Chancellor to address campus technology

DAN CRAFT
Daily Egyptian Reporter

An address from SIUC Chancellor Jo Ann Andersen and elections to fill several vacant positions will headline the first Undergraduate Student Government meeting of the semester and the first under new leadership.

Andersen will speak to USG on the state of campus technology and the possible implementation of a technology fee. Newly-appointed USG President Jackie Smith has said a proposal for such a fee might be presented to USG this semester.

Smith, who became president following the resignation last week of Kristie Ayres, will also address the senate tonight and approve at the meeting several other resolution for the general elections of March 15.

Andersen report concerns resurface at senate meeting

SARA BEAN
Politics Editor

The SIUC Faculty Senate solidified its stance on the use of internet earned on the income fund by the office of the president at a special meeting Tuesday.

The senate voted on a resolution proposed by the Budget Committee that criticized the president's use of the income fund and requested the president relinquish control of the money to the university. The income fund is made up of student tuition and fees dollars.

In fiscal year 1997, the Illinois General Assembly passed legislation that allowed universities to retain their income fund, invest that money and earn interest on it. The “resolution did not receive unanimous support from the Faculty Senate, as some members questioned the motives behind the resolution.

The university's budget includes many departments and agencies, and the income fund is used to support several of these departments. The income fund is used to support several of these departments, and the income fund is used to support several of these departments.

The senate will vote on a resolution asking the on-campus telephone service to mail copies of students' bills to their rooms as they did last semester rather than post them only on the Internet, which is the current approach.

Within Reifnitz, the University Park senator who authored the bill, said some students have trouble accessing the information on the Internet and would rather see a paper copy of their bill. The legislation would provide students to ask that their bill be mailed to them as well as posted on the Internet.

The senate also will consider several other pieces of legislation, including a resolution supporting an increase in the SIUC Medical Benefits Primary Care Fee. The increase would begin in fiscal year 2001.

In other business, Smith said the USG registration drive has registered about 1,500 students to vote in the city-wide primary elections.

Smith said USG will be sponsoring more registration drives between the primary elections Feb. 3 and the special elections for registration for the general elections of March 15.
Clarifications

The DAILY EGYPTIAN reported in a Monday article that Orlando R. Rogers, who was charged with criminal sexual assault Jan. 21, is a Saluki football player. Rogers was suspended from the team after the seventh week of the season, head coach Jan Quarless said Tuesday.

The Monday EGYPTIAN article titled "Seventh week results in arrest" should have stated Joshua R. Dean was charged with criminal sexual assault.

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Library Affairs meeting, Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Room 623, Levis Hall

Almanac

This WEEK IN 1982:

- Sub-zero temperatures brought minor damage to Coldspring and SIC. During winter break, but perhaps the most common complaint (after there-fore) was broken water pipes. The first day of the new semester was minus 10 degrees with a winds chill factor of minus 30. Coldspring property owner Henry Fisher said he had more problems between Jan. 10 and Jan. 13 than he had in the last three years, in one house that was properly heated, Fisher said, "his cold came down a vent pipe and the toilet burst and burned.

- Back by popular demand was the "Women of ERIC" calendar, sponsored by Phi Sigma Epsilon.

- In Chicago, a grocer was slashed and seriously wounded by a 12-year-old boy who attacked her after the two argued over three cents worth of potato chips and candy bars. The grocer, Pearl Johnson, 46, was listed in serious condition after emergency surgery for 15 stabs and slash wounds in her face, chest and arms.

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Victims turning to outreach services

INCREASE: Officials say reported rapes on the rise because of well-managed programs.

DAVID FERRARA
Daily Egyptian Reporter

The report of seven rapes in the past four months, four of which were reported within 52 hours, is because of well-structured outreach programs, area authorities said.

From January 1997 to October 1998, only four rapes were reported.

by the Daily Egyptian

According to the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, less than two percent of acquaintance rape victims report the crime and only 21 percent of stranger rapes are reported out of more than 100,000 women who report a rape every year.

Carol Sommers, campus safety representative for Women's Services, said she could not discuss the specific number of rapes that go unreported in the area but said the statewide statistic for SIUC.

