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Walker targets nine for raises

Gus Bode

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SIU President James Walker paid a consulting firm $19,000 to examine how the salaries of the employees in his office compare to those of SIU’s peer institutions. When the consulting firm’s report was finalized, Walker proposed that nine of his employees receive raises totaling $67,427.

If approved by the Board of Trustees on Thursday, the raises would be given while SIU is trying to fill a $7 million budget hole caused by state cut and declining enrollment. Walker explained on Thursday that the salary raises will come from money that will remain after four employees from his office retire. He moved he called an “example of leadership” to the rest of the University on how to make tough budget cuts.

“It’s doing the right thing in tough times,” Walker said.

The salaries for the retirees, three of whom retired in December and one with an upcoming April retirement, total about $30,000. Walker said the money that remains after the raises will go back into the SIU system.

The duties of the four retirees will be spread among the nine people slated for raises.

For example, Don Wilson, who used to head up the Risk Management and Compliance Directions, retired in March. His duties will now be spread among other employees.

The Office of the President employs about 55 people, whose duties range from auditors and attorneys to assistants and risk management officers.

About 21 employees in Walker’s office were analyzed in the study done by Kehda Consulting. The firm found that their salaries lagged significantly behind those of peer institutions.

Some faculty members for the president, said Walker arbitrarily decided to bring the nine salaries to about 94 percent of the median for peer institutions.

Salaries for SIUC faculty are at about 60 percent of the median, and SIU-Edwardsville faculty are at about 98 percent.

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Years of devotion pay off in reward

Tae kwon do instructor inducted into USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame

Ivan Thomas

Daily Egyptian

At 16, Thomas L. Black embarked on a life journey to find out more about himself and the people around him.

Now, decades later, he is a master instructor at the School of Tae Kwon Do and Self Defense in Carbondale, where he has found what he was looking for. He said he was inducted into the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame in January, along with his friend and partner, Grand Master Thomas E. Perry, after whom the school is named.

A fourth-degree black belt, Black has been an instructor for 35 years and has worked with students of all ages, personalities and backgrounds, teaching them skills and tactics useful in everyday life.

Black said he is a Korean martial artist focused on the mastery of total mind and body control, while at the same time teaching values that can help to make positive changes in individuals.

“Tae kwon do helps to build character, self esteem and helps you to focus on your studies,” Black said. “Students also learn discipline and to have respect for others.”

The school runs in the dojo, a 4,000-square foot room with padded floors and windows on the side wall, so that natural light can shine on the students.

- The school radiates a sense of unity. The walls are decorated with an American flag and a flag from South Korea, the black belt of the school. Various trophies are on display cabinet, and pictures and a plaque naming Black “Man of the Year” decors the far side of the wall.
- The plaque meant the most to me out of all, because it was awarded to me by my peers, and I had no idea that I would receive it,” Black said. “I was surprised that I would even get inducted to the Hall of Fame, but I had no idea of this.”
- According to Black, tae kwon do is taught in more than one million schools, and there are about 25 million participants in the United States.
- It has actually skyrocketed since Sept. 11,” Black said. “People are more aware of the way to protect themselves and their children.
- The world is not as safe as it used to be, so people have to be aware of their surroundings.”

- Black has learned many things in the martial arts world that he will never have in the South.
- “Tae kwon do sees no color,” Black said. “When you come in, it makes no difference what you are. Everyone helps out. It’s about what people can achieve. I’ve taught Arab students, blacks, Indians, whites, Koreans and Chinese, but we see each other as people and not a color.”
- Black decided he wanted to teach others the art of tae kwon do from the moment he began learning. He said most people strive to reach a certain level, and people at the top could start to help the ones at the lower ranks.
- “It is ingrained in you to become a teacher and a giver,” he said.
- Amelia Hovestadt, one of Black’s students, joined the school in order to learn self defense and avoid being bullied. She said she has learned a lot from her instructor since she joined last March.
- “Master Black has taught me about perseverance and just to keep trying and never give up,” she said.
- Horst said she considers it an honor and a privilege to be taught by a Hall of Fame instructor, although she said the younger students in the class are captured not by the fact that Black is in the Hall of Fame, but because of the person he is.
- Black said he wants to turn his students into the martial artist he has become. He said out of all the years he has participated in the art form, he has never once been injured, and it is rare to see an injury in tournaments because participants wear protective gear.
- “Tae kwon do is not so much about the fighting aspects; its about the learning. You learn to be gracious in winning and be gracious in a loss,” Black said.
- Martial arts has been Black’s lifelong love, and he believes there is no other sport in existence that instills the values the way tae kwon do does.
- “No other sport can offer what tae kwon do offers,” Black said.
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Police make drug bust

