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DAILY EGYPTIAN recognized in state journalism competition.

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Take a trip to Greece or Egypt this summer.

**Evaluations:**
Surveys allow students to rate their advisers.

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**Police release details of SIUC instructor slaying**

DAVID FERRARA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC associate professor Loyd Yates was beaten to death Friday with a baseball bat and stabbed in the chest with a large knife. The attack took place at the university's campus just before 1 a.m. Saturday, according to Carbondale police officials.

John Sytsma, acting Carbondale police chief, told Daily Egyptian reporter John Sytsma that a suspect was arrested and charged with first-degree murder. The suspect is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 23.

Lynch, 47, was charged with first-degree murder. He is being held in the Jackson County Jail in lieu of $1 million bond.

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**Student found dead in residence hall**

KAREN BLATTER
ACADEMIC AMERICAN EDITOR

An SIUC student died in his residence hall room Friday evening because of natural causes, according to the Jackson County Coroner's office.

At 10:30 p.m. Friday, SIUC Police responded to a death call in the campus dormitory on a report of an unresponsive male. The police then called the Jackson County Ambulance service, who pronounced the man dead.

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**Senate to vote on Andersen recommendations**

Members concerned report may blur administrative roles

SARA BEAN
POLITICS EDITOR

Additional information and less complicated wording may aid in the Senate's approval of a resolution recommending the SIU Board of Trustees postpone action on a recent Arthur Andersen report, according to Senate President Jim Allen.

Allen said the new resolution is a "serious modification" of the old one. The new resolution has been filed with the university's administration and the state's higher education board. The new resolution recommends the board not act on the study until four areas are addressed:

- A regional economic impact study be completed;
- Issues involving procurement and disbursement be resolved;
- An outside audit firm be retained;
- A new resolution be filed with the state's higher education board.

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**Dog or deity?**

Professional hunting guide Jerey Uhrin of Murphysboro practices retrieving with his black Labrador, Haggie, Monday afternoon in rural Murphysboro. Uhrin practices with his dogs on a daily basis to keep them sharp and alert. He has been training dogs to hunt for the past seven years and has been a hunting guide since 1986.
Police Blotter

CARBONDALE

• At 9:30 a.m., Friday, a 37-year-old male reported his wallet was stolen out of a locker at the Recreation Center. The loss was estimated at $150, and there are no suspects.

• Daniel Schuster, 22, of Murphysboro, was cited at 12:04 a.m. Saturday for illegal transportation of alcohol after he was spotted on South West Street for making an illegal turn. Schuster was served on outstanding Jackson County warrant for failure to appear in court on a seat belt violation. He was unable to post bond and taken to Jackson County Jail.

• James W. Weidle II, 19, of Carbondale, was arrested at 9:14 p.m. Saturday for battery and domestic battery. The arrest occurred after an investigation into a complaint that occurred in a campus residence hall. Newman was taken to Jackson County Jail.

• James C. Weidle II, 19, of Carbondale, was issued a notice at 4:03 a.m. Sunday to appear in Carbondale City Court for property damage. A police officer reported seeing Weidle damage a pay telephone on East Grand Avenue. Weidle reportedly spoke on the phone and caused the face to fall off the phone.

Corrections

Bendin who spot an error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian, Room 232C, 530-3371 extenstion 228 or 227.
Dormitory floor suffers extreme damage

SCAPEGOATS:
Residents of 9th floor to pay for damages if guilty parties do not confess.

More than $5,000 in repairs, the result of damages occurring in Schneider Hall Thursday night, will be charged to residents of the ninth floor if officials cannot find the person or persons responsible.

According to Dean Cooks, mechanical construction superintendent of Schneider Hall, damages included a destroyed laundry control unit, damaged elevator doors, a broken thermostat, cigarette butts in an end lounge and a fire in a heating conventer.

Cooks said such extreme damages are rare in comparison with other incidents he encounters.

We always have a few minor things—a broken window or torn painted wall,” Cooks said. “We rarely run into this amount of damage.”

Gus Bode

Perkins, coordinator of residence life for Brush Towers, is responsible to the responsible party.

Gus Bode

Raffle intended to raise support for the Salukis

SCHOLARSHIP:
Students attending Saturday’s game could go to school for free.

