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USG Wrought With Problems | A DAILY EGYPTIAN Special Report

Is student government failing you?

USG squandering its own limited campus influence

Editor's Note: THIS IS THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF A FOUR-DAY LOOK AT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT AS SOME OF ITS PROBLEMS ARE EXAMINED BY THE SIU PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE.

GINNY SKALSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Each spring a handful of students hoist themselves onto a soapbox for two weeks and declare they will be the ones to retool Undergraduate Student Government if elected, restructuring it to become an effective governing body.

However, the only main changes sweeping through USG each year tend to be the different names of the members.

As the representative for the student body, USG has made a significant amount of changes on campus. In past years, it has

paved the way for the implementation of the Unilink telephone system, 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 overrule 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."

INSIDE

Low attendance at conference to increase student interest in USG.

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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.

The USG president, who is also a member of the Chancellor's Planning and Budget committee, attends the

SIUC students oblivious of their USG representatives

GEOFFREY RITTER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lorena Crofts says she wouldn't know an Undergraduate Student Government senator "if one stood up in my soup."

"I know it exists, but I don't know what they do," said Crofts, a freshman in history education from Peoria. "Who's the president and its 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."

Crofts 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 and less than half were able to correctly identify Bill Archer as USG president.

While the poll shows that it goes

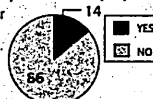
STUDENT SURVEY ON USG KNOWLEDGE

How well do you know the U.S.G.?

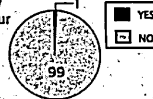
The following numbers resulted from 100 distributed polls:

- 1. Identify the current president of USG: a. John Jackson (10) b. Rob Taylor (17) c. Dawn Roberts (11) d. Bill Archer (47) e. said they didn't know (15)

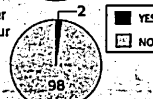
- 2. Have you ever voted in a USG election? YES NO



- 3. Do you know the name of your USG senator? YES NO



- 4. Have you ever spoken with your USG senator? YES NO



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

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Today

USG lacking any real power in University decision-making; Students unfamiliar with their USG senators.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Troubles with the USG constitution 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?



BO GULICK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

VOCAL UNITY: Concert Choir conductor John V. Mochnick directs during the Fall Choral Concert at Shryock Auditorium Sunday afternoon. In addition to English, the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers sang in German, Latin, and Spanish. See related story, page 6

Presidential election

Florida recount could last one more week

TERRY L. DEAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Florida vote recount took a new twist Sunday after local election officials called for a total manual recount of all Palm Beach County votes cast in last week's presidential election.

A three-member Palm Beach County board voted two to one early Sunday to conduct a hand recount of more than 400,000 ballots in the heavily Democratic area.

The decision was made in front of a slew of reporters at about 1:30 a.m. after the board reviewed hundreds of ballots in four sample Palm Beach County precincts. The review was requested by Vice President Al

Gore's campaign in lieu of concerns that tabulation machines failed to detect punched votes in ballot cards.

Some 19,000 Palm Beach County ballots were discarded last Tuesday because precinct votes were improperly recorded, the Gore campaign alleges.

The hand recount began at about 2 p.m. Saturday. Officials spent more than 10 hours recounting the votes by hand with election workers looking for such things as partially punched ballot cards. Palm Beach County officials conclude a full manual vote recount may take up to a week.

The board's decision will

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**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

- Student Programming Council Films Committee meeting, every Mon, 3 to 4 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Jeremy 536-6556.
- Library Affairs Finding Full Text Articles, 3 to 4 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.
- Career Services Resume Writing Workshop, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Woody Hall B-204, Vickie 453-2391.
- Women's Mid-life Career Development Group screening for new members, every Mon., 4:30 to 6 p.m., 453-3655.
- Alpha Phi Omega meeting, every Mon., 6 to 7 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Mike 4057-4059.
- Outdoor Adventure Club meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Christy 529-7423.
- SIU Ballroom Dance Club meeting, every Mon., 7 to 8:30 p.m., Davies Gym 2F, students \$15 and non-students \$18 per semester, 351-8855.
- Shawnee Audubon Society Timber Rattlesnake a program by Tony Gerard, 7 p.m., Carbondale Civic Center, Karen 457-6367.
- University Spirituality "What Is Feng Shui?", 7 p.m., INSYN Mind/Body Therapy Center, Tara 529-5029.
- Japanese Student Organization orientation meeting for the japan exchange and teaching program, 7 to 9 p.m., Sangamon Room Student Center, Taketo 529-7093.
- Department of Theater Holy Ground play by Molly Seale Edwards, 8 to 10 p.m., Christian H. Moe Laboratory, Molly 453-1227.

- Saluki Volunteer Corps and American Red Cross blood drive, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Law School, 4 to 8 p.m., Recreation Center, 453-5714.

**UPCOMING**

- Library Affairs PowerPoint, Nov. 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.
- Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center is offering free lunch for International students, every Tues., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center on the corner of Forrest and Mill, Judy 457-2889.
- Study Abroad Programs information session, every Tues., 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Northwest Annex Room B229, Christina 453-7670.
- Assertiveness Training Group screening for new members, every Tues., 4 to 5:30 p.m., 453-3655.
- Hardee's in Murphysboro is offering a fund-raiser with 20% of all purchases donated to the benefit of Mary Ann Wright for the National Foundation of Transplants, Nov. 14, 4 to 8 p.m., Hardee's in Murphysboro.
- Career Services Job Interview Skills, Nov. 14, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Woody Hall B-204, Vickie 453-2391.
- Family Reading Night come join us for an evening of stories, activities, Cris Egelston's Magic Show and free books, Nov. 14, 5:30 to 8 p.m., West Frankfort Public Library 932-6937.
- American Marketing Association meeting, Nov. 14, 6 p.m., Mugsy's McGuities, Derrick 453-5254.
- American Advertising Federation meeting, every Tues., 7 p.m., Communications Building Room 1244, Erika 536-6321.
- Yoga Club yoga exercise, every Tues. and Thurs., 7 to 9 p.m., Assembly Room Recreation Center, Craig 457-8578.
- Wildlife Society meeting and seminar by Clay Nielsen, Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Lawson 131, Suma 549-0239.

