Political campaign spending broke records in 2000.

Handoffs flogging on his ears, hands behind his back and two officers escorting him from the Student Center was not Bob Taylor's idea to way to Wednesday night's Undergraduate Student Government meeting.

The meeting started normally—on time and instantly exploded into a screaming and yelling match within five minutes of the call to order.

The meeting, evoken into Taylor, the senator in question for grade point average, was being convened on the request of the Student Center building manager to discuss the tenant of the Student Center.

The debate started with the completion of call for USG members when Taylor asked why his name wasn't called for attendance.

USG Vice President Scott Belon quickly informed Taylor, a longtime student-activist, that he needed the necessary grade point average to maintain his senate seat. Belon 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 he lacked the necessary grade point average to maintain his seat, Belon said, and brought the meeting to a standstill.

Rob Herget 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 2001.

With the construction of the middle school and additions to the others, it will double the size rooms that will allow us to meet the demand of students, said Lewin. The capacity of the Carbondale Elementary School District 95 is about 10 years old, while the East End High building of the Carbondale Community High School has been standing since 1923.

Currently, there are six schools that 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 changes.

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.

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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 universities. “The legislators have just found other ways to spend that money,” Poshard said.

Rockey 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 [higher-]gunfire through [grade] 12 against higher education. We just have to look to increase the budget.”

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

**CARBONDALE**

* A residential burglary occurred at 404 S. University Ave. The suspect allegedly tore the screen and entered the apartment sometime between Monday at 10:25 p.m. and Tuesday at 9:50 a.m. ACompactSUV, valued at $5,500, was taken. There are no suspects.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**TODAY**

Pre-Law Association Meeting 6 p.m.
Markinaw 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 6 p.m.
Sangamon Room

Society of Professional Journalists Meeting 5 p.m.
Communication Building.

**SHOW OFF SIU TO THE NATION**

**FEBRUARY 11: 1 p.m. SIU ARENA**

**WEATHER**

**TODAY:**

Cloudy
High: 65
Low: 59

**FRIDAY:**

Rain
High: 59
Low: 27

**SATURDAY:**

Partly Cloudy
High: 44
Low: 29

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Robert DeNiro
Ben Stiller

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Meditation trend grows in a more relaxed Carbondale

KELLY DAVENPORT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mai Vegas sits and breathes — just breathes — twice a day. If she doesn't, her inner tube starts chattering noisily and she wonders about things she has no control over.

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

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

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

"You suddenly stop being reactive," Vegas explained. "You take everything as a little less painful and you just go by."
Camera’s watching you, SIU

You can’t buy advertising like this.

When ESPN 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 arrowheads to tune in and see a dull game played in front of an unimpressive amount of apathetic students.

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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 deck a little shabby or the carpet dazedly 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.

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All are subject to editing.

We reserve the right to not publish any letter or column.

Letters taken by e-mail (oedward@midwest.net) for 651-3244.

Please phone number (not for publication) to verify authorship. Students also include those living on campus.

Non-academic staff include students and departments. Columns include authors hometown.

COLUMNIST

Feb. 14 nearing, pass the Midol

Here’s the thing I hate about Valentine’s Day — I usually spend it alone. As much as I would love to have a guy to spend the day with, 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 mind-numbing 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 stripped 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 pit 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 sex the color red and pink one day every year. I don’t know why or when the Midol industry jumped on the bandwagon, but 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 peripherals that slowly take over our immunos systems every February, rendering us weak and defenseless in the path of Whitman’s 3-pound sampler box.

I know many of you 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 Feb. 14 nearing, pass the Midol.

Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY

jedimaster@midwest.net

This one. It will save everyone a lot of worry, make you look like the sweeter guy in the world, and probably even get you a little action, so don’t knock it.

It’s hard to do with the verbal equivalent, or maybe the position of the sun and the earth’s gravity in relation to the magnetic pull of the supportive underwear in bra; but somehow, something each year breaks my will to avoid the commercialization and leaves me broken and spilt 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 that entire day wishing, those crunchy conversation hearts were instead shaped like chocolates. And if he ignores Valentine’s Day, you put it under the Feb. 14 nearing, pass the Midol.

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Blurring the line between art and play

SIUC art students elevate art to interactive entertainment

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

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.

Pumping techno music draws one down the concrete floor of the Glove Factory the mysterious building across the tracks from where SIUC art students share studios. Permanent light bushes off shoppers bright in art studios into something different from unmarked art gallery sterility.

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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 EGYPTAN

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 swirling hips created pandemonium among teenage girls and at the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement. People automatically think 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 bull.”

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James H. Cone Jr., a senior from Louisville, Kentucky, displays a canvas that represents the role of African Americans in the Civil Rights Movement. Cone Jr. is a sophomore in industrial cleaner in England. He documents the ebh and flow of defacement of a controlled environment, said the graduate student in fine art. Burtonwood has been the disturbing piece of the art.”

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Sociology Professor returns from Bangladesh with visiting instructor

Research on women's work in Bangladesh brings back expert

Liz Guard Daily Egyptian

Mamhuda 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 couple of dolls hanging on the wall of her house in Bangladesh.