In the 60s and 70s, SIUC was known as the most affordable place to play because of its fees and students,” Bortz said. “This was when we were beating the Big 10 (Conference) schools.”

Greg Scott, assistant director of the Alumni Association, said if the winner is an international or out-of-state student, the Alumni Association will pay $3,000 of their tuition bill. If the winner is an in-state student, the scholarship will pay up to 15 hours for the Fall 1999 semester.

The Alumni Association bought a maximum capacity of 10,004.

If we could pack the place, it’ll be more exciting than anyone could imagine,” Bortz said.

GPSC to discuss new technology fee tonight

CONCERNS:
Council also to address parking, rental situations.

Daly Craft

The Graduate and Professional Student Council seeks more information regarding the proposed technology fee and tonight’s presentation from Vice Chancellor for Administration Michael Speck.

Michael Speck to invite administrative officers following Argersinger’s presentation.

Gus Bode

Vice President Ed Ford said Thursday that the council would have to at least debate passing their proposals through the university’s administration.

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State

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.
A.D. Van Meter reappointed to SIU Board of Trustees

Gov. George Ryan re-appointed A.D. Van Meter to the Board of Trustees Tuesday.

Van Meter is a member of the SIU Board of Trustees, a position he has served since 1989. Prior to that, he served as a Democrat in the Illinois Senate.

He heads the Board’s Executive Committee and serves on the Academic Matters Committee.

Van Meter, 76, of Springfield, was nominated by the Illinois Senate and confirmed by the House of Representatives.

He is chairman of the Illinois Housing Development Authority and is a director and executive officer of the Southern Illinois Memorial Medical Center.

In 1961, Van Meter received his bachelor’s degree from Kings Point College, Great Neck, N.Y., an A.B., and a juris doctorate degree from Northern Illinois University College of Law in 1967.

He lives in Springfield with his wife Margaret. They have three children.

Nation

SOUTHBEND, IND.
Notre Dame excludes homosexuals from clause

Trustees of the University of Notre Dame have limited alcohol consumption so that it should not be included in the school’s anti-discrimination clause.

The move, made by the university’s board of trustees, is the result of a student demand that the school’s discrimination policies in civil rights, sexual orientation, and gender. Students and faculty are responding with support for the new policy.

From Daily Egyptian News Services
Peer judgment levels the playing field

Giving greeks the opportunity to be judged by their own members potentially solves a lot of problems if the initiative is taken seriously.

Greeks as a whole have shown themselves to be insecure, not entirely sure of themselves. Giving greeks the opportunity to be judged by each other will help them to see their mistakes and correct them.

Carbondale drowning in its drinking age

When I first heard that the Carbondale has allowed people ages 18 and older to drink in business, I thought it was strange. How can you allow people to drink in business?

I think it is a good idea. It will allow people to drink in a safe environment where they can be monitored by the campus police.

It also will help to reduce alcohol-related incidents, such as car accidents and assaults.

Our Word

The Greek Judicial board is a definitive means to turn around the notion that greeks are condemned simply to a life of excesses. If a greek organization believes it has been treated a raw deal, the blame can be placed not further than its own poor organizational abilities.

Katie Sennett, assistant director of Student Development, said the expected involvement from the Pan-Hellenic Council. If the Pan-Hellenic Council truly has kicked involved in the creation of a Greek Judicial board, the Daily EAGLE also is surprised.

For better or worse, the Pan-Hellenic council and sororities meet in a Student Center Ballroom and concluded that parties happen and parties are not an accurate depiction of greek life.

With that said, the idea that the Pan-Hellenic council only could benefit the Pan-Hellenic cause.

This idea must be put into practice. The Greek system at SIUC exists and needs to be made a part of the Greek judicial process.

The Greek judicial process will be a step in the right direction and will help to prevent any misuse of the social system that has recently been misused in misconduct allegations.

Box

GPA not a fair measuring stick for USG involvement

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring to the attention of your readers an issue that I believe is important. It is the issue of GPA as an indicator of involvement.

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I believe that involvement in campus activities is important and that students should be encouraged to participate. However, GPA should not be the only measure of involvement.

