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To join or not to join?

Faculty Association wants all members to share costs, pay union fees

Ben Bothk
Daily Egyptian

Although salaries are a part of the ongoing negotiations between the Faculty Association and SIU administration, that’s only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the issues at stake.

One of the sticking points currently at the bargaining table is tenure — an issue that has concerned administrators and faculty alike.

Under the current system, the Faculty Association represents about 600 tenure and tenure-track faculty, but not all faculty covered in the bargaining unit pay the $484 in annual dues. About 390 professors in this group pay dues and are members, said James Clark, a Unions director for the Illinois Education Association. The labor organization that works with the Faculty Association.

Under the union’s proposed fair share system, all faculty in the bargaining unit would be required to pay $484, which union officials say is reasonable because non-union professors gain the same benefits that are gained at the bargaining table.

“Fair share is for the people who pay for the service they receive,” said Memora Denehous, the student member to the Faculty Association. It only requires that everyone in the bargaining unit pay the costs of representation.

“The salary increases, the guarantees, the tenure, who has a voice in the decision-making role in the program changes, all of those benefits that 680 of us have, regardless of whether they are in the Faculty Association or not,” Denehous said.

“$20 more — or $484 — would become members with the right to vote on association ballots, such as the one passed in February that Denehous points to as a point that Daneshdust will call a strike on or after Feb. 3 if fee union ongoing negotiations with the SIUC administration don’t produce a contract.

But non-union faculty members, along with Chancellor Walter Wendt, have concerns about forcing professors to join an organization they don’t support.

“We require anyone to do anything with their own money after we pay them for the services they render seems antithetical to their academic freedom,” said Walter Wendt, chancellor of SIU.

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Chair, Faculty Association, SIU

Charles McBaron, Media Relations Director for the Illinois Education Association (right) and Jotinsa Kapur, Assistant Professor at SIU talk with Patrick Dixon, SIU alum at the faculty association headquarters. Dixon came in to voice his displeasure with the faculty and its position to strike. The three then stood outside the headquarters discussing each other’s positions and asked graduated from SIU in 2002 and is currently living and working in Carbondale.

Still, if fair share becomes part of the next faculty contract, professors objecting for religious reasons would be able to opt in their fees donated to a charity — providing the organization is approved by the IEA, Clark said. But not every faculty member at SIUC sees the union as a necessity for satisfactory employee benefits.

“I don’t want to be a member of that group,” said Gordon Brown, an associate professor of marketing. “I don’t share their views.”

Brown said he chooses to work out potential differences with his department chair and deans rather than the Faculty Association. And faculty members who demonstrate their worth shouldn’t need “fee share,” he said. “You have to play this game. But while some disagree with the association’s desire, Daneshdoust says that other campus unions have fair share.

The union, whose members make up more than half of the bargaining unit, meets one qualification that the Association of College Faculty Employees is struggling to gain.

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

Faculty members from other state universities have voiced their support and opposition to the faculty strike that looms on the horizon at SIUC.

The Feb. 3 strike deadline approaches and daily negotiations are still deadlocked. Statewide universities, with unions and without, are getting the situation at SIUC with interest.

The association has received a letter of support from Eastern Illinois University’s faculty, said James Kelly, Faculty Association spokesman. EIU representatives also purchased an advertisement in the Daily Egyptian last semester encouraging support for University faculty.

Kelly said little progress has been made at the negotiation tables between SIUC faculty and administration, defying progress as a tentative agreement. The two began talks last week, which will continue until a contract is reached.

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SIU reacts to Bush’s stand against race-based college enrollment

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

President Bush spoke out last week against the University of Michigan’s race-based enrollment policies, but, SIU students and faculty are not without opinions.

Bush said the university’s enrollment policies are unconstitutional, and his administration will oppose them before the Supreme Court. He specifically spoke against the university’s point system for undergraduate admissions by stating that 110 out of a possible 150 points can be rewarded for academic work. The university generally accepts students with at least 100 points.

If the Supreme Court declines the university’s enrollment policy unconstitutional, the question of how far that decision would reach is a source of worry for universities across the nation. SIU School of Law’s assistant dean Michael Ruiz is not one of those concerned with the pending decision and that progressive SIU law students not to worry.

“The impact of that will have absolutely zero affect on schools like SIUC,” Ruiz said. “It’s only schools in the top tier that will be affected. They have the luxury of more discussion over who gets in.”

“Affirmative action is not part of the SIU law school’s acceptance policy,” Ruiz added. “Applicants are accepted by a combination of the applicant’s highest LSAT score and cumulative grade point average.”

“Still, if the Supreme Court has a high LSAT score of 145 and a 3.2 grade point average.”

“The closer the law school comes to accepting an applicant based on diversity ties with a special committee. The law school’s committee of five faculty members looks at applicants who are on the borderline of acceptance. The committee looks at a student’s highest LSAT score and cumulative grade point average, as well as other factors.

“One of those factors is the student’s ability to diversify the legal community,” Ruiz said. “That factor is open to the member’s interpretation. Some may view that as a question of race, gender, whether they’re Polesian, any way they want.”

The committee selects less than 20 percent of the law school’s required quota of 150 new students each year. Ruiz said. The total number of applicants for 2002 was more than 700 students, but Ruiz said figures on total applicants tend to vary greatly from year to year.

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SIU students’ opinions on Bush’s action and
National News

Wall of snow suffocates 7 skiers
CALGARY — A survivor of an avalanche that killed seven people, including snowboarding pioneer Craig Kelly and three others, was critically injured Saturday by the invisible power of the snow slide.

"It was the windiest day. The snow was down to the second course," John Sebert of Victoria, B.C., said writing in the avalanche that thundered 500 feet down the mountainside, sending a wall of snow and rock that was buried under 15 feet of snow. They were part of a group of skiers and snowboarders who were in high avalanche danger in a mountain area with access to untouched, wild glaciers and slopes.

The dead were identified as Kelly, 36, who lived in Nelson, British Columbia; his brother, 25, of Kelowna, BC; and Kathleen Keeney, 30, of New Westminster, British Columbia.

Hispanics now largest US minority group
WASHINGTON — Hispanics have surpassed blacks as the nation's largest minority group, the Census Bureau said Thursday.

The Latino population grew to 37 million in July 2000, up 4.7% from April 2000. The black population increased 2% during the same period, to 36.1 million.

