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BOT awaiting Ryan's appointments

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Thursday's BOT meeting marks Norwood's last, others announcements to be made within days

After 27 years of service on SIU's Board of Trustees, the name William Norwood will not be announced for roll call by secretary Sharon Holmes at Thursday's meeting.

Hard work, determination, confidence and commitment to SIUC and Carbondale are common terms friends and colleagues use to describe SIUC graduate and Carbondale-area resident

Norwood, who will not be reappointed by Gov. George Ryan to the board.

Although the governor's office has not yet made the appointments, official sources familiar with board operations confirmed the re-appointments Sunday of two veteran members, Molly D'Esposito and Harris Rowe, and two rookie trustees, Mark Repling and Ed Hightower.

Although Norwood also sought another six years to the board, reappointment was not expected.

When contacted by the DAILY EGYPTIAN on Monday, Norwood said he will remain loyal to the University despite the disappointment of not being named for another term.

"The governor chooses whom he wishes to serve and I accept that decision," Norwood said.

Norwood has long ties to the University and his service will be missed by many: He graduated from SIUC in 1959 with a degree in Chemistry and received a commission to the Air Force where he served six years after graduating college.

After serving in the Air Force, Norwood became the first black pilot hired to United Airlines and his name is painted on the side of a United Boeing 727 on display at the Museum of

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Editor's note: This is the fourth profile in a five-part weekly series highlighting the contributions of SIUC students to the campus and local community. The students were selected after dozens of nominations were sent to the DAILY EGYPTIAN from various University and community officials.

Why Rob Taylor won't go away

The no-nonsense, student-oriented, sometimes annoying, altruistic visions of a man on a mission. And like it or not, you're part of it.

STORY BY BURKE SPEAKER
PHOTO BY ALEX HAGLUND

Before we get to the part about him being arrested for not shutting up, or why he's been enrolled at SIUC since 1994 and hasn't graduated, or even why he believes the University may be nearing closure, you should know that student activist Rob Taylor fails at his political objectives more often than he wins.

Of course, the fifth-year senior usually knows this when he tackles agendas like running for mayor (as a last-second write-in candidate in 1999), City Council (never got past the primaries) and student government president (he's 0-2). The Undergraduate Student Government senator's never-say-die-even-if-your-vital-signs-are-flatlining goal is not only to hoist himself into public office but also to enthrall you in the political



process, a tough job considering diminutive student voter turnout numbers. With a duty like that, can anyone blame him for attention-grabbing publicity stunts like locking himself in a jail cell placed in Fanner Breezeway when he ran for mayor or publicly challenging landlord Henry Fisher to an arm-wrestling match? Well, yes. Landlords mostly despise him, he annoys Dean of Students Jean Paratore with constant accusations that she puppeteers USG while some fellow senators question his ability to represent students.

Others rebut that notion as a ludicrous. "The mindset of people seems to be 'Oh, people who represent us have to convey this uptight serious approach' and that's why things get done," says former graduate student council president Ed Ford, a longtime Rob supporter. "That's not true, why



shouldn't we be relaxed and confident when trying to get things done?"

Rob can only smile knowingly at mention of his credibility.

"Yeah, I like to joke around, put myself in jail and do lose a certain amount of credibility. But my commitment, my endurance, and the things I'm involved in like the ward system brings some of that back," he says.

Just who is this Rob Taylor? Some say he's an altruistic student whose only thought is to educate fellow students on the internal workings of the city and University. Others dismiss him as an annoying, rabble-rousing 37-year-old who shouldn't be involved in student government.

To understand why Rob is so obsessed

with solving student problems is like trying to describe an orgy to deaf Tibetan monks. They need a glimpse of it to understand; but it's an immediate understanding when they do.

So let's go back two months. It's early February, a few minutes into a USG meeting and Rob's name isn't called on roll. Your GPA is too low, they tell him, you're off student government. Funny, Rob thinks, aren't those records confidential? This needs to be addressed, he says as the executive staff tries to move on with business. Some USG members rally their support. As the

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2 fraternity members expelled for hazing

STACEY ROBINSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Larron Williams was dismayed when he read the written notification from Student Development stating that he was dismissed from the University for allegedly "padding" two rushees. Williams and one other member of the original five accused Beta Phi Pi members each received a three-year suspension last week for violating the Student Conduct Code on hazing.

Williams, a senior in finance from Chicago, and Joaquin Rodgers, a senior in psychology from Chicago, were expecting to graduate in May and August before the final decision was made.

"The police report and the accusers said I didn't touch them, so I don't understand why they are trying to kick me out of school," Williams said.

Darian Nolan, one of three other fraternity members who was accused in the alleged hazing, has successfully appealed a decision of disciplinary suspension involving violation of the conduct code.

Nolan, a senior in finance from Chicago, said some Beta Phi Pi members were involved in a history learning session when two rushees alleged that they were paddled.

Both accusers have since withdrawn from the University.

"There were things in our national fraternity manual that didn't coincide with the Student Conduct Code and we didn't realize that those processes [study sessions] were in violation," Nolan said.

According to the Student Conduct Code, hazing is any action required of or imposed on a current or potential member of a group which, regardless of the consent of participants, produces or is reasonably likely to produce bodily harm, humiliation or ridicule, substantial interference with academic effort or significant impairment or endangerment of physical well being.

"I didn't physically abuse anyone," Nolan said. "But them having to meet for study session was considered a violation."

Nolan said himself, Andrecavel Taylor and T.J. Pinex received notification by mail stating that their individual cases were dismissed by Student Development.

"There was a warning that if I participated in any fraternity activities they could take further actions," Nolan said.

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Rob

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executive staff ignores him, Rob demands to be heard.

That's when security lead him away in handcuffs for disruptive behavior. Though no charges were filed, Rob isn't about to let it end. He still wants to know how a student trying to find out how another student obtained his GPA records can be arrested? Next stop on the Taylor train may be Student Judicial Affairs.

And though some member of USG really wanted him off USG for good, Rob's GPA later proved his eligibility. Lauralee Epplin, the USG senator who called security that night, said she wasn't about to sit there while Rob threw one of his tantrums.

"I was honestly scared it was going to turn into a riot," Epplin says. "I honestly thought he'd have a gun or something. He's that obsessed about USG."

Welcome. You're in Rob Taylor's world. Rob is sort of like a conspiracy theorist who's in on the joke, the boy who's cried wolf one too many times, even though he may very well have seen the wolf every time. He knows some of what he claims fails on deaf ears. For one, can you believe that SIUC may be headed for the chopping block? Rob does.

"This \$30 application fee, it's hurting the ones who normally can't get an education," he says, pointing out that SIUC's focal recruitment is lower-class Chicago residents and slamming them with an additional \$30 charge will increase the likelihood of prospective students bypassing the University. "In the recruitment efforts they're losing touch with their base.