Most women who are sexually assaulted are sexually assaulted by someone they know in some capacity, she said. "That probably applies to this campus." University and Carbondale police said six of the seven assaults involved acquaintance situations.

Although "rape" is not a technical term used by authorities to define criminal assaults involving a sexual activity, officials use the term in relation to criminal sexual assault but rarely criminal sexual abuse.

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Munchie Man living proof of American dream

MR. SANDWICH:

Entrepreneur the answer to students' late-night hunger.

KENDRA THORSON
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Students who leave their dormitory rooms at night to venture outside to the "Mr. Sandwich" truck for a late-night snack may not realize the diligent capabilities of Barrett Rochman.

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Robert Brick, a "Mr. Sandwich" employee for four years, attends to the snacking desires of Karen Timpo, a sophomore in design from Paducah, while Nathan Echternacht, a public relations major at John A. Logan, points to his preferred selection.

Gus Bode

Gus says: Who can make the dorm kids feel good? The Munchie Man can.
Recent sexual assaults unacceptable

Sexual assault is a crime that may be forever unforgiven in the heart of a victim and is never justified. Unfortunately, even with the best precautions and forethought, sometimes it is also a crime that is unpreventable and impossible to predict.

Recently, the Daily Egyptian has been writing a number of stories about a string of sexual assaults reported on campus and in the Carbondale area. Specifically, seven separate instances were reported in the last four months. Despite news stories and public awareness efforts, many people still feel they are impervious to sexual assault. This is especially true on college campuses where the young tend to believe their youth makes them invincible to the darker elements of life.

The simple fact is anyone can be sexually assaulted at any time. Sexual assault victims range from infants to senior citizens, and the crime happens to people from every ethnic, racial, religious, economic, and social background. Perhaps the saddest and most disturbing reality of sexual assaults are the perpetrators of the crime themselves. According to the National Coalition Against Sexual Assault, an overwhelming 80 percent of these crimes are committed by someone the victim knows. These are the same people we call our family, friends, neighbors, and neighbors.

Most assaults occur in the victim's home, and nearly just as many assaults occur during the day as at night. Nobody ever asks to be assaulted, and there's no rationalizing the behavior no matter who the perpetrator is or where and when it happens.

Tough laws have been made against date-rape drugs, and sex offender registrations are a step in the right direction. Pepper sprays, self-defense classes, community awareness, avoiding dark areas and not drinking to excess are all noteworthy preventive elements, but there are still no answers to abolishing this crime.

Textbooks and doctors say sexual assault is about power and control. Anybody out there who believes forcing yourself on someone when they're drugged, drunk, or even sober is okay—listen up. In reality, forcing yourself on someone is denigrated, and weakness of character, lack of self-control and an overall inability to feel and function as a normal human being.

We have to be smart not only as a society but as individuals. Follow the preventative suggestions you've been taught. If you don't know them, then don't waste any more time, educate yourself. There are numerous community organizations and campus outlets and programs where the information is readily disseminated.

And the next time you're in a situation where sex is a consideration, make sure it's something you both want. If your potential partner is incapacitated or unable to think clearly, then IT IS NOT JUSTIFIABLE anything you both want. Sex should be an act of mutual affection, not aggression. Don't ruin your life or somebody else's for the sake of a power trip.

Self contempt: Friend or foe?

Carolyne Skaggs

Carolyne Skaggs' column appears Wednesday. Carolyne is a senior in journalism and graphic communication.

Do you have something to say?

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Letters also are accepted via email at letters@siu.edu and for The Daily Egyptian.

Mailbox

Reader question: purpose of newly created positions

Dear Editor,

It was interesting to read in the local press and in a campus flyer about how our chancellor recently fired two SIU administrative positions. Although this didn't really surprise me — in nearly 30 years SIU has not seen any new administrative positions appear at the drop of a hat — these financially austere times, I did find it interesting.

Are these new positions really needed? Who knows, since justification for their "existence" seems to accompany their pronouncements.

But sure as the sun will rise tomorrow, creating new administrative positions, sometimes with titles that sound on the ridiculous, only helps fuel the cynicism and frustration of hard working faculty, staff and students who are constantly being told to "tighten their belts." Aha, wouldn't it be nice if faculty/staff positions could be "created" instantly.

