Speaker brings dream to life

Jakina Hill
DAILY EGYPTIAN

It wasn’t until Martin Luther King Jr. died that the 12-year-old Barry Scott wanted to emulate the civil rights leader. Scott, a portrayer of King’s speeches, said he knew he wanted to study the late activist as soon as he first heard him speak as a young boy.

Shortly after King was assassinated in 1968, Scott said his father brought home a tape of King speaking. Scott said he watched the film over and over before he went to bed that night.

“I went to bed feeling good about myself,” he said. “That was hard to do when you were growing up colored.”

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Expert sets up survey on cheating

Rutgers professor to present his findings on campus Feb. 7

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC is frequently compared to other universities in terms of its enrollment, cost, graduation rate and other key elements of an academic institution.

Don McCabe is set to add another line to the report card on cheating. McCabe, a business professor at Rutgers University, has prepared a Web-based survey for SIUC students and faculty so they can compare the university to other campuses across the nation. Students and faculty can access the survey at http://acad-integrity.rutgers.edu/siu. asp.

The expert on academic misconduct, who has surveyed more than 165,000 students since he began performing the studies in 1990, will present his findings at 4 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Old Baptist Foundation.

University Center Curriculum Director Jim Allen, whose department along with the College of Liberal Arts is helping pay for McCabe’s appearance, said the decision to bring him to campus was partly in response to the plagiarism controversy concerning SIU President Glenn Poshard last semester.

However, he said the event is also part of Writing Across the Curriculum, an effort to stress the importance of writing at the university.

“This is the invitation for people to come learn about something that we’ve all been concerned about since last semester, but go beyond that and deal with other important issues on campus as well,” Allen said.

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Toastmasters Theme Meeting

6-8 p.m., today at the Student Center, Illinois Room.

Men: Come find out what women want. Women: Come see if we're right!

Free, arrive early

Tom Ulrich Wildlife Photography Presentation 7 p.m., Thursday at Lawson 161

Travel on a photographic journey of the year 2007 through the eyes of a wildlife photographer. This year's focus includes wildlife of Costa Rica and North America, as well as birds of Hawaii. His narration includes insights on photo technique and animal behavior.

Taco Sale

8 p.m. - 2 a.m., Thursday, Friday, Saturday at the Newman Center parking lot.

Fundraiser for students participating in Habitat for Humanity College Challenge during spring break in Mobile, Ala.

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Tuesday edition of the Daily Egyptian, the caption for the story “Fire alarms ignored after chemical spill” had one of the Carbondale firefighter’s name is Kerry Matthews. The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.

If you spot an error, please contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 618-457, ext. 253.

POLICE REPORTS

There are no items to report at this time.

NEWS BRIEFS

Obama and alleged fixer go back 17 years

CHICAGO—AP— presidential adviser David Axelrod went on ABC’s “This Week” today to trash former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who will face trial on bribery charges in February. Axelrod said that Blagojevich “was an easy issue to use” to build a political career.

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In other news:

Lack of progress dampens hopes for new mass transit system

Lawmakers haven’t approved a new construction plan for the Chicago area and head off a “doomsday” scenario of service cuts, fare increases and thousands of layoffs.

“Let us take this opportunity to slip through our fingers,” said Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon. “I’m realistic on that. ”

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Sarah Fader grew up as tomboy, not a ballerina.

"I was kind of a tomboy when I was little, and my parents wanted me to be their girly-girl, so they stuck me in dance classes," Fader said.

Auditions were held Tuesday for the Southern Illinois Dance Company in an effort to expand the group and prepare for its annual spring concert.

Fader, a freshman from Arlington Heights studying civil engineering, said she was nervous about auditioning for the SIDC because it had been two years since she danced.

Donna Wilson, artistic director of the SIDC, said the company currently has 19 dancers. Wilson, an associate professor of dance, said she expected 10 to 15 dancers at the audition, but only seven came to the one-night audition.

She said she does not put a limit on the number of dancers in the company, which is an organization for students and community members to train and perform dance.

