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Partly Cloudy  
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**Council leaves bars open for Halloween**

*Vote displeases mayor who fears the worst, but others see success*

**KAREN BLATTER**  
GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The City Council voted to "just go on with Halloween," dropping all the proposed recommendations for this year, which will keep all the bars on the Strip open for the Halloween 2000 weekend.

With a 3-2 vote Tuesday night, Councilman Larry Briggs led the motion, which was sec-

onded by Councilman Brad Cole and supported by Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan.

Briggs said the past three years are proof that the city should be able to remain open and that students should be trusted.

"The last three years there has been no violence — so let it stay open," he said. "It is a living lesson. We've done our job as far as the weekend goes."

Obvious disappointment was streaked across Mayor Neil Dillard's face at the final vote, as his fears of the past years reappeared with the opening of the

bars. Councilman Mike Neill was also against letting the bars stay open.

This vote actually coincides with the original plan that was established in 1994 by the Presidential-Mayoral Task Force, that was to close the University as well as close the bars and ban the sale of alcohol at restaurants in the South Illinois Avenue area, along with banning the sale of possession of kegs in the entire city.

The plan from the Presidential-Mayoral Task Force

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**DILLARD**  
Carbondale Mayor Neil Dillard said Tuesday night that the City Council will regret the decision of having no restrictions for Halloween 2000.

TED SCHURTER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

**A swingin' good time**

*New RSO has students moving to an old beat*

**JENNIFER WIG**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The high trumpet notes of "Sing, Sing, Sing" explode from the stereo in the corner of Davies Gymnasium brightening up the drab interior. About 20 SIUC Swing Club members twist and turn to the jazzy beat, stepping back and forth and waving their hands.

The SIUC Swing Club is a new Registered Student Organization, started this semester for students who like to swing dance. The club is led by Dave Uswajesdakul, a sophomore in aviation from Naperville. Uswajesdakul and several of his friends met at the Copper Dragon Brewing Co., 700 E. Grand Ave., last year to boogie on "swing night."

This year, with no place to unleash their creativity, the friends decided to become an organization. So far, it is working better than expected.

"We've had good feedback," Uswajesdakul said. "We're having a lot of fun with it. Mostly, it's just to get the people to dance."

And people are dancing, sweat and smiles are abundant every Thursday night in the gymnasium. The swing music echoes with the laughter in the bad acoustics of the gym, but the dancers are having too much fun to notice.

The group is open to anyone who wants to dance, regardless of previous experience. Newcomers begin with the



KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Keri Wray, a junior in art and design and vice president of the SIUC Swing Club from Oak Park, demonstrates lifts with the president of the club, Dave Uswajesdakul, who is a sophomore in aviation from Naperville. The SIUC Swing Club meets from 8 to 10 Thursday nights at Davies Gymnasium.

basic steps, moving to the beat, and soon learn the "pretzel," a twist move. Lessons are available to those who want them, but "everybody seems to teach each other," according to Uswajesdakul.

A female student, new to the group, is learning how to do the "pretzel" and laughing at her attempt.

A couple dancing in the center of the gym floor are dressed for the occasion in swing garb. She wears a long skirt and a scarf to hold her hair back. His pants, saddle shoes and suspenders are reminiscent

of earlier days as the two grasp hands and lean back, turning in a circle. Both are winded, but grins cover their faces as he leads her back into the pretzel.

Mike Funk, the RSO's adviser, observes the smiling faces of the dancers peppering the room.

"That means they're having fun," said Funk, a professor in aviation management and flight.

Uswajesdakul asked Funk to be the RSO's adviser because Funk also attended swing nights last year at the Copper

**LET'S SWING**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SIUC SWING CLUB, CALL KERI WRAY AT 536-7627 OR DAVE USWJESDAKUL AT 536-7042. THE CLUB MEETS FROM 8 TO 10 THURSDAY NIGHTS IN DAVIES GYMNASIUM.

Dragon. Funk accepted the position because he enjoys being part of the group

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**SIU students travel to Springfield, lobbying budget**

*Dedicated students garner support from Illinois legislators*

**BRYNN SCOTT**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIU students lobbied in Springfield Wednesday in support of Gov. George Ryan's recommended Higher Education budget increase for all state universities, including SIU.

About 15 SIUC students and four SIU-Edwardsville students met with Illinois representatives and senators, communicating SIU's general support of the \$320.6 million recommended budget for fiscal year 2001. SIUC students spent eight hours traveling and lobbying.

Garret Deakin, executive assistant for Government

Relations at SIU, said a high percentage of the budget is likely to pass through the General Assembly.

"We are out this year supporting very hard for the governor's budget," Deakin said. "To the credit of the legislators, they do not like to cut education budgets."

Reactions from legislators proved the SIU Lobby Day successful.

The students met with legislators from their home districts and Southern Illinois, presenting them with information about SIU.

Kenneth Mantel, a sophomore in political science from Skokie, spokewith several legislators who voiced support for SIU. Rep. Louis Lang, D-Skokie, and Rep. Carol Ronen, D-Chicago, said SIU will probably receive sufficient funding.

"[The legislators] both agreed to back Gov. Ryan's plan," Mantel, an Illinois College Democrat, said. "They told me there is nothing to worry about."

SIUC student government leaders, the Political Science Department and Public Relations Student Society of America members met with Sen. Steven Rauschenberger, R-Elgin, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, to promote the recommended budget.

Rauschenberger agreed with the budget and said major problems occur with internal allocation procedures of Illinois public universities.

"We will not have large residential universities 10 to 15 years from now," Rauschenberger said. "We have a problem with allocation processes at these universities."

Rauschenberger said one possible problem solution is the elimination of two of 12 Illinois universities with the lowest productivity levels.

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**TODAY**

- **SIUC Zoology meeting on caves, critters, and contamination by Dr. Steve Taylor, 4 p.m., Life Science III Auditorium Room 1059, John 453-7958.**
- **Morris Library An article by any other name, 10 a.m., Morris Library 103D, Diane 453-2779. Ask the technology experts, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., Lobby of Morris Library, Ed 453-1682. Easy reserves: easy for you and easy for your students, 10 a.m. Morris Library 327, Nancy 453-2030. The LION in your office, noon, Morris Library 103, Day 536-2706. Not just science, 11 a.m., Morris Library 327, Kathy 453-2706. Options for resource access, noon, Morris Library 327, Deb 453-1634. Services to support instruction, noon, Morris Library ISS Room 15, Susan 453-1028. Statistical universe, 4 p.m., Morris Library 327, Jody 453-5844. Web CT, 4 p.m., Morris Library 103D, JP 453-1016.**
- **Student Programming Council marketing committee meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Activity Room 8 Student Center, Aisha 536-3393.**
- **College of Liberal Arts Student Learning Assistance, now through May 11, Mon. and Thurs. 5 to 9 p.m., Wed. 1 to 5 p.m., Faner 1229, Mary Jane 453-2466.**
- **SIUC Kendo Club meeting, every Thurs., 6 to 9 p.m., Davies Gym, Todd 353-4002.**
- **Department of English nonfiction reading and book release celebration by Stephen Howie, 7 p.m., Lesar Law Auditorium, Steve 549-4071.**
- **Wildlife Society meeting, 7 p.m., Lawson Room 221, Suma 549-0239.**
- **SIUC Swing Club for dancers of all**

levels, every Thurs., 8 to 10 p.m., Small Gym second floor Davies Gym, \$15 students \$20 non-students, Ken 536-7627.