"As numbers here diminish, [the state] will continue to underfund it to the point where more programs are given up, which is being done, less money is given to research, which is being done, and less guaranteed faculty jobs. Our enrollment is down, we've lost programs. Right-sizing isn't working, and the end result is we'll be shut down."

For this Rockford native, who spent several years in the Navy, his urgency to spread the love he has for SIUC will propel him on, whether or not his mission is possible. His constant door-to-door campaigns let others know about an issue, and whether students support his side or the other is secondary. So if his ideas, proposals or platforms are rejected, but more students are swept into the political process, Rob wins.

"The base of his message is public education," says Ford. "If for whatever reason someone feels uncomfortable with Rob or questions his motives, get to know him and you'll find a committed person. He's not in it for his own interests. He's in it to make things better for everyone."

Rob says a few of his political plots pan out, like installing a summer finance committee instead of allowing the USG president to simply dole out any funding he or she wants and decreasing the Student Athletic Fee imposed in 1998.

But one reason that most of his political plans fall through may be Rob himself. His no-holds-barred style of politics makes him the gum in the hair of some senators like Epplin, who otherwise may have backed his USG endeavors.

"If he's attempting to do something that can't be done, he's wasting everyone's time," Epplin says. "I mean, if I don't believe in abortion, am I going to try to get the Supreme Court to overrule it? No. Is Rob going to get the whole city to vote for him? No."

Yet if it's an issue he believes in, Rob likely would at least plead his case to the Supreme Court. And while he's doing that he'd still be caught up in every single pressing city issue whether it's pushing the ward system, initiating legislation to fix landlord and tenant problems, working to improve entertainment venues, examining who's making decisions at SIUC, battling to quell the Halloween debacle or lobbying state support for higher education.

"I feel overwhelmed right now," he says, acknowledging that he spreads himself too thin. "But I know I'm doing the right thing."

And he's doing that when he isn't working as a night manager at Steak 'N Shake or driving a Yellow Cab taxi or working on the city's Liquor Advisory Board or attending any number of meetings to discuss students' rights, University issues and city improvements.

"With all the stuff that goes on it's hard to sleep," says the man who naps about two to three hours of sleep a day five days a week, before dropping and sleeping for eight to 10 hours the remaining days. "I'm looking forward to the summer."

Rob's future agenda includes graduate school, but he plans to be an undergrad for a few more years even after his May 2002 graduation. There's still so much work to be done, and more students to inform about their school and city.

"I'm a Carbondale citizen," Rob says proudly. "I have a job here, a career here. I'm staying."

BOT

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Science and Industry in Chicago.

Now retired, Norwood said that although he was not extended an invitation back to the board his feelings for SIUC are unchanged.

"I love SIUC, it is a wonderful school and both Carbondale and the University have been good to me through the years," Norwood said.

Former SIUC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Harvey Welch described himself as both a friend and colleague of Norwood.

"I think he served the University well and our University is a better University because of his service," Welch said.

Harold Bardo, director of SIUC's MedPrep Program, has known Norwood since 1957 and will tell you he is confident, committed and an important asset to the University. Bardo said he is disappointed to see him leave the board.

"I don't think they are going to find another person who has the University's interest at heart like he did," Bardo said.

Student Trustee Ben Sfyert added that Norwood was very involved in the community, sporting events and always considered the genuine interest of students.

The terms of D'Esposito, Norwood and Harris Rowe expired in January and the fourth open slot was vacated by former Trustee Celeste Stiehl who retired in September.

Newcomer to the board Mark Repling said he sought appointment to the board to give back to Carbondale and the University. Repling graduated from the University in 1983. Now president of Liberty Bank in Alton, Repling said he hopes to extend his financial expertise to the board.

Repling said he received his letter of appointment on Friday and he will be at Thursday's board meeting.

Joining Repling as the newest member of the board is nationally-known college basketball referee and superintendent of the Edwardsville Community Unit School District Ed Hightower. Hightower said he would not comment until the appointments were made official by the governor.

A spokeswoman for the governor's office made no official comment Monday as to whether the appointments would be finalized before Thursday's board meeting, but hinted that the announcement could come on Wednesday.

D'Esposito also refrained from commenting and attempts to reach Rowe were unsuccessful.

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's story "Norwood likely to be ousted from SIUC board," Mark Repling's name was misspelled.

The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.

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Postal service considers going to five-days

Local effects will not be known for several months

MATT BRENNAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kevin Metzinger checks his e-mail in the New Media Center in the basement of the Communications Building. He uses e-mail more than the postal system because e-mail is cheaper.

Metzinger, a senior in radio-television from Hillsdale, referred to the postal service as "snail mail" and said that it is more convenient to send personal messages via computer.

"I barely ever use the regular mail service," said Metzinger. "I usually don't have a lot of time."

The United States Postal Service is conducting a national study to find out if five-day service is a viable way to compensate for declining mail volume. Mail service would most likely not be offered on Saturdays if this reduction in mail service takes place.

"The study is to evaluate whether we should go forward with proposing five-day service for the United States," said Burt St. John, a postal service spokesman based in the St. Louis area. "For the last year to two years, volumes have been decreasing."

The Postal Service has been in contact with Congress and the president of the United States about the study, but has not submitted an official proposal yet. All the Postal Service can do is submit the proposal; after that Congress will have the final say, St. John said.

The Postal Service has a lot of problems affecting economic health, St. John said. The reason for the study is that overall postal volume is down. Some of the factors include the rising fuel cost and the Internet is providing an electronic alternative to the postal service.

The effects of five-day postal service on the Carbondale post office will not be known until a national study is completed sometime in the next three or four months. The Carbondale Post Office referred all questions about five-day delivery to the St. Louis office.

The Carbondale post office covers a large geographical span. On average it handles about 4.7 million pieces of mail per week.

The Carbondale post office processes mail that filters down to 82 post offices in the area. It handles mail for the entire 629 ZIP code and

part of 628. The post office delivers to 10,230 separate locations inside Carbondale alone.

Rita Sullivan, administrative clerk at Brush Towers, said that five-day postal service will not have a large effect on mail in Mae Smith and Schneider halls.

She said public outcry will prevent the elimination of Saturday service from becoming a reality, and the largest impact it will have is a slightly heavier weekly mail volume.

"We don't get much on Saturday, naturally we get a lot on Monday," she said.

The volume on Saturday is typically less than a weekday, so she does not view the potential increase as a problem.

Sullivan pointed out that if the change in service does take place, it probably would not take effect until the fall 2001 semester.

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Burt St. John
postal service spokesman, St. Louis area

ACTION!

the making of a student film

KELLY DAVENPORT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

It's an overcast spring night and John Thompson is making a movie even if it kills him.

