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**James M. Rosser**  
 SIU class of 1969

# Derailment cleanup continues

Tamaroa residents still not able to return to their homes after freight train accident

**Greg Cima**  
 Daily Egyptian

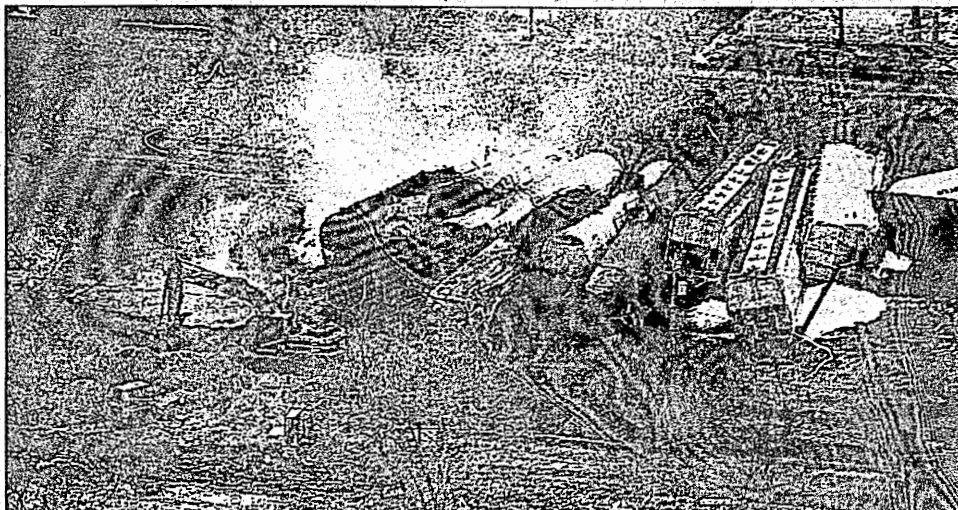
Cleanup of derailed tankers full of hazardous chemicals continued at Tamaroa Monday as officials search for the cause of the accident.

The northbound freight train was carrying tankers of vinyl chloride, hydrochloric acid, formaldehyde, phosphoric acid and methyl alcohol (methanol). Tamaroa firefighters said Sunday there were at least three tankers ruptured in the accident, causing a fire that lasted until into evening and re-ignited through the night.

The three-mile evacuation radius was maintained by Monday afternoon because of emergency response teams' assessments of risks of an explosion. The zone may be reduced as early as tomorrow morning, but residents may not be able to return to their homes for several days.

Peter Marshall, vice president of Canadian National's Gulf division, said 21 cars were directly involved in the pileup and the company is continuing cleanup beginning with a vinyl chloride tanker that was breached. There were six other tankers with the chemical involved in the derailment.

Of the chemicals spilled, vinyl chloride is the most dangerous. Its vapors affect the central nervous system, causing dizziness, fatigue and burning of the eyes and mucous membranes. It also puts off more toxic fumes if heated.



PAMELA KAY SCHMALENBERGER - THE SOUTHERN

Cleanup continued Monday at the site of a train derailment and hazardous chemical spill in the town of Tamaroa. Fourteen cars carrying methanol, hydrochloric acid and vinyl chloride were among the contents of the overturned tankers.

At least one of the tankers containing hydrochloric acid leaked, but Mike Chamness, director of the Illinois' Emergency Management Agency, said there was no risk of formation of an acid cloud. He said vapors were dissipating before they could cause health problems and the chemical powder lime was dumped on the acid in an effort to neutralize it.

An acid cloud can form when the hydrochloric acid is mixed with water, including precipitation and foam used in firefighting. It causes burns on all parts of the body.

Marshall said there was not a significant release of chemicals and

contested residents' accounts of explosions at the accident. He said the tankers were designed to survive such a crash, but could not give any explanations for cause and said that may come longer after the cleanup. He said the track might not be cleared for several days.

"It's really a matter of pick up sticks with the rail cars," Marshall said.

No additional injuries have been reported in connection with the cleanup. One injury was reported immediately after the accident when one resident reported trouble breathing after the crash. The person was treated at Pinckneyville Community

Hospital and released.

In a separate accident, a mail car on Amtrak's "City of New Orleans" line derailed at 4:30 a.m. in Pinkneyville while taking an alternate route to avoid the Tamaroa wreckage. The mail carrier and a baggage car had to be left behind after the early morning incident.

Amtrak spokeswoman Kathleen Cantillon said baggage was moved aboard the remaining cars of the train and none of the 143 passengers were injured. The train began moving again about two hours later. Cantillon said the mail car remained standing and was expected to be repaired by the end of the day.

Cantillon said the train was on an unfamiliar section of track, and it is not known what went wrong. She said the train was not traveling fast at the time and the incident is under investigation.

Marshall and Chamness said air, soil and water testing outside the immediate surroundings of the Tamaroa crash had not indicated any potential dangers to residents.

He said cleanup began at the north end of the site, concentrating on the tankers of methanol, which is the most volatile of the chemicals.

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## All faculty to receive raises, Wendler says

Amount of pay increase still unknown for non-union members

**Ben Botkin**  
 Daily Egyptian

All faculty members, not just those covered by the Faculty Association, should receive salary increases similar to the raises provided in the union's new contract, SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said Monday.

But Wendler said he is unsure of the exact amount of raises that faculty outside the association's bargaining unit will receive. The union's contract, ratified by members Friday, provides raises for the next three years totaling 7.5 percent, in addition to state appropriations.

The association represents a bargaining unit of about 680 tenured and tenure-track professors in a group of slightly more than 1,500 full-time and part-time faculty members at SIUC. The union can only legally negotiate for the 680 faculty covered in the bargaining unit.

The association's contract will provide tenured and tenure-track faculty with no raises this year, but increases of 2 percent for fiscal year 2004, 2.5 percent for fiscal year 2005, and 3 percent for fiscal year 2006. This figure is in addition to any state dollars that are appropriated for increases.

Wendler said he wants all faculty members to receive similar raises, adding that he can't promise the contract's amount to those outside the bargaining unit.

"Our goal is to try to apply that to all faculty on campus, but we have to look carefully at the funding availability," he said.

Wendler said the administration is still waiting for indications from Springfield about the state's budgetary concerns and how drastically that will affect funding for higher education.

"We're not promising anything yet," he said.

The association and SIUC administration were in negotiations since February 2002 before reaching a tentative agreement last week.

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## Senators look to fill budget hole

Luechtefeld signs bill to fix problem now not later

**Jackie Keane**  
 Daily Egyptian

The historic national budget crisis is getting worse by the day and there are no signs of the plunge ending anytime soon. To close this large gap, states are forced to slash major programs, significantly increase taxes, or both.

Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Okaville, signed his name alongside 25 others last Thursday for a plan to fix Illinois' estimated \$5 billion budget hole.

"The plan would allow for Gov. Rod Blagojevich to make up to 5 percent in emergency cuts to agencies under his control.

"We are basically saying to the governor, you are over other departments, so you tell us what you can do to save money and we'll give you the authority to cut whatever you want to cut," Luechtefeld said.

Illinois is working to fix the budget before the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. Luechtefeld said if \$100 million to \$200 million in cuts can be made now, then there will be less to do in the future.

This is the same legislation submitted last year to Gov. George Ryan. It was not carried

out because conflicting efforts from both political parties prevented the legislation from being enacted.

Blagojevich has ruled out tax hikes, something he announced as part of his campaign. Other cost saving possibilities include trimming the 690 boards and commissions the governor oversees, releasing nonviolent offenders from prisons and not filling thousands of state jobs vacated by early retirements. Luechtefeld said funding for nursing homes and state aid for schools should not be cut.

The governor has formed a team to study the state's budget crisis. The appointed team will study potential cuts among 400 of the boards and commissions that currently drain \$6.9 million of the state's budget.

"Why don't we try to do something about the budget now, or we are going to go deeper and deeper in deficit," Luechtefeld said.

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— Sen. David Luechtefeld  
 R-Okaville

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Three more pieces of shuttle debris found

NACOGDOCHES, Texas — A hatch door and two other large pieces of debris were located as volunteers combed a vast wooded area in hopes of helping investigators piece together what is left of space shuttle Columbia.

More than 1,500 volunteers searched Sunday, but 500 or more were expected to return to jobs around the region Monday as the work week begins, the U.S. Forest Service said.

Incident co-commander Mark Ruggiero said the search was still "slow-going."

"The volunteers are a great help but a lot of folk coming from the city, they're not used to walking in the woods," Ruggiero said.

In Nacogdoches County on Sunday, three large shuttle pieces — including one that appears to be a hatch door — were located.

Nacogdoches County Sheriff Thomas Kerss said he did not know where on the shuttle the hatch may have been, but said it was "fairly heavy."

So far, the most significant shuttle parts recovered since Columbia broke up high over Texas on Feb. 1 have been a 2-foot-long section of wing and a covering for a landing gear hatch.

### Police: Marines charged in Internet bomb case

TUNKHANNOCK, Pa. — Two Marines from Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and a third person downloaded bomb-making information from the Internet and threatened to use the explosives at the base, state police said.

Richard D. Morrison Jr., 21, of Tunkhannock, Pa., and Richard Thomas Medders, 22, of Trussville, Ala., were arrested Saturday along with Janna Rebecca Lynn Smith, 27, of Richlands, N.C., police said. They remained in custody Monday in lieu of \$100,000 bail each.

They were charged with conspiracy to risk a catastrophe, a felony, plus misdemeanor charges of making bomb threats and terrorist threats.

Prosecutor George Skumanick said they were turned in by a sister of Morrison.

"Morrison's sister and a friend heard them talk about this and observed them on the Internet," said Skumanick told The News & Observer of Raleigh, N.C. The newspaper did not identify the sister.

Morrison and Medders allegedly left Camp Lejeune about two weeks ago, state police said to the Associated Press.

It was not clear if they were authorized to be off base. Marine Corps officials did not return calls seeking comment Monday.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### New prime minister named in Chechnya

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia — Moscow appointed a new prime minister of Chechnya on Monday, choosing the former chief of the state firm responsible for rebuilding the war-shattered republic.

Anatoly Popov replaces Mkhitar Babich, who resigned under pressure Saturday after a dispute with his superior, the chief of the Moscow-backed administration, Akhmad Kadyrov.

