometimes stunts the creative process — the overbearing criticism, pressed against a wall of thousands of years of art history," he said. "It's an interactive show. That's the common tie. We're making it as much an art show as a dance party or a rave."

"We live art as much we make it."



RONDA YEAGER - DAILY ARGENTIAN

Are you ready for some football? Phi Mu Alpha fraternity played a quick game of football in between class periods Wednesday afternoon in the courtyard in front of Altgeld Hall. The music fraternity took advantage of Wednesday's high of 63 degrees.

Dole recalls cole slaw

JOHN KELLY
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CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (U-WIRE) - Dole Fresh Vegetables warned grocers nationwide Monday that a batch of its cole slaw might not be so fresh after all.

According to Dole spokeswoman Patti Londrey, a handful of Champaign-Urbana supermarkets received the slaw that may be ridden with Salmonella bacteria.

Bearing the "best if used by" date of Feb. 5, the slaw was recalled after a surprise inspection by the Department of Agriculture and Markets at a New York grocery store revealed that one of its seven bags contained the bacteria.

Though no illnesses had been reported, Dole ordered the recall immediately; however, because the order came on the same day the product expired, grocers here said they didn't find any of the shipment left on their shelves.

Mike O'Brien, the director of produce for Schnucks Markets Inc, said he couldn't be sure whether the Champaign or Urbana Schnucks stores received any of the

bad packages, but said that when the recall was ordered, none were found.

"It's not that there's a serious problem, as if all the packages on the shelf were crawling with Salmonella," he said. "I am confident in saying that the odds of there being a problem are very minute."

Londrey said the cole slaw, which is packaged in a 16-ounce "pillow type" plastic film, was shipped to area IGA stores, Save A Lot and area County Markets. She urged people with the infected slaw to either throw it away or return it to the store for a refund.

According to McKinley Health Center's Web site, those infected with Salmonella usually experience symptoms like severe headaches, abdominal cramps, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, low-grade fever and muscle aches. Symptoms typically appear 12 to 72 hours after eating the infected food and last from four to seven days. The bacteria can cause fatal infections in young children, elderly people and others with weakened immune systems.

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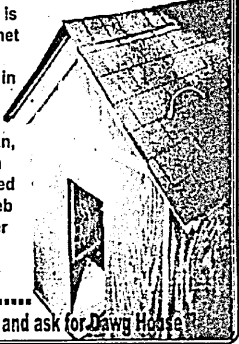
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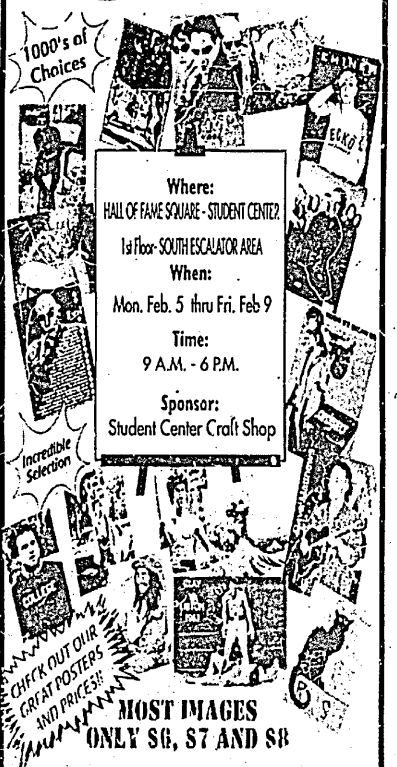
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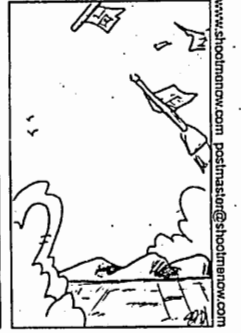
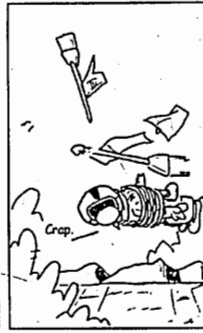
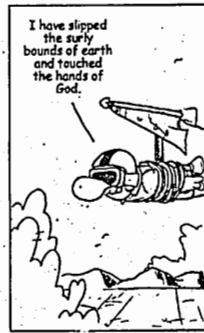
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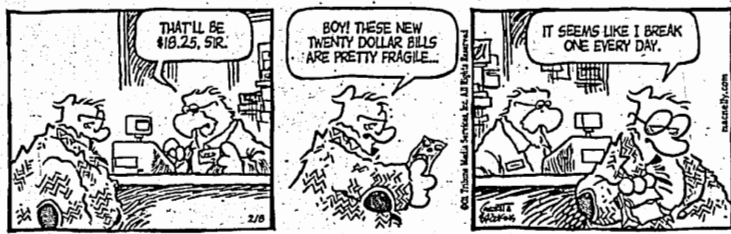
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Just one of the guys