• **SIU Sailing Club meeting, every Thurs. 8 p.m., Student Center Thebes Room contact Shelley 529-0993.**

**UPCOMING**

- **Library Affairs Powerpoint, Mar. 10, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., instructional applications for the web, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.**
- **Christian Apologetics Club answering life's questions from God's word, Mar. 10, noon, Corinth Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.**
- **Peter Keane and Mike Lescellus will be performing, Mar. 10, 7 p.m., Cousin Andy's Coffee House, adults \$5, students and low income \$3.**
- **Crow Johnson all round multi-talented singer-songwriter performing, Mar. 10, 7 p.m., Cousin Andy's Coffee House, \$5 adults, \$3 students and low income.**
- **Friends of Traditional Music and Dance old-time contra dance, Mar. 10, 8 to 11 p.m., Murphysboro Community Center, \$4 admission, Joe 457-2166.**
- **Women's Teen Conference needs volunteers to introduce speakers, act as room monitor and assist with hospitality, registration, and directions, Mar. 11, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., John A. Logan College, Nicole 549-5454.**
- **Murphysboro Celtic Festival needs assistance with children's arts and crafts activities and staffing of a fundraising food booth, Mar. 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Elana 549-7741.**
- **The Cast Your Cares Crusade Choir is holding auditions for vocalists that are interested in carrying out God's word, every Sat., 3 to 5 p.m., Wesley Foundation, Tjuan 457-0921.**
- **Young Women's Coalition seminar on "Young Woman in Support of**

Caerother", every Sun., 6 p.m., Activity Room C Student Center, LRae 529-5858.

• **Student Alumni Council meeting, every Mon., 6 p.m., Kaskaskia/Missouri Rooms, Jason 453-2444.**

• **SIUC Ballroom Dance Club meeting and lesson, every Mon., 7 to 8 p.m., Davies Gym small gym second floor, \$15 student membership, Bryan 351-8855.**

• **Outdoor Adventure Club meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Video Lounge Student Center, Christy 536-7253.**

• **American Advertising Federation meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Communication Building Room 1244, Cassie 351-1400.**

• **Yoga Sports Club exercises and meditation, every Mon. and Wed., 8:30 to 10 p.m., Recreation Center Assembly Room, Craig 457-8578.**

• **Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center is offering free lunch for internationals, every Tues., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Student Center on the corner of Mill and Forrest St., Judy 457-2898.**

• **Japanese Table, every Tues. noon to 1 p.m., Student Center Cambria Room, bring your lunch, Dawn 536-8380.**

• **SPC Films meeting to select films for student entertainment, every Tues., 5 p.m., basement of Student Center, Amanda 536-3393.**

• **Ballroom Dance Club meeting, dance lessons and practice session, every Tues., 8 to 9:30 p.m., Davies Gym second floor small gym, \$15 student members, Bryan 351-8855.**

• **Blacks in Communication Alliance meeting, every Tues., 7:30 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Erika 536-6798.**

• **Southern Illinois Festival of Irish Music and Dance needs staff phones, Mar. 15, 6:30 to 10:15 p.m., Elana 549-7741.**

**POLICE BLOTTER**

**CARBONDALE**

• The Illinois Department of Conservation Police recovered a burned Ford car Tuesday in a state park. An investigation revealed that the \$2,100 car had been stolen between Feb. 26 and Tuesday from Smith Dodge.

**UNIVERSITY**

• A 22-year-old SIUC woman told University police someone entered her car and stole 72 compact discs worth \$936 while the car was parked in Lot 55 between 9:15 a.m. and noon Monday. There are no suspects in the incident.

**ALMANAC**

**THIS DAY IN 1990:**

- The USG passed a bill providing for a temporary Saluki bus shuttle to transport students to and from various campus areas.
- If you wanted to catch a good movie you go see Chevy Chase in "Christmas Vacation" at Liberty Theatres in Murphysboro for only \$1.
- The MVC gained a current member school when SW Missouri State joined in.

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# Air Force ROTC prepares for drill competition



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Members of the SIUC Air Force ROTC drill team practice their moves Sunday afternoon in preparation for a drill competition to take place at the University of Illinois April 29. Cadets Jon Edwards (left) and Aaron Gibbs, both sophomores in administration of justice, execute a move called the "jazz exchange."

*Despite many new members, drill team is hopeful for a good showing at first competition in two years*

DAVID OSBORNE  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Fifteen pounds of wood and steel flash in an arc over the heads of cadets. One mistake could result in a painful injury, perhaps even a broken bone.

Chris Foote, a freshman in computer science from Jacksonville, displays a hugely swollen knuckle.

"It can be very painful," he said. Foote was hit across the knuckle trying to do a maneuver known as a "side order," where the cadet spins the rifle alongside his body, ending with the rifle pointing to the front.

Foote is a member of the Air Force ROTC's rifle drill team. The team can be seen Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons practicing with its M-1 Garand rifles for its first drill competition in two years.

The last time the team entered a competition was in 1998, in San Diego where it took fourth place, finishing directly behind the Air

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CARBONDALE

#### BOT to discuss new search firm, Moody Commission

The SIU Board of Trustees will discuss the appointment of a leading executive search firm hired to aid in the search for a permanent University president at its meeting today in Alton.

Korn/Ferry, an internationally recognized search firm, was appointed Tuesday by the board.

The board also will consider recommendations made by the Moody Commission regarding the University's business practices, including, among other things, hiring one director of purchasing for all campuses in the SIU system.

In addition, University officials will update the board on the Administrative Information System, formerly known as the Oracle project. AIS originally was implemented to combat the Y2K bug, which threatened to disrupt the existing antiquated computer systems at the University. AIS, which was started in 1996, was not completed by January 1, 2000, raising concerns about increased funding.

The Board Finance Committee will meet at 9 a.m., followed immediately by the Board Architecture and Design Committee. The regular board meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. All meetings will take place in the Hoag Lecture Hall at the SIU School of Dental Medicine.

