**Countdown to war**

**SIUC reacts as U.S. readies for war on Iraq**

Kristina Hermdodler  
*Daily Egyptian*

President George Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell of the time for diplomacy has passed and the moment of truth for a United States led attack on Iraq is looming possibly in the next 48 hours. An attack may even come sooner than that as U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfield and others have said the United States must act against Iraq or Saddam Hussein is too dangerous to leave in power. The U.S. State Department also urged all citizens to leave Kuwait because of the threat of war. These orders, along with Bush saying Iraq is on notice that if it fails to disarm and declare weapons of mass destruction, the United States will attack, means Bush said it was too late to go for diplomacy. The United States and other countries did not have the ammunition to go to war and the moment of truth for a United States led attack on Iraq is coming sooner.

**Number of student tickets for NCAA tournament set at 50**

Students can also purchase tickets through TicketMaster

Samantha Robinson  
*Daily Egyptian*

For the second year in a row, the men's basketball team will be part of March Madness after receiving a bid for the NCAA tournament. SIU will sell tickets to 50 students in a lottery system beginning at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, with the drawing starting at 5 p.m. Students who hope to attend the tournament, received 550 tickets to distribute among students and other fans. The University decided to make 50 available for the students and the other 300 for families of the basketball team and coaches, season-ticket holders and donors to the Saluki Athletic Scholarship Fund. Brad Pietsch, SIU's athletic department ticket manager, said the number of tickets available for students is a big chunk of the allotment, considering the other people who have to be given a chance to get tickets.

"Tickets will be available based on donor giving," Pietsch said. "Members at the highest level will be given first priority and then it will go down from there." For example, the announcement of the ticket lottery for students does not indicate that they will receive tickets because the game is on a Thursday and is in Indianapolis. Freshman Kyle Burnside from Edwardsville would like to attend the tournament but his parents are not sure they will get tickets. "I guess it's an okay amount because it is a Thursday game so we will be in school," Burnside said.

"There will be no deficiency to say I was just following orders," he said. "The president also directed the military force if the Iraqi leader and his family to abandon Iraq, leaving political and military leaders to meet with Kofi Annan to discuss the ending of a United States attack on Iraq in the following days.

There is always a chance that Saddam Hussein would leave the country, but it is a 1 and 90,000 chance," he said. "In fact, there is probably a better chance SIU will win the NCAA Tournament than him leaving. And our odds are one in 2 million.

Although he said Saddam would not leave for diplomatic reasons, Kowalczyk says he might leave if the United States led attack on Iraq is coming sooner. Although he said Saddam would not leave for diplomatic reasons, Kowalczyk says he might leave if the United States led attack on Iraq is coming sooner.
National News

Utah postpones filing charges in Smart case

SALT LAKE CITY — Authorities in Utah postponed filing charg- 
es Monday in the kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart as they debated 
whether the state's federal government will file.

Mitchell and Barzee were arraigned Wednesday after they 
were found living in a Salt Lake City street with Elizabeth, 15. 
She disappeared nine months earlier.

I was released from Barzee and a religious "manifest" Mitchell wrote, inquest say they believe that 
Elizabeth was kidnapped to become Mitchell's new fiancee.

Mitchell's defense attorney, Gary Long, told television station 
KSL: "I want no part of the trial that she is his wife, and 
and he still loves her and it is now that she still loves him, that no harm 
came out of it, and it was an act of love.

In light of that Mitchell might not challenge the alleged facts, 
to suggest that Mitchell should be sentenced only because 
he stood trial, and if the jury found out that he, in fact, 
caused her suffering, "we may be much better off as a society.

In Northern California, El Dorado County Sheriff's Lt. Les 
Hicks said that the couple would be searched and watched 
Saturday, in October of 1991. She hasn't been found. "It's similar," he said. "She's, blue-eyed young girl. 
A male-female tribal ritual.

Study questions educational benefits of campus diversity

Robbing recent research showing that racial diversity on 
college campuses improves the quality of education, a new 
study finds just the opposite.

As minority enrollments increased, students of all races 
reported a lower level of satisfaction with their educational 
experience and a higher likelihood of experiencing social 
discrimination, according to findings published in the spring 
issue of the Public Interest and The Internationa1 Journal of 
Public Opinion.

The University of Michigan has produced volumes of 
research showing that diversity offers educational benefits, 
but the new study by three research scholars says such claims are 
based on flawed academic research.

In June 1999, for example, law students at Harvard and 
Michigan were asked whether a racially diverse classroom 
was a positive or negative part of their education: Mitchell said 
positive.

But a survey, "consensus appears to a "stale as just as easily reflect an increase in consciousness or unconsciousness; 
to an array of social pressures, including pressuring the Middle 
East mediators." President Bush said last week that a prime 
minister's command "must be given continued control over peace talks with Israel, 
and a mission for the security forces.

But Arafat, who has had sweeping power, wants to keep 
on Jan. 12, 2003, the members of the ministers, and a large 
study, who said he and his colleagues were 
appalled by the findings and legislation allowed in hopes of changing their minds before 
a lengthy strike. Rashid has a majority in the 88-member 
parliament.

Today

High 63
Low 51
Isolated thunderstorms. Rain 
continuing into the late evening.
Highs in the upper 50s.

Five-day Forecast

Wednesday Partly Cloudy 71/51
Thursday Rain. Showers 63/43.
Friday Mostly Cloudy 57/34.
Saturday Mostly Cloudy 57/32.
Sunday Partly Cloudy 56/34.

Almanac

Average High: 71
Average Low: 30
Monday's Precip: 0
Monday's Hi/Low: 50/43

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The Daily Egyptian, the student-run news media of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
A night with a rent-a-cop

Security guards work hard to ensure safety 24 hours a day

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

A light with a News Daily & Year

guarded through Southern Illinois lot, said the nature of his job is to often be seen late nights in a... lution, Carbondale Wal-Mart parking employees. of both patients and hospital employees. He can't carry a... he believes the night shift with a radio. He said he...a hospital workers, doctors and hospital workers once or twice a week.

By the time Sean Johnson gets in his car at 8 a.m., he’s really fed up. He’s been on his feet all night running around Union County Hospital. He’s penciled the building at least four times to check the water heater and garden section, which is out in the open, and can be easily subject to vandalism or theft without...continuing presence. He also assists motorists with car problems.