The switch comes as Moscow prepares for a March 23 constitutional referendum on Chechnya, designed to promote stability and pave the way for elections. But despite Moscow's claims that life in the republic was returning to normal, rebels continued daily attacks on federal troops and pro-Moscow Chechen officials.

A rebel land mine explosion Sunday killed three pro-Moscow police officers and wounded another. A second land mine killed a federal soldier in Chechnya's second-largest city, Gudermes, said an official with Kadyrov's administration who asked not to be identified.

### Rocket slams into eastern edge of Kabul, no injuries

KABUL, Afghanistan — A rocket slammed into the eastern edge of Kabul late Monday, several hundred yards from a German peacekeeping base, police said.

No injuries were reported and it wasn't immediately clear what the target was or who fired the rocket, Police Chief Basir Salangi said.

The attack came just hours after control of the international peacekeepers, who patrol the Afghan capital, was handed over to Germany and the Netherlands. The joint German and Dutch takeover from Turkey was carried out in an elaborate and peaceful ceremony earlier in the day.

Rocket attacks on the Afghan capital are not uncommon. Usually the government of Hamid Karzai blames Taliban or al-Qaeda or, more recently, loyalists of renegade rebel leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

## Today

High 40  
 Low 20

Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Feels like the upper 20s.



## Five-day Forecast

Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	38/22
Thursday	Partly Cloudy	47/33
Friday	Rain, Showers	54/31
Saturday	Cloudy	52/23
Sunday	Mostly Cloudy	43/20

## Almanac

Average high: 45  
 Average low: 24  
 Monday's precip: 0"  
 Monday's hi/low: 32/24

## POLICE REPORTS

No items to report.

## CALENDAR

### Upcoming Events

#### Wednesday

National Day of Poetry Against the War  
 Longbranch Coffeehouse, 100 E. Jackson St.  
 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday

SIU Skydiving Club membership meeting  
 Student Center, Mackinaw Room  
 6 p.m.

Dick Griffin discussion on being an equine veterinarian  
 Agriculture Building, Room 209  
 6 p.m.

Teach-In: Media and the War  
 Lawson Hall, Room 121  
 5 p.m.

## CORRECTIONS

• In Monday's sports section the score of the men's basketball team's win at Southwest Missouri State should have read 76-75.

• In Monday's issue of the Daily Egyptian, the page 8 article "How lovely to be a woman" misidentified the co-director of the Saluki Rainbow Network. Gary Egari, who performed in the "Broadway Divas," is the co-director of the Saluki Rainbow Network.

• In Monday's issue of the Daily Egyptian, the graphic with the page 3 article "International Festival 'building bridges' between cultures," misspelled the movie *Amélie* showing at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Auditorium.

The Daily Egyptian regrets these errors.

Readers who spot an error should contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

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# Southern Illinoisans react to terror alert

Local residents concerned about vulnerability to terrorism.

Andy Horonzy  
Daily Egyptian

Amidst the most serious terrorist threat since the attacks of Sept. 11, local residents and officials have joined the rest of the country in questioning the vulnerability of our nation.

As security begins to tighten across the nation, southern Illinoisans have many different reactions to a possible terrorist attack.

Carbondale Police Department Deputy Chief Steve Odum said his department currently has no plans to increase staffing, but will make other changes.

"The alert will definitely change the focus of the officers in our department," Odum said. "This is something that our nation has been aware of since Sept. 11, so we've already made some changes."

Odum said they also plan to place a higher priority on major transportation links in southern Illinois, citing Amtrak as the most important.

"With the number of people who travel through Amtrak, it's essential we place our emphasis there," Odum said.

U.S. officials raised the national threat level alert from yellow to orange Friday for only the second time since last summer. According to the USA Today, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said the reason for the change is the threat has substantially increased in the last two weeks.

Joel Lipkin, a junior in agriculture, said though he is concerned about a possible attack, he thinks southern Illinois should be a relatively safe place.

"I think a terrorist attack is very possible, but southern Illinois probably isn't where they would strike," Lipkin said. "My guess is they would hit someplace like New York or Washington again."

Although some southern Illinoisans plan to take steps to prepare for an attack, several are choosing not to.

Tamea Patel, manager of the Carbondale Comfort Inn, said she would not increase her security, even though hotels have been suggested as a likely terrorist target.

"We have two people working 24 hours a day, so I don't think we will have any problems," Patel said. "If they see anything suspicious they'll be there to report it so I'm not going to make any additions to my staff."

Southern Illinois Airport Manager Gary Shafer agreed with Patel and said the airport will not respond to the alert either.

"The threat shouldn't affect our airport at all," Shafer said. Several airports across the coun-

try have already begun enforcing public-parking bans within 300 feet of any terminal building and random car searches and additional passenger screening are expected in many airports.

Recent bombings of a nightclub on the Indonesian island of Bali and a resort hotel in Kenya, along with intelligence that suggests a growing threat for the al-Qaeda network were key factors behind the change, the Bush administration revealed in the USA Today.

"We do recommend that individuals and families, in the days ahead, take some time to prepare for an emergency," Ridge said.

Speculation has spread throughout the country concerning what "targets" would be the most vulnerable to possible terrorist attacks. Attorney General John Ashcroft said Friday that "lightly secured targets" such as hotels, apartment buildings and shopping centers are among the most susceptible.

U.S. officials have identified New York City as the most likely

target, but extra security is already being added in several areas around the country.

Security officials at Sunday's NBA All-Star Game in Atlanta went to great lengths to ensure safety. The festivities and the game were surrounded by a full capacity police presence for 21 hours a day throughout the weekend.

As the rest of the country hangs on every word reported about the terrorist threat, some people have managed to remain unaffected.

SIUC student Melissa Laury, a sophomore in engineering, does not think a terrorist attack is likely, and is not worried.

"I don't think that anyone would attack the U.S. again, because it seems like it kind of woke our country up," Laury said. "I think our country is prepared now, so for someone to attack us again would be pretty hard."

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## Faculty Association continues to operate out of headquarters

Lease runs out in March

Katie Davis  
Daily Egyptian

The Faculty Association has no plans to close up shop despite the union's overwhelming approval of Chancellor Walter Wendler's final offer Friday.

With a year of negotiations behind them, Faculty Association President Morteza Daneshdoost said the union will continue to operate out of its headquarters on Highway 51 across from campus — at least until the 90-day lease expires.

"You don't just turn off the lights and leave," he said. "There are many things that need to be done."

The association began renting the building, 825 S. Illinois Ave., formerly Plaza Records, in January as an information center as well as a preparation office for a possible walkout.

Daneshdoost said he is unsure whether the association will renew its lease in March. That decision will be left to union members.

He said that outside of negotiations, the organization still needs a building where community members and students can go to give feedback about various union matters.

James Kelly, association spokesman, said the office could be a place to conduct union

matters, such as meetings in the coming days. The association requested an on-campus office during negotiations in 1998, but the provision was not included in the final contract.

He said that while an on-campus locale would be preferred, the position of the headquarters, directly across from campus, could serve as a good place of business.

Daneshdoost said it is essential for his organization to have a place to function, especially now that the union is in the final stages of completing a contract.

Randy Hughes, association treasurer, said it would be premature to determine how the building, originally coined a crisis headquarters, will be utilized because no one knows what the coming months will bring.

"This is something that will take some time to figure out what will work best," he said.

Daneshdoost said once both the union and the board sign the tentative agreement, things should return to the relative tranquility of more than a year ago.

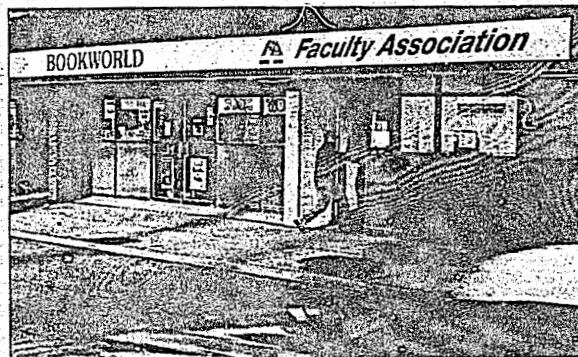
"We still have to dot the i's and cross the t's, and do many other functions," he said. "But hopefully, things will go back to the way they were before negotiations started."

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Gus Bode



Gus says: They don't want to keep the building... but they will.



DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

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## Budget task force to meet this Wednesday for review

Hope to finish budget proposal by May

Katie Davis  
Daily Egyptian

Chancellor Walter Wendler's budget task force has begun filing through hundreds of pages of budget-cut recommendations, in hope of finishing a final proposal before the end of the spring semester.

Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn, committee chair, said that although Wendler had originally hoped to have a completed product before Gov. Rod Blagojevich announces the budget in April, the task force must be given appropriate time to make informed, reasonable decisions.

"We have to do what we have to do," he said. "We have to look beyond the fiscal year and consider that some changes will take longer to implement, depending on the recommendations."

The group of 21 students, faculty and staff were provided two volumes of recommendations concealed in 2-inch, 3-ring binders during their first meeting two weeks ago. The task force will meet again Wednesday in its first collaborative effort to review the proposals deans and vice chancellors completed in November.

Wendler asked department heads to complete 5 percent short-term and 10 percent long-term budget cut plans before the end of the fall semester, though he did not name the committee until mid-January.

Dunn said the budget task force will go through the recommendations page-by-page, starting with volume one until everything has

been covered. Members are not restricted to the proposals, which are meant to be guides throughout the process.

"Our goal is not to recreate the work that was done so thoughtfully by department heads," he said, "but to review and seek themes in materials. Some things not introduced may occur to committee members, who will act fair and reasonable."

Sean Boyle, an assistant professor in automotive technology, said task force members were told to prepare for three months of hard work and to keep all matters confidential until the full report is complete.

Wendler said earlier this semester that the budget task force is a step toward his goal of shared governance. The group is composed of a variety of faculty, staff and students from across campus representing different interests.

Diversity in the committee is a key component to making sure nothing is left behind, Michael Jarard, Undergraduate Student Government president, said.

"Everything is up for review," he said. "We are going through the recommendations so we can cut spending; we can't just do it across the top because some programs would be hurt."

Dunn said he expects members to carry themselves in a civil manner, and to be prepared, open and thoughtful in expressing their views.