- Saluki Volunteer Corps and American Red Cross blood drive, Nov. 14, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Keszner Hall, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pulliam Hall, 453-5714.

- Christian Apologetics Club meeting to understand Christianity, every Wed., noon, Troy Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.

- Ninth Street Tabernacle Ministries bible study, every Wed., 4 to 5 p.m., Student Center, Andrea 351-9420.

- Women's Action Coalition meeting to discuss issues that need your voice, every Wed., 5 p.m., Women's Study House, Greta 453-5141.

- Public Relations Student Society of America meeting, every Wed., 4:30 p.m., Cambria Room Student Center, Tim 453-1898.

- Healing Towards Wholeness Support Group for women who have experienced sexual assault or abuse, every Wed., 4:30 to 6 p.m., 453-3655.

- Model U.N. meeting, every Wed., 5 to 7 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Jill 351-9881.

- SPC News and Views Committee meeting, every Wed., 5 p.m., Sangamon Room Student Center, Gary 536-3393.

- Saluki Rainbow Network, every Wed., 5:30 p.m., Student Center, 453-5151.

- Egyptian Dive Club meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Pulliam 021, Army 549-0840.

- Pi Sigma Epsilon meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Lybry Room 327, Nicole 549-1509.

- Women's Services and Saluki Rainbow Network workshop on All Those "isms", Nov. 15, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Jane 453-3655.

- Chi Alpha Campus Ministries African-American bible study, every Wed., 7 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Kudjai 529-7088.

**WEATHER**



**TODAY:**  
 Showers  
 High: 46  
 Low: 29



**TOMORROW:**  
 Partly Cloudy  
 High: 40  
 Low: 24

**POLICE BLOTTER**

**UNIVERSITY**

- A vehicle was reported to have been damaged between 6 p.m. Oct. 1 and 8 p.m. Nov. 8 in Lot 45, East Grand Avenue and South Wall Street. Police have no suspects in this incident.
- A vehicle was reported to have been damaged between 8 p.m. Wednesday and 4 p.m. Thursday in Lot 23, South Oakland Avenue and Douglas Drive. Police have no suspects in this incident.

**ALMANAC**

**THIS DAY IN 1972:**

- The SIU Faculty Council voted to request that the Board of Trustees forestall action on establishing a College of Science. The council said it wanted to examine the affects the new college would have on faculty welfare and undergraduate education.
- Howard Hood, Jackson County state's attorney-elect, said that a vote recount would not deter him from taking office. Incumbent Ron Biggs, the apparent loser in the previous week's race requested a recount of Carbondale's precincts because of an unusually heavy voter turnout and malfunctions in computer tabulation.

**CORRECTIONS**

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 4:20 5:00 6:40 7:30 9:10 10  
 bedazzled (PG-13) 4:50 7:40 10:05  
 Men of Honor (R) 4:00 6:50 9:40  
 Remember the Titans (PG) 4:40 7:10 9:55  
 Pay It Forward (PG-13) 5:20 8:15  
 Blair Witch 2 (R) 5:10 7:20 9:35  
 Legend of Digger Vance (PG-13) 4:10 7:00 9:50

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# Snakeman slithers into town

Biology instructor to give presentation at Civic Center tonight

BRETT NAUMAN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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

Once a reporter wanted to take a photo of Gerard with one of his snakes. Gerard was not paying attention to the snake when it bit him on the finger.

"It scared the life out of me," Gerard said. The bite was poisonous, but he remained calm. At the hospital, doctors successfully carved out the tissue in his finger to rid his body of the

fatal poison. The experience has not soured his opinion of snakes.

Gerard, a biology instructor at Shawnee Community College, will speak about timber rattlesnakes and his own personal dealings with the reptiles tonight at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave.

The timber rattlesnake, derived from the Latin *crotalus horridus*, meaning "terrible rattle," serves a vital role as a link in the food chain. The large snakes, which have been known grow to six feet in length and eight inches in circumference, survive on a steady diet of mice, rats and small birds. It is considered part of the pit viper family and contains heat-sensitive pits between its eye and nostrils.

According to Gerard, the Brazilian name for the reptile translates to mean "four nostrils" because the pits make the snake look like it has two noses.

Snake persecution has become quite common in the United States. As a child growing up in western Kentucky, Gerard remembers the cruelty of people he describes as "backwoods hillbillies" toward snakes. In the summer they would imprison them without food in "roadside pits" for tourists to gawk at.

Gerard and his family would pay the snake wardens \$5 per snake and nurse the starved reptiles back to health. They would then sell the healthy reptiles to preachers from "snake-handling churches," a fact he is not proud of.

"These guys quoted a Bible verse that said they could be bitten by snakes and drink poison and not be affected because they had been baptized in the name of God and had the Holy Spirit inside them," Gerard said.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CARBONDALE

#### Hearing for former SIUC student scheduled today

A motion hearing in the case of Donald E. Forcum, the former SIUC student accused of killing his ex-girlfriend and attempting to kill her boyfriend, is set for 1:30 p.m. today in Jackson County Circuit Court.

Among the items to be considered by Judge Thomas Jones is a motion that seeks to preclude prosecutors from playing a tape of threatening messages left on the answering machine of Brett H. Jancke, the boyfriend. Jancke, who was seriously wounded in the attack, had never met Forcum, and public defender Patricia Cross argued in the motion that prosecutors failed to show they could identify Forcum as the anonymous caller in the tape.

Forcum is accused of the June 10 slaying of SIUC alumna Renee N. DiCicco. He is also charged with attempted murder, home invasion and armed violence. If convicted, Forcum faces up to 100 years in prison.

# Helping those in their time of need

Network Crisis Hotline celebrates 25 years of support

COBELL RODRIGUEZ  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Vicky Sheehan fights back tears as her co-workers say farewell and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Network Crisis Hotline.

