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# Alcoholic energy drinks newest campus craze

LEAH STOVER  
Daily Egyptian

The combination of alcohol and caffeine is not a new concept, but after reports of students being hospitalized after drinking alcoholic energy drinks such as Four Loko, university health care officials have begun to ban the canned beverages from campuses across the country.

Drinks like Four Loko, Tilt, Jooze and Liquid Charge received media attention after reports of students of Ramapo College in New Jersey and Central Washington University being hospitalized after drinking the beverages caused a sharp rise in health concerns related to the drinks.

"What happens in this combination is the stimulant can mask the side effects of alcohol," Chris Fralish, alcohol and drug abuse coordinator in the Wellness Center said. "You may have a very high blood alcohol concentration, but you don't feel it."

The masking affect has led to hospitalizations throughout the country because people who consume the product can have too much alcohol in their blood and they overdose, Fralish said.

According to the Four Loko website, the highly-caffeinated alcoholic based beverage is sold in a 23.5 ounce can which contains either six or 12 percent alcohol by volume, depending on state regulations. The product was introduced to the market in August of 2008 and has approximately the same alcohol content as wine, but far less alcohol by volume than hard liquor, the site says.

Aaron Gholar, a former SIUC student from Chicago, said the

popularity of caffeinated alcoholic drinks lies in their taste. While alcohol combined with soft drinks or juice tastes too strong, he said the taste of caffeinated alcoholic drinks is similar to energy drinks like Red Bull.

The use of energy drinks in society is a growing phenomenon, Fralish said. When combined with alcohol, the caffeine content in energy drinks can offset the central nervous system by intermingling a stimulant and a depressant, he said.

With the average can priced at less than five dollars, Gholar said he drinks Four Loko for the convenience buzz. Even after consuming one can of the drink, he said a person would get slightly intoxicated, but he said he does believe it's possible to drink responsibly.

Due to the alcohol content in Four Loko and other alcoholic energy drinks, Fralish said the danger is the intent of the product. Despite the information on the can that states "Drink responsibly," he said it's nearly impossible to consume the drinks with an intent other than intoxication.

Alcohol moderately used as a social enhancement has few risks, Fralish said, but if the reason for purchasing the drink is to get intoxicated, there can be dangerous side effects.

Because alcohol and caffeine are diuretics, Fralish said immediate side effects include dehydration and trouble sleeping. In the long term, he said organ damage, an irregular heartbeat and even heart attacks can occur.

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Four Loko, among several other alcoholic energy drinks, has gained national media attention after several college students have been sent to the hospital after consuming the

product. Caffeine in the drink can cover the side effects of alcohol, which leads the consumer to feel less intoxicated and may lead to alcohol poisoning.

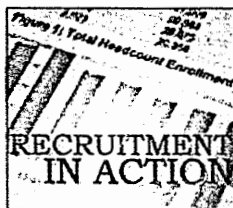
# Liberal Arts' large size, diversity helps and hurts recruitment

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Alan Vaux says the College of Liberal Arts' diversity is students' greatest incentive to enroll, but also their greatest challenge.

Liberal Arts is the largest college at SIUC, with roughly 40 percent of all credit hours on campus coming from it, said Vaux, dean of the college. Although the college's on-campus undergraduate enrollment increased 2 percent from 2,844 to 2,900 between fall 2009 and fall 2010, he said recruiting remains difficult with low staff numbers.

"I don't know how much (recruitment) we can afford to do," Vaux said. "With the challenges we face with low staffing, if somebody



wanted us to send out letters to prospective students, and we have 22,000 prospects ... I don't even want to know how long it takes to stuff 22,000 envelopes."

He said most undergraduate program directors also serve as faculty due to the college's large size.

"We have all these undergraduate program directors but they are

also faculty ... and being faculty is their (main) job," he said. "They go to open houses, but it's hard to get them out on the road far away to just recruit for their department."

Despite the college's slight increase in enrollment numbers this semester, numbers have been at a steady decline for the last five years, he said.

