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BOB JACOBINI - DAILY EGYPTIAN

NO SWEAT: John Doogan, a junior in aviation, adjusts his equipment during tryouts for the SIUC Roller Hockey Club Monday afternoon on the asphalt courts on South Wall Street. "A lot of people don't know we play teams like Michigan State and University of Illinois," Doogan said.

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BOT names consulting firm

Korn/ Ferry International picked as executive search firm for president search

KATE MCCANN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Board of Trustees announced Tuesday afternoon, Korn/ Ferry International will be the executive search firm who will aid in the hunt for SIU's new permanent president.

The announcement came after the board representatives in the Advisory Committee for the presidential search met in a private session in Oak Brook.

The firm was chosen by the board on the basis of their qualifications in conducting executive level searches in higher education, according to Scott Kaiser, media-coordinator for the Office of the President.

Korn/ Ferry International, the world's leading executive search firm, will be paid a flat fee of \$75,000 plus expenses for their services. They are being hired on a temporary basis until a permanent president is selected.

Kaiser said the appointment of the search firm should help to speed up the search process, although the board will not hastily select an applicant in order to have a permanent president by late summer, as is their plan.

"The main objective is to get a good president, and we are willing to take as long as necessary to achieve that," Kaiser said, adding that naming a permanent president by late summer remains a top priority.

Heidrick and Struggles, the world's second largest executive search firm, and A.T. Kearney were rejected.

Korn/ Ferry could not comment on

any knowledge about SIU or the search for a permanent president when contacted Tuesday before the board announcement.

David McCarthy, an independent California-based consultant, resigned last February after Frank Horton was appointed interim president.

McCarthy was the search consultant when former Chancellor JoAnn Argersinger was hired, and was specifically involved in her candidacy, according to Kaiser.

His contract with the University was terminated upon a mutual agreement between McCarthy and the board, who said his services were no longer needed.

McCarthy, who was with the University for about two years, will be paid \$27,000 for his services during the fledgling era of the presidential search.

Kaiser said the board and the president's office felt a full-time search firm would be needed to ensure the best possible pool of candidates.

"McCarthy didn't have the infrastructure and the personnel to engage in a full-fledged search," Kaiser said.

Korn/Ferry International has more than 425 consultants based in 71 offices across 40 countries, and specializes in senior-level searches for clients throughout North America, Europe, Asia/Pacific and Latin America.

They specialize in executive recruitment, advertised recruitment and Internet-based recruitment. Their closest area office is in Chicago.

According to Korn/Ferry International's website, they work with their clients to "help them deal with the human resource challenges they face and to identify the leadership capital they need to grow and prosper."

They begin searching for SIU's next president immediately.

ACLU president to address hate speech

Appearance by outspoken libertarian to be Law School's 2000 Hiram H. Lesar Distinguished Lecture

ANTONIO YOUNG
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

In recent years, various college campuses have adopted speech codes that sanction students, faculty, and members of surrounding communities who express bigoted and hateful ideas. Designed to deal with racial hatred and other forms of discrimination, the guidelines for the speech codes have sparked new debates about freedom of speech.



Strossen

The SIU School of Law has invited Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, to conduct a lecture called "Hate Speech on Campus" at 5 p.m., March 8, in the Hiram H. Lesar Law Building Auditorium. She will address the debates concerning free speech and the use of the speech codes by universities.

"Much of this [her lecture] is sort of an attempt to have conversations about whether a line can be drawn when it comes to free speech," said Thomas Guemsey, dean of the Law School. A law professor at New York Law School, Strossen has been president of the

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City shows formal support for SIU's budget

Council approves resolution for students to give to legislators today

KAREN BLATTER
GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Carbondale City Council approved a resolution to formally support Gov. George Ryan's proposed budget for the University that will be delivered to members of the Illinois

General Assembly today. Tuesday night, the council approved a resolution that SIUC students are taking with them to Springfield today, showing additional support of the proposed \$320.6 million budget for SIU fiscal year 2001.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said the council's resolution is important because it is the first time that he can recall that a city has taken a formal action in supporting a university.

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CALENDAR

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TODAY

• **Apostolic Life Campus Ministry** prayer meeting, every Wed., 8 to 9 a.m., Sagamore Room Student Center, Abbie 529-8164.

• **Library Affairs** instructional applications for the web, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library 103D, finding articles mentioned in the news report, 5 to 6 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.

• **International Programs and Services with Feminist Action** Coalition video presentations and panel discussion, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Video Lounge, Student Center, Naseem 453-3070.

• **Association of Childhood Education International** meeting, 4 p.m., Quigley 128.

• **Public Relations Student Society of America** meeting, every Wed., 4:30 to 6 p.m., Cambria Room Student Center, Halima 529-4338.

• **Public Relations Student Society of America** meeting, 4:30 to 6 p.m., Cambria Room Student Center.

• **University Career Services Job Interview Workshop**, 5 p.m., Lawson 201, Vickie 453-2391.

• **SIU School of Law** lecture on "Hate Speech on Campus", 5 p.m., School of Law Auditorium, 536-7711.

• **College Republicans** meeting, 5 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, Ryan 549-7894.

• **Saluki Rainbow Network** meeting, 5:30 p.m., Corinth/Troy Room, Prideline 453-5151.

• **Music Business Association** meeting to work a real music show, 5:30 p.m., Altgeld 106, Zach 536-7487.

• **Gamma Beta Phi Society** meeting,

6 p.m., Kaskaskia/Missouri Room Student Center, Hary hariddle@siu.edu.

• **AnimeKai** presents Japanese animation films with English subtitles, every Wed., 6 to 8 p.m., Famer 1125 Language Media Center, Jason. 536-6365.

• **PI Sigma Epsilon** meeting, every Wed., 8 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Amanda 351-8198.

• **Blacks Interested In Business** meetings, every Wed., 6 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Aaron 536-1389.

• **Egyptian Dive Club** meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Pulliam 021, Amy 549-0840.

• **Cornerstone Christian Fellowship** bible study in the books of Hebrews, Iroquois Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.

• **Chi Alpha Campus Ministries** African-American bible study, every Wed. and Thurs., 7 p.m., Ohio River Room Student Center, Karleton 549-8496.

• **SIUC Chess Club** meeting to play chess, 7 to 10 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Jim 453-7109.

• **Southern Soul Jazz and Poetry** featuring Jahba, 7 to 9 p.m., Jaguar Java Area Student Center, Carla 453-7160.

• **Hispanic Student Council** meeting, 7 p.m., Video Lounge Student Center, Amanda 536-1723.

