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Family time: Curt and Cindy Oltmann look lovingly at their daughter Madison. The Oltmanns adopted young Madison at birth from Catholic Social Service of Carbondale. See related story, page 6

BOT to act on tuition surcharge

TIM CHAMBERLAIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIUC Board of Trustees will consider a surcharge on technology, which was tabled for further consideration in November, at its meeting in Carbondale today.

The tuition surcharge would add \$2 per credit hour, and is intended for the upgrade of public access computers, which are computing facilities intended for use by students either in connection to general studies or specific courses.

The measure could have been voted on at the Nov. 11 board meeting, but Student Trustee Ben Syfert requested the postponement of action for a month in order to more fully consider the proposal.

About \$867,000 will be generated by the surcharge per year based on current enrollment levels, which is only part of the total funds estimated needed to upgrade all computing facilities.

The Computing Advisory Committee estimated about \$2.6 million is needed to upgrade the 48 computer facilities controlled by colleges, and Information Technology estimated that about \$1 million is needed to upgrade the four Computer Learning Centers.

The surcharge will likely be passed because most constituency groups have expressed their support of improving campus technology. The only group officially opposed to the surcharge is the Graduate and Professional Student Council.

GPSC voted its opposition to the surcharge at its Oct. 12 meeting because the process used in changing the original fee proposal to a surcharge.

The issue of further technology funding came to the forefront in April when the Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate and Professional Student Council passed referendums in support of a \$25 flat technology fee. However, GPSC never ratified the measure and passed a resolution opposing the fee in September.

Though it raised concerns about the uses of the proposed surcharge, USG passed a resolution Nov. 10 in support of the surcharge after Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard explained the uses of the surcharge at the meeting.

The board convened in a special session Nov. 23 to discuss



The Board of Trustees meets today at 10:30 a.m. in the Student Center

Where will the new stadium fall?

ANDY EGENES
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Few people disagree that SIUC is in dire need of a new football stadium, but the specific details have led to a extensive discussion.

The location and structure for a new football stadium has University officials bringing their viewpoints from different angles, as the plan remains in the "idea stages."

Interim Chancellor John Jackson unveiled the 2004 target date for a new multipurpose facility as a part of his Strategic Plan. He said this is a front-burner issue at SIUC. Jackson favors a spot along Route 13 between Carbondale and Marion, but he is still weighing his options.

"We may not ultimately build a dome stadium, but let's at least consider the most extraordinary ideal," Jackson said. "If we stop short of that ideal, we may yet come up with a much better facility than McAndrew [Stadium] is."

Jackson said he has been in contact with regional officials and members of state and local governments, but the process of getting a contract finalized would undergo many internal and external steps.

Ray Lenzi, acting vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement, is excited about getting involved in the project as he works with the SIUC Foundation to attract financial gifts from outside groups. He said there are bigger questions to be answered than the structure and location of the stadium.

"Any type of stadium is going to require some extraordinary funding," Lenzi said. "I don't think people should react too early."

Phil Gatton, University engineer, said Jackson's proposal could cost as much as \$35 million and take three years to design and construct. He said the idea is feasible, but only if the proper funds could be allocated.

"If money is available, it's do-able," he said.

However, Gatton would like to see the new football stadium placed south of SIUC Arena, and the space vacated after McAndrew Stadium's bulldozed for an entrance way to the University.

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State Treasurer warns students of credit card woes



MINGSO PARK/DAILY EGYPTIAN

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Barr Topinka speaks about financial matters concerning college students during the seminar Tuesday afternoon at Student Center Ballroom B.

TERRY L. DEAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Barr Topinka told students during a financial seminar on money management Tuesday to get that credit card monkey off their backs before they graduate.

The free seminar, "Bank at School," is a partnership program offered by the Illinois State Treasurer's Office for schools and financial institutions.

Topinka and area bank representatives talked to students about financial matters ranging from maintaining a good credit history to how a proper student account should be set up.

A small but attentive audience gathered in the Student Center for the event sponsored by the SIUC President's Office and the Student

Programming Council.

One of the major problems facing students is developing a bad credit history, Topinka said. She primarily blames the credit card companies for saturating students with the responsibility of credit without warning.

"They really get hit up and unfortunately get taken advantage of," she said. "Often times they're away from home for the first time, they get hit up with applications for credit cards and sign up for everything because the plastic looks like free money and it isn't."

Pankaj, a graduate student in business from India, also was concerned about the credit card issue because he, like many international students, is unable to sign up because he has no credit history.

Pankaj, buys items off the Internet and said having a credit card would

make his life a lot easier. He also said not having a card hurts in other areas as well.

"Not having one for local purchases is fine," he said. "I think if you want to purchase on the Internet you need a credit card."

"If an international student comes here and maybe wants to buy a car, it's always based on your credit history. A substantial portion of the students at SIUC are international students, so you are refused a credit card because you don't have a prior credit history."

Other panelists suggested that students like Pankaj get as much information as they can and develop a good relationship with their financial institutions before money matters become a problem.

SEE CREDIT, PAGE 7

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FORECAST

TODAY:
Cloudy
High: 57
Low: 39

FRIDAY:
Partly Cloudy
High: 48
Low: 32

SATURDAY:
Partly Cloudy
High: 54
Low: 28

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

- Shaneka C. Gunn, 19, of Carbondale was arrested and charged by University police with disorderly conduct at 11:27 p.m. Tuesday in Mae Smith Hall. Police said Gunn was fighting on the seventh floor of Mae Smith Hall. She was issued a notice to appear in Carbondale City Court Jan. 6 and released.
- Roger S. Leis, 22, of Carbondale, was arrested by University police on an outstanding Jackson County warrant for failure to appear in court on a disorderly conduct charge. Leis posted a \$300 bond and was released.
- An SIUC student told University police someone scratched the paint on his car with a sharp object while it was parked in Lot 44 between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. There was no estimate of damage. There are no suspects in this incident.

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CALENDAR

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TODAY

- Library Affairs e-mail using Eudora, 10 to 11:15 a.m., PowerPoint, 2 to 3:15 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Women's Caucus Holiday happening to benefit Carbondale Women's Center, 11:30 am to 1 p.m., Newman Center, Fran 453-5141.
- Multimedia Showcase '99 noon to 5 p.m., Pulliam Hall 201, LuAnn 453-1993.
- Geology Club meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Parkinson 110, Edie 453-3351.
- Aviation Management Society meeting with guest speakers and tips, every Thurs., 5 p.m., ASA Room 9D, Zahlman 529-3341.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs help to serve refreshments and line control for pictures in park with Santa, 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., Turley Park Gazebo, Casey 549-4222.
- College Democrats elections and last meeting, 5:30 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, Marco 536-6090.
- SIUC Kendo Club meeting, every Thurs., 6 to 9 p.m., Davies Gym, Janet 453-5429.
- Chi Alpha Campus Ministries African-American bible study, every Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Kudzi 529-7088.
- Student Programming Channel television show on SPC-TV called B-Television, every Thurs., 7:30 p.m., Channel 24/SPCTV, Neil 453-6550.
- Speech Communication Department performances by graduate and undergraduates of advanced performance studies courses, 8 p.m., Kleinau Theatre Communications Building, Julia 453-2291.
- SIUC Chorus: Concert Choir and Choral Union, 8 p.m., Shyock Auditorium, John 549-1756.