"We're the traditional core of the university, and I think an awful lot of our recruitment really rises and falls with the university's recruiting," he said. "It's really critical. We certainly do our share, but if it's going well, we do well. But if it's going poorly, we do poorly."

Anita Hutton, assistant to the dean and in charge of recruitment and retention, student and curricu-

lar affairs and the college's extern program, said there are some well-established programs that help the college's recruitment.

The Extern Program, coordinated by SIUC Alumni Association, is used as a retention tool, she said. The program is similar to an internship but occurs only during spring break, and is available for juniors and seniors. It averages 200 students each year and is offered within all SIUC's colleges, she said.

"Students get paired up with a professional in their field," Hutton said. "We've had students go on and get full internships from it, a job offer and some more lines on their resume."

The program also helps students decide whether to solidify or

modify their academic career choice based on their experience, she said. A student's indecisiveness regarding his or her major is not necessarily bad as many of the college's majors complement each other, she said.

"I try to let parents know that high school students can double major or earn a couple of minors without delaying graduation," Hutton said. "I do this especially with high school students because they have a vague idea of what they want to do."

Vaux said the main issue the college struggles with is getting the word out about all the departments within the college.

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Sam Goldman, of Carbondale, talks with friend Jacquie Betz, of Carbondale, Friday at Carbondale Civic Center before he announced his candidacy for mayor. "Since my retirement I have been looking at options I might pursue, and after much thought and discussion with friends and family, I present myself with a sense of honor and commitment as a candidate for mayor of Carbondale," Goldman said.

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

# Former chancellor to run for mayor's seat

**CHRISTINA SPAKOUSKY**  
Daily Egyptian

Sam Goldman says he spent two years as chancellor of SIUC running on adrenaline, and now he intends to run for mayor of Carbondale as a new challenge.

"Now the adrenaline is starting to ooze out, and that scares me," Goldman said. "So I would like to pump that back up again, and I need the challenge. I really do."

Goldman, who retired as interim chancellor of SIUC in June, announced his intentions to run for Carbondale mayor Friday at the Civic Center, making him the fourth candidate competing for the position.

Bob Koehn, a longtime friend of Goldman's, said in light of a weak economy and a struggling university, the city needs someone who can draw on ideas that have actually worked.

"Most people can sail a ship on smooth water, but when the storm comes, that's when you hope the skipper in charge has been in a few storms already," Koehn said.

Goldman admitted his inexperience in running for political office, but said his experience as chancellor and a track record of bringing people together would set him apart from the rest of the candidates.

"I have never run for political office, I've been involved with politics for a lot of years, but this presented a very unique opportunity for me. The only promise I make, with assurance that it will never be broken, is that as mayor I will devote my abilities and energies to meeting our city's challenges," Goldman said.

Maintaining and enriching the bond between the city and the university is near the top of Goldman's campaign, he said. He said just putting up a "Welcome to Saluki Country" sign isn't enough, but working with and listening to students' concerns and ideas would benefit the city.

"Should (students) volunteer some ideas that sound very reasonable, I will see to it that it gets done," Goldman said.

Lee Hayden, president of Liberty Village Retirement Center, said he's

been Goldman's neighbor for two years. He said Goldman would make an excellent mayor.

"Now that Sam's not chancellor, he says 'I'm bored. I don't know what to do,'" Hayden said.

Goldman joins ex-hospital administrator George Maroney, Councilman Joel Fritzler and local business manager Brent Ritzel as competitors for the office held by Mayor Brad Cole.

Three seats on city council will also need to be filled, but only two people have announced intentions to run.

Donald Monty, a former assistant city manager and longtime Carbondale resident, and Jerrold Hennrick, an SIUC graduate and homeowner, said they both have enough signatures to become registered candidates, which must be done by Nov. 22.

The general elections for mayor and city council are scheduled for April 5. If five or more candidates file for the position of mayor and/or 13 or more candidates file for the three council positions by Nov. 15, a primary election will be held Feb. 22.

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# Students network with top executives

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Anil Mehta says networking is one of the most important factors that helps decide whether a student has an average career or an exceptional one.