• **Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry** analytical seminar by Keith Smith, 4 p.m., Neckers 218, organic seminar by Alexander Nazarenko, 4 p.m., Neckers Conference Room.

UPCOMING

• **SIUC Zoology** meeting on caves, critters, and contamination by Dr. Steve Taylor, Mar. 9, 4 p.m., Life Science III Auditorium Room 1059, John 453-7958.

• **Morris Library** An article by any other

name, Mar. 9, 10 a.m., Morris Library 103D, Diane 453-2779, Ask the technology experts, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., Lobby of Morris Library, Ed 453-1682, Easy reserves: easy for you and easy for your students, 10 a.m. Morris Library 327, Nancy 453-2030, The LION in your office, noon, Morris Library 103, Day 536-2706, Not just science, 11 a.m., Morris Library 327, Kathy 453-2706, Options for resource access, noon, Morris Library 327, Deb 453-1634, Services to support instruction, noon, Morris Library 155 Room 15, Susan 453-1028, Statistical universe, 4 p.m., Morris Library 327, Jody 453-5844, Web CT, 4 p.m., Morris Library 103D, JP 453-1016.

• **Student Programming Council** marketing committee meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Asha 536-3393.

• **College of Liberal Arts Student Learning Assistance**, noon through May 11, Mon. and Thurs. 5 to 9 p.m., Wed. 1 to 5 p.m., Famer 1229, Mary Jane 453-2466.

• **SIUC Kendo Club** meeting, every Thurs., 6 to 9 p.m., Davies Gym, Todd 353-4002.

• **Department of English** notification reading and book release celebration by Stephen Howie, Mar. 9, 7 p.m., Lesar Law Auditorium, Steve 549-4071.

• **Wildlife Society** meeting, Mar. 9, 7 p.m., Lawson Room 221, Suma 549-0239.

• **SIUC Swing Club** for dancers of all levels, every Thurs. 8 to 10 p.m., Small Gym second floor Davies Gym, \$15 students \$20 non-students, Kerri 536-7627.

• **SIU Sailing Club** meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Thebes Room contact Shelley 529-0993.

• **Christian Apologetics Club** answering life's questions from God's word, Mar. 10, noon, Corinth Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

• **Stephanie R. Cobb**, 34, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with driving on a suspended license, improper use of registration and disobeying a police officer after she was stopped in the 2400 block of South Illinois Avenue at 9:28 a.m. Monday for a loud muffler. Cobb was also found to be wanted on Jefferson County Williamson County arrest warrants for failure to appear in court. She was unable to post bail and taken to the County Jail.

• **A 19-year-old Carrier Mills woman** told University police Monday that she left her purse on a bench in the foyer of Mae Smith Hall Saturday and returned to find it missing. There are no suspects and no estimated value was given in this incident.

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1977:

• With an 82-69 win over West Texas State in the finals of the MVC Tournament, the men's basketball team earned an automatic bid to the NCAA's to face Arizona in the first round.

• If you wanted something fun to do, you could go watch the movie "Rocky" at Varsity Theatres for only \$1.25.

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TECHNOLOGY OPEN HOUSE



An Article By Any Other Name (Full-Text Resources)

10:00 a.m. - Room 103D (Hands On Program)
 Full text journal indexes include the same text as journals published in paper and often include scholarly information. Basic and advanced features of using ProQuest Direct, InfoTrac, and EBSCO Publishing for research will be covered, as well as how users can determine if Morris Library has online access to a particular journal.

Ask the Technology Experts

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Lobby
 Do you have questions about connecting to the Internet, accessing Morris Library Resources from your office, or other hardware or software issues related to accessing electronic information? A library systems staff member will be on hand to provide answers. Also, see a demonstration of our proxy server, now in the testing stage, and learn how it will provide easier access in the future.

Easy Reserves: Easy For You and Easy For Your Students

10:00 a.m. - Room 327
 The reserve room is available in the Undergraduate Library. Instructors may place any item required for their class on reserve. These items can then be made available to students in physical form or electronically.

The LION In Your Office (Literature Online)

12:00 p.m. - Room 103 (Hands On Program)
 Access poetry, drama and prose from your office. Literature Online contains more than 260,000 English and American works; plus biographies and bibliographies. Searching by author, title, and keyword will be covered.

Not Just Science: Web Of Science

11:00 a.m. - Room 327
 Web of Science includes Arts and Humanities Citation Index, Social Sciences Citation Index, and Science Citation Index Expanded. It is useful for finding new articles and for discovering who has published articles on similar topics. Searching, printing, and saving to file will be covered.

Options For Resource Access

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Services To Support Instruction

12:00 p.m. - ISS Room 15
 Instructional Support Services provides a wide variety of support for teaching including web development, video production, instructional design, testing graphics and photography, and much more.

Statistical Universe: To Boldly Go...

4:00 p.m. - Room 327
 CIS Statistical Universe allows users to search summaries of statistics publications, then link to the full-text of selected publications on Statistical Universe and government Web sites. If you were familiar with ISI, ISI, and ISI, this is the on-line equivalent.

Web CT: Web Course Tools

4:00 p.m. - Room 103D
 WebCT is a tool that facilitates the creation of web-based educational environments at the click of a button. Features include course syllabus, on-line chat, e-mail, course calendar and grade book. Get hands-on experience with placing documents on the WebCT server, creating and managing student accounts, chat rooms, and bulletin boards.

10:00 a.m. - Room 103D: An Article By Any Other Name (Full-Text Resources)	Diane Hudson
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11:00 a.m. - Room 327: Not Just Science: Web Of Science	Kathy Fahey
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ISS Room 15: Services To Support Instruction	Susan Logue
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Room 327: Statistical Universe: To Boldly Go	Jody Fagan
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	Ed Riddle

Community floss is looking for laughs

Student improv group focuses on finding humor in the situation

RHONDA SCIARRA
STUDENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Members of a local comedy group compare their name to a towel in a public men's restroom that is used over and over again and they call themselves Community floss. They capitalize the last letter of their name because it is "artistic" and "interesting."

Community floss originated in 1998 out of a similar group known as the Mintos Junkies. The Mintos Junkies formed in fall 1997, as an extension of the Student Theater Guild. A year later, with new mem-

bers and after a three-hour discussion on the group's new name, Community floss emerged and has been active ever since. John Weeks, a junior in theater from Springfield, was a former Mintos Junkie who helped organize the new group.

"It's a wonderful group of people to work with and it's been a pleasure," he said. "And improv is a wonderful form of theater itself."

