Flying high: Retiring pilot honored for successes

By Mary Beth Armstrong
Daily Egyptian Reporter

When Bill Norwood was a little boy, he used to play with model airplanes constantly, but little did the SIU Trustee know his name would be painted on the side of a United Airlines Cessna 172.

Norwood, a member of the SIU Board of Trustees, was the first black pilot hired by United Airlines and the first to achieve the rank of captain. He will make his last flight Thursday afternoon near Morris Library.

More than 400 fans cheered Tuesday as United honored Norwood's achievements in aviation and education by painting his name on the side of the United 727 as the "Take Flight" exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. "Never in our wildest dreams did we think this was going to happen," Norwood's wife, Molly, said. "He has always worked so hard and said if you have a dream, you should set your goals and work hard. Then you can achieve just about anything."

Norwood gave this advice in part of National Black History Month to 100 youngsters at the museum. "During the ceremony, I wanted to make a positive impression on those kids," Norwood said. "They could run into choices that are either good or unhealthy; instead, they could make the right choices if they work hard and take advantage of every opportunity."

Born in Centralia, Norwood said he was inspired to fly by a Lincoln Elementary School teacher who was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, a black fighter squadron.

Norwood attended SIUC where he began his flying experience in a Cessna 172 through the University and as an ROTC cadre. He was the first black SIU quarterback and was named to both All-American football teams.

In 1965, after the Civil Rights Act was passed, Norwood said he was hired by United Airlines. "When Bill was first hired, there was a lot of pressure on his career as a pilot," Molly said. "Many people were waiting for Bill to do something wrong, but there were others who had faith in Bill's flying abilities."

Bill said he saw some passengers leave the plane because they saw him sitting in the pilot's seat," she said. "However, negativity wasn't a big issue for Bill."

Connie Huff, of United Airlines, said Norwood was instrumental in opening doors for blacks over the years, including United's 1991 Community Relations Award and the Black Pilot Operations Division Special Achievement.
Corrections/Clarifications

The headline for Jemal Powell’s Jetter in Wednesday’s Daily Egyptian should have been “USG president partial to SPC.” The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

If readers spot an error in a news article, they can contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, extension 233 or 228.
Metropolitan plans preview next week

By Erik Bush
Daily Egyptian Reporter

The opening of a new restaurant in Carbondale's recently renovated downtown area has its owner, local business owners and city officials optimistic about its potential for the area.

Darick Troutman, co-owner of Metropolitan Restaurant and Bar, 100 S. Illinois Ave., said he will reveal the restaurant's secrets early next week as "Metro" attempts to bring a touch of contemporary fine-dining to the Heartland.

"Carbondale needed a comfortable, fine-dining restaurant," Troutman said. "Metcopolitan will offer a non-biased, French-service environment that will be the only one of its kind in the southern Illinois area."

Along with offering a light blend of southern and coastal style cuisine, the Metropolitan houses two bars, a game room, dance floor and an area for live bands and theater-style productions.

Troutman said, "This will be a dining experience unrivaled in the area," he said. "We can offer 40 to 50 different wines, live dinner theater, entertainment after 10 p.m. and a healthy choice of hush and dinners."

While the owners remain optimistic, nearby business owners said they look forward to the Metropolitan's help in contributing to the restoration of the downtown district.

Marilyn Martin, owner of Mary Lou's Grill, 114 S. Illinois Ave., said the Metropolitan could be a positive addition to the area.

"Having Metropolitan as our neighbors will be great," she said. "This will help bring more business to the downtown, and that always helps."

With the downtown area undergoing renovations, city officials say the restaurant adds to the attractiveness of the area.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said creating urban environments that will be the only possible benefit to the downtown, and that always helps. Troutman, a native of Marion, along with making the restaurant/bar will offer 40 to 50 different wines. Troutman said his restaurant adds to the attractive-old brick and restore the building as the restaurant in Atlanta: the restaurant's the epitome of his

Darick Troutman, an owner of the new Metropolitan restaurant/bar, relaxes on a comfortable couch in the upstairs bar, Troutman said the restaurant/bar will offer a sneak preview Tuesday at 4 p.m.

A non-biased environment, I want everyone to know that they can come here and be in a comfortable environment," Troutman said he hopes to have the restaurant open on Tuesday in time for Valentine's Day.

Debit card system could start soon

By Donita Polly
DE Politics Editor

A debit card system which would allow students to charge purchases on campus and in the community with the use of one card could be in place by fall 1996 and could help decline enrollment, SIUC officials say.