Then the weather is bad or it’s cold. I’ll jump more cars,” he said. “But if I see someone having a little trouble, it’s not a problem to give them some help.”

This is the highlight of his night. On nights with few Wal-Mart customers in need of aid, Saxton finds himself driving through the parking lot with his miniature boom box blaring to keep his mind alert and his eyes opened.

“If you’re up all night, he said, “you’re basically paid to be awake.”

Southern Illinois houses many security agencies, but very few provide guards 24 hours a day.

Even fewer provide guards 24 hours a day. Even fewer give a shift differential to third-shift guards, an incentive often used to attract employees.

For Dan Saxton, working late means patrolling the parking lot at Carbondale Wal-Mart. Saxton says there are some drawbacks to working the third shift, but he enjoys the flexibility it allows him in being available for his family in West Franklin during the day.

Johnson is a nightshift security guard through Southern Illinois Volunteers, which is based out of Marion. The company provides around-the-clock safety to hospitals, wide range of facilities and occasionally, Wal-Marts throughout the area.

Dan Saxton, who can often be seen late nights in a silver Chevrolet Luv truck in the Carbondale Wal-Mart parking lot, said the nature of his job is to provide protection and security.

He keeps an eye on the back of the building to discourage theft as well as the outdoor lawn and garden section, which is out in the open, and can be subject to vandalism or theft without a continuing presence. He also assists motorists with car problems.

He used even though his sleep style was the most disrupted part of his life during his night shift, he believes the night shift provides him more opportunity to finish daily tasks that might not otherwise fit into his schedule, such as shopping and paying bills.

But both Saxton and Johnson admit that the nightshift often leaves them tired, often trying to stay awake.

“At noon as I get off, I have a...car drive and all do when I get home is get to sleep,” Johnson said. “I need to have blackouts when I have to help me sleep during daylight.”

Johnson said he often gazzles diet sodas during the nights, and Saxton said he relies on loud music and bright lights to keep himself going. Both generally work alone — most sites require a single security guard.

He said he is sometimes contacted by the Anna Police Department if he is unable to quell a situation.

Sometimes just seeing someone with a badge will make someone behave,” Johnson said. “But in some cases, it’s nice to have backup.

Saxton keeps in contact with Wal-Mart employees and store security with a radio. He said he is rarely called in, and in shoplifting cases, the Carbondale Police Department is called and his assistance is rarely needed.

Johnson said he didn’t choose the night shift. It was given to him when he took the position a month ago, but he now sees how it differs from “normal” shifts and how it fits into the mix.

“I definitely takes a different breed to work midnights,” he said. “It’s like nothing else.”

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ON CAMPUS

Red Cross sponsors blood drive April 7

To help maintain an adequate supply of blood for patients in need, the Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. April 7 at the Le Roy School. Entry two seconds some­ cene needs blood and most Americans will require blood during some point in their lives. To meet patient need, the Red Cross relies on approximately 20,000 donations daily in the Southern Illinois region. 1,200 donations of whole blood are needed every day.

Ballroom dance classes available

All ages are welcome for two upcoming ballroom dancing classes. Beginning Ballroom Dancing Triple Swing and Cha-Cha will meet from 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 25 to April 30. Intermediate Ballroom Dancing, Tango and Nightclub, will be from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesdays, March 26 to April 30. Cost is $50 per participant. To register or for more information, contact the Division of Continuing Education at 536-7201 or www.siu.edu.

Archery club looks for new members

The Saluki Shooters are looking for teammates. Members can join just to learn something about the game or to take part in a part of their next season. The group is open to all students and staff. The group meets at 7:30 a.m. first and third Monday of the month at the Carbondale Civic Center. Practice is 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. every Monday. For more information, contact Kathy Swilinski at 453-1262.

CARRINGTON

Youth forum offers tips on relationships

The Forum on Youth/Youth Services Committee will host its annual spring youth forum, titled, "How to get the best of your relationship and not let them get the best of you." The Forum is sponsored by the Student Senate and the Carbondale Civic Center. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

The program will offer young people the vital information to help them develop a healthy and an unhurried relationship. Participants will learn the five different forms of abuse that are most often inflicted within a relationship, and strategies of better behavior to help ensure both parties are free from abuse.

The free seminar is open to students in grades 6 through 12. Refreshments will be provided and free prizes will be awarded through drawings. For more information, call 457-2228.
Candidate runs for change in politics

Stalls continues family legacy of public service

Like her father, Stills is attracted to public service. She worked with him in a not-for-profit agency called the Star Human Services Development Association. The agency offers programs and services that address poverty, writing poetry and the outdoor. But while growing up, the outdoors included a neighborhood that lacked sidewalks or roads.

Stills spent her childhood in the northeast part of Carbondale. She enjoys watching movies, playing polo, writing poetry and the outdoor. But while growing up, the outdoors included a neighborhood that lacked sidewalks or roads.

She has witnessed the growth of Carbondale, which is near a downtown area, at age four. She attended Carbondale schools at different ages, she grew up on a street that bears the name of her father, Robert A. Stills, an overall coordinator of the Model Cities Program for Carbondale and worked for the Fair Employment Practices Commission.

She attended Carbondale schools at different ages, she grew up on a street that bears the name of her mother. She became interested in running for public service when she was a senior in high school and people asked her if she would consider running for the school board.

"I would like to see the city move in a different direction," Stills said. "I want to represent the people of the community, something the wishes to build upon if elected to the City Council in April.

In addition, she is working on a plan for a six-week ordnance for residents. She said she wants people in Carbondale to be able to make money to support their families without having to work week round part-time jobs.

Stills said she is running for the City Council to help the community of Carbondale to make necessary changes.

"I am appealing to a voter's thinking as well as their heart and I'm hoping that people will vote for me because I only have a just or a black person, I hope people will vote for me because they think I am doing a good job," she said.

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Bill for SIU splits over floor

Sara Hooker

Daily Egyptian

Splitting Southern Illinois University into two separate university campuses was the only real issue last week, as the bill proposed the divide the advanced into Illinois lawmakers.