Now the group, with about 10 members, is gearing up for a St. Patrick's Day performance at Augustana College and an upcoming Student Programming Council performance. Other big shows Community floss has put on include two performances with The Second City, a renowned improv group out of Chicago composed of the likes of Bill Murray, Jim Belushi and Chris Farley.

Bill Kincaid, an assistant theater

professor and the group's adviser, was one of the first members of a similar SIUC improv group while he was an undergraduate in the 1970s. Kincaid said he is "privileged" to see the group learn and apply the techniques of improv to their shows.

"Most other art forms are derived from improv," Kincaid said. "Jazz is improvised music within a set structure. That's what improv is. There is a structure but in that you improvise."

The SIUC group uses the forms of about 300 different games and skits and the group allows the specifics and parameters provided by spectators.

"We think about what can make a good story line and what can we get the audience involved in," Weeks said.

Brent Hand, a sophomore in theater from Pleasant Plains, said each show's content varies with the per-

COMMUNITY FLOSS

COMMUNITY FLOSS WILL PERFORM AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT THE CHRISTIAN H. MOE LABORATORY THEATER IN THE COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING.

sonalities and demographics of the people who watch.

"It is a nice change from the repetition of the same script every night," Hand said. "When you come to improv practice, it is never the same. With improv, you do something different every two minutes. Everything we do is based on our audience — without the audience, there is no improv."

"That ability to feed off of the audience provides members of the group with the energy to keep going."

"The adrenaline rush you get being in front of the audience live is just great," Weeks said. "It's hard for me to imagine doing anything else."

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Two concert bands take the stage at Shryock

The Symphonic Band and the University Wind Ensemble will perform a combined concert tonight at 8 in Shryock Auditorium.

There will also be a special guest appearance by a visiting ensemble from Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The Symphonic Band will perform "Symphony No. 1, In Memoriam Dresden — 1945" by Daniel Bueckhoff, "Gandalf (The Wizard)" by Johan de Meij and "Canarios Fantasia" by Douglas Akcy. The University Wind Ensemble will present the overture to "Candide" by Leonard Bernstein, "Suite Francaise" by Darius Milhaud and "American Chronicles" by Jared Spears.

Admission is \$2 for students and \$3 for the general public. Proceeds go to SIUC music scholarships.

South Carolina burning

New book examines SIUC professor's role in Civil Rights Movement

TRAVIS MORSE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

The Howie family lives in a quaint, picturesque home in Carbondale. A large window in their living room gives full view of their spacious backyard. Stephen and his mother Beverly argue whether it is a woodpecker they see in the yard or some other species of bird. John Howie, father and husband, sits in a blue rocking chair, strength and positivity emanating from him like some sort of beacon of light in a dark world. Funny how a man involved with such a turbulent era of history like the Deep South in the years preceding the Civil Rights Movement would feel at home in such a tranquil setting. It could not be further removed from the highly-charged racial firestorm of an environment John Howie, now philosophy professor emeritus at SIUC, lived through during 1955 in South Carolina.

His experiences as a preacher back then are brought vividly to life



in a new nonfiction book written by his son called "The Bluffton Charge: One Preacher's Struggle for Civil Rights." Stephen Howie will be reading excerpts from his book as part of The Visiting Writers Series Thursday.

Stephen Howie said the book started as a short story written to get into graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh. The story then evolved over a long period of time to become an award-winning nonfiction novel.

"I've been researching and writing it

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GradTrac is off track at SIUC

Plan to help students graduate appears to be lost in the system

JASON COKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A plan to help SIUC retain students has been in limbo for nearly a year.

Gus Bode



Gus says:
At this rate, I'll graduate before this plan is in place.

Jackson was the provost at that time, but the job, along with GradTrac, later transferred responsibility to Tom Guemsey.

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Youth recreation programs start in March

Hostelling International will be presenting a budget travel seminar at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Cisne Auditorium in Pulliam Hall.

Some of the topics presented will include finding travel discounts, saving on airfare, travel documents, what and how to pack and hostels.

For more information, call Scott Harris at 529-4005.

Students lobby in Springfield for budget approval

SIUC students will meet with Illinois representatives and senators for most of the day today to represent SIUC's support for the recommended fiscal year 2001 budget.

The students will meet with General Assembly members and urge them to support Gov. George Ryan's recommended budget for SIUC. Students will also provide each legislator with an informational packet including SIUC's assets and needs.

The students will be recognized as SIUC lobbyists by the Illinois General Assembly while the senators and representatives are in session.

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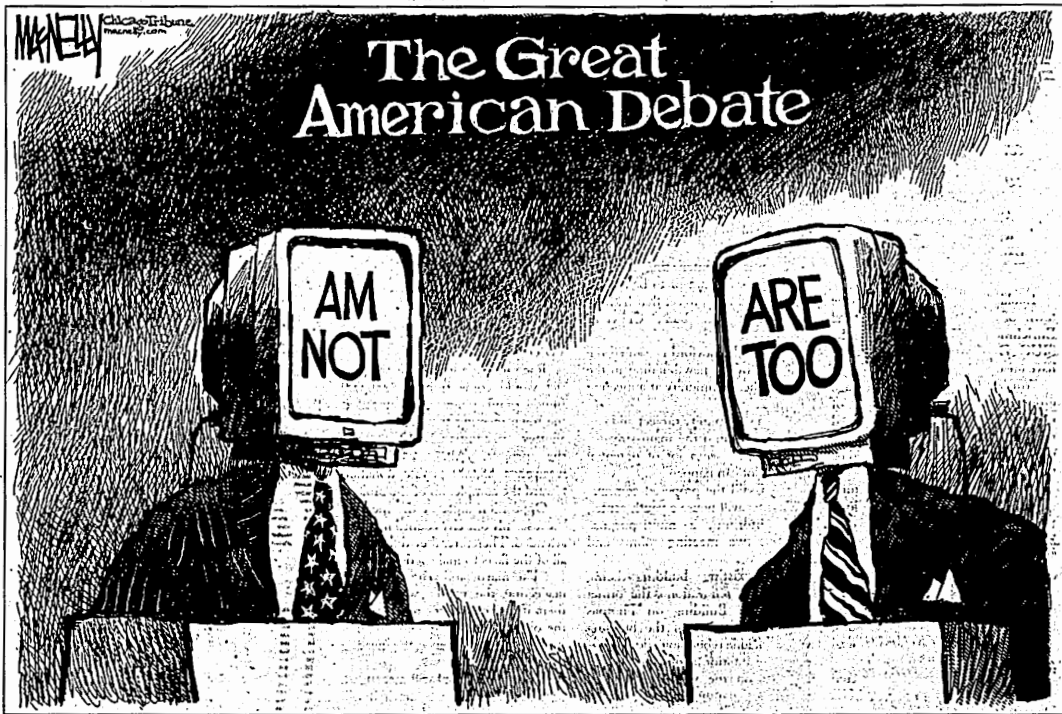
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• The EGYPTIAN reserves the right to not publish any letter or column.