Marijuana with a street value of nearly half a million dollars seized by police

Ben Boddin

Daily Egyptian

A domestic disturbance turned into a large drug bust Wednesday as Jackson County Sheriff’s Department deputies seized 50 pounds of marijuana and more than 200 unharvested cannabis plants in a trailer park south of Carbondale.

Deputies were called to 136 Cedar Lane Trailer Park at 12:20 p.m. to investigate a domestic disturbance that possibly involved a man and woman. Jackson County Sheriff William Klisfelt said in a press release. While investigating that call, deputies came upon the drugs and arrested 33-year-old Joseph L. Cerutti.

Cerutti was charged with possession of more than 5,000 grams of marijuana with intent to deliver, and one count each of possession and production of cannabis. He also faces a misdemeanor charge of possession of a firearm without a permit.

Police discovered the operation at trailer No. 103 in the park. The marijuana’s estimated street value is about $400,000, according to police.

Police said additional equipment that has a value in the thousands, including grow lights, carbon dioxide generators, humidifiers and triple beam scales. Three firearms and about $1,200 in cash were also seized.

Possession of more than 5,000 grams of cannabis with intent to deliver is a Class X felony. If convicted Cerutti could face between six and 30 years in prison.

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Police linking drugs to other crimes in area

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Daily Egyptian

Last year's increase in violence might have a silent partner in crime. Drug problems remain an underlying issue in Carbondale's fight to curb violence.

Statistics for 2001 show Carbondale Police Department drug arrests at an even level with numbers from the past year, but Police Chief R.T. Finney said the department looks at different aspects to determine the level of drug use and abuse.

"We look at the things that go along with drugs — property crime that may be connected with drug usage, violence that may be connected with drug usage," Finney said. "Certainly the gun issues are major issues with the drug issues.

"I'm a drug user," he said. "I've been around drugs and I've seen what drugs do when they're in the past.

"As long as there's a problem, we're going to keep bringing articles like this," Finney said.

Finney and Roland agree alcoholics dominate the number of drug arrests but say it is drugs like crack cocaine and meth that find to crime.

"Any of the highly addictive drugs are drugs that probably have some sort of erratic behavior," Finney said.

Roland said an increasing drug trend is the proliferation of crack cocaine.

He said meth's popularity stems from the ease and availability of making and obtaining the drug because of the depression of the local economy.

"They can pretty much get everything they need at Wal-Mart," Roland said.

The presence of meth is shown in the recent bust of a Carbondale meth lab assembled in a car that was stopped by police. The vehicle contained all of the necessary ingredients to produce meth, Roland said.

"Crack cocaine still dominates within the city limits of Carbondale, despite a recent decline in use," Roland said. He attributes the decline in the city's presence to the increase in the number of recent arrests of drug dealers who are now in prison.

Roland said certain areas of town are more prevalent to one drug or the other. Crack cocaine is commonly found in the Brentwood Commons, One Street and Chestnut Street areas while ecstasy is located closer to the University and mesh figures the town and in rural areas.

Prevention and education are areas well covered by local schools and SIU, Finney said, but police need to continue the suppression aspect and continue "trying to identify those who are selling the drugs and those who are committing the violence and crime.

Local stores have worked with authorities to decrease drug production. Roland said stores have policies if they see individuals purchasing common chemicals used to make drugs. He also said extra patrols and stiffer penalties have the potential to decrease drug activity.

Both men hope drug awareness and education could lower incidents of violence.