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Lowering GPA for USG positions an excellent idea

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Camera used to conquer fear of night

THOMAS T. RAINY
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Desolate sidewalks in a residential area, a deserted fast-food drive-through and empty ATM locations are all areas that are subconscious symbols of fear for many women. The areas alone are not threatening, but the shadows created at these locations is where the fear originates. Every unlocked door is a place where an attacker may hide, and dark alleys provide havens for criminals to wait until a vulnerable victim walks by.

"Reclaiming the Night," a series of urban landscapes photography by Debra Orloff, is an exhibit about representational images of the fear she had about night time. These pictures are being displayed in the Communications Building hallway until Feb. 26.

Orloff, assistant professor at the University of Toledo, knows all too well about the fears of the night. When she lived in New York, her next door neighbor was murdered. Deeply disturbed by the incident, she was afraid to go out at night. To overcome her fears, Orloff started to venture into the dark to reclaim her identity.

"I was afraid of the night in New York, but I never come in close contact with violence," Orloff said. "It was at this time that I knew I needed to confront that." These black-and-white images portray a seven-year exploration of urban landscapes for women and a metaphor of terror.

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The photographs serve as therapy for Orloff.

"I definitely achieved a feeling of security," she said. "I now feel confident about going out at night." Orloff said she wanted her work to be a source of strength for women.

"If I want other women to look at this work and share this empowerment," she said. "Our society sets up that women should not go out at night. I want them to know that they can." Mark Nomura, a graduate student, said the exhibit would serve as an example to other women about how to overcome fear.

"We do have the best interest of the students at heart," said Jean Kelley, a radiotelevision adviser in SIUC's teleservices company, "We can help you get your career on the right track and determine how much you earn." Kelley said students can sign up for a paid internship with West TeleService.

West TeleService can help put your career into motion. Join the most successful telecommunications company in the nation in their professional, state-of-the-art facilities. You'll learn computer, customer service and sales skills you can excel at your job. Plus, your income potential is virtually unlimited-you determine how much you earn. Flexible schedules that will work around your schedule are available. Stop by West today for more details on how you can join our winning team!
Greece and Egypt tour lets students learn, sightsee

TRAVEL AND LEARN: Interested students should attend Wednesday meeting.

Karen Blatter
Managing Editor

Participants and those interested in the 170-anual excursions to Greece and Egypt will have their first meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 213 of the touchscreen in the Student Center.

The meeting will consist of a slide show from previous trips and information about becoming part of the group that goes to Greece and Egypt each spring. The trip will take place in Egypt from May 14 to 27 and in Greece from May 27 to June 5.

The trips are open to anyone who is interested in learning about the cultures of Greece and Egypt. Each trip costs $2,500 plus round-trip transportation.

The group of professors consisting of a philosopher, an archaeologist, an Egyptologist, a classicist, an art historian, an astronaut and an architect will lead the group through the sites.

The trip is an interdisciplinary, team-taught hands-on approach to understanding the vast cultures of Greece and Egypt.

Students can earn two to six hours of class credit.

The group will visit archaeological sites and leave the afternoons open for free time and enjoyment.

The group takes part in ancient plays in a theater with costumes and handmade masks, renaming a mummification ritual and many other traditional activities.

Highlights of the Greece trip include stops in Athens, Delphi, three nights on the island of Mykonos and the island of Santorini. Four nights will be spent in Cairo, Luxor and a Nile cruise.

EGYPTIAN PULLS IN AWARDS

LANCING THE COMPETITION: Newsroom, advertising garner kudos while faculty advisor is elected as ICPA vice president.

Jacque Reiske
Managing Editor

The Daily Egyptian brought home a second-place national general excellence award and first in advertising at the 2002 Illinois Press Association conference in Chicago Saturday.

The general excellence awards were given to the 34 news organizations that submit entries which exhibit general excellence in the quality of writing, photography, graphics, design and advertising.

Entries in the competition were published in the 1998 spring and fall semesters.


The Daily Egyptian received the second highest number of awards when the judged the regional competition, which received 23 ICPA awards. The Northern Star and the Daily Northwestern each took home second place.

This year, 26 of the 30 ICPA members school received awards. SIU received 22 of the 246 entries. Entries were from daily and non-daily newspapers.