The estimates are based on race and ethnicity. 'In results from the 2000 censuses were released two years ago. Census Bureau demographer Roberto Ramirez said it has long been expected that Hispanics would someday surpass blacks because the Hispanic population is rising faster.

Hispanics now compose nearly 13% of the U.S. population, which grew to 243.4 million in July 2000. That's up from 55.3 million, or 12.9% of the country's 281.4 million residents in April 2000.

International News

Grand design for a Korean 'peace structure'
SEOUL — While the South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has officially denied a report on Friday by Japan’s Mainichi Shimbun that South Korea is thinking about supplying North Korea with gas in exchange for the latter’s denuclearization program, the report has offered observers of Asian affairs a clue to what President Roh Moo-hyun may mean by citing the Korean nuclear crisis in "multilateral ways.

The timing of the report is also interesting. It appeared at the conclusion of US assistant secretary of state James Kelly’s visit to China and before his arrival in Seoul, and just before Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Aleksey Makarov is set to arrive in Pyongyang. Against this background, we can assume that there is a far-reaching deal - in set of deals - behind Roh’s grand strategy of a multilateral approach to the problem of North Korea’s nuclear program.

Adding to the perplexity of Roh’s approach is his recent statement on South Korea’s relations with the United States on a television program on Saturday. Despite his comforting remarks during his visit to the ROK-US Combined Forces Command (CFC) stressing the importance of the Seoul-Washington alliance, on the evening program he once, again, took a turn on his view of the relationship.

Roh said he intended to make changes to the current framework of bilateral defense treaties, such as the mutual defense treaty, the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and the format of the two countries’ Silence. His stance is substantiated by his prior announcement on Friday of building a so-called "peace structure on the Korean Peninsula. "Peace structure" is not new. It has long been proposed as the framework of the most stable, and effective measures to settle the military-conflictations lingering from the Korean War atrocities tacitly concluded by the United States, China and North Korea.

Today

High 30
Low 1
Snow showers starting in the early evening. Highs in the lower 20s.

Five-day Forecast
Thurday
Partly Cloudy 15/5
Friday
Snow Flurries 21/1
Saturday
Partly Cloudy 40/15
Sunday
Mostly Cloudy 38/15
Monday
Partly Cloudy 50/20

Almanac
Average high: 39
Average low: 21

Calendar
Today
No items to report.

Thursday
Pi Sigma Epiton (co-ed marketing fraternity)
Snub, Lm: Evergreen Terrace. They were taken to the Jackson County Jail.

Katie Jane Starkey, 20, Beardstown, was arrested and charged with violating a motor vehicle, possession of stolen property, and criminal damage to property at 2:15 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of Lincoln Drive and Communications Drive. She posted $100 cash and her driver’s license as bond and was released.

Corrections
In Tuesday’s issue in the DAILY EGYPTIAN, five errors were made in the page 3 article "Alpha Kappa Alpha celebrates 2nd Founders’ Day." Donna Wilson was misidentified as Eunice Garrett. Wilson sung "Either Way" with the entire audience, not by herself. The slogan "Inspired Minds and Hopeful Hearts" is for the Gamma Kappa Omega chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, not for the sorority as a whole. Also, in the cutline that ran with the page 3 article, Debbie McCoy, president of the Gamma Kappa Omega chapter was misidentified as capitan Sandra Katelelire Whithington.

The Daily Egyptian regrets these errors.

Readers who spot an error should contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

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Dancing the ‘Moonlight’ Away

Jessica Yorozama
Daily Egyptian

Although the ballrooms in the Student Center are often used for lectures and pre- and post-dinner music, the Student Ballroom B was filled with the movements for which it is known:

"The music is flowing," said Dale Budshck of Carbondale, a member of the Moonlight Ballroom Dancing Club that met Saturday night. "You're not listening to the music. You're ridin' the melody."

The flowing skirts and black loafers yawning about the room belong to couples such as Budshck and Alan Kim, two members who found synchronization more in their steps than their speaking patterns.

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Since the council has come to being, we've seen the industry quadrupled within the last six to seven years. At this time it's critical we have these resources provided by the council," said Paul Renuglia of Alto Vineyards. Renuglia was a previous member of the council. Alto Vineyards, a local vineyard located on Illinois Route 127 in Alto Pass, is in its 13th year of operations and has seen production double from 12,000 gallons to 22,000 within the last four years, said Renuglia.

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**Political participation**

Chris Wissmann, a candidate for City Council, registers Lauren Belton from Chicago so she can vote in the upcoming council primary. Wissmann, who is running for a two-year term, spent all day Wednesday and Thursday registering SIU students on campus in the open forum area and will be back again on Friday.

**Burglaries up during winter break**

The Cardaleon Police also offer a Housewatch program, a service that provides extra patrols when police know residents will be gone. Reed said the enforcement measure assigns officers in plain cars and clothes to patrol areas where the department knows are frequently hit by burglaries. Officers also perform free home security checks to inspect locks, doors, windows, lighting and security habits. The service is primarily offered for burglary victims, but the department does take requests to help residents reduce the chance their homes will be targeted. Reed said the winter break is a particularly bad time for burglars, but spring break is bad as well. "It's definitely typical to have spikes in activity," Reed said.

Jackson County Sheriff William Kilquist said his department also notices an increase in residential burglaries in the areas around SUC and Murphy during every student break. He said the department always receives reports before and after breaks.

Kilquist said the burglaries before break are often caused by people trying to gain more money before they go home or on vacation.

He said the numbers have remained about the same for the Sheriff's Department since he was elected sheriff in 1982. He said he can always count on burglaries spiking, even when crime is down. He said the crime rate can go down, but burglaries can go up, and breaks still see a jump.

Despite the jumps in the city and the county during the winter break, Lt. Todd Sigler of the SUC Police Department said burglaries did not increase on campus. He said University police also had two residential burglaries reported from Dec. 13 to Jan. 13.

Sigler said the department receives fewer calls about activities on campus during the break, allowing time for officers to provide additional patrols to secure residence halls. He said the police perform intensive foot patrols and building checks during that time when student activity is minimal.

Sigler said thieves usually target video game systems, video games, CDs, cash, jewelry, electronics and other small items easily carried out of a home. He said it is helpful for residents to document the brands and models of electronics and each a unique number to them so they can be identified if stolen.