"When you are in your freshman year of college you don't know where you will go or what you will do when you graduate, and sometimes you don't even know when you are a senior, but you know you need to go to college," he said. "In the same way, you don't know what will come out of networking... but you need to do it."

Mehta, a graduate student in computer engineering from India and coordinator of Southern Illinois University Innovative Systems, said the conference's many locations made it difficult to get an accurate headcount, but 366 students registered for the conference online and 100 signed up at the conference last year.

The conference ran Thursday through Saturday and featured more than 20 speakers from the top of their respective industries. Tutorials and presentations were given while topics such as industrial development, trends in technology and the downturn of the economy were discussed.

Ogden Dlima, a graduate student in electrical and computer engineering from India, said the conference differed from regular job fairs he has attended because of the personal connections it helped to create.

"Every time I go to a job fair and ask if they have any jobs open in engineering... they go blank," he said. "Here people have actually gotten jobs directly by meeting these people and getting their names recommended to a company instead of being in a database of 10,000

(applicants) for one job."

Getting the top industry executives to come to Carbondale should be attributed to magic, Mehta said.

"I approach these individuals after I spend weeks, if not months, reading about them and their work and how it relates to SIU and the students," he said. "Then I approach the individual with the offer that their work truly relates to our school."

Dlima said coffee socials, banquets and dinners at the conference gave students one-on-one interaction with lecturers.

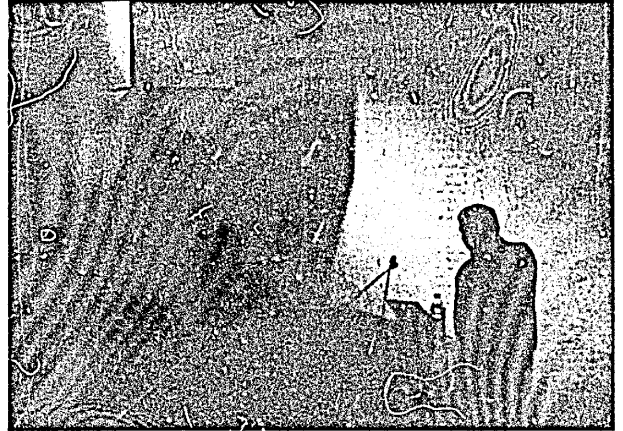
"The other night we had a dinner at Hunan. We were just sitting and talking with a keynote speaker who is the president of Aerospace Defence, Rolls-Royce," he said. "I mean, that's a big person coming down here to Carbondale, and having that one-on-one interaction is great."

Speakers ranged from Dan Korte, president of the Defence Aerospace division of Rolls-Royce Inc, who discussed the development of low-cost, longer-lasting hardware that will save money and reduce carbon footprints, to Faisal Ishitay, senior researcher in computer vision for Motorola Research and Development, who spoke about the multimedia revolution and how energy saving has resulted from new compression technology.

Mehta said while the speaker's discussions are relevant and important for students the underlying theme of the conference is career networking.

He said he wants the students to know of the enormous opportunities available to them and the conference can provide them with the tools they need to be successful with those opportunities after they leave SIUC.

"My goal is to ignite the fire in these students so they can start believing they can be



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Venkata Majeti, founder and CEO of Cadant, gives a presentation to students Friday about building startup companies in the Student Center Auditorium. Majeti, along with several other industry leaders, was in town for the student-run Southern Illinois University Innovative Systems 2010 conference.

entrepreneurs and innovators and to not say 'The economy is doing badly. I don't know what to do' but say 'The economy is not doing so great so here is what I will do to change that. We want that innovative thinking in them,'" he said.

Mehta said the conference is completely student-run. Nine teams of students were involved with the organization, including a web team, a publicity team and a management team, he said.

Leo Saruwatari, a senior from Bloomington studying computer engineering, said he became involved as the student projects coordinator after he attended the conference

two years ago and realized it is never too early to start a networking circle.

"We have social hours set aside for students and speakers for open discussions and exchange of ideas," he said. "The goal is for a speaker to remember a student and say 'Hey, I need to remember this kid' and when he goes back to his company and they are going through the hiring process he remembers the kid from Carbondale."