First-year Egyptian staff members received first-place awards:
• Bobbi Shumaker — graphic illustration of SIUC's ROTC faculty, Rackham Hall
• Shalond Richardson — sports column about the Salukis
• Devin Miller — photo essay about Carbondale police officer Don Elliott
• Justin Jones — sports page for a traffic accident

Second-place awards were for sports feature story in depth reporting, opinion pages and features design.

The Egyptian received nine honorable mention awards in sports page design, column writing, worker sports news story, advertisement less than a full page and classified section.

Lance Sparks, Daily Egyptian faculty advisor, was elected to the ICPA Board of Directors as a second vice president.

In addition, the Daily Egyptian continued national recognition in seven areas during the 77th Annual College Media Convention in Kansas City, Mo. The newspaper was one of 11 finalists for the ACP Pacemaker award for general excellence in the fourth-year daily newspaper category.

Adding to the Daily Egyptian's success, the Egyptian received a third-place award in feature writing with a story about the Egyptian-American Association. The essay was written from the William Randolph Hearst Journalism Awards Program.

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12 reasons to have a good time

There are the 12 best—the elitist critic code for the 12 movies I saw last year.

A prejactured movie-goer, most people writing about the films I like: westerns, crime films, science-fiction, horror, musicals, Hong Kong films and the occasional Goodfellow.

So for what it's worth, this dirty dozen among the best:

1. The Truman Show: I walked out of the theatre, confident that I had never seen the finest film of the year but the finest films of recent years. Terrific photography, perfect acting. You know it's good when you forget the length of the film. You simply shake your head in amazement—true masterpiece.

2. American History X: Despite recent lists, yet remains Spike Lee's best work, since "Do the Right Thing." The film deals with the realm of combat into emotional areas and questions never before presented on film.

3. There's Something About Mary: Every opening, I think the one image that will remain in the consciousness of film audiences is Ben Stiller's, well, zipper shot. A triumph of laugh-out-loud comedy establisbing the potential of a real science-fiction film. That's why Campbell and a scene-stealing Wesley Snipes can: do anything.

4. The Thin Red Line: Out of all the Vietnam movies. Terrific direction by Terrence Malick. Its return to film rises the made the uncomproising vision. The may be the best war film of the century.


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7. Dark City: The one film that I enjoy every viewing. If Fritz Lang, John Huston and Ridley Scott conceived some uneasy blend of "Dark City" would be: It. Stunning visuals coupled with the potential of a real science-fiction story that engages you. I'll wager that Luana won't come up with anything this cool come Woody.

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WASHINGTON POST

Horror-melister Stephen King never has been interested in making people comfortable. Creating nightmares is the prolific novelist's idea of a good time. So it's not too surprising that when King sat down to write his first original miniseries, "Storm of the Century," delivering a high-voltage, spine-tingling shocker was just what he had in mind.

"People sort of come into TV with that warm and fuzzy feeling that they are going to be fed something that is going to put them to sleep," says King, who is an executive producer of the six-hour thriller that begins Sunday on ABC. "I don't want to put them to sleep," says King. "I want to wake people up. I hope that happens. I hope people tune in and watch."

Most important, King says, he hopes "Storm of the Century" makes viewers think.

"Storm of the Century" is literally, a chilling morass tale about a remote Maine island community isolated by one of the worst snowstorms ever to hit the area. But something more deadly arrives on Little Tall Island -- a mysterious stranger named Andre Linoge (Colin Penn), who appears out of this air and makes one of the island's oldest residents, Upon his arrival, Linoge tells the liqueur people that he has one simple request: "If you give me what I want, I'll go away."

Timothy Daly stars as the town's earliest constable; Deborah Fiorentino is the constable's wife and also operates the island's day-care center; and Dylan Christopher plays their young son who is next to evil Linoge.

King doesn't remember the genesis of the project. The story, he says, came to him simply like the idea for all of his best-selling novels such as "Carrie," "The Shining," "The Stand," "It" and the recent "Bag of Bones."

"It was very visual and it wanted to be a screenplay from the very beginning," explains King, who has never written a book aimed for film or television. "I just sat down in three months in June 1996 and wrote it. I had the best time like I do with the novels. It had three major parts of it, so I made it a six-hour miniseries."