UPCOMING

- Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange.
- The French Table meeting, every Fri., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., BooBy's.
- Organization of Multi-Ethnic Students in Education meeting, Dec. 10, 5 p.m., Wham 219, Michael 351-8044.
- Japanese Table meeting, every Fri., 6 to 8 p.m., Melange Cafe, Janet 453-5429.
- Cast Your Caves Crusade Choir millennium concert, Dec. 10, 6 p.m., Walnut Street Baptist Church, tickets \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door, 528-8965.
- Chi Alpha Campus Ministries meeting, every Fri., 6:30 p.m., Wham 105, Elia 529-4395.
- Science Fiction and Fantasy Society join us and watch science fiction, fantasy and Japanese animation videos, Dec. 10, 7 p.m., Video Lounge Student Center, Mike 549-3527.
- Small Potatoes Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso concert, Dec. 10, 7 p.m., Cousin Andy's Coffee House, admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and low income.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs help building, painting, and refurbishing houses, Dec. 11, 8 a.m., John 529-3311.
- Strategic Games Society meeting, every Sat., noon to close, Student Center, Sean 457-6489.
- B-Fly Entertainment Hip-Hop Showcase, Dec. 11, 6 p.m., Student Center Auditorium, \$5 tickets \$6 at the door, Papillon 549-4295.
- Friends of Traditional Music and Dance Old Time Contra Dance, Dec. 11, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., Murphysboro Community Center, \$4 admission, Barb 549-1595.
- Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois annual meeting and election of officers, Dec. 12, library open noon to 4:30 p.m., elections 2:15 p.m., John A. Logan College, Betty 457-6043.
- The Black Togetherness Organization is offering a free movie and food, Dec. 12, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Basement of Grinnell, Teresa 536-2054.
- Voices of Inspiration the final gospel concert of the millennium entitled "The Ties That Bind," Dec. 12, 3 p.m., Student Center Ballrooms C and D, Jerome 535-6374.
- Lambde Omega Graduate Chapter Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Gospel Musical Food Drive, Dec. 12, 3:30 p.m., Horse of Refuge 215 E. Sycamore St., Dennis 453-2268.
- Library Affairs Introduction to constructing Web pages, Dec. 13, 1 to 3 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- SPC Films Committee meeting to help choose films for the student community, every Mon., 6:30 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, Amanda 536-3393.
- On Campus Debate Society meeting, Every Mon. and Wed., 6:15 p.m., Communication Building Room 2005, James 351-9447.
- Outdoor Adventure Club meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Chris 351-4458.
- Ballroom Dance Club meeting and lesson, every Mon., 7 to 9 p.m., \$15 for students \$20 for non-students, Davies Gym, Chia-fing 351-8855.
- Student Programming Channel television show on SPC-TV called B-Television, every Mon., 7 p.m., Channel 24/SPCTV, Neil 453-6550.
- Baptist Student Center is offering free lunch for internationals, every Tues., 11:30 am. to 1 p.m., Baptist Student Center on the corner of Mill and Forest St., Judy 457-2898.
- Japanese Table holds informal conversation in Japanese and English over lunch, every Tues. noon, Student Center Cambia Room, Janet 453-5429.

THIS DAY IN 1959:

- Three SIU students appeared on KFVS-TV, Cape Girardeau, on a series in which college students displayed their talents each Thursday. The show was aimed at helping young performers gain experience and learn stage presence.
- A "Big Brother, Big Sister" Christmas party was held at the Student Union to spark interest in a new program starting at SIU. The program involved students who acted as a "big brother" or "big sister" to local children to give them role models, as well as listeners for giving advice.
- Then-SIU President Delyte Morris appeared before the University to read the Christmas story during SIU's annual Christmas program.

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Students perform urban dancing

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Seven sets of feet move swiftly in a blur to thumping music, which echoes off the walls of the aerobic room Tuesday night in the Student Recreation Center.

The seven women dancing to the musical beat are members of Fatal Fusion, a newly formed Registered Student Organization. Chaquana McCoy, a junior in administration of justice from Kankakee, said the group was created because no organization at SIUC performed urban dancing.

McCoy, who describes urban dancing as "R & B, Hip Hop and Chicago dancing," joined the group because of the sense of family it gives her.

"Dancing together made us become friends," McCoy said. "It keeps you out of trouble and gives you something positive. It's also relaxing."

"If you are a true dancer, you'd rather dance than do anything else."

The 14-member African-American dance group, which became an RSO Nov. 3, performs for talent and minority shows. The group's last performance was in the Step Show at the SIUC Black Affairs Council Leadership Conference Nov. 13.

McCoy said that although their performance at the leadership conference was last-minute, the crowd thoroughly enjoyed it.

Mario Burton, one of six male members of the group, said the group may influence SIUC by

recruiting high school students to the college.

"We plan on doing a lot of traveling and inviting other groups to come to Southern," said Burton, a sophomore in management information systems from Chicago. "I wanted something else to bring diversity to SIUC and share our culture."

The organization was actually formed three years ago, meeting at parties to dance and perform at talent shows. Becoming an RSO has given them recognition and funds.

"A lot of people take us more seriously," McCoy said. "We can get support from other RSOs like RAC and the fraternities and sororities. We wanted to get other people involved because we practiced everyday."

We thought we might get an RSO started so that when we left other members could keep it going."

Although the semester brings new officer elections and a long break from dancing, Jennifer Pitts, adviser for the RSO, said they are looking at different possibilities and plan to raise money for traveling expenses.

"I think they've got some good ideas and positive attitudes," Pitts said. "They're going to try to get some performances together and some groups from Chicago to perform with them."

Tierra Winston, a sophomore in theater from Chicago, said the group dancing is a stress reliever.

"It gives you a break from school," Winston said. "It's a real good feeling when you're up there and the crowd calls your name."



MINSOOK PARK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tierra Winston, a sophomore in theater from Chicago and a member of Fatal Fusion, a newly formed Registered Student Organization, dances Saturday afternoon in the Student Center Auditorium during practice.

FATAL FUSION

• For more information about joining Fatal Fusion, call Mario Burton at 536-1148 or Tierra Winston at 536-1094.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

CARBONDALE

U Card giveaway offers free semester of tuition

Student Development officials will pick the winner of the free semester of tuition Friday during the Student Involvement U Card giveaway.

