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Holiday sales predicted to remain steady



Kelsey Rundle, a junior from Mattoon studying recreation, punches down a customer's order Monday at Pagliai's Pizza & Pasta. Pagliai's is one of Carbondale's establishments that does not lose business over the SIUC winter break, employees said.
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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Many businesses say locals keep registers ringing

Justin Lange
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Business managers say sales remain stable during the winter break, despite the fact that the majority of the university's 20,000 students travel home.

Increased shopping during the holiday period paired with local consumers moving around the city compensate for the missing student buyers, said Assistant City Manager Kevin Baity. He said sales tax revenues from previous years indicate there is no substantial decrease in sales during the university's winter break.

"There is no notable drop as a result of the students leaving for

(the holiday) period because sales are generally up because of the holiday season," Baity said.

Some retail store managers at the University Mall said that sales remain steady and sometimes increase during the season.

Tyler Nelson, management trainee at the Buckle, said the holiday shopping season helps the store's sales. Aside from college students, the Buckle's customers are made up of a number of older adults and high school students, he said.

"We have a pretty big clientele despite the students," Nelson said. "For the most part, we are still able to keep up and still grow because of the clientele we've already got."

Hollister Co.'s sales remain constant as well, manager Roland Green said. While many SIUC students are traveling back home, there are a number of students attending college elsewhere who return to the Carbondale area, he said.

"There's a slight (decrease), but because it's still Christmas time and a holiday season, it's still pretty busy," Green said. "If we were talking about the summer, June to August, there's a major decrease."

Some store managers said their student-based businesses have seen a substantial decrease in sales.

Debbie Wheatley, manager of Paradise Island Tanning, said sales decrease by roughly 80 percent

during the break.

"My business is a student-based business so when the students are gone, I see quite a decrease in sales," Wheatley said.

Wheatley said the tanning store reduces its hours of operation and employee hours to save on overhead costs. Many of the store's employees are also SIUC students, so they will not be around, she said.

Jimmy John's also experiences a decrease in sales over breaks, but does not change operations, manager Sarah Rivard said. She said she has not experienced a winter break, but in general, the store always has slower sales during break.

"It's like a ghost town," Rivard said. "(The break) is really boring."

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Chancellor offers help to students in debt

Bursar reports 130 students on hold for spring

DeMarcus Hamilton
Barton Lorimor
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Interim Chancellor Sam Goldman encouraged students facing financial hardship to seek help from the university before withdrawing themselves from school.

A total of 130 students still owe the school at least \$500, which prevents them from registering for spring semester classes, Bursar Jill Kirkpatrick said Monday. Goldman said the university is prepared to work with those students to prevent them from leaving with SIUC's enrollment being on the decline.

"We have students who are in over their heads in loans and costs," Goldman said. "I don't want them to leave because they do not have any money."

Kirkpatrick said the 130 students have been placed on "bursar hold," which also prevents them from requesting an official transcript or receiving their diploma. She said students are taken off the bursar hold once their bursar debt is below \$500.

Goldman said Kirkpatrick's office has been asked to work with students individually to keep those with debt enrolled.

"That's our job," Kirkpatrick said. "We work with students all the time."

Kirkpatrick said working with students sometimes means giving them an extended due date for their bursar bills. The bursar office is in the lower level of Woody Hall and is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If a student requires long-term assistance, he or she is referred to the financial aid office, which is also located in Woody Hall, Kirkpatrick said.

She said the financial aid office might be able to help students obtain grants and scholarships that would apply to their situation.

Goldman said other assistance has come through a program that would start 25 new jobs for students to help pay their bills.

Financial strains have plagued the university on multiple fronts, Goldman said. The state's recall of \$4 million from SIUC's budget has made it especially difficult to keep tuition lower and meet contractual obligations with faculty and staff, he said.

The governor has hinted additional budget cuts could be on the way for next year, but Dave Gross, SIU's state government liaison, said there has not been confirmation of an exact amount.

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Students hope film bridges gap with India

Three sophomores connect cultures through cinema

Genna Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Finding a way to blend Indian and American cinema while filming in Carbondale could be considered a daunting task.

For one group of students, it was less of a stretch than expected.

Jon Klemke, one of three sophomores finishing his film project for an independent study this week, said he learned the difference between American and Indian cultures isn't too great to bridge.

"Regardless of where you go, people are fundamentally the same and want the same things, but they express it in different ways," said Klemke, of Glenview.