In a 7-5 vote, House Bill 1456, which would divide the university into two separate campuses, was approved by the Higher Education Committee for a floor debate.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said the seven who voted in favor of the bill, four were Democrats and three were Republicans, said they were mostly voting to support the students, who are usually unsure of their stance and wanted more information.

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Bost, who opposes the bill, said he hopes to hold the impend­

SIU braces for possible budget cuts for this year

Ben Beaton

Daily Egyptian

SIU's summer courses this year may be limited if the state government receives a budget deficit for the entire fiscal year, University President James Walker stated Monday. Uncertainties still remain after officials from both the Bureau of the Budget Office and Illinois Board of Higher Education met Monday and discussed budgetary concerns that are a result of a proposed $4.8 billion budget deficit for the state government.

SIU President James Walker spoke at the Monday morning, and limited summer courses are a possible result from funding reductions, University spokesman Steve Bledner said. As part of the governor's plan to reduce the deficit, the Bureau of the Budget recently required public universities to submit proposals for the BEIE for possible ways to trim 8 percent from their operating budgets for this fiscal year. The proposed cuts, which would come from reserve funding, are still under review and not definite yet said, Terri Carroll, spokesperson for the governor.

Because an 8-percent cut would affect the entire SIU campus, SIU also will get its share. That's why it's working for SIU.

Reporter Sara Hooker can be reached at shooker@dailyEgyptian.com
Candidate strives to make his mark on Carbondale
Long-time local resident pushes for a seat on the City Council

Brian Peacock
Daily Egyptian

While a student at SIUC, he packed worms into cans and hoisted causes filled with stale beer over his head to earn enough money to continue his degree.

He wanted to make a name for himself. Now, nearly 16 years later, Chris Wissmann is running for the two-year City Council seat.

The City of Carbondale knows him as the editor of the Nightlife, a weekly entertainment publication, and as one of a pair of remaining two-year candidates for City Council.

He plans to take his determination with him if the people of Carbondale decide he is the best candidate for the job when they vote on their ballots April 1.

"I've been here for quite a while, and I know the potential this town has," Wissmann said. "Our city leaders just have to scratch the surface, and I want to help it on its way."

Wissmann grew up in northern Illinois, and after moving to southern Illinois in the late 1980s, he became a permanent resident of Carbondale and said he has no intention nor desire to live elsewhere.

Having followed the Carbondale City Council for 12 years, Wissmann said he has not missed a meeting in the past two years.

He can be seen each week with his camera as he snaps shots of candidates during debates and of citizens who attend the meetings to speak their mind on various issues.

Those issues are a major reason Wissmann has thrown himself into the running to earn a seat on the council.

And, as one of the most outspoken candidates in support of students' rights, beliefs and opinions, Wissmann said one of his goals will be to seek out the student voice when it comes to making decisions that affect Carbondale.

"Students are the lifeblood of our community and our city," he said. "Often times, there's a lot of hostility toward students, but if it weren't for students, the city would not prosper like it has."

Wissmann pointed out many more students than ever before are demanding a voice.

"The responsibilities of students are there, even if they are not always aware of them," Wissmann said. "Their dorm stays impact everyone who maintains permanent residency here, and they should respect them too. It's a mutual relationship."

Wissmann said he would also like to see a strong Human Relations Commission formed in Carbondale.

"There is a real creative energy and spirit in Carbondale, and the city should feed that," Wissmann said, adding that he would like to see more events involved instead of six. "There's a lot of talent here, and we should harness it."

Wissmann is a strong supporter of arts and entertainment in Carbondale, and if elected, he said he would make it one of his goals to further that development in the city.

"I love music," Wissmann said further promotion of the arts or community is something for which he will strive.

One of the ways he hopes to do this is by pushing for the expansion of the Sunset Concerts that take place on a weekly basis during the summer months.

"The concerts feature musical talent from throughout southern Illinois and draw large crowds of people to the SIU campus and Turkey Park. Carbondale has probably a greater number of musicians and music, a real creative energy and spirit in Carbondale, and the city should feed off of it," Wissmann said if he were to be elected to City Council, he would retain his position as editor of the Nightlife, and he said he does not think there will be a conflict of interest.

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Our Word

House bill hurts SIU

Sometimes a new state bill appears to look good on the outside but is questionable within.

And with the bill HB3465, that appears to be just the case.

On Feb. 28 the bill was introduced to the Illinois State House of Representatives by a host of southwestern Illinois legislators calling for the ties to be cut between SIUC and SIUE. The new bill proposes to abolish the current SIU Board of Trustees that oversees SIUC and SIUE and instead creates two new boards to be established for each campus.

Legislators for the new bill claim that severing ties will enable SIUE to "stand on its own."

Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, a supporter of the bill, said that the proposal allows for a stronger focus in tailoring SIUC’s and SIUE’s programs to the local needs of the St. Louis metro-east region. Supporters include Hoffman along with Steve Davis, Thomas Holbrook and Kurt Granberg. Davis and Holbrook are alumni of SIUE.

Not only is the timing wrong for such a bill, considering the state is facing an estimated $5 billion dollar deficit, but it doesn’t serve to save the state any money. Representatives in favor of the bill have said in the past that establishing Edwardsville as its own campus would actually trim costs.

It doesn’t make sense.

Establishing two separate boards would require more administrative positions creating more costs to taxpayers and going against everything that Gov. Rod Blagojevich has said about downsizing in an effort to cut costs and save money. Another public university thrown into the mix would create greater competition for already diminished state dollars. SIU’s strength is built on having a multi-campus structure.

Tinkering or removing a campus will only hurt that strength and empty taxpayers’ pockets as well.

That is nothing wrong with the legislators wanting SIUE to step out of SIUC’s shadow — but this ticket isn’t the right way to do it. Focusing on recruitment and the betterment of its programs should offer enough incentive to establishing a larger enrollment.

Until then SIUE should look up to big brother and reap the benefits of being part of a collegiate family. Going about it alone isn’t as easy as some legislators would like to believe.

Guest Columnist

The brave will confront Saddam

COLUMBIA, Mo. (U-WIRE) — Cynical individuals may think supporters of military action in Iraq are overflowing with joy now that the war is days away. On the contrary, the events of the past months have killed the spirits of even the most optimistic conservatives.