The drawing is at noon in the Student Development office on the second floor of the Student Center, and the winner will receive a free, 12-credit-hour semester of tuition for an in-state resident. Also, anyone who turns in the filled card will receive a free coupon book for discounts and merchandise at various Carbondale businesses.

To qualify for the U Card drawing, students must have obtained the card at the office of Student Development. After attending an SIUC event, which must be U Card-approved, the student receives a sticker in a box that documents participation. Once the student receives eight stickers, the card should be taken to the Student Development office.

If the card has not been stamped yet, it is too late to get it stamped eight times, but assistant coordinator of Student Development Katie Semersheim said students will have the same opportunity next semester.

-Burke Speaker

Titles change in Academic Affairs

The Graduate Council will meet today to consider a resolution recommending that the title of the chief academic officer at SIUC be changed from vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and provost to executive vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The reasoning behind the title change request is to support the Graduate Council's Oct. 7 recommendation for the creation of a vice chancellor for Research position. David Kammler, chairman of the Graduate Council, said the Dean's Council voiced concern about weakening the provost position with the creation of a vice chancellor for Research. He said the Graduate School dean would continue to report to this position, and the title change emphasizes the position of the provost's position as "first among equals."

The council meets today at 8 a.m. in the Mississippi Room of the Student Center. This is its last regularly scheduled meeting of the year.

-Tim Chamberlain

City Council busy with approvals

Chicago Underground receives permission of city to expand establishment, creating bar upstairs

KAREN BLATTER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

John and Susan Karayanis were given approval to expand Chicago Underground, keeping the present restaurant downstairs and creating an upstairs bar as early as three months from now.

Tuesday night, the Liquor Control Commission granted approval 4-1 for the Chicago Underground, Inc., to separately operate both establishments, creating the last bar in Carbondale under a citywide cap.

Although located in the same building, 717 S. University Ave., the downstairs will operate as a restaurant with a class A-2 license and the soon-to-be-finished upstairs will operate as a class

B-2 bar with an entry age of 19.

Karayanis said the bar will carry over the same environment as the present restaurant and provide a bar for a more mature crowd in Carbondale.

But despite what Karayanis said about the environment of the bar, Mayor Neil Dillard still voted against the establishment.

He said adding another bar in the downtown area is going to add to the difficult situation on South Illinois Avenue.

"I do not support it; I will not support it," he said. "It violates all the plans we had for the area. We are going to have a problem."

SEE CITY COUNCIL, PAGE 7

Council approves task force recommendations

The City Council approved the three points recommended by the Residential Leasing Task Force report at Tuesday's meeting.

One of the three points focused on an educational program that will help guide students who move off campus for the first time as to what to expect when selecting a place to live. The second recommendation was that the group will continue to meet, and the final recommendation stated that the ordinances proposed by CPSC in the spring not be considered at this time.

The council also commended the task force for the time and effort they put into making the group work, despite initial difficulties.

NATION

LAWRENCE, KAN.

Gene study fatal to teen

FDA officials said Wednesday that a University of Pennsylvania gene therapy trial in which a Tucson, Ariz., teen-ager died violated at least two of the agency's guidelines and may have violated a third, based on their preliminary report. The gene therapy study was aimed at eventually providing hope for babies born with an often deadly liver disorder. Food and Drug Administration spokeswoman Kathryn Zoon said University of Pennsylvania researchers failed to promptly inform the agency about moderate liver toxicity seen in two patients after they received the gene therapy. And she said that the man who eventually died, 18-year-old Jesse Gelsinger, had unacceptable levels of ammonia in his blood before receiving the gene therapy, a condition that should have precluded his enrollment because it indicated his liver may have been functioning even less efficiently than usual. Gene therapy involves placing functional genes into humans who lack the normal working versions to treat a variety of genetically based diseases. Gelsinger kept the disease in check through a proper diet and medication but volunteered for the trial to further research toward a cure. Although researchers were initially baffled as to the cause of Gelsinger's death, speculation focused on the adenovirus itself, which has been commonly associated with mild inflammation and a mild fever.

Police carry life-saving defibrillators

BOB JACOBINI
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Graduation commencement ceremonies just ended. The graduates and their guests were congregating in little knots around the Arena floor when a guest collapsed to the floor.

Deborah Cocks, the University police disaster resource coordinator, recalled the May 1998 incident.

"He had a heart attack right on the gym floor," Cocks said.

Cocks did not recall the outcome of that particular incident, but one thing is sure: the victim had to wait valuable minutes before paramedics arrived for treatment.

The quicker the response, the more likely a life can be saved, said Lt. Todd Sigler of the University police.

Now, thanks to a gift from Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, University police will begin early next year carrying defibrillators that could save a heart attack victim's life.

Defibrillators electrically shock heart attack victims to get their heart again.

Until now, defibrillators were used almost exclusively in hospitals. But the machines have recently become less expensive and more portable, said Terry Buck, SIUC director of student health programs.

"They'll be part of our regular squad car equipment," Sigler said. "One will be carried in a car that patrols primarily the east side of campus, the other will be in a car patrolling the west side."

Buck said the program is jointly sponsored by Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, the SIUC risk management office, SIUC student health

programs and the University police.

The hospital is donating one of the \$3,000 defibrillators and conducting the training. The other defibrillator will be purchased by the University.

All SIUC patrol officers will undergo training on the devices in early January, Sigler said. Cocks said the officers are glad to have the devices and even happier that the defibrillators are so easy to use.

"They're fool proof," Cocks said.

The machine detects a heart beat but will not activate unless the beat is absent.

"All we have to do is just make sure the pads are touching skin," Cocks said. "You just press the start button and it does its own thing."

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OUR WORD

Not handicapped? Park it elsewhere

Paring will probably be a problem that forever frustrates students, faculty and staff at SIUC. There is, however, a new problem branching off the issue of a lack of spaces—parking violations, particularly those instances where the perfectly mobile individual decides to park in a handicapped space.

In a late rush to get to class for that all important lecture or test, students are taking advantage of the disabled and parking in handicapped spaces. But students aren't necessarily the only guilty parties. There are others who would take advantage of minor medical conditions to grab those premium parking spots. If you had eye surgery last summer, but are capable of playing golf now, that disability hangtag is a luxury, not a necessity, and you are cheating the people who really need those spaces out of a spot they cannot afford to do without.

Somehow, even in the holiday season, it has become an accepted practice to shortchange others for personal benefit. A disabled person may have to miss class, or even sit out in the cold waiting for you to move your car so they can get back into their vehicle, but somehow that's O.K. as long as it puts an end to your endless circling of the parking lot.

Lack of parking may be aggravating, but it's not an emergency unless, maybe, you're giving birth. We understand it can often take 30 minutes or more to find a space on campus sometimes (usually because people would rather wait an hour for that space right by the door, rather than spending an extra five minutes walking), but everyone should consider the fact that there are far more red, blue and even overnight parking spaces than handicapped spaces. If you think you have parking problems, imagine not only having to find an open spot, but needing a spot big enough for you to maneuver a wheelchair in and out of, or close enough that you aren't in a breathless fit of pain by the time you make it to class.