Men's tennis coach Michelle "Missy" Jeffrey adjusting well to her new team

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More often than not, a woman who is involved in a male-collegiate sport is either a trainer or a cheerleader.

However, this is not always the case. Michelle "Missy" Jeffrey is neither a trainer, nor a cheerleader. She is the head coach of the SIU men's tennis team.

Most women might be hesitant to take the reigns of a men's team out of fear of the team's reaction, but there was no such hesitation with Jeffrey.

"I knew most if not all of the players on the team," said Jeffrey, who is a '91 graduate of SIU. "I've given lessons privately to players who played

for SIU, and I didn't have any problems in the past."

The past repeated itself as she has had no problems in getting her players to accept a female coach.

Jeffrey said some of the players even went out of their way to assure her there would be no problems.

"A lot of them actually came out and said, 'I just want you to know that it's not a problem that you're a female coach. I just want you to know that I'm fine with that,'" said Jeffrey, who won 100 of 156 career matches for third on SIU's all-time wins list.

Senior Valentin Epure said a coach is a coach so it didn't really matter to him that Jeffrey is a woman.

"I don't think it really matters, the sex of the coach of the team, as long as they have the knowledge to help you," Epure said.

Epure said the main difference between Jeffrey and former coach Brad Iftner is that her practices are a little harder and focus more on the intangibles of the game.

"My understanding from them is that the former coach would practice with them, but he didn't do drills with them so it's been a lot more structured than what they were used to," Jeffrey said.

When Jeffrey first took the job, she said her main goal was to regain the respect the SIU men's tennis program has lost.

While she still has a long way to go, she is off to a good start and things will likely get better.

Jeffrey doesn't plan to waste any time getting down to business.

"[The team] was really used to not really being coached," Jeffrey said in a chuckle. "It's kind of what they've told me."

Utah State gets chance for revenge

AARON MORTON
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LOGAN, Utah (U-WIRE) — Revenge will be on the minds of Utah State fans Thursday night in the Spectrum.

University of California at Irvine gave USU its only Big West loss in the past few years at Irvine last Wednesday. Now the Aggies want payback — even if their head coach Morrill likes to play it down.

"I want to be the first one to beat them, like they were the first ones to beat us," said forward Dion Bailey. "That's a challenge I get, and I'm sure it's a challenge the team wants."

But it's not what Morrill wants.

"I think you get distracted if you start talking about this being a must-win game and the revenge," Morrill said. "Let's just be ready to pay and go play hard like we always do."

STILES

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Jackie Stiles, who has led her team to a No. 15 ranking this season. And with scoring and winning typically a joint effort, Stiles is experiencing the best of both worlds.

"I want to win games," Stiles said. "That's my only goal this season. That's what I've missed out on so far in my career. Even in high school, I never won a state championship. We have never won a conference tournament at SMS and we have not gone nearly far enough in the NCAA Tournament."