OUR WORD

Free speech all around

The minute SiuLife.com hit the web, it was surrounded by controversy. SIU legal counsel Peter Ruger threatened a lawsuit. One "Hottie" asked that her photos be removed from the site, and the DAILY EGYPTIAN received several letters from people upset by the site and the local media's role in publicizing it.

The site, which features message boards, photos of a scantily clad SIUC woman, chat rooms, auctions and more, is run by Tim Beechler. No matter how offensive or distasteful viewers find SiuLife.com, the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution protects Beechler's right to post almost anything he wants.

Beechler says the website is what students want, and, in the end, that factor will determine whether or not the site will succeed. As long as there is a market for the services his site provides, it will live on. Those who find the materials on the site objectionable should shift their focus to why students appear to be taking advantage of the site. There will always be more Tim Beechlers — when there's a market for anything, a provider tends to appear.

One of the most popular elements of the site is the message board forum. Viewers can post their thoughts about anything from "dead lays" to "worst teachers" and

"greek lifestyle." The message boards, along with the chat rooms, are totally anonymous. Viewers must keep in mind how the total lack of accountability will influence the forum. When a student writes about a terrible instructor because of a hard assignment or an attendance policy, and doesn't even have to sign it, who is taking this information seriously? DAILY EGYPTIAN reporters do not have bylines to simply show off their work. In order to maintain trust and respect from our readers as a credible source for information, we take responsibility for our work. When there are 15 posts about the same issue, a viewer has no reason to think each one wasn't submitted by the same person. As long as these segments of the site are anonymous, they will be dominated by personal agendas and messages intended as revenge. Hopefully, they will be unable to cause damage, though. Hopefully, viewers won't place their trust in anonymity.

Every American knows the theory behind the First Amendment — that unpopular speech must be protected to protect us all. That doesn't leave you powerless to affect change, though. If you don't like the site, don't look at it, and, eventually, it may no longer be profitable for Beechler to keep up. For those who do look at it, though, don't sell your trust off so easily.

Spring is in the air

The Way I See It...

JULIE HUGG



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The Way I See It... appears Wednesday. Julie is a sophomore in photojournalism. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

primary mate and at times secondary and even tertiary mates? Hmmmm... I have heard many differing views on this question. And, of course, not all men say the same thing, nor do all women.

I wonder, can one person fulfill the needs of another wholly and entirely? Or, do monogamous people simply live their lives without having ALL their needs met and are generally content anyway? Perhaps you have a fantastic physical relationship with someone, but feel your bond is spiritually

void. Maybe you have a beautiful friendship with someone who really understands you, but no passion.

Many cultures throughout history practiced and still do practice polygamy. It is hard for me to imagine where jealousy, insecurity and betrayal cease to be and where more productive emotions and communal-type, practical ways of thinking can occur.

In my own mind, there is an ideal way of life that would be a cross between these two extremes. There would be no deception, no hurt feelings and no using other beings.

Instead, love in a more general sense, would be expressed to all those around us, certainly not always in the form of sex, but the weird ways in which we are socialized into objectifying others as well as ourselves would not exist. The unclothed human body would hold no connotations for any of us. We may be fortunate enough to have a significant other whom we would pledge our allegiance to, but when it felt natural to lie with another, it would be looked at in just that way: natural.

MAILBOX

Website has achieved its goal and serves a function

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to all of the controversy with the SiuLife.com website. OK, let me spell it out, if you do not want to be posted on the web in provocative clothing, then do not pose in it.

I think that the idea of it is good, except when someone starts to get dirty looks. I think that he is participating and launching something that is a good idea. I personally think that his idea was profitable and he has achieved what he wanted, although the perception of some girls is degrading to me and many of my peers.

The site has its benefits and if some agree to model, I think he spells it out very clear what he wants from you. I mean, he states on the site that if you want to be one of the elite girls that will go with him to Hawaii and California and other great places, you need to "juggle your boobs and shake your ass."

Good luck girls. Rachael, live up to what you agreed to.

Carol Hilliker

sub: more in cinema and photography

Are interims relevant to SIUC student life

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing to ask if the interims in high positions have really damaged this school's reputation. When I decided to come to this school, I did not even realize that there were or have been so many interims.

I do not think that it is something that the average student thinks about in the course of a day. If you go out and ask random people walking to classes, I would bet that many of them do not even know what is going on.

I asked people on the floor of my residence hall room, and many of them did not know that much about it or they did not really care. If this is the attitude of so many students, then why is this problem so large? I agree that it should be fixed and that the school should have a more stable environment, but is it that big of a deal?

Heather Gibb

freshman in zoology

OVERHEARD

"We never said that there is any 100-percent solution to enable people to get out information as well as not pollute. We hope that kiosks would help keep the posting on the walls and buildings down."

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A vision for the future

Proposed community center envisioned to meet the needs of Christopher

ANDREA DONALDSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Looking into the future for the town of Christopher, the Cultural Enrichment Committee and the SIUC Department of Architecture have great visions.

After assessing the needs of all age groups in the population of Christopher, the committee analyzed the results and determined that the best way to meet their needs would be to build a community center.

"We have been wanting a cultural enrichment center for quite a long time," said Jim Rae, committee member and former Illinois State senator. "We're trying to look not just in terms of today, but also for the future."

The primary purposes of the community center are to hold social and civic meetings, youth organizations, elderly meetings and other social functions.

The committee contacted Norman Lach, director of the SIUC Department of Architecture, in November to get involved in the project.

"I think it's important for the University to get involved with the community, and the community to get involved with the University," Lach said.

In January, Lach and Michael Crawford, a senior in architecture from Taylorville, went with the com-

mittee to look at seven sites and decide which would be best.

Lach then looked at the needs of the community and developed floor plans based on that assessment.

Crawford took Lach's designs and placed them into a computer to add more detail and create a Powerpoint presentation.

"It was an interesting learning experience as a student to be able to get involved in a project that had the potential of being built," Crawford said.