These are the real parking emergencies and everyone should be more thoughtful of how their actions affect other people no matter how small the violation seems to be at the moment. Not only that, but it's a \$100 dollar fine if you get caught parking in these spaces illegally, not to mention the strong possibility of a tow. Is it really worth it? In the realm of meters and parking spaces it doesn't take much to be considerate. Do the decent thing and park where you belong.

Good-bye Ted Sanders, Hello, Fozzie Bear

As 1999 draws to a Yuletide end, I find myself torn between the responsibilities of semester exams and my longing for the merry family traditions associated with the season.

Last week seemed like an eternity as I waded through my notebooks in preparation for the upcoming nightmare of finals week. But Saturday, the clouds parted when my parents announced our annual trip to procure the perfect tree to complete our living room for the holidays.

Excited, my family and I carried a dozen boxes of decorations from the attic to commence the Priddy Family Christmas. Donned in our silly decorating hats (a crazy but essential tradition we started years ago), my brother and I began trimming the tree with two decades of memories, most of them manifesting themselves in scrappy homemade ornaments from our childhood.

Among other holiday precedents which must be obeyed in our house, Bubby and I dug out our ancient VHS copy of "A Muppet Family Christmas." We turned it on and began reciting all of Kermit and Miss Piggy's lines along with the TV as we hung glittery construction paper ornaments and second-grade Polaroid ornaments on the tree.

As we slowly transformed the living room into a winter wonderland, I couldn't help but stop and breathe in the magic around me.

In my world of textbooks and

research papers, I had forgotten this part of my identity. Over the years, logarithms and rhetoric replace our toys, and sometimes it is nearly impossible to

Not Just Another Priddy Face

GRACE PRIDDY



Not Just Another Priddy Face appears Thursday. Grace is a freshman in architecture. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

remember where we came from, where we are headed or even what we are doing apart from the current homework and exams that consume our daily routine.

In I Corinthians 13:11, Paul writes, "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me."

I think many of us, on our way to becoming adults, put these things behind us altogether too quickly, and in the process, we forget why we are here in the first place. When I was seven years old, I didn't question where my life would lead beyond grade school.

I could still choose from a hundred

different occupations, depending on which game we played during recess.

Come to think of it, when I was a child, I couldn't wait to learn. I read every book I could get my hands on, I listened eagerly as my teacher divulged the secrets of long division.

As I hung the last stocking behind the tree, I silently wondered when my attitude about school had changed. As I overheard Kermit the Frog's voice on the television, I remembered spending my childhood captivated by Sesame Street, watching the Count Von Count recite his numbers and the Two-Headed Monster shove letters together to spell words. I couldn't wait to learn more.

Today, I curse my calculator and stress out over term papers. What happened? Along the path from kindergarten to college, where did my quest for knowledge stop being an adventure and turn into a nightmare? Why don't I still get excited over reading books?

And then it hit me. I think I know what the problem with college is.

There aren't enough Muppets. Episode after episode, Ernie, Bert and the rest of the gang made learning fun. They always acted silly and played learning games that left a 5-year-old me with the giddy sensation of knowledge.

And now, for the most part, I sit in classrooms listening to professors lecture about facts, theories and scientific reasoning. There are no silly games, there are no furry, animated companions to

DEAR EDITOR:

As chair of the Computing Advisory Committee, and author (with the committee) of the original proposal for a technology fee, I feel the need to comment on the status of what has now metamorphosed into a tuition fee increase dedicated to keeping some of the technology infrastructure up to date on this campus. The fundamental principle here is TANSTAAFL: there ain't no such thing as a free lunch.

During the past 15 years, open labs and other public computers have generally been paid for by accidental budget leftovers. However, at the very end of the 20th century, computers are no longer a geekish luxury; they are an essential item of academic life in every discipline at this University from Latin to plant biology. Replacement of obsolete computers should be as regular as replacement of burnt-out light bulbs, but the State of Illinois has not provided additional funds in our budget specifically for this purpose, and other than salary money is, in general, at a very high premium on our campus.

Virtually every other university in North America is in a similar state, and has recognized this fact, by, in one form or another, instituting a fee that students pay specifically to keep labs and other public computers current. Just in our immediate neighborhood I could cite Indiana, Purdue, Ohio State and UMMSL, not to mention U of I.

Almost 75 percent of research universities in a recent nationwide survey collect a separate sum of money from students specifically to address the ongoing needs for keeping public-access computers up to date. While there can be debate over how specific sums of money have been spent over the past few years, there is no doubt that SIUC cannot remain current, nor provide a proper education for its students without making a commitment to continuous upgrading of its public access computers, and there is similarly no doubt that students will have to find at least part of the increased cost of getting an education when computers are factored into the equation. I urge the Board of Trustees to pass the proposed tuition increase to allow SIUC to enter the 21st century on a forward-looking agenda.

GEORFFREY S. NATHAN
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Heck, apart from the Board of Trustees, I have yet to see a puppet anywhere on campus. But maybe in a sense, Muppets are just what we need to renew our intellect and make us crave more education.

From my entire schedule, I can think of one professor who has gone the extra mile day after day, using exciting and sometimes even seemingly bizarre approaches to make learning fun, even in college. And he has made a difference, whether he realizes it or not.

I think every professor on campus could learn a lesson from this man, if they put away their customary teaching methods and really tried to relate to their students instead of standing on a platform in a lecture hall, preaching the curriculum year after year to dozing audiences.

To all of the Fozzie Bears who continue to break the mold and find new ways to make us enjoy our education, thank you. You are the heart of this school and the legs it stands on.

Wocka, wocka, SIUC. It is time to recognize the efforts of the few and bold who keep us motivated, even when the going gets tough and classes seem boring. Without these people here to inspire us, we would gain nothing from our quest for knowledge. They have made the trip worthwhile.

Incentives on the Internet

Students can make money simply by logging online, then watching the cash come in

BYRYN SCOTT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Erin Boland makes 25 cents per hour surfing the Internet.

Boland, a freshman in university studies from Rockford, is one of millions of Internet surfers who are taking advantage of online advertising. Online advertising lets a web user rack up cash by allowing companies to post advertisements on the computer screen while the user surfs the net.

"I love it because I'm making money for doing basically nothing," Boland said. "The whole process is so easy."