Overhead, an intrepid cameraman perches in a cherry picker that sways in the brisk winds. High-wattage stage lights blast the dark pavement of the road where actor Jason Vizza pilots a Honda sedan into place at the intersection beneath the lens.

Watching in the grass, John is not happy. He furrows his brow at the monitor, which shows him what the camera sees. "Too far over!" he shouts to Jason above the industrial roar of power generators. At his feet sit dog-eared pizza boxes and two-liter bottles of Dr. Pepper. He points to the screen and calls out directions to his crew.

"Make this happen! We don't have any more time for perfecting—we have to finish roll film!" Friday was the first night on John's student film shoot—a grueling crusade of 16-hour days fueled by cheese pizza and Hollywood-style adrenaline.

Since December, John, a junior in cinema at SIUC, and his volunteer crew have tracked down professional actors, finagled set locations and pled for insurance policies so they could make the film. John's mom and dad sprung for the \$10,000 budget.

"I want it to be outstanding—a film you can pop in someone's

VCR and show them what you're worth," John says. "I will practically just break myself for this film."

Break indeed. By the second night, John and his core crew of 15—students who work for free and receive no class credit—have worked about 21 hours.

"I want to be relentless," John says.

It's 4 a.m. and the bar of Tres Hombres is lit in tones of blue and yellow. Apple juice fills whiskey glasses on the bar where Jason and actress Beth Lacke, both 26 of Chicago, swap bad jokes and wait for the first shoot.

Across the room, cinematographer Robert Cannon sits atop a platform with the 16 mm camera on his shoulder trained on the actors. A crewman pushes him up and down tracks and John watches the result in his monitor. He calls to the extras.

"Let's see some movement, pick up your beer bottles. Talk to each other."

This scene will become a smoky flashback in the opening sequence of John's film, "Karen's Guy." The 25-minute short is a noirish tangle with Jason and Beth as the leads. Karen and Guy who meet and fall for each other fast. But Karen bamboozles Guy into taking the fall for murdering her hubby.

"He gets completely swindled," says Jason, who has worked on five other indie films. "I love that."

John purged the script onto paper one night back in November

after brainstorming during a 17-hour road trip to Texas. Screenwriter friends helped tweak the details.

"I just had this picture in my mind of two people in trouble walking into a motel and not talking to each other," he says.

Now the scene is the opener to the film, which he hopes will place in the Student Academy Awards next year.

"When I was a freshman, I saw who won the award and it was such a safe project," John says. "Too neat and tidy. That just pissed me off, so I want to beat it."

To John, that means making the shoot as professional as possible. His rented camera rolls film in widescreen format and makes sharper images. Test footage the crew previously shot helps smooth out set-up and lighting effects. The production team also petitioned the Carbondale City Council and SIUC police so they could shoot in the bar after 2 a.m. and block off a street for the crane shot.

Most student films cost \$1,000 and suffer from technical errors and silly scripts, John says.

"This is closer to a real movie shoot than any other student film I've worked on," says recent SIUC graduate Ben Brammeier, who helps coordinate extras and babysits the camera. He has worked on four feature films, a commercial and a music video. "It's got a straightforward, interesting theme."

On the third night of shooting, Ben sits in a lone chair on the chilly concrete soundstage in the Communications Building. A hot light beams down on him. This is Guy's interrogation scene—the final sequence of the movie.

Robert and John block out the camera movements around Guy's chair as crewmen Tom Desch and Chad Bryant adjust lights and heft equipment.

"So we're going to rock past [Guy] and catch his reflection back there," Robert says, moaning to the windows in the back of the room.

"Yeah, that could be crazy," John says. "It'll add a realistic element to it."

Ben sips a giant Dr. Pepper. The crew is about to pull another graveyard shooting shift and they chow on burritos and burgers.

"It's fun after the film is finished," Ben says. "But there are times during the shoot where you want desperately to just go home and go to bed."

And though John is grateful for the "generosity on all avenues," he's still got a movie to wrap. Jason's voice is tired? Get him some tea. Crew is hungry? Order pizza. The camera can't circle the chair without special tracks? Shoot it straight then.

"I want to be a professional. I want to make feature films," John says. "So I'm going to push myself completely over the edge and make this happen."

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

City Council meeting

The Carbondale City Council will meet tonight at 7 in the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave. The council will review the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget will be for fiscal year 2002 and include funding for road projects the city plans to begin this summer.

The Planning Commission will also present its annual report to the council.

Video presentation to examine male violence

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Women's Services and the Women's Action Coalition are sponsoring the film "Tough Guise" from 6:30 to 8:30 tonight in the Student Center Activity Room B.

Suzanne Daughton from the Speech Communication Department will present the film, which critically examines how society encourages individuals to think of masculinity as violent.

The U-card-approved event is free and open to the public. The film contains some violent content and viewer discretion is advised.

For more information, contact Women's Services at 453-3635.

Symphony orchestra concert tonight

The Volgograd and Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestras will perform at 7:30 tonight at Shryock Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children age 15 and younger. They can be purchased at the Shryock Auditorium box office from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or charged by phone at 618-453-2787.

Organ dedication today

Interim Chancellor John Jackson will officially name the Shryock organ in honor of Marianne Webb at the symphony orchestra's performance at 7:30 tonight at Shryock Auditorium.

Many people associate Webb with the organ because of all the work she has done with it. Webb, a professor in the School of Music, sought funds to purchase the organ in 1969. She then custom-designed it for Shryock Auditorium and has maintained it since it was installed in 1971. Webb also recorded a CD, "Celebration," last June, making her the first to record music on the Shryock organ.

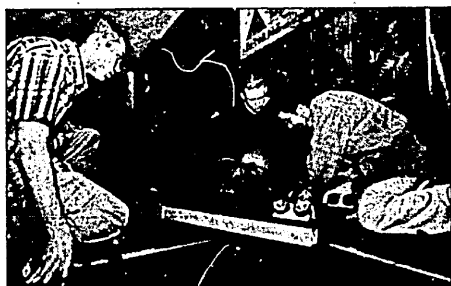
Jackson requested that the CD be made to preserve the sound of Webb playing the organ.

Clothesline display

The Women's Center will display the Clothesline Project today from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Faner Hall Breezeway by the Student Center as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

This year the Clothesline is 300 shirts strong, featuring T-shirts made by survivors of violence, sexual assault, incest and domestic violence. There will also be white shirts that were made by the families of people who did not survive.

The T-shirts are made with the intention of giving the victims a "voice" to speak out about the crimes committed against them.



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Left: John Allers, a junior in computer science from Red Bud, Charles Miller a junior in accounting from Tremont and Noah Giovanetto a student at Illinois State University set the dolly that will support the main camera for the bar scene. "Karen's Guy," directed by John Thompson, will be released sometime next year. Right: Tom Desch, a junior in Cinema Photography from Herscher, Charles Miller a junior in accounting from Tremont and Ben Brammeier an alumni from St. Louis set up the camera at Tres Hombres early Sunday morning. The group are part of the crew for the undergraduate film "Karen's Guy."