Cinema and photography

majors Klemke, Nick Nysten and Danielle Williamson worked with students at Xavier Institute of Communications in Mumbai, India, to help construct the concept of their half of the roughly 24-minute film, which focuses on love and religion across cultures.

With the help of Jyotsna Kapur, an associate professor in the program, the students said they learned not only about all aspects of the film-making process, but the importance of a connection with other cultures in a globalized society.

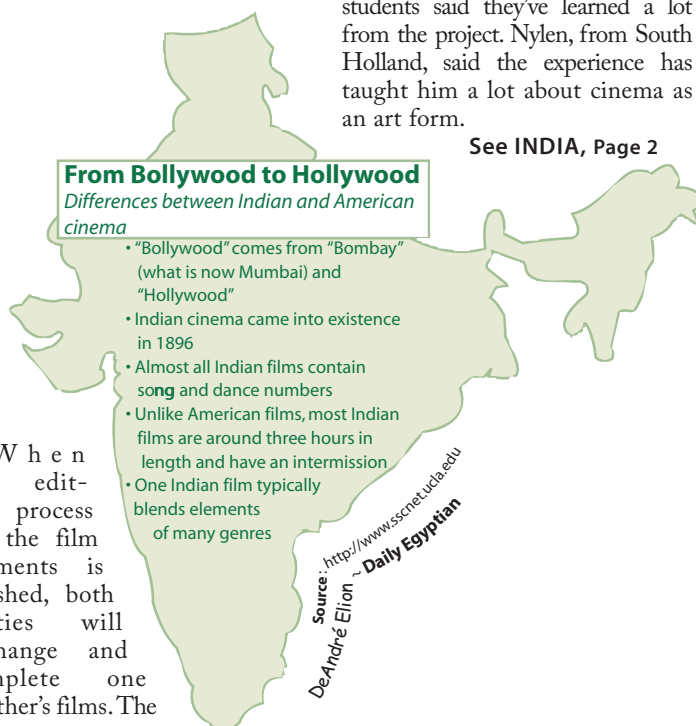
Kapur said the students asked her about Indian cinema after a lecture she taught their freshman year, and she suggested the idea of collaboration. She said she had discussed the idea for a while with colleagues at the Xavier Institute of Technology, where she worked before coming to the United States in 1989.

When students at both universities expressed interest in the idea, Kapur applied for two grants but was denied both. She said the

idea would have been abandoned, but Williamson said they should continue anyway, and the students from Xavier agreed.

Months after its start, the three students said they've learned a lot from the project. Nysten, from South Holland, said the experience has taught him a lot about cinema as an art form.

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INDIA

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"You have to keep pushing things to get the shot and image you're looking for and not compromise because of time," he said.

The segment of film was shot in locations around Carbondale but contains many elements of Hindi cinema such as a song and dance number, Kapur said.

In addition to writing the script and directing the film, the students also composed the music.

Not all of what was learned dealt

with the art of cinema, the students said.

Williamson, from Rockton, said she learned about connecting with people.

"Even though we are thousands and thousands of miles apart, we can still have relationships and communicate with someone from a different country," she said.

Williamson said the recent terrorist attacks in India highlight issues that the students' film touch on. She said they are trying to show the similarities between people, and that people should not be judged and blamed as

a group.

Kapur said the film is a good response to the tendency of globalization to create war and heighten the effects of the declining economy. Projects like this enable people to take charge of it instead of being victims on the receiving end, she said.

"Making this film is living as we should be in this world now, as world citizens," she said. "I think today's young generation embodies that."

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BURSAR

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"We are all in this together," Goldman said.

Kirkpatrick said the number of students on bursar hold could decrease this week, as students tend to pay their

bills as the semester ends.

Students may be restricted from registering for classes if they are suspended by Student Judicial Affairs or have been placed on academic probation with a GPA of less than 2.0. Those students are not included in the figures for the bursar hold,

Kirkpatrick said.

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Bars and restaurants can rely on holiday shopping to compensate for the absence of students, but many do not experience a decrease in sales thanks to Carbondale residents, Baity said.

"With students gone, people are out and about more. They're shopping and frequenting places they don't go when a bulk of the student population is present," Baity said.

Carbondale residents take advantage of the decrease in student presence, Sidetracks manager Bryan Woodruff said.

"During the holidays student business drops considerably, but our local population comes out a little more which helps make up for the lack of students," Woodruff said. "Local patrons realize all the college students are gone so they can go out and not deal with a bunch of drunk kids."