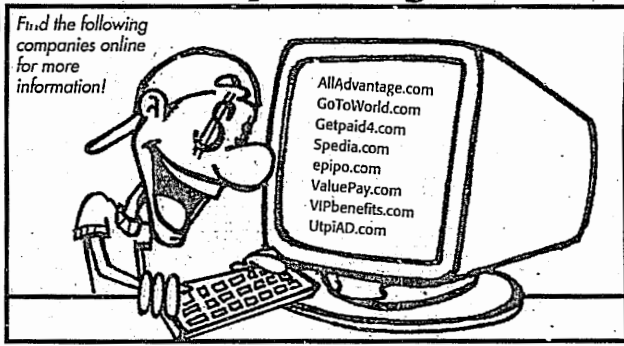
Online advertising originated about three years ago and has become increasingly popular as more people continue to utilize the Internet. While there is no nationwide count of Internet advertising users, AllAdvantage.com boasts more than 3 million participants.

Internet sites including www.Getpaid4.com, www.ValuePay.com and www.VipBenefits.com provide the opportunity for anyone to make money using an Ad Viewer bar. By downloading the Ad Viewer, a small bar that appears at the bottom of the computer screen, numerous advertisements are displayed.

Whatever agency program the web user downloaded keeps track of the daily hour usage online. Each agency provides different monetary payments per hour. Some pay a low premium and high referral rate, while others pay a high premium and mediocre referral rate.

But to the disappointment of those who spend an exorbitant amount of time online, most agencies have a maximum monthly pay. For example, AllAdvantage.com pays up to 25 hours per month and ItAdsUp.com pays up to 60 hours per month.

Make Money Surfing the Web!



In addition, people who get others to sign up for the web advertising program have their cash flow increased in different ways, depending on which company is used. Boland praises the advertising programs because of the simplicity of the program and the cash she received.

"I didn't get my check until five months later, but it floated into my mailbox on a rainy day, and I was quite pleased," she said.

Some SIUC students, including Nick Smith, a freshman in civil engineering from Decatur, have not yet received cash but remain hopeful. Smith, who uses the AllAdvantage.com agency, which pays 50 cents per hour, said he is sure he will be paid

because his friends have shown him their checks. "My friend referred me to the program so he could get more money per every hour he surfs," Smith said. "I have only been doing this for about two months now so I am not too worried about getting paid yet."

There are no boundaries to the number of agencies each surfer is allowed to use. For people taking advantage of the system like Tony Lawler, a freshman in business finance from Barrington, screen space poses the only problem.

"I use four of them," Lawler said. "It is a great way to make money — sitting on your butt and surfing the web."

SIUC coal research gets financial aid

TRAVIS MORSE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Coal researchers from SIUC have received more than \$600,000 from the Illinois Clean Coal Institute in Carverville to help reduce environmental hazards plaguing coal production in Southern Illinois.

The money will be split up for five separate projects dealing with the removal of waste products from coal combustion and finding alternative uses for that waste. Proposals were approved in mid-October.

John Mead, director of SIUC's Coal Research Center, said the grant represents the ICCI's commitment to maintaining quality coal production in Illinois.

"What they were looking for is high quality work that will have a tangible effect on how we use and market coal," Mead said. "It shows how dedicated Illinois is to this sort of research."

Shirshak Dhali and Tomasz Witowski hope to use plasma to reduce the amount of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and mercury that can be found in coal combustion gases.

The removal of sulfur dioxide has become increasingly important in recent years because of environmental concerns. Western states like Wyoming have taken business away from Illinois because they are producing coal low in sulfur.

"In the 1990s, Illinois has had a production decline caused by environ-

mental restrictions," Mead said. "The future of Illinois coal will depend on newer and better technology to combat this problem or sulfur-free coal will be chosen instead."

Southern Illinois mines have been dwindling in the 1990s because of the increase in the use of sulphur-free coal. Mines in the towns of Marissa and Monterey have been closed or severely reduced by the fuel-switching trend.

A major cause of this trend is the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990.

"The mines have to comply with these federal standards," Mead said. "That's why there has been this shift toward low-sulfur coal from Western states."

Dhali hopes his research can help the environment and bring Illinois back to the forefront of coal production.

"We need to find more clean and economical ways to remove dioxide from coal combustion," said Dhali, a professor of electrical engineering. "We're trying to clean up a lot of the pollution created from burning coal. It's one of the top priorities in this state."

One of the reasons coal pollution is a top priority is because coal is such a large energy source in this state. It is estimated that nearly 50 percent of the electricity in Illinois comes from coal production.

Mead said this is a trend that will continue in this state as time goes on.

"My belief is the best way to reduce the environmental effects of coal pro-

duction is to produce better and cleaner technology," Mead said. "We will be dependent on coal for many years to come so anyway we can help reduce pollution is certainly a good thing."

Sanjeev Kumar, an assistant professor of civil engineering, is another researcher who is receiving funding. Kumar and his colleagues, Nader Ghafori and Vijay Puri, received more than \$128,000 of the overall funding.

Their team is working on a way to combine fly ash and bottom ash to aid in the construction of deep foundations used for buildings and bridge supports.

Kumar said his research could have two positive effects on coal production in Illinois. Kumar is confident his team will see positive results within one year.

"One reason to do this is to dispose of a lot of the ash that is generated from coal running in Illinois. That way, there'll be less to haul to the landfills," Kumar said. "Secondly, mixing ash with cement for the foundations will cut down on the use of cement and aggregate."

If anything, Mead would like to see more federal support for coal research in the future.

"Illinois is dedicated to coal research, but I would certainly like to see more federal support," Mead said. "Coal still represents one of the biggest sources of electrical power in this country."

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Report shows no inequity in pay at U. of Kansas

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LAWRENCE, Kan.—The latest report on faculty salaries at the University of Kansas shows no sign of institutional discrimination, Provost David Shulenburg said.

The study, which the university's board of regents instructed all six of state systems schools to conduct, was presented to the regents Dec. 1. The study found no statistically significant

deviations exist in salaries according to age, gender, ethnicity and race.

The report states that "with the large number of faculty members included in the study, the statistical tests of significance are quite powerful and should detect even small differences between groups."

But the results do not prove whether pay discrimination happens on an individual basis at the university, said Shulenburg, who coordinated

the study put together by the Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

"What (the study) shows is that there is no systematic salary discrimination at the University," he told The Daily Kansas. "Of course, the key word here is systematic."

Shulenburg said he had viewed the reports from Kansas State University and Wichita State University, and both schools results resembled those at KU.

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Adoption makes dreams come true

KELLY E. HERTLEIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After waiting about eight years for a baby, Cindy and Curt Oltmann nearly gave up hope of becoming parents together.

The opportunity had eluded the couple until a phone call from Catholic Social Service linked the Oltmanns and a woman seeking to give her child up for adoption. The birth of Madison Hope Oltmann on Sept. 5, 1998, about four months after the first phone call, completed Cindy and Curt's dream.

Prevented from having any more children, Cindy chose to seek adoption with Catholic Social Service of Carbondale in 1991. Having two children from a previous marriage, Cindy found difficulty in finding an agency or attorney who would assist in the search for a child.