"This is an excellent time for a very thoughtful group to look at a budget in totality," he said. "And they need to be very thoughtful in and acknowledge the importance in all things the task force is trying to achieve."

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### ON CAMPUS

#### Performance aims to spark diversity discussion

The Diversity Project Group will present a staged reading of "Joe Turner's Come and Gone," a classical play by August Wilson at 7:30 tonight in the Communications Building, room 1045. This new group is made up of actors from the community who choose performance literature plays for the audience that stimulates dialogue about diversity. Admission is free.

#### Brown Bag discussion Thursday in student center

There will be a brown-bag discussion: "To be or not to be black" at noon Thursday in the

Student Center's Illinois Room. Kevin Cokley, Assistant Professor in Psychology will discuss what it means to be authentically "black." He will talk about how ethnicity rather than race is a more appropriate way to identify people of African descent. Admission is free. For more information, contact Carl Ervin at 453-5714.

#### Carbondale Multicultural Festival today

The Carbondale Community High School will host the Carbondale Multicultural Festival: "We are all a reflection of life's rainbow" from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Civic Center today. It will include performances by the Carbondale Community High School Jazz Band from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., the Tammy Chapman Carbondale Middle School girls' dance team from 6:30 to 6:40 p.m., as well as several other performers.

# In all FAIRNESS

Years after its establishment, affirmative action continues to be a hot topic

Jessica Yorama  
Daily Egyptian

There is little debate as to whether the scale of equal opportunity in the workforce needs to be balanced.

A debate does exist, however, in what measures should be taken, if any, to balance the scale.

Although in existence since the early '60s, the issue of affirmative action continues to present itself as a relevant and important issue almost 50 years after its conception.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy spoke of affirmative action for the first time, instructing "employers to practice equal hiring practices without regard to race, color, religion, sex and national origin." The practice was signed into law 3 years later, but as recently as 2003, many are claiming there are definite problems with the policy established to make everything equal.

The proposal, which seemed undoubtedly necessary at the time, has caused some controversy among those who think that, perhaps, the attempt to level things out has become too intense.

"Affirmative action is supposed to be a program designed to end racism," stated author Louis P. Pojman, whose common argument is one of many on a web page against affirmative action. "But it's really just justifying racism by its own actions."

In the opinion of Pojman, and others who have posted their work on this page, "everyone has the opportunity to succeed in this country; they just have to take the initiative."

An example of the most recent debate occurred in Michigan, where controversy over affirmative action rose as high as the commander-in-chief.

**Timeline of Affirmative Action Milestones**

- March 6, 1961** - Executive Order 10925 makes the first reference to "affirmative action". Order creates the Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity and mandates projects financed with federal funds "take affirmative action" to ensure that hiring and employment practices are free of racial bias.
- July 2, 1964** - Civil Rights Act signed by President Lyndon Johnson - prohibits discrimination of all kinds based on race, color, religion, or national origin.
- June 4, 1965** - Speech defining concept of affirmative action - President Johnson frames the concept underlying affirmative action: "You do not wipe away the scars of centuries by saying: 'now, you are free to go where you want, do as you desire, and choose the leaders you please.' This is the next and more profound stage of the battle for civil rights. We seek not just freedom but opportunity—not just legal equality but human ability—not just equality as a right and a theory, but equality as a fact and as a result."
- Sept. 24, 1965** - Executive Order 11246 enforces affirmative action for the first time—order requires government contractors to "take affirmative action" toward prospective minority employees in all aspects of hiring and employment.
- June 28, 1978** - Regents of the University of California v. Bakke - Supreme Court case imposed limitations on affirmative action to ensure that providing greater opportunities for minorities did not come at the expense of the rights of the majority.
- Jan. 23, 1989** - City of Richmond v. Croson - The Supreme Court ruled that an "amorphous claim that there has been past discrimination in a particular industry cannot justify the use of an unyielding racial quota." Affirmative action must be subject to "strict scrutiny."
- July 19, 1995** - White House guidelines on affirmative action - President Clinton asserted in a speech for the elimination of any program that, (a) creates a quota; (b) creates preferences for unqualified individuals; (c) creates reverse discrimination; or (d) continues even after its equal opportunity purposes have been achieved."
- March 18, 1996** - Hopwood v. University of Texas Law School - The 5th U.S. Court of Appeals suspended the university's affirmative action admissions program and ruled that the 1978 Bakke decision was invalid.
- Nov. 3, 1997** - Proposition 209 enacted in California - a state ban on all forms of affirmative action
- Dec. 3, 1998** - Initiative 200 enacted in Washington State - Washington becomes the second state to abolish state affirmative action measures when it passed "I 200"

President George Bush, not typically vocal about the enlisting practices of colleges, took the time last month to voice his opinion about the points system at Michigan University, where minorities received more points in the acceptance system than those earning a perfect score on their SATs.

"Affirmative action is necessary to level the playing field," said Pamela Smoot, associate professor of Black American studies. "I think the bottom line that people who are opposed do not realize is that if things were fair, affirmative action would not be necessary in the first place."

The debate is not limited to those comfortably settled into their career of choice. It is also

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a prominent concern of college students who are preparing to enter their occupation for the first time.

"I feel like it's a little unfair to hire a person on the basis of skin color," said Zach Smalley, a freshman in cinema from Salem. "If a person isn't qualified for the position, or there is someone who is better for the position, it is unfair to whoever might be more qualified."

Regardless of how long the debate continues, the topic of affirmative action refuses to die down until the equally opportunity workforce finally balances out.

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# Scam artist hits area residents

Caller looking for account numbers

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Residents in the Murphysboro and Carbondale area should keep their eyes open and their ears peeled for a scam artist calling homes in search of money.

Murphysboro Police Chief Jeffery Bock said an unknown person or persons contacted a Murphysboro resident during the weekend and claimed the widow's husband had an outstanding debt to an unnamed credit card company. The scam artist went on to tell the woman that the company would take care of the issue by transferring cash from her bank account if she would give out the account number.

He said the woman avoided becoming a victim by recognizing the signs of a scam and refusing to give out the information. In this situation, the scam artist said the outstanding debt was \$50. Bock said the person had been deceased for 12 years and any debt accrued that long ago would have collected a large amount of interest by now.

"If it had been hanging out there for 12 years it would have been in the thousands," Bock said. "If it was true it would have kept accumulating."

He said a similar incident was reported to the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

The Murphysboro Police Department would like to remind people to avoid giving out personal information over the telephone. In addition, legitimate companies will provide a telephone number, mailing address and copies of the outstanding bill.

Anyone who thinks he or she may have been a victim of the scam, should contact local law enforcement officials or the Illinois Attorney General's office.

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# Committee Against War plans series of resistance events

National Week of Resistance contains informational meetings to protest war in Iraq

Kristina Herrndobler  
Daily Egyptian

In light of the "National Week of Resistance," The Committee Against War will sponsor a series of events in protest of a war against Iraq.

Just three weeks ago, members of the committee, with tens of thousands of others, marched in Washington, D.C., in opposition of a preempted strike against Iraq.

But just last week, President George Bush said "the game is over," and Iraq has no time left. War, he said, is imminent.

"That's what we are up against," said Hugh Muldoon, coordinator of the Interfaith Center and active member of the Committee Against War.

So this week, the National Week of Resistance as declared by ANSWER, the same organization that sponsored the rally in Washington, is at it again — in Carbondale.

After some talk about traveling to New York City for another ANSWER protest, the committee decided what they needed now was to bring it back home to the Midwest.

"Rather than get our recourses together and ship out, we need to rally our spirits and be heard."

Getting its message out to the public has

always been a goal of the Committee Against War, as it has organized a series of teach-ins against a U.S. strike against Iraq, among other things.

This week's activities will include another teach-in on Thursday where the topic "Media and War" will be addressed.

On Wednesday, poets and listeners alike are invited to the Longbranch Coffee House, 100 E. Jackson St., to partake in a Night of Poetry Against the War.

Marisa Winegar, a member of the Committee Against War from Carbondale, said she knew a poetry reading had to take place when two different local poets, Daina Tigelily and Shannon Petrello, came to her separately suggesting a poetry reading take place to coincide with the readings sponsored by Poets Against War.

"When two people come to me with the same idea within a day of each other, it is like something is speaking to me," Winegar said.

Both Tigelily and Petrello heard about a talk on American poetry that was scheduled to take place on Wednesday at the White House. The talk was canceled possibly because one of the invited poets, Sam Hamill, 59, said he couldn't bear Bush's talk of war.

Hamill decided to send out invitations of his own, asking his literary friends to write anti-war poems to be published as an anthology sent to the White House.

Laura Bush's press secretary, Moelia Rodriguez, said the reason the first lady canceled the event was because "some invited guests wanted to turn what is intended to be a literary event into a political forum."

Hamill declared the same day the poetry reading at the White House was supposed to take place — Wednesday — as Day of Poetry

# National Week of Resistance

February 10-17

**Wednesday, 2/12: Anti-War Poetry** ②

Night of Poetry Against the War, 7:30 pm  
Longbranch Coffee House  
100 E. Jackson St., Carbondale  
Bring a poem of your own creation, or share a piece by your favorite scribe.

**Thursday, 2/13: Teach-In and Film** ③

Teach-in at 5 pm topic: "Media and War"  
Lawson room 121 on SIUC campus.  
Speakers: Dr. Nilanjan Baidhan (speech-comm) and Lisa Booten (radio-television)

Film "Ashes and Embers" by Hailey Gerima  
The story of an African American Vietnam veteran.  
7pm, SIUC Law School Auditorium.

**Friday, 2/14: Film and Discussion** ④

Film "We the People", a documentary by local faculty / filmmakers Mike Covel and Jovanna Kapur.  
7 pm at Life Sciences III Auditorium on SIUC campus.

**Saturday, 2/15: International Day of Protest** ⑤

Vigil, Rally, and March in protest to the impending war on Iraq.  
Vigil begins at noon on the Town Square Pavilion, followed by a rally, Street Theater, and march to the Interfaith Center.

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Against the War.

Winegar is bringing the reading that could have been at the White House to Carbondale.

Winegar, who recently moved to Carbondale, said she is delighted with the arts in the community and said she believes that local poets will "remind us of the humanity we share" on Wednesday.