Wilson said she is looking for someone who can do basic turns and jumps and can learn choreography quickly.

"I'm looking for someone who has a real ability to perform," Wilson said.

Wilson said some dance experience is helpful, but not necessary to audition.

Fader has been dancing for thirteen years and said it is a good way for her to express herself artistically and get a good workout.

Performances at the spring concert include modern, jazz, hip-hop and ballet routines.

Wilson said tryouts are open to everyone who is interested in dancing, not just students. Auditions are held once a semester.

Members pay a $10 fee each semester, but the majority of the money needed for the company is raised through concerts, bake sales and car washes.

"The concerts we put in the fall and spring pay for much of the items we need, like our costumes," Wilson said.

Allison Gegenheimer, a senior from Oak Park studying hospitality and tourism, said she wants to end her college career doing something fun.

"This is my last semester and I figured I should give the dance audition a shot," Gegenheimer said.

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Emergency Fed rate cut stabilizes stocks; Bush, Congress pledge urgent action

 **WASHINGTON** — Between the 80-cent global recession fears, the Federal Reserve's slashed interest rates Tuesday, and President Bush and leaders of Congress joined in a rare show of cooperation in promoting urgent action to pump up the economy with upward pressure on stock prices, the Fed cut its benchmark in tax cuts and government spending.

Market -traders overnight around the globe and growing anxiety at home stirred lawmakers and the administration toward a $150 billion stimulus package over the weekend. Wall Street plummeted as the day began, followed by Asian stocks, then wildly eased its sell-off after the Fed ordered the biggest rate cut in its history.

"That's the name of the game," said the spokeswoman for the 3rd Infantry Division, and caused it to overturn."

"The urgency that we feel at home is now even more urgent as we see the impact of our markets on others," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said after both Democratic and Republican lawmakers met with Bush at the White House.

"The message sent to this Congress today was loud and clear," Pelosi said. "There is a sense of a crisis in our economy, and we must respond to it with urgency."

"The urgency is nowhere felt more than on Wall Street," she said. "The markets are reflecting the uncertainty of our economy, and we must act with the same urgency that we have been working with on the rescue plan for the financial system."

"I think it's clear that Senator Clinton ... and the president have been spending the last month attacking me in ways that are not productive," Obama told reporters in a conference call short-ly after she lashed out at him in a letter exchange earlier this month over Monday night's debate.

"Speaking to reporters in Washington, Hillary Clinton belittled Obama's line of debate criticism against her as "rehashed points.

"I think what we saw last night was that he's very frustrated," she said. "I believe that the events of the last 10 or so days, the outcome of the New Hampshire and Nevada, have apparently convinced him to adopt a different strategy."

"Former President Clinton said Tuesday he enjoyed the bickering."

"I know you think it's crazy, but I kind of like to see Barack and Hillary fight," Bill Clinton told a crowd of about 1,500 white people at a black church in Greenville, S.C. "They're flesh and blood people and they're going to let it happen to them let it have it.

"When asked whether he thought his legacy among blacks would be harmed by challenging Obama, Clinton said "he wouldn't be standing in Obama's way but rather advocating for his wife.""

"It should be as much a change as a thing, some people think more, to have the first woman president than to have the first African-American president," Bill Clinton said.

In the debate in Myrtle Beach, S.C., the two leading Democrats argued bitterly and in personal terms over issues such as Iraq and Bill Clinton's role in the campa-gin.

"He clearly came last night looking for a fight. He was determined and he was right," Hillary Clinton said. "And I thought it was important to set the record straight."

She restated her argument that Obama was unwilling to answer hard questions about his record, including his opposition to the Iraq war, and his "present" votes as a member of the Illinois Legislature.

"Obama countered that this was all part of Clinton's strategy.

"Senator Clinton announced while we were still in Iowa that this was going to be her strategy and she called it the fun part of campaigning."

"And, you know, I don't think it's the fun part to fudge the truth," he said. "The necessary part of this campaign is to make sure that we're getting accurate information to voters about people's respective programs."