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**Mayor offers office for negotiations**

Brian Peach

Daily Egyptian

Carbondale City Council members troubled by ongoing Faculty labor negotiations voiced their concern of a possible strike and expressed their hope of alleviating tension between the groups, after a neutral forum for negotiations to take place.

Councilman Neil Dillerd, whose office will be available to both sides as of today if the administration and faculty wish to continue negotiations off campus.

James Kelly, spokesman for the Faculty Senate, praised the neutral forum as a nice gesture, but said it will probably not be seen as a threat from alternative contract talks.

"We appreciate all of the City Council for the offer," Kelly said. "But at this point, I think that both sides are comfortable meeting in the places where negotiations are taking place."

SUIC administrators could not be reached for comment as of press time Tuesday.

Kelly said he does not think the venue is the problem in the ongoing negotiations.

Though initial thoughts are against using the mayor's office, Kelly said he is glad the City Council members care enough to make such an offer.

"It's good the city is willing to help the University with its problems," Kelly said.

Dillerd's idea to use his office as a resource was brought up at Tuesday's City Council meeting, and the mayor and the council told the mayor they were in favor of the offer.

"I'll volunteer your house and your car too if that's what it takes," Councilman Brad Cole said.

Councilman Coren Dan and Aladis Fuganboth said that offering help to the negotiations, but not taking sides, is a positive way to help the two groups come to an agreement on the issues while trying to avoid a strike.

The mayor will likely make his offer to both administration and faculty today, and then lift the topics up to them if they want to take the opportunity to use his office.

"We're getting closer and closer to the Feb. 3 deadline, so let's hope they're getting closer," Dillerd said.

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**Men and women face Indiana State**

The SIU women's and men's basketball teams face Indiana State at 6:05 p.m. and 9:05 p.m., respectively Saturday at the SIU Arena. Doors are open one hour prior to tip off for group-ticket sales, can Julie Bech at 453-2000.

A student will be allowed to pick up tickets on a first-come, first-served basis and are multiple IDs when picking up multiple tickets. Call the ticket office with any questions at 453-2533.

**Burglaries up during winter break**

City's numbers down from previous year

Greg Cima

Daily Egyptian

Residential burglaries in Carbondale increased slightly during winter break, but are still down from last year, police said.

Officer Dan Reed of the Cardaleon Police Department said there were 29 reports of residential burglaries between Dec. 13 and Jan. 13. He said there are about 300 every year, and the break accounts for about 10 percent of those.

This is a significant decrease from 43 burglaries the previous winter break. Reed said the drop could have been caused by a number of factors, including the arrest or relocation of people committing homes and better practices by residents.

Reed said residential burglaries traditionally spike during breaks, and the Cardaleon Police Department is still trying to educate people on things they can do to prevent themselves from becoming victims. He said people who will be away from their homes for a period of time should take valuables with them, contact a person to watch their house during the absence and make sure the home is secure.

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He said the numbers have remained unchanged since the previous year, with the department being able to monitor the number of burglaries and adjust its enforcement accordingly.

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Students hope to restore handicap-accessible hot rod

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

Chris Fleming and Craig Wilderman sit at a table surrounded by the humble beginnings of a car project that has been brewing for more than a year. Figures, artwork and models of their common passion—hot rods from the '50s—were scattered about the table.

The drawings depicted a 1957 Chevy Suburban, a car they would like to restore with a few adjustments. Fleming and Wilderman met more than a year ago when they enrolled in a drawing class. The friendship was not immediate, however.

"At first I was intimidated by his wheelchair," said Fleming, a senior in Sociology from Pinckneyville. Wilderman, a senior in university studies from Evansville Ind., has Muscular Dystrophy, a genetic disease characterized by progressive weakness and degeneration of the muscles, and uses a wheelchair to get around. However, they soon discovered their mutual interest in cars, particularly those of the late 1950s and early 1960s.

In spite of Wilderman's love for older cars, he combined a frame and wheelchairs with nearly 789 pounds make a nearly impossible task to ride in, Fleming said.

"He's just like the rest of us," Fleming said. "He has passions for things, and his passion is cars."

They considered for a year how they would be able to restore a hot rod that Wilderman could sit in his wheelchair. The more they discussed it, the more possible it seemed.

With the help of Fleming's car club, they hope to come to their dream of taking the back seats and putting down a wooden floor to accommodate the wheelchair.

"We hope to complete this project, they begin to fold up, maintaining the original look of the car's exterior. They will have to make the ramp unnoticeably sound, they are considering asking the SII engineering department for help.

"It will be an educational experience through the building process," Wilderman said.

Once the car is completed, Wilderman said they would tour it through the signature car shows in the Midwest and possibly California, the originator of the hot-rod culture.

"Our big goal is to go to California with it and show them what we're doing here in the Midwest," Fleming said.

Wilderman said they are planning on making a plaque with the names of their proprietors in take from show to show.

In spite of the common negative connotations that accompany 1950s hot rods, Fleming said the car club of the past were more concerned with helping the community. They sponsored body shop and mechanics classes and brought the communities together.

Flemming said he would like to get past the negative connotations.

"This first period was the birth of hot rodding," Fleming said. "It is about real people building real cars for good reasons."

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Recreation Center offering new classes for mind and body

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

The Recreation Center is offering a variety of ways to shape up this spring—from Yoga to Kung Fu and boxing to dance. The Recreation Center is just the place to get into shape and have fun while doing it. From instructional to youth programs, aquatics and fitness to outdoor adventures, there is something for everyone regardless of age.

With the difference in the semesters and the type of weather each brings, the Recreation Center changes things to complement the weather. They offer the types of programs that are associated with the weather.

One of the larger programs that offers a wide variety of options is the Instructional Program. It offers classes in dance, yoga, fitness, kung fu, boxing and personal training.

Most of the classrooms are free, but some require prior registration and a small fee. The rates are different for each program and session, but all are affordable.

The Recreation Center offers each program at a lower rate for students, members and emeritus. The cost for SII-affiliated members and emeritus is slightly higher, but includes the cost of admission to the center.

There are always new programs offered. This semester one of the additions is a nursing Pilates class at 6:30 and a meditation class that offers an overview of different techniques to gain peace in life.