#### Ballroom dancers organize local chapter

The United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association is planning to organize a Carbondale chapter for recreation and competition. USABDA is the non-profit organization that governs ballroom dancing chapters across the nation.

The chapter will sponsor monthly dances, lessons and dance demonstrations. Membership will be open to singles and couples, beginners or advanced dancers.

For more information or to help start the new chapter, call 1-800-447-9047 or write to USABDA, P.O. Box 128, New Freedom, Pa. 17349.

#### Speaker will highlight Sierra Club tonight

Mark Miller of the Prairie Rivers Network will present a slide show, "Rivers of Illinois — Alteration of a Landscape," tonight at 7:30 at the Unitarian Fellowship, 301 W. Elm St. The presentation will be given as a part of a meeting of the Sierra Club, Shawnee Group.

For more information call the Unitarian Fellowship at 529-2439.

## Pepsi suit to be heard in Southern District of Illinois

### Marion Pepsi lawsuit moved to Southern District venue

JAYETTE BOLINSKI  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A lawsuit between Marion Pepsi-Cola Bottling and PepsiCo should be heard in federal court in Southern Illinois, a northern Illinois judge ruled last week, marking a small legal victory in the eyes of Marion Pepsi owner Harry Crisp.

Federal Judge Ann C. Williams found that the suit, which was filed by PepsiCo last June in Chicago, should be transferred to federal court in Southern Illinois because Marion Pepsi has no business interests in northern Illinois. PepsiCo is headquartered in Purchase, N.Y., and its Central Division office is located in Itasca, which is in the Northern District.

"While PepsiCo has resources that far exceed ours," Crisp said in a prepared statement Wednesday,

"PepsiCo lacks our vigorous commitment to our local customers, our employees and the communities we serve."

"Marion Pepsi-Cola will continue to vigorously protect the jobs of our employees, our long-term business investments in Southern Illinois and our local community involvement."

PepsiCo spokesman Phil Swink said he does not believe the transfer to the Southern District will affect the corporation's case against Marion Pepsi. He said that at the end of the day, it matters little where the case is tried.

"We look forward to trusting our case in an area where Mr. Crisp and the circumstances under which he does business is so well known," Swink said. "It's just fine with us and we look forward to getting on with this. I think the court is going to see merit in our argument."

No trial date has yet been set for the case.

The suit alleges Marion Pepsi

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## Kinko's calls it quits

*Copy store to close after officials predict poor economic future*

GEOFFREY RITTER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Carbondale copying business Kinko's will close its doors for the last time this month after regional management for the chain determined that the store showed little chance for future development.

The store, 715 S. University Ave., will close March 20, following a recent analysis of the store's current business level and long-term potential that indicated a poor outlook for the future. In addition, a location in Iowa City, Iowa, was closed for similar reasons.

"We close businesses when the opportunity for continued profit in the future doesn't look good," said Leah Hackler, regional director for Kinko's. "We didn't make this decision lightly."

The Carbondale location, which has been in business for about 13 years, is one of thousands of stores throughout the country that provide copying, laser printing and computer capabilities to both individuals and businesses. While the Carbondale shop has had the pull plugged, Hackler said the company itself continues to experience success.

However, the closing puts many members of the University community at a slight disadvantage, and some say the timing could not have been any more inconvenient. At the peak of the season for students grinding away on dissertations and theses, which have a deadline to their respective committees on April 14,

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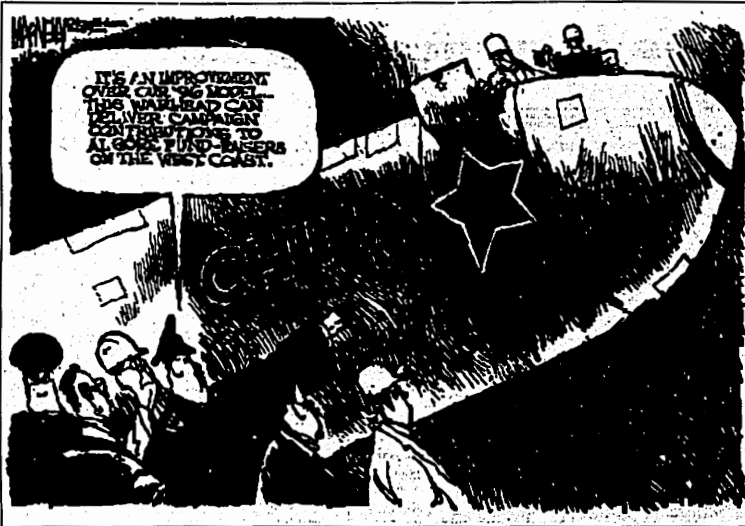
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## OUR WORD

# Halloween's back, hopefully to stay

Tuesday night, the City Council handed students the opportunity to prove themselves to be responsible with open bars for Halloween 2000. With a 3-2 vote by the city not to close bars, ban the sale of kegs or create a task force, the ball is now in the students' court. But as we well know, it's all in the timing, and bringing Halloween back before the University takes fall break off the calendar puts SIUC students at a foreboding disadvantage.

The Daily Egyptian Editorial Board previously recommended the city continue on with the closures for this year because fall break had already been placed on the calendar for 2000. We warned that combining an open Strip with a school holiday would leave students bored and restless and more likely wreak havoc in the city. Instead, the council listened to the students and community members that were at the Tuesday night meeting and took action on their words. We commend the council for taking the speakers seriously and considering every perspective, but, in the end, allowing fall break and a full-blown Halloween to coincide may prove to be a grave disservice to both SIUC and the community.

Old traditions die hard, and the Halloween riots were not just a one-time occurrence. The first year the bans are lifted, it is crucial to provide a scenario with the best possible conditions for success. It is in everybody's interest to have Halloween return to normal: bars and liquor stores have lost revenue, students are confined or sent home, and the city and University have both continued to grapple with a tarnished image. Everyone is on the same team, but the stakes are high. If Halloween 2000 doesn't go as planned, the city may decide five years isn't long enough to wait for the next chance.

Now, everyone must work together to try to compensate for the questionable odds left before us. The bars, for their own good, must be all-the-more vigilant in serving alcohol only to those of legal age. The police must withhold force unless it becomes absolutely necessary to maintain peace on the Strip. Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate and Professional Student Council members now have more responsibility than in years past of working with officials to ensure safety and peace. The most successful and positive atmosphere was created with USG and GPSC members on the Strip, breaking up fights and keeping the environment light-hearted. The "party school" image is dead to some, but not all. Parents in other parts of the state will be watching closely, deciding if they, in good conscience, can send their children here. Legislators are watching too, evaluating whether SIUC is a reputable institution worthy of the state funding we so desperately need. The success of this Halloween may be one of the last steps to proving we are not a party school anymore, or the first in repetition of a journey to redemption we all hoped was almost over.