**Iraq**

U.S. soldier in Iraq first to die in bomb attack on new, heavily armored MRAP vehicle

WASHINGTON — A U.S. soldier in Iraq was the first to die in a deadly roadside bomb attack on a newly introduced, heavily armored vehicle, military officials said Tuesday.

The death, however, has not changed the high likelihood of its success. The plan to spend more than $12 billion to buy thousands of these protected vehicles, known by the acronym MRAP for mine resistant and ambush protected, is ongoing and sensitive.

"That attack has not caused anyone to question the vehicle's viability," Morrell said. "To the contrary, the attack reaffirms its stability.

"The soldier who died Saturday was the guru who sits atop the MRAP vehicle. Morrell said it is not clear whether he died at the outset of the attack or in the roll-over. And, May Ayana P. Conaway, deputy spokeswoman for the Joint Information Division, said it was unclear if the death is under investigation.

"I asked what triggered the MRAP in a very large, deep-buried IED and that the force of the explosion was concentrated in the roll-over."

"But the accident is just a change in the way people think about the MRAP vehicle," she said. "The MRAP is going to be produced in large numbers, and that's going to mean taking risks over the coming months."
GPSC votes down higher prices

Council considers fee increase proposals

Allison Petty  Daily Egyptian

When considering fee increases that would affect all students next year, the Graduate and Professional Student Council supports every cause but one: athletics.

The organization voted against a $34 increase in the Intercollegiate Athletic fee, which would raise the fee from $221 to $255 per semester, beginning fall 2008. Members voted in support of five proposed fee increases at a meeting Tuesday.

Though the GPSC votes are nonbinding, the organization was the first to voice its proposed increases Wednesday.

The board's vote on the increases, originally scheduled for April, has been pushed back to June.

Student fees approved by the organization included student medical benefits, primary care, Student Center, student recreation, mass transit and campus recreation.

The organization also voted against three proposed fee increases for university housing.

Rent per month at Evergreen Terrace housing, which accommodates married and domestic partner students as well as students with children, would rise from $493 to $553. Annual housing fees for other on-campus residences would increase from $6,636 to $7,164.

Chancellor Fernando Tervitio also spoke for about half an hour at the meeting. Middleton said the chancellor typically meets with the organization each fall, but was unable to attend a meeting until January because of scheduling conflicts.

Tervitio said administrators viewed the rising price of higher education as a top concern, but found operating costs increasingly difficult to manage because of a lack of state funding.

He also spoke about administrators' goals for the university as a research institution.

"I see our university as a flagship for the working class," Tervitio said. "We have got to lead the advancements in our disciplines. Graduate students play a vital role in that."

The organization also unanimously voted to pass a resolution imploring the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include college health centers on a list of providers who could receive lower prices for contraceptive drugs.

The Daily Egyptian reported Dec. 11 that hundreds of health centers at colleges and universities across the country have been forced to raise their contraceptive prices due to a provision in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The prices of some contraceptives at SIUC's Student Health Center have increased by as much as five and a half times.

Kristina Dzara, who presented the resolution, said she believed the issue was important not only to women, but to all students.

Dzara, a doctoral student from Florida representing the department of sociology, said she hoped to forward the resolution to lawmakers who could effect change.

"This is just another piece of evidence that we support the ability of students to afford birth control," Dzara said.

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Housing

"I live in Allen and there aren't any paper towel dispensers in the bathroom and I think that's ridiculous and a health hazard, especially during flu season," she said.

Kuchmierz said housing administration listened to the students and is trying to give them the choices they want and need.

"I think when the administration gives you permission to advertise it, it means they think it's a good idea, but it's also still subject to board approval in April," Kuchmierz said.

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Survey

Some of the survey questions are catered specifically to SIUC.

"How much have you read or heard (from any sources) about the recent high-profile accusations of plagiarism against President Poshard, former Chancellor Wender, others at SIU-E "Edwardsville?" reads one question.

"Greg Budhals, a mathematics professor, said he teaches mostly classes of 30 or fewer students and does not often witness problems with cheating. When he has taught larger classes in the past, Budhals said he has taken measures, such as handing out multiple versions of exams, to prevent academic misconduct.