Buffalo Wild Wings' close proximity to the University Mall helps with holiday season sales, said manager Nicole Lowery said. She said the number of student patrons decreases substantially, but resident holiday shoppers replace them.

"Our sales aren't really affected when the students leave because every-

one is out shopping," Lowery said. "The mall brings in a lot of business for us."

PK's owner Gwen Hunt said the bar is not affected as much as other bars in the area because of its large local patron base.

"My bar is known as being the local corner bar, and I don't base all my business completely upon the students," Hunt said. "(My business is) affected but probably not as badly as those that are major student hangouts."

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Congress sends White House \$15 billion auto aid proposal

Julie Hirschfeld Davis
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Democrats sent the White House an emergency \$15 billion auto bailout plan Monday, complete with provision of a “car czar” to oversee the industry’s reinvention of itself. The Bush administration said there had been progress toward agreement but pressed further negotiations into the night.

The measure would rush bridge loans to Detroit’s struggling Big Three but would also demand that the auto industry restructure itself in order to survive and would put an overseer chosen by President George W. Bush in charge of monitoring that effort, according to the draft obtained by The Associated Press.

At first blush, White House officials suggested privately that the draft plan might fall short of principles behind a broad agreement to give long-term financing only to viable companies. But a later statement from press secretary Dana Perino sounded relatively upbeat about the rescue legislation, which congressional leaders hope to approve in the next few days.

“We’ve made a lot of progress in recent days to develop legislation to help automakers restructure and achieve long-term viability,” she said. “We’ll continue to work with members on both sides of the aisle to

achieve legislation that protects the good faith investment by taxpayers.”

Bush himself said it was “hard to tell” if a deal was imminent because definite conditions had to be met. “These are important companies, but on the other hand, we just don’t want to put good money after bad,” he said in an interview with ABC’s “Nightline.”

At the Capitol, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said, “While we take no satisfaction in loaning taxpayer money to these companies, we know it must be done.” He added, “This is no blank check or blind hope.”

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said negotiations were continuing with the White House, and lawmakers were hoping to create an auto industry that could thrive on its own — an effort she said would require concessions from management, labor, creditors and others.

“We call this a barbershop. Everybody’s getting a haircut,” Pelosi said.

Earlier Monday, the White House and a top Democratic lawmaker said they were likely to strike a deal quickly on the multibillion-dollar bailout, which places strict restrictions on the automakers while they’re receiving the loans and mandates that the government overseer keep close tabs on their efforts to restructure.

The emergency loans would be drawn from an existing program

meant to help the automakers build fuel-efficient vehicles.

Among the requirements included the draft proposal is one that the carmakers getting federal help get rid of their corporate jets — which became a potent symbol of the industry’s ineptitude when the Big Three CEOs used them for their initial trips to Washington to plead before Congress for government aid.

The proposal also would give the overseer — a kind of “car czar” — say-so over any major business decisions by the automakers while they’re taking advantage of federal aid. The companies would have to open their books to the government, including informing the overseer of any transaction of \$25 million or more and any “material change” in their financial condition.

Under the plan, the carmakers could get emergency loans right away. Then the overseer would write guidelines, due on the first of the year, for restructuring the Big Three automakers.

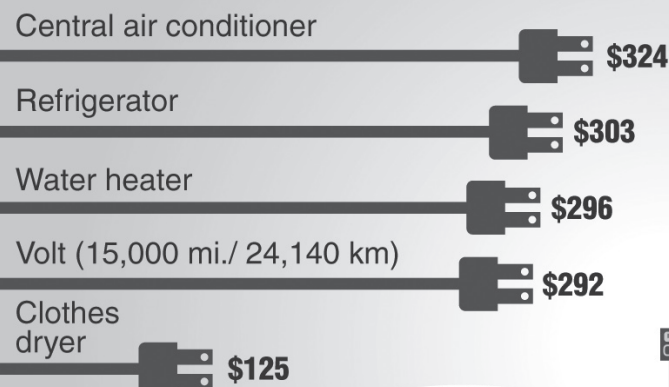
In testimony before Congress last week, General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC, which have said they are weeks from collapse, made it clear they would need a total of \$14 billion to \$15 billion to survive through early 2009. Ford Motor Co. has said it has enough money to stay afloat unless one of the other Big Three goes under or the economy deteriorates more sharply.

While the measure would put an administration official select-

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ed by Bush in charge of setting terms for restructuring, the decision about whether the terms were being met would not be made until President-elect Barack Obama

had been sworn in. Congressional Democrats and the White House were working to find a broadly supported candidate who could span the two administrations.