Students, the city is telling you they think students can be responsible. The trust can be taken away with one single mistake. Halloween can easily return to being a short break in a dry city. Don't let the city down, giving credence to all the doubts that have followed our school and our students. Halloween can be a fun weekend, just like any other weekend in Carbondale.

We know the vast majority of SIUC students could probably handle this responsibility years ago. Now, we must trust that every single student cares enough about our school, our city, and themselves to let us all have a happy Halloween.

# Cure your March madness blues

## Not Just Another Priddy Face

GRACE PRIDDY



Not Just Another Priddy Face appears Tuesdays. Grace is a freshman in architecture. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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feel energized in the middle of a hard day was rigorous exercise. So I sprinted around the block. I felt worse than I had before, and then I had to go back to finish my homework, out-of-breath and sweating. This was definitely not going to work.

Cast aside all conventional meth-

ods of relaxing, I decided to be inventive and find the best new ways to get through March. Here are the results from my experiment.

1. Rolling down the hill in front of Pulliam Hall. This one is great when you've spent all morning cramming for an exam. It's quick, it's easy, but I would save it for days when you don't have to give a formal classroom presentation later — the grass stains don't always come our right away.

2. Finding out how many calories you can consume in 3.5 minutes. I highly recommend Twinkies, Orange Crush and those little cracker-sandwich things you can get in campus snack machines. My extensive studies revealed that not only are these foods among the least messy and easiest to eat, but (and this is that part that makes this experiment sort of scientific) they also pack lots of carbs, which is important when you had to study through lunch. Just make sure you get your hands on some real food by the

end of the week, or you might fall down a hill for other reasons.

3. Blowing bubbles. This one is best when you've spent all day being told you are not living up to your potential. Head to the toy section at Wal-Mart and pick up a bottle of Wonder Bubbles. For less than two bucks, you can get double duty out of your break — relax your body by sitting down while you expand your mind and remembering all those summers you did this as a kid.

I'm not saying any of these activities are guaranteed to work for everybody, but they're definitely a lot more fun than any remedy in those stress-buster brochures you find in doctor's office waiting rooms.

So go mad and try one — you've got nothing to lose except 3.5 minutes. Who knows? This thing could catch on like gangbusters and the SIU administration will have to post signs outside Pulliam: "Watch out for rolling pedestrians."

## MAILBOX

### Wake up and take precautions to stop crime

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to the police blotters that are in the DAILY EGYPTIAN. It appears that some people need to get a clue or wake up.

For all the people who leave tons of CDs, cellular phones, etc., in clear view in their cars, you are just plain stupid. I don't care if you have an alarm or not, people will still break into your car if you have valuable goods.

For the women who leave their purses in their car or in an open area, you are just plain asking for trouble. I don't carry a purse much because it makes you are a clear target to being robbed or losing your purse.

I hate to say it, but this is Carbondale. Anything can happen in an instant. If people would take simple precautions, crime would go down.

Connie Bryant  
senior in geology

### Way to go team!

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the student body, I would like to commend the efforts of the men's basketball team on a hard fought season. Even until the buzzer sounded to end the final game Sunday evening, Bruce Weber's boys played their hearts out.

Regardless of whether or not we are invited to play in any post-season tournaments, it has been a pleasure to watch this team return excitement to Southern Illinois sports and community.

We feel very fortunate to have such an inspirational basketball organization, and we will continue showing our support for seasons to come.

Jason Donjon  
sophomore in administration of justice

### The perpetuation of stereotypes isn't news

DEAR EDITOR:

I was shocked when I saw the cover of the DAILY EGYPTIAN March 1. This has to be one of the most sexist displays of supposed journalism I have ever seen. If you and your newspaper staff were not aware, March is women's history month. And the DAILY EGYPTIAN decided to kick it off with that garbage you must have considered news.

Of all the student organizations that are trying to change racist, sexist, and homophobic stereotypes through rallies, discussion forums, and workshops, you choose to put a student who perpetuates sexist ideas on the front page. You have shown where your priorities lie and it is not in positive student organizations or movements.

If this school hopes to overcome the reputation of "party school" and prove itself as an institution where a good education can be gained, then its newspaper must publish articles that address issues other than bars, parties, alcohol, and sex. Once again, the DAILY EGYPTIAN has shown its true colors by placing the sexist literature as a priority over more important issues. I hope others fight this type of garbage that is trying to be passed off as something good for the student body. DAILY EGYPTIAN, you are as much to blame for perpetuating stereotypes as [SIU]Life.com. President] Tim Beecher. And I hope you stop!

Stacey M. Acevez  
sophomore in sociology  
Anti-Racist Action committee chairperson

# GPSC voids fee increase

*Council pushes for alternatives*

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Graduate and Professional Student Council voted down a resolution Tuesday night to increase the mass transit fee by 36 percent, but did pass a resolution that offered possible alternatives to raising the fee.

The resolution would have increased the \$23.50 fee to \$32 per person enrolled in SIUC. GPSC did not agree with the increase because it focused solely on students for revenue.

GPSC President Ed Ford said raising the fee or canceling the service are not the only options available, and the situation should be seen as flexible.

"Let's not make this an all or nothing situation, let's be ready with some alternatives," Ford said.

The fee increase is result of the renewal of the contract for the current external contractor, Beck Bus.

In 1995, SIUC and Beck Bus joined in a five-year contract for the SIUC transit system. At the end of the contract, SIUC requested bids from six transit companies, including Beck Bus. Beck Bus was the

only company to return a proposal, and the new contract was significantly more than the first.

In the alternative resolution, GPSC cites negotiations with the contractor as a possible option to raising fees. The resolution recommends all parties look into other methods to increase revenue. Some other listed suggestions were advertising, increasing cost for non-student riders and reducing less-utilized services.

Undergraduate Student Government also voted down the mass transit resolution on March 1.

Although both student governments oppose the fee increase, the Board of Trustees make the final decision.

Ford said the University needs to be ready if the board decides other options should be explored.

"I would like to piece together a number of these alternatives, look for additional revenue and then while we're trying to build up our additional revenue, we might have to cut back on services for a couple of years," Ford said.

Members of GPSC and USG have pointed out that while the cost is substantially increasing, services are not.

Because the fee increases for fiscal year 2001 have already been established, the mass transit fee increase for fiscal year 2002 would

Let's not make this an all or nothing situation, let's be ready with some alternatives.

Ed Ford  
GPSC President

have to cover the costs for both years.

Kevin Schwarz, a member of the Mass Transit Advisory Board, told GPSC that although all alternatives should be considered, some are more practical than others.