When he began to write, King says, it wasn't even sure what Linoge wanted from the town's people.

"I knew that he wanted something, but I didn't know what he wanted or what he would do... I can't remember what was going through my mind."

King knew, though, he wanted Linoge to come to order as soon as he arrived on the island. "Not because he had anything against that person," King explains, "but it is a way of saying, "Now that I have your attention."

The storm, King suggests, is something that Linoge conjured for his own convenience to cut the town and its residents off from the rest of civilization. "I said to myself, I want to put him there and see what he wants and what they do."

King, who always has a cigar in his ministeress' absence as a TV newsreader "Storm of the Century."

"The last two of these times I have picked what I wanted to do," he says. "I like to act, but I am not very good at it. So I have to be very careful and not try to look like a real hog."

King said "Storm of the Century," airs Monday, Tuesday and Thursday on ABC. The network has raised it TV ratings by more than a factor of two, for children younger than 14.)

Nomura admits he developed a new perception about women.

"The message and the concept is so strong," Nomura said. "It provided a lingering feeling for me as a man. Normally I would not be afraid of these areas."

Nomura said the photography is more than something to look at.

"It does promote visual and technical techniques," Nomura said. "But it creates more discussion and perhaps a change for the better."

Mice battle evition at Northwestern

WASHINGTON POST

(JUWEE) EVANSTON, Ill. -- About two weeks ago, Eliot Blanchard killed her roommates.

The Music senior found herself during her room in Sigma Alpha Iota with a pair of mice. Three days later, thanks to a mouse trap and a midnight strike, the mice were evicted. Permanent.

"It was pretty bad the first day they were there," Blanchard said. ".I spent the night over at my friend's. I'm still afraid of them."

Blanchard's mice may have passed on, but plenty of their cohorts remain. Several dormitories and houses across the university have been afflicted with mice this year.

"They're not the cute little white things you'd expect," said SA1 resident Erin Thelin.

The unwelcome visitors have been particularly partial to SA1. We've had a major mouse problem here since last year," said resident Caroline Kilk. "You wake up at 3:30 in the morning hearing the sounds of paper tearing -- that's when you know you have a problem. We have to keep everything in plastic containers."

But the mice know their turf.

"I've had mice open Tupperware," said Johns, a Weinberg senior. "Some people are plugging holes in the wall with rocks and duct tape. At this point, it's not just the mice -- it's unclean."

Residents of SA1 aren't alone in their struggle. Mice have an estimated 701 E. Emerson, 856 Chippings, Holbrook House, the Communications Residential College and the College of Cultural and Community Studies at various points during the year.

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Afters, the university responded to SA1's plea for help with traps of poison. The mice just laugh in the poison," said SA1 resident David Lek."
Sony says no to video game emulation

WASHINGTON POST

One of the weak points of the Mac has been its inability to run many name games.

One of the all-time best-selling game consoles is the Sony PlayStation. So why not combine the two? Enter Connectix's new product, Virtual Game Station, which emulates a PlayStation on a Macintosh.

But Sony doesn't seem to think that emulation is the highest form of art. Sony's product from Connectix is restricted by Sony, according to Sony, in a court ruling. 

In his 25 ruling, Missouri Circuit Court Judge Henry Buckley ruled that the university's decision to refuse to disclose information, specifically Connectix's new product Connectix, is a clear violation of the Missouri Open Meetings law. The university officials released information on Jan. 29 while the names of five students found guilty of non-forcible sexual offenses and two were found guilty of forcible sexual offenses. The university officials released information on Jan. 29 while the names of five students found guilty of non-forcible sexual offenses and two were found guilty of forcible sexual offenses.

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Salukis reload with new recruits

NEW BREED:
Volleyball team signs five players after losing four seniors.

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Losing their top three shooters from last year's squad, the season's offensive output is unlikely to match last season's amount. A healthy Frasco and Hearing and solid production from newcomers like Jordan Alley, are essential to overcome the loss of offensive power.

Fortunately, for coach Dan Callahan, the outlook for his top pitchers is a good one.

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"Prior to last year, we didn't have a history of guys getting better faster," Callahan said. "Last year was (No. 3 starter, senior) Dave-Piazza's comeback year, and he maybe get a few more out of his arm than he was.