UNITED STATES

Judge tells Blackwater guards they must face charges in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wild, unprovoked gunfire and grenades killed 14 innocent Iraqis and hurt dozens more in a 2007 Baghdad attack, prosecutors said Monday in announcing charges with mandatory 30-year prison terms against five Blackwater Worldwide security guards. The Justice Department called the shooting a shocking and devastating violation of human rights.

The harsh words echoed the outrage of Iraqis, who have waited more than a year to see how the U.S. would respond to the shooting on a busy street in the Iraqi capital.

UNITED STATES

Marines left troops vulnerable by delaying ‘MRAP’ vehicles in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Marine Corps left troops in Iraq vulnerable to deadly roadside bombs by failing to answer a request from commanders for blast-resistant vehicles, according to an internal Pentagon investigation obtained by The Associated Press.

Marine acquisition officials shelved the request in February 2005 for the “MRAPs” after deciding armored versions of the Humvee were the best answer to the improvised explosive devices that became the signature weapon of the Iraq war. However, the beefier Humvees proved incapable of withstanding the increasingly powerful roadside bombs.

CUBA

Accused 9/11 plotters want to confess

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE (AP) — Khalid Sheikh Mohammed said Monday he will confess to masterminding the Sept. 11 attacks, throwing his death-penalty trial into disarray and shocking victims’ relatives who watched from behind a glass partition.

Four other men also abandoned their defenses, in effect daring the Pentagon to grant their wish for martyrdom. The judge ordered lawyers to advise him by Jan. 4 whether the Pentagon can apply the death penalty — which military prosecutors are seeking — without a jury trial.

CHILE

Homeless dog tries to rescue dog hit by car on a highway in Chile

SANTIAGO (AP) — Chileans have a new hero: an apparently homeless dog that pulled the body of another dog through traffic off a busy highway. A surveillance camera on a Santiago freeway captured images of a dog trotting past speeding cars to pull the lifeless body of the other canine, which had been run over by a vehicle, away from traffic and onto the median strip.

The scene was broadcast by Chilean television stations and then posted on Web sites such as YouTube.com, and hundreds of thousands of people had viewed versions of it by Monday.

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OUR WORD

Plagiarism policy must be crystal clear

The plagiarism policy draft should stand the test of time. It should not need to be rewritten for years to come.

The policy needs to possess the clarity for future administrators to be able to understand the policy without additional explanation of the 11-page policy.

This policy must cover the entire university community. No double standards should be written in for anyone — not for students, not for faculty, not for staff and not for the administration.

Vice President for Academic Affairs John Haller wrote, in a column published in Monday's paper, that parts of this policy would be written into the Research Misconduct Code, the Non-Research Misconduct Code, the Student Conduct Code and the Staff Handbook. The DAILY EGYPTIAN implores the members of the

committee to consider simply making this policy applicable to all members of the SIU community.

The language used in this must also stand the test of time.

Part of Haller's column seems to equate the word frivolous with the word false. "These types of protections (against retaliation or frivolous and malicious charges) encourage good faith allegations but protect individuals and their reputations and careers from false or improper allegations," Haller said.

An accusation that falls under the category of "frivolous" — something that seems silly or lacking seriousness — could still be true.

While we don't believe Haller meant to equate the two words, it does raise the question of whether the wording is clear and

straightforward enough to be understood by future SIU generations. The current wording may scare people with legitimate concerns from coming forward and preserving our university's academic mission.

The plagiarism policy committee must also strongly reconsider the ethical nature of the section allowing for unintentional plagiarism.

Clifford Christians, a media ethics professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — one of the aspirational universities SIU uses to model its own policies — said one of the responsibilities of academia is to tell the truth.

Inadvertent plagiarism, he said, may happen, but is nonetheless not truthful.

This policy must also require all of the SIU community to be ethical, honest and truthful.

Unfortunately, many administrators seem less than enthused about speaking with the DAILY EGYPTIAN about the policy, and it wouldn't be surprising if the policy has been whisked through all the hoops it must jump through by the time class reconvenes.

Regardless of what happens, the DAILY EGYPTIAN will continue to try to contact anyone and everyone who is working to write this policy, and everyone who will be affected by the policy, to bring the most accurate stories on this incredibly important issue.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN will also continue to express its opinions — meant to help improve the policy and this university as a whole — even if the administration thinks they aren't worth the ink it costs to print them.

ELECTED TRUTHS

Getting something done in D.C. for a change

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Was Nov. 4 the day "change" finally came to Washington?