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OUR WORD

Carbondale Census — a Floridian lesson in math

Remember those commercials that aired constantly during the Census drive last year? The ones that belabored how important it was to fill out your census forms, so that your city and schools could receive all the funding and support they deserve? The commercials inundated the networks, urging American viewers to "stand up and be counted" so that the population count for the next 10 years could be accurate.

That's why Carbondale's current Census situation seems so ironic. The Census Bureau spends millions of dollars ensuring that each person is counted — commercials, forms, door-to-door visits. But a possible blunder in data entry after Carbondale's citizens had been counted dipped Carbondale's population by the thousands. The dramatic decrease in one student-dominated area, from 6,729 in 1990 to a measly 487 in 2000, has left Carbondale officials and citizens wondering if

perhaps they missed some mass exodus out of Carbondale.

We are almost certain more than 6,000 people didn't leave Carbondale without anyone noticing, and the population numbers obviously show that something isn't quite right.

But what's even worse is that Census numbers aren't just logged somewhere and then ignored for the next 10 years. The numbers are used in determining everything from districts for representation in federal and state government to how much federal and state moneys the city receives. Carbondale could lose as much as \$800,000 if the numbers are not corrected. And it's not just direct money the city could lose. A potential business and industry hoping to move into the area can take a look at the numbers and think that instead of a potentially lucrative region, there is an ailing city with a waning population.

Fortunately there seems to be ways to address this bureau blooper. City Manager Jeff Doherty said it is possible the Census Bureau could see an anomaly in the situations, and take care of the affair internally. But if the Census Bureau doesn't do this, the city will have to appeal the numbers and prove to the bureau that the numbers are, in fact, inaccurate. This shouldn't be hard — the city could simply say the numbers are preposterous. School was in session, the tract of land in question is student housing, and enrollment at the University has barely decreased in the last 10 years. What is frustrating, however, is that even if the city's appeal is successful, the original numbers will still stand. An errata will be issued, a statement citing that Carbondale's numbers are wrong. But the incorrect, original numbers will still be posted in population estimates. While we encourage city officials to appeal if necessary; it is obvious that the opti-

mal outcome would be to have the Census Bureau correct the numbers internally.

The inaccuracies can also be an example of how it might be time to look to new ways to count the nation's population. The Census Bureau reported a final national response rate at 67 percent, and it's estimated that in 1990, the census undercounted 4 million people. Our nation has changed dramatically since the first Census numbers were delivered to George Washington, and people are being left out by using the current method. It may be worthwhile to look at possible statistical sampling methods, or the use of administrative data, like medical records, to more accurately count the people of the United States. Carbondale's current predicament can attest to the inconsistencies that can occur when trying to count each head in the nation.

So our advice to the Census Bureau? Stand up and be accurate.

COLUMNIST

WISEGUYS

IN THE WHITE HOUSE



Marcum
My
Words

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Sunday morning has become prime time for pundits and politicians; every network and every news channel has some program dedicated to discussing the issues of the day. But if one really wants to know how the Bush administration works, beyond the wonkish policy palaver, just wait 'til Sunday night and watch "The Sopranos."

Beside the fact that both are peopled with powerful men and both often operate through "favors" and "kickbacks," there are other comparisons to be made between the crooks in Washington and those in New Jersey.

Consider the Mafia hierarchy. In mobpeak, the Boss, the Underboss and the Consigliere make up what is known as the Administration, which by itself makes a more-than-obvious starting point.

On "The Sopranos," Junior Soprano is the boss in name only, while Tony (the underboss) is the real center of power for the Soprano crime family. Tony's ability to control things has recently been called into question because of his repeated panic attacks and reliance on a psychiatrist.

Likewise, George W. is the president in name only, while Dick Cheney is the real center of power for the Washington "family." Dick's ability to control things has recently been called into question because of his repeated heart attacks and reliance on a cardiologist.

As for consigliere, Karl Rove, Bush's senior adviser, fits that bill to the letter. Rove has been with Bush

since W's first run for Texas governor, and he now occupies a West Wing office. All of Bush's activities are meticulously mapped out by Rove weeks in advance, and when Bush needs counsel (read: told what to say), Rove is right there to keep him "on message."

Then there are the hangouts. The Soprano family uses as its headquarters a little place called Satriale's Pork Store. It's there that Tony and his "crew" discuss how the "business" is going to be carried out. The same is true in Washington. I mean, with a Republican majority in both houses, what is Congress but a giant Pork Store, with the "big guy" serving as the tie-breaking Senate vote?

Every mob family has its "enforcer," the muscle who makes sure people pay on time, and hands out the punishment when they don't. Who better for this role than Tommy "The Hammer" DeLay, the helmet-haired Texan who serves as the majority whip in the House? This political patsy of the president is the Luca Brazi (to mix my mob metaphors) of Congress, and his payments are votes. He who goes against DeLay sleeps with the legislative fishes.

A favorite money-maker for the mob is loan sharking, or "the shylock business." Bush has that one covered too. MBNA, the largest issuer of credit cards in America, was also the single largest contributor to Bush's presidential campaign. What they are looking for in return is legislation that would make it harder for people to claim bankruptcy, making sure that companies like MBNA get their cash.

To put it another way, the credit card companies have been loaning people money for years. They come on with a small shy, and then raise the juice after their mark has spent the dough. Once the vig is so much the poor chump can't come up with payment, he declares bankruptcy and the banks lose out. To keep this from happening, the banks throw down more than 200 large for Bush's power bid, and in return they get

"bankruptcy reform," thereby enlisting the president as the shakedown guy, capiche?

Politics has always been shady; it just seems more so now. But even after the Bush/Cheney (or Cheney/Bush) Godfathers are gone, is anything really going to change?

In a word — fuhgeddaboutit.



MARCUM MY WORDS appears on Tuesday. Christopher is a senior in theater. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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Jason McArthur, an information management systems major from Country Club Hills, practices flexibility exercises on top of Cinnamon while Leah Hibbeln, a sophomore in therapeutic recreation from Downers Grove, assists Monday evening.

Disabled Student Horseback Riding program

Horse sense heals

SARAH ROBERTS
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Josh Wright can't stop beaming with pride. Maneuvering around horses, riders and piles of riding equipment in Le Cheval Stables, the 22-year-old Carbondale resident pins his bright blue first-place ribbon on his shirt, folds his arms and flashes a satisfied smile.

"Last year I got third, but I really shot up this time," he said.

Suzanne Gorrell is lovingly stroking the nose of Dexter, the horse she rides each week, from her wheelchair in the neighboring stall. She misses her regular horse, Brussels, but says Dexter has been a great substitute.