Our chancellor has talked extensively of "team-building," "morale-boosting" and other chemically-finding issues but has clearly failed to realize that these buzzwords are not solutions, will not solve the problems facing SIU. What WILL solve problems around here is for administrators to do what they are supposed to do — make decisions.

We TOUGH decisions, what direction should SIU be going as we enter the 21st century, "seem to be the last thing they want to talk about."

As an institution of higher learning, SIU will continue to function with or without these new administration positions. Making tough decisions, good decisions, implementing strategic planning, and making programmatic decisions that will better define the University and make us stronger in the region where we live and serve.

Let's face it, tough decisions have to be made sooner or later, so why not sooner than later?

And in fact, if meaningful decisions were made in a timely manner, SIU could undoubtedly begin the process of deterring, instead of adding to the problems in the first place.

Indeed, when President Sanders himself says he has questions for the need for his own office, one can only conclude that administrators in the academic sphere is an idea whose time has come.

And I wager we can get them with fewer, rather than greater, numbers of administrators, and the whole university will be the better for it.

Michael T. Mudge
professor, microbiology

Conversely to what most people would tell us to believe. the purpose of life lies not in the spectacle attempts to ascertain personal goals in order that we may feel a worthy, justified creature of the earth.

Instead, as I have begrudgingly found over the past few years, the meaning of life is rather to lower yourself to the furthest of all possible levels and then to come to terms with this level as a place you could easily call home.

Personally, I am of the opinion that the often we need to negotiate the gsy, pianist version of ourselves in favor of a more composed, self-confident version.

You see, I believe the true test of what it means to be a man or a woman is whether or not you can fully accept that you know the biggest loser you've ever known.

I think especially of myself at this time. I will readily admit that at least 70 percent of the time I have no idea what I'm doing or saying. I'm often a social disaster. I've been known to be bashful, fiddly, easily persuaded and gullible — above all that I now embrace.

But for those of you who happen to live the lives of the demure, self-effacing spectacular — there too, for you too, to go that farthest of all possible levels and then to come to terms with this level as a place you could easily call home.

Next is List B. For this list, write down a few items that you pray to God you'll never use but nevertheless find handy one day. You get 20 points for each item on the list. My list went something like this:

- tampons
- condoms
- Tums
- Metamucil
- shoe odor controller
- wart-remover
- hair bleach
- Mial
- antiperspirant
- Valium

The "Self-Defense Trips To Wal-Mart." Now I know what you're thinking — Wal-Mart isn't a place for the weak — but this is why it's the best place however, to play the game. Take your places.

To begin, sit yourself down and think of the most degrading items that you might need from Wal-Mart over the next couple of months. This will be List A, and the more items you can put down the better. Give yourself 10 points for each item on the list. My list went something like this:

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Poor King strives for recognition

HEAVY METAL: Local bands Poor King and Spite will play tonight at Copper Dragon.

Theresa S. Baxter
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Sometimes the little guy has to work the hardest.

This rings true for the three-member band "Poor King" who struggles to have its band recognized by the Carbondale community.

"By bringing their high energy and heavy sound to the audience at the Copper Dragon, 720 E. Grand Ave., at 10 tonight, they will be joined by Spite — another heavy metal band that can finally receive the recognition they feel they deserve."

Four years ago, Dan Jones, guitarist and leader of the band, put together the group. After many discussions of opinions, losing and gaining members, Poor King got it together.

Jones met Brian Carr, the bass player, at his job at Dents, 819 S. Illinois Ave.

"I used to see him all the time buying CDs, and I liked his sense of humor," Jones said. "One day we were talking, and I mentioned that we were looking for a bass player, and he said that he played.

"The first time that he played, I knew that he was it," Jones said. The group has played 30 shows since last August.

"He is not really a lot for a band," Jones said. "Most bands play half of that in a month."

So Jones discovered that in order to get ahead, you have to work for it.

"When things were really slow we would drive around and see where we will be next year and find out that we didn't know where we will be next week," Jones said.

Besides Jones' job at Discount Drug, writing songs for his band, working on his production company named "Oh! My Evel! Productions, he also networked with 150 other bands.