As President-elect Barack Obama's historically quick transition team has announced the President-elect's cabinet picks, voices around the country are saying no.

The selection of New York Sen. Hillary Clinton as the next Secretary of State, something that affirmed a woman would hold the position in three consecutive administrations, was hailed by some as Lincoln-esque.

Lincoln, as detailed in historian Doris Kearns Goodwin's now well-known book "A Team of Rivals," appointed many of his fiercest political rivals to his cabinet.

But for others, the selection of Clinton was the latest in a string of "Clinton-nites" who have made their way into the Cabinet. The most notable are: Timothy Geithner, who was Clinton's under secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs, for Treasury Secretary; former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers to head the National Economic Council; former Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder for attorney general; and Clinton's senior adviser, Rahm Emanuel, as Chief of Staff.

Most have hailed the selections as pragmatic appointees that will help Obama govern from the center, allowing him to be the post-partisan president who can begin implementing his plans immediately, like he had promised during the presidential campaign.

But others see it as just another politician renegeing on his original campaign promises. Liberal groups especially have said Obama is softening his positions, primarily regarding taxation of oil companies' profits and implementing an increased tax on the wealthy.

But all Obama has done is say he will likely delay implementation of those policies until later in his term as he reacts to the ever-changing economic climate.

Unconventional Cabinet selections such as Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman for Treasury Secretary or former NATO commander Gen. Wesley Clark for secretary of defense would have been interesting, but the trade-off is a bi-partisan consensus that can move the president-elect's agenda forward.

Not only should fans of Obama be pleased to see that he is making the necessary moves to build support and collect the political capital necessary to implement his agenda, political observers should note the continuation of brilliant political calculations by Obama.

From the campaign to the transition, it seems Obama has often made every right move.

Holder could give Obama trouble, as his role in the pardoning of commodities trader Mark Rich in 2001 has created a firestorm of criticism. The selection of Summers, who dealt with race and gender relation issues while president of Harvard Law School and advocated the dumping of toxic waste in African countries while at the World Bank in the early '90s, might also spell trouble for Obama.

Overall though, Obama should have no trouble getting his appointments through the Senate quickly.

While many of the Cabinet picks are holdovers from the Clinton administration, Obama is the next president, not Bill Clinton. There is no reason yet to assume Obama is softening on his biggest campaign promises. Let us not box him into a corner before he has even taken the oath of office.

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THE DUKE REPORT

Carbondale should institute a community currency

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It became official last week. America's economy is in recession.

Despite the election year attempts to rebrand it as a slowdown, or malaise, we have been in this recession for about a year.

The question becomes, what do we do now? The world and its markets are looking toward the new president-elect for signals. During this transitional holiday season, people seem to be holding their breath, waiting for a change to come.

Stop waiting. Right now all across the country people are taking charge and becoming the change they want. Individuals and communities are innovating and adapting to the challenges of tomorrow without having to wait for their government.

In Milwaukee, a neighborhood has decided to stimulate the local economy by printing its own currency. That's right, a community in Wisconsin has its own (insert cheese currency joke here).

The idea is that local small businesses and stores will accept the new currency as a way to encourage shopping within the community. The currency will be worth somewhere along the lines of 10 percent more than U.S. dollars (\$100USD=\$110MCD) to encourage use among members of the community. This practice is completely legal, so long as the almighty Federal Reserve Note is backing the currency.

This isn't exactly a new idea: During the Great Depression, hundreds of communities used their own currencies. But as our economy worsens, more and more struggling communities will be eager to try different things.

SIUC already has its own currency: Debit

Dawg. Debit Dawg, however, as most of you know, is more like Disney Dollars or a casino card. Like the community currency, you can only use it at certain places, but, unlike casino cards, you rarely get any added bonus for using the card. It serves more as a way for parents to give their kids money that can't be spent on booze, and a way the university can make a few extra bucks on what's left of your balance.

Carbondale as a community might be well to benefit from this idea. There are many different locally owned businesses in our community struggling to compete, especially with stores such as Wal-Mart, Dick's Sporting Goods or Target. When things get tight, people tend to shop wherever the cheapest prices are, and that can devastate local businesses. This economic downturn has already been hard on our local economy, which, judging by the number of vacant buildings on Route 13, is not doing so well.

Carbondale often lacks a sense of unity. Students often see themselves as more of a subgroup than members of the community. But whether you are here for six months or 60 years, while you are here, you are a member of the community. And this place needs your help.