Wright and Gorrell are two of 15 participants in the Disabled Student Horseback Riding program, an innovative equine therapy program that meets on Mondays each semester for six weeks. Participants range in age from 18 to 50 and come from SIUC and the local community.

During the Monday night sessions at Le Cheval Stables, located at 83 Furlong Lane, participants concentrate on improving balance and coordination, which has been damaged from head injuries, cerebral palsy or visual impairments. The riders also take part in spring shows where they can showcase the skills they have learned throughout the course.

Marjorie Malkin, a professor of therapeutic recreation, has worked with DASH riders since the program's inception seven years ago. She said the goal of the program is to help each person ride as independently as possible with the least amount of assistance.

Malkin and stable owner Mark O'Donoghue, along with 16 student volunteers, instruct people with disabilities on improving their steering, balance control and range of motion.

"Horses help the riders with all those things, and it really carries forward to other activities," Malkin

said. "Their perceived confidence and control increases."

Mike Gammon, a junior in therapeutic recreation from Marion, has been a student supervisor for Disabled Student Recreation since last fall. While he assists the horses and riders with roping, side walking and transferring, he sees more than the physical benefits of the program.

"I see the emotional side," Gammon said. "When we go pick up [the participants] on Monday nights, everyone is so excited about this."

He added that he has noticed the positive relationships that emerge between the riders and their horses.

"There's a mutual benefit. The horses are good for the participants, and the participants are good for the horses," Gammon said.

While DASH strives to aid people with disabilities in improving their physical capabilities, Malkin stressed that one of the most important aspects of the program is that it provides participants with a leisure outlet and connects them to other members of the community.

"This is a mainstream event and a community-inclusive program," Malkin said. "These people do the same things other riders do — they just require a little more assistance."

Gorrell has noticed a "110-percent improvement" in her balance and her ability to hold her head up, but what she loves most is the opportunity to be around the horses and reverse her usual mode of transportation.

"It's kind of like the disabled's revenge," she joked. "I like being high up on the horse and on top of everyone."

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Construction here, prepare for delays

MARK LAMBIRD
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With the temperature soaring it can only mean one thing — summer road construction is just around the corner. And at the top of the list is the completion of the Mill Street Underpass.

Director of Public Works Ed Reeder said construction on the final phase of the Mill Street Underpass could begin anytime. The final phase will include the extension of Mill Street to connect with Washington Street under the railroad overpass, which was built during the early stages.

The project, which began in

June 1999, was scheduled to be completed in 2000 until delays pushed it back to this summer.

Reeder said there will be some delays to traffic in the city due to road construction, but they should be minimal. He said the Mill Street Underpass will cause little trouble because Illinois Avenue and Mill Street will be connected to the extension running through the underpass.

Once completed the underpass will connect Mill Street with Washington Street. The underpass will provide an alternative to the other east and west streets that the train tracks cross.

The project has a \$12.5 million price tag, \$350,000 of which was

provided through Gov. George Ryan's Illinois FIRST program. Federal grants provided \$6 million to fund the project. In addition to the federal money, \$5 million came from the Great Illinois Crossing protection fund. The Great Illinois Crossing protection fund is part of the Illinois Commerce Commission, disperses money to improve railroad crossings across the state.

An additional \$1 million was provided by the city, SIUC, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Canadian National-Illinois Central Railroad.

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Porsche Colbert, 11 of Carbondale, expresses her feelings about her African-American heritage to an SIU education class Monday afternoon.

Colbert created her poem for an elementary school district competition, honoring Black History Month.

JERRAC KOLB
 DAILY EGYPTIAN



Area student illustrates elementary writing instruction methods

Middle school student shares poem with college class

LIZ GUARD
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Marla Mallette's curriculum and instruction class had a guest speaker Monday, one who is 11 years old. Porsche Colbert, a sixth grade honor-roll student at Winkler Middle School in Carbondale, recited an original poem to Marla Mallette's CI 319: Instructional Methods for the Primary Child class Monday.

Porsche wrote the poem as part of an Oration Contest sponsored by Carbondale District 95 to promote Black History Month. The poems recited were either written by local black residents or written by the students. Porsche wrote her own.

Mallette, a professor in curriculum and instruction at SIUC, was intrigued by Porsche's poem and wanted to share the child's talent with her class.

Mallette was at the competition where Colbert recited her poem in traditional African garments.

"Her poem was so wonderful and moving and I wanted to share that with my class," Mallette said.

Mallette's class focuses on language and social studies, and her students are mostly early childhood education majors studying kindergarten through third-grade students.

"We focus on writing in this class and I thought Porsche's poem was a great illustrative example of it and the age group," Mallette said.

Students at each school in the district, from kindergarten through middle school, recited their poems, and the buildings named three or four winners from each grade level. Porsche was one of these winners, and was invited to compete at the district com-

petition at Lincoln Middle School in Carbondale. Porsche also took home the district prize for her grade level.

Porsche enjoys writing poems in her spare time. "My mom and I stay up late and write poems together," Porsche said. "I like the oratorical stuff, I'm good at it, and I'm not good at any sports."

Porsche's mother, Michelle, is proud that her daughter is maturing and learning more about her African and American heritages. Porsche and her mother often look at books with pictures of slavery. Colbert is hoping to teach her daughter about African-Americans in the past.

"She's proud of both settings. She knows part of our heritage is from Africa and she's proud of that," Colbert said. "Because she realizes it's not fiction and it actually happened, Porsche is taking slavery more seriously now."

My World
 By Porsche Colbert

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 Hows at God's command
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 stands, my country
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I've read many books about
 our struggle to become free
 one month to liberty now
 one to slavery

Black history
 Guilty is your verdict if
 you ever said it was my dear white
 Have you ever a bond to
 that black February is the
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Not so long ago I dare not...
 any "shes" words about you and
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Making the honor roll has
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Fraternity ball attracts diverse population

Masquerade Ball reveals fun, entertainment

STACEY ROBINSON
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Salvador Reyes and his fraternity brothers wanted to sponsor an event that would go beyond the normal "greek parties and social gatherings."

A variety of festive masks, entertainers and students took part in their Masquerade Ball to promote diversity and networking.

Delta Psi Alpha's second annual Masquerade Ball took place Saturday at the Ramada Ltd., 801 N. Giant City Road. The fraternity sponsored the event with a host of organizations such as, Hispanic Student Council, Sigma Lambda Beta, National Society of Black Engineers and others.

Reyes, a junior in electrical engineering from Chicago, said the purpose of the ball was to organize a network between the different groups and provide a link between the professional and social organizations with

different backgrounds.

"That's what we were expecting, a mixture of everything," Reyes said. "We were all having fun together [regardless of background] and that's a good thing."