Lach and Crawford presented the proposals of the new building to the Christopher community at a meeting March 2.

"It's a community project and can bring people into the main-stream," Lach said. "I see a lot of potential there. A lot can happen."

Lach said the proposed community center will house a youth center, an auditorium, a multi-purpose kitchen, two meeting rooms and offices.

The existing building being looked at for renovation is the former Kretz Ford Building on Thomas Street. Renovation of the building would include rebuilding and remodeling the interior, adding insulation, building on the youth center and making it handicapped accessible. The total cost presented for the renovation is \$375,000.

The committee also looked at the possibility of a completely new building to be built on a 168,000-square-foot lot of land located near West Cherry and Ray streets. This proposed new building would be about 12,000 square feet and have twice as much parking as the renovated building. The proposal cost is calculated at

"We have been wanting a cultural enrichment center for quite a long time. We're trying to look not just in terms of today, but also for the future."

ORIN HATCH
ugh whiskey guy

\$379,000.

Rae said the funding for the project would come from a \$250,000 Illinois grant. He also announced at the town meeting that the state had allotted an additional \$125,000 for the project. Also, Christopher received a \$5,000 private donation toward the completion of the project.

Opposition arose at the meeting because only one city council member attended. Therefore, they did not get all of the facts to make a decision.

"The mayor and City Council is neglecting the people who elected them if they choose the renovation of the old building," Rae said. "I think they should have been at the meeting to hear its plans."

The City Council will meet again March 13. Rae is not sure if it will make any decisions at that time.

Rae said the state will think there is no comparison between the proposals. It would see it as poor use of the tax payers' money to go with the renovation proposal.

"It's a very exciting project with a lot of potential," Rae said. "And SIU has been very helpful in putting together plans to meet the community's needs."

WASHINGTON

Senate approves education tax benefits

The Senate approved a \$4.3-billion spending package that includes tax benefits for people paying back student loans, parents saving money for college and workers who take graduate-level courses paid by their employers.

Before approving the bill with a 61-37 vote, senators also adopted an amendment allowing AmeriCorps participants to exempt from their taxable income any education awards received from the national service program.

Though many higher education proponents support the bill,

President Clinton is likely to veto it for reasons unrelated to the higher-education tax breaks. Clinton opposes the legislation because it also includes a controversial provision on education savings accounts that Education Secretary Richard Riley said last month would offer "little or no practical benefit" to students in public schools.

The proposed benefit would raise the annual limit on how much a family can contribute to education savings accounts.

They also would eliminate taxes on all interest earned on money in state-sponsored savings or pre-paid tuition programs and abolish a 60-month limit on how long interest on student loans can be deducted from taxable income.



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Naseem Ahmed is in charge of organizing International Women's Day at SIUC and has been since 1991. Along with Ahmed is Farideh Namjou, a graduate assistant from Iran, Sandra Cawthorn, an office assistant in the International Programs and Services Building, and Kathy Bury Swindell, Associate Director of SIUC Niigata.

KERRY MALONEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A personal touch to a world-wide holiday

Coordinator sees International Women's Day having a greater meaning



Women's History Month

TERRY L. DEAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Naseem Ahmed has made International Women's Day at SIUC more than just a one-day celebration; she made it an ongoing personal crusade.

Ahmed has organized SIUC's version of the world-wide event since 1991. Events include a discussion group and video presentations relating to international women's issues.

International Women's Day traces

its roots to 1857. On March 8 of that year, women laborers staged a protest against the inhumane working conditions in New York City garment factories.

In 1977, the United Nations officially recognized March 8 as International Women's Day. The occasion is designed to highlight the historical achievements and struggles of women throughout the world.

For Ahmed, International Women's Day is a chance to honor the accomplishments of women, not just around the world, but at SIUC as well.

"Today, I think International Women's Day is a symbol of solidarity among all women," she said.

Ahmed, coordinator for Women and International Development, began organizing events at SIUC as part of a core group of female faculty and administrators who were concerned about issues affecting international women and students.

"She is really amazing," said Maria Raicheva, a graduate student in journalism from Bulgaria and admirer of Ahmed. "She's one of the few people on this campus who is truly thinking about international women and how she can help them."

Raicheva has been a frequent participant in the event since coming to

WOMEN'S DAY

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SIUC in 1997. She remembers having a tough time when she came here. Raicheva said having Ahmed as a supporter and roll model really helped her.

"When I arrived here, she was the first person to talk to me and ask me how I was doing," she said.

Raicheva said in her country, International Women's Day is referred to as "The Holiday of the Mother." Women receive presents and flowers from men, she said.

In Bulgaria, the holiday is similar to Valentine's Day and Mother's Day in America. She said the day is strongly connected to her culture.

"It's really closely related to who I am," Raicheva said. "We always celebrate it, so I sort of expect to receive

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New RSO promotes international travel

SIUC Travel Club offers resources to make travel more affordable for all students

DAVID OSBORNE
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International travel should be a rite of passage for American college students, as it is for their overseas counterparts.

This is part of the message the new travel club at SIUC hopes to bring to the student body. Scott Harris, a senior in outdoor recreation from Rockford, is starting the club with the assistance of Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels.

"Personally, it bugs me to see Americans wait until they retire and get the RV and start traveling, as opposed to taking advantage of it early," Harris said.

The club, which is starting this semester, plans to be in full operation by next semester with a resource center offering information on passports, vaccinations, hostelling, discount airfare, rail passes and other budget travel information. HIAYH will help the club bring in speakers such as authors from "The Lonely Planet," a series of guidebooks for budget travel. The club also hopes to have a network of students from other countries or who have traveled overseas to answer questions about specific international travel destinations.

"In my experience, it helps a lot with travel to talk to someone who's been there," Harris said.

Harris spent four months traveling in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. He said there were a lot of things he would have done differently if he had the opportunity to talk to someone who had been there.

HIAYH has provided Harris a grant to get the club started. Previous attempts by HIAYH to start travel clubs at other campuses in the United States have failed. HIAYH representative Blaine Franz said a number of things have come together here at SIUC that should ensure the success of the club including an intern working on campus to establish a network, faculty interest and support and a nearby HIAYH council office to provide some local support.

"We've had one or two elements in other places, but

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not all three," Franz said.

If the club is successful at SIUC, it would become the model for starting clubs on other campuses.

"Once we can say 'look at how it worked at SIUC' and the fact that it's still working at SIUC, it's a whole easier to get students on other campuses jazzed about trying to replicate it," Franz said.