Other activities planned for the week of resistance of the impending war on Iraq

include two films, a vigil, rally, march and a teach-in.

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For more information on coming events  
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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

February 10-17

“Rather than get our recourses together and ship out, we need to make our case here.”

— Hugh Muldoon, member, Committee Against War

# SIU professors teach workshops in South Asia

Lindsey J. Mastis  
Daily Egyptian

In a room where the windows to the outdoors could be a distraction, 20 professionals listened intently to each other and asked open-ended questions. They were learning about communication and learning with each other.

During winter break, three SIUC professors provided workshops in South Asia that focused on interaction and involvement between journalists and Non-Governmental

Organization members. Traditionally, reporters in South Asia rely only on government sources to report news, said James Kelly, associate professor in journalism and the project director.

"It's what's often referred to as 'protocol news,'" he said. "With the economic liberalization that took place in India in the early 1990s, the media have increasingly focused on stories other than the government."

The teaching method, called "coaching," allowed workshop partici-

pants to learn in an interactive group setting as opposed to a lecture set-up. Participants worked with each other to come up with story ideas and make contacts.

The workshops took place in Vadodra, Pune, Kolkata, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Kathmandu and Nepal and are funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of State's Cultural Exchanges Division.

Judith Roales, 1965 alumna and former publisher of the St. Petersburg Times in Florida, stressed the importance of ethics to the groups. She said reporters often unethically leave out information or lie to sources to avoid having a person protest the story before it prints.

"In that part of the world, it isn't good to say negative things about people," Roales said. "Making them overcome that cultural aspect is something we don't often think of. The purpose of the trip is to try to bring together the NGOs and the reporters so that they each can use the other and understand the other and get along."

During one workshop, a journalist came up with more than 35 detailed story ideas from talking with members of NGOs, which is significant, she said, because it shows that the groups are working together.

Kelly said he hopes the 100 participants would share the information they learned in the workshops with others. In addition, two 45-minute videos of the workshops will be given out to journalism centers and NGOs in South Asia. The videos will include a student text and teacher's guide to help teach the importance of the



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Judith Roales, former publisher of the St. Petersburg Times newspaper and an SIUC School of Journalism alumna, interacts with Indian journalists and Non-Governmental Organization officials at a workshop in Pune, India, Jan. 2. The workshop was part of a project headed by James D. Kelly and Jyotika Ramaprasad and funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of State.

journalist-NGO relationship.

"I think the workshops were successful in that our primary goal was simply to get the two sides of this equation together so they could explain to each other what they do, what motivates them and what their philosophy is," Kelly said. "And we did that, and they all said we did that and they were all pleased with it."

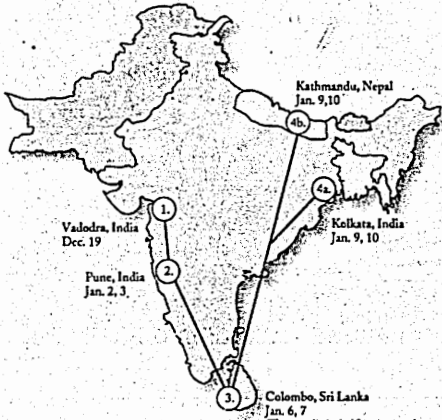
Jyotika Ramaprasad, associate dean of the College of Mass Communications and Media Arts, William Recktenwald, journalist-in-residence, and two professors from

other universities also assisted with the workshops.

This summer, six of the workshop participants from South Asia will travel to the United States for additional training, and will also visit some SIUC classes to share their knowledge about South Asia with students. Kelly said he hopes to return for more workshops in Pakistan and Bangladesh next winter.

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## Journalists' journey through Asia



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### OUR WORD

## Title IX on track

Talk is cheap. Before Jan. 30 there was wide speculation that Title IX would be butchered by Bush's appointed Commission on Opportunity in Athletics. Ten of the 15 members came from Division I-A football schools, which have financial interests in weakening the law — conveniently limiting the number of scholarships given to women. It didn't look good for women's athletics.

But rumors will be just that — rumors. Putting the speculation aside, this commission has proven that it is committed to exercising restraint and imposing common sense into the existing law.

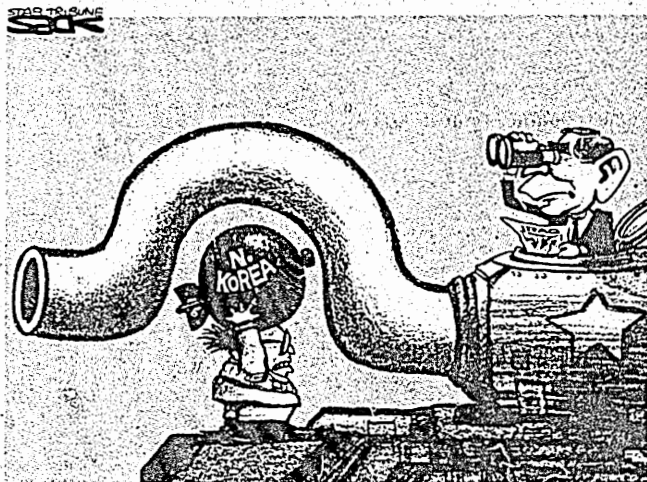
The 15-member panel shot down a proposal that would have allowed the percentage of female athletic scholarships given by a school to drop to 43 percent — a minuscule number considering women make up 55 percent of college enrollments while men receive 60 percent of all athletic scholarships nationwide.

The commission made one change to the standard "three-prong" test that is used to check schools for compliance to Title IX. The change occurred in the first prong, which stated that a school's male-female athlete ratio must be closely equivalent to its male-female enrollment. The change involves schools using a predetermined number of roster spots on each team that would count toward Title IX requirements, instead of the actual number of athletes.

Before Jan. 30 there was a wide speculation that Title IX would be butchered by Bush's appointed Commission on Opportunity in Athletics.

Critics of Title IX have raised concern that it has hurt men's programs by eliminating scholarships and unfairly given them to women's programs. Recently, the National Wrestling Coaches Association sued the Education Department on grounds that its enforcement of the law forced the elimination of hundreds of men's sports teams.

While we understand their anguish, the DAILY EGYPTIAN believes something has got to give to ensure equality in the gym — and it starts with giving women's athletics the chance to perform and succeed at the same level as their male counterparts. Until then, the talk is still cheap.



### GUEST COLUMNIST

## Valentine's Day: Men can't win

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RALEIGH, N.C. (U-WIRE) — Next to Christmas, Valentine's Day is probably the happiest day for a lot of people in the world because we tell our loved ones, our friends and our family that we appreciate them. I have already picked out gifts for my mom, grandmother and little sister. This is a time when I can join the rest of the masses in recognizing the love I have been shown over the years.

On this level, Valentine's Day is one of the most beautiful and sacred times to a lot of people. It is non-denominational, so there is no weirdness as to offending any one person's religious practices. It is a time to just love and be loved by those who love you — even with those who don't.

Now that all that explaining is out of the way, I can begin my quest to find out if guys can ever truly succeed during a holiday that places so much pressure on us to "win." The commercials begin after the Super Bowl, telling us about the deals at the jewelry stores or the sales at Victoria's Secret.

We hear it from our girlfriends, boyfriends or spouses as they occasionally mention a present they would like to receive. We even hear it from our parents as they tell us that we "better take her somewhere nice." I have been through the stress, and I hated it — it's too much pressure. Can't we just stay at home and watch a DVD?

I remember when I was dating a young lady around this time and a conversation came up as to our Valentine's Day plans. I commented that I had a midterm exam the next day and I needed to study for it, so we could go out the next day to celebrate.

I obviously didn't recognize the importance of the day and the fact that the world stopped for V-day because I was railed by this young lady and even her friends about why I was a bad boyfriend for not taking her out.

Much of the justification came from the fact that everyone else's boyfriends were taking them out for Valentine's Day, so why couldn't I? I was flabbergasted to hear the blatant disregard for my educational welfare just to appease the masses by going to Applebee's or Golden Corral (just kidding).

It was at this time I really wanted to write a column. This was ridiculous — I was being held hostage by a holiday. A week later, I ended this particular relationship — whether the Valentine's Day incident had anything to do with it, I don't know.

... I always thought Christmas was about a meal, a spirit to be shared no matter the location or situation. I thought the very same about Valentine's Day, that the love or affection shared between two people could be shared and realized, no matter the situation.

My saying "I love you and care about you" should be enough for Valentine's Day. It says everything those flowers and dinners and other stuff only try to show. In our society's current state, should a man not live up to the commercial pressure and the stereotypical images placed on him by females, he is useless as a mate. I don't understand.

I feel sorry for a number of you out there right now who are boyfriends for a week. You are in relationships that will likely meet their end in the coming week or two. Many people are establishing "commitments" for this special time of the year so as not to appear lonely on Friday. Many of you will be the victims taking your special friend out on the town for a late dinner at the dining hall or the Angus Barn and buying them roses and wine and chocolates, only to have your "investment" turn into a losing lottery ticket. I speak with a "Fox News cynicism," but I speak from my four years' experience as the victim and as an observer of the process.

Through writing this piece, I am not asking that people stop celebrating this day of love or buying roses for their loved ones or writing poems.

I am asking that everyone turn on their televisions this week and look at the commercials and see the pressure we are placing on this day. If you don't get flowers or cards or that dinner at Sullivan's, does that mean you don't have love? Things of this earth can't begin to express what exactly love is; they are merely trading cards of the real thing. Why stress so much over what types of trading cards you are going to get this Valentine's Day? Focus on the essence of the real things you have around you every day.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Don't let it end like this. Tell them I said something.”

last words of Pan-ho Villa

### WORDS OVERHEARD

“People can draw their own conclusions. I'm clearly not stealing my own signs.”

mayoral candidate Brad Cole in his campaign signs being stolen

COLUMNISTS

# Africa in a post 9/11 world

Since the attacks of Sept. 11, many scholars have argued that the world has changed. The powers in North America and Europe are now faced with new security priorities and an invisible enemy that has no home, no face, a determination as strong as its faith, a remarkable mobility and capacity to network and contrary to the modern cultural view of the West, it holds a political manifesto that was not conceived by man, rather, they claim, it is inspired by God. The lands of abundance across most of North America and Europe are now paralyzed with the "Hobbesian" fear of a violent death, betrayed by a false sense of security, they are now secluded in their high glass towers from which they use to throw scraps at the poor in the South (Africa, South America and parts of Asia). In an ironic twist, some are now throwing stones at them with a disturbing "religious" fervor. Indeed, the world has changed.