Larry Juhlin, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, said the University has sent requests to vendors asking for proposals on how they would set up a debit card program at SIUC. He said March 15 is the bid opening date, and the University will start reviewing proposals then.

"If responses come in, we hope to have the system up for the fall semester," Juhlin said. "If no responses come in, we hope to have the system up for the fall semester," Juhlin said. "If no responses come in, we hope to have the system up for the fall semester," Juhlin said.

"The more things we can do to provide student services, the more attractive we make the University," he said. "And that could have a positive effect on recruitment and retention. He said several companies have contacted the University about sponsoring the debit card program, but nothing is definite.
**Coordinated effort continues Amtrak service for Illinois**

IT REALLY IS AN INCREDIBLE EVENT WHEN a combined effort by a diverse group accomplishes its goal.

That is what makes Wednesday's Amtrak legislation in Springfield even more sweet. The system worked, individual citizens and groups made their voices heard and the legislators listened and then acted in accordance with public sentiment.

Everyone involved deserves congratulations. The message is clear: Amtrak runs better when communities are involved. That is what happened in Carbondale city officials and city businesses.

The result of this focused campaign is a compromise plan presented by Governor Jim Edgar for supplemental funding continuing Amtrak service and a plan for future Amtrak funding. The plan is endorsed by the Amtrak task force set up to investigate Illinois' role in the future with Amtrak service.

The cooperation among individuals, the University, SIUC students and groups made their voices heard and the legislators listened and then acted in accordance with public sentiment. The work now begins on Amtrak's future funding in the state.

**THE PLAN FOR AMTRAK'S FUTURE CALLS** for a 10-percent raise in Amtrak fares and reduction of service from seven round trips per week to six. The only sticking point was the provision calling for increased service from seven round trips per week to six. The only sticking point seems to be the provision calling for increased service from seven round trips per week to six. The only sticking point seems to be the provision calling for increased service from seven round trips per week to six.

The cooperation among individuals, the University, Carbondale city officials and city businesses is the most impressive factor of the issue, and we congratulate everyone involved and look forward to the communications for Amtrak funding. The plan is endorsed by the Amtrak task force set up to investigate Illinois' role in the future with Amtrak service.

Carbondale Chamber of Commerce President Rebecca Whittington said the chamber had gathered and sent 4,000 petition signatures, and 800 letters to Springfield. Mail Boxes Etc. said it had sent over 7,700 signatures to the governor in its "Save the Rails" petition drive.

If one were a betting person, one would tend to bet that it's more likely to be an error in the calculus than it is to be a new quark substructure. This is what makes science exciting if our current understanding of nature actually holds to be true.

—Fernihal Associate Physicist Robert Harris, discussing recent findings at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory that suggest that quarks, believed to be the fundamental building block of matter, are made up of even smaller particles called preons.

**Bipartisan governors set example**

The Los Angeles Times

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As for Congress, it needs to be fair to the governors. The system worked, individual citizens and groups made their voices heard and the legislators listened and then acted in accordance with public sentiment.

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The governors have great credit on these issues because states share the costs of welfare and gained the freedom to change state guidelines. Under the governors' proposals, states would be required to provide an additional $4 billion over five years, but states would have the flexibility to spend the money as they see fit.

The governors' plans is clearly unfinished, but there is merit in their effort, especially if it gets Gov. Pataki on board. In New York, the governor has proposed $3 billion in welfare cuts, which would have the effect of cutting state aid to cities and counties. A similar approach is being considered in other states.

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By Ethan A. Nadellman. The Naples Times

Almost everyone acknowledges it privately, but few politicians will say publicly that the war on drugs is a losing battle. In 1988, Congress adopted a resolution declaring its intention that the United States be "drug-free by 1995." It’s 1996, and there are more drugs than before. Drugs are now cheaper. The challenge is not to become a drug-free society but to make it as easy as possible. Rather, the challenge is to just moderate the present levels of drug taking so that they cause the least possible harm.

We have to start talking honestly and openly about America’s most serious drug problem, which is prohibition. It has been seen and will always be the case that most Americans who use drugs do so responsibly and in moderation, while a small minority do so in ways that harm themselves and others. Drug prohibition laws certainly do result in people using drugs and thereby prevent a majority of them from becoming drug addicts. However, all the evidence available indicates that most Americans do not need prohibition laws to save them from addiction, and for those who use drugs anyway, prohibition do more harm than good.

