Bringing sisters together

PERSPECTIVE: Graduate student says SIUC too cliquish; wants to remove tensions between women.

LaKisha R. Gray
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Through observing campus life, Dennis Rogers has come to what she calls a shared conclusion: a lack of interaction and camaraderie among African-American women.

Rogers, a graduate student in Med Prep Chicago, said this is her first year attending SIUC, and the relationship between students is disappointing to her.

As a result, she presented "A Room Full of Sisters," a workshop stressing sisterhood Monday in the Student Center.

"It's a strong need (for sisterhood)," she said. "It's not just a black woman thing."

Through an evening of airline chat and exercises, the women parted into separate groups.

"We tend to gossip vehemently about each other, then that's a start because it's more than we have now," she said. As an icebreaker, some of the 25 members of the audience performed skits depicting what Rogers said is a common occurrence between women on campus.

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The relationship between African-American women on campus, she said, is different from you, and no one wants to associate with anyone who is different from you, and no one wants to associate with anyone who is different from you.

"What I'm hoping to accomplish is to make people feel it's the least the state can do," Major said. "I merely ensure that gay and lesbian people won't be discriminated against.

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GLBF lobbies against sexual discrimination

LEGISLATION: RSO's adviser says bill will ensure equal rights.

Jason K. Freund
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A House bill that would give equal rights to gays, lesbians and bisexuals is receiving support by about 20 SIUC students and Carbondale residents who are traveling to Springfield today to participate in a lobby for the bill.

House Bill 1241, co-sponsored by House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, would make discrimination based on sexual orientation illegal.

The lobby day is being sponsored by the Illinois Federation for Human Rights.

Pauline Carvin, faculty adviser for the SIUC Registered Student Organization Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Friends, said the bill is an important step for the rights of gay and lesbian people.

"We're hoping to give them something to think about," said Kohoutek, a senior in English from Chicago. "We also have about 100 signed letters to give Boos and Luechtefeld.

Best is unsure of his position about the bill.

Task force wants cost projections

RECOMMENDATIONS: Plan would include lowering tuition rates for out-of-state and international students.

William Hayfield
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Concerns about the affordability of an SIU education has led an SIUC task force to recommend a four-year tuition, fees and housing plan that would cut students the cost of their education four years in advance.

SIU President Ted Sanders said the plan, which the tuition task force finished last month, will be presented to the BOT on Thursday.

It will not be voted on until the board's June meeting, so that the University can discuss tuition, housing and fee increases.

"We will have an opportunity for a deeper and richer discussion involving students than if we were making the decision in May," Sanders said. "Our greatest concern is to get ourselves positioned right in a year that works for the University now and its students, but does not place us at risk in the future.

The plan states tuition increases could be planned in one of three ways.

- Tuition, fees, and housing costs could be limited to no excess inflation.
- Increases could be limited to no more than 3.5 percent per year.
- Students, fees and room and board could be charged either at a flat rate or at increasing rates for all four years.

Donald Wilson, vice president for University services and board treasurer, said the current cost of tuition, fees and room and board for an in-state SIUC student is estimated at $7,010. PAGE 6

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IT'S A WOMAN THING:

Brenda Major, coordinator of multi-cultural enrollment for new student admissions, shares her humorous views on the stereotypes of women at the Mississippi Room at the Student Center Monday night.

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Proclamation honors African week

RECOGNITION:
Governor and mayor acknowledge students.

SIAARIE OLEAHOFER
DAWY ELEHIAN REASERNA

With eyes shining, Awa Diouf walked up to the podium outside the Student Center Ballrooms Monday night where 40 people were assembled to witness the official proclamation of the 23rd annual Africa Week. Awa Diouf, a graduate student in business finance from Senegal, is the first woman president of the African Student Council. She also is the first woman to open the proclamation ceremony at SIUC.

"(The theme) means that we are finishing a century and we must contribute in terms of thinking to make Africa better," Diouf said. "What should we do to make sure we get rid of all the challenges and make our continent better?" Africa Week is our chance to reach out to the community with our cultural heritage," she said. "It's hard to share with people because it gives them the opportunity to connect with the community," said Mamadou Coulibaly, a doctoral student in geography from the Ivory Coast.

The African Student Council is offering a sample of African culture Thursday at the Student Center in celebration of Africa Week.

"Africa in New Millennium: Challenges and Opportunities," Diouf said. With a graduate student in business finance from Senegal, the first woman president of the African Student Council, and an environmental science major at SIUC, Diouf said the council has been working on the annual Africa Week for the past two years.