"It is hard getting into a venue if the owner doesn't know who you are," Jones said. "By networking with other bands you are able to get more venues."

"When you are trying to make it, it is important that you are persistent."

Poor King has 35 bookings beginning now and May, including micro tours with Nilt and Big MF Stend.

Spit, drummer for the group, said local bars do not support small bands.

"Like Poor King, some small bands find it difficult looking for places to play," Uzzle said. "A small population such as that found in Carbondale presents a problem when bands are looking for a venue."

"Most owners are too busy trying to compete with each other to get the bigger names, which squeezes a lot of the smaller bands out," Uzzle said. "Then there are just not enough people supporting local bands."

Jones is optimistic about the future of the group and years to play for a big audience.

"It brings out more inside of you to see what you have" Jones said. "I want to get Che. That's in the band and what they can do."

Carr said you get more than you pay for when you watch the group.

"It's fantastic," Carr said. "We bring so much into our performances, along with a sick sense of humor. It's a way of getting attention."

Despite the hardships, Jones is confident Poor King has what it takes to make an impact. Jones said.

"We are the most gung-ho guys you are ever going to meet," Jones said. "If we had compact pickers we could get a lot more shit down."

"This band is going to make it."

The recalled meat was produced by Thorn Apple Valley at its Forest City, Ark., plant. Thorn Apple Valley is based in Springfield, Ill., and its meat is sold nationwide by a variety of grocery chains and packaged under different names.

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Criminal sexual assault occurs when the suspect "commits an act of sexual penetration," according to the Illinois Compiled Statutes. But "penetration" is considered contact of any type, "however slight." Criminal sexual abuse is an act of sexual conduct constituting a bodily injury, such as a bruise or injury to a person, that is caused by the suspect's sexual conduct. Criminal sexual abuse is a misdemeanor, while criminal sexual assault is a felony.

"I don't think we can know, if sexual assaults are increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same," Mullison said. Authorities also find trouble when distinguishing sexual assault and rape cases. Carbondale Police Sgt. Paul Echols said, "It is my belief that the most common date rape drug is alcohol," Mullison said. Although the recent number of reported sexual assaults does not have, area officials surprised. Cichy said SIUC may have more reported cases rather than other universities. She also believes males also are at risk of becoming a victim of sexual assault.

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those that would be achieved with the Oracle computer system.

The Oracle computer system is designed to streamline administrative tasks and eliminate much of the paperwork burden now associated with purchasing and disbursements. "We don't feel that the shared service center would give out savings over what Oracle would give us," Hippo said. "The biggest problem we have is the number mix-up issues over what Oracle would give with purchasing and disbursements.

Rochman, father for food after closure of cafeterias. Rothman said the success of "Mr. Sandwich" is so popular is because of the community support. He said the number of unsolved questions left him to wonder if the report was finally reasonable for SIUC.

"We have to ask Does [the report] make sense from an economic point of view?" Hippo said. "We don't feel that the shared service center makes sense from a fiscal point of view." Hippp said the Budget Committee did not think the report addressed a number of important issues including regional economic impact, as well as in loss of jobs and 'work in progress.'

"[The senate] has pointed out some valuable things that need to be addressed. I think it is premature to make a decision. "I think we need to wait and see how all the evidence sits," Peter Eschenbach, a representative of Arthur Andersen, mentioned in the senate meeting to answer questions about the study. He said the study was ongoing and that a final report would include a study of economic impact.

Despite suggestions that the study be performed by an outside firm other than Andersen, Eschenbach assured the senate that his firm "had no interest in trying to push the results of the study because of concerns over bias. "Our job is to get the data and provide a factual answer," Eschenbach said. The senate could revisit the resolution at the next meeting at 1 p.m. Feb. 2.

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made it policy to allow only "Mr. Sandwich" to vend his product on campus because of the success and students' needs. "Mr. Sandwich" has been a training ground for future vendors to vend his product on campus because of the success and students' needs.

"Everyone knows 'Mr. Sandwich' started from tradition alone," he said. "My kids work junior sports games." Rochman said he does not believe the "Mr. Sandwich" phenomenon will last forever.