Piazza's surgery was for a congenital problem in his shoulder. In addition to the rebound of Frasco and Hearing, the Salukis are looking for some of the less-experienced pitchers to step up.

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"We're all about where we want to be two weeks before the season starts," Alley said.

Hopefully, I can pitch a lot, maybe get a few starts. But I've never played college baseball, so I don't know until we start playing.

Alley is one of several candidates for two undecided slots. I think Alley's got the ability to be a closer and he's talented enough to be a No. 4 starter, but he's asking a lot from a freshman to be a closer," Callahan said. We can get by with three starters-for the first few weeks, but a fourth starter is one thing we're trying to determine.

Several other pitchers the Salukis will be counting on this season are last season's closer Junior Jip Pecore and sophomores Mike McMahon and Jeff Bell.

Alley said he and his teammates have set a few objectives for the new season.

"We want to make it to the conference tournament and definitely have a better season than they did last year," he said.

Callahan has a seemingly simple goal for his pitching staff heading into the season — stay healthy.

"I'd just like to keep everybody healthy," Callahan said. "That's a good start."
Freshman Jeff Houston; who will start at first base for the Salukis, fields a ground ball at practice Monday afternoon. The Salukis look to rebound from their 19-35 campaign from last season.

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injury during practice. Meads had surgery Thursday and will not return to the Saluki lineup until early March.

Freshman pitcher/infielder Luke Nelson, a graduate of Cunningham High School in Wisconsin, left-handed. Freshmen Jeff Stoner and Jeff Houston will make their debut with the Salukis at third base and first base, respectively.

FIRST SERIES

The Salukis started the regular season Feb. 13 against Saint Louis University, hit .355 last season with seven home runs and 19 doubles while batting cleanup at Rent Lake Junior College a year ago.

Senior catcher Brian Pfeifer has seen the good times and had times as a Saluki and understands the importance of patience.

"Every year you see a lot of new guys in the infield," Pfeifer said. "We just have to wait to see what happens. Once the season starts, we won’t know what goes on until you get into competition. But right now we seem pretty good." Even though they may be gone at the infield level, Callahan finds solace in his roster depth.

"We’ve got a lot more options this year," Callahan said. "I don’t know if it’s too early to tell how we are going to compare offensively to some other competition." The Salukis look to rebound from their 19-35 campaign from last season.

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With a solid outfield crop of Salley, junior Marry Worley, and transfer Scott Boyd and Steve Mazzola (Jefferson, Mo., Junior College), the Salukis might have the consistency Callahan is looking for from his new look/old look team: "As the season progresses, I think there will be a clearer picture as to what we see down the road," he said. "But right now there are a lot of question marks. In time we are going to have to look for some consistency from our players.

Another problem area is power. SIUC hit 73 home runs last season, thanks in part to Matt Denman (44), Carl Koch (12) and Brent Benson (11). The Salukis will not see nearly as many pitchers this year, as the three power hitters have graduated. Leading candidates to fill the void are Houston, Stoner and freshman infielder Anthony Jones.

"I don’t know if we have the same marksmen that people would like to see," Callahan said. "But we will have a few home runs this season. I think we are a little bit quicker, and I think we might be forced to play the short game a little bit more while also using the hit-and-run."

For the Salukis to contend in the MVC with the likes of powerhouse Wichita State, University of Southwestern Missouri State, the Salukis will need to mature quickly and take their game to the next level -- which Ruggeri feels might not be within reach at this time. "It’s going to be tough," he said. "We are going to have to have a lot of players step up. The good thing for us is that our pitchers are healthy and that is going to help out a lot. But people are going to have to step up big this time.

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Saluki Sports

The 1999 Saluki softball team starts off the season No. 35 in the nation and looks to do the "little things"

National Recognition

CORY QUICK
DAILY EDDY-PHilton REPORTER

While returning all of its starters, including three pitchers and gaining national recognition, it is the "little things" that SICU head softball coach Kay Brechtelsbauer wants to focus on this spring.

After posting a 32-17-1 record last season and a 17-2 record during the fall, the Salukis have gained national attention with the return of a solid lineup, which includes five players on the 1998 Valley All-Conference team.