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"The cost of marketing is a big issue for us in terms of our majors," he said. "A lot of our programs have tried to develop new brochures, but it's hard to have the money to do that."

Ashley Jordan, a senior from Blue Island studying psychology and an undergraduate student government senator for the College of Liberal Arts, said she is surveying students about improvements needed to be made within the college, particularly its website. She said she believes most students are not aware of the website or do not use it as an additional resource.

"The one thing I hear students talk about most is wanting more advisement," she said. "Maybe if there is something on the website that walks them through courses they can take, they would use it more."

Jordan said she is a member of SIUC's McNair Scholars Program, which is for first-generation college students or individuals in underserved groups in higher education. The program is

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—Ashley Jordan student studying psychology

a mentoring network, sponsoring activities that lay foundation for research and academic skills, according to the SIUC website.

"SIUC is predominantly first-generation students, but (the university) shouldn't stop mentoring students after their first year. (The university) needs to continue mentoring until the student completes their degree," Jordan said.

Jordan said although she believes the College of Liberal Arts is doing well with recruitment, there is always room for improvement.

"I think the college doesn't know what the students think about COLA and want to find out," she said. "It's challenging (with such a large college), but not impossible."

Under the guidance of Dr. Meera Komaraju, associate professor of psychology, Jordan and

several other psychology students are researching the differences between student's expectations and experience at SIUC, she said.

"With this research, we are trying to detect how we can better improve retention and enrollment by looking at degree commitment," Jordan said.

Hutton said students like Jordan are key to discovering the best method of recruitment by communicating with the rest of the university community.

"We may have an idea about what students want, but students may have a different idea about what would be beneficial," Hutton said.

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Kenneth Heidemann, a senior from Chicago studying political science, said though he doesn't drink the beverages, he has heard of students dying because of excessive stimulant intake. Some students use stimulants such as prescription medicines intended to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder with energy drinks to keep them awake while they party or study, he said.

Fralish said a majority of students don't take into account the negative effects caffeinated alcoholic drinks can have, and it could be because of a lack of accurate information.

"A lot of information that students receive on substances are from their peers," he said. "Those sources might have justification and rationalizations for what they believe, but they may not know the facts."

Though Four Loko isn't sold in southern Illinois, Fralish said there are substitutes that have similar effects. He said when it comes to pre-

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— Aaron Gholar former SIUC student from Chicago

vention, regulation tends to be the best technique. With Red Bull and other energy drinks readily available in the Student Center and in off-campus gas stations, he said providing information on risk and harm reduction would help to reduce the problem.

Max Schramm, a junior from Winnetka studying sociology, said he wasn't aware the drinks were sold in the southern Illinois area. He said he heard of students drinking too much and was familiar with the use of other stimulants, but didn't think it happened at SIUC.

Fralish said the popularity of the drinks in southern Illinois is likely to grow, especially with the recent media attention. He said it's important for students to be aware of the dangers, especially because the product is usually purchased with the intent of intoxication.

"It really comes down to quantity, frequency, over time," Fralish said. "The more you drink it, and the more often you drink, it won't be beneficial in the long run."

Gholar said he considers himself an advocate for drinking responsibly and believes it's possible to consume the drinks without problems, as long as the drinker is aware of what is happening to his or her body.

"The only problem is that you might not know when you've reached your point and you might get too drunk," he said.

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**VOLLEYBALL**

**Salukis fall to eighth in MVC**

**BRANDON LACHANCE**  
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The Salukis fell to eighth place in the Missouri Valley Conference after they lost 3-0 to Illinois State Friday and 3-2 to Indiana State Saturday.

Illinois State won 27-25, 25-20 and 25-17 to sweep the Salukis, while Indiana State beat SIU in a tough, five-game battle. SIU won the first and fourth games 25-14 and 25-18, but fell in the second, third and fifth games 25-17, 25-21 and 15-13.

SIU coach Brenda Winkler said her team's occasional good play was overshadowed by poor passing and errors.