"The University has gotten better and better at meeting the needs of students — I think that a natural death may be coming for 'Mr. Sandwich,"" Rochman said. Rochman said the success of "Mr. Sandwich" stems from the businesses drive to meet student needs.

"We got the impression of what students wanted — it was what the students wanted when they needed it," that attitude that kept us going," he said. "Thirty-five years later, the Rochman family is still satisfying the students' needs. "Mr. Sandwich" to meet students' needs, thrived upon would include a study of economic impact. "Mr. Sandwich" is fantastic in everyway. "Everyone knows 'Mr. Sandwich' suc-cess comes from tradition alone," he said. "Students whose parents came here know 'Mr. Sandwich' — he is favorite."

Robert Brick, a senior in philosophy from Joliet and a "Mr. Sandwich" employee, said Rochman is personable and always willing to help employees.

"He is the best employer I have ever had," Brick said. "He really helps out people when they need it."

Bricht said one of the reasons "Mr. Sandwich" is so popular is because of the history behind him.

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Gallery offers alternative gifts for Valentine’s Day

MATT SAKANO
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Naked babies shooting arrows through floating cartoon hearts and enough chocolate to choke a daytime talk show host—amidst a pink plethora of Hallmark sales receipts—Valentine’s Day is not a heart-shaped bowl of cherries for everyone. For some folks on Feb. 14, “love” is a four-letter word. Anyone worried about what to get him or her this year? Well, Rome, put the poison away and listen up.

The Associated Artists Gallery, 715 S. University Ave., is sponsoring its second annual Valentine’s Day wearable art exhibit. The show will feature handmade jewelry and apparel contributed by local artists.

Other items on display will be paintings and clay artwork in the holiday theme. “I think it’s a very colorful show,” Zoe Lightfoot, an employee of the Associated Artists Gallery, said. “It’s our first Valentine’s show since we moved from our old location in the middle of November, and it looks very nice.”

The Associated Artists Gallery was previously located at 214 S. Illinois Ave., in Carbondale.

One featured artist is Linda Bollensbach Davis, a 1981 SIUC alumna who studied art and metal working her last semester and contributed sterling silver pieces to the gallery.

“I don’t think everyone buys hearts for their partners every year,” she said. “My pieces are very natural, and each has its own individualism.”

Davis, a regular contributor to the gallery, said her naturalistic pieces, such as silver “twigs” and natural stones and crystals, offer another gift alternative to go with the other wearable Valentine’s artwork available in the show.

“To me, Valentine’s Day doesn’t mean anything—I don’t care what I get,” Mike Ferguson, a senior in radio-television and cinema and photography, said.

“But to my girl, it means everything.”

This heart-shaped ceramic necklace made by Nancy Cunningham is on display at The Associated Artists Gallery, 715 S. University Ave. The gallery is sponsoring its second annual Valentine’s Day wearable art exhibit. The show will feature jewelry and apparel handmade and contributed by local artists.

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Institute and school district work to instill youth values

John Gardner, superintendent of Harrisburg schools and community colleges, is joining area businesses and educators to build good career-oriented characteristics for students in grade schools, high schools and community colleges. Gardner said the Harrisburg School Project consists of instilling the characteristics of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, justice and fairness, caring and civic virtue and citizenship. Gardner said the Harrisburg School Project idea involves character traits that are expected by employers from younger employees.

"We won't be adding this as an extra class but bring it into the curriculum that we already have," Gardner said. "Businesses will be giving them advice as to what characteristics employers will need to make them more successful in the workplace. We certainly want to include the community," Gardner said. "They are the ones who will be receiving the graduates."

"Without the exchange of ideas from education and businesses, they won't be able to come up with a solution on their own. It has to be a joint effort.

-- Lu Ann Maddox
business owner and owner

Mike Lawrence, associate director of the Public Policy Institute, said the Harrisburg School Project idea came from Harry Crisp during a three-hour Regional Advisory board meeting at SIUC in 1998.

Crisp is the chairman of the Illinois Community College Board and founder of the Pearl Bottling Company in Marion.

Lawrence said Crisp tapped the project because the business community has become concerned about worker's ethics in the workplace.

