USG lacking any real power in governing body. It does not have any significant influence with the Saluki Express bus service and cable television in University Housing. USG also makes numerous suggestions on issues concerning students at nearly every bi-monthly senate meeting. But how much weight do its suggestions actually carry with administrators? While USG is the primary vehicle for students to address their concerns to administrators and other prominent members of the campus and community, USG Adviser Jean Paratore said USG does not have any significant power.

"I wouldn't use the word 'power', but certainly influence and responsibility," said Paratore, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs and dean of students, who has advised USG since 1981. "There's always someone above [USG] that can override what they do."

As long as you have your voice, that is what's important and students definitely have a voice in the Board of Trustees and the administration on this campus through USG." USG's primary role is to allocate nearly half a million dollars of student activity fee funds to Registered Student Organizations each spring. Additionally, USG advocates the concerns of students through various committees the members participate in. The committees range from search and facility naming committees to the Student Health Board.

John Jackson (10), USG senator, said, "I can't see how much weight do they have at conference to overrule what they do," said Crotts; a freshman in history education from Potosi. "What's the president and his members, and how do you contact them? If the students don't know what's going on it means they're not doing their job."

Crotts is not the only one in the dark. According to a recent Daily Egyptian survey of 100 students on campus, 99 were unable to name their USG senator. Of the 47 who could, only 14 could accurately identify Bill Archer as USG president.

"While the poll shows that it goes full power, it also shows how oblivious the students are," said Paratore. "The Senate poll shows how they don't know us."

How well do you know the U.S.C.?
The following numbers resulted from 100 distributed polls:
1. Identify the current president of USG:
   a. John Jackson (10)
   b. Bob Taylor (17)
   c. Dawn Roberts (11)
   d. Bill Archer (47)
   e. said they didn't know (15)

2. Have you ever voted in a USG election?
   a. Yes (27)
   b. No (1)

3. Do you know the name of your USG senator?
   a. Yes (24)
   b. No (12)

4. Have you ever spoken with your USG senator?
   a. Yes (17)
   b. No (25)

This non-scientific Daily Egyptian poll was distributed to and completed by undergraduates in Thompson Point, University Park, Bush Towers and the Student Center.

Presidential election
Florida recount could last one more week

Tuesday
Problems with how USG passes and initiates resolutions; student government elections and low attendance at meetings.

Wednesday
Troubles with the USG construction to be worked out; funding allocation dilemma leaves some RSOS in the cold.

Thursday
Who are the next leaders to inherit the problems of their predecessors? And what does the future hold for USG?
Snakeman slithers into town

Biology instructor to give presentation at Civic Center tonight

BRETT HOWARD DAILY LEADER

Tony Snakeman has always maintained a special relationship with snakes even though he has been venomously bitten multiple times.

Tony Snakeman married and took a photo of Gerard with one of his snakes. Gerard was not paying attention to the snake when it bit him on the hand.

"It scared the life out of me," Gerard said.

The bite was poisonous, but he remained calm. He asked his family to pay the snake various 5 per snake and then the snake moved away. They would then sell all the healthy reptiles to prevent snakes that behave dangerous in church. A feat he is not proud of.

According to Gerard, the Brazilian name for the reptile translates to mean "four nostrils." He probably made the snake look bad but he has two noses.

Skepticism has become quite common in the United States. As a child, he had a love for snakes in western Kentucky. Gerard remembers the cruelty of people to describe as "backwoods people" in his youth. He considered them as people they would impress without food in "modest" plus for souvenirs to go back.

After his family devised the Latin root or hibernation, "terrible reptiles," according to his belief, the snakes bit him in the hand. The large snakes, which have been known to grow to six feet in length and eight inches in circumference, are considered "terrible reptile" by some.

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Florida recount should end the election

By Chicago Tribune on Nov. 30, 2000

At some point — it may be days away, it may be weeks away — either Al Gore or George W. Bush will make the difficult decision that it’s time to end the uncertainty about this presidential election. That time is likely to come when the recount of votes in Florida is completed and the results of the state are certified.

Unfortunately, neither candidate appears prepared to do that. Gore’s campaign chairman, William Daley, made it very clear Thursday that Gore will not agree to this election to the bitter end if the Florida recount doesn’t in his favor Bush won’t have to.

But Gore could never go against him, most challenges to the results in Wisconsin, Iowa and other states that were very close. The court’s public comments the campaigns indicate the election is only to.

No one should expect either candidate to concede elections that he rightfully won. But Bush and Gore will have to recognize that, while they may have enough legal weapons to push the uncertainty right up to inauguration Day — they must be wary of wading those weapons, America is not in the interest of a constitutional crisis, but the candidates should be able to manufacture one.