Sheehan served as the supervisor for more than two years at the Network, and in less than a week, she will retire, leaving the life she has grown custom to and learned to love behind. On Saturday, Sheehan and others celebrated the Network's anniversary at the Wesley Foundation.

The celebration honored several volunteers, such as Sheehan, for their hard work and leadership. The awards ranged from serious awards such as most compassionate to humorous awards like most likely to be a client.

The Network is a volunteer service that was founded in 1975. It exists to give people support during times of depression and to convince them acts like suicide are not the answer. It also strives to offer referrals to specialists for hospitals and the police.

The network takes volunteers from throughout

the community and trains them to handle situations they will be sure to face while working for the Network. However, it also serves as experience for SIUC students who wish to follow a career in helping people.

Melinda Diaz, a senior in social working from Goreville, is currently devoting her first semester to the Network. She heard of it about a year and half ago from a friend. Diaz, who received a certificate for being most enthusiastic, said working with the Network will ultimately help her when she is trying to find a job after college.

"This is some of the best experience I got outside of class," Diaz said. "When you help someone, it is the best feeling in the world. Your whole body smiles."

While the current volunteers were honored, workers from the past looked on. To celebrate the anniversary, some of those who saw the Network in its youth returned to see some of the new faces that now make up the organization.

Danny Matson drove from Madison, Wis., to see what the organization he left in 1995 had become. Matson started with the group in 1979 when he was a receptionist in the clinical center. Matson said working at the Network was an eye opener and overall, an unforgettable experience.

"It made me much more aware of how similar we all are," said Matson. "It made me aware of how important it is for people to help each other."

### NETWORK CRISIS HOTLINE

TO REACH THE NETWORK CRISIS HOTLINE, CALL 549-3351.

While congratulating each other at the anniversary party, the volunteers still recognize the callers being most important and the reason they are taking their four to eight hours out of a day to answer phones. The phone calls can affect the fates of the caller but can also make an impact on the person taking the call.

Sheehan remembers one call that tattooed itself in her mind soon after she first started working at the network. Sheehan was covering for someone else when she answered a call from a person with AIDS. The caller was in pain and wanted to end his life. Sheehan said she talked with the caller for more than half an hour until he finally decided live out the rest of his life.

"Sometimes you see so many bad things in the world, you wonder what can one person do," Sheehan said. "But every day you come in and realize that maybe one person can make a difference."

Sheehan said helping people is the most fulfilling part of the job and one of the main reasons why she shed tears while saying good-bye.

"I'm really going to miss being a part of such a wonderful thing," Sheehan said. "It's the best thing that has happened to me."

#### Flu vaccine available at Rec Center

The Jackson County Health Department has received their full shipment of 6,000 flu vaccine doses. They will administer the vaccine Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center.

Those who are at high risk for the flu are recommended to get the vaccine. High risk groups include those older than 65 years old, those with chronic illnesses and pregnant women in their second or third trimester during flu season. Appointments can also be made with the Jackson County Health Department.

The vaccine costs \$12 per dose unless you are an active or retired employee enrolled in a state-sponsored health plan. Pneumonia vaccinations are also available for \$17.

For more information, call the Jackson County Health Department at 684-3143.

# New York artist lectures on digital images

Visiting artist gives sight to sound

NICOLE ORT  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Fifteen years ago, the idea of digital art was laughed at and dismissed. In the past 10 years, modern art has evolved in the digital world and opened possibilities for artists to experiment with light and video.

Nancy Meli-Walker paid her dues as a digital artist before "going digital" was accepted. Walker will speak tonight at 7 at Browne Auditorium about the progression of her art as a part of SIUC's Visiting Artist Program. The program brings artists from various specializations to talk about their practices. Walker specializes in a unique merge of video, glass, and photography on solo projects and her performance group.

"I have always felt art is one giant renaissance experiment," Walker said. "It is always changing."

Dawn Gavin, assistant professor in the School of Art and Design, met Walker when Gavin moved to New York for a residency with the Women's Studio Workshop. Gavin's connection helped bring Walker to SIUC.

Gavin describes her work as "unconventional, innovative, and experimental."

After beginning her artistic career as a fashion designer, Walker delved deeper into the world of art and design overseas becoming interested in glasswork. While living in Japan she found herself intrigued by Indian reverse glass paintings. She soon began casting her own glasswork.

"Sometimes my art comes from an idea that pops into my head," Walker said. "I believe my ideas come from the soul or creative spirit."

The work that results from Walker's idea may depend on the material she is working in. When she was working in glass media, she looked at how it would interrelate with a television as a light and color source or how the shape and quality of the glass would bend the light.

As her work progressed she began to work in different specializations. She experimented with glass-print photography, a technique popular in the 1800s. Her work has evolved from glasswork to video, photography, and finally her collaborations.

Walker began her experimental art in Japan where Walker said they have one foot in the future and the other in 1,000 years of tradition. Her work was widely acclaimed and accepted in Asia. When she returned to New York she could not find a gallery that would exhibit her pieces. Finally, as art evolved in the 1990s she received calls from galleries.

"A lot of people were uncertain about digital art at the time," Walker said. "Now if you don't do this type of art, it's hard to get it shown."

Her group performance work combines visual images with sounds and rhythms. It is a mix of audio, visual and theatrical performances. The images are created during the exhibition with cameras, video switchers, props and lights. The result is an artistic production that overwhelms the senses of the audience as it is created.

"Have you ever wondered what a rhythm looked like?" Walker said. "Or what a green



**VISITING  
ARTIST  
PROGRAM**

**Who:** Nancy Meli-Walker, a New York artist who specializes in glasswork, photography, and digital art. She has exhibited nationally, as well as in Asia and Europe.

**What:** Lecture on the progression of her artistic practice.

**Where:** Browne Auditorium

**When:** Tonight, 7 p.m.

abstract image sounds like?"

She is beginning to experiment with fiber optics and photo paper. She "paints" with light using brushes composed of fiber optic fibers. The light exposes the paper leaving pictures that have a tactile quality and texture that looks like it was painted with a traditional paintbrush.