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University stops campus grinding

Metal Skate Stoppers popping up around campus

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During the fall semester Scott Baker returned to one of his favorite campus skateboarding spots only to find shiny, metal clamps clamping the railing, used to grind on. The alum used Skate Stoppers which are anchored to concrete ledges and railings around campus to deter mostly skateboarders from grinding — a maneuver that uses the metal sides, which hold the wheels, to slide on a surface. Over time, grinding can crack and the area it’s done on.

“I heard about them in the beginning of the fall,” said Baker, a sophomore in electrical engineering and math from Carol Stream. “Somebody told me there were Skate Stoppers on everything, but I had no idea what they were.”

During the past year, the Physical Plant has been installing the Skate Stoppers to areas around campus where skateboarders grind. The stoppers are screwed into ledges and railings and are placed about 36 inches apart and have already been installed around Wooly Hall and at some places around Farm Hall.

Scott Pile, superintendent of maintenance at the Physical Plant, said the University was looking for a way to prevent damage caused from the grinding. After searching the Internet for solutions, Skate Stoppers popped up and the University ordered some. One weekend at the Cinema and Theater Department saw how effective they were, and they developed a design of their own to scatter around campus, and use for solutions, Skate Stoppers around campus, and customize them to offer solutions. The Skate Stoppers the University purchased before creating its own were invented by Chris Losier of San Diego. Losier’s brother is a San Diego Police Officer who was sick of responding to reports of skateboards grinding on private property.

Losier said more than 200,000 Skate Stoppers are used in the United States, many of which have been purchased by park districts and universities. He said they’re meant to eliminate skateboarding but to control it by making it too expensive to install and specifically designed for skateboarders.

“There isn’t really a market for this product by the skater community,” said Pile.

Skateboarders have plastered their protests to the products across the Internet, with entire websites devoted to criticizing the product.

Baker denounces that the grinding body damages places on campus. Although Baker said the stoppers forcibly hinder his skateboarding, he no longer grinds on surfaces where the stoppers are located.

“I understand why they put them up, but I don’t think actually harms any of the scenery,” Baker said. “It’s not like the skateboards actually damage things that much that they actually need them.”

These Skate Stoppers adorn the planters outside Woody Hall. The Physical Plant installed the stoppers last year to prevent damage from skateboarders and bicyclists who grind on the ledges.

STU film students display own creations at Varsity

Keva Gaston  
Daily Egyptian

Cinema students will have an opportunity to see their movies on the big screen this weekend. Jay Nehrlich, a professor in the Cinema and Photography Department, teaches a directing class offered since fall 2001 that provides hands-on experience for cinema students interested in taking the Theater Department to teach film students how to work and interact with actors.

“This class was a sort of merging of the Cinema and Theater Department,” said Colin Kildspark, a junior in cinema and photography from Mont Vernon. Throughout the semester, students will produce two short movies, approximately five minutes long, for the midterm and final. The films will be shown during the midnight. For this assignment, film students were divided into four groups of five people to complete two film projects. The first scene was decided by the group. It could be any scene from any movie and film students were able write their own script and scenario. For the other scene, the whole class used the same script, which was the dinner scene from “American Beauty.”

In preparation for the film, students planned scenes with storyboards and conducted large casting sessions and then went to perform their movies. The casting sessions were open to everyone, but mostly students from the Theater Department came to the auditions.

Many students said the process of directing and producing their films was time-consuming.

“Of the two projects I worked on, one took seven hours and the other took around five hours to shoot for about a four to five minute piece,” Kildspark said.

But according to Christopher Buck, a junior in cinema from Sparta, some aspects of the film process were more convenient. The class used special film called magic digital videocassette or digital video (DV) tapes instead of regular magnetic film.

“Digital video is modern, easier and faster than regular film,” Kildspark said.

This saved the students a lot of time because filming process is harder to edit and usually takes at least a week to develop. Mini DV tapes enabled students “to shoot it, see it immediately and edit it on the computer,” Buck said.

Buck said that these were not his first movies, but it was the first time he worked with trained actors.

“This class gave me a lot of respect for the work of actors and how much they actually bring to a shoot,” Kildspark said.

There will be a total of eight films made and produced by the film students shown Friday night at the Varsity in the upstairs theater. The films will begin at midnight and there is a suggested donation at the door.