In a thorough work published in the African Security Review, Mark Malan identified two viewpoints evolved by concerned African scholars regarding the impact of Sept. 11 in Africa. One regards it as having the potential to dramatically re-focus the attention of the western powers to eradicate the root causes of terror and war on the third largest continent. The other argues that it will generate the reverse reaction. The western powers preoccupied by their own security will give little attention to Africa except for certain areas of strategic importance (East & North Africa) where terrorist activity is already existent. So far, the latter view seems to have captured reality the best.

Despite the constant rhetoric of the western administrations that terrorism after Sept. 11 is a global plague, Africa, curiously enough remains out of the debate and is very likely to stay put given the orientation and character of the global North's response to terrorism. Malan also considers the western administrations' focus on short-term considerations such as "access to intelligence airfields and military bases," the rapid physical annihilation of terrorists as a trigger to a chain of events that can only worsen if not precipitate absolute chaos in Africa. This attitude, he believes will be conducive to more tolerance towards human right abusers, less emphasis on good governance, accountability and the instatement of working democracies. In Washington, peacekeeping operations (PKO) for the entire world has already seen its budget reduced in the administration request for FY03 by 20 percent from \$135 million to \$108 million. Of that



## City of Geopolitics

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money only \$10 million has been requested for the African Crisis response Initiative (ACRI) this year compared to \$15 million last year. Already, the United Nations is more preoccupied with terrorism and security in the West giving little notice to developments in Cote d'Ivoire for example. Furthermore, if the problems of development in Africa are not addressed soon, the structural weaknesses of its diverse administrations could seriously hinder the fight against terror on the African front especially regarding effective border controls.

The case for a different approach to the eradication of terror is compelling and obvious. Africa is potentially the most fertile ground where terror could take root. The weakness of African governments, the rampant corruption that plagues its administrations, the easy proliferation of weapons, the multiplication of inter ethnic wars and money laundering practices, the prevalence of epidemic diseases, the growing illiteracy and unemployment of a youth that constitutes more than fifty percent of its population makes the African continent a perfect haven not only for Islamic terrorism but for homegrown forms of terror. If the recourse to terror is in line with the natural evolution of poverty stricken nations as exhibited by the states of southwest Asia, it is imperative that Africa be put at the center of the sum of all initiatives designed to prevent terrorism in the long term. The best long-term approach must combine "humanitarian, political and long-term peace building approaches for sustainable peace."

Sum, even after Sept. 11, Africa is still left to fend for herself in her continual loneliness she lingers on the side of the road, tears digging rivers across her dark cheeks. Whether towers disappear or not Africa is still marginalized; but for how long?

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# I don't want to move



## Piattology

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Before I start rambling, I just wanted to inform anyone interested that I mailed my column to Dave Letterman (I'm sure coach Weber will be getting a phone call anytime) and due to the readers who wrote in encouraging me to send last week's column to my Valentine, I have decided to give it to her — in person.

Enough about the past, we all know it is not healthy to hang out there. So how about the future? I heard a news anchor on television the other day discussing the recent tragedy of the space shuttle Columbia and its crew. I was glad to see how well they were covering not just the tragedy itself, but the lives of each of the crewmembers.

Then I heard something and it just struck me the wrong way. The television anchors were talking about the importance of space shuttle missions and how it is necessary to continue to heavily fund these missions because, get this ... we may have to leave earth someday.

I am sure many scientists and other people around the world believe one day we as humans may have to depart the earth as we know it. I will even play ball with them and say it is possible; hey, anything is. But, I have to disagree with the attitude behind the whole concept. I don't like the theory of "well it's broke so just trash it." If we are talking about an old clock radio then I'm all for it, but come on, this is the earth were discussing.

This is where we live. As far as I know, the options for moving are limited. So my suggestion is instead of thinking about where we can escape to after we finish destroying the earth, how about focusing more attention on preserving it. Instead of plugging outrageous amounts of money into an escape plan, why not put some money into something more productive and beneficial now?

I am not saying I'm against the space program, not at all. I just hope Neil Armstrong and the many others who have traveled into space were doing it in the name of science and exploration. Actually I am quite confident they were, and even though the last space mission ended in tragedy, I hope another crew of brave people put on their suits and walk proudly onto a new shuttle.

I have great hope that this earth we live on can survive as long as there are people like the brave crew of that shuttle. Those people didn't go into space to make the headline news; they went because they loved their job. And by simply doing their job they set an example for everyone who lives on this planet. They showed us all that nothing is impossible, even though they lost their lives for the job at hand, they went in knowing the risks. Great people take big risks.

Great people show the rest of us that this world is a very special place, and there are no limits to our imagination. Somewhere there is a child staring in awe at the stars and dreaming of flying among them. That is what life is all about. I just hope we can all do a better job of taking care of the earth now, so that child has a home to return to.

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## LETTERS

### Shame on faculty for contract selfishness

DEAR EDITOR:

When I read the other day that various members of the faculty had voted 202 to 73 in favor of accepting the administration's "final" offer, my heart sank. For months I have been inundated with information, some thrust upon me in my classes and some that I sought out in the quest to better inform myself about the possibility of a strike.

In my search, I was seduced by the Faculty Association's claims that blackening the eye of the school once again through a walkout was not primarily for their own financial gain, but to increase the value of my degree, and make Southern Illinois University a more esteemed place to learn for future generations of students.

In my "administration friendly" graduate assistantship for University Housing, I tried to educate colleagues and superiors about why what the association was doing was for the good of the students, the ones that we work for in housing, and not their own pocket books.

My fault... I might be alienating some of my professors in what I am about to say, for I have no way of knowing how they voted in the straw poll, or whether they voted to accept the proposal. But if you voted to accept the administration's final offer, and at any point said you were considering striking for the good

of the students, SHAME ON YOU.

If you were at the Faculty Administration's rally Feb. 7 and sang, "We're here for students and will not be moved," and then voted to accept the final offer, SHAME ON YOU. Doesn't look like it was that tough to move you.

I read Mr. Danehdooost as quoted saying things to the effect that the union has made strides to improve things for the students, like class size; When all they have done is accept the 26:1 status quo, a ratio that the Faculty Association was supposedly attempting to reduce for the good of the students. Well, things did not get better for the students, they stayed the same on this issue, that you so quickly point to in an effort to validate your claims that you were in this for the students, and not pocket books... SHAME ON YOU!

In the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the administration took out a full-page ad, attempting to influence public opinion that they were doing what they could to resolve the strike. Seven of the eight points covered dealt with contracts, pay raises, and job security for the current faculty. Only one dealt with direct improvement of the quality of education at SIU. And all that did was maintain the status quo of class size.

There is a silver lining in all this though. There were 90 members of faculty that were willing to literally risk their jobs and health care for themselves and their families for the good of the students. As someone that works face to face with the future of this University everyday in the residence halls and cares greatly for the quality of their education and my own, I am proud of you. I do not believe I am understating things when in this little community, you are

considered heroes.

For the other 202 of you, if you were in it for the money only the entire time, congrats, you got what you wanted, and there really is nothing wrong with that; you did deserve more money and job security. However, if at any point you uttered the words, "I am in this for the students," Then SHAME ON YOU! You did nothing more than accept a bribe from the administration to keep quiet about the deteriorating quality of education here at Southern Illinois University.

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### Southern at 150 represents administration's agenda

DEAR EDITOR:

The most recent draft of "Southern at 150" from the Chancellor's office has been distributed to the Faculty Senate for discussion at a special meeting on March 4. This seems like shared governance, but is it really?

1) Priorities for choosing which goals to fund are left entirely up to the administration, which could, for example, choose to fund the Dunn-Richmond Center at the expense of faculty positions crucial to the academic mission.

2) The original committees compiling the docu-

ment would be started by significant changes from the version circulated in August. In August, for example, the "Faculty Theme Group Final Report" stated a goal to appoint "primarily tenure-track faculty (75 percent or higher) in most colleges." Why was any mention of tenure-track faculty dropped out of the recommendation in this recent draft that we "maintain a minimum 70 percent of all faculty members with full-time status and in continuing faculty appointments" (p.17)? Who sponsored the newest recommendation that "contract faculty" (faculty on contracts from three to five years) "represent 15 percent of the faculty" (p.18)? These are only two examples of numerous changes made by the administration to a report it claims to be the cumulative effort of many members of the University and the community.

Does the chancellor believe that rushing this draft through a historically compliant Senate will prevent anyone from noticing how much administrative agendas have superseded the intents of its original authors? If the administration wishes to continue to claim that "Southern at 150" represents anything beyond its own agenda, then it needs to follow the normal procedure for drafting any document: to return this draft to the original committees and to incorporate their comments and revisions. Otherwise, "Southern at 150" is only another way for the administration to betray the trust not only of the University, but of the community.

Mary Ellen Lamb  
English professor

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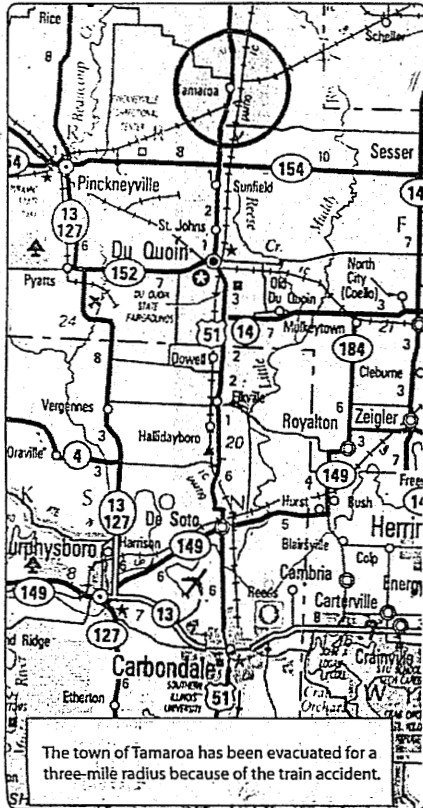
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# Derailment



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to be the cause of fires Sunday. Marshall said all chemical spills were contained within the grass near the tracks. He said cold conditions were helping the cleanup operation because many of the chemicals involved are better handled at lower temperatures.