"Since I already had two boys no one would accept us," Cindy said. "We didn't care if it was a boy or a girl, we just wanted a little one."

It is estimated by officials at Catholic Social Service, 214 S. University Ave., that about one million children in the United States live with adoptive parents and that between two and four percent of American families include an adoptive child.

Michelle Casper, adoption family specialist with Catholic Social Service, said its Carbondale office, joined with Belleville and Mount Vernon, has placed about six babies with adoptive families in 1999.

Quickly approaching 15 months, Madison, whom her parents lovingly call Mady, sat quietly on the floor of her grandparents' home Tuesday attempting to piece together an alphabet puzzle.

"She has been a good little girl," Cindy said. "She has her own will and is very loving and determined."

The Oltmanns are adamant about maintaining a relationship with Madison's birth mother, Kelly, who surrendered her rights to Madison because of financial reasons. They

say when Madison is old enough to understand, she will be told of her birth mother.

"She will know everything," Curt said. "We're not going to hold back with her."

"It's hard enough to be adopted," Cindy said. "We have pictures of Kelly and a scrap book from when Madison was born that we will show her."

"We want her to know [Kelly] because she is a part of her."

For more than 50 years, Catholic Social Service has been providing open adoptions for those who cannot have children or who are unable to provide or care for unexpected pregnancies. Unlike a private adoption through attorneys or agencies, open adoptions allow the birth mother to choose the parents of her baby and maintain a relationship with the adoptive parents if desired.

"We are here to help the birth mother come to a decision that is best for her," Casper said. "We like to try and establish a relationship between the birth mom and adoptive family."

"The birth families choose the adoptive families in the end, and it is spectacular to see just how many things they have in common. It is like God has his hand in it."

Once a couple or person decides to adopt a child from Catholic Social Service one must comply to a series of interviews, classes and studies.

Catholic Social Service visits the homes of prospective parents to examine for safety, room and cleanliness. The service also performs a criminal check and requires anyone seeking adoption to take parenting and adoptive classes.

The service currently has about 30 hopeful parents waiting to adopt a child in the Southern Illinois area. Each entry is allowed to include a letter and picture within a book that expecting mothers may examine, although there is no waiting list and no way of determining how long a couple has been waiting for a child.

"Some couples are childless and some have



Cindy Oltmann watches as her daughter, Madison, plays with a Christmas decoration in her grandparents' home at Ashley. The Oltmanns adopted young Madison at birth, adding to the family that previously consisted of two sons from Cindy's previous marriage.

children," said Casper. "Because they are open adoptions and the birth family chooses the adoptive family they don't know if a family has been in there seven months or seven days."

"Once you're in the book you have as much of a chance as anyone."

The service does not discriminate against age, marriage, religious faith or on the number of children already in the home. Cindy said because of the guidelines set by Catholic Social Service adopting Madison has been a positive experience.

"We would recommend adoption to anyone," she said. "It has just been so wonderful."

Leery in the beginning, the Oltmanns refrained from decorating Madison's room for fear Kelly may change her mind and decide to keep the baby.

"We had a room for her, but we didn't want to jinx it by decorating it," Cindy said. "Kelly didn't sign her surrenders for about six weeks, but she was great. She called us when she

went into labor and even request three arm bands at the hospital. I didn't leave the room until Mady was born"

Kelly did not immediately sign the adoption papers because of legal entanglements the Oltmanns did not wish to elaborate on. In accordance with Illinois law, the birth mother may not legally surrender the rights to her child until 72 hours after delivery.

Madison was legally adopted on March 29, 1999. The Oltmanns said the relationship between Madison and the family were strong from the beginning and continue to grow everyday, creating a loving home.

Cindy said the motherly bond between her and Madison is as strong had she given birth to the little girl herself.

"There is absolutely no difference in the bond we share," Cindy said. "Everyone in the family is accepting of her and loves her so much. You have to tell yourself she's adopted to know."

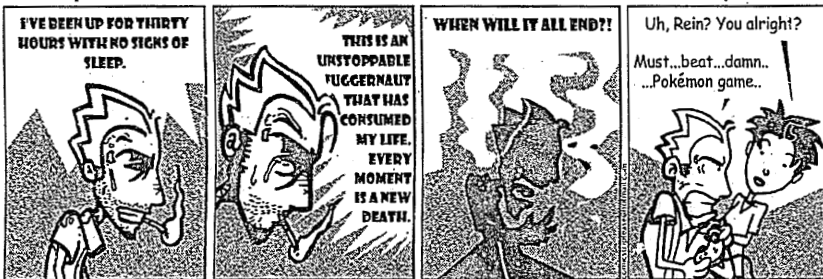
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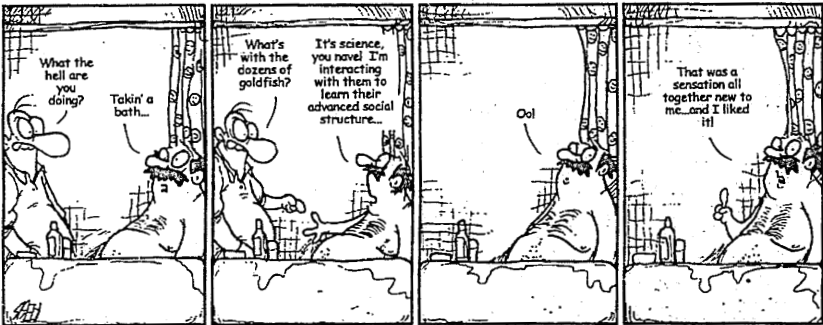
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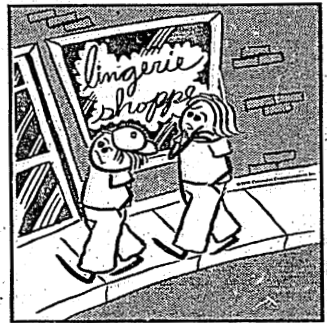
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by Garry Trudeau

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Students who are not planning to return to SIUC for the Spring Semester can opt to purchase an extension of their off-campus student insurance coverage for 60 days past their last date of university enrollment. The last date of coverage for students who complete the Fall '99 semester is January 16, 2000. In order to purchase the optional extension coverage, you must complete an application and make payment PRIOR to your last date of coverage under the regular student coverage. Students who withdraw prior to the end of the semester must make application and payment PRIOR to their last date of official university enrollment.