Gavin said Walker's work interests artists of varying media and specializations.

"Her art is so open to possibilities," Gavin said. "Painters as well as digital media artists will appeal to her art."

#### Local restaurant donates to College of Education

Walt's restaurant in Marion will donate 10 percent of the profits from 4 to 11 p.m. Monday to the College of Education.

The fund-raising efforts are part of the Student Leadership Program in the college and Walt Nields, Walt's restaurant owner and SIUC alumni.

Money from the event will go toward COE scholarships. If the fund raiser is a success, the college hopes to make it an annual event.

#### DAILY EGYPTIAN snags five awards at national conference

The DAILY EGYPTIAN garnered five awards at this year's National College Media Convention, which involved 2,700 student journalists and took place from Wednesday until Sunday in Washington, D.C.

In the Associated Collegiate Press Best of Show, the DAILY EGYPTIAN took fourth place in the Four-Year Daily Tabloids category. In the ACP Photo Excellence Award contest, Jason Adams and Devin Miller took first place for photo illustration, Pramoonchai Nopsuwanvong took third place for news and Kerry Maloney won honorable mention in the feature category.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN online edition was also named a national finalist for the ACP Online Pacemaker award. This is the ACP's first year in offering a Pacemaker to online student publications.

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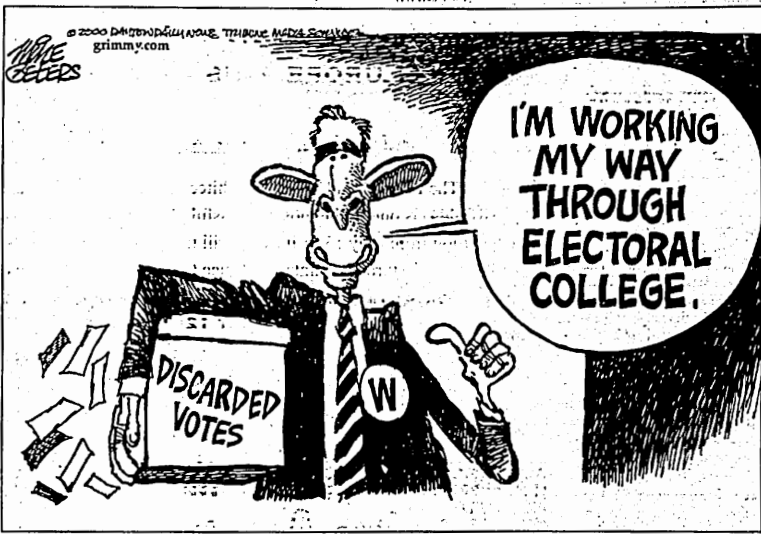
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## OUR WORD

# Election confusion could lay the groundwork for future reform

Tuesday night America embarked on a bumpy road, and it's anybody's guess when the wild ride through the 2000 presidential election will near its destination.

Like any family trip across the country, this pilgrimage has been filled with internal bickering and plenty of surprise stops. After almost a week on the road, many Americans are becoming fatigued with the whole affair.

As the election journey continues to become more convoluted, voters must resist the urge to nod off or turn their attentions to other things. We are in the front seat to history in the making, and the future of our electoral system will depend heavily on every surprise turn in our path.

The television election coverage began like any other, projecting which states would be won by which candidates, George W. Bush or Al Gore. Gore seemed positioned for a win until late Tuesday evening, when the national media withdrew a widespread projection that Gore would win Florida. Since then the election news has hinged on the tight race in the Sunshine State.

Now confusing ballots, overseas voters, protests

and court cases delay the determination of our next president.

The election drama may not be as riveting as it was Wednesday, but the DAILY EGYPTIAN encourages every citizen to keep up with the news until it is clear who will call the White House home for the next four years.

This election's complications will likely shape legislation that could forever change the way our democracy works. The demise of the Electoral College, standardization of state-by-state voting and a changed role of the judicial system in national elections are among the many possible transformations this election could initiate.

Voters must watch carefully as these problems develop and dissipate. When the legislative branch begins to address election issues later, only careful analysis of our current problems will yield enduring solutions.

The coverage is exhausting, but it is also a practical civics lesson for all of us. When it's over, the changes that result may leave us with a better, stronger democracy. So buckle up and keep your eyes open — the ride isn't over yet.

## THEIR WORD

# Florida recount should end the election

By Chicago Tribune on Nov. 10, 2000  
At some point — it may be days away, it may be weeks away — either Al Gore or George W. Bush will have to 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 states are certified.

Unfortunately, neither candidate appears prepared to do that. Gore's campaign chairman, William Daley, made it very clear Thursday that Gore will lawyer this election to the bitter end if the Florida result isn't in his favor. Bush might, should the Florida count go against him, mount challenges to the results in Wisconsin, Iowa and other states that were very narrowly carried by Gore. The public comments by the campaigns indicate the electioneering continues.

No one should expect either candidate to concede an election that he rightfully won. But Bush and Gore will have to recognize that, while they have enough legal weapons to prolong the uncertainty right up to Inauguration Day — they must be wary of wielding those weapons. America is not in the midst of a constitutional crisis, but they could manage 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. There are demands from Democratic quarters for a new vote in Palm Beach County, where several thousand people may have cast spoiled ballots by inadvertently voting twice, or may have voted for an unintended candidate.

A new vote? No. The vote for the White House was conducted on Nov. 7 and it can't be re-created. It is to be decided by the number of valid ballots cast on that day.

It is not unusual for a voter to spoil his ballot, but once a spoiled ballot is cast, the common recourse in elections is to disallow it.

If voters are confused, they have the option at the time of voting to ask for assistance. If voters ruin a ballot, they have the option at the time of voting to ask for a new ballot.

The election has been held; the task now is to ascertain how many valid ballots were cast and which candidate won the majority.

Whoever is declared the winner of this presidential election will face the daunting burden of winning public confidence after such a close and controversial election. The responsibility falls on Al Gore and George Bush to restore that confidence through their careful words and deeds. That responsibility does not fall on them Jan. 20. It falls on them today.