"Realistically, advertising and increasing user fees are not going to make up the deficit," Schwarz said. Schwarz does think reducing the number of routes, is a viable option.

Schwarz said there are two routes in particular that average about seven passengers an hour. Other routes average about 30 passengers per hour. Each route costs about \$12,000 a month to operate.

While cutting routes, even the lesser used ones, will affect some students, Schwarz said maintaining them may not be possible without raising fees.

"It's a matter of balancing cost and what we're willing to pay," Schwarz said.

# An American band

*Moloko Plus to have release party at Hangar 9*

TRAVIS MORSE  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

**MOLOKO PLUS**  
• MOLOKO PLUS CONCERT/CD RELEASE PARTY WILL BE TONIGHT AT 9 AT HANGAR 9.

we always thought it would be cool to have backup singers," Martin said. "It sounds better and it makes the songs fuller having the backup vocals.

McNeill describes the band's musical style as something close to The Ramones and Social Extortion, but with good amount of pop thrown into the mix as well.

"It's pretty much punk rock, but it's also melodic, up tempo and catchy," McNeill said.

Unlike some punk bands, however, Clifford said the group's music is not just a lot of sound and fury signifying nothing.

"It is up tempo, but it is slower paced so you can see how there's a song structure and you can see how much work was put into making the music," Clifford said.

McNeill, Clifford, Martin and bassist/contributing vocalist Adam Fletcher will be at Hangar 9 performing and celebrating the release of their second independently produced album, "Running on Empty."

Clifford said the concert should be a positive experience for all involved.

"We play [Hangar 9] regularly," Clifford said. "When we do, there's usually a good mix of people there."

Moloko Plus is an unusual name for a punk rock band. One would expect some derivation of Guns and Roses, like maybe Knives and Tulips or at least something with a little more bite to it. Guitarist Ken Clifford said their cinematically-inspired name suits his band just fine.

"It's the name of a drink in the film, 'A Clockwork Orange,'" Clifford said. "I've liked the movie for some time."

The band Moloko Plus, a Carterville foursome having a concert/CD release party at Hangar 9 tonight, has many attributes that set it apart from the usual band. For one thing, three of its members contribute to the vocals rather than just a single lead singer.

"We get a lot of compliments that our backup vocals help a lot," said drummer Luke McNeill. "A lot of bands only use lead vocals."

Mike Martin, primary vocalist and guitarist, said the band has not always offered a variety of vocals.

"It started out as one singer, but

## DRILL TEAM

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Force Academy. The next competition is April 29 at the University of Illinois.

The team has nine members, though all nine will not likely participate in the competition. The team hopes to field an eight-member team, and may go as low as six depending on the level of preparation the team achieves by April.

Drill teams have long been the show piece for military units. They march while spinning

and tossing rifles in unison, creating a memorable display for audiences.

Anthony Hernandez, a freshman in electrical engineering, helps teach the team the different maneuvers. Hernandez, a native of Bolingbrook, was on a drill team for four years in his high school JROTC, and brings a significant experience to the group. He is helping instruct the group and bring it up to speed.

The team is working on a "silent drill" in which no commands are given. All of the maneuvers are memorized by the team members, and the team commander slaps or bangs

his rifle at key points to keep the drill on track.

"It's usually associated with the Marine's Silent Drill Platoon," Hernandez said.

An impressive display, the silent drill is also unusual for college drill teams. Each team puts together its own program for competition. The only required elements are "presenting in" and "presenting out." For presenting in and out, the team formally introduces itself to the head judge. Though mandatory, the team is expected to display creativity in the introduction as well as the rest of the program.

Hernandez said a strong introduction and finish is crucial to receiving a good score.

The biggest reason the Air Force ROTC has not entered other competitions during the past two years is a lack of funding and the cost of attending competition.

Taylor Herrin, a senior in international relations and economics, is one of the few members of the team that went to San Diego. Herrin pointed out that all the members of the team are volunteers, giving up a minimum of five hours a week for training. This time is in addition to classes and regular ROTC duties.

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# State gas tax may be eliminated

*Rising cost of gas has caused concern among lawmakers*

JASON COKER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Influenced by soaring gas prices, Illinois lawmakers have proposed a bill that will eliminate state gas tax.

Senate Bill 1310 would cut the cost of gas by 5 percent, said Sen. Dave Luechtfeld, R-Okawville. The bill is ready for a Senate vote, and Luechtfeld expects it to pass as early as this week.

While it would remove about \$230 million from the state's coffers, Luechtfeld is confident the loss can be recovered in other sales taxes. The senator said more people may buy products when they go into the gas station.

"When you sell more gas, people buy other products, and those taxes

make up for the gas tax," Luechtfeld said.

Gas prices have gone down slightly in the last week. At one local gas station, regular and unleaded gas are \$1.44, unleaded plus is \$1.47 and premium gas is \$1.53.

Luechtfeld said that if the state receives less taxes for highways, the federal government automatically would increase subsidies to Illinois highways, which would help offset the loss of gas tax revenue.

Josh Hyde, a junior in cinema and photography, lives in Malakanda and commutes to campus. The burden of cost has driven him to not drive as often as he used to.

"I try to stay in town sometimes to save gas," Hyde said. "I have to drive 10 minutes to get home daily."

Yet Hyde is not fully behind cutting the gas tax. He is concerned about the loss of money to the state and is especially displeased with the idea of more federal funding. Federal money comes from taxes too, he said.

"Now you've got this federal gov-

ernment subsidizing everything," Hyde said.

Hyde said people should focus more on alternative energy because gas is a limited resource. Cheaper gas will not really benefit the public, he said.

At the Corner Express, 600 E. Grand Ave., manager David Odaniel said he has not seen a decrease in the number of consumers lately, only an increase in complaints.

"The only thing I get is people complaining, like it's my fault," Odaniel said. "If [sales] backed off, it's not noticeable."

However, Odaniel did agree with Luechtfeld in one respect. Odaniel said Corner Express gets most of its money from impulse buying when people paying for gas and spontaneously decide to add a few items to the receipt.

But the state tax is only one of three on gas in Carbondale. While the state tax is about 5 cents to the gallon and the federal tax equals about 18 cents a gallon, the City of Carbondale levies an additional tax of 2 cents for every gallon.


Carbondale collected more than \$240,000 from 12 service stations around the city in the past year, said Chuck Vaught, revenue officer with the Finance Department for Carbondale. This money mostly goes to fixing the local streets, he said.

Vaught said he does not think taxes are the problem; he said it is the oil companies in the Middle East that are driving up the cost of gas. In spite of the cost, he said, people do not seem to be driving less, only paying more.