Farmers were escorted into the evacuation area to feed livestock and the Perry County Sheriff's Department was conducting a pet-rescue operation.

A shelter was set up at the American Legion Hall in Du Quoin for displaced citizens of Tamaroa, but only five people stayed the night. Volunteers said more are expected tonight as people may not wish to stay with relatives or friends any longer and local motels are packed.

Volunteers continued to serve meals to people who came in during the day, and the Legion Hall will continue to be used as a shelter as long as is needed.

Dan Stevenson, an American Legion member for 17 years, came in to volunteer to cook breakfast at 4:30 a.m. Monday. He said Legion members know the equipment and their help can take a load off the Red Cross workers. About 10 to 12 members had already been working since the disaster.

Stevenson said kitchen workers cooked meals for emergency workers still out in the field as well as displaced Tamaroa residents.

"It wasn't much, but those guys are out there in the snow and cold," Stevenson said. "A warm meal feels pretty good."

Tamaroa resident Robert Opp and his wife, Judy, visited two relatives who stayed at the shelter Monday morning. He said he wasn't told to



Peter Marshall, vice president of Canadian National's Gulf division, answers questions from the media during a press conference Monday morning at Du Quoin City Hall. Marshall spoke about the progress of the clean-up and fielded questions from both reporters and citizens of Tamaroa, who were still not allowed back in the town as of Monday.

leave his home, but he was asked to: The couple stayed at a relative's house in Mulkeytown, southeast of Du Quoin.

"I don't want to hear about one of those tanks blowing at two or three in the morning and then trying to run," Opp said.

Opp's cousin, Nina Stockton, and her husband, Kenneth, decided to stay at the shelter. They said the Legion Hall was quiet and had plenty of food, but Nina complained the beds were uncomfortable.

Stockton joked about changes in priorities in the area over the weekend.

"They put Saddam Hussein on the back burner this weekend," Stockton said.

Opp said he and his wife learned about the derailment at church Sunday morning and a lot of people found out then they could go back home.

Mark Rojek said he was waiting to cross the railroad tracks and watched

as the freight derailed. He said he saw a tanker dragging as if its rear wheels were torn off and started to see tankers tip and quickly drove back home, two blocks from the crash site. Angela said she was able to see the wreckage from her bay window and the couple called 911.

Angela Rojek said her four children slept in their clothes last night and they were forced to stay in a motel in Du Quoin. She said it would be difficult to provide clean clothes for her family to wear because of the cost involved.

Robert Opp said he had appreciation for the efforts put forward by emergency personnel in containing the disaster site.

"I wouldn't want to be those firemen up there keeping an eye on it, but someone has to," Opp said. "Those guys put their lives at risk about every time they go out there."

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- 505 S. Beveridge
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- 508 S. Beveridge
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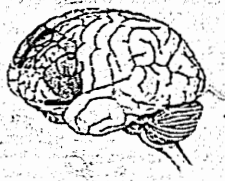


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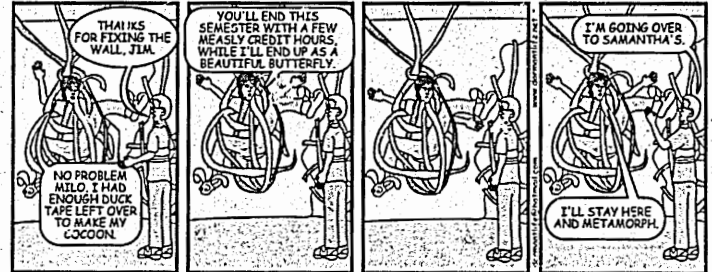


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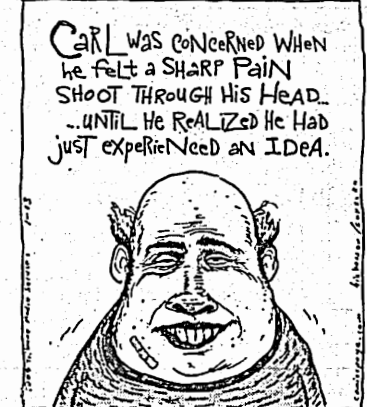
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**By Linda C. Black**  
Today's Birthday (Feb. 11): You like to be in a solid relationship - stable but never boring. Looks like that's how your social life will be this year. Don't let self-doubt keep you from getting out and mingling. Let an inquisitive admirer push you to make a beautiful dream materialize.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is an 8 - Pay close attention, because new information is coming fast. The way things appeared wasn't the way they really were.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 5 - Even if you're quaking in your boots, you should be able to find the right words. Your heart is in the right place, and that shows in your communications, too. Ask and you shall receive.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is an 8 - As one door closes, another opens. One person's mess is another's opportunity. Keep looking for the latter. It's in there.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 6 - You might want to review important papers just to make sure they're right. Put your worries to rest by erasing all doubt.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)** - Today is an 8 - Jealousies complicate negotiations, but each point deserves attention. That's one of your toughest jobs: making sure others feel heard.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)** - Today is a 5 - You have a secret source of strength, no matter how strange things might get. A simple word or a smile lets you know that everything will be OK.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** - Today is a 10 - If you can't find what you want in the place where you thought it would be, a flurry of activity could ensue. Don't knock yourself out. Be cool, and call around. It all works out.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 5 - There should be time to go shopping, since other demands have eased. Don't buy an appliance or computer on impulse. A little homework can save you a lot.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is an 8 - As you learn more, new opportunities appear. Old assumptions fade. Soon, you'll figure out how to do what you once thought impossible. This is the fun part.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 5 - The experience you're gaining, or using, is great to have. Unfortunately, there's only one way to get it, as you should know by now.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 9 - So many friends, so little time! How will you fit them all in? Scheduling is one useful trick. You could have a party!

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 6 - Keep pushing in the direction that you want things to go. Conditions that are malleable now will solidify like cement later on.

**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Janet Arnold and Mike Arginton

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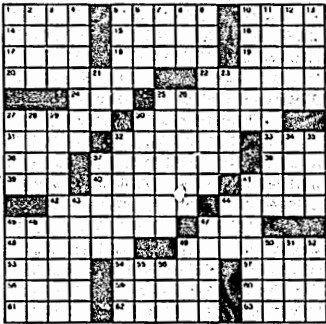
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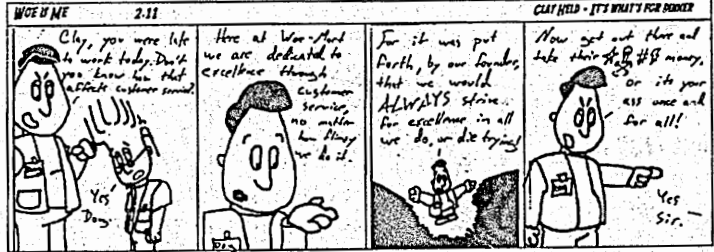


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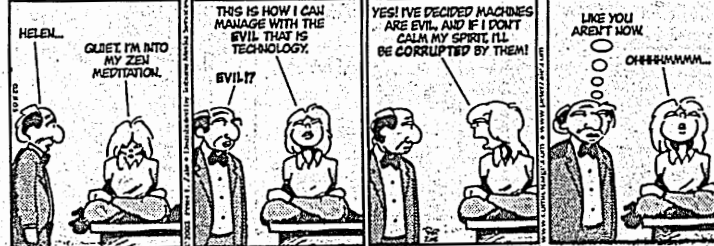
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# Friedgen expects minimal sanctions at Maryland

## Terrapins sign 21 new recruits for next season

**Matt Hartman**  
The Diamondback (U. Maryland)

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (U-WIRE) — Concerns that the Terrapin football team's alleged recruiting violation would hinder what was touted as one of the best recruiting classes in school history were silenced Thursday when head coach Ralph Friedgen confirmed that all 21 recruits would honor their verbal commitments to join the rising program.

Friedgen also used Thursday's signing day press conference to make his first public comments about the alleged violation. It was first reported Monday that inside linebackers coach Rod Sharpless paid more than \$300 to top recruit Victor Abiamiri, a defensive lineman from Baltimore who later returned the money. Abiamiri has since committed to the University of Notre Dame, and Sharpless resigned.

"Obviously this has not been the best week for us in the football program," Friedgen said. "But if and when mistakes are made, we are committed to fixing them and making sure they don't happen again. This has been our course of action since this first came to light."

"We have every reason to believe that the violation is secondary in nature, and there will be no significant ramifications resulting from the review," Friedgen said. "This incident is not representative of this program."

A secondary violation is one that is isolated or inadvertent in nature, provides or is intended to provide only a minimal advantage and does not include any significant recruiting inducement or extra benefit. Such an infraction could result in the loss of scholarships and other recruiting privileges.

University sources said they do not expect the investigation to turn up any other violations, and Friedgen said he doesn't expect that the sanctions levied by the NCAA will be too harsh.

"We are committed to running an honest program and a clean program," he said. "I think you can look at my record for 35 years and it will show that."

"No coach can guarantee every single person associated with the program will always act appropriately. However, if a mistake is made, we will fix it. People need to trust me on that."

The first step in fixing the mistake

was self-reporting the infraction to the NCAA, which Friedgen said he did immediately upon learning of the violation. The university then hired representatives from the suburban Kansas City law firm Bond, Schoenick and King to investigate the offense.

Upon completion of the investigation, representatives will report their findings to the NCAA. Firm officials refused to comment on the situation, but according to the company's website, their attorneys "have achieved unequal results by their ability to combine working with conference and NCAA representatives with aggressively asserting the institutions', coaches' and student-athletes' rights."

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Friedgen also said that he has begun his search for a new inside linebackers coach to replace Sharpless. He said he would like to interview several possible candidates before making a decision, but added that he wants to fill the position by the start of spring practice in April.

"I'm in the process of looking at filling [the] position," Friedgen said. "I'll try to move on it very quickly."

Friedgen's disappointment in Sharpless was evident, but he was quick to defend his former assistant coach and long-time friend.

"As for the individual involved, he made a terrible mistake," Friedgen said. "I have known this person for over 25 years and he is a very good person and a very good man, and he is going through a tough time right now. My heart and my prayers go out to him."