County and police dispute resolved

Erika Blackman  
Daily Egyptian

The dispute between the Jackson County Board and the Fraternal Order of Police has finally come to an end, as Sheriff William J. Kilquist said early last week in his department would not be necessary.

In October, Kilquist was faced with the dilemma of how to address the department and the county jail with a $218,000 whole in his budget. Faced with the reality that eight to 10 police and jail officers would have to be laid off at the end of the cut, the Fraternal Order filed a grievance against the Jackson County Board.

But the grievance was withdrawn earlier this week after Kilquist and County Board Chairman Gary Harlibit met and came to an agreement that the issue would be addressed later.

What is sufficient for both sides is top secret as both Kilquist and Harlibit decided not bring allegations against each other in the media anymore. Both men chose not to comment about the specifics of the deal Thursday.

Harlibit said that the original amended budget will remain the same.

“Getting along with the Fraternal Order of Police,” Harlibit said. “Getting along with the Fraternal Order of Police.”

The decision comes one month after a fact finding hearing was held to determine whether the board had sufficient funds to provide for Kilquist’s departments.

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Our Word

Integration still not achieved

This University has always taken great pride in the fact that we have a diverse campus. In SIU's first graduation ceremony, a black student received a diploma in a time when blacks across the nation couldn't attend many institutions of higher learning. When campuses began instituting "multi-cultural centers" 50 years ago, SIU didn't feel it needed such a program.

"We already had a critical mass of minority students," Seymour Bryson, associate vice chancellor for Diversity, told the Daily Egyptian editorial board at a recent meeting. But as he pointed out, the situation has never been perfect. Bryson's job includes listening to the complaints of minority and disabled students, and he knows what barriers they face on a daily basis. As a black man, he also knows first-hand that racism still exists in our community. He believes the danger is that people want to "permanently set them aside." No one wants to admit that we still have a problem on our hands.

In a lecture Thursday night, Joe Feagin, a professor of sociology from the University of Florida, discussed the persistence of a white minority. Shifting demographics mean that focusing on diversity and integration is no longer a luxury, but a necessity.

This should mean that society will follow suit, achieving a truly integrated America. However, phenomena such as "white flight," the theory that whites move out of areas as blacks move in, prove that despite our changing world, we still engage in separatist activities. Instead of being a melting pot, we are becoming a nation of separate tribes, staying within the safe boundaries of people who are like ourselves. To a certain extent, this is a positive thing. It's one of the ways we maintain unique identities as black Americans or Hispanic-Americans or Asian-Americans. While this is important, we must look beyond ourselves to learn about the American experience in all of its forms.

The importance of diversifying not only lies in securing our collective American rights. It is also to provide greater avenues from which to learn. Administrators and educators have long recognized that having a diverse faculty and student body enriches the entire group. It automatically forces members to deal with issues outside of their own upbringing and backgrounds. It brings forth better ideas. We learn not only of each other's differences, but also our similarities.

Moving into this Brave New Diversity is no guarantee of achieving true integration. We recognize that we still face problems in relating with one another. But we can start to change things right here on campus in easy and enjoyable ways. We encourage our fellow students to take advantage of this historically diverse University. Visit one of the many international festivals the occur on campus frequently to sample the foods and meet the people from the nations being celebrated. Take a course in Black or Women's studies. Introduce yourself to students who are nothing like yourself. This opportunity always has been and always should be one of the best learning experiences at our University.

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Guest Columnist
Young people still making black history

Gerry Nixon, who grew up in an abusive home, works through Voices of Youth to train those who manage the foster care system, promoting the perspective of young people who've come through that system.

Hosa Gibran is humbled by the notion that his work carries on the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. In other words, we were in February. But he also sees his role as different from theirs: "If I can save one life a year or can redirect 20 lives a year, that's a major contribution. I don't have to lead a march to make an impact."

The other — Iris Sapp-Grant, Janet Bailey, Cherie Chutune, Saya Bhadaia, Coppia Chattepeior, Andrew Friedman, Jason Wernig, Susan Wilcox and Khary Lazarre-White — are those in the biting cold and the steaming heat," as Forbes put it. As their mentor, the Rev. Allison Wyatt, vice president of the Fund for the City of New York, made clear, they often operate not on shocking budgets but on "wish budgets." And they're tackling issues that many of us older folks don't spend our days dwelling on: gentrification, welfare benefits, immigration, domestic violence, sexual abuse, rent, economic integrity.