"In small classes it's generally fairly simple," he said. "If you have any interest at all, you just keep an eye on things and it's not hard to make sure there's no cheating."

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President Bush has never been one for budgetary frugality, so it is not surprising that at the first glimmer of a possible recession, he tried to get ahead of congressional demands to take preventive action. The action, as with most alleged needs in Washington, is in spending money the Treasury doesn't have.

Some economists think a well-timed infusion of money into the economy could avert or at least moderate a downturn, and even Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke says "fiscal action could be helpful" if it is done right.

But there is a lot more to do with politics than economics. Given practical realities, a stimulus package is not likely to help in the short run, and it may do harm over the long term. But for politicians, it's an easy call.

Rejecting a stimulus leaves them open to second-guessing if the economy slumps. On the other hand, if they pass a plan and the economy goes south, they can say they did everything they could — and if no recession materializes, they can take the credit.

By Friday, Bush was not only proposing his own program, but outbidding the Democratic presidential candidate. He proposed spending about $148 bil- lion, compared with $120 billion or less for Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. Though he was vague on details, the administration is reportedly considering income tax rebates of up to $800 per family or $1,600 per family.

The chief reason a fiscal stimulus will probably fail is that it is so hard to time it properly.

I took this photograph Jan. 12 while hiking with a friend at the Garden of the Gods. It was my first time there, and the awe of climbing on boulders nearly 100 feet in the air in 50-degree weather consumed me.

As we roamed around the rocks, we came across a family of three. We engaged in small talk about the weather and beauty the area had to offer. The father said he grew up in the area, from which he could be back to work. I hope this helps students come to SIU and those we represent to step, and more importantly, standing on guard as a human safety net.

This is the moment you see. Catching the moment is key to photography. I did not believe this when a professor first told me, but the more I looked at award-winning images, the more I realized it was true. Some of the most profound pictures do not have the best composition, lighting, color or sharpness. What they have is a striking moment that conveys a whole story in the blink of an eye. It was a senior studying Psychology and the USG president.

A word from the USG President

Demetrous White

I would like to start off by first welcoming everyone back. I hope your break was rejuvenating. This is a new year with old issues and it is time to get back to work. Tonight the Undergraduate Student Government will be voting on fee increases. Earlier last semester, the Senate passed legislation stating it was concerned with the ever-increasing cost of higher education.

During the past few years, students have been hammered with dramatic increases and this year seemed to be a year of change. Most auxiliary directors recognized the burdens placed on the backs of students and have begun to scale back on increases, and their efforts are appreciated.

I must inform students that I am most concerned about the increases coming from Recreational Sports and Services. This year we have emphasized the importance of priority.

We have been discussing with administrators across campus what priorities students think the university should have and working to improve SUI together. We have expressed that students come to SUI for an affordable, quality education. We want further to express our concern of the cost increases and how, even though tuition is locked, student fees are not. My administration has identified this as one of the many reasons retention rates are where they are today.

It is apparent Financial Aid is struggling to keep up with the rising costs. A dramatic increase closes access to higher education for students on grounds that have nothing to do with academics. We have a responsibility not only to ourselves and those we represent, but also those who come after us.

Recreational Sports and Services would like a 426 percent increase on a $6 fee. They have stated it is in part due to the loss of fields by the Saluki Way project. The fact of the matter is we can come up with a plan to where we will not lose fields, but a vast expansion of recreational fields at this time is not the answer. It is also untrue to pass a fee increase when Recreational Sports and Services is not sure how much this plan would cost students.

We understand the importance of recreational activities. I know from talking to many students there are some who support this increase; however, those students do not stand in the majority. The USG, along with Megan Pulliam, our student member on the Board of Trustees, are working hard to keep the fields we have without increasing the burdens students have to carry.

Someone stated fee increases are inevitable; the truth is some are and the campus Recreational Sports and Services fee increase is not inevitable. The only inevitable aspects to increases are staff and maintenance.