And while Stiles never won the coveted state championship in four years as a starter at Clifton High School, her 3,603 career points made her the all-time leading scorer in girls' basketball history in Kansas. And now with 2,941 career points at SMS, she sits in seventh place on the NCAA all-time scoring list and is just 182 points away from becoming the leader.

The Salukis (5-15, 2-9) play the first-place Bears for a 7:05 p.m. contest in Springfield, Mo.,

Friday. The Bears (16-4, 10-1) have won nine of their last 10, most recently taking care of the Illinois State Redbirds 81-69 in Normal Saturday.

SMS leads the MVC in the categories of scoring offense with an 81.3 average, scoring defense with a 64.1 average, scoring margin with a 17.3 average, field goal percentages at 48 percent, among other areas they dominate in the conference.

Stiles needs to average just under 26 points a game in the remaining seven games to get the scoring title before the end of the regular season. And there is every reason to believe that Stiles will get at least that much against the Salukis in Friday's game.

And if she doesn't by the end of regulation play? The Missouri Valley Conference Tournament should be enough time for that. And you can count on the Bears making the NCAA Tournament.

But while Stiles continues to rack up the points, those who work around her insist that she is an unselfish team player. Even after she scored 49 points in a 90-81 win against the University of Northern Iowa on Jan. 20.

"It was a close game," Bear guard Tara Mitchem recalled. "It was a battle to the end, and afterwards

we looked and we were like, 'Wow, 49 points.' Nobody even notices because she is not a selfish player."

SMS head coach Cheryl Burnett agrees with Mitchem while conceding her Bears wouldn't be where they are without Stiles.

"We are looking to win basketball games, and for us to win basketball games we give a lot of opportunities, and always have, to what we consider our number one and two looks," Burnett said. "Jackie is, of course, our number one look, but it doesn't necessarily mean that she's scoring off every look, but she's going to get the ball in her hands."

"And whether that means to shoot, dribble-penetrate to pass, it all goes through her. We need to have her playing well because we give her that responsibility."

With Stiles now in the national spotlight, there is no doubt to her greatness. Teams around the league have had little success controlling her exploits. Many double-team defenses have fallen and failed as the Bears continue to dominate the MVC.

Burnett remembers a time when others had

overlooked Stiles' abilities.


"Coming in as a freshman, I estimated that she would probably average 20 points a game," Burnett said. "People looked at me like I was nuts. But I watched her since she was a sixth-grader and had seen her development through our camps. I didn't have any doubts about the things that she can do."

But Stiles — who is the subject of much scrutiny in basketball-happy Springfield, Mo. — digs the responsibility put upon her shoulders.

"There are times when I wonder what it would be like to be a traditional college student," Stiles said. "I know I would have more of a social life, but I get bored quickly. I'm addicted to activity. That's just me."



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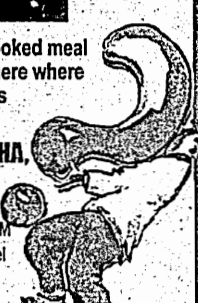
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Softball facility, football turf lie in hands of BOT tonight

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Proposals for a new softball facility and new turf for McAndrew Stadium will be on the table at today's Board of Trustees meeting.

Both interim Chancellor John Jackson and Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk are optimistic about the \$1.5 million softball facility proposal and the \$750,000 turf proposal.

"It's the board's prerogative to vote as they see fit," Jackson acknowledged. "But I think we made a good case."

Assistant Athletic Director Nancy Bandy, a longtime outspoken supporter of gender equity, was especially pleased at the possibility of the long-stalled new softball facility finally having a good opportunity at being built.

"I think it's wonderful," said Bandy. "It's encouraging to these students, even though some of them won't get to play on (the new facility) and prospects will have to wait to play on it for two years."

The proposals have been described by both Jackson and Kowalczyk economically as worst-case scenarios. Loans and cash reserves will pay for the proposals.

According to Jackson, details for a new multi-purpose complex, which would include a new football stadium and track, could be released as soon as the scheduled March Board of Trustees

meeting.