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Disorganization

Students should vote carefully to avoid repeat of USG follies

THE APPARENT DISORDER of the Undergraduate Student Government serves a wake-up call for students to elect more responsible representatives in the tentative April 23 election.

It is reasonable to assume from the tantrums and incidents and the embarrassing disorganization of USG that most of the current senators and the USG executive board are interested only in serving themselves, not the students.

IRONICALLY, USG HAS HAD A HARD TIME all year filling seats in the senate, with senators and commissioners quitting left and right for different reasons while the senate keeps hobbling along like a three-legged dog.

Reportedly, USG election officials gave out petitions too early, making 37 petitions invalid. This forced the candidates to start the petition process all over again giving candidates only about a week to campaign for office. In the past, there was at least a three-week campaign period, during which candidates were able to get their messages out in the open for debate and endorsements. With the limited amount of time for campaigning this year, it will not be possible to run a fair and effective campaign. This disorderly government is a threat to itself and to the constituents it serves.

USG President Troy Alim has said that there is control in the student government. That claim is unfounded. Who is the order, Alim? Your administration not only has let the students down, but the entire campus is disgruntled.

In a few weeks students will be asked to vote in the USG elections in which a new president and senate will be elected. Students must first critique the candidates, holding them to a standard of reasonable responsibility.

BEFORE STUDENTS GO TO THE POLLS on April 23, they need to take a close look at the current USG executives and the senators, and decide whether they want the same kind of government representing them on this campus next year. Vote for senators who show up to meetings and continue to serve constituents.

Students have a chance to elect candidates who should make a solid commitment — perhaps in writing — to their constituents to make USG better and more responsible.

This written commitment should specifically indicate what kind of reasonable changes the candidate could make if elected to USG. This kind of commitment could bring USG back to the hands of the students and back to the level of integrity it has had in the past.

"Our Word" represents a consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Overheard

"People will also joke about cops who drink coffee and eat doughnuts. When you work a late shift you need coffee. We (Carbondale Police) only drink coffee, because there we no doughnut shops in town.

Carbondale Police officer teton Molton, joking about stereotypes police are subjected to.

"When we showed up today it seemed like the two most important thoughts on our players' minds was how difficult it was to move the tarp and whether or not we were going to have time to eat after we pulled the tarp.

Saluki baseball coach Dan Callahan, on SIUC's two losses to the University of Northern Iowa Sunday.
Mailbox

Writer to blame if students choose to read her column

Dear Editor,

We were amazed to learn last Friday from reading Ms. Mannino’s “Politically Correct” column ("Columnists not to blame if reader guesstimates") that if her editorials exert suicidal foresight, nor the Daily Egyptian’s for printing them, but ours for reading them.

But Ms. Mannino has her denial and self-justification to wallow in, so we are confident that she will overcome and endure, especially with the DE's dignified bowing of attention as if they represent some kind of reflection or thought.

There truly are not enough laughs or points of entertainment and diversion in this region, and we appreciate the levity and amusement brought to us by the grim, somber absurdity of Politically Correct.

Please keep that stuff coming!

Brian Aken and Barrie Overton
Department of Plant Biology

Letter shows dangers of bigotry

Dear Editor:

Professor Emeritus M. Lionel Bender, irreconcilably of the Foreign Languages and Literature Department, thought it fitting to condemn Salena Rashied’s March 25 guest column, written in his March 31 letter to the editor. Bender then gave a patronizing dismissal of the “Church of the Creator” in his column that also promoted the same on this campus by Matt Hagar.

Bender states that his “guess is that the Church of the Creator got a lot of hate mail and little or no supporting mail.”

Instead, “Bender” states, “It is to be understood as the real threat, according to Bender, whose letter contains the stereotypical “terrorism” clichés Mr. Bender used in his column...”

Bender’s fear of Islam is highly prejudiced.

Remember Bender illustrates only that bigotry on the homefront is the ongoing and most immediate danger.

Cynthia Goyman
Graduate student, philosophy

Bender should understand subject before addressing complex issues

Dear Editor:

I am responding to M. Lionel Bender’s letter in the March 31 Daily Egyptian. I find it very hard to believe that this type of argument could come from a person who has achieved the status of a professor. The fact that you would suggest to Mr. Bender is that he try and understand the subject about which he is writing.

If he thinks that splinter groups hold no threat, then he certainly should not be scared of the Islamic group that he describes in his letter. Groups that he describes certainly do not represent mainstream Islamic thought, and therefore should pose no threat to people’s lives.