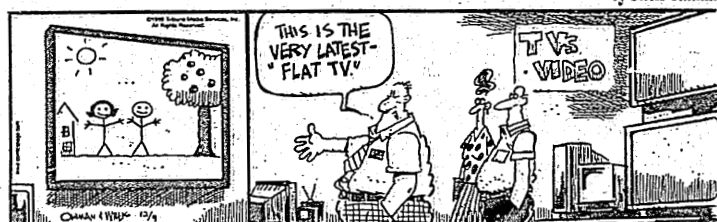
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Mike Hargrove: The fired still burns

DAVE SHEININ
THE WASHINGTON POST

RICHFIELD, Ohio — From the comfort of Mike Hargrove's seat in the Cleveland Indians' dugout and his customary perch atop the American League standings last season, the Baltimore Orioles looked like a team he wouldn't want to get near for fear something toxic might rub off on him. The Orioles had an aging roster full of volatile personalities, a bullpen full of retreats, an ownership with a growing reputa-

tion for meddlesome egomania and, as far as Hargrove could see, a lack of direction on the field.

At the same time, Hargrove's powerful Indians were cruising toward a fifth consecutive Central Division title, and Hargrove was completing his 20th consecutive season in the Indians' organization, the last 8 1/2 of which had been as manager. The Indians were as much a part of Hargrove as his Texas Panhandle drawl.

These days, Hargrove, 50, still gets a chuckle out of the tumultuous sequence of events — the

Indians' playoff collapse against Boston, the Orioles' decision to fire Ray Miller as manager, the Indians' sudden decision to fire Hargrove — that somehow ended on Nov. 3 with Hargrove signing a three-year, \$3 million contract to be the Orioles' 14th manager.

But in the hierarchy of Hargrove's emotions as he navigates this hectic winter of upheaval, ironic amusement is far down the list. He is still dealing with the lingering anger over his firing in Cleveland, a feeling that crops up any time he allows himself to think about it. At the same

time, his coming stewardship of the Orioles has engendered feelings — which appear to be genuine — of enthusiasm and optimism.

"I think it can be a very good year," Hargrove said. "After being inside the (Orioles) organization for a month now, I've seen that it's an organization with a clear idea of where it wants to go. Not just in hiring me — that vision has been there and is ongoing. The people from the ownership on down are deeply committed to the Orioles and very serious about providing Baltimore with a winning team."

Judging by this season's rookies, NHL future is brighter than ever

LARRY WIGGE
THE SPORTING NEWS

Every game — no matter what team you watch, no matter what the team is in the standings — there's a bit of excitement in the air. Never before have fans had such an opportunity to see so many stars of the future.

"I can't remember so many good rookies at one time," Red Wings Coach Scotty Bowman says. "Almost every team we play has at least one kid who catches your eye."

And they all have The Look. "It's one thing to face the pressure of playing against the best players in the world," says Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur, the NHL's Rookie of the Year in 1993-94, "but the ones that do it and have fun, have the look, are the ones who make this game so spe-

cial."

Brodeur had it. Devils forward Scott Gomez has it now. Sharks defenseman Brad Stuart has it, too. So do Sabres goalie Martin Biron and winger Maxim Afinogenov.

Flyers center Simon Gagne; Avalanche forward Alex Tanguay, defenseman Martin Skoula and goalie Marc Denis; Canucks forwards Steve Kariya and Peter Schaefer; Blues left winger Jochen Hecht; and Islanders goalie Roberto Luongo also are bringing fans to their feet.

In an era when expansion means dilution of talent, NHL teams keep drafting better players — at least some do.

The best part of expansion is that it has opened up spots for young players as the eighth to 12th forward, fifth through seventh defenseman and backup goalie —

only someone forgot to tell the kids their roles because they've played much better.

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Those are the qualities these kids bring to the NHL.

There isn't a Teemu Selanne in the group, a player who can score 76 goals as a rookie, or a Ray Bourque, who was named a first-team NHL All-Star as well as the game's top rookie. But don't count out any of these blue-chippers from leading his team to a Stanley Cup or two in the near future.

And in a world when teams are crying about multimillion dollar salaries, these talented youngsters fit in even better because of the league's \$850,000 salary cap on players in their first three-NHL seasons.

MEN

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swing of the indoor track season with the Saluki Booster Invitational Jan. 14-15 — the first of three home meets.

The strongest aspect of this year's Salukis may be the long jump and triple jump. The two most promising jumpers are senior Brad Bowers and transfer Michael Richardson, who just recently signed with the Salukis from Aurora Community College in Colorado.

In addition to Bowers and Richardson, junior high jumpers Joe Hill and Loren King, along with long jumper Gregory Denagall, should contribute.

"We are very, very strong in the jumping department with Brad Bowers, who was an All-American last year in the long jump," assistant jumps/pole vaulting coach Cameron Wright said. "Mike Richardson is very tough. Both Bowers and Richardson are going to be solid."

However, neither will be in action until after the new year. Bowers is recovering from back surgery, and Richardson is not eligible until January.

Another team strength is in pole vaulting, where sophomore Chad Harris and junior Dan Stone compete.

"Chad already has recorded 16 feet in practice this season. He looks like he is going to be one of the top pole vaulters in the conference," Cornell said. "Dan Stone is looking real good. He has the strength, speed and size. He easily [recorded] 16 feet in practice."

Senior Romante Archer and juniors Chris Robinson and King are strong sprinters who could give the Salukis a shot at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, which will take place at SIU Feb. 26-27.

"Romante is probably our best sprinter. Both Loren and Romante have been working very hard in the fall," assistant sprint coach Vince Bingham said.

"I have high hopes for both of them. I think they both can come close to qualifying in the NCAA Championships, and hopefully they will be tough in the conference."

With only indoor track eligibility remaining; senior Joe Parks leads the middle distance runners this season. Adding to the depth in distance are seniors Matt McClelland and Brian Bunden and junior Chris Owen, who are all running in the 3000 meter race.

"Matt McClelland had a 4:07 mile last year, and he is aiming to be under 4:05 this year. He is obviously stronger than what he was last year, coming off a strong cross country season," Cornell said. "Joe Parks has potential to be in the top three distance runners in the conference."

Even though all the throwers are freshmen, Rob Firrell, David Readle, and Rob Shell will be aiming to excel in the shot-put, and have already showed potential in practice.

"We pretty much have all the events covered," Cornell said. "One or two men are going to make the difference this year. We expect to be a big challenge [for opponents] in the Missouri Valley Conference this year."

WOMEN

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Perhaps the Salukis' top strength is the throwers, which features juniors Tawnjai Ames and Caryn Polkinn.

"Tawnjai is certainly one of our team MVPs from last year who is the top returning athlete in our conference. She has great potential to be an NCAA qualifier," DeNoon said.

"Caryn is one of the team's co-MVPs. She should give us great support. She may be a dominant factor for us at conference."

Maybe, though, the strongest field is the jumpers. The triple jumpers are led by junior Hilla Medalia and freshman Rimma Turevsky, while the long jumpers have freshmen Candice George and Latrice Gray.

Assistant jumps coach Cameron Wright said the triple and long jumpers are going to be solid in their respective events.

"The women long-jumpers and triple jumpers are going to be very good because they show a lot of talent," Wright said.