The need for the softball facility was highlighted when a Title IX complaint was filed last year against SIU for discrimination against female student-athletes with regard to athletic facilities. Currently, the softball team lacks a clubhouse, dressing room and bathroom, all of which the baseball team possesses.

"It certainly expedited matters," Kowalczyk said of the complaint. "I think [the Title IX probe] lent a sense of urgency to it," said Jackson, referring to the financial package to fund the new softball facility. "It gave us a real timeline."

Bandy maintains the opinion that without the Title IX probe lingering, the facilities would have been further stalled. "I think they've addressed it because they've had to," said Bandy, referring to Jackson and Kowalczyk.

The new artificial playing surface for McAndrew Stadium, if approved, will replace the 13-year-old turf that lasted three years longer than it was made to last.

HOOPS

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Moments later, a second technical was called against SIU (12-10, 6-5), which seemed to be another questionable call. This time the whistle blew on sophomore guard Kent Williams after a foul call on senior forward Josh Cross.

With the shots from the foul, SMS shot six free throws in the span of the two technicals, resulting in a six point swing, giving the Bears (9-12, 5-7) a 47-40 advantage.

The calls however brought an angry Saluki crowd to its feet and initiated a Saluki rally led by Williams, Cross and sophomore Jermaine Dearman.

SIU showed its character and overcame the seven-point deficit aided by two Cross putbacks late in the second half. The first one, at the four minute mark, tied the game at 55 and the second came after a missed Dearman free throw to give SIU a 59-58 lead. SIU outrebounded SMS 42-to-28 in the game.

"Josh Cross putbacks were huge," Weber said. "We killed them on the boards."

But it was an old-fashioned three-point play from Williams with just more than one minute remaining that put SIU up for good.

The Bears attempted a three-point shot at the buzzer to tie the game, but it was blocked.

SMS second-year head coach Barry Hinson credited the 4,608 fans in the SIU Arena Wednesday night for allowing Williams to take a good chunk of time off the clock in the final minute of the game when Hinson and his staff were screaming at SMS to foul Williams. Instead Williams ran the clock down to the 10-second mark before SMS finally locked him.

"The crowd took away. We were screaming our lungs out and saying to foul there and the crowd wouldn't let it go," Hinson said. "They couldn't hear us."

Daniel Novak led the Bears with 21 points, while center Matt Rueter scored 13. The Bears leading scorer, for-

ward Mike Wallace was held to just four points. SMS shot just 24 percent in the first half, connecting on only six field goals.

Dearman led SIU with 20 points and nine rebounds, while Williams scored 18, hitting 8-of-9 from the charity stripe. Cross and senior forward Abel Schrader each scored nine.

SIU returns to action Saturday against Creighton University, just 10 days after Creighton beat SIU 78-65 in Omaha, Neb. The game will be televised on ESPN, and is a chance for the Salukis to creep back into the upper echelon of the Valley standings.

"This win, we needed it, it puts us back in the thick of the race and Saturday's going to be a big game for us. It's going to be another gut-wrencher," Cross said.

SALUKI BASKETBALL NOTE

Mells' future remains dicey

Junior point guard Brandon Mells was not in attendance during Wednesday's night Saluki win. Mells, who has been bothered by a foot injury since last fall, has an uncertain future with the SIU program, after telling the coaching staff he would no longer play through his injury earlier in the week.

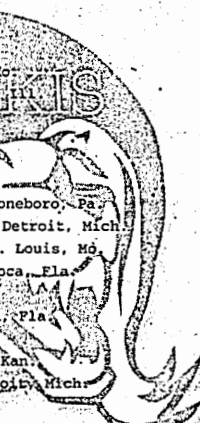
He did not attend practice Monday or Tuesday.

SIU basketball head coach Bruce Weber said he had a lengthy conversation with Mells Tuesday night and will let the senior leaders decide whether Mells can return to the team.