"We also have the Airstage Yoga which has a new to the fitness program as a new way to get a full body workout," Kathy Guilfoyle, the Assistant Director of Recreation Programs said.

Along with the fitness classes there are several types of dance classes available in Hip Hop, Modern, Salsa, Ballet and Swing.

In addition to those, people can take advantage of bowling classes, CPR and lifeguard training.

"Everybody's after being flexible, being strong and having balance," Guilfoyle said. "These classes give them an additional way to go about it."

A program that is expecting new and exciting trips this semester is the Outdoor Adventure Program.

Backpacking, hiking and camping trips are planned for the most experienced to the beginner. Those interested can attend the various trips or enroll in one of the free clinics.

"We have eight different trips this spring," student supervisor Carmen Tarterige said. "We try to provide a variety of opportunities for everyone whether it be cooking, hiking or camping.

Class began Tuesday, but are open throughout the semester. Some classes require prior registration to ensure availability for certain sessions, but there is no fee."

"I'm looking forward to getting classes going and see how the semester goes," Guilfoyle said.

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For more information on times and cost of classes, visit the website at www.siu.edu
Our Word
Faculty: Let the light shine

It's in the air, but we're in the dark. Faculty and administration negotiations continue, now with 13 days to go until the Feb. 3 strike deadline. With the possibility of a strike in the syllabus or on our teachers' minds, we're aware of what could happen.

But there again, we're confused about what's going to happen. The Faculty Association is making serious decisions, threatening it will shut this University down, but we won't even disclose its memberships.

We ask it to clarify some of the subject. They matter insights about the administration in our classes; some expect students to be on their side.

We pay a lot of money to attend school here and at a government institution, the administration of SIUC is subject to the Open Meetings Act and other laws that allow anyone access to what exactly is going on.

Gaining access to this information is public. Were not paying for it.

The administration can see the majority of union members because whatever we verbally discuss in our union meetings, a document that the chancellor can see at his desk. In a recent DAILY EGYPTIAN questionnaire, the association wrote many of our members are so fearful of retribution that they pay their dues in cash so that the administration cannot identify them.

By many, the association is referring to 10 individuals out of a bargaining unit that represents about 680 faculty members. According to IEA representative Jim Clark, 390 members are dues-paying members and according to University spokesman Sue Davis, 380 go through payroll deduction.

That hardly many definitely not a majority.

Of course, even one faculty member punished for his or her association to anything is one too many. Chauvinist Walter Winstler described fear of retaliation for union membership as "naive." Anything that union membership would have a negative impact on an individual is completely naive of tenure and the protections that it provides there, he said.

Tenure and grievance procedures protect anyone from retribution for the association to be in the union, a religious affiliation or political party. The two sides do not want to bargain in the media, but we're in the dark.

The faculty and administration want to rally the troops students to their sides. How can we change without infor­mation? They're baffling. They're astounding. They're often outright in­discriminate and unnecessary. Each state has its own unique set of sex laws that criminalize private consensual acts between adults. The government has bizarre jurisdiction over what you do in the sack, so don't get caught with your pants down.

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Our lives and futures depend on those answers.

So let's hear it. We'll supply the electricity if you bring the light bulbs.

Guest Columnist
Keep the law out of the bedroom

Laura Neuman
MUSTANG DAILY

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (UPI) They're buffing, They're astounding. They're often outright insensitive and unnecessary. Each state has its own unique set of sex laws that criminalize private consensual acts between adults. The government has bizarre jurisdiction over what you do in the sack, so don't get caught with your pants down.

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Words Overheard
"Until the world is full of peace, I will have to keep protesting. The day I can stop protesting, I will be happy because it will mean we finally have peace."
Technology on parade: You bring the sheep and I’ll make coffee.

A friend of mine went off to St. Louis University last year to study computer science. Nano-rebots. I asked him about it, and he told me someday the world will have tiny robots smaller than organisms that doctors will be able to inject into our bodies to repair medical problems.

At first I said, “Hey, that’s really neat!” It was kind of fun to think about walking around with Ato Bio Bots in my tummy curing heartburn before it starts. But what happens if the things malfunction? I get this picture in my head of those Doctorow from Fragile Rock running around inside of me, building mini-cable cars and trains around my esophagus. Not that wouldn’t be exciting to have the only digestive track in this world with a complete monorail system and Bloomington’s department store running through my spleen, but at the same time, maybe it’s a bit excessive.

But at the very least, the whole notion of something incredibly tiny that we can close a sheep. We can program specific personality traits into that sheep. We can feed it when we feel drowsy when we ring a bell. And when we get done, we can even Fed Ex that sheep to Ato Dubia overnight. Overnight, mind you!

Technology, I think that is a great thing. I can sit at a timer in my kitchen before bed and when I wake up, I have just finished my vitamin D at 4 a.m. on the table yesterday; enjoying my fresh, Jenkinsian lettuce and wondering how long it would take to ground small a real to my sister in St. Louis, when my mind began to wander. Wouldn’t it be great? I thought, “if these little robots could help with other things, too.” They could come out with a whole line of time-saver robots. Take care of those mundane little jobs in life, like brushing your teeth. They can ride your moose bone weight and let you polish and shine more bicuspids for you.

This leaves your hands free for more pertinent tasks, like staking your fences and figuring out what kind of shipping tape adheres best to moose.

Come to think of it, robots have come a long way in my short lifetime. I think back to an article I read in a magazine fifteen years ago. I remember what a big deal it was that Bigfoot was from “Harry and the Hendersons.” It was really a dumb. I had to wonder how long it will be before most Asians are replaced by robots.

Sure, I suspect there are a few already. (I’m looking in your direction, Phillip Walker, if that’s even your real name.) I wonder how long until the system is totally reversed. After all, like Kenji Baker (RA2D2) made their lego droids up in costume to play robots, and in the end, it’s going to be forcing machines into them entirely.

Not that the idea is remotely practical, though. Matching twin Olsen-Bots would probably deliver lines with more camera presence than their monkey-faced, carbon-based human counterparts.

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Not Just Another Priddy Face

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Having My Say

BY LENE ADOLPHSON

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Lois Weber:cala police corruption, overcrowded public defenders and defendants not having a jury of their peers.

Additionally, many defendants with obvious medical problems are categorized with other inmates. Fortunately Governor Ryan realized that the only way to repair the damage was to conduct the sentences as a result of the fact that those who were convicted were convicted under a corrupt system. It is to avoid an inferior system. The entire place has to be fumigated.