At a time when our nation is moving rapidly toward a recession and the middle class is being squeezed, at a time when many are finding it difficult to obtain a degree in higher education, I do not feel it is wise to push this sort of increase onto students.

When I campaigned for office, I campaigned on a platform of affordability. I have done my best to keep the promises I made to you. I will not back down now; I am in your corner. Over the next few months, we will continue to be your voice, but as I always state, I will need your help if we are to improve things for the students here at SIU.

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White is a senior studying Psychology and the USG president.
Scott performed a 1957 speech King gave in Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday night as a part of the university’s weeklong celebration of King’s life and works. The Student Center Auditorium was silent throughout Scott’s speech except for the sound of a restless child and occasional laughter from the crowd.

Scott described himself as obsessed with King because of the feeling he had from the time he first heard the legend speak, and he wanted to continue to share the powerful words after his death.

“I say the words today, 40 years later, because they make me feel good,” Scott said. “That’s why I am here today.”

Scott is also the founder of the American Negro Playwright Theatre, a Nashville-based company with the stated mission to “develop more responsible and informed citizens in the community.”

Though he was introduced as an actor, a playwright and a director, Scott said his most important role was his role as a father. He said his family was very important to him and he still speaks to his mother every day.

“I talk to my mother every day because she calls me every day,” he said to a crowd response of laughter. Sonia Garrett, a graduate assistant for Student Development who helped enlist Scott’s appearance, said they were most impressed with Scott when they read that Coretta Scott King said he gave the most convincing impression of her husband she had seen.

Student Development coordinator Carl Ervin said they were looking for an appropriate speaker to celebrate King’s legacy.

“We all know it’s a day off, but there’s more to it than that,” Ervin said. “We really wanted to go beyond. We wanted to celebrate the legacy.”

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Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Social activities interfere with your private time. Keep everybody in communication and minimize the problem. Make it a big party.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — Extreme caution is advised, if you’re going to stay in the game. Traditional skills are important, of course, but creativity given you the edge.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — News from far away provides calming reassurance. Others seek your advice and you’re able to help them solve a problem. Thanks to your participation, all ends well.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Keep your financial situation as secure as you can. Don’t think about the money you won’t let yourself spend. Potential you’ve already spent it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Show polite restraint with a person who thinks he or she knows it all. Only make corrections when you’re sure you’re right. Have the facts at your fingertips.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 4 — If you can get the job done, under adverse conditions, you’ll make an excellent impression on the authorities.

By Linda C. Black

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Magnetic Fields attracts listeners

Devin Vaughn
Daily Egyptian

The Magnetic Fields: Distortion
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With the doldrums of winter firmly entrenched across the country, only so many modes of music seem appropriate. “Distortion,” the eighth album by the American indie pop band the Magnetic Fields, fits perfectly with the more somber months of the year, as so many of us longingly wait indoors for the sun to come out again.

The Magnetic Fields sound follows the post-punk tradition of Joy Division, but with a more electronic and pop-oriented sensibility. As the album’s title suggests, distortion is a recurring sonic theme in the record. The instrumentation, often characterized by fuzzy guitars, feedback and ambience, tends to create a trance-inducing wall of sound, as the ghostly vocals of Stephan Merritt and Shirley Simms wail harmoniously throughout. The result is a beautiful, yet perhaps totally static, musical companion for any subdued mood.

The album’s vocals shift back and forth between the despondent intonations of Merritt and the sweeter pop styling of Simms. Merritt’s songs, such as “I’ll Dream Alone” and “Zombie Boy,” tend to stress the lyrics more strongly than his feminine counterpart, whose softer voice, comparable to the vocals of shoegazing music, so often blends into the dreamy ambience of songs such as “California Girls” and “Drive On, Driver.”

What truly raises “Distortion” above what could just be a pleasant bit of hipster background music is Merritt’s topnotch songwriting. In “Too Drunk to Dream,” his clever wording reflects both melancholy and humor, “I gotta get too drunk to dream, ’cause dreaming only makes me blue. I gotta get too drunk to dream because I only dream of you.” He later drones, “So why do I get plastered? And why am I so lonely? It’s you, you heartless bastard. You’re my one and only.”