"I said [Tuesday] that I'll never say never but I'm not sure," Weber said. "If it comes to that point then the kids are making the decision because it's their team, it's the seniors first, it's their last year."

"They would make the decision and if they make the decision that they would have some interest and if Brandon wants to come back, then we'll talk about it."

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FOOTBALL

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done a good job of locating the very places that could help us quickly."

Kill would still like to find one more quarterback and said they will still need current sophomore quarterback Kevin Kobe to supplement the offensive scheme.

Kill's first recruiting class is a total of 20 members deep, after he initially signed six others 15 days after he accepted the position.

The signees range from eight different states from around the country, two from the state of Washington, two from Florida, five Missourians and a Harrisburg native.

Kill said that even though he got into the St. Louis area late in the recruiting season, he was pleased to pick up Antone Jackson, a running back, and Billy Beard, a defensive lineman, and thinks the St. Louis area could be a "gold mine" for his program.

Brad Brachear played on

Harrisburg High School's state championship squad last season. He was a first-team all-South member and Southern Illinois River-to-River Onio Division selection, playing running back and cornerback.

The Salukis will also bring in three running backs to complement Tom Koutsos, who was a first-team all-Gateway Conference selection, finishing the 2000 season with 1,257 yards rushing.

Glenn Walker, from Detroit, Mich., Justin George, from Stoneboro, Pa., and Jackson will battle for running back positions. Kill also signed a wide receiver, Jason Hollingshed, from Detroit, Mich., and offensive lineman Loren Flaharty, from Wichita, Kan.

Kill knows his job is not done in adding firepower to the Saluki arsenal.

"At this point in time, we need to find a couple of linebackers, a fullback, a defensive lineman and a punter and one more quarterback. If we do that, then I'll be pleased and we'll be done," he said.

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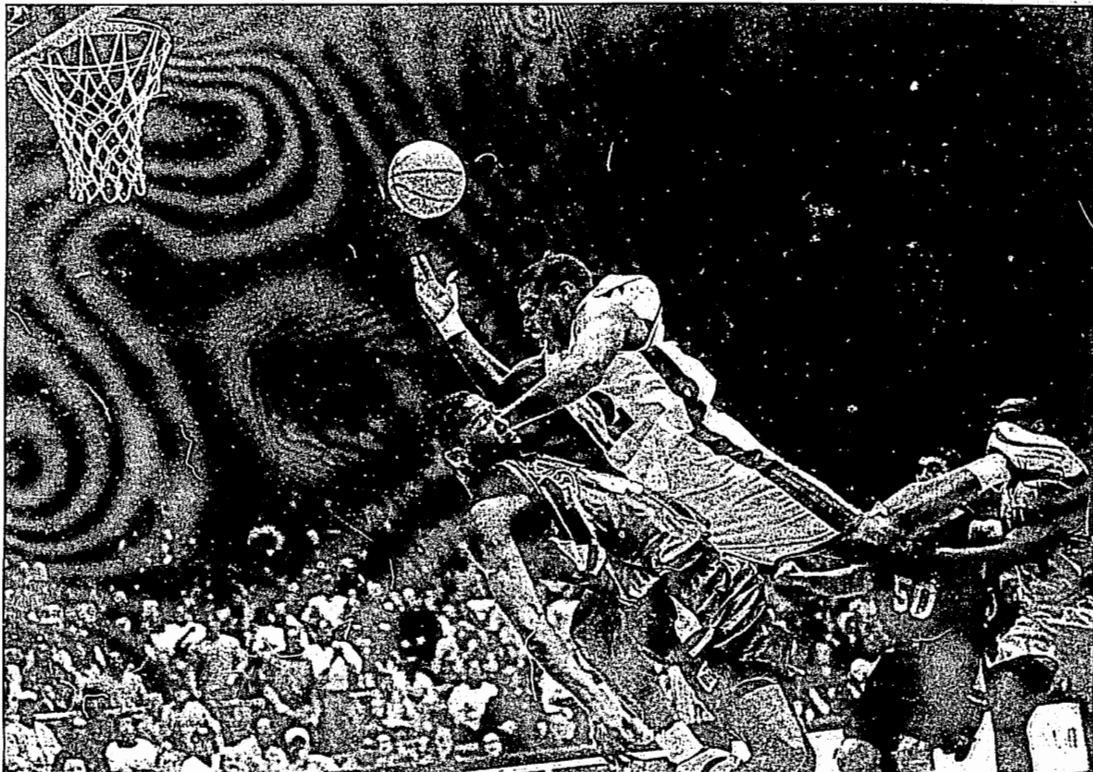
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Saluki senior Joshua Cross earns two points the hard way over Southwest Missouri's Charles Gaines during Wednesday night's victory, 68-65. This is the first time that Saluki coach Bruce Weber had ever defeated the Bears.

