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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE

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Fee passes despite concerns



SIU Trustee Bill Norwood expresses his support for the technology tuition surcharge during Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting. Norwood said he believes students will receive the full value of education with the money spent.



An empty chair sits next to SIU Board of Trustees Chairman A.D. VanMeter during Thursday's board meeting in Carbondale. The chair was meant to seat SIU President Ted Sanders, but he reportedly has been sick this week and was unable to attend the meeting. The meeting was to be Sanders' last official board meeting before his departure from the University in February.

With a 'going away' party outside for an absent Sanders, BOT approves \$2 technology surcharge

STORY BY TIM CHAMBERLAIN
PHOTOS BY JASON KNISER

A technology surcharge was approved by the SIU Board of Trustees Thursday, though concerns were still voiced by the Carbondale student trustee.

Ben Syfert, SIUC student trustee, was the lone vote opposing the surcharge, citing concerns about the actual use of the funds generated and properly holding the University accountable for the money.

"At the present time, we still have nothing concrete to indicate that this additional revenue is nothing more than cost shifting," Syfert said.

The tuition surcharge adds \$2 per credit hour and is intended for the upgrade of public access computers, which are computing facilities intended for use by students either in connection with general studies or specific courses.

The measure could have been voted on at the Nov. 11 board meeting, but Syfert requested the postponement of action for a month in order to more fully consider the proposal.

Syfert said he did not doubt the guarantees of interim Chancellor John Jackson or Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard that the funds would be used properly and that student committees would oversee the use of the funds, but said his concerns stem from the possibility of new

people in these positions.

"Given the constant change in upper-level administrative positions recently, I believe this warrants a little more accurate standard in assuring that plans and approved expenditures are actually carried out, and the funds generated are earmarked and are indeed used for their original purpose," Syfert said.

Part of this process would include regular audits for at least the next three years in order to assure the proper use of the funds.

Jackson responded to Syfert's concerns with two points: student committees will be involved in the administration of the funds, and the University is absolutely willing to have the entire process openly examined.

Jackson said three "student-driven oversight committees" will have access to all data about the funds and will participate in decisions as to how the money should be spent. Yearly audits are also "a fine idea," Jackson said, because the University is willing to operate openly regarding these funds.

"I think, basically, we need the opportunity

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Shadow cast over USG meeting

Five resolutions regarding Student Judicial Affairs operations are postponed as two others are passed

GINNY SKALSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Five of seven resolutions demanding Student Judicial Affairs to change the way it operates were postponed indefinitely after a last-minute resolution was submitted at Wednesday night's Undergraduate Student Government meeting.

Gus Bodo



Gus says: Forget the national search. I couldn't let this one go. It's nice to know USG is a vehicle for personal vendettas.

Evergreen Terrace Sen. Chuck Miller amended the agenda by adding a resolution that requested the USG executive staff to recommend that

College of Business senator brings up resolutions against judicial board that suspended him in connection with sexual assault

DAVID FERRARA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

An Undergraduate Student Government senator convicted in a campus hearing on charges stemming from a sexual attack brought charges against the University's judicial board last week at a town hall meeting.

Josh R. Dean of Rockford was elected as a USG College of Business senator at its Sept. 15 meeting.

He was arrested in January on charges of criminal sexual assault and criminal sexual abuse in relation to an incident that occurred in Schneider Hall. During a bench trial (where only a judge, not a jury, hears a case) in July, Jackson County Judge David Watt Jr. found Dean not guilty, saying he believes sexual assaults are prevalent in on-campus residence halls.

After a hearing with Judicial Affairs about the attack, Dean was suspended from SIUC indefinitely effective next semester, according to the victim, who was present at the judicial hearing on campus in October.

The victim said she was upset that Dean was allowed to remain on campus for the remainder of the semester, but felt relieved that he would leave in January.

Now, in what appears to be retaliation against Judicial Affairs, Dean is calling for the ousting of Terry Huffman, director of Judicial Affairs. Dean penned seven resolutions this week that questioned the integrity of Judicial Affairs and its practices.

Along with USG President Sean Henry and Senator Eric Waltmire, Dean pushed for the resolutions at Wednesday's USG meeting, saying students should be allowed to have a lawyer speak on their behalf during a hearing.

Student government representatives also questioned whether Judicial Affairs is guilty of placing a defendant in double jeopardy.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Jean Paratore said she could not recall a similar complaint proposed by the USG since she arrived in 1981.

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Southern Illinois ForeCAST

TODAY:
Showers
High: 53
Low: 45

SATURDAY:
Cloudy
High: 54
Low: 36

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

- An SIUC student told University police her purse was stolen from a classroom in the Blue Barracks at 1:38 p.m. Wednesday. There was no estimate of value, and there are no suspects in this incident.
- An SIUC student told University police his watch was stolen from his room in Mac Smith Hall between 4 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Monday. The watch was valued at more than \$300. There are no suspects in this incident.
- An SIUC student told University police someone entered his room in Schneider Hall and stole \$85 between 11:30 p.m. Wednesday and 3:30 a.m. Thursday. Police said there is no evidence of forced entry. There are no suspects in this incident.
- University police arrested and charged four men with criminal damage to state-supported property after they were found in an underground tunnel near Life Science II at 1:37 a.m. Thursday. Matthew E. McCormick, 21, Brent R. Livingston, 19, and Kevin N. Bochenek, 18, all of Carbondale, were released after posting \$100 cash bond. David H. Schroeder, 21, of Carbondale, also was arrested and charged with obstructing justice. He was taken to Jackson County Jail. As of Thursday afternoon Schroeder's bond had not been set.