## MAILBOX

### Carbondale police are using unjustified force

DEAR EDITOR:

Since the closing of the Strip, it appears that the problem of reckless students under the influence of alcohol may have been mildly remedied — only to introduce the far more reckless element of a police department fueled by a testosterone overload.

Case in point: early Saturday morning, a city councilman giving chase to a person suspected of throwing bottles at the police had his own mishap with Carbondale's beloved law enforcement personnel. Apparently an officer responding to a call for backup confused the councilman for the suspect, and thought it fit to cross into the sidewalk and hit him — WITH THE CAR.

Hitting someone with a car constitutes a use of deadly force. The officer driving that car had other options in attempting to catch the suspect. He certainly didn't need to unnecessarily risk the lives of innocent people.

I should restate that the officer did, in fact, hit an innocent person.

Furthermore, the police have deemed it appropriate to fire mace at groups of people simply for standing on the sidewalks of the city they live in. That is excessive and brutal. That sort of violent activity is not within the public interest, and it's certainly not improving the relationship between the city's police force and the students of SIU. In fact, it seems apparent that the police are trying to pick a fight.

The violent attitude of the police department is inexcusable. Some might say that the police are only doing their jobs, following orders — their superiors have decided that macing innocent people is a just cause, and it is the duty of each officer to enforce that resolution.

I don't care. The Nazis also did what they were told. I should remind the Carbondale Police Department that the Nazis also lost.

Joshua Bishoff  
junior in English

### Residence halls should allow candles as long as they allow cigarettes

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter concerns the rules and regulations of my dormitory, Mac Smith, Basul Towers. Many of their rules I understand and comply with firmly, but the no incense, oil lamps, or candle rule I do not. This rule ignites stupidity towards the dormitory administration because it is contradictory; it is perfectly fine for a fire to be started by cigarettes but not by everyday household items used in concealing the stench of cigarettes.

My roommate and I are non-smokers, and the smell of smoke is irritating to us. We requested a non-smoking room, and we did receive one but the smell enters our room through the ventilation system. It is not just my roommate and I who feel this way, but my friends from my floor also notice the smell of my room as they are walking by. Cigarette smoke has an unpleasant odor that lingers on everything from skin and hair to clothes and curtains.

Smoking should be regulated more strictly. A subcommittee of the National Toxicology Program's Board of Scientific Counselors voted second-hand smoke as a carcinogen. Studies also pointed out that prolonged exposure to second-hand smoke from cigarettes increases a person's chance of developing cancer by 20 percent.

The conclusion to this is simple: We need to terminate smoking in the dorms or we need to be able to burn good-smelling products to cover the smell. The Environmental Protection Agency confirmed that last year 3,000 people died of lung cancer and 37,000 died of heart disease from second-hand smoke. Can fires not be ignited by cigarettes as easily as they can by candles? I believe they can, but the issue is not fires, it is health.

Lauren Hunter  
freshman in commercial graphic design

## OVERHEARD

I think the city did a very responsible thing. They tried trusting the students this year, and it didn't work in many cases.

JOHN JACSON  
SIUC's interim chancellor, after the Carbondale City Council voted 4-1 to reinstate Halloween restriction on the Strip indefinitely.

## Despite low attendance, conference probes student apathy toward USG

MATT BRENNAN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Less than half of an expected 25 to 30 students turned out for a day dedicated to inspire involvement and decrease apathy in student government.

The Student Government Initiative Conference, which took place Saturday at Touch of Nature, 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 Center for Civil Discourse in conjunction with the SIUC Public Policy Institute.

Despite the low number of students who turned out, Mike Lawrence, associate director of the Public Policy Institute, said the day was productive.

"I was a little disappointed in the number of students who turned out, but it was worthwhile," Lawrence said.

The conference split into two groups to delve into conversations concerning student government. Guest speaker Tricia Torok, assistant dean in the Office of Student Involvement at Rutgers University, facilitated discussion between students.

The three main topics that the groups discussed were student participation with elections, correcting election guidelines and increasing involvement with Undergraduate Student Government in general.

"The idea is to come up with recommendations and plans of action to increase the number of students who vote in student elections," 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 one ballot to help with clarity and avoid misplaced ballots. They also recommended creating a recruitment position for USG. This person's job would be to try and foster student involvement with the student government.

One other recommendation was to use marketing, media and political science classes to create more interest in student elections. For example, a professor in these classes could give a project on the subject.

Lawrence was impressed by the students who did attend, including representatives from Inter-Greek Council and Student 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 is 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 outside group showing active interest in how USG is run.

"I'd love to get more senators and people out here," Archer said. "It lets us mull over certain situations that need to be improved."

Barbara Jane Schwartz Rendleman, founder of the Center for Civil Discourse, said the conference should help to spark interest in student government.

"I think the student government will be a bigger issue on campus because of it," Rendleman said.

## OBLIVIOUS

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largely unknown, USG plays an important role on the SIUC stage, from distributing student fee money to addressing student concerns with administrators.

But a loose relationship between senators and their constituents can easily be identified — low voter turnout is an annual scar on spring elections and some involved with USG attest to a notorious apathy among senators.

Certain inherent problems in USG's makeup plague the organization, said Thompson Point Senator Valerie Climo. While Climo tries to meet regularly with constituent groups she said yearly turnover in senators makes it hard to maintain a consistent governing body.

In addition this is the first governing power most of the senators have had, she said, and they carry on in busy roles despite this inexperience.

"It's like walking around in a room with a dim light on," Climo said of becoming a first-time representative. "We're walking around, but we're not quite sure where we're going."

Lack of a solid communication medium also hinders a positive constituency relationship, said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and USG Adviser Jean Paratore. While USG maintains a website on the SIUC web server, she said, traffic is light.

In addition past senates have courted good communication by sending mailings to constituents, but it is a practice that has passed along with the departures of former senators.

However, Paratore said the relationship is "a two-way street," and if USG is to reach its potential, strong support from constituents is a must.