The fraternity, which arrived to the campus in April 1999, hoped to attract new "masked" faces and establish a meeting point for different people and cultures to attend a function.

"We are a co-ed and multi-cultural fraternity ours 'yes, and we welcome multi-culturalism with open arms," Reyes said.

Ben Gelisan, a sophomore in computer science from Chicago and member of Delta Psi Alpha, was disappointed he was unable to attend this year's event. He said the first Masquerade Ball was successful and he helped organize this year's ball.

"We spent a couple of months organizing and networking with other groups to put the ball together," Gelisan said. "So I think it should have been pretty good."

The Black Fire Dancers provided entertainment for the evening and a mix of about 50 Caucasian, African-American, Hispanic and Asian partygoers danced and mingled to the

sound of Latin and American music.

"It's good to know your own heritage, but it's also good to find out about other cultures," Reyes said.

Shioban Lawler, a sophomore in electrical engineering from Chicago and president of Hispanic Student Council, said she thought a lot of people enjoyed the ball especially because it attracted a diverse group of people.

"It was a huge group of people from different backgrounds and ethnicities. I think [those in attendance] felt like they were all equally represented," Lawler said.

Members of the fraternity also had visiting students and organizations from other schools.

"It wasn't really big or overcrowded but it was just right, we had a networking game, food and entertainment," Gelisan said. "It was an opportunity for different groups to get together and get to know each other."

Reyes said that wearing a mask was the original concept for a masquerade ball, but could also be taken as a symbolic reference.

"If you look at it that way, the mask [symbolizes] that we're all the same despite color, race or whatever," he said.

ROADS

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At the Carbondale City Council meeting Tuesday, the council will review funding for upcoming street projects in the 2002 budget. City Manager Jeff Doherty said after the council reviews the budget, the earliest it can be approved is April 17.

The city is also scheduled to begin work on a project which will improve New Era Road from Illinois Route 13 to Glenn Road. New Era road is on the west side of Carbondale and runs north of Illinois Route 13. The city is in the process of obtaining the right-of-way for the project. Reeder said if the right-of-way is not obtained the pro-

ject may not be completed until next year.

The project is estimated to cost the city \$3.2 million. Doherty said the city received \$2.5 million in federal money to complete the project. The improvements to the road will include an improvement known as an urban section from Illinois Route 13 to Lake Road. An urban section is a road that has curbs and drainage along both sides. From Lake Road to Glenn Road the city will widen the road to include broader shoulders.

"When we begin the New Era Road project it most likely will remain open to local traffic," Reeder said.

Summer construction will also include an extension of Sycamore

Street from Illinois to University avenues. The extension will be constructed through a vacant lot. Doherty said funding for the extension will come from the motor fuel tax.

The road projects will be completed by independent firms who place bids. The firm that is closest to the budgeted amount receives the contract.

In the past year, city staff has developed a new method of determining which streets are in need of improvements. The rating system takes into account factors such as traffic rate, road condition, pedestrian use and drainage. This is the first time the city has used such a system, Doherty said.

HAZING

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Nancy Hunter Pei, director of Student Development, said she could not comment on the case without written approval by members.

The fraternity's Registered Student Organization status is still suspended until Fall 2005 and the two other accused members, Rodgers and Williams, are concerned about the decision and the future of their education.

Williams said that hazing is against the law and if he had physically abused the accusers he would have been in jail. He said the police report establishes the fact that he was not involved.

"The thing that's killing me is that I'm finished, I would have graduated and have been gone," Williams said.

Williams said his family and advisers have been trying to contact Student Development but received the "run-around."

Student Development has been handling the case since Oct. 9 when the allegations of hazing occurred. The original suspensions were made on Oct. 18, but were lifted because of ongoing investigations and other complications.

Terry Huffman, coordinator of Judicial Affairs, said

The thing that's killing me is that I'm finished, I would have graduated and have been gone.

Larron Williams
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that the students were found in violation of the Student Conduct Code and therefore the sanction of disciplinary suspension was imposed.

"We took into consideration if the student had a disciplinary history and the seriousness of the event itself," Huffman said.

Huffman said the graduation date of the accused members is not taken into consideration for violation of the Conduct Code.

Rodgers and Williams believe they were treated unfairly for reasons that are unclear, and are preparing to appeal the University's decision and plan to raise money for a lawyer to help them.

"If I knew the exact reason why, I would move on from there," Williams said. "Student Development is very, very harsh on (Pan-Hellenic) members."

Huffman said any student in any organizations should take more responsibility for their actions and be prepared for the consequences if they violate the Student Conduct Code.

"I would advise students to read the conduct code front and back, up and down," Nolan said.

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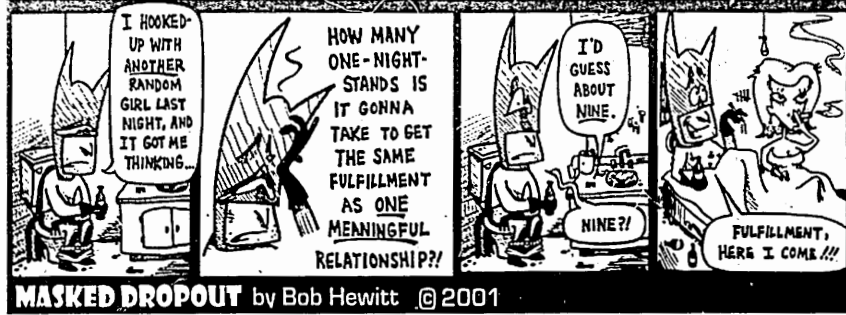
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Women's golf hang with stiff competition

Salukis take 12th at the Indiana Invitational

CLINT HARTING
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women's golf team took 12th out of 15 teams during the weekend at the Indiana Invitational, but more importantly it finished strong with a final round score of 318, proving it can compete with some of the best Division I schools in the nation.

The Indiana Invitational featured eight teams ranked in the top 50 in the nation, according to Golfstat, and 26th ranked Michigan State University (922) won the tournament. The Salukis, fresh off of a third place finish at the Saluki Invitational, came into the tournament ranked 92nd.

The Salukis began the first 18 holes Saturday with a 338, and in the second round scored a 332 to finish the day in 12th place.

"Saturday was really windy," head coach Diane Daugherty said. "We just lost a few strokes here and there, and those add up when you are playing 36 holes."

The Salukis vastly improved Sunday, finishing 20 strokes higher than round one with a 318, but as a result of the previous rounds remained in 12th to finish the tournament.

"Finishing 12th, you put it into perspective," Daugherty said. "We could've gone to another tournament and finished first, but does that make us better? I don't think so."

The Salukis are preparing to defend their Missouri Valley Conference title April 23-25 in Omaha, Neb.

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Diane Daugherty
head coach, women's golf

Daugherty believes the Indiana Invitational is a good tournament to build confidence.