The American experience with alcohol prohibition provides important lessons for analyzing our drug problem. The constitutional amendment outlawing alcohol was passed in 1919 because Americans believed it would eliminate alcohol consumption. As a result, they destroyed their homes. Alcoholic consumption fell at first, attained by a painful process of people finding a new way to drink. Americans then learned to live with their new reality, but solvers and politicians will argue for more effective policies, such as drug prohibition. And the evidence will show that they are wrong.

The Los Angeles Times, Feb. 11, 1996

U.S. needs to rethink drug policy

By Ethan A. Nadellman. The Naples Times

"We need to start talking honestly and openly about America's most serious drug problem, which is prohibition."

Ethan Nadellman, Director of the Lindesmith Center

realized that no prohibition law could dissuade millions of people from drinking if they really wanted to. At the same time, Americans witnessed existing levels of organized crime and corruption, widespread lawlessness, the labeling of millions as criminals and even the poisoning of hundreds of thousands of people with homemade liquor. These were not simply "alcohol problems," they were the consequences of prohibition. Americans need to make that distinction today. The diversion of substantial wealth, police and prison resources to arresting and imprisoning the convicted is not simply a drug problem but a drug prohibition problem. When drug dealers kill another as well as innocent bystanders, the police and politicians, that’s a prohibition problem. When drug addicts steal or prostitute themselves to support their habits, that’s a drug problem.

The Lindesmith Center, Feb. 11, 1996

THE WEEKEND

Activities

Haysi and Booths, 8 p.m., free, Old Baptist Foundation. Contact: SIUC School of Music, 536-8742.

EVERGREEN, a popular new trio, and opening act Satya Sarah, Cousin Jane, S29-3533.

THE STAGE COMPANY presents "The Diviners," Feb. 9, 10, and Feb. 11, 11 at 2 p.m., $7 entrance, $5 matinee performances, Contact: SIUC School of Music, 536-8466.

Bald Eagle and Canaidian Geoscience watching at the Union County Wildlife Refuge, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 10, in Jacksonville, meet at the Interfaith Center, free, sponsored by the Student Environmental Center. Contact: Jennifer Wright, 536-5917.

Calendar

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Meetings

SOCIAL WORK STUDENT Alliance, 3:15, Quigley Hall room 115. Contact: Troy, 453-2534.


FRENCH CLUB, 4:45 p.m., Boo’s on the Strip. Contact: Lanesa, 543-5415.

SCIENCE FICTION Club, 6-9 p.m., Student Center Lounge. Contact: Jason, 457-2420.

SPANISH TABLE, 4-6 p.m., Molage Cafe. Contact: Jason, 457-2420.

Events

SIGN-UP FOR KED 1996 Miss Touch of Blue. Contact: Sarah, 543-9681, Student Center near mailboxes, sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma. Lushan, 351-0805.

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AMERICAN POLICY: The California state board for Consumer Affairs today decided it would hold a hearing on legislation topics related to the conflict between health care providers and insurance companies. The board met in Sacramento this morning to hear testimony on the issue.

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I can prove it," Police said they were unable to comment on specific details of the incident. Because of the high crime rate in the area, police have been deployed to patrol the area around the residence, and not overloaded at all. Only the Jordon and stated: "I will have a warrant to search Whatcott's residence, according to court records. "Whatcott was charged with harassing a witness on Feb. 2, and was released after posting $1,000 bond, police said. According to court records, police obtained a warrant to search Whatcott's residence, and items including a telephone, listening device and a voice-activating telephone access code were found. Police also discovered literature on semiconductor devices, assault weapons, body-armored devices, body armor, boxes of making, bombs, making nitriloylpyrines, stealing chemicals from labs and instructions on building ammonium nitrate fuel oil bombs, according to the court records.

The records show that Whatcott is now prohibited from entering or remaining on SHUC property, including his residence at Southern Hills. George Banta, associate dean of the School of Law, confirmed that Whatcott is no longer a student. "He was dismissed from the School of Law last week," Banta said. "But I can't comment on the reason for his dismissal."

Terry Hoffman, Student Judicial Affairs coordinator, would not comment on whether or not University charges would be taken. "It is not our policy to comment on specific details of an incident," he said. "However, Tatham said he is optimistic. "If the bookstore continues to lose revenue, we will have to make adjustments," Tatham said. Adjustments could include downsizing programs, reducing operating hours and limiting lounge maintenance and renovations at the center, he said. The money used for Student Center operations is generated through retail sales, including food sales at McDonald's and other restaurants, check-cashing services, commissions from vending machines, rent from area bookstores, and sales of T-shirts and bookstore sales, Tatham said. The Student Center is open today because there is no money appropriated to the Student Center by the University, he said. Tatham said he recognizes that the added competition from the new Sakiri Bookstores, 701 E. Good, which opened in November, puts a strain on the book sales at University Bookstore.