Islam is a professor of sociology at Dhaka University in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and recently came to SIUC as a visiting professor. Islam and SIUC sociology professor Kathryn Ward will host a high school student from Bangladesh in the Engineering Program and attend classes this fall.

Ward says that this is the fifth year Minority Engineering Program students will be hosted. The program has been beneficial for both the students and the engineering program. The students will get a sneak peek of scholarship and the engineering program this weekend. This is the fifth year this program has hosted the American and African Indian high school students to SIUC.

Islam will stay in the student's dorm and will show the visiting students the reality of what their college life is really like. "They will get a better view of what their college experience will be like for them," Islam said. "A lot of students come here and do not know how the buildings they need are, exactly what they want to major in and even have the wrong idea of what college life is really like." Islam said.

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Islam also worked as a United Nations advisor 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.

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Ministry Engineering Program brings high school students to SIUC

Students better prepared for their freshman year

Brenda Cosley 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 Visit Weekend, a pre-college program for black, Hispanic and American Indian high school seniors taking place today through Saturday.

Eleven high school seniors, who will arrive today from Illinois and Missouri will get an idea of 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 highest among colleges in the U.S.

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Gunman outside White House subdued by Secret Service

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

Robert Pickett, a former IRS employee fired last year, took to George Washington University hospital after an officer swarmed him shortly after 11 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 he heard shots fired near the southwestern tip of the White House. Within minutes of the shots, a sworn Secret Service agent, Park Police and Metropolitan Police officers descended on the scene, quickly surrounding the man and clearing out the area.

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

Dan Halpert, 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 exact area from all sorts of directions."

The gunman arrived at GW Hospital at 11:27 a.m. in a police escort, but was not talking and completely nonsensical, hospital officials reported. A hospital spokesperson said he was in stable condition and underwent surgery to his leg at 5 p.m. Wednesday.
Disney executives come to SIUC

Lucy Guard
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 SIU C’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 alumni development, Karen Diseny, 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 Pocahontas, spent a summer in the Disney internship program working for a resort.

“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.”

The panel discussion will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 8 in Union 103.

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the same time, the deal that was in the works with Old Navy foun­
dered. 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. Councillor 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.

Councillor Larry Briggs echoed Cole, saying mall management needs 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 line,” 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 affected 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.
"Forward To The Victory Of Communism" haunted Shid's childhood. This is the indoctrination Shid escaped at the age of 10 when her family moved it out of St. Petersburg and into the states. But her art did not escape. "Just like the buttons 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 of the visual fable and the coyote's death. "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 poster her family made for the exhibit.

A woolen glove with finger holes cut out on her left hand -- the hand her Soviet teacher would strike if the attempted to slide in the red levers as she sat immersed in garbage.

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"Fail more. Fail better" was the personal philosophy he espoused, "Play and play some more."

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"It's really phallic -- that wood passing through the wall. It's not just sexually it's of youth, of masculinity, of being human," Loqman said scratching the surgeon's mask that sat atop of his sock hat, only pulled audience members to enjoy.

"The Beast and The Beast Not"

While David C. Lohman was sleeping under the stars on a trip out West, he revealed in the starts' tendrils of coyotes -- a howling spirit guide for him and art in the making.

The head of a real 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 which the coyote's head is attached. It's the climax of the visual fable and the coyote's death.

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part of the construction process for the middle school and is happy with the process thus far. “There will be Internet access and computer stations in the classrooms and up to three gym rooms—just to name a few,” she said.

“There will also be a 300-student school for a school for up to 1,500 students. With two buildings at the present, one holding only freshmen and the other sophomores, junior and seniors; the new school will allow for better scheduling, said John Dively, principal of Carbondale Community High School. “It will be a first-class facility and will benefit Carbondale and SIU,” said Dively.

Charles Fanning, an English professor at SIUC said the new school has the potential to attract more people to the area. “It’s definitely a recruiting tool for faculty,” he said.

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

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 know 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 Valentine Eperu 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," Eperu said.

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

"My understanding is from them that is 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 and trust jejey's 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.

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

Both Interim Chancellor John Jackson and Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk supported the $1.5 million softball facility proposal and the $750,000 turf proposal.

"It's encouraging to see it on the table," Jackson acknowledged.

Jackson and Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk were supportive of the $750,000 turf facility that would finally have a good opportunity at being built.

"It gave us a real sense of urgency to it," said Jackson, referring to the possibility of the long-stalled new facility being built.

"I think it's wonderful," said Bandy.

"It's encouraging to these students, even though some of them may not get to play on the new facility and probably have to wait to play on it for two years," Jackson said.

The proposal has been described by both Jackson and Kowalczyk as economically as WOB-CISC scenarios.

"I think it's wonderful," said Jackson, referring to the financial package to fund the new softball facility. "It gave us a real time sense of urgency to it," said Jackson, referring to the possibility of the long-stalled new facility being built.

"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's the board's prerogative to vote," said Jackson.

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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.

Football Salukis add to 2001 recruiting class

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 Sherred Pozarte.

Stadium Bryan, a Naples, Fla., High School product, rejected offers from the Army and Navy to join the SIU squad after becoming Southwest Florida's 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 staff, 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

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 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.

"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."

Blacks' style netting big points

For a woman that is on the verge of winning 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

Lady hoopers have their hands full Friday night.