Former allies — such as France and Germany — have degenerated into rivals to save their Iraq oil contracts. A world body that once declared the "inalienable rights of all members of the human family" has officially drifted into a laughable mockery. Worst of all, an anti-war movement rose up that declared the fascists weren’t Saddam Hussein and his gang of murderers, but the governments of the United States, Britain and Israel.

Perhaps that is what has bothered me the most about the debate over Iraq. The same coalition of naive leftists, delusional heirs of state, grandstanding politicians and far-right isolationists that failed to stand up to the Nazi Germany in the 1930s are now failing to realize the similar danger of Saddam Hussein.

The only thing that matters is a fleeting foreign minister Dominique de Villepin going to Baghdad, frantically waving a piece of paper to declare "peace for our time" as the anti-war crowd watched with selective attention.

The anti-war crowd is so enamored in denial that they chide anyone who uses imagery of the Third Reich to describe Saddam Hussein’s regime. By their logic, Saddam’s regime is a cult that brutalizes its populace, systematically butchers minorities and fools the world into believing it is disarming. In the words of Gore Vidal, it’s as benign as Denmark.

Bush, along with a gaggle of allies from across the globe, has stood his ground. Now, the U.S. military is prepared to end Saddam Hussein’s reign of mass murder. It would seem that the rascous jubilation that preceded the war would quickly fade into memory now that war is imminent. Unfortunately, some are rewriting the up volume.

In Columbia, Mo., activists will stage a "Day of Resistance," the day after the war begins, attempting to stick it to the man by boycotting Columbia businesses, skipping school and prancing around wearing black armbands.

Worse yet, according to The Washington Post, anti-war activists around the country are planning sit-ins at military bases and recruiting offices. Let me be clear, these "resisters" are not sincere, dangerous or anti-American. But they are destined to fade into the wrong side of history alongside their counterparts of the 1930s and 1940s.

While they try to rationalize by claiming supporting the war is not equivalent to supporting war, it's very difficult to take their words seriously when they are diversing attention to their publicity stunts. It is truly beyond reproach that the glare of the media spotlight might be shining on those who refuse to confront Saddam Hussein, while the military that fights him are shuffled to the background.

Supporters of the war can simply wave the flag and put a sign on their lawn.

We need to show support for our troops by sending e-mails of encouragement, composing their families or donating time and money to veteran organizations.

It might be too late to counteract the negativity of the past few months, but it's not too late to lift the spirits of the real freedom fighters — our military men and women.

These views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.
The long road back to Saluki history

Gus Bode

Inside Shryck Auditorium, a crowd gives a standing ovation to the grand finale of a piano solo, while a family comes home from class to Southern Hills to their newborn baby.

Poor J.D. Carbondale, the Doug Pound erupts while the Salukis shut down Missouri in the NCAA Tournament, and back on campus, a once-disgruntled student turns out to be a whole who sees their walls across the stage — the very first in his family.

These are the stories of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Imagine the myriad tales and tribulations these walls have absorbed through the years. They're not telling, but you can.

Southern at 150, the chancellor's road map for the year 2015, is the result of months of planning by members across this university community, but it is not complete. This address addresses the foundation of buildings, but not the foundation of our pride. It discusses faculty lives, but not the lineaments of the building broken down through the years. It dreams of a worldwide research agenda, but does not shed light on the humble dreams students on this campus are striving to achieve and pass. It sets forth many admirable goals, but it tells us the very core of the Saluki identity.

The Daily Egyptian would like to offer a historical look at SIU and its people. We hope these stories will reinforce our university's spirit, provide us with an understanding of the present, and along with reports such as Southern at 150, bring focus to the future.

In May, the Daily Egyptian will celebrate these stories together in a special section, "New Look at an Old School." Do you have a story to tell, or an idea for our publication?

Contact the Daily Egyptian at 536-3311 ext. 252 or send comments to editor@siu.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

LETTERT

Alumni proud of Saluki success

Dear Editor:

The SIU Basketball Salukis should hold their high head, stand tall and be proud of their accomplishments, which are very disappointing due to Covid in the MVC tournament finale.

This team are great team and provided fans across the country with plenty to cheer about all season.

You beat the odds and won the MVC title and deserve to play at least one overtime game.

Saluki pride includes the determination to dig deep to stay with adversity, for great respect for the game you're playing to make you struggle, and rewarding your success.

Your Outstanding Team will most likely head off to a first and focused conference.

On behalf of my family and many around the country, thank you for a great season (or so your names Weapons Champions)

Send Saluki Ed Collins & family

The solution is the problem

By Jack Platt

Sending a child to detention for something he did while he was detained and a thing he knew when he was in high school and the guy who just couldn't stay out of trouble and detention had no effect on me.

In many ways, if I could get this plan back to the drawing board and burn it off I was actually proud of how many detentions I had raked up in my high school career.

I didn't need detentions to get through to me, what I needed was someone to relate to me. Those children aren't all bad to the core. They are hurting somewhere inside, and searching for an identity. By constantly punishing a child, all that is being accomplished in all reality is diminish- ing his self-worth. Instead of relating to the child you are tagging them with a reputation. Something they will wear all their lives. And for those parents who get set on retribution for minor crimes, they come out with a tiny card saying, How did that help them for them a better life for society? Now they are ex-convict and most people would give them a chance. Few these people committed heinous crimes and are locked away, they gave away their dream. But there are people and children in the world right now that still have a chance. It is not to us as a society to give them the chance possible. We need to find the problem and fix it, instead of just writing them off as the problem.

Pattiology appears Tuesday, Jan. 18 in the newspaper. His column is not necessarily reflective of the views of The Daily Egyptian.

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I didn't need detentions to get through to me, what I needed was someone to relate to me. Those children aren't all bad to the core. They are hurting somewhere inside, and searching for an identity. By constantly punishing a child, all that is being accomplished in all reality is diminish- ing his self-worth. Instead of relating to the child you are tagging them with a reputation. Something they will wear all their lives. And for those parents who get set on retribution for minor crimes, they come out with a tiny card saying, How did that help them for them a better life for society? Now they are ex-convict and most people would give them a chance. Few these people committed heinous crimes and are locked away, they gave away their dream. But there are people and children in the world right now that still have a chance. It is not to us as a society to give them the chance possible. We need to find the problem and fix it, instead of just writing them off as the problem.