However, he said believes the other area bookstores all suffer from the same problem. Area bookstore manager's find different ways to remain and wholesale.

Lee Blankenship, manager of 710 Bookstores, 701 S. Illinois, said his business has been "real-ly busy" and textbook sales have remained the same. Craig Case, manager of Sakiri Bookstores, said the store's book sales were what he had anticipated. He also said the store maintains a positive relationship with the University and said he would like for that to continue.

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Avard. He said he currently flies DC-10s between Chicago and Honolulu for United and has flown Boeing 727s, 757s and 767s throughout his career as a commercial pilot.

In addition, Norwood said he has served as a SIU Trustee since 1974, and he is on the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

SIU President Todd Sanders said Norwood is a great asset to the university and the board of Trustees.

Molly said people from all over the country are flying in for his Feb. 17 retirement party at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at O'Hare Airport in Chicago.

John Edwardson, president and chief operating officer of United, will lead United executive pilots, employees and friends in saluting Norwood for his achievements and his contributions to higher education.

"Norwood said he plans to spend more time with his family after retiring."

Joe Schoer, executive assistant to the president of Museum of Science and Industry, said the ceremony was not only exciting but was hopefully it served a purpose of children who want their dreams to come true.

"We are thrilled with the inspirational message Captain Norwood delivered to the children surrounding him," Schoer said.

"This is clearly the kind of ceremony that we have in mind as we celebrate Black History Month and influence young minds through the museum's annual exhibitions," he said.

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Information Technology donates computers

10 student organizations have decided to accept the systems; GPSC still to vote

By Sigle K. Skirvin
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Year of the Rat now celebrated in Post Offices

WASHINGTON—Appearing at many post offices Friday is one of the more remarkable stamps of the decade.

It features a big fat rat. The design may resemble a well-fed squirrel, but check closely and you'll see that the redish animal on this purple 32-cent stamp is, indeed, a rat — the first to be featured on a U.S. postage stamp.

Plans for the stamp — in honor of the Chinese Year of the Rat — were set in motion several years ago when the Postal Service approved a series of 12 Chinese Lunar New Year stamps. The stamps began in 1992 with a "Year of the Rooster," followed by a "Year of the Dog" and "Year of the Boar," or pig.

These stamps seemed to be popular especially in communities with large Asian-American populations and in the booming overseas markets, especially China, which the Postal Service has begun to tap. As for the rat stamp, postal spokesman Mar Harkins said the council has "not heard of any concern about potential saler." "If we grow in northern New Jersey and it doesn’t look like one of those guys I knew," Hand joked.

Besides, she noted that to the other Chinese rat designs used in the series of stamps. The stamp carries the greeting: "Happy New Year!" and in Chinese characters "Year of the Rat."

Stamps Ventures of Chantilly, Va., printed the sheet of 20. A number of other nations, among them the island of Jersey, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia are also issuing "Year of the Rat" stamps with designs resembling Chinese characters.

"Right now we have a really outdated Tandy computer that runs extremely slow and is basically a big pain in the butt."

— Erik Kolontok
Co-director of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Friends

"We're not just dangling a carrot... We really do have something to say about an issue. But they don't always have enough time to come over to the office to talk to the senators."

Penny Pitch, Inter-Greek Council president, said the computers will help her organization interact with other Greek organizations across the nation.

"Hopefully when the system gets set up we'll be able to get new ideas from other Greek chapters across the state and the country without having to take the time and money to travel to confer- ences," Pitch said.

She said the campuses across the nation that do not have an organization like the council, where all University Greek chapters have a consolidated representative body, might be able to learn from SUC's systems.

Pitch said some of the ideas the council hopes to gain are on the events other Greek chapters sponsor and charity work. She said individual chapters at SUC will also benefit from this model of communication by connecting with their national headquarters and other chapters across the nation.

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While these and eight other organizations are praising the donation, the Graduate and Professional Student Council has been offered the same opportunity but has not yet accepted the offer.

Mark Terry, GPSC vice president for graduate school affairs, said "It's not a decision the council has not voted on because the council has not vetoed on the donation."

"The situation is the Executive Board thinks this is great, and most of the council members are in favor of the opportunity," Terry said. "But the entire council has not voted on the expenditure. The systems will exist GPSC $1,173, and an expenditure above $250 has to be voted on by the council."