"Some people are sensitive about it," Vaught said. "But people are going to pay what's at the pump."

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The only thing I get is people complaining, like it's my fault. If [sales] backed off it's not noticeable.

DAVID ODANIEL  
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## HALLOWEEN

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was to have closure for five years and then re-evaluate the situation in 2000, with the hopes of reopening the bars.

In November, interim Chancellor John Jackson approved the 2000 fall calendar, which included a fall break from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1. Jackson's secretary was told by Jackson that he did not want to comment on the council's decision.

City Manager Jeff Doherty had been working on the two recommendations denied by the council since December. His recommendations were to close the bars in the South Illinois Avenue area during Halloween weekend, ban the possession and sale of kegs in the entire city, and to form a task force to look into the future of Halloween.

So, this year, the students will have a four-day break from school, but the bars will be open.

Flanagan said that she thinks students will not be a problem that weekend.

"It's a different genre of students; the history is gone," she said. "We should do what we feel is right, and the students should do what they feel is right."

Cole and Briggs also had faith in students to be responsible for the weekend.

Cole requested input from Police Chief R.T. Finney about the views among the Carbondale Police Department for the weekend.

**«**  
The last three years there has been no violence—so let it stay open. It is a living lesson. We've done our job as far as the weekend goes.

LARRY BRIGGS  
city councilman

Finney said that it would be difficult for him to predict what kind of activities may happen that weekend, but said the force would be able to deal with the situation. He also said the general safety of community members would not be in danger.

Cole said that he wanted the city to move on and move away from focusing on Halloween weekend.

"Let's not close the bars; let's not ban their fees; let's not ban kegs; let's just move on," Cole said. "We'll deal with it like it is any other weekend, fall break is there and most people will go home. If they cause problems, arrest them."

Briggs was concerned about the amount of money bars lose during that weekend, which he said is about \$10,000 for some bars, and that was not fair to those bar owners.

The council was presented with a complete report that included feedback from three city interest groups, providing community input into the situation.

Undergraduate Student Government Vice President Brian Atchison was surprised by the council's decision. He said he was pleased with the decision and did not see student's behavior being a problem.

"It's not so much of an attraction anymore," he said. "Students want the break, and it's not fair to have [student-patronized] businesses shut down."

Dillard was noticeably unhappy by the decision the council made, and he urged the council to accept the idea presented by the University.

He said that Halloween was a bad situation waiting to happen, and the council will regret it. "It's like a powder cake ready to explode," he said. "It can happen; I don't want that to happen again."

Gus Bode



Gus says: I can drink a lot of beer in four days.

## LOBBY

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In his opinion, Chicago State University and Western Illinois University are two institutions that would be "the first to go" at this point in time. The elimination of two universities could enrich revenue for SIU.

## SWING

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and learning to dance. "I'm not the world's greatest dancer, but I've learned a little bit," Funk said. "I found dancing to be a fun social experience."

Swing dancing can be traced to the 1920s; during the Harlem Renaissance, the Lindy Hop was the first swing dance, created by the blacks in Harlem, N.Y.

Swing dancing remained popular throughout the '30s and '40s but declined in the 1950s. Six bands in the '90s have renewed interest, leading people back to the "Jump Jive An' Wall" of swinging.

There are many types of swing dancing, including the Country-Western Swing and the Cajun Swing. The SIU Swing Club uses swing moves similar to the original Lindy Hop, known as East Coast Swing.

Swing has come to SIUC, but it has also returned all over the

country and throughout the media. Chicago and New York are hot spots for swing clubs. New bands such as the Brian Setzer Orchestra, the Squirrel Nut Zippers and the Cherry Poppin' Daddies have also proved interest.

With the RSO funds, the SIU Swing Club hopes to rent a 19-piece big band from Herrin. If it manages to rent the band, it may perform a swing show for SIUC.

The money is also spent on trips to St. Louis to see other swing shows. The group is even planning a dance, but no date has yet been set.

Keri Wray, the RSO's vice president, encourages students to join the SIU Swing Club, explaining that the one basic step is simple to learn.

"And once you get that down, everything else is easy," said Wray, a junior in art and design from Oak Park. "We definitely want to teach more people and get them interested."

## LAWSUIT

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breached its distribution agreement with PepsiCo after the Illinois Soft Drink Industry Fair Dealing Act was signed into law last year. The act protects Crisp and other Illinois soft drink bottlers from some types of interference by suppliers such as PepsiCo. Specifically, the act prohibits suppliers from terminating, canceling or failing to renew a distribution agreement without "good cause."

While the legislation was passed with good intentions — protecting Illinois jobs — lawmakers now are under pressure to repeal the law because it regulates business and potentially violates the U.S. and Illinois constitutions.

Marion Pepsi has about 644 employees and has annual sales of about \$80 million, according to an Illinois Senate transcript. The company does business in parts of Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. PepsiCo has

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HARRY CRISP  
Marion Pepsi owner

annual corporate sales that exceed \$22 billion.

Crisp is well known in the SIU community for his 1997 contribution of \$500,000 toward a new floor in the Arena. Though not illegal, former SIU President Ted Sanders has been highly criticized for simply entering into an exclusive vending contract with Crisp at the time of the contribution. The contract, which is in effect until 2020, gives Marion Pepsi exclusive rights to sell soft drinks at the Arena, McAndrew Stadium and the baseball field.

## KINKO'S

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the store's disappearance just adds one more obstacle.

"It's very busy about this time of year," said Barbara Meier, associate director of the graduate school, who does consulting for theses and dissertations. "Any time you have a lot of people working on a deadline, losing a store has an impact."

Managers at Kopies & More and Staples Copy Center reported that they

may boost both staff and equipment to deal with the void that will be left by Kinko's.

SIUC students say the store's closing will present a small disadvantage to the University community, not only because of the convenient 24-hour access it provides, but also its location on the edge of campus.

"It's more convenient and the staff is much better," said Dave Farel, a sophomore in radio-television from Chicago. "Now it's just one less place students can go and do their stuff."







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# On Campus: Canoeing



Region opens door to canoeing and camping

JAVIER J. SERNA  
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Southern Illinois has an abundance of lakes, rivers and streams to offer its residents, but one of the best ways to explore them is often overlooked.

The Recreation Center's Base Camp rents canoes, kayaks and camping gear to students at a price that will not bust your budget, with canoes and kayaks starting at as low as \$8 a night.

With the unseasonably warm weather Southern Illinois has experienced, along with spring break approaching, those of you who have not already made plans might enjoy the canoeing and camping experience as an inexpensive mini-vacation. On one of these trips, fishing, hiking and swimming are options to spice up the outing.