"There were points where we played very well, but dug ourselves in

a lot of deep holes by not executing on passing, (and) turning digs into kills. We just didn't come out with intensity," Winkler said.

She said SIU made comebacks late in both matches but they were a little too late.

Sophomore setter Rachael Brown said the Salukis' inconsistent play in both matches resulted in the two losses.

"We would get a good hit, serve well and then we would make a mistake and go on streaks of two or three points where we would lose," Brown said. "You just can't have that in a competitive match."

The Salukis' next two matches are against Missouri State and Wichita State 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Davies Gymnasium.

**GYMNASTICS**

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Sara Baer, an associate professor in plant biology at SIU, finished third in the uneven bars and said Saturday was her first gymnastics club meet. Her main goal was to maintain her skills in gymnastics, but students in the club persuaded her to compete, she said.

"I'm very glad that they did. It was a fun and fulfilling experience," Baer said.

The Saluki Gymnastics Club awarded dog tags instead of trophies at the meet to the top three finishers in each event. Macias said the tags were used as a way to entice participants to compete again next year.

Macias plans to move competitions from Ultimate Gymnastics to

**"It would also seem like it's not a club that's off to the side of the university. It's my impression that everybody loves to watch gymnastics."**

— Sara Baer  
associate professor in plant biology at SIU

the Recreation Center in 2011 if the club continues drawing audiences.

"I'll take a lot of friends calling friends," Macias said.

Macias said water jug anchors would be required to hook to the equipment's metal bases in order for the Recreation Center to host a gymnastics meet without drilling into the floor.

"That requires me finagling some of the people that I know up north and then trying to get all that equipment down here," Macias said.

Waclawek said she suggested

the idea to Macias and Collebrusco because even if the meet were early it would draw more students.

"It would also seem like it's not a club that's off to the side of the university," Baer said. "It's my impression that everybody loves to watch gymnastics."

The Saluki Gymnastics Club will compete next at Ohio State University.

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**BASKETBALL**

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"It was very good for us and I let it happen," Lowery said. "I wanted them to see what it's like when you don't come ready to play and anybody can beat you."

The team found a way to get sophomore Gene Teague involved in the game in the second half, as Indianapolis heavily guarded him to limit scoring and rebounding opportunities, senior guard John Freeman said.

"We saw they were trapping Gene every time he touched it and started doing some crossing as well," Freeman said. "Gene's a great

passer so we figured that's what we want them to do is trap Gene, so it will open up for the guards even more."

Despite Indianapolis' double team on Teague, he led the Salukis with 13 points.

The women's team started off with a slow offense. They missed their first five shots until sophomore guard Teri Oliver hit a jumper with 16 minutes 15 seconds on the clock. SIU shot 9-of-37, or 24 percent from the field, in the first half, but woke up in the second to go 17-of-39, or 44 percent.

Tiber said she thinks her team experienced first-game jitters

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— Chris Lowery  
SIU men's coach

because she has seen them shoot better in practice.

"I know our team shoots better than we shot today; I know we will shoot better," Tiber said. "But I was discouraged of how flat we came out."

Oliver said the team went into overdrive after Tiber challenged them. Oliver finished with a game-high 19 points and had five steals,

as many as the entire Illinois-Springfield team.

"Coach Tiber called timeout and said her expectation for us was to score 75 points," Oliver said. "We had finished with 72 and at the end of the game we had people on the court that people wouldn't expect us to have on the court and we still scored."

Tiber challenged the Salukis

because they respond well to competitive drills, goals, challenges and expectations, she said.

Other contributors in the game were senior forward Katrina Swingler and freshmen center CiCi Shannon with nine points and nine rebounds apiece.

The men's season opens against University of Illinois at 7 p.m. Saturday in Champaign while the women's team will play University Tennessee-Martin 7:05 p.m. Friday in the first official game at the renovated SIU Arena.