Another suggestion I would make to Mr. Bender is to try and understand that many “bomb-throwing terrorists” are only using these weapons in response to tanks and other more sophisticated equipment that are being used to bar them from the places they have lived for more than 1,000 years.

The real threat lies when terrorism is sanctioned by a legitimate government, under the guise of “security measures.”

Mr. Bender’s letter makes a lot of dangerous claims that he does not substantiate, and addresses a lot of complications issues that deserve more consideration than he gives them in his letter.

Jennifer Abraham
Senior, education/speech communication

Midwives need medical training

Dear Editor:

This is in response to your article regarding midwives (April 2, Daily Egyptian). In Goodness, I agree, it are a choice that women should be able to make. However, your reporter and Ms. (Maggie) Hill provide any education that Ms. (Maggie) Hill may have in preparing to assist at home births.

It is fine to have a “spiritual” calling, but perhaps both didactic and appropriate clinical education should be provided to assist a woman in having a safe and satisfactory birth. There are several certified nurse-midwives who deliver babies at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Murphysboro.

These are well-trained individuals who support their moms in labor and assist them in bathing in a home-like environment as possible, with many new moms returning home in 12 to 24 hours after delivery. However, certified nurse-midwives have the knowledge and experience to obtain assistance from a specialist when it is needed.

Marc Ann Kellogg
RN, BSN

TODAY

Saluki Baseball & Softball
Today Abe Martin Field/IAW Fields
Saluki Softball vs SEMO
3:00 IAW Fields

These teams have played 3 times this year with the Salukis winning twice. Jamie Schutte & Carissa Winter are two of the best pitchers in the Midwest. Come cheer on the Dawgs.
Church names archbishop

APPOINTMENT: Chicago diocese names Portland Archbishop to Bernardin's position.

WASHINGTON POST

CHICAGO—Archbishop Francis George of Portland, Ore., was named by Pope John Paul II Tuesday as the eighth archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, where his appointment was greeted with mild surprise and cautious expressions of hope that he will be a unifying force like his predecessor, the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. George, 60, will be formally installed as Chicago's first full-term archbishop on May 7, taking control of the nation's second-largest archdiocese with 2.3 million Roman Catholics.

At a news conference George appeared relaxed. But he gave few hints about what he will do on specific policies and issues, saying repeatedly he would first have to learn the situation in Chicago. George is unsettled as head of a major archdiocese. A former philosophy professor with two Ph.D.'s, he spent much of his career in Rome administering his religious order.

RECYCLE

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program likely will start on a small scale at Thompson Point, as originally planned. Paper, newspaper, cardboard and plastic materials will be recycled.

Though the program was scheduled to begin in March, negotiations with housing administration and the city grant denial will move the program's start-up date to fall 1997. One such detail in the development process is compliance with Housing regulations.

Brown said open containers normally used for recycling cannot be used in Housing areas because they can be a fire hazard.

"Fire codes require any containers to be non-combustible, so the kind used in academic areas can't be used in the dorms," Brown said. "We are looking at different possibilities for containers we might use."

The containers with self-closing lids are supposed to shut off the air and keep the paper inside from burning," she said.

The recycling program's new logo was designed by Nick Kassebaum, a sophomore in communication, graphics from St. Louis, who entered his design into Mundelein, is preparing recycling Brewster's design for the program.

"We are still working on educational materials for academic and administration buildings," Kassel said.

"Everything's in the works, and we're moving forward."

SISTERSHOOD

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enlightened by the sisterhood workshop and the new workshop for more of the same event take place on campus.

"It was very inspirational because black women came together and were all on one accord," she said. "I felt like it was something we could do on campus all the time. I felt the stereotypes and stigmas we have toward each will be abolished."

And while Toney will use what she learned as a tool for interacting with black women on campus, some said she can be taken to other areas of people's lives.

"No matter what aspect of their lives the sessions are implemented, it will assured the women they have a chance to both receive and act as spiritual blessings by breaking up the enemy and promoting natural unity."

"I only believe that you could save a lot of lives for who is being depressed and isolated," she said. "We are a lot of things, and how many lives you will touch just by speaking.

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where you are from.

"This is not only a chance to discuss heritage but to feel home for a while."

The proclamation was given by Governor Jim Edgar of Gov. Jim Edgar and the University, and by Mayor Neil Volgman on behalf of Carbondale.