Let the Florida votes be counted. A final count may take several more days, and the result will be extremely close. But once the votes are counted, the candidates should abide by the result.

A new vote? No. The vote for the White House is cast on that day.

It is immoral for a voter to spoil his ballot, but once a spoiled ballot is cast, the common recourse in elections is to disregard it. If voters are confused, they have the option at the time of voting to ask for assistance. If voters misplace their ballots, they have the option of voting for a new ballot. The election has been held, the point is to ensure that how many valid ballots were cast and which candidates were chosen.

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Despite low attendance, conference probes student apathy toward USG

MATT BRENNAN
DAILY VICTORIAN

Less than half of an expected 25 to 30 students turned out for the day dedicated to involvement in student government. The Student Government Building Conference, which took place Saturday at Touch of Nostalgia, was an attempt to create an environment where students and faculty could get together and discuss student government. The conference was put on by the Student Government Building Conference in conjunction with the SIUC Public Policy Institute.

In a total of 46 members of students who turned out, Mike Lawrence, associate dean of the Public Policy Institute, said the day was production.

"It was a little disappointing in the number of people that were here," Lawrence said. The conference split into two groups, one for intergovernmental communication and the second for student government. Guest speaker Tada Tomie, assistant dean in the Office of Student Development at Rutgers University, facilitated discussions between students.

The three main topics that the groups discussed were student participation in elections, sending mailings to constituents, and creating a website allowing constituents to contact senators; seven senators recently participated in an AIDS walk with constituents. The idea is to come up with recommendations and plans of action to improve these points in the next student election," Lawrence said.

At the end of the day the group converged into one group to discuss recommendations for USG.

As a whole, the group decided it would help to put all of the names for USG elections on an election ballot to help with clarity and avoid misprinted ballots. They also recommended creating a recruitment position for USG. This position would be to try and foster student involvement in student government.

One other recommendation was to have networking media and political committee create more interest in student government. For example, a phone in these classes could give a perfect solution on the subject.

Laws are impressed by the students who did attend, including representatives from Inter-Greek Council and the Academic Programming Council. There were several recommendations made that he believes they will follow up on.

Discussion and recommendations are good, but one of the key ingredients to follow through, Lawrence said. Lawrence hopes for more education of the student body on how to run for office and how to become involved.

USG President Bill Archer was grateful to the Public Policy Institute for taking interest and felt that the event was a success. This was the first time Archer can remember an organized group showing active interest in how USG works.

"I love to get more students on our website here," Archer said. "It is very difficult not to engage in situations that need to be improved.""Just point your browser at www.bluntnews.com click on the Playstation 2 Giveaway button and subscribe to Blunt's Socially Acceptable Newsletter and BLAMMO! your name is entered in a drawing for a brand spanking new Playstation 2. It takes no time at all to enter and no credit information or even a mailing address is required. You'll be notified by e-mail if you win. Deadline to enter is 11:59 p.m., Friday, December 1. No purchase necessary. You must be 18 years or older to enter and void where prohibited by law.

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**Jason Coker**

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Tony Gerard "Teetotaler"

University's constituency head settled at a hall at the double of Senate and Trustees meetings.

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Salukis annihilate Evansville
SIU Swimming and diving team takes no prisoners

By the time the first intermission arrived, the day was already done for the University of Evansville, as the Saluki men's and women's swimming and diving teams set the tone for the afternoon, winning nine out of the first 10 races.

SIU dominated in meet against Missouri Valley Conference foe Evansville in which the men won by a score of 151-78, and the women by the score of 209-121.

"It's always good to come in and do well against a conference school," said SIU's head coach Rick Walker. "It was a meet we expected to win, but it wasn't something we were thinking we'd do it, and I'm very pleased with the way our guys responded. They took every opportunity to compete and make the best of it."

The first-place finishers for the men were the 400-yard medley relay team of Matt Mazu, Joe Tidwell, Luke Wornina and David Parkins. Parkins and Cameron Preedy both won two events: Parkins, Wornina, Mazu and George Prince each won an individual event; Jason Siskowin won both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events, and the 400-free relay team of Cluysanthos Papaeliou, Jeremiah Cortez, Matt Glowacki and Mazu, which was exhibitioned.

"Our team did great, we came out here and raced real fast," Helvey said. "Everybody tried real hard even though it wasn't really that big of a meet."

Walker said the meet was just the beginning of the Salukis campaign to regain what is rightfully theirs - the conference title.

The women's team, on the other hand, was just keeping do it that they've been doing it.