"Struggle," said Wyatt, "is what people do when they care so much for others that they are willing to inconvenience themselves." I can't think of a better way to observe Black History Month, that time of the year when we focus on all that black folks have contributed — and still contribute — to the making of America. The struggle does continue.

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In order to bring you our latest issue, I, like the rest of you, have been faced with the sad reality of finding our society once again in the grips of racism. As PDA, or Public Displays of Affection, this issue that gnaws at us all, known to the majority of Americans as RACISM: NOT IN OUR TOWN, must be brought to the forefront of our consciousness. This is a call to action to all of us who value the rights of all people, regardless of race or creed. It is a call to stand against this evil force that threatens to tear our society apart. As we move forward in this new era of possibility, we must remember that we are not alone. We are one with each other, united in our desire for a society where everyone is respected and valued. Let us stand together and fight against this darkness, for only by working together can we create a society where all are welcome and valued.
N.C. woman pleads guilty to Murphysboro home invasion, armed violence

Sarah Hooker
Daily Egyptian

Three of the individuals involved in the September home invasion of a Murphysboro man appeared in court Thursday afternoon. Taffia Cunningham, Jahneria Singletary and Karen Smith, along with Donald Druid and Tyree Cunningham, allegedly entered Prentice Washington's Murphysboro apartment Sept. 8 armed with a shotgun and the intent to rob Washington of money and drugs. Washington shot and killed Tyree Cunningham during the attempt.

Karen Smith, of North Carolina, will not face charges of armed violence and home invasion until the conclusion of the Singletary and Cunningham cases. Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wepicke declined to comment on whether Smith's plea is part of a deal to testify against her co-defendants.

Talla Cunningham and Singletary both face armed violence, home invasion and murder charges. In court, the pair fired a motion to dismiss the murder charges and another to sever the trials.

A new hearing will be scheduled at a later date.

Donald Druid, of North Carolina, was sentenced to six years in prison on Jan. 28 after pleading guilty to one count of home invasion. Police said the robbery was allegedly orchestrated by Singletary because she was pregnant by Washington and he wanted her out of his life.

Prentice Washington is currently facing charges of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine after the shooting death of Tyree Cunningham alerted officials to his alleged drug activities.

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according to the 2001-02 Chronicle of Higher Education almanac.

Wendler said he wished he could have used a magic wand to make the salaries level to the average, but the money is not coming in at the rates the University needs it to.

"Sometimes we have to be patient and I'm not a patient person by nature," Wendler said.

IBHE spokesman Don Severn said that although the increase in enrollment is not as much as last year, it is not necessarily how the plan will catch up Illinois faculty salaries to other states. Severn, however, said, are even worse off financially.

"It can be a grim situation in Illinois and many other states are having it far worse," he said.

The IBHE policy, however, is not a done deal. The state still has to adopt the salary-keeping initiative and Severn said it is hard to predict what it will do.

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Drake
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Drake as the teams played in Des Moines, Iowa, last month. SIU controlled that game and ended up with a 79-64 win.

Drake (10-12, 5-7 MVC) boasts sophomore guard Lola McDaid, a steady shooter capable of scoring in bunches. The Bulldogs also have a promising young point guard in Loren Randolph, who splits time with Northwestern transfer Daniel Newman.

The Bulldogs are coming off a 14-point loss at Northeast Missouri State on Wednesday. Although SIU had it pretty easy the first time around, Korn doesn't see that as an entirely bad thing in terms of preparing for Saturday's meeting.

"It probably takes a little bit of your edge, but at the same time it gives you some confidence knowing you beat a team by double digits at their place," Korn said.

And with the Salukis test for first in the Valley and undefeated at home, the team is aware that relaxing at this juncture of the season could be disastrous.

"Everyone coming in here wants to be the team to beat us," Korn said. "We're at the top, and everyone's shooting at you. No one's going to lay down for us or still over and die, so we have to take care of business like we have been."
Department heads say fee increases may help enrollment

If Undergraduate Student Government approves the $5 student athletic fee increase for the fall, it may boost future student enrollment and bring in a higher revenue flow, according to Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk.