A commission was formed to review and make recommendations regarding reform of the death penalty. There were several suggestions made by the commission, which included in all death penalty cases using DNA evidence exclude or confirm. The Illinois legislature did not act on these recommendations because it is politically popular to support the death penalty. It’s a result of the failure of the legislature and a corrupt criminal justice system that caused Governor Ryan to make this most controversial decision. I hope that the Supreme Court will one day reverse itself and realize that in ruling in 1968 was indeed correct. Capital punishment is support by those who are guilty of the crimes that they committed and are waiting for the death penalty to be sought. I hope they are dealt with in a humane way. The entire system has to be overhauled. It is not just a matter of the death penalty. The entire system has to be overhauled.

I commend Gov. Ryan for his courageous decision to commuite the death sentences of those on Death Row in Illinois. The decision was painful and difficult, especially for the families of victims. Many expressed anger with Ryan for his momentous decision. However, the anger should be directed at a criminal justice system that has been so defective that 17 people who were on death row were daw

ed to be innocent. For those who see these reversals of fortune prove the system works, my response is the system didn’t work. It was bad enough, not prosecuted and defense attorneys. They abandoned instrumental in researching the evidence against the condemned on death row. Even critics of Ryan admit that the system was seriously damaged.

I have debated with friends who are pro-death penalty and there is a key question that always leaves them pondering the issue of, what’s it all for? What if you were on Death Row and you were innocent? What if there was an eyewitness against you who swore that you were the person guilty? What if you were beaten into signing a confession? What if an overzealous prosecutor refused to consider any other evidence? What if you did not have an ally and you did it and was not believed? Suppose you were convicted by a jury that wasn’t made up of your peers but one that secretly believed you and your ethnic group is capable of the act that you are accused. Unfortunately, many criminal defendants have been tried and convicted and sentenced to death under many of these above-mentioned circumstances.

It is without doubt there are those who are guilty of the crimes that they were convicted. The lawsuit has to be given life in prison without the possibility of parole with prison privileges or benefits, similar to John Gotti who is scheduled to spend 23 hours in his cell. Nevertheless, the key problem with the death penalty in Illinois is that the whole system is in disarray due to corruption, illegal ex legend, dishonest criminal eyewitnesses, single eyewitnesses, and so on. We have three ways to bring in the world. One is to have a jury of your peers and the other is to have a judge.”

Emmanuel, if that’s even your real name.) I thought it was kind of fun to think about what would happen if those who would use the devices. My name is Luther King. I stood up for their beliefs. However, make their voices heard in the peaceful protest. I admire Dr. King truly wanted his rights. I am sure it didn’t have the peace protest any longer.

Points with our leaders in Washington, who will understand why our letters are misunderstood.

Exclamed Saddle

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Kim Zinger

SUI, Alumni, Moro Papua

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FOLLOW KING’S LEADERSHIP

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to commend all those who traveled to Washington, D.C. during the weekend to make their voices heard in the peaceful protest. I admire the dedication of those who went, and the right of freedom so beautifully displayed by Dr. Martin Luther King. I stood up for their rights. I see this as an example. I do not mean to suggest that those who were promised with him. He did not share moral equivalency at police when he was arrested, but he didn’t burn city blocks or just put outShow; it, but what really was a remarkable 9/11 attack and he blamed, that was a water fire, he did not start the protests. The police dogs. All are welcome to the table. Let us imagine a future that is not reserved. Let the future be reserved for the families of victims.

Evon Connell

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Iraq: through the sands of time

Moustafa Ayad
Daily Egyptian

The history behind Iraq is complex and filled with war, nationalism, and oppressive regimes. It is a nation that has exchanged hands through the sands of time on an almost daily basis.

Under the U.S. military gearing up for a possible coalition attack against Iraq, the tension is a reminder of the country's turbulent past. Upon his arrival to Iraq some years ago, former Sen. Paul Simon witnessed the oppression firsthand. "It is a nation struggling for national sovereignty, choosing to manifest its own history and identity and international sovereignty," he said. "All was in effons to allow Iraq to win a war with the new Islamic Iraqi government, ruled by Kurdish factions in the country, advocating a revolution. Iraq then cut off all formal relations with the Soviet Union, choosing to stand alone the Baghdad past, an alliance between Iraq, Britain, Turkey and Poland.

During this time, however, another change of governmental power took place with the Kassem regime coming to power and choosing to sever the past aligned with western ideals and to restore lines of communication with the USSR.

The Kurds revolted, immediately taking control of much of the northern region of Iraq. Fighting between Kurdish factions continued well into the 1970s. Meanwhile, the United States build up of naval and military units began to take shape in the region, with ships in the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean.

Iraq played a major role in the Middle East at this time and the government was seemingly sympathetic toward U.S. policy. In 1979, the Iranian government was overthrown and the dawn of the Islamic Iran took place.

Iraq began to align itself more and more with the ideals of western nations joining the League of Nations and participating in the founding of the Arab League. Oil began to allow Iraq to set up infrastructure and develop a more stable financial foundation to build upon. During the 1950s, the Cold War race for nations to abide by democratic and communist ideals began.

The former USSR began soliciting Iraq by offering financial backing to Iraq by offering financial backing to the Kurds in Northern Iraq and the Kurdfish faction came to power and choosing to take control of much of the northern place with the Kassem regime coming to power.

Iraq, though a country plagued by sanctions, now would be isolated, not allmro to make chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons, a one-time ally of the United States and International community responded fast by mobilizing 250,000 men and women. The United States was at its last straw dealing with a lider bent on destruction, Desert Storm resulted in a victory for all parties, except Iraq.

A country pledged by sanctions, now would be isolated, not allmro to make chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons, a one-time ally of the United States was now officially a rogue state.

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Science students leave for business
SIUC enrollment declines in areas of science

Lindsey J. Mastis
Daily Egyptian

A recent study shows that students are more likely to major in business instead of science.

"Attracting the Best and the Brightest," written by William Zumeta, professor and associate dean for the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, and Joyce Ravelli, of the University of Washington, said there are fewer incentives, including income and job availability, for students to obtain degrees in the field of science.

The study was conducted using data from students who scored more than 750 on the Graduate Record Examination — the average average students that Zumeta refers to as the "best and the brightest."