Harris and Franz both spoke of international travel as "experiential education." Franz said the HIAYH hopes to use college travel clubs to increase the awareness of international travel opportunities for students to have personal experiences and inter cultural exchanges in other countries. Staying in hostels is one way for students to travel to destinations that they may not otherwise be able to afford.

Hostel accommodations differ from hotels in that hostels are generally dormitory-style accommodations with a shared kitchen. Often the bathroom facilities in hostels are shared as well. Most hostels have separate sleeping quarters for men and women, although some do not. In those cases, there are usually separate changing areas. Usually a hostel includes a large shared kitchen equipped with pots, pans and eating utensils. The cost of hostels averages \$15 per night.

Besides providing a cheap place to stay, hostels offer a chance to mix with fellow travelers not often found in other style accommodations. While some may find the communal living disconcerting, Travis Major, the Outbound Travel Education manager for HIAYH, argues this is one of the benefits of hostelling. It was the social aspect of hostels that kept him hostelling before he went to work for HIAYH.

"I had a job for four years where I checked into hotels. I'd get my complimentary USA Today and channel surf on HBO and didn't talk to a living soul for hours," Major said.

Staying in a hostel presents the opportunity to meet all sorts of people from many different countries, but Major said there are common bonds, like food, everyone identifies with.

"The international language is spaghetti," Major said.

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ACLU

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ACLU since 1991 and is the first woman to head the nation's largest and oldest public interest law firm since its establishment in 1920.

As ACLU president, Strossen has made more than 200 public appearances per year before diverse audiences on campuses and in foreign countries, discussing civil liberties.

According to the ACLU website, Strossen maintains that free speech must be protected at all costs.

"Her position is one that is very tolerant of virtually all kinds of free speech," said Guernsey. "In that sense, she is very liberal and very conservative that the ACLU has ended up representing a wide range of individuals without regard to certain political spectrum—both right-wing and left-wing."

On the same website, Strossen said speech codes have become merely a "Band-Aid" approach to dealing with the root causes of discrimination. She will take a broad approach in her lecture, including possible solutions for the issue of hate speech, said Guernsey.

"I think a university and a school have to be tolerant of all forms of speech. So the idea of putting restrictions on mere words runs counter to everything that we try to teach in the Law School," said Guernsey.

CONFERENCE

• THE NEWS CONFERENCE WITH STROSSEN IS SET FOR 3:15 AND A LECTURE AT 5 P.M. IN THE LESAR LAW AUDITORIUM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

The Hiram H. Lesar Distinguished Lectures are annual events that take place in honor of Lesar, the founding dean of the Law School who was very active in the civil rights movement in Southern Illinois and Missouri.

"We recognized that Lesar was a great champion of civil rights and civil liberties, so we continue to find speakers who will speak to those issues and bring back a voice that isn't always present in Southern Illinois," said Mary Rudasill, associate dean for Academic Affairs for the Law School.

A former vice chancellor and provost, Guernsey said SIUC does not have speech codes. The focus of Strossen's lecture was not motivated by a movement on campus to have speech codes, but Guernsey said the issue is still relevant here.

"It is certainly something that is in the news, with regard to restrictions on speech and concerns about expression," Guernsey said. "This is a relevant topic in Illinois and Southern Illinois, in particular, when you have somebody like Matt Hale who makes a classic example of hate speech."

The School of Law will continue to address public concerns of students and members of the community by providing the annual lectures.

"Our goal is always to give people an opportunity to hear about these things," said Rudasill. "It all stems back from Dean Lesar's work in making sure everybody had legal representation and that their civil rights weren't violated."

Book

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for five years. The publishing part of it has taken another two years," Stephen said. "It was such a rich experience for them and I always knew it had to be written down."

The book chronicles the struggles of Stephen's father and mother, to organize interracial groups in the otherwise segregated town of Bluffton, S.C. The Bluffton Charge refers to the three Methodist churches where John Howie served as a preacher.

After the 1954 Brown v. the Board of Education Supreme Court decision, Methodist churches across the country issued a social creed calling for the integration of blacks and whites.

John and Beverly Howie, in their second year of marriage in 1955 and having just completed college in Atlanta, took it upon themselves to bring these idealistic notions to Bluffton. There, they organized the Human Relations Council, a social activist group that brought blacks and whites together to talk about issues.

"We were young and idealistic, probably more so than we were realistic about the way things were," John Howie said. "We learned a lot about ourselves."

Stephen Howie said the council, while seeming innocuous now, was very subversive for its time.

"You have to understand they went to a place that was really insulated away from all the hubbub and change going on in the world," Stephen said. "A year after Brown v. the Board of Education, people in the Deep South were not ready to admit defeat when it comes to segregation."

He said a lot of whites in Bluffton were threatened by any inkling of change in the racial power structure.

"The council was the first of its kind in the Low Country and a lot of whites were really scared about the shift in the power structure," Stephen said. "They felt threatened by anyone promoting racial change."

Aside from a potentially threatening encounter with a drunken Klansman one balmy southern night, the Howies were never assaulted by any racist groups. Even so, Beverly Howie recalled being frightened by

that very prospect.

"I was scared something might happen," Beverly said.

The Howies left Bluffton in 1957, but their experiences there left an undeniable impression.

"It was a significant and meaningful experience meeting with blacks in that area and trying to make a difference," John Howie said. "I remember the members of the black churches were always kind to me."

When asked how far this country has really come in terms of race relations, John Howie's pleasant demeanor falters a bit. He sighs and points out that one only need look at the Confederate Flag hanging above the state capital in South Carolina to see how little things have changed.

"That's very symbolic of the lack of change and progress in that area," John said.

Stephen Howie just hopes his book can shed some light on an oft-neglected period in U.S. history.

"It is representative of the pre-civil rights era in this country," Stephen said. "I'm not expecting to sell 50,000 copies, but the book could have a niche."

BUDGET

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two before it will reach a decision on the budget.

The final budget will be ready by April.

Both Mayor Neil Dillard and Doherty were at the Senate hearing to be supportive of the city's vital existence based on SIUC.

A lot of effort is being put into approving the FY 2001 proposed budget. Concerns from students and administrators stem from last year when the Senate lowered the budget, which cut out funding for education areas.

At the request of student trustee Ben Syfer, the Mayor's office created the resolution to show members of the Illinois General Assembly of the city's support. Members of SIUC Undergraduate

Student Government and members of the SIUC student government are lobbying today to legislators, requesting that they fully fund Ryan's recommended budget. Students will be showing the resolution, along with other supportive information.