Terry said the donation will be on the council's meeting agenda Wednesday.

Other organizations that received the computer donation are the Black Affairs Council, International Student Council, American Marketing Association, Student Programming Council, WGBH Radio, United Asian American Council and the Hispanic Student Council.

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Offer valid for personal accounts only.
By Kendra Helmer
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Vandalism to nine Central Illinois Public Service substations in recent weeks has some officials fearing consequences such as a city-wide power outage or possible electrocution, a CIPS representative says.

Nine substations have been vandalized in the Southern Illinois area, George Sheppard, CIPS Southern area public affairs representative, said. A substation is an installation where transmission voltage comes in and is turned into usable electricity. "Vandalism might cause a power interruption to an entire city that would be a tremendous danger to customers," Sheppard said. "A power outage would affect hospitals, nursing homes and fire stations."

CIPS provides electric service to approximately 307,000 customers in 557 communities within a 20,000 square-mile area of Central and Southern Illinois, Richard Dial, CIPS Southern division manager, said. Sheppard said a power outage has not occurred as a result of the vandalism, but there has been substantial damage to the substations. "It would appear that they're after the copper wire that's in the stations to resell it," Sheppard said.

"As far as the monetary value of the copper, it's not more than $1,500 to $2,000, which is insignificant when compared to the thousands of dollars we're spending in man hours to repair the stations," Sheppard said.

Sheppard said someone could easily be electrocuted because of the high voltage in the substations. "It's a very dangerous situation for whoever is vandalizing these substations," he said. "This person may suffer a severe injury or death by electrocution."

"It's also dangerous for the repairman. They may not know if a substation has been sabotaged."

CIPS officials said there are no suspects in this case. CIPS is offering a $1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest. Officials said anyone with information should contact local law enforcement officials.
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Dealing of Selanne shows Ducks may just be mighty

By Helene Elliott
The Los Angeles Times

Trading Oleg Tverdovsky and Chad Kilger to the Winnipeg Jets for propane and 26-year-old Selanne contradicts everything the Anaheim Mighty Ducks have ever said about building a championship team. But, given Selanne's talent, the coaches' philosophy has been to be patient and develop their own talent, which is only the way to construct a sustainable foundation. Free agency is the avenue to take when a team needs one or two players to become a serious contender. It's not a route to be traveled frequently because of the uncertainty inherent in free agency rules.

But giving up two 19-year-old players for a 25-year-old, the Ducks aren't sacrificing their future for the present. By the time Selanne turns 30, they will have had ample opportunity to draft other talented youngsters who can replace Kilger and Tverdovsky. They're giving up potential, but they're getting a proven scorer. Selanne has 306 points in 231 games, an average of 1.32 points per game. That's more than Mark Messier, Joe Sakic, Denis Savard and Eric Lindros have. In their first four seasons, LaFontaine have averaged. For their careers, only five NHL players have averaged more. Kilger has less than four seasons. Wayne Gretzky (2.11), Mark Messier (2.03), Mike Vernon (1.497), Bobby Orr (1.392) and Mario Lemieux (1.378).

"I have a feeling that I just became about 30 percent smarter in the last month," said Duck Coach Ron Wilson said. The Ducks were disappointed with Tverdovsky's development this season. That's not to say he won't become a top-notch defense man. Finances is central to his game, meaning he needs more time to mature than a defensive-oriented defenseman. To be successful, Tverdovsky has to read plays; he wasn't doing that this season. The Ducks' power play, which he was supposed to quarterback, was last in the N.H.L.

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By Joe Gegen

New York

"NEW YORK--This has been a season of change for the New York Knicks. They have a new coach, an offensive style determined by something called a point forward and a new grouping of players who were stars in Boston two years ago. They even have alternative road uniforms for special, or not so special, occasions.

And yet so little about the Knicks has changed. Their one constant is intact: their place in the standings is similar to this time last year and their record after these 42-27 victories over the Washington Bullets Wednesday night, 30-16, is identical to that compiled by the team at the All-Star break in the 1994-95 season. Truly, it can be said about these Knicks that they are the same, only different.

"It's strange to hear that our record is the same as last year," forward Charles Smith said. "You wouldn't think so from all the stories that have gone on. The coach came in after the game and said, 'Thirty wins, good half.' And I thought, 'We won 30 games?' Hubert (Davis) said the same thing in the shower. He said, 'I believe we won 30.'"