And there are signs that SIUC's undergraduates are also opting for business majors. Enrollment has increased in the College of Business and Administration from just below 1,500 students in 1998 to 1,632 in 2002, while the College of Science has dropped from 1,465 in 1998, to 1,291 in 2002.

Linda Seibert, chief academic adviser for the College of Business and Administration, said she has noticed a consistency of students switching colleges to major in business.

"I'm not sure if they know what people do all day in certain careers that exist or how they relate to anything academically," she said. "I think people come to accounting because they don't know what it is or what an accountant does."

Seibert said that as students learn more about different careers, they tend to consider taking a different path.

Sheena Johnson, a sophomore from Wisconsin, is majoring in chemistry and plans on going to Chicago for her graduate assistance in forensic science. She learned about forensics from watching the Discovery Channel, but, if forensics doesn't work out, she can use her chemistry degree for something else.

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KUWAIT CITY (KRT) — An American contractor working for the U.S. military was killed and another was wounded Tuesday in an ambush in Kuwait.

No group claimed responsibility and no streets have been made. U.S. Ambassador Michael Lowrey condemned the shooting as a "terrorist incident."

The attack occurred about 9:15 a.m. local time at a checkpoint near Camp Doha, about five miles south of the camp, as the Americans tried to set up a road from the highway east of Kuwait City, the U.S. military said.

Kuwaiti police said one gunman, possibly two, opened fire near a small wooded area with an AK-47 rifle, pummeling at least 24 rounds into the passenger’s side of the Toyota sport utility vehicle used by the men who were riding. The passenger was killed instantly. The driver sustained multiple gunshot wounds and was taken to two local hospitals for treatment.

Doctors said he was in stable condition after the surgery.

U.S. Embassy officials identified the man who died as 42-year-old Michael Rene Pouliot, 46, of San Diego. He worked for Tapestry Solutions, a San Diego-based software development firm under contract to the Army.

Officials withheld the identity of the wounded man, pending notification of next-of-kin.

Milen Kosar, the supervising surgeon at al Asale hospital, said the wounded man underwent surgery and had been shot in the chest and twice in the right thigh.

The attack came as U.S. and allied military forces prepare to leave the Persian Gulf for a possible strike against Iraq, which the United States and its allies have repeatedly accused of developing chemical and biological weapons in defiance of U.N. edicts to disarm.

There are some 17,000 U.S. troops and some 8,000 American civilians in Kuwait.

It was the third time this month that U.S. troops and personnel had been in Iraq since the invasion of Kuwait in September.

Two gunmen, who professed ties to Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaida terrorist network, fired on a group of Marines on Falika Island, off the coast of Kuwait, during a training exercise in October. They killed one Marine and wounded another. The Marines shot and killed the attackers, who were Kuwaiti.

In November, two U.S. soldiers, who were dressed in civilian clothes, were shot as they traveled along a highway in Kuwait City. Both survived.

The attack, an off-duty Kuwaiti police officer, was later captured in Saudi Arabia and is in jail in Kuwait, awaiting trial.

Generally, Kuwaiti citizens and foreign residents express good will toward the United States for liberating Kuwait from a seven-month Iraqi occupation during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Yet people in Kuwait and throughout the Muslim world resent what they see as America’s bias in favor of Israel in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and they tend to believe that the war on terrorism really is a war against Islam.

Many of the U.S. troops in Kuwait are quartered under tight security at isolated camps in the western quarter of the country, where they are conducting training exercises. But small groups of soldiers frequently come into Kuwait City and are prohibited from leaving camp and are restricted to work in needy communities. Jordan Cohen, president of the Association of American Medical Colleges, acknowledged that blacks and other minorities are under-represented in U.S. medical schools, despite programs to recruit them. Minorities comprise only 12 percent of the medical school population, according to official statistics. But Cohen worries that the Cuban medical education may not be rigorous enough to prepare students for the tough examinations that all foreign medical schools must pass before they can enter training programs and practice medicine in the United States.

The early numbers are not encouraging, although more recent arrivals say they are better prepared. Only two of the eight Americans who started the program last year still in medical school. Reflecting the discipline and rigor of all Cuban schools, the students live in spartan dorm rooms without hot water or toilet facilities. They share a telephone and eat food, mostly bread, milk, rice, beans and peas, that while adequate is "hardly sumptuous."

"The students are required to make their beds daily and their dorm rooms are inspected once a week. They wear uniforms to class and are prohibited from leaving campus during the week. They receive a monthly stipend of $4.

Offering scholarships to disadvantaged students is nothing new for Castro’s government. Almost from the beginning of the revolution, Castro has given tens of thousands of students from Africa, Latin America and other parts of the developing world free medical and technical education.

The effort, along with sending thousands of Cuban doctors overseas, fits neatly into the regime’s goal of projecting a youthful image and reflects the value Cuban leaders place on science, education and "Thinity" in a country with a poor record on human rights and religious freedom.

But Castro foes say training American medical students is a completely different matter. Why, they ask, would a country such as Cuba spend scarce resources on training Americans if public relations weren’t the primary motive?

"It’s a lot of smoke and no fire," said Joe Garcia, executive director of the anti-Castro Cuban-American National Foundation.

Walker, the recruiter, said between 100 and 150 individuals are now applying to the program. Among the most important requirements, he said, is demonstrating a good performance in the program. Among the most important requirements, he said, is demonstrating a good performance in the program. Among the most important requirements, he said, is demonstrating a good performance in the program. Among the most important requirements, he said, is demonstrating a good performance in the program. Among the most important requirements, he said, is demonstrating a good performance in the program. Among the most important requirements, he said, is demonstrating a good performance in the program.

The students are sent the first two years at the campus learning basic science and then finish their studies at a regional medical facility. The program, taught in Spanish, lasts six years.
This pile of buttons describes the situation at SIU between the faculty and administration. These buttons were available at the faculty association headquarters located at 825 S. Illinois Ave. Faculty members are now working at this encouraging tool that makes those in the administration to buckle down and get serious. Baker fears that if the Supreme Court rules that the University of Michigan’s enrollment policy is unconstitutional, the effects will be far-reaching. “I think the prevention of affirmative action would spread all across the country,” Baker said. “Maybe it’ll start with universities and, after that, the job market.” According to the University Affirmative Action Officer’s list, Michigan’s policy was implemented to provide equal employment and educational opportunities to any qualified person without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, status as a disabled veteran or a veteran of the Vietnam era, sexual orientation or marital status.