While Carbondale currency may not happen, there are many things being done right now within the community that are making a difference. The farmers' markets, The Neighborhood Co-Op on Route 13, the Women's Shelter and the Boys and Girls Club are just a few places that are making a difference in the community.

So whether you donate food or toys this Christmas, develop a local community garden or want to just help out by giving a little extra to charity this year, please do. This community needs you.

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Dear Hollywood: Top 10 turkeys

Wes Lawson
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Well, here we are at the end of another semester and another year. Generally speaking, it was not a very good year for movies. Sure, there have been great ones, but for the most part, the cinematic output from Hollywood has been mediocre at best.

So why not take this time to honor the lumps of coal that the industry gave us this year? Here, for your reading pleasure, are the 10 worst films of 2008. Keep in mind that this fair columnist did not see all the bad movies that came out this year, but from what I saw, this was the cream of the crap.

10. "Rambo" — Sylvester Stallone's attempt to bring back his Vietnam hero turned into a vicious, racist attack on the Burmese culture. Killing untold nameless brown people was the modus

operandi for this sequel.

9. "Diary of the Dead" — Poor George A. Romero. His latest societal diatribe, with zombies, was painfully obvious and shoddily made. It's like a low rent "Cloverfield," but with the dumbest people you'll ever meet.

8. "Mirrors" — Kiefer Sutherland faces off against mirrors and tries to make it scary. About as misguided as M. Night Shyamalan making a movie where people run away from wind, but not nearly as hilarious.

7. "The Eye" — Has Jessica Alba ever starred in a movie that was even remotely good? This horror flick, the first remake on the list, was about a woman whose donor eyes carried a terrible curse. Seriously, that was the concept.

6. "10,000 B.C." — Roland Emmerich is known for big, dumb action movies, but this is the first movie

he's ever made that could be considered boring. The dialogue is laughable, the plot is standard stuff and the CGI in certain scenes is inexcusably bad.

5. "88 Minutes" — Oh, how the mighty have fallen. Al Pacino slums in a real-time thriller where the killer is revealed within the first 15 minutes, the dialogue contains lines like "I thought your job was to be right!" and Pacino's alarm clock goes off to "Ms. New Booty." This movie sat on the shelf for more than a year, and for good reason.

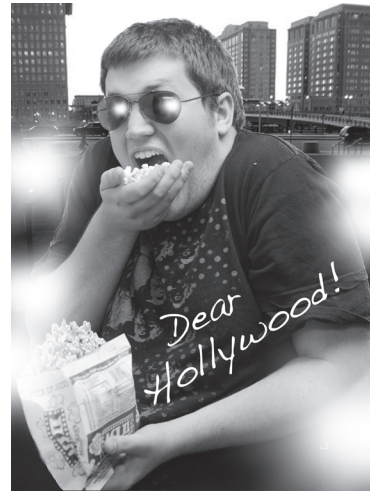
4. "Prom Night" — The killer in this movie stays in the exact same room for most of the runtime, and yet five people manage to get killed under his watch in one night. A PG-13 remake of an R-rated horror movie, with no boos, blood or scares. Lazy, lazy, lazy.

3. "The Hot Chick and the Nottie" — The first hour of Paris Hilton's magnum opus is eye-clawingly bad, and

then she goes off-screen for most of the last half hour and it becomes tolerable. The film can be summed up by this bit of philosophy from Paris' character: "A world without orgasms is like a world without flowers."

2. "One Missed Call" — Nothing I say about this movie can change the fact that there's a scene in which they perform an exorcism on a cell phone. One of the worst horror movies ever made.

1. "College" — If this movie weren't so offensive, tasteless and stupid, it would not be this high on the list. It could have been an ordinary college comedy, but then the filmmakers had to make the frat boys sadistic sociopaths, the heroes some of the most annoying people to ever grace the screen, and the girls' vapid breasts on stilts. This is shameful, reprehensible moviemaking from a female director who completely blows an opportunity.



That's it for this semester, gang. Happy holiday film watching!

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BASKETBALL

Basketball Previews during Christmas break

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While the week of finals marks the end of the academic semester for students, the SIU men's basketball team will continue to take to the courts as its season continues.

Here is what is on tap for the Salukis during the winter break.

AN OPENING ROAD TRIP

The SIU men's basketball team begins a three-game road trip Sunday as it travels to face Nevada (3-4) in a rematch of last season's BracketBuster showdown. The Salukis (3-4) beat the Wolfpack at the SIU Arena last season, 74-49, but both teams are without their top two scorers from last season's matchup.