Friedgen also applauded current players and recruits for sticking with the program in the midst of the controversy.

"I think a lot of our players were scrutinized by the media, and I think maybe that was good," he said. "There were a lot of people going after them, and they stuck with us. I'm very appreciative of that."

Friedgen ended his statement by thanking fans for their support and pointing out the bright future of the once stagnant football program.

"I am thankful for the wonderful words of encouragement and support from so many of our fans, and I am also pleased the recruiting class we signed today believed in us and has stuck with us," he said. "Every student-athlete we expected to sign today will follow through on their verbal commitment. There is so much to be positive about for Maryland football. Our future is bright."

# ISU signs largest recruiting class

**Michael Krizman**  
The Daily Vidette (Illinois State U.)

NORMAL (U-WIRE) — Size and speed were on display at the Kaufman Football Building Wednesday afternoon.

Illinois State University head football coach Denver Johnson and his staff worked the last three years to recruit players with those two qualities. The 25 new recruits signed Wednesday were a big step towards achieving that goal.

"Standing on the sidelines, I noticed [opponents'] huddles were bigger," Johnson said. "There was a distinct difference between their huddle and our huddle, especially teams like Western Kentucky and Western Illinois."

Of the 25 players signed, 11 were linemen, including eight defensive and three offensive. Josh Chrestman (6-4, 255) signed with the Redbirds two years ago, but failed to qualify academically. After winning a national championship at Joliet Junior College last season, Chrestman stuck to his commitment with ISU and looks to be the one to replace the departed Jonathan Friend at defensive end.

"It's going to be hard to keep [Chrestman] off the field," Johnson said. "Some schools had the idea of bulking him up and moving him inside, but we want him on the edge rushing the passer. We might move him inside on certain pass-rush, nickel situations though."

Robert Taylor (6-5, 300) was a Parade All-American coming out of high school. If he qualifies academically, Johnson would like to have him at defensive tackle. On the offensive line, Johnson and Co. signed three big players in Matt Rowan (6-6, 260) from Des Plaines (Ill.), Jonathan Lyon (6-8, 265) from Urbana (Ill.), and Jeff Huntzinger (6-3, 275) from Tulsa, Okla.

"Jeff [Huntzinger] came from a team that won the state championship," Johnson said. "He's a guy that can run. Even in our big men, we want guys that can run."

The Redbirds will once again be deep at linebacker where the team signed six on Wednesday. Ross Crampton (6-2, 212) played running back and linebacker at Joliet Catholic, while Jared Villers (6-2, 215) comes from the same high school as prep basketball star LeBron James. According to Johnson, Villers and star Redbird linebacker

Boomer Grigsby hit it off on Villers' recruiting visit.

"Jared [Villers] and Boomer buddied up quickly," Johnson told the crowd in attendance Wednesday. "That's a good sign."

Nine players were signed from Florida Wednesday, an area that ISU had tapped into in the past. Assistant coach and former Redbird great Galen Scott is a Florida native who made his way around the state, especially around Orlando, Fla. "We hit a lick down there," Johnson said of the recruits from Florida. "Galen got down there last spring and got on the front end of the recruiting cycle. We had a lot of success down there, more so than in years past."

The Redbirds signed two players from Rockledge (Fla.) High School, winners of back-to-back state titles. Defensive back Jesse Caesar (6-0, 170) and wide receiver Laurent Robinson (6-2, 165) were the two added to the Redbird roster.

ISU also tapped into Florida to sign their only quarterback, Robby Wages (6-2, 180), from Orlando is a player Johnson is very high on. "As we kept reevaluating everybody, Wages just kept coming out on top," Johnson said. "Galen [Scott] went down to visit him at his high school. We got the chance to get to know him and we really liked his personality. Personality has a lot to do with being a quarterback." Along with Florida, the Redbirds recruited the Chicago area a lot heavier than in years past.

"Chicago needs to be a good area for us, particularly in places like Naperville and Joliet," Johnson said. "Those are some big high schools with a lot of population. I think we're doing a better job of cultivating that area." Dan Simnick (6-2, 210) is a defensive end from Naperville North High School and is a player that Johnson sees several similarities with Friend. Wide receiver Jason Horton (6-0, 170) is a speed demon from Nequa Valley High School in Naperville, who averaged 52 yards per punt return, a state record in Illinois. Defensive back Evan Gessesse (5-11; 185) won a championship with Chrestman at Joliet Junior College, setting a single season record for interceptions.

Overall, Johnson was most pleased with this season's class, particularly with the number of players signed. "This is probably our best class if for no other reason it's the largest class we've had on signing day," Johnson said. "I'm genuinely excited about this class."

## SPORTS FLASH

### Dunbar and Beitler lead SIU women's track and field

SIU women's track and field standout Noa Beitler made a strong case for retaining the Missouri Valley Conference Athlete of the Week after she won the mile run in a time of 5 minutes and 1.59 seconds at the Indiana Invitational Saturday.

Senior Korto Dunbar took first in the 60-meter dash, crossing the tape in 8.60 seconds in the finals.

In the prelims, Dunbar recorded her fastest time of the year (8.54).

The Solihis return to the track this Friday when they play host to the USA Track and Field Open at the Recreational Center.

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# SIU alumnus no longer living in fast lane

Former Saluki track star Ivory Crockett working to help others

Christopher Morrical  
Daily Egyptian

Life has been anything but slow for Ivory Crockett, the former world-record holder in the 100-yard dash and former member of the SIU track and field team.

What began as a childhood heading in the wrong direction, Crockett has turned things around to make a career of helping others.

Crockett grew up like so many other troubled youth — in a broken home and having to live with an aunt and uncle.

Going to high school in Brentwood, Mo., Crockett found himself having trouble with classes.

"I didn't start off right," Crockett said. "I didn't think I was going to be in track and field. I was this person who had some issues because my

mother and father weren't together and I blamed my problem on everybody." Crockett gives credit to Mrs. Calderwood, an English teacher, and Dr. Roper, a thoracic surgeon and father of a teammate, for turning his life around.

He had been putting a lot of negative energy into his life. He wasn't going to classes, not doing his homework and not listening to his aunt and uncle. When he did go to class, he was disruptive.

Crockett didn't get into the kind of trouble that would get a person arrested, but said he was hanging out with the wrong people.

"What you are really asking for is for someone to help," Crockett said. "Finally, someone reached out and helped me. Most people want some praise. People want the opportunity to say they can do some things. I think that is what happened to me."

Roper suggested he tryout for the track and field team at the school and Crockett made it. He said he used the sport as a tool to turn his life around and get new perspective. It gave him a stage to do something for himself. The skills he learned there have taken him all over the world including Europe,

Tokyo and Russia.

"Where else could an African-American, black, young man, born in Halls, Tenn., see the world for free?" Crockett said. "And get a free education. Track and field gave me that."

Graduating from high school, Crockett brought his running shoes to SIU in 1968.

Crockett also gave credit to Seymour Bryson, the director of the Center for Basic Skills at SIU, for his education.

"All of us truly enjoyed Ivory," Bryson said. "He helped make SIU one of the top 10 programs in the country. He and some of his teammates set very high standards for the University."

Despite the country's difficulties involving race in the late 1960s, Crockett said he never experienced racism in college.

"There was no tolerance for racism when I was there," Crockett said. "That issue was outside of the campus. I never had a problem with racism when I was there at SIU-Carbondale. I was treated very fairly."

He may not have seen anything on campus, but Crockett expressed the

belief that the problem of racism still needs to be worked on, even today.

"All of us have to continue to work on racism and diversity," Crockett said. "Not only in Carbondale or Illinois, but wherever I am. As our country continues to expand and we continue to get other people in our neighborhoods, our country and in our schools, we must understand diversity."

Crockett enjoyed his time at SIU as he majored in administration of justice. One of the reasons he chose Carbondale was because the school was integrated before anyone else. The quality of the track and field program didn't hurt either.

A year after graduating from SIU, Crockett competed in the Tom Black Classic in Knoxville, Tenn. The TBC is an amateur USA track and field meet at the University of Tennessee. At the event, Crockett set a world record for the 100-yard dash.

"It was real good," Crockett said. "It was a real good feeling to do something no one else had done before. Also, to be among the other athletes like Bob Hayes, all those people I had revered all my life."

Since then, Crockett has been a salesman for IBM and Anheuser-Busch and eventually, Coors. He then moved on to become senior vice-president of a construction company.

In Louisiana, Crockett worked for Sen. John Breaux. He then moved to Rehab XL where he was senior vice-president for marketing and where he found his love for health care.

He is currently working as the Director of Physician's Services at Forest Park Hospital in St. Louis. He helps recruit physicians and works with them everyday.

No matter what job he has, Crockett continues to try helping others as he was helped back in school.

"Because there are so many people in the village, all the people, no matter what color they were, wanted to see myself succeed," Crockett said. "I didn't get anywhere on my own. No one gets anywhere on their own."

"Everyone has to have someone come into their life to give them the opportunity to get somewhere. I was given two."

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# ESPN.com beginning to recognize SIU ... sort of

Michael Brenner  
Daily Egyptian

Kent Williams' picture could be seen on the front page of ESPN.com Sunday. Two clicks on his head linked readers to an Andy Katz story titled "SIU, Seahawks hope to produce Cinderella sequels."

The article, written about the Salukis and UNC Wilmington, was about the difficulty of Cinderella repeats. Katz said, among other things, that SIU would have to win the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament to make it to the Big Dance.

"The country has all but forgotten about UNCW and SIU," Katz wrote.

The website inadvertently proved its own point when it posted a picture of head coach Bruce Weber talking to Blake Schoen, but identified Schoen as Williams.

Late Sunday night, most likely after many e-mails, the mistake was corrected.

Salukis looking to be a shoo-in for at least second

Following Saturday's loss to SIU, Southwest Missouri State fell one game behind the Salukis and Creighton in the MVC standings.

But SMS still has to face Creighton twice, making the Bears' odds of catching the Salukis very low.

MVC tournament favorites

A Creighton-SIU MVC tournament rematch is looking more and more likely as the season progresses. If the season ended today, Creighton, owners of the head-to-head tie-breaker, would be seeded No. 1 and SIU would be seeded No. 2.

The Salukis have also all but clinched a tournament position opposite the Bluejays and will most likely avoid them until the final.