Though the Magnetic Fields have been releasing records since 1991, they are yet to achieve a significant degree of mainstream success. “Distortion,” too collective of a work to shill out a standard single, is not likely to propel the group into the indie stratosphere of popularity, but it may be enough to garner interest from some fans more new to the scene who might find the group’s music to be a cross between Blonde Redhead and the New Pornographers.

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Despite the loss, the Salukis won 15 of 32 events

Luis Medina

Even though SIU lost Saturday’s swimming and diving meet at Missouri State, coach Rick Walker said the loss wasn’t the end of all ends.

In its first meet since beating Saint Louis Dec. 7, SIUs men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams found success, winning 15 of 32 events, despite the women’s 153-147 loss and the men’s 180-118 loss.

“Our problem was when we didn’t win events, they scored higher," Walker said. “Where we won events, they had people coming in right after us.”

The Salukis’ Kelly Dvorak, Julie Ji, Lisa Jaquez and Therese Mattsson won the first event of the meet, the 400-yard medley relay, with a time of 3:52.36. Dvorak posted first place finishes in the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke, Ji placed first in the 100-yard breaststroke and 100-yard freestyle and Mattsson finished first in the 50-yard freestyle.

The men picked up victories on Saturday as well. Antonio Santoro won in the 500-yard and 1,000-yard freestyle and Gareth McGee won the 200-yard freestyle.

Walker said his team’s health and mindset are keys to success in upcoming meets.

“Every week you want them to get better and better,” Price-Smith said. “That’s what you’re training them to do.”

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Sophomore Jeff Schirmer competes SIU in the men’s 1-mile run in the Saluki Booster Invitational at the Recreation Center Saturday. Schirmer finished first in the mile with a time of 4:13.95. 10:34.63 respectively.

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It’s no easy task, but the Salukis are giving it a shot. They have some of the best players ever to be in the league and are definitely taking a blowout asap! They are out for at least two weeks with a bad leg. It’s great to see if this team can turn things around this season.”

“Kobe Bryant’s spectacular play after wanting to leave the Lakers. Bryant has been a complete team player averaging more than five assists. He lets the role players do their thing. Bryant scored 116 points in the last two games and has only 17 of them. The Lakers are 27-12 and playing like a team behind Bryant’s MVP-caliber season.”

“You have to be a stranger to making tough decisions, it’s never easy.” Lowery said. “It’s got to defend and do that on the floor, and, confident in his abilities on the floor we have to give him another season of eligibility. The injury has led the team to put a redshirt, but I’m happy with the decision.”

Shaw needs to be tough to bring him back, but we can’t do anything but help us. They’re a tremendous boost for us right now and they have been playing really well as of late,” Shaw said. “Do any time they can come off the bench, give us points, energy, rebounds — it can’t do anything but help us.”

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Wood

The injury has led the team to consider a possible medical hardship, or redshirt, for Wood, which would give him another season of eligibility. If Wood does not play in another game, his six appearances would be less than 20 percent of the season and he would meet the NCAA requirements to receive a medical hardship.

The Saluki coaching staff is not stranger to toughened situations when it comes to putting a redshirt on players, as it faced similar situations in the past two seasons.

Both Thompson and Wood said the redshirt discussion would not be an issue until they know exactly when he can return, while coach Chris Lowery said he would like to see Wood have another season of eligibility.

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Injured freshman’s season in jeopardy

Jeff Engelhardt

Freshman guard Brandon Wood felt the thrill of playing college basketball for 68 minutes this season.

Now he can only watch.

Wood appeared in six games for the Salukis before a stress fracture to his left foot put him on the sidelines. Wood’s final game was against Saint Mary’s on Dec. 11 when he scored two points in 14 minutes.

Wood said it has been tough to sit on the bench and watch the team, especially when he is watching his teammates do what he loves to do.

“Now we are starting to win and swing this season around,” Wood said. “I just want to be out on the floor and help my teammates any way I can.”