Kowalczyk's statements were part of a fee report given at Wednesday's USG meeting. This is the second round of reports from six SU officials at USG meetings.

Wednesday's meeting began with Kowalczyk's fee report, followed by reports from TJ. Rutherford, director of the Student Center, and Jeff Duke, director of mass transit.

Kowalczyk said a correlation between student enrollment and retention is the Athletic Department's future. One of the leading factors for student enrollment and retention is the Athletic Department, he said.

Despite the University's current budget cuts, Kowalczyk said. "This is a really good recruiting tool for students," Duke said. "Some students depend on services to get to classes."

The transit fee increase will not expand bus routes, however.

TJ. Rutherford, director of the Student Center, proposed a $3 increase to the Student Center fee, bringing the student to $66 a semester.

The fee increase will go toward student programming costs, private and public events for the outside community and other operational purposes.

Some of the Student Center's additional funding comes from the $59.40 revenue bond fee, which will remain the same.

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"I think the timing couldn’t be worse," Henry said. The administration is gearing up for negotiations with the Faculty Association later this month. A long-time complaint from union members has been that faculty salaries have lagged behind those of peer institutions for some time.

"Fortunately people will look at this as a savings mechanism more than an increase in pay," Henry said. President Walker is eliminating $122,000 by not replacing faculty.

Mortese Daneshdost, Faculty Association president, is not satisfied with that justification. The way he sees it, the University’s priorities are skewed.

"Every time (the administration) spends money on these so-called forms, it’s our students’ money," Daneshdost said. "It’s our taxpayers’ money." He pointed to the possible cancellation of some summer courses as a sign that the administration’s priorities are out of order.

Ruth Pommier, president of the Association of Civil Service Employees, said she’s having a difficult time rationalizing raises when "the University is supposed to be operating breakeven."

"It makes me wonder," Pommier said, "pointing at the retiree who won’t be replaced. "If they could do without those positions, did they need those positions in the first place?"

"It makes me wonder where our priorities are. We are compensating unduly the administrative end of this University."

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I'm not just a girl; I'm a woman of love. I'm not just a girl; I'm a woman of love.

But I can't call me 'sissy'.

But I can't call me 'sissy'.

I know I can't get in trouble, but my eyes are bigger.

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We're trying to tell you, baby, we're trying to tell you.

We're trying to tell you, baby, we're trying to tell you.

She's just right.

She's just right.

I'm just right.

I'm just right.

Now that's just yesterday...

Now that's just yesterday...

FOOHHHHH.

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No Days Allowed

Today, I feel funny.

Today, I feel funny.

"Feel" funny!

"Feel" funny!

I think that was just the way you looked.

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Daily Horoscopes

By Linda C. Block

Today's Birthday (Feb. 8). Start by reviewing your notes on romance; you're almost done, that will be the foundation for you to build upon. Fantasy is great, but this year's practical, commonsense reality that you've achieved: get the advantage. Check the day's telling: you've almost done, it's the most challenging.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 9. It's time for your big report. You get to explain what you've done, and why. It could be to repackage, improve your local system; it would be to a potential new employer, as you apply for a better job. Be confident, accurate and thorough, but not arrogant, and you'll do fine.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20) - Today is a 6. You can fill the right words to express your concerns, but should you utter them? Maybe not, if you suspect that an influential person isn't interested, you're right. No point is talking to a brick wall. Visit for a better time.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You like to run and play, but you're not a good idea. Do the calculations, you'll have more fun. Your gut feelings: if you have your good for you to know.

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You continue to work well, with a strong partner. You're most effective when you work on your own. Don't blame the person for getting all the attention. Be independent.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Make extra time to eat, and watch with a special person. You talk about what you've been through. You'll get some practical advice and, perhaps, even more important, a renovated hug or two.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Take a few minutes to get your head on straight. You must make the best of your own experiences, or somebody else, to get through a difficult day. You'll talk about being glad you're here, but not talking too for an answer.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - No sitting around, you have to punch the numbers, how much will it cost, and how much will you get? Look hard for hidden expenses. They're there.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Money is still on your mind, as well it should be. You can make, or lose, a lot in the next few days. Don't gamble, Base your decisions on experience, and advice.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Information is coming from the newspaper, and the weather is available. Somebody has stopped giving you the rundown. Get a much bigger picture of what's here, before you make a decision. Someone else is here.