But today's students live a hectic lifestyle, she said, and carry a general apathy toward politics.

The burden ultimately falls on senators to initiate the relationship, she said. And USG could certainly do more.

USG President Bill Archer said at the beginning of the semester that improving constituent relations should be a primary goal of senators, and he appears to be pushing his word.

Senators are now encouraged to participate in activities with their constituents through the Saluki Volunteer Corps — seven senators recently participated in an AIDS walk with constituents — and a bill passed at USG's Nov. 8 meeting will soon place senators' votes on a link to USG's current website, allowing constituents to learn how their representatives are voting.

In addition, USG recently distributed its own survey, asking constituents questions about their knowledge of USG and who represents them. In all areas, USG officials believe the communication gap could be lessened with a bit of work.

The problems that are befalling USG in terms of relations with those whom they represent is a problem inherent with politics, said former U.S. Senator Paul Simon, who currently heads the SIUC Public Policy Institute, which is examining student apathy toward government. Student government presents additional problems, Simon said, but not ones that cannot be overcome.

In the end, it all comes down to senators being ready to accept the responsibility that comes with elected positions, Simon said.

"Student government can be effective," Simon said. "What (USG senators) have to decide is if they're really going to be leaders, or just hold the title."

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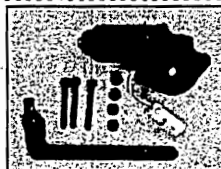
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# Diverse music played by SIUC choirs

Chamber Singers and Concert Choir perform spiritual and secula pieces

JASON COXER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A beautifully orchestrated ensemble of spiritual and secular music echoed across Shryock Auditorium Sunday afternoon.

John Mochnick, director of Choral Activities at SIUC, conducted the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers for the first afternoon concert of the semester. More than 100 people attended the performance, which included Shaker religious music as well as songs from composers George Frideric Handel, Antonio Vivaldi and Jacob Handl.

"We have been practicing at the beginning of the year to prepare for this concert," Mochnick said. "Both of these are audition choirs. The students had to audition to join."

The Concert Choir performers practiced for about an hour and a half for three days every week of this semester in anticipation for this event. Mochnick selected the music himself, and both the audience and the singers seemed to like his style.

All of the singers are volunteers — most are SIUC students, but some are local people from the community who simply wanted to sing. There are about 40 people in the Concert Choir and a dozen Chamber Singers. There were a few solos but most of the music was sung as a chorus.

The Chamber Singers are new to SIUC this semester, and they practiced twice a week this semester. Mochnick said the Chamber Singers were here a few years ago and he made the deci-

sion to try and have a new group get together to perform again. Several people were willing to try out for the group.

"The Chamber Singers have basically been resurrected," Mochnick said. "For lack of interest we didn't have them. We lost them for about two years but now the interest seems to be back again."

First alto Paula Setta-Garcia, a freshman in music from Chicago, volunteered to sing in the choir because she said Mochnick gives a unique group of musical pieces to perform.

"It gives students a good opportunity to sing music that they most likely didn't sing in high school," Setta-Garcia said. "This gives us a greater diversity."

Music lover Annette Baudzus, a graduate student in English from Flensburg, Germany, has been a soprano in the choir for three semesters. She speaks three languages, and while she is German, she said she never sang the German

songs in the concert until this semester.

However, Baudzus likes the music that Mochnick selected, and before the concert began she said she was looking forward to the performance.

"I really enjoy singing, and I enjoy performing because that is kind of the reward for all the work you put into it," Baudzus said. "I really enjoy the Handel. I also like the Vivaldi a lot. But, that might just be because I am into classical music, and I really like that stuff."

Debra Huderstadt, a junior in photography from Urbana, has been singing since she was in the third grade. She said this is just a hobby now, but when she gets older she would like to perform in theaters. She said she is a big fan of Renaissance music, and generally everything about that time.

"I love medieval. It's also reflected in my artwork," Huderstadt said. "I love that medieval, sort of pre-Raphaelite time period."

# Alumni go nuts over concrete saluki statues

Mascot sculpture brings art deco to SIUC

GINNY SKALEKI  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Guests of Ken Jaros' home are greeted by Cleopatra, a concrete Saluki dog that guards the Jaros' flower bed.

Cleopatra is one of about 20 Saluki Dog sculptures that has found its way to the home of SIU alumni, after the Student Center Craft Shop created the concrete sculptures.

"Everyone who has seen it thinks it's fitting and appropriate," said Jaros, associate director of Student Center operations, who has been associated with the University in some way since 1969.

The idea for the saluki dog sculptures

developed in the spring when Ron Dunkel, craft shop coordinator, decided he wanted to create an art piece with an SIU theme.

"We needed something to connect art and the University together and we decided on the Saluki dog," Dunkel said.

Dunkel asked Nick Thenhaus, a craft shop employee majoring in sculpture, to create a sculpture out of clay of a near life size Saluki. Thenhaus sculpted about 10 hours a week most of the spring semester to form a model that would later become a mold for the concrete dog.

The concrete dogs sit at attention and sport a medal proclaiming "SIU." The dog is made of about five gallons of concrete and weighs about 80 pounds. The gray concrete Saluki can now be made red, brown or black. It comes complete with a "Saluki Dawg Club" adoption certificate professing the name buyers select for their dog.

Thenhaus said sculpting the dog was a challenge because he wanted the dog to appear strong while maintaining its long, lanky features.

Twelve dogs were completed by this year's Homecoming, and Dunkel said various departments purchased the statue to rest on its alumni tables. Since then alumni have been going nuts over the dogs.

"We have such an unusual mascot here," Dunkel said. "So many people ask us, 'What's a Saluki?' I've heard everything from a mushroom to a motorcycle. So this helps educate people as to what a Saluki is."

The Saluki became the official mascot of SIU on March 19, 1951, when students voted to replace the nickname "maroons." The nickname Saluki is appropriate for SIU based on the history of Southern Illinois, frequently referred to as Egypt.