Lawrence said the town of Harrisburg became the subject of the project because of its location, its willingness to build on programs and the public policy institute's only involvement with the project is to stimulate the business and the education areas but will be helpful in any way possible.

Maddox said the project is a wonderful idea for businesses and education to work together and express to students what they would want to know about work ethics instead of just using academics.

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Salukis look to continue winning streak at Aces

THREE STRAIGHT?
Men's basketball team to face Evansville.

SHANELLE RICHARDSON
Sports Editor

They used to be somebody's. Now they've got the attitude of that person who won't ever leave your house.

The SIUC men's basketball team, awful on the road at the beginning of the season, is starting to make themselves feel a lot more comfortable away from the SIU Arena. They began the year by losing their first four away games but since have won two straight.

A team that didn't look like it would ever win a road game won in places where the home teams had combined to lose just once. Finally the Salukis (10-7, 5-4) are starting to kick their shoes off, change the television channels, eat up all the food and all the other things rude house guests do.

"Winning is always more fun," sophomore guard Abel Schrader said. "We've got confidence now on the road. We've won a couple in a row, we've just got to win another."

The Salukis attempt to win a three-game road swing and extend a three-game winning streak tonight in a Missou-Missouri Valley Conference game at the University of Evansville (14-6, 6-3). Game time is 7:35 p.m. at Roberts Stadium in Evansville, Ind.

SIUC, victorious over Indiana State University (64-63) and Wichita State University (58-52) in its last two road outings, has a chance to knock Evansville from atop the MVC standings. The Purple Aces are in a four-way tie to impress, keeping the opposition to a mere 62.5 points per game, but the offense has sputtered at times.

"Sooner or later it will catch up because I think our offense is pretty good," junior forward Derrick Tilmon said. "Coach (Weber) told us the system just takes time, and we've got to look at the big picture. We can't get it all overnight."

"Better hope they can. The Aces' up-tempo game and three-point shooting have made them the top scoring team (80.8 ppg) in the Valley. Marcus Wilson's 20.5 points per game, second in the MVC, leads the three-point-bomb firing squad. Wilson, who hit 9-of-9 threes against the University of Tennessee-Martin earlier this season, is knocking down 49 percent from beyond the arc (59-119). As a team, the Aces have buried 147 of 338 three-point shots."

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Winning is always more fun. — Abel Schrader
Saluki Sophomore Guard

with Creighton University
Southwest Missouri State University and Bradley University.

The Salukis sit by themselves in second, one game ahead of Illinois State University (12-8, 4-5) and Indiana State University (9-8, 4-5).

"If you can win those three road games, you've got one up on a lot of teams," Saluki coach Bruce Weber said. "We've already won at Indiana State, which some people haven't done, and Wichita, where no one has done. So we're starting to catch up."

Another facet of the game the Salukis are looking to catch up in is scoring. The defense continues to impress, keeping the opposition to a mere 62.5 points per game, but the offense has sputtered at times.

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"I think my training is going really well," Kaylor said. "I'm excited about qualifying for the Zone D meet in the long jump. In McKee is preparing for life after college. Cornell said. "But he really deserves it." Ardrey has produced divers who are "the best deal than two larger programs."

"Two," 1 had a scholarship to "University of Kentucky and (the University of) Tennessee," McKee said. "As the last minute, SUJ gave me a little more money." McKee quickly made his mark on campus. In only his sophomore year, he beat the school record in the 200 by more than one-fifth of a second. A year later in outdoor competition, he won the MVC championship in the long jump. In the off-season, he even played football for the Salukis.

Last year, McKee injured his foot and was unable to compete in the 1998 MVC Championships. This year, he has trained less in the long jump because of the injury. "He was afraid he might get hurt again," Cornell said. "But he could be our No. 1 long jumper once the season is over."

McKee returns to long jump competition this Saturday at the McDonald's Saluki Invitational in Carbondale. McKee has his sights set firmly on "going out with a bang."

"I want to be All-American. I want to be MVC champ," McKee said. "These are my goals now."

McKee is prepared for life off the track, but he's not ruling out continuing a track career if the results work out for him.

"If I have a pretty good all-around season, that depends on if I continue."