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Salukis overcome tough calls, Bears

COREY CUSICK
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Bruce Weber finally beat those pesky Bears, and as a toast to the victory he said he even might crack a cold one.

Weber's Salukis muscled up in the closing minutes of their 68-65 Missouri Valley Conference win against Southwest Missouri State University Wednesday night at the SIU

Arena to give Weber his first win in seven attempts against SMS.

"I'm going to eat a meal, I haven't ate a good meal in a while, my stomach's been pretty upset this week," said Weber as his first order of business following the game. "So, I'm going to have a good pizza or something, maybe a beer."

After SIU controlled the first half and took a 35-25 lead into the lockerroom, SMS came back at the start of the second half to close the gap

and eventually take the lead at 39-38 before a pair of questionable technicals were called against SIU.

The first technical, called against Weber, came at the 13:16 mark in the second half, and all Weber did was raise his hands in the air to question a no-call. The officials whistled the 'T' from the opposite side of the court of

Weber and the Saluki bench.

"I raised my hands, that's all I did," pleaded Weber. "I think it was unfair, but [the officials] made the decision and that's their call, so I was very disappointed in how it went, but I'm proud of our kids because they didn't give in and I'm happy for them."

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Football Salukis add to 2001 recruiting class

ANDY EGENES
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Jerry Kill never had a doubt.

After taking over the SIU football program Dec. 6, Kill signed 14 new players for his 2001 recruiting class Wednesday, the first national signing day for football.

Among the more notable, Kill signed a pair of quarterbacks to fill the void of

departing Sherard Potzere.

Stanley Bryant, a Naples, Fla., High School product, rejected offers from the Army and Navy to join the SIU squad after becoming Southwest Florida's 5A Player of the Year when he passed for 1,594 yards, 17 touchdowns and four interceptions last season.

Joel Sambursky, a Liberty, Mo., native, was the other quarterback signed by Kill. Sambursky was named to the second-

team all-state team during his career at Liberty High School.

"I was confident with the people we hired for the coaching staff and with our work ethic, I thought we could make up for some lost time," Kill said. "We've been very fortunate. Sometimes, it's not what you know, it's who you know. I think we've

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Stiles' style netting big points

Lady hoopsters have their hands full Friday night

JAVIER SERNA
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For a woman that is on the verge of owning the NCAA all-time scoring title, you might think she'd be more focused on her own exploits on the court rather than her team's cause.

But that's not the case with Southwest Missouri State University's

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2001

Feb. 8

Brown Bag Lunch: "Black Women and Black History" Presenter: Dr. Pamela Smoot, Assistant Professor Black American Studies, SIUC Student Center, Ohio Room, 12 noon-1 pm

Feb. 17

Lecture: "Children in the Civil Rights Movement" Presenter: Dr. Wilma King, Strickland Professor of African American History, University of Missouri-Columbia Student Center Ballroom B, 7-9 pm

Feb. 15

Black Film Night Student Center Auditorium, 7-9 pm

Feb. 19

Black Film Night Student Center Auditorium, 7-9 pm