"It's just a way to tell us, 'Yes you are here. We acknowledge it, and we want to celebrate Africa Week,'" he said.

"What I was hoping for is that (people) would think, 'What does it mean to me when I think of the continent of Africa?'" he said. "I thought that even though that poem is many years old that it could challenge for that reason here. The greatest challenge might be what we will do qualitatively and quantitatively."

As a demonstration of their heritage, four African students in traditional dress played a beat called "Wogin," or "Let's Get Together," on African instruments.

"It's a song for joy," Coaliby said.

"We are having joy because we are happy to celebrate our cultural heritage and to share with the community and to feel at home for a while."

During the song, two women, captivated by the rhythm, jumped from their seats at the front and danced as the lead drummer played on the "djeba" and another student shook a red "gousouw," an African instrument called a wooden, covered with a net of red, yellow and blue beads.

"I've never seen anything like that before," said Thamari Keene, a 14-year-old Carbondale resident. "It's really educating to me. I've never seen people dancing like that."

Trevyon Cole, a 13-year-old Carbondale resident, went to the event to learn about his African heritage.

He was surprised that this was the 23rd year Africa Week has been celebrated.

"I really haven't heard of it too much until I moved down here from Chicago," he said. "We never hear about Africa Week."

Dillard said organizing this year's Africa Week was a challenge she has enjoyed, and even though it will take effort, it will end successfully.

"We have worked very hard," she said. "Uncle we always do great things."
City raises water rate

**UPGRADES:** Raised revenue will be used to replace water mains.

**Jennifer Camden**

Carbondale residents' water bills will get pricier starting in April. The city will soon raise rates to fund a $795,000 project that includes replacing water lines and other improvements to the city's water system.

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**Cardinal and Main Street Water Line Replacements Project**

**City Engineer Larry Miles**

The city's water line replacement project will cost $795,000 and is expected to be completed by June 1.

**City Manager Jeff Doherty**

The city has been preparing for this project for several years, and the increase in water rates will be used to cover the costs of replacing pipelines.

**City Councilman Mike Smith**

The increase in water rates is necessary to replace old and deteriorated pipelines, which can affect the quality of the water supply.

**City Manager Jeff Doherty**

The city is working with local contractors to ensure that the project is completed on time and within budget.

**City Councilman Mike Smith**

The city is committed to providing residents with clean and reliable water, and the water line replacement project will help achieve that goal.

**City Engineer Larry Miles**

The city will continue to monitor water quality and work to ensure that the water supply is safe for residents.

**City Manager Jeff Doherty**

The city is grateful for the support of its residents, who will be paying for this project through their water bills.

**City Councilman Mike Smith**

The city is committed to investing in the infrastructure necessary to provide clean and reliable water for its residents.

**City Engineer Larry Miles**

The city is working to ensure that the water line replacement project is completed in a timely and cost-effective manner.

**City Manager Jeff Doherty**

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He said the board will not necessarily approve the plan and may opt to continue under the old plan or create its own plan. Wilson said the BOT approves tuition and fee increases one year at a time and projects increases three years in advance.

The plan states that the Illinois Board of Higher Education should adjust its requirement that out-of-state and international students pay three times the tuition rate of Illinois students.

The task force recommends that they pay twice as much.

Also the task force further recommends that SIU consider a tuition-prepayment plan so people could consider current hours at current tuition rates and use them later.

Wilson said the plan delineates ways of increasing tuition without causing students to look elsewhere for an education.

"We don't know if people are more inclined not to attend a school based on tuition," he said. "It comes down to what you buy for what you pay.

Wilson said if the plan is approved, the increases could take effect in either fiscal years 1999 or 2000. The SIUC tuition task force studied tuition, fees and housing costs at SIU and compared them to other Illinois public universities.

Wilson said the task force was comprised of faculty, administrators and students. "Students feel their tuition is too long and will continue to be in the next two months," he said.

"People in the two months before the BOT votes on the increases, he wants to complete recommendations about tuition," said the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council, the Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate and Professional Student Council.

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"There are some concerns with the wording," Bott said. "I have some questions and have to listen to the debates before I decide how to vote." Bott said, for example, that a female prison guard who is a lesbian should not be hired in a position that requires her to oversee female prisoners showering.

"The language now says you can't ask, but if a person is a homosexual, should they be placed in that position?" Bott said.

Long would could not be reached for comment.

Kohoutek said it is good to have cooperation between students and Carbondale residents.

It marks the first time in a while that the community and students have come together on an issue," she said. "It's important for the bill to pass because discrimination in any form is wrong.