Pluto (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You have all the information you need, so there's no need for you to come in, together, set policies. Some of the choices you've been concerned about can be made, get help deciding which one.

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No Apparent Reason
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Your socks are dirty when they can do this without you.

Girls and Sports
by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

I ASKED OUT THAT GIRL A FEW DAYS AGO
AND?

SHE SAID NO, SO I HAD TO RESORT TO PLAN B

WHAT'S THAT?

YOU'RE LOOKING AT IT

DAILY CROSSWORD

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Valley tournament tickets available

Vouchers will be available for students to head to St. Louis

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

As the conference title race nears its climax for the SIU men’s basketball team, the Salukis are anticipating big crowds for the Missouri Valley Conference tournament.

The SIU Athletic Ticket Office announced Thursday that it will be selling special single-game vouchers for SIU students starting this Monday.

The ticket office, which is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, will sell the vouchers for $8 to anyone with a valid student ID. Each voucher is good for one game at the tournament, and “The fans have been great towards us as they wish,” Merchant said.

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Subway will distribute 3,000 free tickets to Sunday’s Saluki women’s basketball game against 2001 Final Four participant Southwest Missouri State.

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BIG BOYS OUTGROWING RED SHIRTS

Josh Warren and Stefan Jabkiewicz will play big part of Salukis’ future
Jene Deju
Daily Egyptian

While the rest of the SIU men’s basketball team韬red out during a fairly-haunted shootaround Thursday afternoon, big men Josh Warren and Stefan Jabkiewicz were busy running drills and working on their inside.

This is an all-too-familiar feeling for the two redshirted big men, who have been doing this type of conditionizing all year long. Warren and Jabkiewicz are trying to morph into better shape so they will be able to contribute out of next season’s roster.

Jabkiewicz, a 6-foot-10-inch, 250 pound freshman center from Madison, Wisc., said the conditioning hasn’t gotten any easier as the season goes on.

"It’s tough, I must say," Jabkiewicz said. "Tough as hell."

Equally as hard for the two is having to sit on the bench and not be able to play a major part in one of the Salukis’ best seasons ever.

Warren, a 6-foot-8-inch, 250 pound forward from Washington, Mo., played sparingly last season for SIU as a freshman, but is sitting out his sophomore campaign.

"It’s really hard to come out here and just cheer your team on because you want to be out there helping to help your team out," Warren said. "Just all we do is sit there and cheer knowing that we’re redshirted and we’re not going to get to hit the court and play."

Although they can’t play in the games, both have made their presence known by starting Sophomore forward Brad Koen, who also redshirted his second year after playing as a freshman, has noticed a vast improvement in Warren’s game.

"You can tell off of practice. You used to take him for granted, but now you got to take him straight up," Koen said. "He’s getting a lot better. His hands, his moves around the basket, his rebounding, his scoring. He’s slipped down a little bit, so he’s doin’ a little better."

Jabkiewicz also has caught people’s attention, but still has plenty of work to do.

"Stefan is so big, he just doesn’t understand how good he can be," said assistant coach Chris Lowery. "Sometimes they can’t guard him straight up."

The Salukis are going to need both of their redshirted big men to continue this improvement, as in next season they will have to help replace Roberts, and the following year, Jaunine Deason.

Warren and Jabkiewicz know they don’t have the raw athleticism of Roberts or Deason, but they still can greatly contribute to the Salukis.

"Our games are totally different. Rada is explosive and athletic and Stefan and I are neither one of these," Warren said. "We’re just big boys like he is and that’s all we are. That’s all God gave us in terms of athleticism. So we just have to have the intelligence to help us out with it."

A bulk Warren and Jabkiewicz have in being able to shoot well for big guys. Both have great touch and can shoot the ball with either hand.

"They’re in our plans. That’s why we’re working so hard to get both of them ready," Lowery said.