For SIU to play Creighton in a round earlier than the final, the Salukis or Bluejays would need to drop to fourth place or finish in second and third, which is unlikely.

Moving up

SIU received 17 votes in the AP Top 25 poll released Monday. It's 12 more than the five it received last week and is good enough for 36th place nationally. Creighton rose to No. 12.

Williams watch

Williams is now only 33 points behind Ashraf Amaya for third all-time on the SIU career scoring list and 47 behind Mike Glenn for second.

At his current pace of 14.7 points per game, Williams will move into third Feb. 19 at home against SMS and into second Feb. 22 against UW-Milwaukee.

Williams is still 257 behind Charlie Vaughn for first place all-time. Even if the Salukis make another Sweet 16 run, he will need to average nearly 20 points a game to reach Vaughn.

Dearman buries "big game" label with pen, play

Senior Jermaine Dearman blasted his critics in a Daily Egyptian guest column Wednesday, telling the southern Illinois media exactly where they can stick all the stories about him only showing up for big games.

The next day, Dearman scored 16 points and pulled down seven rebounds in front of a mere 2,718 people at Knapp Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

The game was not televised and it was against a weak and poorly known team.

"Hopefully that can kill a lot of the stereotypes that I had," Dearman said. "It just further

proves my point that I take every game serious, and every game I treat the same, no matter what situation we're in."

SIU 4-1 on TV

The Salukis have won four of the five games this season that have been televised in southern Illinois. The only loss, was to Creighton on ESPN2.

SIU is 3-0 on WSIU-TV and 1-0 on Fox Sports Midwest. Three of the final seven home games, plus the MVC tournament, will be televised on those two channels.

The Bracket Buster game against Milwaukee-Wisconsin will be on ESPN2.

Weber approaching 100 wins.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber, if the Salukis continue their winning streak, will reach 100 career wins Feb. 26 at home against Evansville.

With a loss in the next two weeks, Weber would hit the century mark March 1 against Creighton.

All of Weber's career victories as a head coach have been at SIU.

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"Once I leave this earth, I know I've done something that will continue to help others."

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## WE HAVE A WINNER

The SIU women's basketball team tops Evansville for first conference victory

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It finally happened. The SIU women's basketball snapped its 11-game losing streak after defeating Evansville 84-80.

With under 20 ticks left on the clock, Dana Pinkston corralled a loose ball and tried to take it coast-to-coast. After the Purples Aces' defense suffocated the lane, Pinkston ventured behind the three-point line and nailed what would prove to be the game-winning shot.

"I haven't had any success driving, so I figured it would be a higher percentage shot," said Pinkston, who led all Saluki scorers with 22 points.

Head coach Lori Opp said Pinkston was the right person to take the shot since she held the hot hand as evident of her 6-of-9 shooting from behind the arc.

Pinkston would have never been thrust into the position if the Salukis (5-14, 1-9) never allowed Evansville (9-10, 3-7) to make a 9-0 scoring run in the final two min-

utes to tie the contest at 80-80.

SIU's run at the beginning of the second half was more impressive.

Down 44-31 at the opening of the second stanza, the Salukis managed to outscore the Purple Aces 53-36 on 58 percent shooting from the field and 71 percent from behind the three-point line.

Opp said the Salukis have made a change in their offense, which proved to be highly successful.

"We have gone away from trying to run sets," Opp said of the new offensive philosophy. "We have gone away from trying to run too many things because we didn't feel like we were doing it very successfully."

"If you can't set a good screen and use a screen, you won't do very good. They settled down."

Katie Bierwanger balanced the scoring attack with her inside presence, finishing with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

The junior forward also helped hold Evansville standout Jamie Gray to just one point in the second half after she tallied 13 in the first stanza.

Entering the game, Gray averaged 17.4 points and 11 rebounds per game.

Senior guard Molly McDowell added 16 points and five assists, while fellow backcourt mate Hillary Phillips chipped in 12 points and seven assists.

The Dawgs will look to continue their solid play at 7:05 p.m. Friday when they take on the Drake Bulldogs at the SIU Arena.

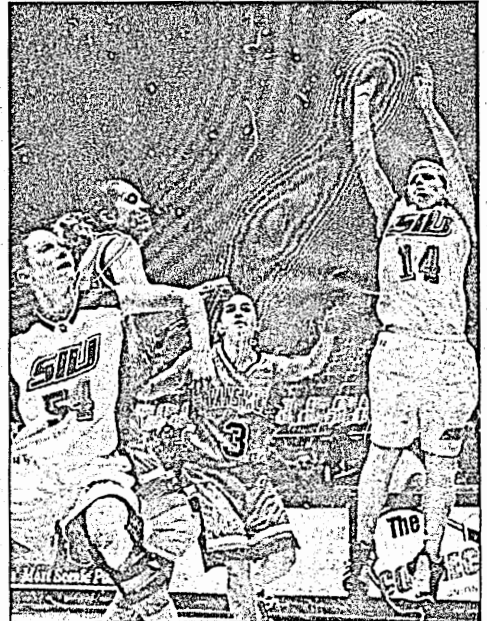
Drake blew out the Salukis 76-46 on Jan. 18 in Des Moines, Iowa. The Bulldogs had three players score more than 15 points in the game, led by superstar Carla Bennett, who poured in 22 points.

The Salukis' leading scorer in that game was Tiffany Crutcher, who managed a meager seven points.

"This would be a great time to start a streak," Opp said.

"As a staff, momentum wise, we know these players can do good things."

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SIU junior point guard Dana Pinkston attempts a three-point shot during the first half of the Salukis' 84-80 win over Evansville Monday night at the SIU Arena. It was the Dawgs' first conference win this season and their first in 12 games.



AMANDA STRATFORD - SOUTHWEST STANDARD  
SIU sophomore guard Stetson Hairston lays up a shot during the Salukis' 76-75 win at Southwest Missouri St. Saturday.

## It may be ugly, but it's still a win

Michael Brenner  
Daily Egyptian

Two games. Two points. Two miracles. Two victories.

It was not pretty, but SIU managed to win two road games in only three days during the weekend to remain in a first-place tie with Creighton. It also brought Southwest Missouri State down to earth, pushing the upstart Bears into third.

The victories were not easy or aesthetically pleasing. Some might even call them ugly. But they were wins nonetheless, and head coach Bruce Weber was glad to have them, even if he thinks SIU does not deserve them.

The Salukis turned the ball over 18 times during Saturday's win over SMS and relied on missed free throws down the stretch to defeat ninth place Drake. The Bulldogs, normally a 72 percent free throw shooting team, put down only 15 of 24 from the charity stripe against the Dawgs.

The bright side of the mind-numbingly close games has been the invaluable experience and character the team has gained — without having to pay for it with a loss.

"Every time you win a close game it benefits

your team," said senior Kent Williams, who won the SMS game by sinking a lay-up with 1.4 seconds remaining in the game. "For one, you get the experience of being in close games, and the more you get in, the more comfortable you feel."

Senior forward Jermaine Dearman said teams learn the importance of every possession in close games such as the ones his team played last week.

"Keep plugging away, everything counts at that point," he said. "Every little loose ball, every foul, every tip shot, every rebound, everything counts."

Despite the experience gained from the victories, the team said it would like to blow someone out for a change.

Williams said he would rather win by 10 or 15 points than only one, and Dearman echoed similar remarks, citing fan sanity as a reason to expand the win margin.

"It's kind of good and bad," Dearman said. "In a good way, you get the experience of being in tight situations. But in a bad way, it can get a little stressful for the coaching staff, for us and also for the fans watching the games."

The team would also like to rely a little less on luck, something that has been an asset to the Salukis the entire conference season.

SIU lucked into overtime to defeat Northern Iowa, squeaked by Bradley and were the beneficiaries of missed free throws and bricked last second shots the past two games.

The only close game the Salukis have lost this season was to Illinois-Chicago in mid-December.

Though he acknowledged his team has received some cosmic help this season, Williams said good teams make their own luck.

"We've had some breaks. Sometimes that's just the way it falls," Williams said. "But luck kind of goes with hard work. I think we've been playing pretty hard and we practice hard."

After the SMS game, Weber said his team was lucky to leave Springfield, Mo., without a loss and in first place. He said everything SIU does this season leads to its March 1 matchup with Creighton. But if the team continues to play the way it did last week, junior Brad Korn jokingly expressed concern his coach may not make it.

"It's huge," Korn said after defeating SMS. "We're probably killing coach with these close games."

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### U-Card events for the Week February 10th thru February 16th

## U-Card

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#### Monday: 10th

Brows Bag Lunch\*  
Dr. Leonard Gallego  
Student Center - Illinois Room - 12:00 pm  
Lectures Series Category  
Contact Call Eria 451-5714  
Sponsored by: Multicultural Programs and Services

#### Tuesday: 11th

A Evening with Romona Africa\*  
Student Center - Volo Lounge - 7:00 pm  
Lectures Series Category  
Contact Call Eria 451-5714  
Sponsored by: Multicultural Programs and Services  
Tough Game  
Student Center - Missouri Room - 7:00 pm  
Educational Program Category  
Contact Call Eria 451-5714  
Sponsored by: Women's Services & School of Education

#### Wednesday: 12th

Knot Tying Clinic  
Adventure Recreation Center - 7:00 pm  
Sports & Activities Category  
Contact Call Eria 451-5714  
Sponsored by: Student Recreation Center

#### Thursday: 13th

Brows Bag Lunch\*  
In Lecture Hall  
Student Center - Illinois Room - 12:00 pm  
Lectures Series Category  
Contact Call Eria 451-5714  
Sponsored by: Multicultural Programs and Services

Safe Burnout  
Student Center - Illinois Room - 7:00 pm  
Educational Program Category  
Contact Call Eria 451-5714  
Sponsored by: Student Health Program

The Order of Resistance Film & Discussion\*  
Hale Center  
Law School Auditorium - 7:00 pm  
Educational Program Category  
Contact Call Eria 451-5714  
Sponsored by: Multicultural Programs and Services

#### Saturday: 15th

Honor and Honor Events and SIUC  
Ward Events\*  
Rhythm Auditorium - 3:00 pm  
Performance Arts Category  
Contact School of Music 516-8742  
Sponsored by: School of Music

#### \* Black History Month Events

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