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Blagojevich proposes legislation in face of budget crisis

Governor intends to build entrepreneurship center at SIUC
Barke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

Gov. Rod Blagojevich made his case for change in his first State of the State address last week. He said that he hopes to restore Illinois' fiscal and ethical integrity and will work to improve the state's schools, health care, crime prevention and job creation.

The issue of a $5 billion budget deficit, the largest deficit in Illinois history, remains the key issue that stands in the way of Blagojevich's attempts to realign the state with his proposals, he said in the Wednesday speech. The list of his total $8.8 billion. The governor will issue a plan for a balanced budget to the General Assembly in April.

Mike Lawrence, associate director of the SIUC Public Policy Institute, said the governor's budget presentation in April will be the real indication of Blagojevich's direction.

"We always feel that the state budget message is when you really see where a governor's priorities are," Lawrence, former press secretary to Gov. Jim Edgar. Rep. Mike Best, R-Marquette, said he is also waiting to learn more about the governor's priorities.

"He didn't tell us where his priorities lie in his address," Best told. "And you can't add other priorities when you now, Best said. "It would be an extension of small-business initiatives.

The other five centers are scheduled to be built at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Rock Valley College in Rockford, the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, the University of Illinois in Chicago and Western Illinois University in Macomb.

Blagojevich also announced plans to raise the minimum wage to $5.15 an hour at $5.65 an hour. The governor cited the needs of families and teenagers to support their children on minimum-wage incomes.

"A person working 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year should not live in poverty," Blagojevich said in his speech. "You cannot raise a family, put food on the table, put shoes on your children's feet on $5,12 per year."

Best said that Blagojevich is making a mistake by raising the minimum-wage. "I think he's not being honest with the state's business owners that a minimum-wage increase would hurt Illinois businesses close to the state's borders."

"Right now, Illinois' minimum-wage is the same as Minnesota, Kentucky and Indiana, which means one of the lowest minimum-wage levels in the country will go up with minimum-wage in people in Illinois will go up to be able to shop."

Blagojevich also announced plans to create jobs through the state's coal industry. He said the potential for a new technology that allows for cleaner burning coal, which would pave the way for mines to be reopened.

"Technology will allow our power plants to burn Illinois coal again," Blagojevich said in his address. "Bringing back those jobs and revitalizing communities across southern and central Illinois."

Blagojevich indicated that Illinois will build 44,000 teaching positions during the next four years. The governor plans to combat this need by offering more scholarships for juniors and seniors in college. The program is aimed at giving those who agree to teach in hard-to-fill positions in Illinois public schools for five years, cash incentives. Those who are willing to teach in those subjects such as reading and science in a community with a teacher shortage will see the immediate cash incentive.

Blagojevich said that his proposals are nothing less than the record high-budget deficit.

"With nearly a $1 billion deficit, I don't understand why he's not saying in his speech," Best said in his speech. "But these are not only investments we can afford to do, but we're losing investments we can't afford not to make."

Others remain skeptical about the governor's proposals in his address.

"I think the question everyone has is how to pay for the proposals," Lawrence said. "We need to know how we can afford to address the terrible fiscal situation. It's the worst budget situation faced by any governor in Illinois history. It really overshadowed every other issue."

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USG looks to fill spots in upcoming election

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

Undergraduates will soon be able to toss their hat into the political arena when the Undergraduate Student Government holds its annual elections in April.

USG is currently accepting petitions from students who wish to run for a senatorial or executive position on the senate. All petitions must be submitted by 5 p.m. April 1.

Undergraduates seeking a senatorial position are required to obtain 50 signatures from undergraduates in the district they wish to represent. Districts are divided by colleges and living areas that are highly populated by college students, both on and off campus.

For example, seats are available to represent the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Education.

Students who wish to run for an executive position must submit 200 signatures from undergraduates. The offices of president, vice president and chief of staff are available.

"Everyone goes through the same process in the spring," said Andrew Jackson, USG election commissioner.

School of Medicine hires new director for cancer research

Katie Davis
Edit-Egyptian

The 15-month search for a doctor to head the Cancer Institute at the SIUC School of Medicine is over. The SIU Board of Trustees Thursday approved the appointment of Dr. Manual Valdivieso to direct the Cancer Institute, a position that has been vacant since the institutions inception.

Dr. Kevin Doney, dean of the School of Medicine, said he was looking for a doctor with expertise in cancer care and someone who could run the National Cancer Institute, an organization that oversees cancer research centers throughout the United States.

"It is not easy to get people to move between states or the Midwest," he said. "They also had to appeal to someone who was willing to build something from the ground up. He is literally going to be putting in the bricks and mortar."

Valdivieso, who currently works for the Handel C. Simmons Cancer Center of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, will officially take office April 1.

The SIU Cancer Institute is still in its early stages of development and has used its funding from the past few years to aid in educational, research and clinical practice.

Board Chairwoman Molly D'Espino said Valdivieso is an important addition to the School of Medicine.

"He's quite an impressive fellow," she said.

The board also approved the acquisition of 430 W. Canan St., for the Springfield campus.

Doney said the school tried to purchase nearby properties whenever there was an available building site. Doney said he's had three deals in later expressions. He said no specific plans or use has been developed for the use of the small plot.

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No boundary too great for cinema photography students

Sundance Film Festival helps with networking
Lindsey J. Mastis
Daily Egyptian

Cinema photography students are proving that the phrase "it's not what you know, it's who you know" doesn't prohibit them from introducing themselves to influencers.

In late January, eight SIUC students traveled to Park City, Utah, for the annual 10-day Sundance Film Festival and networked with producers, directors and Jennifer Lopez. Although Carbondale is not necessarily considered an extension of Hollywood, there is a definite link to filmmakers in Los Angeles.

Omar Arnesaud, a junior in cinema photography from Chicago, helped promote an episode of "Alt. News" in an alternative festival called Nodance. He said meeting other filmmakers and viewing their work helps students get an insider's view on the business.

"Going to something like Sundance and seeing professionals and other students who are there and young filmmakers, you can see your place in things and that you're on the right track and you're getting prepared for this," he said.