"When you play the best teams in the country, Northern Iowa, Bradley and Creighton don't seem to be all that tough," Daugherty said referring to conference foes.

Junior Alison Hiller tied for 23rd overall, which included a final round score of 78. Hiller was proud of her team's strong finish.

"We came back, and we proved to all the big teams that we can compete," Hiller said.

Hiller likes the Salukis' chances to repeat at the conference championships.

Daugherty anticipates a difficult hilly course in Omaha and will prepare her team likewise.

"We are going to practice very hard this week on difficult shots, placing the ball and continuing our emphasis on the short game," Daugherty said.

Daugherty believes the Salukis will build off their strong finish.

"We were there on the same golf course, and we shot right there with them," Daugherty said referring to the stellar field. "We are going to take that and run with it."

Men's tennis woes continue

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU men's tennis team started the season on a high note with a 5-2 victory over little brother SIU-Edwardsville.

Since that time, the Salukis have lost nine out of 10 and are in the midst of a tailspin from which they have only seven matches left to fix things.

"We need to get a couple of Ws," said junior Tim Marsh. "Right now we're kind of on a downward spiral and we need to start things up by just getting some wins. As soon as we do that, then everything will get back to normal, but it's getting down to crunch time. It's halfway through the season and our record's pretty bad so we need to turn it around pretty quick."

The Salukis' most recent losses came this weekend against Missouri Valley Conference rivals Wichita State University 6-1 Saturday in Wichita, Kan., and Southwest Missouri State University 6-1 Sunday in Springfield, Mo.

While Marsh had a good weekend winning the No. 4 singles in three sets and teaming with Alon Savidor to take the No. 2 doubles against the Shockers, he was still clearly upset with the way the team has played as of late.

"The scores kind of speak for themselves," Marsh said. "We didn't play very well this weekend at all. We're pretty much capable of a lot more than what we showed and it was kind of disappointing to tell you honestly."

SIU head coach Missy Jeffrey said Marsh's play was one of the highlights

against a very strong Shockers team.

"Tim was a highlight," Jeffrey said. "He played one of the best matches I've seen him play. [Wichita State] was obviously very strong in the top of the lineup. Anyone Val Epure and Alon lose, you know we're playing a really tough team, cause Val and Alon just win consistently, but this was a really tough team."

Things weren't much better on Sunday as the Salukis (2-9, 0-3 MVC) would only win one match when Southwest Missouri State's Filip Knezevic had to retire in the third set from his match against SIU's Peter Bong because of an injury.

Jeffrey said she thought they played better against Wichita State but was disappointed in the way they played against Southwest Missouri State.

"It's a tough year," Jeffrey said. "Our top four are really having to carry everything. Our No. 5 and No. 6 singles have yet to win a match, so it's pretty difficult to win when your top four players have to win 100 percent of their matches in order for the team to win a match."

One thing that has kept Jeffrey happy throughout this difficult season is the fact her players haven't gotten down on themselves and let the team's hardships affect their play.

"The guys are really in pretty good spirits considering the situation," Jeffrey said. "They've done a great job of going out and playing their matches and doing everything they can to win and not getting too frustrated with the fact that we're not winning dual matches. That's a great credit for them. It shows when you're going through hard times how it can build character and make you stronger."

Men's golf take lumps

Salukis finish 14th at Ball State Invitational

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mike Hudek put it best when he said he was going to chalk up this past weekend's Ball State Invitational as just a bad tournament.

SIU was among a field of 15 teams who made the trip to Muncie, Ind., to take part in the Invitational. The Salukis returned with a 14th place finish after shooting a 54-hole score of 950.

"We didn't play well at all," Hudek said. "I was a little bit embarrassed at the way that I played. It was windy, but that was no excuse."

Ball State University won the Invitational with a final score of 891. Rounding out the top five were Ferris State University (905), Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (914), Bowling Green State University (914) and Oakland University (915).

The Salukis started the weekend with a first round score of 328, which proved to be too much to come back from as it put them 40 strokes off the lead after the first day.

"I was pretty disappointed," said sophomore Kurt Pfaff about the team's play in the first round. "We didn't even come close to playing to what our potential was. I was happy how we rebounded in the second round."

"We didn't give up or anything just because we had one

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Kurt Pfaff
sophomore

bad round — we came back out and tried to improve on that. [Sunday] wasn't bad, but it could've been a lot better. Some of what the guys said is they left a lot of shots on the course over the weekend."

Pacing the Salukis over the weekend were Pfaff and Mike Smith as they were tied for 32nd place with scores of 233. The other SIU scores were Hudek (T62-243), Grant Goltz (T67-245) and Mark Reuschel (75-256).

The Salukis are nearing the end of their season as they only have one more tournament, the Greg Palmer Eagle Classic in Morehead, Ky., next Monday and Tuesday, before the Missouri Valley Conference Championships in Silvis on April 30.

"A lot of guys are starting to come around, hitting the ball better," Hudek said. "We have one tournament left and then a week off so everybody will have a good amount of time to practice and get their games into shape for the Missouri Valley."

DIVIDE AND CONQUER

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On the women's side, thrower Jamie Waters placed third in the hammer throw, fourth in the javelin and fifth in the discus, leading the way for the SIU women. Jodi Huddleston finished fifth in the 3,000-meter run, Candice George finished sixth in the high jump, Krista Best also finished sixth in the long jump and Laura Grafton tossed the javelin 98 feet and three inches to take sixth for the women Salukis.

At the Texas Relays, the Salukis were met with disappointment.

"We had a couple kids who really stepped up and I thought we had some who just weren't prepared for the competition," SIU women's track and field coach Don DeNoon said.

DeNoon cited Caryn Poliquin's 10th-place finish in the hammer throw and Latrice Gray's 12th-place

finish in the high jump as highlights.

Gray was not satisfied with her performance, though.

"I jumped 5-7, but I didn't go there to jump 5-7," said Gray. "I went there to maybe jump 5-10, but it didn't work out."

"Nobody was happy with how they did."

The mounting list of injuries continues to cast a shadow over the Salukis.

"We're a skeleton of a team at the moment," said Lowthian.

One of SIU's top athletes, Poliquin, is now nursing an injury, according to DeNoon.

"The prognosis is not good. I think I'm getting some body health and somebody else goes down. It's like a domino effect — one after another after another after another," said DeNoon. "We have some good athletes and people that certainly can be major contributors to this team."

"We still have our meat and potatoes left, but not many trimmings."

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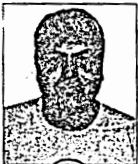
"It's all about the money!" the rapper uttered over one of his tracks. Normally, I take anything I hear from someone who's adopted the words like "dirty" and "bastard" into their name with a mighty dose of salt (much more than a grain). Still, Old Dirty wasn't far off nor was he telling us anything new.