Helping Warren and Jabkiewicz get through this season is the fact the Salukis’ biggest contributors, Koen and Darren Boudreaux, redshirted last year to improve their games and are now reaping the benefits.

"It’s kind of like a light at the end of the tunnel because you know they’re improved," Jabkiewicz said. "You’ve seen them both get stronger. Koen’s gotten a lot stronger. Darren’s got his confidence. I hope I can get some of that next year."

The two seem to be bonded by their similarities, from their body types to their developing games.

"If I didn’t know any better, I think they were brothers," Koen joked.

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Salukis gunning to defeat Drake
Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian Reporter

With just six games remaining in the regular season, the SIU men’s basketball team doesn’t have many secrets.

Opposing coaches have seen gods of the Salukis on film, and in 9-4 case of MVC coaches, they already watched SIU in the flesh at least once this season.

They know Darren Boudreaux can shoot the 3-ball and also dribble to the basket. They know Kent Williams is adept at drawing fouls by forcing contact when he drives. And they know Josh Warren is a big guy to read to the free throw line.

So as the Salukis (20-4, 12-2 MVC) look toward Saturday night’s 7:00 match-up with Drake at the SIU Arena, assistant coach Chris Lowery said the team has confidence going into the game.

"Right now it’s about playing harder than your opponent," Lowery said. "Obviously we know a lot of the players, opponents do, and they know some of the things that we do."

"It’s one thing to have a good read on the opposition, but it’s going to be hard to be able to stop them. In the case of SIU, the Salukis present enough of an offensive threat that you can’t just wait for them to have a shot to make them pay."

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Check out the preview graphic of SIU’s game against Drake on page 15.

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SMs women struggle back after last year’s Final Four
Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

Last March, the city of Springfield, Mo., was exuberant when the Southwest Missouri State women’s basketball team advanced to the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament for the first time in school history.

This year is a vastly different story. One of the top four teams in the nation last year, the Lady Bears can barely claim to be the fourth best team in their conference this time around.

As they prepared for SIU Wednesday on SIU’s campus in Carbondale, the Lady Bears are going through a humbling experience after last season’s improbable postseason run. SMS had relatively high hopes coming off a big season, and was picked to finish second in the Missouri Valley Conference’s preseason poll.

However, SMS has struggled to a 10-9 mark thus far (4-7 MVC) and could miss out on the postseason for the first time since 1997.

Although her team’s return to mediocrity, SMS head coach Cheryl Bumett is not worried about bringing up to anyone’s expectations in the season.

"We don’t put a whole lot of emotion into season polls," Bumett said. "I thought, when we picked us second, that was a big hit with no experience coming back."

The biggest reason for the downturn is the loss of four senior starters from last year’s squad that included Jackie Stiles - last year’s national player of the year.

Stiles left quite a legacy in Springfield, where the accomplished 3,393 career points to become the all-time MVC women’s scoring leader.

The four senior starters - Stiles, Terri Minnich, Carly Deeter and Melody Campbell - accounted for 61.1 percent of the Lady Bears’ total offense last season.

SIU head coach Lori Opp said the loss of the

four seniors, especially Stiles, has predictably been a tremendous blow.

"Of course they’re a different team without Jackie Stiles and her supporting cast," Opp said. "But they’ve had some other kids step up for them and play well."

With the loss of so much experience, Bumett has had to turn to her younger players to make a large contribution.

"We have the most inexperience group that we have ever coached," Bumett said. "Every single player on our team is a first- or second-year player with only four returning players."

Bumett said this year’s group of players has been wonderful to work with, but has still been growing in terms of wins and losses. Opp, who has dealt with her share of losses this season, has noticed a difference in the overall attitude of SMS compared to last season.

"I don’t think that they’re playing with the same confidence that they’ve had in the past, but I think the heart coming along."

Another aspect that has arisen since the Lady Bears’ mediocre season is a decrease in attendance.

Bumett said her team played in an average of 7,863 fans last season, but has been nowhere as high as in the NCAA in attendance for the past four years, SMS, due to the same reasons as last year.

"When they take you out of your seat, you just aren’t able to run motion," Koen said.

"We’ve been working on that a lot in practice lately because our confident isn’t really that good right now."

The Salukis had minimal trouble with