One student decided to attend an event at the festival that included celebrities Ben Affleck and Matt Damon. Simon Eddelman, a sophomore in cinema photography from Buffalo Grove, was able to get his picture taken with Lopez. He said attending the film festival gave him and other students adrenaline and inspiration for their own work. The deadline for the fourth episode of "Alt. News," was the day after the event ended.

"We stayed up all night and got it done," Eddelman said. "We got a lot of ideas from Sundance looking at other people's projects and just talking about what we can do.

Two more episodes of "Alt. News" are scheduled for completion before the end of the semester. The alt. news episodes feature segments about the holy cows, deaf schoolchildren, and a rock video. Michelle Hayes, a junior in radio-television from Carbondale, Ill., is the public relations officer for "Alt. News." She said attending the film festival is not the only time SIUC students have been inspired to pull all-nighters for the program. Some students, she said, leave their computers into the alt. news room to work on projects.

"These people are incredibly self-motivated and are the leaders of the department," Hayes said. "They are making things happen.

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Research scientist studies hearing loss

Rats to help develop drug for age-related loss

Lindsay J. Mastis

Age-related hearing loss in rats may help humans in the long run. At the School of Medicine, Depts. of Surgery and Pharmacology, research, a five-year, $1.6 million grant to head a project that looks at changes with age-related hearing loss in rats.

"What we're doing is using an animal model to try to see how the brain changes as we age in the auditory system," he said. "As we age, those hair cells from the area, the brain tries to compensate and undergoes a number of changes."

Another project, the changes, Caspary hopes to develop some drugs to help with hearing loss. He said that an animal with a hearing problem wanted to go out in a social environment, that person could take a pill that would help them to hear for a few hours.

Jeremy Turner, research assistant professor of pharmacology, said age-related hearing loss is worse than expected because of age and changes in the brain.

"In young years, you tend to experience certain problems being able to process sound information," he said. "But if you look at certain age groups, you see not just a function of their hearing loss at their ear, but seems to be a part of the problems in their brain.

The grant is funding the project for the next five years. Laflin John, professor of surgery, divisions of otolaryngology and pharmacology, also has interesting data about age-related hearing loss from the experiments conducted so far.

"Of course every time you do an experiment, it really suggests other experiments that need to be done," he said. "So we are reeling and it's just the tip of the iceberg."

The project uses rats, but chinchillas and gerbils were also an option. Chinchillas have a very similar hearing range to humans, but they live too long for such types of studies, Turner said.

"For those who have studied auditory cortex have often chosen rats because their brains are larger than mice so it's easier to do manipulation sites, but it's easier to do surgeries," he said.

Rebecca Linder, freelance photographer,

Insurance eludes many young adults, students

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interest between his political job and that of one in the media because he would refrain from personally covering City Council issues in his newspaper.  
The issue that Wissmann may feel the most strongly about, and one that he would address if elected, is probably the lack of jobs and the high number of residents who cannot find jobs here. "I'm always saying that there is too much talk about the economy and not enough action," he said. "I feel like I have been left behind."

Wissmann also knows of the struggles his parents went through to find jobs in Carbondale when they graduated from SIU, and he does not want other people to have to continue to go through that. "This town has to be better than it is," he said. "Our No. 1 priority is to make it easier for people to live here, and we should not stop at a priority to keep them here. Our No. 1 issue has to be jobs."  
In his spare time, Wissmann said he enjoys spending time with his wife, Jennifer, their dog, Cappy, a German Wirehaired Pointer, and his friends. "I'm always interested in politics. I'm always talking and working things out. But former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon becomes this on diminishing war protest activity. If Wissmann is not devoting time to his wife or playing rugby with Cappy, he said he has a strong interest in politics. "I'm always up on the issues, and I would continue to do that as councilman," he said.

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action and we have to occupy Iraq," he said. "If we can turn it over to the UN, we will have to be there for an awful long time."  
That is exactly what Eric Stice is worried about.  
Stice, a senior in aviation and flight management from Alton, is in the Air Force National Guard. Though he is finishing up his last semester at SIUC, his unit is already off to the Middle East preparing for war.

"The hardest part of this war will be the aftermath," Stice said. "But I agree with Bush. It is to be very sure that war can bring peace, but it can happen when it is done right."  
Because of his military status, Stice could not give his opinions about the war, but he did say that he wishes he was with his unit. "It is a group I am a part of and I feel like I should be there helping," he said.

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"All of my friends are gone and that is a little bit weird," Stice said. "I feel like I have been left behind. I just hope they take care of themselves."  
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"I will not get into any war protests because protesters are using the freedoms that he says he is fighting to defend."

And while thousands turned out for more weekend protests, a newly released CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll said 64 percent of Americans favor sending U.S. ground troops to Iraq to remove Saddam as a threat to the region. The telephone poll interviewed 1,007 adults on Friday and Saturday.

"This survey's war approval rate was up two percentage points from a similar survey earlier this month. But Simon, director of the Public Broadcasting Service's program created a perceptual attack against Iraq would be "a tragic error."

"In the name of halting terrorism we are going to create more terrorism," Simon said.

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**STU men dive well but finish low at NCAA Zones**

**Christopher Morrical**

The SIU men's diving team had more representation than any other school at the 2003 NCAA Zones-D Meet March 14-15.

The Salukis had four members of the team to Austin, Texas, to compete for a spot at the NCAA Championships.

However, the Water Dawgs couldn't place higher than 12th when they needed a sixth place or higher finish in any event or a seventh place or better finish overall.

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league ballpark. The locker room is carpeted and all the lockers are made out of light-colored wood, giving the place an earthy feel.

The players' names are above each locker and a teddy bear with a sash displaying the year the team to Austin, Texas, to compete for a spot at the NCAA Championships.

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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (March 18). Work on any tough spots this war so that your partnership is strong and healthy. Once that's established (which it may already be), you can start making more home improvements. Work all the angles to get the best deal on every investment. Make it fun.

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

Aries (March 11-April 19) • Today is a 1. People's nerves may be frayed, so try not to make things worse. Don't alarm them. Figure out what needs to be done and do it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) • Today is a 7. Recent changes bring more work, but some of it is the creative kind. It'll be fun once you get past your initial resistance. Do it for somebody you love.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) • Today is an 8. This situation gets better as it goes along. Balancing career and family is a challenge, but the end results are worth the effort.