"The bill, an amendment to the Human Rights Act, also can make degrading housing to people because of their sexual orientations a violation of their civil rights."

A study of SIU and a member of the Carbondale community, I find it frightening that I can lose my job or be beaten up with no legal recourse," Kohoutek said.

"The bill would outlaw preferential treatment or other affirmative action based on sexual orientation." Kin Bein, GLIF co-director, is confident the bill will pass the House.

"It's a small price to pay for the people we deserve. I have high hopes about the group going up there," said Bein, a junior in social work.

The bill is scheduled to be debated before the entire House within the next few weeks.
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LIKE A CRIMINAL:
League and Orioles officials are ready to forgive, but are the fans?
WASHINGTON POST
KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The first day of the rest of Roberto Alomar's baseball career came here on Monday, and things went about as well for the Baltimore Orioles' second baseman as he probably could have hoped.
Alomar provided two hits and two nice defensive plays in the Orioles' 6-5 loss to the Kansas City Royals.
He was booed by the crowd of 40,052 on hand at Kauffman Stadium for the Royals' home opener, but the reception was not nearly as venomous as those in Cleveland and New York during last year's playoffs. Alomar even received some kind words from a group of fans after he signed autographs for about 10 minutes before Monday's game.
"At some point, people have to let it go," Orioles first baseman Rafael Palmeiro said on Monday. "They can't keep treating him like he's a criminal.
"The fans aren't going to forget right away. But he's going to keep showing them what a great player he is, and he's going to win them back over."
Alomar was vilified after he spit into the face of umpire John Hirschbeck during an on-field argument last Sept. 27. Only an injunction issued by a federal judge in Philadelphia kept the major-league umpires from boycotting postseason games last year in response to American League President Gene Budig's decision to suspend Alomar for five games and his refusal to enforce that suspension during the playoffs.
Orioles officials were eager to have Alomar back in the lineup but were wary about how he'd be received among the fans. Orioles Manager Davey Johnson said, "I don't want to start something up." Orioles General Manager Pat Gillick gave Alomar the option of rejoining the team on Friday in Sarasota, Fla., where he spent his suspension working out at the club's minor-league spring-training complex.
"I'm tickled to death to have him," Orioles Manager Davey Johnson said. "I missed him. I missed having him in the lineup and I missed having him around. He's going to be sensitive to crowd reactions.
But I told him I'd be worried when they don't boo you or cheer you."
Indeed, Alomar avoided rehashing the incident and the tumultuous times that followed it when reporters surrounded his locker before and after Monday's game.
"If you worry about things, you're not going to play the way you can play. I want to leave it at that."
Woods ready for Masters

TIGER AT AUGUSTA:
Golfing prodigy says his approach has changed since turning pro.

WASHINGTON POST

AUGUSTA, Ga. — So what's the state of Tiger Woods' game going into his third Masters, and first as a professional? The last time he played here, after an intense week of practice back home in Orlando, Woods, 71, shot a 13-under 269 at the Masters, playing with his friend Mark O'Meara, who shot 70 at the Istowel Country Club, just south of Orlando, but even then a tough 7,200-yard, par-72 layout. Woods won 10 under after his first 10 tees.

Though Woods has never broken par at Augusta, National in six Masters rounds — finishing tied for 41st in 1993 and missing the cut last year — he remains among the favorites because of his length off the tee, with the right-left split on the course requires. Last year, he played the 500-yard 15th hole in a 2-under par with a driver and a 5-iron.

He also said Tuesday that he had tried to tighten up his swing over the past few weeks in practice, that he is hitting very well and "I'm hitting a lot of extra shots, that's why I'm also as well as my tee shots. The work I did at home was definitely worthwhile, and I'm playing a lot better than I was last year."

SPORTS

SOFTBALL

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Sophomore catcher Brooke Schruck said the team was slow in starting, was our offense. Now we are pitching and we're getting some secondary effort from center fielder April Long.

After weeks of solid pitching and defense, Brcchtclbsaucr is good defense," she said.

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of a fight."

Junior Mick Smyth said that while the team took a big step from last week, Southwest Missouri State was just the better team. "I think they were stronger at the top of their lineup," he said.

SIUC will be in action beginning Friday against Bradley University and Indiana State University in Peoria. Game times have not been announced.

"We need to get as many wins as we can heading into conference, to give us more confidence," Schruck said. "I know we're going to hit, and I don't have a qualms about our offense, so I'm not worried about anything right now."