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Cornell said his high school credentials were impressive, but McKee downplays them. "I won Junior Nationals in the long jump, and that's about it," he said. "Really excited about qualifying for the Zone D meet in the long jump. In McKee is preparing for life after college. Cornell said. "But he really deserves it."

Ardrey has produced divers who "are three of those odds."

"The bright side to our team is that it is very bright," Ardrey said; "the brightest. We have four years to spend with these kids, and I really like the sound of them."

In the case of Falcons fans, they are the ones doing the Dirty Bird (the team's mascot). The best way of Atlanta and skiing the pristine slopes of their favorite such as quarterback Chris Chandler, and former back, David Anderson. They're also the ones explain why they aren't a bunch of风扇mers that they can't for the life of them figure out why the Georgia Dome has been empty all these years, since they've been showing up all along.

Then, of course, there are the other 270 million people in America. The ones who with no particular allegiance to either team, the ones who pay attention to the Super Bowl mostly because it has become a sort of religious observance in this sports- crazed land of ours.

For Falcons and Broncos fans, the task is no-brainer. Spend the next five days or so basking in the glow of the national spotlight, or do your best to figure out why the hometown team is so miserable.

So who's it going to be, Atlanta or Denver?

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Track star earns right to compete in NCAA Championships

Rob Alun
DailyEgyptian Reporter

Most athletes get only one chance to leave their mark before time passes them by.

Orlando McKee realizes his time is now.

He is in position to realize the ultimate goal in collegiate track and field — to earn the right to call himself an All-American. Nobody has earned that honor at SIUC since the team's current assistant coach, Cameron Wright, high-jumped to the honor in 1996.

His time — a 200-meter dash stand at 21.44 seconds and is recognized as fourth best in the country.

McKee, a senior in finance from East St. Louis, ran the time in the Saluki Boosters Invitational Jan. 16. In one spirit, he broke his own school record, won a silver medal and automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships March 5-6 in Indianapolis. To top everything off, he was named Missouri Valley Conference Athlete of the Week.

Still, 21.44 seems like a high number to the determined McKee, who focuses more on his times than his early accomplishments.

"It is one of my main goals to go under 20 seconds," McKee said. "That's probably a bigger goal than to qualify for nationals."

But his sights vary for his final indoor season at SIUC.

"I've been doing a lot of extra training this year," he said. "I did a lot of weight training over the break and in summertime. As the season progresses, I've done more 300 meter runs."

His coach, Bill Cornell, agrees McKee has stepped it up, realizing he has a chance to do something special.

"He hasn't had real good training in the past — he used to be a little lazy," Cornell said. "He's matured a lot this year."

Cornell has seen seniors step it up in a big way before, and he's not surprised at what McKee is doing.

"He's a little bit of a loner, but a lot of the team looks up to him because of what he's accomplished," Cornell said. "He's very serious-minded — when he warms up he likes to be by himself."

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Young Saluki divers taking MVC by surprise

Mike Bidecklund
DailyEgyptian Reporter

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water to face the Salukis, they strike.

Do not let the youthful SIUC diving team, composed of three freshmen, two sophomores and only one junior, fool you. This season, the Salukis have left the competition thinking of that memorable scene from the movie "Jaws" when they enter the water.

The performances of freshmen divers Kristin Kaylor and Rhett Butler in the Illini Classic last weekend already have earned them the right to advance to the Zone Diving Qualifying meet March 12-13 in Fayetteville, Ark.

"Obviously, reaching the qualifying meet you can't predict," SIUC diving coach Dave Ardrey said. "We expected them to perform well, but to become so competitive so quick you can't predict that."

At the Zone D meet, Kaylor and Butler also have chances to earn bids to the NCAA Championships in late March. The likes of the University of Texas, who had the No. 1 recruiting class in the nation, Southern Methodist University and Texas Christian University will be there.

Before the divers get wrapped up in all the hoopla, they still must maintain dominance in the Missouri Valley Conference. The next MVC meet is Saturday versus Southwest Missouri State University in the Recreation Center.

"The MVC meets are very important to this program," Ardrey said. "We need them to compete well in upcoming conference meets." Kaylor, a standout at Overland (Colo.) High School, earned the MVC Women's Diver of the Week award.