Lion (July 10-Aug. 11) • Today is a 5. Secrets are being revealed, and some of them could concern your money. Find out as soon as you can and don't take anybody to Vegas (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're the lucky one, so speak out when you see something that needs to be done. Don't wait for someone else to give the order.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're flexible so that you can be in the right place at the right time. You're the one who has to determine where and when that is (An onion is a success). For 2003, TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES INC. - Don't refuse when one who can see the big picture, ask you for your advice. It's OK if you are a success now. They'll love you for it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) • Today is a 7 - The trouble is, things could go other ways. Talk it over and remember who your friends are. They'll tip the scale in your favor.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) • Today is a 6 - The rules must be obeyed, now more than ever. Even though it may seem odd, that's the best way to keep things in balance.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) • Today is an 8 - You've one who can see the big picture, or help you with your family. It's OK if you are a success now. They'll love you for it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) • Today is a 6 - Try to minimize risks - there are too many variables, By listening, you'll find another calling, and it should become clear.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) • Today is a 7 - You actually have an advantage, though you may not know what it is. You're finally getting to use a plan you've thought about for a long time.

By Shane Pangburn

Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one correct to each column to form the 100 word story word.

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DROOO:

CLUM:

What she did when he turned on the light in the middle of the night.

Clitite

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

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**Solutions**

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49. Brandon
50. Logo
51. Opened
52. National
53. Encouraged
54. U.S. gold coin
55. Thai
56. Saigon
57. D.C. publications
58. Trip
59. Rome
60. River
61. War zone
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**SPORTS FLASH**

**SIU women’s golf takes fifth place at Snowbird Invite**

Megan Tardoly was able to muster a good enough start to tie for fourth out of 12 golfers and lead the SIU women’s golf team to a fifth place finish at the 17th Annual Northern Illinois University Snowbird Classic. She shot 76 in the first round and followed up finishing up the tournament with a 73. The Salukis improved their second day score by 10 strokes and ended with a 620 overall score.

James Madison (591) won the tournament, while Southern Mississippi (609), Notre Dame (612), Toledo (612) and SIU (620) rounded out the top five. Any Rankin also turned in a strong performance, posting totals of 78 and 76 to tie for 45th, respectively.

At the Spalding/Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational on March 12, the Dawgs finished in sixth place. Rankin finished in 21st place to lead all Saluki competitors at the invite. The Dawgs return to action March 30-31 when they play host to the Saluki Invitational.

**Saluki men’s tennis team to sponsor doubles clinic**

The SIU men’s tennis team will sponsor its annual doubles clinic and tennis/track fundraiser March 24 at 6 p.m. at University Courts, which is Across from the SIU Arena. It will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Those participating will enjoy a tennis clinic taught by Saluki head coach Mike Stovall and players from the Salui men’s tennis squad.

The clinic will cover doubles positioning and strategy. Participants will also be able to play some doubles matches with Saluki team members, and prizes will also be raffled afterwards.

The doubles clinic is available to all ability levels from beginner to advanced. Cost of admission will be $30 per participant. For more information or to register, please contact head coach Mike Jeffrey at (618) 453-7243 or by e-mail at jeffrey@siue.edu.

**Ohio State men lose games, hopes of NCAA bid**

Matt Duval  
*The Lantern (Ohio State U.)*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (U-WIRE)** — Coming into the Big Ten Conference tournament, Ohio State was in a position of needing to win in four days for any hope at making the NCAA tournament and salvaging what had been a disappointing, injury-plagued season.

But after winning its first three games, the defending tournament champions ran into a roadblock — No. 2 seed Illinois — in the championship game. Fighting Illini overpowered the Buckeyes in a 72-59 win Saturday.

"Illinois is a great team," OSU coach Jim O’Brien said. "I don’t know if in that setting we were going to have a tough road and we just came up short."

Illinois, which finished second in the Big Ten regular-season standings, earned a No. 4 seed in the West Region of the NCAA tournament. The Buckeyes will play in West Region's No. 1 seed Kentucky in the first round. The Buckeyes earned a bid in the NIT tournament, where they will take on Georgia Tech Wednesday.

OSU was able to hang with the rest of Ohio State easily in the first half, but then the Buckeyes’ defense really cranked up. Eight minutes remaining in the opening half, OSU guard Fred Dubay nailed a jumper to close the Illinois lead to 32-26.

OSU then began to have trouble finishing in the lane. While the Buckeyes went over seven minutes without a field goal, the Illini went nearly 13 minutes without a field goal of their own. A 3-1 run to close the half, OSU able to cut the halftime deficit to 36-25.

Illinois came out charging at the beginning of the second half, Illinois forward tournament MVP Brian Cook scored on a put-back and made a 3-pointer, while forward Roger Phegan scored on a look shot to extend Illinois lead to 43-27. The lead grew to 22 just two minutes later.

After guard Sean Connoly nailed a two-point basket, Illinois went on a 19-2 run to extend the gap to 60-31 with 7:02 remaining. With the momentum in OSU’s favor, Illinois coach Bill Self called a timeout to regroup, as Illinois regrouped and got back into their offense. Forward James Augustine’s two free throws and guard Sean Hanington’s steal sealed the win.

The Salukis lost 59-50 to the Shockers, giving Saluki head coach Mike Jeffrey his first loss at SIU.

The Salukis, led by a season high total of 21 points from senior guard Dana O’Brien, but even that wasn’t enough to slow down the Shockers.

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**Saluki women search for answers**

Siwak took a wrap-up another losing season, look toward next year with higher hopes

Ethan Erickson  
*Daily Egyptian*

After falling at Wichita State March 9 to close its season, the SIU women's basketball team has many questions going into next season.

The Salukis trailed by as many as 13 points in the first half before ending the half on a 9-0 run to knot the game at 30.

The Shockers maintained a small lead through most of the second half before falling back into SIU's grip in an 82-70 loss.

"We went out, and we played as hard as we could, and we fought," said Danette Jones.

"After the game, there wasn’t a lot of talk. We just have to take something positive from the experience and build on it for next year.

"Next year SIU will be without the services of leading scorer Molly McCoach, starting forward Hillary Phillips and reserve forwards Megan Miller.

The trio accounted for 35 percent of SIU's scoring and 28 percent of its rebounding, so it will not be easily replaced.