"I know we're going to hit, and I don't have any qualms about defense, so I'm not worried about anything right now."
Baseball Daws need to heed coach’s warning

So Dan Callahan had a few choice words for his club following Sunday’s defeat against the University of Northern Iowa. So what? No matter how you slice it, the criticism was necessary.

Saluki baseball followers can read whatever they want into Callahan’s critical response to SIUC’s pathetic display against the Panthers, which led to two unearned losses.

He is not known for blowing up that often. He prefers a more subtle approach. But he feels some coaches lead to a score of unearned runs, which estate is there to do.

Remember, Callahan’s job is to motivate his players and make them winners any way he can. Isn’t that every coach’s job? Think about it. If lashing out were a Salut-js were on a roll, winners of five of seven games and serving two life sentences.

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Standings, yet blew that chance with its lackadaisical approach as they did Sunday.

At this point in SIUC’s season, there is no room for compassion, and if things have to come down to an all-out bun-chewing effort of criticism to make ‘em winners, then so be it.

And so Callahan’s Salukis will take the field this week with the University of Evansville today a little wiser, a little more tired from extra workouts and a lot more prepared on what to do because to ensure themselves of a conference tournament appearance, which is unlikely if they continue to display the same jackassistic approach as they did Sunday.

Prior to Sunday’s loss, the Salukis were on a roll, winners of five of their last six games. A sweep Sunday would really have given them some momentum. Too bad the defense forgot to show up.

A 2-1 conference record heading into the Northern Iowa series SIUC had a perfect opportunity to improve in the standings. The Salukis had Evansville’s biggest defensive meltdown of the season. Now instead of being at the top, they are clinging to the league’s No. 3 spot with a 3-4 record.

Here we are picked to finish third in the polls we are near the bottom and playing like we ought to be at the bottom,” Callahan said.

Wins from here on out are extremely critical. With SIUC’s string of bad luck when it comes to Mother Nature, they cannot afford to play like they did against the Panthers again.

But Callahan has had a rather rough time of convincing some of his players that with each and every loss, the Salukis become a little bit farther away from not even making a conference tournament appearance. Each and every game is critical.

“That’s what concerns me,” Callahan said. “I don’t know if some of our guys understand how tough parity is in this conference. All these games mean a lot. They might not seem monumental now, but you are running out of 24-26 on, not only do the games mean a lot as far as wins and losses, but (ii also means a lot what we have to do because of the first-place teams, as far as qualifying for the conference tournament.

Luckily there is no need of an all-out...

Salukis fall to Aces, Bears on tennis court

PUSHED INSIDE: Forced indoors by rain, Daws drop 9 of 12 matches in Evansville.

The SIUC’s men’s tennis team should have stayed outdoors in the rain Saturday at Evansville, Ind.

After having to play inside because of the weather, the Salukis were upset by the University of Evansville Friday 6-1 and Southwest Missouri State University Saturday 5-2.

Men’s coach Brad Hiner said there were no excuses for the losses but, because his team was not outside, Evansville was able to take advantage of their powerful serves.

“Being indoors, doesn’t affect the ball as much as being outdoors does,” he said. “Evansville was able to take advantage and capitalize to win when they had to.”

Kyle Henry won SIU’s only point against the Aces as he came from behind to grab the victory in three sets. Also providing a fight for the Salukis (3-10, 0-3) was freshman Juan Carlos England.

Hiner was happy with the performances of the two individuals.

“I was impressed with Kyle’s effort this weekend,” he said. “He fell behind in the first set but battled back to take the point. It was also nice to see Juan Carlos England play tough and nearly face a third set.”

England said in his match against Evansville’s Duncan Sherriff, splitting the first two sets, then losing 6-3 in the first set.

“It made me angry that the umpire said my ball was out of play,” he said. “After the call I lost more of my mental game than anything, but I wouldn’t just call my match bad overall.”

In the Salukis’, other match against Southwest Missouri State, SIUC kept it close in the beginning at freshman Randy de Guzman won a 6-3, 7-6 decision at the No. 2 spot to cut the Bears’ lead to 2-1. Junior Brian Eitkin won his first match of the season with a 6-2, 6-2 win as well, but it was too late for the Salukis.

Hiner was disappointed by the performance of doubles play against the Bears and talked with his team about regaining their focus for the rest of the matches.

“After the doubles matches I had a meeting with the team,” he said. “I told them we have to show something in our singles play because the first matches didn’t indicate we put up much...