A pressure making of 25th in the nation is the highest the Salukis have ever started a season, but Brechtelsbauer believes he can compete with the best in the nation if it will take more than home runs and strikeouts.

"It's the little things that'll set you apart in that top echelon of competition," Brechtelsbauer said. "When you play some of the top teams in the country, little things have to be done or you're not going to come away with a win."

Scoring runs and sacrifice flies, moving runners into scoring position and getting hits in scoring position are key elements to Brechtelsbauer's list of little things.

On the defensive side, Brechtelsbauer wants his pitchers to stay focused when behind in the count and to have the poise to come back and get the out.

"These are some things that we've always managed to get graded -- we have big hitting an average of .300 ages and we see the ERA's, but it's not how many hits you get or strikeouts but the way you do it," Brechtelsbauer said.

Leading the way for the Salukis this season is a solid pitching staff, led by returning Josh Winters and sophomore Erin Remspercher, as well as returning Theresa Shields and Jen Feldmeier, as well as last season's Valley Rookie-of-the-Year, sophomore Marin Weinthal.

"Shields, a first-team all-MVC selection at first base last season batted .315 with 24 RBIs, while Feldmeier batted .327 to earn second team all-MVC."

Remspercher and Shields hit the highest team average at .338 while posting eight home runs (second in the Valley) and driving in a team-best 44 runs.

Stiemstifer said the team is excited about the national attention and the thought of winning the Valley after a third-place finish last season behind the MVC champs Southwest Missouri State University.

"We should do pretty good in the conference," Stiemstifer said. "We beat them (Southwest) in the fall, which was a huge step. We're still trying. We don't like them very much, but if we play solid we'll have a good shot."

Another challenge for the Salukis other than maintaining their national prominence winning the Valley, is a grueling schedule.

Besides their competition in the Valley, the Salukis will battle the likes of defending the national champion Fresno State University, who finished at 50-11 last season, at the NCAA/Leadoff Classic Feb. 27-28 in Columbus, Ga. The Salukis also will host No. 5 University of Missouri at the AirTouch Capital Classic - Southern Tournament March 18-19 in Sacramento, Calif.

"Being recognized to get into the tournament and for people to recognize that we're good enough to play those kind of teams is a great challenge," Stiemstifer said. "We're not scared of any of the teams we're going to face."

"Fresno State should be really exciting. We've never really played a great school team, and it will be interesting to see how they are going to play."

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SALUKI SOFTBALL PITCHER

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Diamond Dawgs look to undo errors of last season

MIKE BIZZARDINO
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Look no deeper than the word depth, and you will see why SIUC men's baseball head coach Dave Callahan is enthusiastic about this upcoming season.

During the 1998 campaign, the Salukis were mired with a cast of players injured and lost to season-ending injuries, leading to an eight-place Missouri Valley Conference finish.

The sun might be shining a little brighter this season at Abe Martin Field if all the newcomers and veterans can gel together early.

Led by junior second baseman Steve Tregunno (.355 avg., six home runs, 24 RBIs) and sophomore Josh Wiseman (.335 avg., six home runs, 28 RBIs), the Salukis look to become a consistent force in the MVC.

The biggest question mark for the Salukis seems to be in the infield. With the loss of six players making the shift back to his natural second base position, the infield is a concern. But Callahan does not see that as an obstacle.

"If you can play, you can play," Callahan said. "It doesn't matter if you are a freshman, a junior, whatever. We are going to throw guys out there, and if they get the job done, great. If they don't, then we have to make some adjustments."

Unfortunately, adjustments have already begun to take place, shifting Ace Mocks, a key newcomer from Trinidad State Junior College and a second baseman, was the infielder of choice for the infield position.

"We have already been hit by the injury bug, suffering a shoulder injury to Ace," Callahan said.

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Pitch first, win later

ROB ALLIN
SIU CAROLINA REPORTER

Union Jacob Prater and Brad King battled suffered season-ending injuries, problems, which led to surgery for both. Prater and Healy were SIUC's No. 1 and No. 2 starters. Without their help, the team's ERA jumped to 6.77.

"The pitching staff has enjoyed hitting, but injuries have been a problem. Most importantly, 1998 saw the only two pitchers added to the staff.

"The pre-season was.