According to Baker Brownell in his book

"The Other Illinois," a severe drought in northern Illinois in the early 1800s led residents downstate where the rain fell and decent crops remained. This was similar to what happened in old Egypt. Salukis were deemed the greatest animals a family could own in Egypt at that time and were known for their speed and hunting skills.

Thenhaus is working on a smaller Saluki dog, about nine inches tall. He said it will be "more organic and have more of an art deco feel to it."

"The kind of people who would buy the thing are graduates or dog enthusiasts and are really going to take care of it," Thenhaus said.

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## Salukis annihilate Evansville

SIU Swimming and diving team takes no prisoners

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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 its 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 160-83.

"It's always good to come in and do well against a conference school," said SIU men's head coach Rick Walker. "It was a meet we expected to win, but it's another thing to actually come in and do it, and I'm very pleased with the way our guys responded. They took every opportunity to compete and made the best of it."

The first-place finishers for the men were the 400 yard medley relay team of Matt Munz, Joe Tidwell, Luke Wotruba and David Parkins; Derek Helvey and Come Prozesky both won two events; Parkins, Wotruba, Munz and George Oxinos each won an individual event; Jake Sinclair won both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events, and the 400 freestyle relay team of Chrysanthos Papachrysanthou, Jeremiah Cortez, Matt Glowacki and Munz, 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 MVC crown.

"I think it sets a very positive and intimidating tone and that's exactly what I want," Walker said. "Our guys are on a mission. We have been on top for a long time and we do not take lightly the fact of what happened last year. These guys are dead serious about what they're doing."

The women's team, on the other hand, was just looking to keep doing what they've been doing.

"It's not so much the win-loss record that we're concerned with, we're concerned with performances and in-season swims," said SIU women's head coach Jeff Goetz. "Looking at what we did at this meet, it's kind of what we've been doing all year, 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 Radostis, Amy Legner, Beth Ann Erickson and Jenna Meckler; Meckler and Radostis also won two individual events; Amber Mullins, Courtney Cordier and Lee Frye each won an individual event, and Meara Modlich won the 1-meter diving. Goetz was exceptionally pleased at the fact a lot of his swimmers set personal bests in their events.

"Breaststroke is probably where I'm happiest right now ... all-around just super-solid performances, I can't say I'm upset with anything so that's great," Goetz said.



### Eastern Illinois 41 Illinois State 44 (2OT)

Illinois State University knocked off its second straight nationally ranked opponent, although it took two overtimes to do so in defeating Eastern Illinois University 44-41 Saturday in Normal.

Willie Watts rushed for 181 yards, and quarterback Kevin Glenn came off the bench to spell starter Dusty Burk and threw for 196 yards and three touchdown passes, including the game winner in

double overtime.

The Redbirds are now 6-4 overall and 3-2 in the conference, while Eastern dropped to 7-3 for the season.

### Indiana State 3 Western Kentucky 28

Western Kentucky University picked off three Indiana State University passes en route to defeating the Sycamores 28-3 Saturday in Bowling Green, Ky.

The Hilltoppers, now 9-1 overall, outtrashed Indiana State 248 to 149.

### Southwest Missouri State 24 Southeast Missouri State 7

Southwest Missouri State University received a 222-yard rushing effort from running back Jason Ringena, who also scored three touchdowns in the Bears

24-7 victory against Southeast Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo., Saturday. The Bears even their season mark at 5-5 overall and remain 2-3 in the Gateway with a date at Illinois State University Saturday to conclude the season.

### Prairie View A&M 14 Northern Iowa 60

The University of Northern Iowa had 521 yards of total offense and took advantage of four Prairie View A&M turnovers in their 60-14 victory in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Saturday.

Northern Iowa is now 7-3 overall and 3-2 in the Gateway with a home game against Gateway leader Western Illinois University Saturday in the final contest of the regular season.

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forward Josh Cross added 19 points and seven boards. Junior forward Tyrese Buie chipped in 18 points in 19 minutes.

One positive Weber took from the game was the return of junior point guard Brandon Mellis, who played 14 minutes in his first game action since breaking his right foot in September.

Mellis practiced all last week, but said he's only about 70 to 75 percent healthy. He didn't really want to play Friday night, but Weber coaxed him into testing his foot.

"It was good mentally, but it still didn't feel like I was last year," said Mellis, who finished with two points and three assists. "I don't like it, as far as not being 100 percent. But Coach thinks I need to push through it."

Mellis was not expected to return to action until early December, but has made a prompt recovery, surprising both himself and his coach.

"[Weber] was like 'I didn't think you were going to make it, and I was like 'I've got to do it either now or never,'" Mellis said. "He didn't think I was ever going to say that. I guess he thought I finally matured a little bit."

Now Weber will put the focus on Long Beach State and his players' practice effort.

"We've got some guys that aren't thinking and aren't playing hard," Williams said. "They need to get concentrated and be ready to come to the game ready to play."

### HERE WE GO!

THE SIU MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM KICKS OFF THE REGULAR SEASON AGAINST LONG BEACH STATE UNIVERSITY AT 7:05 FRIDAY NIGHT IN THE SIU ARENA.

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

SIU head coach Jan Quarless was not going to celebrate prematurely until after the kick.

"The way our luck has gone this season, I want you to know honestly, that I looked up to the sky and said, 'Hey, when is it my turn?'" said Quarless on his postgame radio show. "I said, 'Wow, my goodness,' particularly after the snap."

Quarless called his team into the locker room after a shortened afternoon practice on Thursday to have a heart-to-heart discussion about the course of the season. Last week, SIU lost at home to a previously winless Indiana State University team 23-22 to put the icing on an otherwise sour season.

Quarless, whose job security has been called into question, said he had to get some things off of his chest and spoke longer than he normally does. He said he didn't say much to his team on Friday or before the game Saturday morning, referring back to his Thursday afternoon speech.

"I finally told the coaches [Thursday], let's bring them inside [because] I got some things

I want to talk about," Quarless said. "I told them this. I think they are a good football team. I don't know why we haven't been able to tie some loose ends down."