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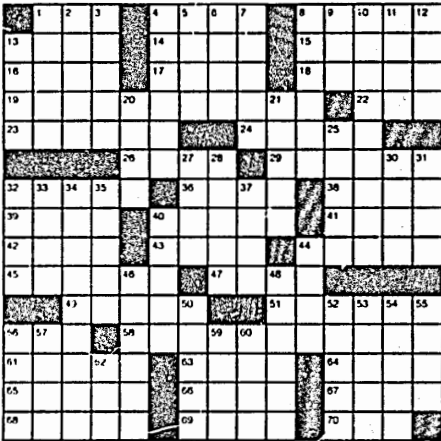
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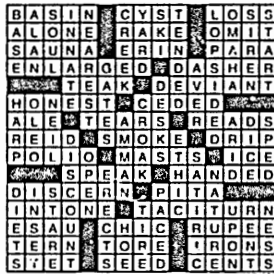
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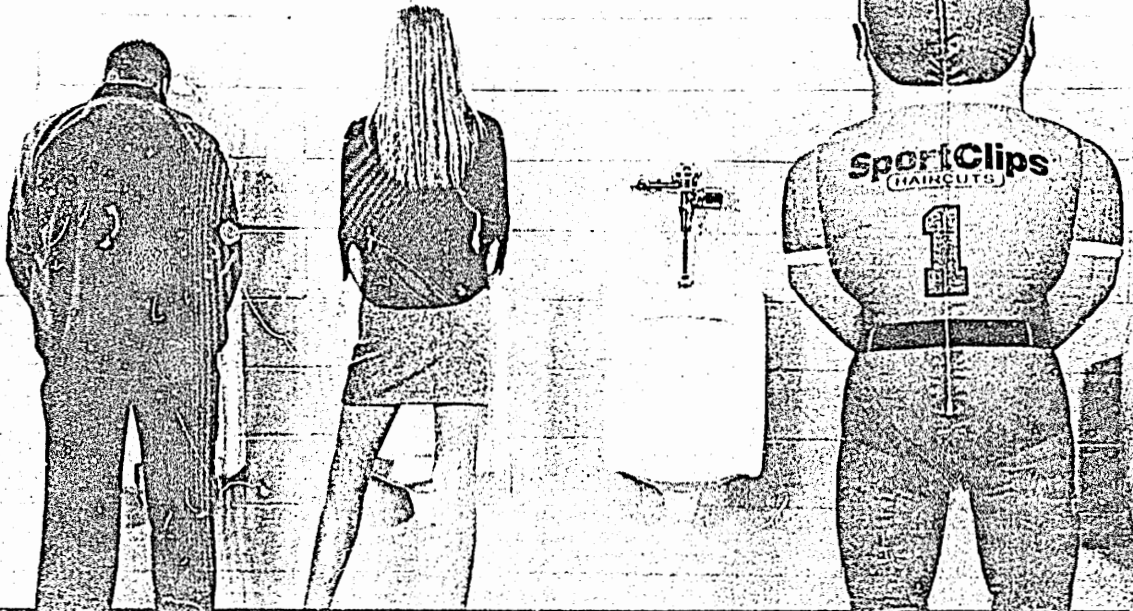
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## BASKETBALL

# Exhibitions give Salukis pointers

BRANDON LACHANCE  
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SIU men and women's basketball teams worked out more kinks as they won exhibition games Saturday at the SIU Arena.

The men beat the University of Indianapolis 65-58 in their second exhibition game while the women beat the University of Illinois-Springfield 72-46 in their only exhibition game of the season. Both teams started off sluggish, then woke up in the second halves of the games to get the wins.

**66** Everything was casual. We're Southern and they're Indy, that's complete disrespect to them. We knew they lost at Purdue; we're going to do the same thing and do this and that. They showed up and we didn't.

— Chris Lowery  
SIU men's coach

"Everything was casual. We're Southern and they're Indy, that's complete disrespect to them," Lowery said. "We knew they lost at Purdue; we're going to do the same thing and do this and that. They showed up and we didn't."

Indianapolis shot 61 percent from the field in the first half but struggled when SIU played better defense, going 6-of-23 for 26 percent in the second half.