Councilman Brad Cole said that SIUC is very important to the city and it is important to show legislators that the city has support for the University.

He said that people can say they are supportive, but having this resolution is solid proof that the city is in favor of the University.

"It is important for Carbondale to go on record and support things," he said. "[The resolution] doesn't hurt anything, it's only going to help."

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GRADTRAC

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Guernsey, who concurrently served as dean and interim provost, said he never reviewed GradTrac during his tenure.

Likewise, interim Provost Margaret Winters, who has been in office only a month, has also never reviewed GradTrac.

Jackson said he is concerned with possibly creating a rift between students and their colleges if a problem arises and they do not graduate on time. "Step-out" students are a reason that only one out of six SIUC stu-

dents graduate in four years, Jackson said. A "step-out" student is a person who leaves for either a semester or a year for such reasons as work and family matters.

Also, many students change majors more than once, Jackson said.

Jackson thinks SIUC retains its students as well as it should and that GradTrac is unnecessary on this campus.

Meanwhile, there are many students, like Ben Weinberger, sophomore in radio-television, who are concerned about the cost of college. Weinberger helped write GradTrac last spring. He said it is a good idea for SIUC, and thinks it

may be implemented later this year.

"From what I know, it's being reviewed," Weinberger said. "It's being taken into consideration."

However, there appears to be no effort from the administration to review GradTrac in the last few months. At this moment, GradTrac is not a top priority on this campus.

Jyotika Ramaprasad, associate dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, is unsure of GradTrac's status. She co-wrote the final plan on the committee and hopes someday to hear what GradTrac's fate will be.

"I would really like to know what happened to it," Ramaprasad said.

WOMEN

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flowers on the 8th of March.

Ahmed said the holiday is important in her country as well. She continues to work in America and in her native country of Bangladesh, on issues close to her heart, including helping abused women and victims of sexual abuse.

Saliwe Kawewe, an associate professor in social work, has also been involved in the holiday. Kawewe came to America in 1977 from Zimbabwe, and is the only African-

born female faculty member at SIUC. She considers Ahmed to be the driving force behind International Women's Day at SIUC.

"I don't know if the rest of the people on campus recognize how valuable she is to the University," Kawewe said. "She brings an awareness to the issues for women on this campus. She's resilient, bright and very productive. That's how I see her."

Ahmed came to the United States as a 22-year-old international student in 1978. Ahmed has been

with SIUC in International Development since 1999.

She would really like to see more men take part in the holiday and embrace international women's issues. Her main difference with American feminism is that she thinks men are the ones who need liberating, but is not anti-male in the least, she said.

"Women don't need to be liberated because they are intelligent people who understand their status in society," she said. "It is some of the male people, on the other side of the equation, who should be liberated."

PROVIDENCE, RI

Students suspended for posting fliers

Three Providence College students were suspended for the rest of the semester after posting abortion-rights fliers on campus that pictured the Virgin Mary.

"How's this for an immaculate concept: Keep Abortion Safe and Legal," the fliers stated. "Beside the text was an image of a marble statue of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. School officials and many students were hardly amused. The Rev. Phillip A. Smith, the college's presi-

dent, on Friday upheld a decision endorsed by the college's judicial officer and vice president for student services. The students — sophomore Christopher P. White, junior Patrick H. Moran and senior Daniel Pastrana — were suspended for the rest of the semester and fined \$1,000 each. The coursework, the students have completed since January, won't count toward a degree.

Campus officials said they would negotiate final payments for tuition, room and board with the students' parents.

Providence officials said the students violated several campus rules by failing to gain approval before

posting the fliers and by promoting an activity that is morally offensive and contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church and the mission of Providence College. Smith, in a statement, said he values and supports the freedom of expression, but chose to approve the students' suspension because "their action was determined to be a deliberate misuse of the image of the Blessed Virgin, a venerated person important to Catholic and Christian belief." Some students tore down the fliers — printed on blue paper, a color historically associated with the Virgin Mary — as soon as they saw them.

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MODEL

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An attorney assisted the driver in filing bankruptcy to avoid paying Falice's medical bills.

Falice has since recovered, but the bills were expensive to McClain and her three children.

"My mom lost faith in the legal system," Bardley said. "So I told her I would change that."

Nine years later, Bardley was off to SIU to further her education — with the help of the orange ball.

It turned out that Bardley, a senior in political science/Black American studies from Gary, Ind., had another hidden talent besides academics — athletics.

At West Side High School, she competed in track and field and volleyball. Even though she had played basketball off-and-on during her childhood, it was not until her junior year of high school she decided to take a serious interest in organized basketball.

Her goal was to earn a basketball scholarship to college, but that did not come easy for Bardley.

"There were a lot of nights she wanted to give up, but I asked her, 'do you want to play?,' and she said, 'Yes mama, I do,'" McClain said. "I said, 'then don't give up now — you will be giving up your goals for the rest of your life. Four years later, she got her scholarship."

After being scouted by colleges all over the country, Bardley narrowed it down to three schools — Purdue University, Marquette University and SIU.

Bardley said part of the reason she chose SIU was because of head coach Julie Beck, who was an assistant for Cindy Scott the year Bardley was recruited.

Beck, who discovered Bardley



Melaniece Bardley

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1999-00	27	164	71-171	.415	33-48	.418	113	23.1	27	34	29	1.1
1999-00	27	167	85-170	.509	33-73	.734	104	24.4	17	13	31	2.4

at a Chicago basketball camp, said Bardley had the total package.

"She had great athletic potential and she ran the floor great," Beck said. "She had good grades and that made her the perfect student-athlete."

One of Bardley's jobs as captain of the team this season is to set a good example for her younger teammates, especially the freshmen.

Freshman guard Janina Lopez said Bardley has done her job as a leader, as well as a friend.

"She is beautiful all around," Lopez said. "She is so polite, and a real good person. She is a big part of us, not just with our basketball program. We are going to miss her a lot."

Bardley's 3.4 GPA recently earned her a place on the 1999-2000 Missouri Valley Conference All-Academic team, the highest award honoring academics in the conference. She is graduating from SIU in May with the ambition of going to law school.

Her dream is to go to Howard University in Washington, D.C., to pursue her life-long dream of becoming a lawyer. Bardley is awaiting an answer on her application.

She also aspires to become involved in the U.S. Senate because of her idol, former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon.

« Her life's motto is, 'if you think big, you will be big.' This is what she has done — she has set goals out for herself and she feels she is unstoppable.