"It's not much the win-loss record that we were concerned with; we're concerned with performance and in-season events," said SIU women's coach Jeff Geitz. "Looking at what we did at the beginning, it looks like we need some depth, which is train hard and then when it comes time to race, the girls are ready to race."

The winners for the women's team were the 400-medley relay team of Brooke Riddist, Amy Legner, Beth Munz and George Prince; and the 400-yard freestyle relay team of C.J. England, Amy Legner, Beth Munz and George Prince.

"We've gotten some guys that aren't thinking and aren't thinking that they need to get concentrated and be ready to come to the game ready to play," Walker said.

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47-yard go-ahead field goal attempt at the 1:53 mark, but it fell short.

SIU head coach Jan Quidells wasn't going to celebrate prematurely until after the kick.

"The way our back has been this season, I want you to honestly, that I looked up to the sky and said, 'Hey, when is it going to be?' I told them to believe in the DHCP radio show. "I was, 'Well, my performance, particularly after the game.'

Quidells called his team into the locker room and started out the afternoon practice on Thursday to say six minutes. 'Think about the course of the season. Last year, SIU lost at home to a previously winless Indiana State University team 23-22 to put the lid on another international season. 'We finally told the coaches [Thursday], let's bring them inside [because] I got some things I want to tell about.' Quidells said. "I told them this. I think they are a good football team. I don't know why we haven't been able to to see some loose ends down. 'It said that it's time that you pay for your own persons. We talked about some other things that are not really thought about until then. So if that were the case, to be so."

The Saluki defense played outstanding throughout the game, only giving up an average of 1.6 yards per play. Youngstown State had negative nine yards rushing.

"I don't remember [a game] with just 80 yards," Quidells said. "I just wish we could have put the lid on them sooner, all is just, but they did have a phenomenal performance."

Surprisingly, Quidells was thrilled with the much-needed performance for his players who made it happen.

"We're going to look through the year 2000 and we are going to be facing some fourth quarter tailgates," Quidells said. "We've been so dominant close to some time and that's just part of the games. "But when I think this was upset a way that we had some, in the fourth quarter with our defense fork so good about themselves at this point, they weren't going to let finishing happen."
**Salukis shock the Penguins!**

SIU football players in fourth quarter to stun Youngstown State 21-20

**ANDY EORNKE**

**Daily Egyptian**

You could say the Saluki football team finally received a gift from above.

The dominating Saluki campaign was jump-started during a shocking fourth quarter comeback in a bizarre twist to the 2000 football season, as SIU delivered a 21-20 upset to the nation's No. 2-ranked Youngstown State University Saturday in Youngstown, Ohio.

Just one week after losing to one of the worst I-AA teams in the nation, SIU rebounded to beat one of the best.

With Youngstown State leading 20-0 early in the fourth quarter, SIU's Brian Everhart was forced to punt on third-and-44 from the field. The punt was blocked, Youngstown recovered in the back, took a weird hop, and landed in the end zone. Saluki defensive back Tony Manuel sprinted to the ball before it went out-of-bounds to recover SIU's first touchdown.

Although few would have expected it at the time, that play sparked a 21-point fourth quarter comeback that clipped Youngstown's grasp of a Gateway Conference championship.

After Fracez recovered the fumble for SIU, the Salukis boomed a 21-yard touchdown pass with 4:54 remaining in the game.

As the fourth quarter wound down, SIU's upset bid would spiral out of control. The Penguins were forced to punt on both the 30-yard line and 35-yard line. Saluki senior team captain Kristine Abramowski was flawless starting lineup (Katie Berwangel, Marcus Weber, Brian Everhart, Terica Hathaway, Amber Smith, Allea Lovett, and Christine Schmidt).

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**Men fly by World Basketball Opportunities**

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It was evident the Salukis were still in practicemode Friday night.

A lackluster week of practice carried into the SIU men's basketball team performance Friday, although it easily defeated World Basketball Opportunities 115-76 in the SIU Arena in the final exhibition game before the start of the regular season.

The Salukis struggled in the first half, allowing WBO and its six players to score 46 points by the half.

"We came out a little sluggish, it looked like we had a lot of hard work to do, and we didn't get up for this game," said junior guard Marcus Weber. "I think we picked it up in the second half, but WBO scored 56-30 in the final 20 minutes.

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The Salukis (3-7, 2-4) established the 21-20 lead when Jones hit his fifth free throw of the half. After that, the Salukis couldn't gain any traction.

The Penguins (8-2, 4-2) made the finish interesting as place-kicker Jake Stewart attempted a...