Although his team struggled, Lowery said he didn't change anything because he wanted his team to use this game for what an exhibition is: a learning lesson.

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Senior forward Carlton Fay struggles for a rebound Saturday during the Salukis' home exhibition game against the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds. The Salukis won 65-58.

## GYMNASTICS

# SIU springs success

BRANDON COLEMAN  
Daily Egyptian

Joann Wacławek said she had to tune out other gymnasts competing simultaneously during her third-place balance beam routine at the first Saluki style Invitational hosted by Saluki Gymnastics Club at Ultimate Gymnastics in Carbondale.

Events such as the even bars, vault and floor routines were going on while Wacławek, a senior from West Frankfort studying recreation science, was on the beam Saturday, she said.

"I can only practice once a week for an hour, so I just do what I know I how to do," she said.

Brandon Macias, a graduate student in kinesiology and the event's organizer, won the men's floor event for the Saluki Gymnastics Club.

Junior Tyler Jno-Baptiste competed in his first gymnastics meet and placed second in the men's vault behind Doug Bucholz, an alumni of the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs.

The first gymnastics meet held in Carbondale since 1989 brought club teams from Purdue, Northern Illinois, Xavier, Sun Elite Gymnastics Club and NAIGC alumni to compete, Macias said.

Junior Laura Collebrusco, Saluki Gymnastics Club president, ran the meet with Macias, he said.

"One of the snags we ran into was the scoring software ... jumbled up the scores (and) the names and the affiliation to the school. She jumped right in and fixed that," Macias said.

The Saluki Gymnastics Club and their opposing club form comradely sportsmanship among each other at every club meet because of constant interaction at meets and while teaching gymnastics, Macias said.

"At the end of the meet, everyone goes over and watches the event. It's not like as soon as they're done ... they hangout. They're hoping to see something cool or something big," Macias said.

Wacławek said every gymnast who competes at the club level is more relaxed. If someone attempts a difficult trick and doesn't quite land it, he or she brushes it off and doesn't worry about it as much as a NCAA or professional gymnast would, she said.

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Joann Wacławek, a senior from West Frankfort studying recreation science, competes on the balance beam Saturday at the first Saluki Style Invitational at Ultimate Gymnastics. Wacławek finished third in beam, closely following Brienne Lehnig in second and Ashley Smith in first.

PAT SUTPHIN  
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## FOOTBALL

# Southern Illinois drops third straight conference game

NICK JOHNSON  
Daily Egyptian

Not even a parity-ridden Missouri Valley Conference can help the Salukis into the FCS playoffs this season after they guaranteed themselves a losing record with a 20-6 loss to North Dakota State.

After scoring 41 points Oct. 30 against Missouri State, the SIU offense didn't score a touchdown Saturday in the Fargodome in Fargo, N.D. Senior quarterback Chris Dieker turned the ball over four times in the Salukis' (3-6, 2-4 MVFC) third straight conference loss.

Dieker threw an interception in the

Bison red zone early and lost three fumbles in the fourth quarter.

SIU has 22 turnovers on the season and is minus-9 in the giveaway/takeaway margin. The SIU game put North Dakota State (6-3, 3-3 MVFC) up to plus-3 in the turnover margin for the season.

"We came up on the short end with the turnover margin, and that's kind of been something we've struggled with all year long," SIU coach Dale Lennon said.

Dieker wasn't the only Saluki to fumble. Senior Korey Lindsey fumbled on a first-quarter punt return and the ball was recovered by senior SIU return man Sammy Biggs. Biggs also fumbled on a kickoff in the third quarter, but the

Salukis were able to recover.

"They just got a good pass rush really all day," Dieker said. "When they did that, it kind of limited our throws and the time that we could sit in the pocket to develop the throw."

SIU was down 13-6 in the fourth when Dieker's second fumble set up the Bison at the Saluki 38. Three plays later, Bison quarterback Jose Mohler found tight end Landon Smith for the game-sealing 32-yard touchdown pass.

SIU will play its final two games this season at home, hosting Western Illinois at 1 p.m. Saturday and Indiana State at 1 p.m. Nov. 20.

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