The opportunities are virtually endless. The Cache River, Horseshoe Lake, Cedar Lake, Little Grassy Lake, Murphysboro Lake, Kinkaid Lake, and the Lake of Egypt all extend their waters to you, and most of these places have public campgrounds.

Canoes can also be rented on Campus Lake, offering a chance to get acquainted with the canoe or kayak on an hourly rental basis.

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take you to places inaccessible by car or motorized boat. "I like canoeing because it allows me to see scenic spots I could never see with a car," said Brett Nelson, an experienced canoeist from Crystal Lake.

SIU's Outdoor Recreation Program has scheduled a weekend trip to the Current River in the Missouri Ozarks for April 14-16. The trip offers a chance for both beginners and experienced canoeists to spend time on one of Missouri's few National Scenic Riverways. The river is designated for its wild and scenic qualities and is kept in a free-flowing condition.

"[In a canoe] you're able to observe and hear nature better than on a motorized boat," said Will Sharer, a graduate assistant in SIU's Outdoor Adventure Program.

Not only does canoeing offer the chance to enjoy the quiet confines of the national wilderness, but it is also a great form of cardiovascular exercise.

The Calorie Control Council, a not-for-profit organization, reports that a 150-pound person can burn more than 200 calories in 30 minutes of canoeing.

Regardless of your reasons for paddling, good times are to be had: So get out on the water — a whole new world awaits you.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Stremsterfer named Offensive-Player-of-the-Week

Erin Stremsterfer, SIU softball junior pitcher/designated player, was named the Missouri Valley Conference Player-of-the-Week Wednesday, receiving a high honor for the second consecutive week.

"This week's honor, however, is for Stremsterfer's offensive output. Last week Stremsterfer earned Valley Pitcher-of-the-Week honors."

The Manchester, Mo., native hit 8-for-15, guiding SIU

to its first Southern Classic title since the tournament started in 1992. SIU (7-4) finished 3-1 in the tournament, as the lone loss, a 2-1 setback, came against No. 13 Iowa.

In a 6-2 victory over Northern Illinois University Saturday, Stremsterfer was a triple shy of hitting for the cycle. She hit 3-for-4 with a single, double, home run, one RBI and three runs scored. She had two home runs on the weekend.

Stremsterfer leads the Salukis in hitting with a .324 average to complement her perfect 0.00 ERA on the mound in 26.1 innings of work.

### WOMEN'S HOOPS

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Latasha Austin.

McKibbin is third in scoring in the MVC, first on Evansville, with 17.9 points per game. Eckart is second in scoring on the Lady Aces with 11 points a game. Ono is third on Evansville in scoring (10.5) and Austin leads the conference in steals with 2.8 per game.

For the Salukis to match up to the Lady Aces, junior guard Terica Hathaway is going to have to step up her offense and boost up her team-leading 10.9 points a game.

Senior center Melaniee Bardley may see her career as a Saluki end if she fails to boost her game to the next level as

well. The center is averaging 9 points and 6.8 rebounds per game.

Beck is very aware that on paper, Evansville has the advantage over SIU in every department. At the same time, however, she thinks the Salukis can win if they are clicking on all cylinders.

The winner of the tournament will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. If the Salukis upset the Lady Aces, they will take on the winner of the Southwest/Creighton University game.

"We are going to have to be at the top of our game," Beck said. "We need to keep [Evansville] down in terms of points, and take care of the ball. We need to play the best we have ever played."

### It is definitely a better pick playing Evansville at Southwest rather than playing Southwest at Southwest. It would have been really hard playing them in the first round.

MOLLY McSHELL  
freshman guard

# Tallahassee calls track team for Spring Break

The Salukis start off the outdoor season at Florida State

CHRISTINE BOLIN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

With Spring Break just around the corner, senior Brad Bowers cannot wait to leave Carbondale and head to Tallahassee, Fla., for a week of training and competing with the SIU track and field team.

"Spring break is always a good time because we get time away from school to fully focus on track and field," Bowers said. "Even though it really isn't that cold [in Carbondale], everybody is looking forward to going to Florida."

Monday, the Salukis will travel to Florida State University for the Florida State Relays, which take place March 15-18. This is the third in four years SIU has competed in this meet, which is unscored.

SIU head coach Bill Cornell said the meet will be taken seriously, despite the fun atmosphere.

"We are not going down there for a vacation," Cornell said. "We are going to have a hard week of training."

Some of the top Salukis making the trip to Tallahassee include high jumpers Aaron Shunk and Joe Hill, decathlete Allen Lakomaki, distance runner Matt McClelland, Bowers and throwers Brock Lovelace and Erik Olsen.

Since Olsen did not compete last outdoor season because of a shoulder surgery, he is especially anticipating the season, which he says is going to be his best one yet.

"I am very anxious. I cannot express how anxious I have been," Olsen said. "Brock and I have improved a lot in the off-season. There is going to be a lot of competition between the two of us. We hope either one of us wins the conference."

Olsen is not the only Saluki who has set high goals for himself. Bowers, an All-American, was recovering from a back injury most of the indoor season. He thinks his time will come in the outdoor season.

"I have high goals and dreams for this season," Bowers said. "I want to qualify for nationals, I haven't won a conference title, both individually and team-wise since I have been here."

"I want to be an All-American again, and make Olympic trials. I know a lot of other people on the team have the same goals and aspirations."

With the Salukis heading to Florida with a long list of goals, Cornell said the team's potential should peak in the outdoor season.

"We are in the makings of a good team," Cornell said. "We just have to put all the pieces together."