Whatever the cast has regained consistency, the individual dynamics have not. A lot of people's roles have changed, but not the perceptions. Anthony Mason has flourished in an expanded role, leading the Eastern National Basketball Association in minutes, while Smith has faded into the woodwork as the sixth man and is said to be on the trading block. As Hubert Davis' points have climbed, those of John Starks have declined, a source of frustration that was channeled in the direction of a reporter following him. But Hubert, the point differential between the Knicks and their opponents (2.1) is what it was when it was at the end of last season.

Additionally, the franchise will send one player to the All-Star Game in San Antonio this weekend.

By Patrick Ewing, the once LNG-Star last year, the new roles of his teammates this season must be more interesting for his activities off the court than on.

The word Smith used to describe the season to date was "tumultuous." But not because of all the movement within the Atlantic Division.

The Knicks trail the Orlando Magic, just as they did at the All-Star Game, by a comfortable lead over the rest of the pack, just as they did last February. If they appear to be on a treadmill, it's one that most teams in the league would be happy to endorse, one carrying them to a top-four playoff seed in their conference.

"Certainly, Pat Riley would be pleased to be in such a position," he said as much the previous week after the Knicks sparked his Miami Heat for the second time in six days. It's just that when a New York sports team needs their victories to compensate for bad seasons or fail to improve from year to year, Riley contended, a "soop opera" ensues.

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with our heads on straight because if we don't, there's a chance we could lose to them, and we don't want to lose to them," said senior guard Nikki Gilmore said that seniors are good kids, but are not allowing themselves to become overconfident.

"It's something that we just need to work on. It was a game that we won at Creighton and Drake," Gilmore said. "We're not going to overlook anyone because if we play loose in the conference is going to give us a game.'"

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in the game from the floor, and senior guard Johnny Datzie said missed opportunities and missed shots have been the most frustrating part of the game. "I know it may look like we're out, but we've still got to do something," he said. "If we keep playing hard and give it all after it, we'll get the breaks—eventually it will come.""
Watson unveils list of new football recruits

By William C. Phillips III  Daily Egyptian Reporter

SICU football coach Shawn Watson said he expects this year’s recruiting class to be better than last year’s, and he credits the school’s track and field teams for helping him fill those holes.

"It would be a big step for us," Watson said. "We need to get some of our best momentum from the track and field team."

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Bluejays drop Salukis 68-63

Loss sinks Dawgs to 10-13 on year

By Chad Anderson
DE Sports Editor

Thursday night’s 68-63 Saluki loss to Creighton can be best summed up in a single word: carelessness.

The men’s basketball team, now 10-13 overall and 3-9 in the Missouri Valley Conference, dropped its must-win game to the Bluejays, and is now bucking itself into a corner trying to fight its way into the MVC Tournament in St. Louis March 2-4.

With only six games remaining in the season, the Dawgs must now battle some of the toughest competition in the conference to grab the eight seed spot next on the SIUC schedule, the term must-win has never had a stronger definition.

After battling ISU Feb. 11 in Bloomington-Normal, the Salukis must come out of the corner swinging against fourth-place Tulsa, sixth-place Drake, eighth-place Evansville, and close out the season with a home game against first-place Bradley Feb. 25.

In the game, the Salukis fell 68-63 to the Bluejays. Scott said playing the Aces is about as close as three points with 1:30 and :16 left in the game, but never getting over the hump.

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Scott, SIUC hope to avoid letdown at Evansville

By Michael DeFord
DE Assistant Sports Editor

Heading into the University of Evansville Saturday, the attitude of the SIUC women’s basketball team is backed by confidence, not cockiness.

At 9-2 in the Missouri Valley Conference, the Dawgs have a firm grasp on second place behind Southern Missouri State's 13-0 unblemished record of 11-0.

Saturday SIUC will take on Evansville, currently the cellar-dwellers of the conference at 1-10.

At this point in the Valley race, Saluki women’s coach Cindy Scott is not taking the Aces too lightly. Despite their dismal 6-19 record, Scott said playing the Aces in Evansville has her on edge.

“They scare me to death,” Scott said. “Going into Evansville scares me as much as going to Drake or Creighton, because they are a team that has nothing to lose.”

Cindy Scott
women’s basketball coach

Senior forward Jarron Tucker tries to penetrate and cut to the basket after recovering a loose ball, but was called for an offensive foul on the play during the Dawgs’ 68-63 loss to Creighton Thursday night at SIU Arena.

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Between the Lines

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Prior to his retirement, Winfield was the baseball's active leader in hits and now batted in.

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