"We are going to win [the Missouri Valley Conference] this year if the jumps department does well."

Another department packed with talent is the sprinters. Led by senior Leah Nalden, junior Yolanda Mask, and sophomores Tonya Dolgova and Shaneka Williams, assistant sprint coach Vince Bingham knows all his returning runners have what it takes to be competitive.

"We have a good group of sprinters whose expectations are really high," Bingham said. "They are pretty talented and work very hard."

After coming off a solid cross country season, distance runners seniors Jenny Monaco, Erin Leahy, and Joy Cutrano, along with freshmen Katie Meehan and Erin Simone, may be the unit with the most depth on the team.

"Our cross country athletes are all in pretty good shape coming off the cross country season," DeNoon said. "They love track — they feed off it like sharks. "Katie Meehan is a great runner who should give us good support like Jenny Monaco, who has proven since her freshman year that she is one of the top distance runners in the conference."

Armed with what appears to be a balanced and talented squad, the Salukis are looking to start off the season with a strong performance Saturday.

"I have very high hopes for this team," Bingham said. "If we don't have a great showing, I am not going to have a good Christmas."

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Turning point?



MINGSOOK PARK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU freshman forward Jermaine Dearman protects the ball after pulling down one of his six rebounds Wednesday night at the SIU Arena against the University of Evansville. He also scored six points in the Salukis' impressive 82-51 victory.

STORY BY JAY SCHWAB

SIU men's basketball head coach Bruce Weber was having trouble sleeping after his team lost back-to-back games by a 78-77 score. After a 1-3 start, he knew how badly his team needed a win. So after being unsatisfied with SIU's afternoon practice session Tuesday, he called his team back for an emergency late night workout after the Saluki women's game.

Whether or not Weber's final kick in the butt was the catalyst, something sure lit a fire under the Salukis, as SIU erupted for an 82-51 victory over the University of Evansville in front of 4,098 fans Wednesday night at the SIU Arena in both team's MVC opener.

"Maybe it was a little bit of an attitude adjustment," Weber said. "We didn't let [UE] out-scrap us, and they out-scrap people."

SIU (2-3, 1-0 MVC) struggled on offense early, but was kept afloat by the scoring of freshman guard Kent Williams, who had 13 first half points. The Salukis grabbed a modest 22-20 lead, but used a 14-3 run, capped by a lunging left-handed finger roll by senior center Derrick Tilmon, to pull away during the final 3:37 of the first half.

Williams tallied 20 points to lead SIU in the scoring department, while Tilmon scored 14 and senior forward Chris Thunell added 10 points to go with 13 rebounds. SIU killed UE on the boards, 43-25. The win snaps SIU's three-game losing skid, and ends the all time series with UE at 43 wins apiece.

UE was led by 13 points from sophomore forward Adam Seitz. Evansville (4-3, 0-1 MVC) was blown away for the second straight game, much to the disgust of Aces head coach Jim Crews.

"We're not doing much of anything very well right now," Crews said.

SIU had little problem with the Aces in the second half. A monstrous dunk by freshman forward Jermaine Dearman, followed by a slashing lay-up by Williams, ignited the Arena crowd and gave SIU a 66-41 lead with 7:32 remaining.

The Salukis next head to the Windy City for a Saturday game at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

"It's a shame we wasted those first three or four games, now let's just not waste any more," Weber said. "[Winning] is a much better feeling in your stomach, I promise you that."

Men's Indoor Track Schedule

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Jan. 14-15	Saluki Boosters Invitational	Carbondale, Ill.
Jan. 22	Bliss Open	Carbondale, Ill.
Jan. 28-29	McDonald's/Saluki Invitational	Carbondale, Ill.
Feb. 4-5	Mid-America Invitational	Bloomington, Ind.
Feb. 11-12	USA Track & Field Open	Carbondale, Ill.
Feb. 25-26	MVC Championships	Carbondale, Ill.
March 10-11	NCAA Championships	Fayetteville, Ark.

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MEET AT LAST

STORIES BY CHRISTINE BOLIN

PHOTO BY JASON KNISER

Women's Indoor Track Schedule

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Jan. 14-15	Saluki Boosters Invitational	Carbondale, Ill.
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Feb. 4-5	Indiana Mid-America Invitational	Bloomington, Ind.
Feb. 11-12	USA Track & Field Open	Carbondale, Ill.
Feb. 18	Friday Open	Charleston, Ill.
Feb. 26-27	Missouri Valley Championships	Carbondale, Ill.
March 3-4	USATF Indoor Championships	Arlanta, Ga.
March 10-11	NCAA Championships	Fayetteville, Ark.

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Men's roster filled with class diversity, confidence

A confident SIU men's track and field team, composed of a mixture of new and old faces, is primed for the 1999-2000 indoor track season to begin.

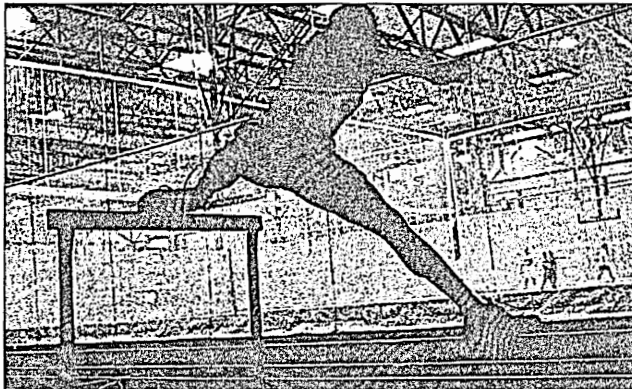
After training for the season almost every afternoon in the fall semester, the SIU men's track and field team is finally competing in their first meet of the season, the Early Bird Classic, Saturday at Illinois State University.

FIRST MEET

• The SIU Men's track team competes in its first meet Saturday in Normal at the Early Bird Classic at Illinois State University.

"This meet is used to get an idea of how our training has been going all semester," head men's track and field coach Bill Cornell said. "There really is not a strong emphasis on it."

Come January, SIU will get into the full



JASON KNISER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

High jumper Loren King strides over a hurdle during his late afternoon practice Monday afternoon in the Recreation Center. The SIU Men's track team will compete against Normal at the Early Bird Classic at Illinois State University this Saturday.

Women's team shows balance in power, speed

SIU women's track and field head coach Don DeNoon cannot make up his mind about what makes up the strongest aspect of this year's Salukis.

Is it the throwers? Sprinters? Jumpers? Distance runners?

"I think we are outstanding and evenly distributed in every department," DeNoon said. "It's going to be an interesting year."

ON THE ROAD

• The SIU women's track and field team competes this weekend at Illinois State Saturday at the Early Bird Classic in Normal.

The Salukis begin their 1999-2000 indoor track campaign Saturday at the Early Bird Classic at Illinois State University, a meet that is serving as more of a time trial than a competitive meet.