"I said that it's time that you play for your own purpose. We talked about some other things that I think we've let unglued. So if that was apart of it, so be it."

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," Quarless said. "I just wish we could have put the pieces together all in one year, but they did have a phenomenal performance."

Not surprisingly, Quarless was thrilled with the much-needed win and for his players who made it happen.

"You're going to look through the year 2000 and we are going to see losing some fourth quarter ballgames," Quarless said. "We've been so doggone close so many times and that's just part of the game. But what I think was impressive was that we had momentum in the fourth quarter ... and I think our defense felt so good about themselves at this point, they weren't going to let [losing] happen."

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# Salukis shock the Penguins!

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

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

The floundering 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 win at the expense of nationally 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 Scott Everhart was forced to punt from his own 44-yard line. The punt hit a Youngstown receiver in the head, took a weird hop and landed in the end zone. Saluki defensive back Matt Frazee scampered 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 crimped Youngstown's plans of a Gateway Conference championship.

After Frazee recovered the fumble for SIU's

initial score, the Penguins began a drive on their own 25-yard line. SIU blitzed quarterback Jeff Ryan, and linebacker Teddy Sims was able to cause a fumble recovered by defensive end Bryan Archibald.

Three plays later, usual starting quarterback Sherard Poteete — who replaced struggling freshman Kevin Kobe in the second half — found wide receiver Brian Hamlett, who made an acrobatic one-handed catch to cut the Youngstown lead to 20-14.

The Salukis (3-7, 2-4) established the 21-20 lead when Poteete hit Kevin Gleason on a nine-

yard touchdown pass with 5:43 remaining in the game.

It looked as if SIU's upset bid would be spoiled late when SIU long snapper Chad Graefen snapped the ball above the reach of Everhart, who was forced to fall on the ball at the SIU 30-yard line. But the Saluki defense, which only allowed 80 total yards in the game, finished strong in the waning moments.

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

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## Women win final exhibition game

JAVIER SERNA  
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Perfection in an otherwise imperfect game?

Saluki senior team captain Kristine Abramowski was flawless from the field and free-throw line alike, as the SIU women's basketball team defeated Goldstar Basketball Club 85-71 at the SIU Arena Sunday.

Abramowski scored 19 points on 8-for-8 shooting from the field and hit 3-for-3 from the free throw line. She started the second half scoring three straight field goals.

"I think I really stepped up on the offensive end today, and I'm happy with my own performance," Abramowski said.

Abramowski scored the game's first points on a lay-up as the Salukis jettied off to a

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Box score from the game.

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12-2 lead and never looked back. Twice in the first half they built the lead to 18 points.

SIU controlled the tempo in the first half by creating 14 turnovers with a combination of picked off passes and steals.

Abramowski's shooting perfection seemed to rub off on her teammates. In the first half, SIU as a team shot 51.2 percent from the field, and finished the game at 48.7 percent.

Terica Hathaway scored 14 points and led SIU on the boards, grabbing seven. Freshman Jodi Heiden also provided a boost from the bench, scoring 12 points in just

14 minutes.

"It's very exciting," Heiden said. "It will give me a good boost to help my confidence level."

Head coach Lori Opp said she will likely stick with the current starting line-up [Katie Berwanger, Molly McDowell, Terica Hathaway, Holly Teague and Abramowski] in the regular season opener at the University of Illinois-Chicago Saturday.

"We played a lot of different combinations," Opp said. "We wanted to give everybody an opportunity to play... I'm happy right now with the way we're starting out." ball games.

SIU had trouble shooting and defending shots outside of the arc. While the Salukis seemingly had no defensive answer to Goldstar connecting on nine three-pointers, they also had no answer in the form of three-pointers. SIU failed to hit any of its seven three-point attempts.

"I'm worried about that," Opp said, conceding that shooting three-point shots is not a big part of her offensive scheme. "We have to do a better job closing out on shooters."

But overall, SIU defensively fared better than in its first game, against Slovan Bratislava last Sunday. Instead of turning the ball over 24 times like it did in that game, this week it pressured Goldstar into committing 22.

"We've been working on our defensive game because I didn't think our defensive intensity and effort was as good as it should have been," Opp said. "We've stepped that up because it's been our primary focus in practice and I think it's paid off."

## Men fly by World Basketball Opportunities

### SIU wins second exhibition 115-76

COREY CUBICK  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

It was evident the Salukis were still in practice mode Friday night.

A lackluster week of practice carried into the SIU men's basketball team's 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 was kind of hard to get up for this game," said junior point guard Marcus Belcher, who scored four points, dished out a team-high, five assists and snatched seven boards. "Our chemistry wasn't there, we weren't gelling in the first half."

A stern halftime lecture from Saluki head coach Bruce Weber motivated the troops to a more inspired effort in the second half, as SIU outscored WBO 56-30 in the final 20 minutes.

"[Halftime] really wasn't pretty," Belcher said. Weber warned his squad about its lethargic practice effort, and it was visible they weren't ready to play after the first group of substitutions checked in. SIU's 10-point lead quickly became a one point deficit.

"I called the timeout and said I hate to be like my dad, but I told you guys," Weber said. "I think the best stat from the first half is that we had 15 fouls. When you get a bunch of fouls like that, you're not ready to play."

"It's good because everything, for me, fell into place. They might even start to think I'm pretty smart because I predicted what was going to happen."

After the half, the Salukis just outran its slower, less athletic opponent. Weber was disappointed with the competition because it was simply too easy for SIU to score.

And while that's not usually something a coach complains about, Weber wanted his team tested before Long Beach State University comes to the Arena Friday night for the season opener.

"These guys were just kind of laying back in the lane and left us wide open for three," said sophomore guard Kent Williams, who scored 14 points and had four steals.



JESSE DRURY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU sophomore forward Jermaine Dearman throws down a dunk in SIU's 115-76 victory against World Basketball Opportunities in the final exhibition game Friday night.

"That's not going to happen [in the regular season]."

Sophomore forward Jermaine Dearman led the high-scoring affair with 20 points and 10 rebounds, while senior

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