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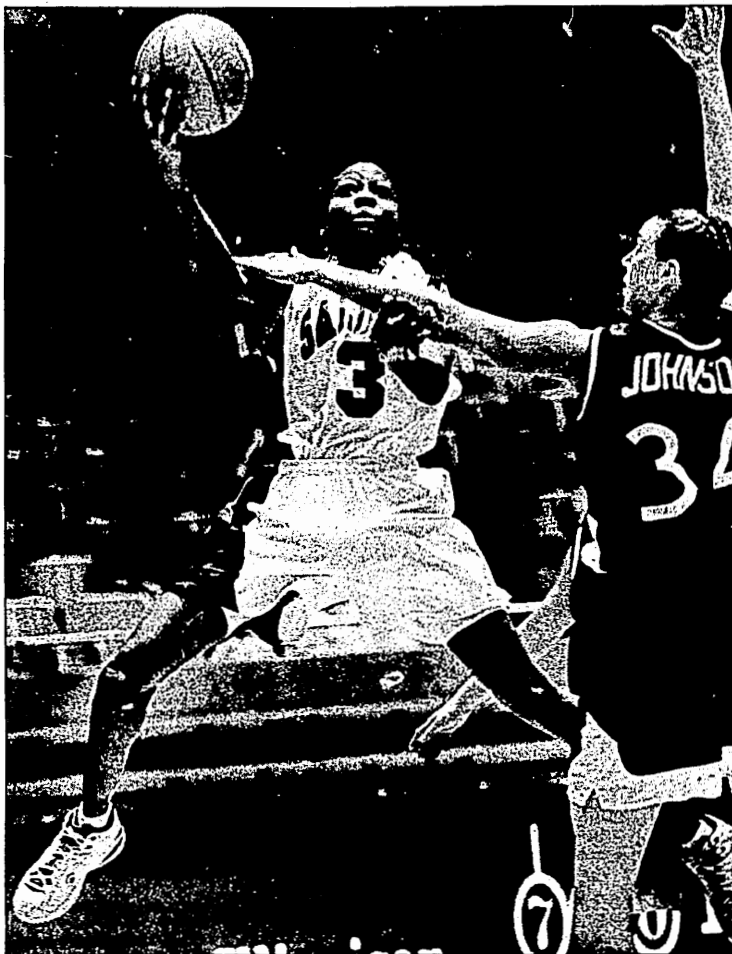
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DEVIN MILLER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Although the Salukis are the underdog, freshman guard LaToya Graves and the rest of the team are hoping to upset the University of Evansville in the first round of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, which begins tonight at 6 in Springfield, Mo.

## A handful of Aces

*The seventh-seed Salukis will have their work cut out for them against second-seed Evansville in the first round of the MVC women's basketball tournament*

CHRISTINE BOLIN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Junior center Kristine Abramowski does not think the Salukis' 8-19 record this season accurately portrayed who they really are and what potential they really have.

With the SIU women's basketball team beginning the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament tonight against the University of Evansville in Springfield, Mo., Abramowski knows that now is the best time for the Salukis to shine.

"The tournament is a good step for us to prove to everyone who we are," Abramowski said. "We are hoping to go in there and make some noise."

As much as Abramowski would like to help the Salukis out, it is possible she will be sidelined for the tournament. During last Thursday's game against Illinois State University, she injured her right shoulder fighting for a jump ball and may not be healthy enough to play.

It is up to the seventh-seed Salukis (8-19, 5-13), with or without Abramowski, to find an answer for the Lady Aces, who finished in second place overall in the conference.

But it will not be an easy task. The Lady Aces (22-5, 14-4) have a 2-0 regular season advantage over SIU, including a 35-point win over the Salukis at Evansville.

Saluki head coach Julie Beck would like to see the crowd at Southwest Missouri State University, the site of the tournament, support the Salukis because they will be a heavy underdog.

"People are always pulling for the underdog, and it's

## MVC WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

THE SIU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM TAKES ON THE UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE IN SPRINGFIELD, MO., IN THE QUARTERFINALS OF THE STATE FARM MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT THURSDAY AT 6 P.M. THE GAME CAN BE HEARD ON 106.3 FM.

those underdog teams that shake off the top teams," Beck said.

The Salukis' bid to the tournament came down to do-or-die games toward the end of the season. SIU battled teams like Illinois State University and Indiana State University for the seventh and eighth seeds in the conference, as the bottom two teams do not qualify for the Valley tournament. It was a win against the Redbirds last Thursday that ensured a slot in the tournament.

With the race for the conference title in the MVC being so unpredictable this season, Beck thinks anything can happen come tournament time.

"It has been an interesting conference the whole way through," Beck said. "It is so fitting for our conference to come down to the wire."

MVC powers such as Evansville, Southwest Missouri and Drake University battled for the top spot in the conference, but in the end, it was Drake that topped the conference.

Because the Bears have the home-court advantage, freshman guard Molly McDowell considers playing the Lady Aces a plus.

"It is definitely a better pick playing Evansville at Southwest rather than playing Southwest at Southwest," McDowell said. "It would have been really hard playing them in the first round."

Even though the Salukis avoided matching up with Southwest, they still have to challenge a tough Evansville team, featuring top conference players like forwards Shylia McKibbin and Lisa Eckart and guards Shinko Ono and

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## We're going to Disney World

*Tennis team to make its way to Florida*

ANDY EGENSE  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

They have not won the Super Bowl, yet the SIU women's tennis team will make it to Disney World during their spring break trip to Florida.

The Salukis (3-0) will face Rollins College, Stetson University, the University of Illinois-Chicago and Syracuse University during their week-long stay in Florida.

For Pamela Floro, a sophomore from the Philippines, the trip is a chance to mix business with pleasure.

"We are all looking forward to the spring break tournament. Actually, we can't wait," Floro said. "We plan to go to Disney World probably, and then, I don't know if we can go to the beach."

Head coach Judy Auld hopes the team will keep its focus on tennis, as it faces stiff competition the entire trip. She said SIU will not take any of the teams lightly and thinks the team can do well.

"We could come back and be 7-0 and that's great," Auld said. "But you only get better by playing better competition. And when you play better competition, you run that risk of losing."

Four of the seven Salukis are not from the United States, and the entire team has earned the opportunity to give those teammates the chance to visit "the happiest place on earth." The team collected the money to defray the trip's expenses through a variety of fund raisers.

"I'm not sure if some of the international kids have been to Disney World," Auld said. "I think it will be a nice experience for them."

Auld said she did have concerns about burning her team out, so scheduled only four matches, less matches than past spring break trips.

"They will have a chance to chill and relax and play again ... and let them go to Disney on Friday," Auld said.

Last spring break the team enjoyed mild spring weather in Arizona, but Auld said the competition was "lousy" and wants her club to take advantage of playing quality programs.

"I come from the old school where you should get the best competition for your dollar, so I'm happy about the trip," Auld said.

## Sycamores too much for Salukis

*Baseball drops a 7-5 game to Indiana State in California*

ANDY EGENSE  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIU baseball team was defeated 7-5 by MVC combatant Indiana State at the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic in Fresno, Calif., Wednesday.

The Sycamores proved to have too much offensive power in the game for SIU to match.

Saluki starting hurler Brendon Fort (1-2) was rudely greeted as the Sycamores tagged him for seven runs on 10 hits in four-plus innings. The game was called after six innings because it surpassed the two-hour time limit placed on the game because of a rainout Tuesday.

SIU baseball head coach Dan Callahan was livid after the game because his team did not capitalize on crucial scoring opportunities.

"There is no excuse for not swinging the bat with runners in scoring position," Callahan said. "Today, two of our best hitters (Scott Boyd and Jeff Stanek) struck out looking in this situation."

Boyd, though, was a bright spot for the Saluki offense. He went 2-for-4, including a double and a run scored.

The Salukis (7-4) were seeded for the remainder of the tournament after all of Wednesday's action was completed, and will continue tournament play today.