Anyone with questions on SIU’s affirmative action policy should visit the University’s website or contact the University Affirmative Action Officer in Davies Gym.

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9 Resident pest
10 WJII marauders
11 Blue giant
12 Mystic site
13 Fad
14 Ad
15 Lister
16 Wealthy class
17 Rose or Red
18 Judge
19 Japanese
20 Nubia
21 Norwich
22 Violin
23 Red hair
24 Spanish
25 Ben
26 Weary
27 Ukrainian
28 Horn
29 Troy
30 Limited
31 Floor dance
32 Development
33 Poppin
34 Tomato
35 Frak
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37 Polish
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Officials prove their worth again: nothing
In 999 percent of all games, the only number that matters is the final score. But, not in the Salukis' basketball 85-76 loss to No. 9 Creighton Saturday in Omaha, Neb.

The most important number wasn't the 44-28 points in the paint, 21-17 points in the paint at the foul line, or 20-8 second-chance points, all of which the Salukis were the victims. The game came down to something the players couldn't endure—re-officiating.

The officiating that gave Creighton, the home team and America's fbmrofthe month, a -10 to -8 in the final minutes of the game, openly admitted it. But the Salukis felt it was necessary.

What do I am got to say? It was -10 to 8! We got irritated with the calls that spit would literally heat up and wouldn't dict:uc;_ t"c officiating. We were the victors. The Salukis in the second half for 18 minutes. They seek its way onto the court.

But you know what SIU? We do find room to have a little fun when we are on our road trips. For example, while the normal college students went home for a whole month during winter break, we had only seven days to be with our families, and the rest of the time was spent here in Carbondale.

But before we could go home and see our wonderful family members, we headed out to Long Beach, Calif., for the Long Beach Classic Tournament. We spent five days out there, and two of those days were spent traveling there and back. It makes fun and enjoy the California weather.

The first sightseeing day consisted of touring the Queen Mary, also known as the sister of the Titanic.

It was interesting to hear and see all of the historical facts about this old ship, and walking through this thing brought flashbacks of the movie Titanic to mind because it looked just like the fabled ship.

We then headed to Hollywood. As a team we walked the Walk of Fame, reading stars' names and looking at the different handprints and footprints of stars in the sidewalk. Some of us even got our pictures taken with the real Batman! It was really neat and some day of travel will be engaged back again by seeing the empty stars on that famous sidewalk! After the Walk of Fame, we went to Redondo Beach. Also during that trip, we saw the church where Sister Act was filmed and the famous Beverly Hills Police Academy as we passed them by on our bus. We didn't get to see any of the start homes, but we knew they were all up on the hills and through the trees somewhere.

Our trip went by quickly and we all had a good time. We brought back the second-place trophy, but when Sunday came it was good to be back in Carbondale. Let's hoping the next stop was home. Other than that, we practiced and started playing our conference games.

Also, coach has been allowing us to bring back the good old high school glory days this season by practicing at some of the girls' hometown gyms while we are on the road traveling.

Well SIU, I could sit here all day and write about different things we have experienced as a team and tell you about some of the funnier stories that are still untold, but it is time for me to say goodbye.

But wait, I want to invite all of you to attend our HOMIE basketball game tomorrow (Thursday). We are playing Illinois State at 700 pm.

For most of you who don't know this, we don't get big crowds at our games so your support would be greatly appreciated. If you have never been to a game before there is a first time for everything and you never know, you might just have a lot of fun and want to come back on Saturday to watch us play!

But remember, if you are going to be there, you'd better be, because we will know if you are not! Come out and watch us play. It's free and I know college students love anything that is free!

So thanks for listening to me ramble today and I will see you all Thursday night! Until then, remember — it's a great day to be a Saluki!

Jodi is a junior in education. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.
SIU senior forward Jermaine Dearman nearly died in eighth grade after he was struck by a car while crossing a street in Indianapolis. Upon arriving at the hospital, Dearman’s main concern was whether he would ever get to play sports again. The answer was yes and Dearman is now one of the top frontcourt players in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Dearman wrote “RI.P. Thelma” on his wrist. "If you knew Jermaine, you know he's kind of a goofy guy and he's silly,” said Dearman, who is now a star senior forward on the SIU men’s basketball team. "I was thinking in my head, 'Am I dying or something?' And I looked down at my leg and I saw my leg was just red and it was going in the street to go to the corner candy store where my grandmother is always at. It’s the nicest moment because I didn’t know if I was going to be able to play basketball or anything else,” he said.

The first thing I asked the doctor was ‘Do I still have my leg or if he had any other serious injuries as a result of being hit by the car.? He wanted to know when he would be able to get back on the hardwood and get back to playing basketball.

"It was the scariest moment because I didn’t know if I was going to be able to play basketball or anything else,” he said. "Because I had to deal with losing my father and my brother, Brenda Chambers, often would tell two jobs to be able to support him and his brother.

Dearman grew up without a father and his mother, Brenda Chambers, often worked two jobs to be able to support him and his brother. He also had to deal with losing several people who were very close to him including his grandmother, two aunts and a former Amateur Athletic Union teammate who tragically died during a high school basketball game.

While that may have been too much for a weaker person to overcome, Dearman said it is what helped make him the man he is today.

"I just didn’t want to dwell on all the tragedy, so I just decided to surround myself with people who are going to make me laugh and people I can talk with so I don’t have to think about things like that,” he said.

Although he doesn’t dwell on the tragedies, that doesn’t mean he has forgotten about them, especially his grandmother.

Dearman wrote "RI.P. Thelma” on his wris as a way of honoring his late grandmother and said he feels like it has brought good luck since he started doing it last season.

"She was a big part of everybody’s life in my family and when she died it kind of hurt me, and I just wanted to try to let her know that she’s gone, but not forgotten,” he said.

He also has the message tattooed on his left arm so that his grandmother is always with him.

It is from all these events that Dearman developed his outgoing personality.

Dearman said if he can just make one person happy each day, he feels it was a successful day. He also likes being a positive symbol for SIU.

"I just try to talk to people, be that cool person who everybody can come up to and talk to,” he said.