SIU returns to the Midwest to face in-state rival Northern Illinois (4-5) Dec. 17. The Salukis defeated the Huskies last season, 88-68. Head coach Chris

Lowery said it will be a homecoming game of sorts for several SIU players as guards Bryan Mullins, Kevin Dillard and Ryan Hare, along with forward Christian Cornelius return to play in the northern Illinois area.

The trip concludes Dec. 20 at Conoco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis as senior guard Wesley Clemmons returns to his hometown when SIU faces Saint Mary's (6-1) in the Wooden Tradition. The Salukis are winless in their two neutral court games this season, falling to Duke and UCLA in Madison Square Garden, and the competition does not get easier for SIU. The Gaels feature one of the nation's best guards, Patrick Mills, who averages 20.1 points per game.

THE SALUKIS' FINAL NON-CONFERENCE TEST

SIU wraps up its out-of-conference schedule Dec. 22 when it hosts Western Michigan (2-7). The Broncos beat the Salukis last season, 57-41, as

SIU put forth one of its most disappointing offensive efforts and only shot 26.9 percent and had no players score in double figures.

SIU OPENS MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE PLAY

The Missouri Valley Conference portion of SIU's schedule tips-off Dec. 28 as it travels to Peoria to face Bradley (4-3). The Salukis bounced the Braves in both of their games last season.

SIU will then host Northern Iowa (5-3) in a New Year's Eve showdown. The Salukis dropped two of three to the Panthers last season, including a 54-49 loss in St. Louis that knocked them out of the MVC Tournament. However, SIU has not lost against UNI at the SIU Arena since 1997.

Defending MVC champion Drake (6-2) comes to the SIU Arena Jan. 4 in the first game of the New Year for both teams. The Bulldogs and Salukis split a pair of games last season when each

team was victorious on its home court. SIU upset then-No. 14 Drake, 65-62, as the Bulldogs misfired on what would have been a game-tying 3-point shot as time expired.

The Salukis travel to Wichita, Kansas, to face Wichita State (3-4). SIU swept the Shockers last season with a 63-52 win at home and a 74-67 overtime victory on the road. It was the first time the Salukis were able to pick up a road win against Wichita State since 2003.

SIU returns home Jan. 10 to face Evansville (5-1) in its final game before classes resume Jan. 12. The Salukis have won four of their last six games against the Purple Aces, including 10 straight at home.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

The SIU women's basketball team opens up its winter break with a pair of road games. The Salukis travel up-state to face Chicago State Dec. 14 and then turn around two days later to

face Central Arkansas Dec. 16.

SIU will be striving to break its current three-game losing streak as the Salukis are winless away from the SIU Arena.

After its road trip, SIU returns home for a two-game home stand against Tennessee Tech and Northern Illinois Dec. 21 and Dec 28, respectively. Both of the Salukis' wins have come at home, where SIU will close its non-conference schedule.

Once the out-of-conference portion of the schedule is put in its rearview, SIU begins Missouri Valley Conference play Jan. 2 against Evansville. It is the first of three straight road games to start the MVC season. The Salukis face Bradley Jan. 9 and Northern Iowa Jan. 11 to complete the grueling three-game swing.

SIU opens the home portion of its MVC schedule Jan. 15 against Creighton as students should be settled in by then.

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LENNON'S SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS SEMESTER

The sports desk's top 10 stories of the 2008 fall semester



Sports staff
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1. Dale Lennon's first-season success.

Dale Lennon took the vacant SIU head football coach position and wasted no time in establishing his own philosophy two weeks after former head coach Jerry Kill bolted for Northern Illinois.

Lennon enacted a 3-4 style defense and modified spread offense that quickly established the SIU football team as a national championship contender after being selected fifth in preseason Missouri Valley Football Conference polls.

Lennon cruised to a 9-2 record — the best mark by any first-year coach in SIU history — and won the Valley's Coach of the Year award, which had been won by a first-year coach just twice in the league's history.

And although SIU was ousted in the first round of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs, Lennon's successful first season assured most Saluki fans that the program was in the right hands.

2. Schirmer receives all-American honors.

Junior cross country runner Jeff Schirmer became the first SIU runner to receive all-American status since 1984 when he finished in 25th place at the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

Schirmer used a late push to advance from 35th place to his finishing position of 25th place, and finished just one minute behind Oregon's Galen Rupp, the winner of the meet.

The last SIU runner to be named an all-American was Chris Bunyon in the 1984 season.