"I think it's going to take a variety of people stepping up their play. Everyone on our team needs to come in and contribute this year because we don't want to individually in the off-season," Jones said. "It's just going to be as coming together as a team.

"Jones is her team's top guard off the bench in terms of minutes played, so she is a likely candidate to come into the starting lineup next year.

"Three starters will be returning to the Saluki conference. There’s no one powerhouse that stands out in the conference. We feel like we can definitely make some noise in the conference next year."

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Dearman returning home to Indy

Saluki senior forward gets opportunity to return to hometown for NCAA tournament

Jens DeJu  
Daily Egyptian

When he last played organized basketball in Indianapolis, Jermaine Dearman was a tall, lanky kid. He measured in at 6-foot-8 and weighing 205 pounds, his hair combed with braids that stretched down to his shoulders and now wavy from her own hair. Dearman has been there for him, and not those he

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The reason for his return is one of
the biggest games of Dearman's basketball career—a first-round meeting against Missouri in the Midwest Bracket of the NCAA tournament. From the RCA Dome, a venue in which Dearman has never played an official game. The most he played there was a
one-three-three competition.
Fairview Heights native Shonne Houston, who recently got the chance to play in front of a hometown crowd at the Savvis Center in St. Louis, said

it always feels
to play in front of a hometown crowd make a run in this tournament. km Dearman. He said he is receiving the same chance. He just
hopes Dearman can avoid getting too
tickets.
The magnitude of the game is something that is not lost on Dearman. He said he hopes to have the
ticket situation resolved before the team arrives in Indianapolis so that he can focus on what is important

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Dearman's roommate Sylvester Willis said he expects him to put up
huge numbers, but the fact the game
is Dearman's hometown is simply icing on the cake. He's Big Game Jermaine," Willis said. "You could not ask for anything better; you're shenanigans were

neutralized at

Dearman's home state of Indiana, where he has traditionally excelled, barbie will be playing in his home town at SIU. Another reason to expect big things from Dearman is because he will be playing in a nationally televised game. During last year's NCAA tournament, Dearman averaged 17.9 points and 1 rebounds in victories over Texas Tech and Georgia and became a nationally known name.

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all that matters is what he is able to do on the court. He is not worried about playing well just because he has done so before under similar circumstances. "I'm not expecting nothing man, nothing's for sure," Dearman said. "I'm just going in preparing to do whatever it takes for us to get a win, to try to make a run in this tournament. I'm either going to have a real bad game or a real good game because I'm going to be playing hard!—I can tell you that." Dearman said his phone was pretty busy with people coming out of the woodworks with congratulations and ticket requests, even though none of them did not even know where the game was being played.

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SIU junior outfielder Tara Glasco connects with a pitch during Saturday's doubleheader. It was the first game played at the recently completed O'Brien West Stadium baseball. The Salukis started things off right with two wins at home against Bradley.

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Salukis take series from Central Michigan

Diamond Dawgs end spring break with impressive home series

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Daily Egyptian

SIU pitching and hitting finally came around at the same time and helped for a two-game sweep before the Salukis took back to their old ways.

The Saluki baseball team (8-8) took both games of a doubleheader Saturday before losing Sunday's game to the Chipewas of Central Michigan (3-7). Saturday saw the Saluki bats come alive. They connected for 20 hits — 36 of which came in the first game and set a season high for the team. “It was just a good day,” said freshman Nathan Ernst, who collected five hits in the doubleheader. “Everybody has them. I was seeing the ball well (Saturday).”

After pounding the Chipewas in game one with 12 runs on 14 hits, the Dawgs were ready to take another sweep against them — this time with pitching.

Sophomore Andrew Weber (1-0) and freshman Adam Snyder combined for nine innings of two-hit baseball. Weber threw for five innings, allowing no hits or runs while striking out three. Snyder nearly equaled him — he pitched four innings, allowing one run on two hits with three strikeouts.

It was Weber’s first start of the season after having several problems that he jokingly called “Rick Astley Syndrome.”

Saluki pitching during the doubleheader was a vast improvement over the pitching the team has been experiencing so far this season.

The Dawgs were shifted in two games at Oklahoma during spring break, allowing 30 runs in two games and raising the team ERA to 7.07. Before the series against Central Michigan, the Salukis have given up 144 hits and 107 runs in 112 innings.

“Our starting pitching (Saturday) was especially good in game two, but even in game one, Tyler Novick was not good in the first couple of innings, but started to find himself a little bit more and pitched really well,” SIU head coach Dan Callis said. “Those two — Tyler and Novick — are the ones for the rest of the games.”

On top of that, we got some timely hitting. We did a good job with two strikes.”

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The added thrust of a home run hitting Gianetti Hall, which is about 300 feet from home plate over the right field fence, has a certain charm as well.

But Saluki fans without fault. The dugouts are too high and obstruct the view of spectators in the front row of the bleachers. While sitting in the front row of the bleachers on the third-base side, it was hard to see the tag-out at third base that ended Sunday’s game. If you are high up, big problems is solved, though with the stadium as filled as it was this weekend; it’s also wise to strike out a seat on the first floor and afternoon games to avoid having the full force of the sun in your face.

The Athletic Department is kicking around the idea of placing a glass-bead beyond the outfield fence, which would create an atmosphere similar to the “hill” at Altino Field.

The inside is not without faults, though with the stadium as filled as it was this weekend; it’s also wise to strike out a seat on the first floor and afternoon games to avoid having the full force of the sun in your face.

When you walk past the black gates of Charleston West Stadium, you can’t help but feel you have walked into a major-league ballpark.

Upon closer inspection, you see that the lines only go as far as 150 feet and that the stands hold only about 100 people aside from the “The West,” as I have started calling it, is pure Camden Yards.

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The added thrust of a home run hitting Gianetti Hall, which is about 300 feet from home plate over the right field fence, has a certain charm as well.

But Saluki fans without fault. The dugouts are too high and obstruct the view of spectators in the front row of the bleachers. While sitting in the front row of the bleachers on the third-base side, it was hard to see the tag-out at third base that ended Sunday’s game. If you are high up, big problems is solved, though with the stadium as filled as it was this weekend; it’s also wise to strike out a seat on the first floor and afternoon games to avoid having the full force of the sun in your face.

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