People might just see us playing basketball or}

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Dearmans drives to the basket against Creighton’s Brook Deren in the Salukis’ loss to the Bluejays on Saturday. Dearman led the Salukis with 18 points and is averaging nearly 14 points a game. He often produces more when games are nationally televised, gaining him the nickname "Big Game Jermaine."
Stadium construction hits another snag

Weather affects the completion of new softball complex

Christopher Morical
Daily Egyptian

There have been many weather-related delays to the construction of the new softball stadium and it's not over yet.

Although the stadium is nearly complete, said, Fager-McGee Commercial Construction finishing up, as best to date, the inside of the building, either parts of the park are just beginning to get ready.

The cold weather has frozen the ground and stalled any attempts at putting up the lights and has caused concerns with the installation of the outfield grass.

"The building is a couple of weeks from being complete," said SIU softball head coach Bob Knight, had a little for Dearman after his time with the

But unlike most situations where Dearman said he wouldn't have to be continually on defense. "I don't see anything that is his kind of way,"

Tom Koutsos and Mo Abdulqaadir ready to destroy

Zack Greglow
Daily Egyptian

Gateway defenses

Start with SIU's all-time career leading rusher. Add the Gateway conference's Newcomer of the Year and The Sports Network first-team All-American. What do you get?

The Salukis own version of "Thunder and Lightning." Koutsos and his 220-pound punch will play in tandem with Abdulqaadir's mind-boggling moves and explosive speed for the 2003 season to create a dynamic duo that will support the softball scoreboard.

The new scoreboard, which will be bigger than the one at Abe Martin Field, will be equipped with the newest technology and installed against Syracuse University Feb. 28.

Other weather concerns were November and there weren't many of those days left in the year.

Koutsos' niche is punishing defenses to give us a chance to score, and he'll also show the speed to break the long run. Abdulqaadir's craft is beating defenses in the corner and bringing his agility tale over after he does.

The 2002 season was supposed to be Koutsos' down season before injuries spoiled his season. He said that he was proud of watching the younger Salukis put off significant victories last season, mainly the last-second 54-22 nail-biting win over Western Illinois on Oct. 7.

Last year's Downtown led the Gateway conference in rushing yards per game (275.7) and finished second behind Western Illinois in scoring (34.9), which gives both players reason to believe that next season, whatever comes, can be overcome.

And one for the record book. "We led in a few categories last season," Abdulqaadir said. "I don't even why we can't lead in any of them next season."
Proceed with caution

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As if Northern Iowa was not in enough of a disadvantage already.

When SIU walks on to the court of the UNI Dome tonight, it will bring more than a 5-1 Missouri Valley Conference record, two preseason all-conference players and second-place standing in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The Salukis, especially head coach Bruce Weber, felt they were disrespected by ESPN2’s broadcasters during Saturday’s loss to Creighton, and they plan to take it out on the Panthers.

Falls, Iowa, last year. Regardless of Northern Iowa’s obvious deficiencies, SIU guard Kent Williams said the team must play the Panthers with the same tenacity it displayed at Creighton.

“Without guard Chris Foster, who broke his hand minutes into the Panthers’ last game against Bradley, the Salukis have gotten a chance to breathe,” said sophomore guard Stetson Hairston. "On paper, the Panthers are a weaker one. The Panthers are more important because they have been demoralized by the Salukis, especially Kyle Korver. They really mentioned the Salukis, who Weber said did not play that hard.

Weber said that named ESPN2’s oversight to his advantage.

“I hope [the players] get a chip on their shoulder,” Weber said. “All they did was talk about Creighton. I told them to see this as an edge. Get a chip on your shoulder, go out and beat people and make that game when they come back really mean something.”

The Salukis lost at Northern Iowa last year in a game Panthers head coach Greg McDermott said his team played “virtually perfect.”

But they will not be facing the same Northern Iowa team at last season — they will be facing a weaker one. The Panthers (5-5, 2-4 MVC) are sixth in the conference and are on pace to win significantly fewer games than last season. The explanation is, in part, because they lost Andy Woodley and Robbie Serritella, who were their two top guards a season ago.

To make matters worse, Northern Iowa will be without guard Chris Foster, who broke his hand minutes into the Panthers’ last game against Bradley. Foster, the league leader in assists, is expected to be out for five to six weeks.

Despite this, SIU said it learned the lesson of not overlooking supposedly weaker teams in Cedar Falls, Iowa, last year. Regardless of Northern Iowa’s obvious deficiencies, SIU guard Kent Williams said the team must play the Panthers with the same tenacity it displayed at Creighton.

“We learned from that loss last year that you gotta play every game,” Williams said. “There can’t be let-ups. No matter if a team is in the top half of the conference or in the bottom half, you go on the road, you gotta be ready to play.”

Sophomore guard Stetson Harnagod agreed and said he will be ready despite the Panthers’ loss. “I’m an offensive type of person, I will be looking to deal with it,” Harnagod said. “This is college basketball,” Harnagod said. “On any day, any team can be better.”

Northern Iowa will most likely throw a variety of offensive and defensive strategies at SIU, something that has been done for the past few years, but Weber said a major emphasis of its defensive strategy will be a more defensive approach.

“They play a lot of zone to kind of slow it down,” Weber said. “Their guys like to go low and slow. They’re going to play a mix of defense. Triangle, too, they’re going to throw everything at us.”

According to McDermott, SIU’s ball distribution makes defensive planning difficult, but he did say his team would be attempting to keep the ball away from Williams.

“Offensively, I think they’re very balanced with Williams and Harnagod and [Damon] Hoos and [Jeniese] Dean,” McDermott said. “You can’t really zero in on one or two guys and try to disrupt what they do to do. It’s going to be a heck of a challenge for us.”

Weber knows the team has the upper hand but is still reluctant to display confidence that his team will win. When arriving at SIU, Weber is only 1-3 against No. 1 ranked teams from the Panther’s in the standings in each of those years. He said sometimes teams just have another team in their head and it’s impossible to explain.

Given his past, Weber said he is not concerned about blowing out the Panthers to make a statement following Saturday’s loss. He will be happy to leave Iowa with any type of victory.

“With the way this year is going, I think people are looking forward to this game,” Williams said. “There can’t be let-ups. No matter if a team is in the top half of the conference or in the bottom half, you go on the road, you gotta be ready to play.”

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