Schirmer said it was a great feeling to complete the goal he had been working for all season and said he plans on helping the entire team to qualify for the national meet next season.



3. 'Larry Lightning' runs wild.

Larry Warner waited patiently for his chance to shine before he exploded onto the SIU scene in the 2008 season.

Warner played backup to former SIU running back John Randle during the 2007 season before Lennon gave him a chance to be the primary offensive threat for the 2008 squad.

Warner did little to disappoint and became one of the most exciting players in the history of the SIU football program.

The 5-foot, 5-inch all-purpose running back rushed for 1,256 yards and 10 touchdowns and was the team's fourth most targeted receiving threat.

But Warner's true skill showed in his kickoff return abilities, where he scored a school-record three kickoff returns. Warner averaged 31.2 yards per kickoff return and made every kickoff or punt an opportunity for the Salukis to find the end zone.



4. Garden party with Duke, UCLA.

A thrilling 80-73 victory against the University of Massachusetts on Nov. 12 helped send SIU to the championship round of the 2K Sports Classic, which was held at New York City's historic Madison Square Garden.

The trip was highly anticipated by all of Saluki-nation, even if the results were less than stellar.

Duke crashed the Salukis' Garden party with an 83-58 win in the first semifinal game while then-No. 4 UCLA defeated SIU 77-60 in the consolation bracket.

The losses dropped SIU to 2-2 on the season, but the trip gave SIU a chance to play on a national stage while freshman guard Kevin Dillard was named to the all-Tournament team.



5. Volleyball gets off to best start in school history.

The SIU volleyball team completed its best 10-game start in the school's history when it defeated Indiana State Sept. 19.

The Salukis used the dominant play of sophomore outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger and junior middle blocker Chandra Roberson to compile a 9-1 record to open their season.

Senior libero Kristy Elswick provided senior leadership and anchored a defense that was, at the time, leading the Missouri Valley Conference in digs at 16.89 per set.



6. Dougherty's field goal clinches last-second win.

SIU kicker Kyle Dougherty nailed a last-second 40-yard field goal against Northern Iowa to give SIU perhaps its biggest win of the season.

The Salukis and Panthers entered the game as two giants of the Missouri Valley Football Conference and the game set the tone for the rest of the Saluki season.

Dougherty's game-winning kick, which he said was the first of his career, was set up by a fumble recovery by SIU linebacker Brandin Jordan and gave SIU a victory that eventually helped capture the Valley's automatic playoff bid.



7. Swingler fills void for women's basketball.

After losing eight players from its 2007-08 season, the SIU women's basketball team was in serious need of a playmaker.

Sophomore forward Katrina Swingler rose to the occasion.

Swingler averaged 27 points in the Salukis' first two games of the season as opponents were unable to stop Swingler's combination of mid-range jump shots and low-post maneuvers.

And although Swingler has averaged four points per game in the team's last three games, the sophomore forward figures to be key in the Salukis' plan.



8. A 'fresh' look for men's basketball

The SIU men's basketball team ushered in a new era of basketball as it welcomed seven newcomers, including five freshmen to the program.

Three freshmen have started games for the Salukis (Kevin Dillard, Ryan Hare and Torres Roundtree), and the others average at least 10 minutes per game.

With the influx of new talent, head coach Chris Lowery is attempting to put together the right mix of players as the team moves toward Missouri Valley Conference play.

9. Saluki softball nearly unhittable.

Sophomore pitcher Nikki Waters was one out away from throwing a perfect game in the second game of the SIU softball team's doubleheader against Southeast Missouri State Sept. 26. However, Waters' one-hit performance helped the Salukis sweep the Redhawks in the twin bill.

In the first game of the doubleheader, the SIU offense scored six runs in support of Danielle Glosson's complete-game four-hit shutout. Glosson and Waters combined to strike out 13 batters in 14 innings of work, while not allowing a run and limiting opposing hitters to only five hits.

10. Men's golf wins first tournament since 2004.

The SIU men's golf team opened its season by winning the Wasioto Winds Fall Kick-off Classic, which marked the first time the team had won a tournament since the John Dallio Memorial Sept. 28, 2004.

The season-opening win came off the heels of what head coach Leroy Newton described as a successful summer that followed the Salukis' second-place finish at the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

SIU followed up the win at Wasioto Winds with a victory at the John Dallio Memorial Sept. 22, and the Salukis posted four top-five finishes during their fall season as they seem poised to make a run at the MVC Tournament championship in the spring.