CAROLYN MCCLAIN
mother of senior Melaniece Bardley

Beck thinks Bardley will succeed because she is not afraid to speak her mind.

"She is a very vocal person," Beck said. "She is one of those young ladies that people are going to hear what she is going to say. She is certainly going to make a difference in peoples' lives."

Bardley has made quite an impact on her fans, coaches, teammates and teachers. McClain is proud of her daughter, who has never sold herself short of reaching her goals.

"Her life's motto is, 'if you think big, you will be big,'" McClain said. "This is what she has done — she has set goals out for herself and she feels she is unstoppable."

"I tried to raise her the best I could. With God's help, I think I have done a pretty good job."

VALLEY NOTEBOOK

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Missouri State University and Creighton University) won at least one game in the tournament, the league's lesser power ranking this year seemed certain to limit the Valley to one or two NCAA bids this season.

But while the Valley sending three teams this season is certainly not a lock, and remains somewhat doubtful, the conference is now in the position to make a legitimate argument that Creighton, Southwest Missouri State and Indiana State University all belong in the field of 64. A Tuesday projection of the NCAA Tournament field by Joe Lunardi of ESPN.com placed three MVC teams in the tournament.

The just-completed MVC Tournament, which ended with Creighton crowned as champions courtesy of a 57-45 win against the Bears in Monday's title game, leaves both Indiana State and Southwest Missouri State vulnerable to the whims of the selection committee, which will announce the pairings Sunday.

A quartet of Valley teams are keeping close watch on the RPI rankings, a computerized indicator of where teams stand compared to their more than 300 Division I brethren. Creighton (23-9), which owns the MVC's automatic berth that goes to the tournament winner, has nothing to sweat other than their seeding for the NCAA Tournament. The Bluejays will likely be an 11th or 12th seed.

The other three teams — Indiana State, Southwest Missouri State and SIU — are praying for their postseason lives, with SIU's prayers realistically aimed at the National Invitational Tournament.

As of Tuesday, Southwest Missouri State was No. 38 in the RPI ratings, the best of any team in the league. The Bears can also boast of playing a quality non-conference schedule. In addition,

head coach Barry Hinson's team won 10 of its last 11 games and went to the Sweet 16 last season, which should work in their favor.

The Bears (22-10) have enough going for them to have a good shot of making the NCAA Tournament, but a better showing against Creighton Monday night would have solidified their case.

Meanwhile, Valley Coach of the Year Royce Waltman and his Indiana State players are in the same nervous boat as the Bears. The Sycamores, with an RPI of 46, find themselves on the bubble despite the impressive feat of being the Valley's regular season champion. Indiana State advocates also have the ammunition of the Sycamores' big win at Indiana University.

Working against the Sycamores, though, is their failure to reach the championship game at Arch Madness. In addition, Indiana State (22-9) played poorly early in the season and suffered a potentially damning loss to Austin Peay State University.

Still, the Sycamores have a legitimate shot for their first NCAA trip in 20 years. How many upsets take place in other conference tournaments will play a role in determining the number of at-large bids that will be available for bubble teams such as Indiana State and Southwest Missouri State.

At least one of them will probably receive a bid, with a chance for both to be invited if a few variables go well.

Meanwhile, SIU appears to be in line for a spot in the 32-team NIT field. The Salukis (19-12) finished third in the MVC, have a respectable RPI of 53 and own credible out-of-conference victories over UMass and the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

The Salukis are wary of becoming too confident of an invite, though, after Bradley was the only Valley team invited to the tournament last season. If less than three MVC teams make the Big Dance, SIU's NIT chances are less than a sure thing.

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DOUG LARSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU women's basketball center Melaniece Bardley is aggressive both on and off the court. She is the senior captain of the Salukis, and currently owns a 3.4 GPA in political science/black american studies. The 6-foot-3-inch Bardley will lead the Salukis into the first round of the MVC tournament in Springfield, Mo., Thursday night.

Melaniece Bardley sets a solid example for all, on and off the court

CHRISTINE BOLIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

As a child, Melaniece Bardley wanted to be different, stick out, be noticed.

These days, it would be hard not to notice the 6-foot-3 inch center on the women's basketball team, either on the court, in the classroom or around campus.

Bardley's day-to-day life includes basketball practice, working part-time at the University Bookstore and academics, an area Bardley has always excelled in.

However, with SIU off to the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in Springfield, Mo., for Thursday's opening round, the senior's days as a Saluki are numbered. Although Bardley admits she has been inconsistent on the court at times, on balance, she has turned into a solid captain and senior leader for SIU.

Bardley's mother, Carolyn McClain, who sang the national anthem at Bardley's final home game Saturday, knew her daughter's ambitious mindset as a young girl would extend to when she matured.

"Melaniece is a very focused child — she always has been," McClain said. "I can remember when she was 6 years old, she told me her goal was to be a lawyer. You would think a child at that age would change her mind over the years, but she has never changed. She always knew where she wanted to go."

Part of the reason Bardley was so interested in law at a young age was because of her interest in her favorite television show in fourth grade, "The People's Court."

Her interest became more serious when her twin sister, Falice, was hit by a drunken driver.

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Baseball wins pitching duel

Latimer makes another impressive start in the early part of season

ANDY EGKNEB
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIU baseball team bounced back from its first loss in seven games with a 2-1 victory against Gonzaga University at the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic in Fresno, Calif., Tuesday.

The Salukis have won seven of their last eight games and will face Missouri Valley Conference foe Indiana State university today at 1 p.m.

Josh Latimer finished the game with a five-hitter, pitching eight innings and striking out three. Latimer (3-0) walked two batters, bringing his walk total to three in 28-plus innings pitched.

Gonzaga pitcher Sean Lichter (1-1) pitched a complete game and struck out seven Saluki batters.

Saluki outfielder Sal Frisella gave SIU a 2-0 lead with a two-run, fourth-inning double.

Frisella stroked a pitch to the left-center field wall with two runners in scoring position. The double was set up after Andy Cenkush singled and Jeff Stanek walked. Both advanced on a wild pitch, enabling them to score on Frisella's key hit.

Cenkush and Anthony Jones both ended the day 2-for-4 for the Salukis (7-3).

Gonzaga managed to score in the seventh inning, but it would not be enough as Luke Nelson slammed the door in the ninth inning, earning his first save of the year.



Notebook:

Sweating 'til Sunday

As recently as a couple weeks ago, the prospects of the Missouri Valley Conference being awarded three bids to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year were bleak at best, with ludicrous probably being a more accurate description.

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