What troubles me is the growing contingent of Saluki baseball fans who'd like to place the blame for the loss of baseball tradition and lack of wins here on head coach Dan Callahan. And this, when it's clear that money is the true culprit here.

With SIU in the midst of another season seemingly destined for mediocrity, it's easy to point back to the golden years of SIU baseball when the word Saluki carried far and wide in the college baseball world. Fans are reminded of the way things were when former SIU head coach Richard "Itch" Jones' Illini come to Carbondale for an annual one-game matchup.

Jones had helped continue SIU's rich baseball tradition and had taken the program to its peak. The Salukis appeared in the College World Series three times in the Itch era.

During his reign here, there was a reason Jones was able to win so many games, and it stretched beyond top prospects wanting to play for him. College baseball was much more of a priority at SIU. Carbondale was the place to be. SIU had one of the premier college baseball facilities in the midwest. The NCAA even held the 1973 Regionals at Abe Martin Field, where the University of Minnesota, led by Dave Winfield, handed the Salukis a couple of losses.



Javier Serna
DAILY EGYPTIAN

These days, Abe Martin Field's lack of lights would prevent such an honor from occurring at the generally good-looking ballpark.

How ironic was it a few weeks back, when the annual Saluki/Illini matchup had to be canceled in the eighth inning because of darkness?

When SIU plays at Champaign on May 2, note that the game will be played at 6:35 p.m. This brings us to the end of a winning era.

A fatter wallet was not the only thing on Itchy Jones' mind when he left for Champaign.

As a baseball owl, he was smart enough to see what was coming in this university's financial baseball future. While baseball is definitely not the primary sport at the U of I, Jones had the foresight to see where his Field of Dreams would be built.

For him it wasn't in Iowa. It wasn't in Carbondale.

It was in central Illinois, where Illinois Field has undergone many a cosmetic change for the better and Jones continues to recruit the top dawgs.

"It was time for me to go," Jones said in a recent interview as he tip-toed around the subject.

And Jones took winning with him.

Because it truly is all about the money.

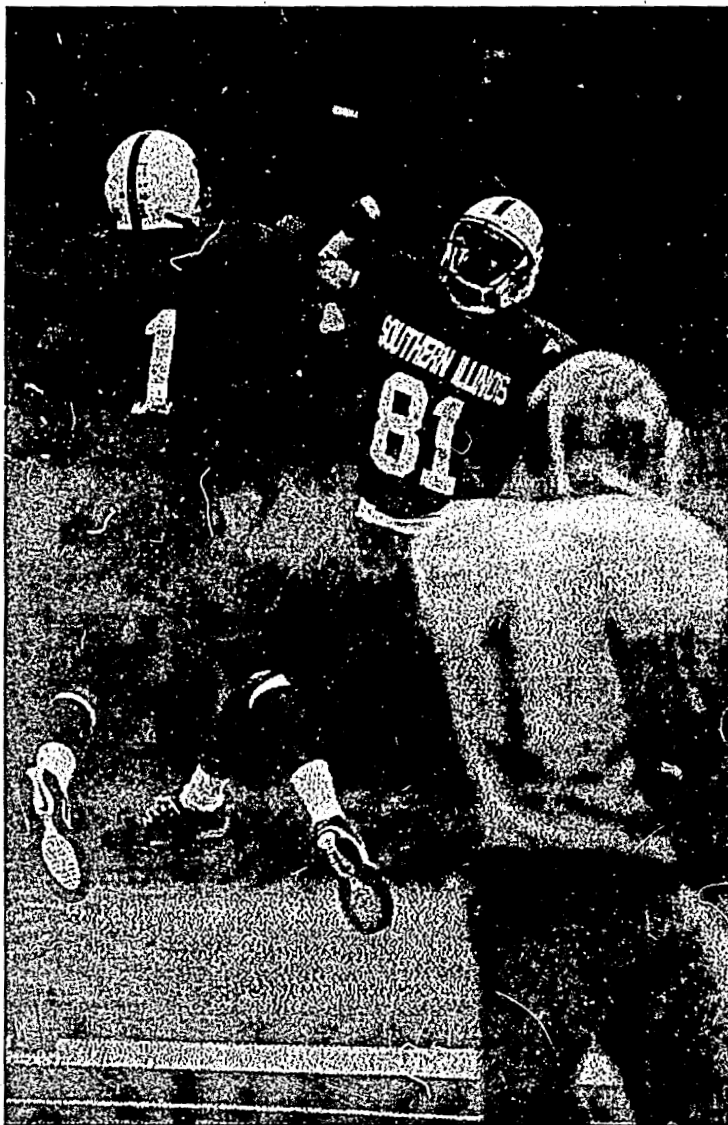
College sports are run by it. And you can't blame the powers that be at SIU for not putting more money into the baseball facilities.

Not with the crumbling McAndrew Stadium.

Not with a Title IX shadow looming over IAW Field.

When it's next to impossible to find a job over minimum wage in this town, the lack of funds for decent athletic facilities shouldn't surprise you.

MOVIN' ON UP



JUSTIN JONES - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Former SIU football star wide receiver Cornell Craig recently signed a one-year contract with the Canadian Football League's Montreal Alouettes. Craig, who dreams of working his way up to the NFL one day, holds records in every major passing category at SIU. From 1996-99, Craig caught 207 passes, gaining 3,508 passing yards en route to 37 touchdowns.

Salukis divide ... some conquer

Split squads, injuries cause poor showing for track and field teams

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dropping like flies would be an understatement for the current state of the SIU track and field teams, but they continued on last weekend.

Teeming with injuries, the Salukis split squads, sending qualifying athletes to the Texas Relays in Austin, Texas and additional athletes to the All-Sport Relays at the Abe Stuber Track and

Field Complex on the campus of Southeast Missouri State in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

"We're sitting in a situation where some guys are starting to [set personal records], some guys are starting to step up and I thought everyone who went down there competed hard," SIU men's track and field coach Cameron Wright said of the All-Sport Relays.

At the All-Sport Relays, Dan Harrell cleared 15-6 to finish second in the pole vault, Travis "Trapper" Pressler picked up third in the 3,000 meter with a time of 9 minutes, 5.11 seconds and fifth in the 1,500 meter with a time of 1:58.42. Andrew Wamsing took fourth in the 800-meter run for his first meet of

the season and Chris Owen placed fifth in the 5,000 meter with a time of 15:56.3. Jared Rybacki (400-meters) and Ross Moore (3,000-meters) finished in eighth for the Salukis.

Harrell and Ian Lowthian were SIU's only second-place finishers at the All-Sport Relays. Lowthian ran the 400-meter run in 48 seconds.

"The conditions weren't great and the track was slow, but it was good to get out with a quick time," said Lowthian, a freshman from Liverpool, England, of his season's best performance.