Stress fractures are common among basketball players because of the repeated impact on the foot, which could cause a small crack in the bone.

A lower leg stress fracture usually takes four to six weeks to heal, but each case varies by severity, said Ed Thompson, the assistant athletic director for sports medicine and conditioning.

Wood has had the injury for more than five weeks.

Wood said his mobility has improved, but he still has pain on the bone that suffered the stress fracture. Wood has worn a protective boot to keep pressure off the bone.

Rehabilitation is almost non-existent with a lower leg stress fracture because there can be no weight applied to the bone. Thompson said Wood has remained active to stay close to his basketball shape.

Unfortunately, with this type of injury he can’t do any weight bearing,” Thompson said.

“He has done a lot of core work and upper body work. He is doing some cardiovascular activity. He can do on a bike without pounding his foot.”

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

SIU uses practice as stepping stone

Megan Kramer

Though a common struggle for coaches is getting their teams to practice like they play, Chris Lowery said the key to the Salukis’ recent success has been the ability to play like they practice.

After a 63-52 victory over Wichita State Saturday, Lowery credited harder practices with the teams success on the floor. Lowery said aggressiveness in practice has increased over the past few weeks, and it’s starting to show on the floor.

“I think they’re practising hard again,” Lowery said. “When the trainer gets nervous, I know we’re doing the things we need to do in practice.”

The Salukis (9-9, 4-3 MVC) will try to extend their winning streak to three games as they face Missouri State (10-9, 3-4) tonight in Springfield, Mo.

Senior forward Matt Shaw said Lowery has stressed the team hasn’t practiced like they play and vice versa, and agreed practices have been tougher lately.

“We’ve had tremendous practice — championship practices — and we have to continue to do that,” Shaw said.

This is the second meeting of the season for the two teams, which previously matched up on Dec. 30 where the Salukis walked away with a 79-71 victory.

Five Salukis scored in double figures in the victory with junior guard Bryan Mullins leading the pack with 17 points and seven assists while sophomore guard Josh Bone added 17 and senior guard Racial Falken chipped in 13.

Leading the way for the Bears is senior forward Drew Mitchell who averages 15.2 points and 6.4 rebounds per game.

Senior forward Dale Lamberth follows Mitchell with 12.7 points per game while junior forward Chris Cooks and senior guard Spencer Laurie both average eight points.

Lowery said the team can build off the previous win over the Bears, but stressed that both teams have changed since the last meeting.

The Bears enter the game splitting their last four Missouri Valley

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TRACK & FIELD

Salukis on track

SIU track and field team performs well at unscored event

Luis C. Medina

Senior Brittany Riley and the rest of the SIU track and field team finished strong after shaking off the initial rust at the Saluki Booster Invitational.

The unscored meet was the Salukis first meet since competing Dec. 7 in the Fast Start Invitational. Head coach Connie Price-Smith attributed the slow start to it being the first event of the year.

“I think they a little bit sluggish after break,” Price-Smith said. “But I think it was a good beginning.”

SIU’s throwers had a strong showing in their first meet of 2008.

The Salukis had three top-5 finishers in the weight throw, including freshmen Richard Roach and Olga Ciura who finished fourth and fifth, respectively. Riley, who won the event with a throw that measured more than 78 feet, also posted a fifth-place finish in the women’s shot put.

Throw coach John Smith said Riley should hit the 80-foot mark when she is 100 percent, but the goal is for her to throw 85 feet.

“Brittany will throw 80 every meet as soon as she gets back into shape,” Smith said. “There is no one within 10 feet of her in the NCAA’s right now.”

Smith said senior Brenton Simons, who won the men’s throw competition with a 61-foot-11-inch throw, looked good even though Simons said he was disappointed in his performance.

Senior Joe Mueller and sophomore Thomas Smith lead the Salukis in the top-5. Mueller placed second with a 60-foot-3-inch throw and

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Senior forward Matt Shaw attempts a shot over Shockicker forward Ramon Clemente during the Salukis 63-52 win Saturday at the SIU Arena. The Salukis will play in Springfield, Mo. against Missouri State today.