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TODAY

- Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange.
- The French Table meeting, every Fri., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Booby's
- Organization of Multi-Ethnic Students in Education meeting, 5 p.m., Wham 219, Michael 351-8044.
- Japanese Table meeting, every Fri., 6 to 8 p.m., Melange Cafe, Janet 453-5429.

- Cast Your Votes Crusade Choir millennium concert, 6 p.m., Walnut Street Baptist Church, tickets \$5 in advance and \$5 at the door, 529-8965.

- Chi Alpha Campus Ministries meeting, every Fri., 6:30 p.m., Wham 105, Elsa 529-4395.

- Science Fiction and Fantasy Society join us and watch science fiction, fantasy and Japanese animation videos, 7 p.m., Video Lounge Student Center, Mike 549-3527.

- Small Potatoes Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso concert, 7 p.m., Cousin Andy's Coffee House, admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and low income.

UPCOMING

- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs help building, painting, and refurbishing houses, Dec. 11, 8 a.m., John 529-3311.

- Strategic Games Society meeting, every Sat., noon to close, Student Center, Sean 457-6489.

- B-Fly Entertainment Hip-Hop Showcase, Dec. 11, 6 p.m., Student Center Auditorium, \$5 tickets \$6 at the door, Papillon 549-4256.

- Friends of Traditional Music and Dance Old Time Contra Dance, Dec. 11, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., Murphysboro Community Center, \$4 admission, Barb 549-1559.

- Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois annual meeting and election of officers, Dec. 12, library open noon to 4:30 p.m., elections

- 2:15 p.m., John A Logan College, Betty 457-6043.

- The Black Togetheress Organization is offering a free movie and food, Dec. 12, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Basement of Grinnell, Teresa 536-2054.

- Voices of Inspiration the final gospel concert of the millennium entitled "The Ties That Bind," Dec. 12, 3 p.m., Student Center Ballrooms C and D, Jerome 536-6574.

- Lambda Omega Graduate Chapter Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Gospel Musical Food Drive, Dec. 12, 3:30 p.m., Horse of Refuge 215 E. Sycamore St., Dennis 453-2268.

- Library Affairs Introduction to constructing Web pages, Dec. 13, 1 to 3 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.

- SPC Films Committee meeting to help choose films for the student community, every Mon., 6:30 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, Amanda 536-3393.

- On Campus Debate Society meeting, every Mon. and Wed., 6:15 p.m., Communication Building Room 2005, James 351-9447.

- Outdoor Adventure Club meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Chris 351-4458.

- Ballroom Dance Club meeting and lesson, every Mon., 7 to 9 p.m., \$15 for students \$20 for non-students, Davies Gym, Chia-ling 351-8855.

- Student Programming Channel television show on SPC-TV called B-Television, every Mon., 7 p.m., Channel 24/SPC-TV, Neil 453-6550.

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

- Japanese Table holds informal conversation in Japanese and English over lunch, every Tues.,

- noon, Student Center Cambria Room, Janet 453-5429.

- Library Affairs Intermediate Web page construction, Dec. 14, 2 to 4 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.

- Society of Professional Hispanic Engineers meeting, every Tues., 6 p.m., Engineering Building A Room 319, David 536-1268.

- Blacks In Communication Alliance meeting, every Tues., 7:30 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Erica 536-6798.

- Library Affairs Web CT overview, Dec. 15, 9 to 10 a.m., Morris Library Room 15, Instructional Applications for the Web, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.

- Blacks Interested in Business meeting, every Wed., 6 p.m., Mackinaw Room Student Center, Michael 549-3115.

- Latter-Day Saint Student Association learn about the bible and the church, every Wed., 4 p.m., Sangamon Room Student Center, Willis 536-6989.

- PRSSA meeting, every Wed., 5 p.m., Lawson Hall 101.

- Pi Sigma Epsilon co-ed business fraternity meeting, every Wed., 6 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Eric 351-9049.

- AnimeKai Japanese animated video club, every Wed., 6 to 8 p.m., Faner 1125 Language Media Center Video Room, Bill 536-7447.

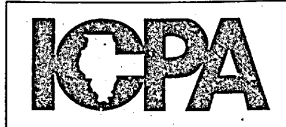
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- Residence Hall Association meeting, every Wed., 7 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, Scott 536-7177.

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THIS DAY IN 1990

- More than 100 people of all ages marched in protest of President Bush's Middle East policy in Carbondale and received some signs of approval from passing motorists. Forming two groups at the east and west limits of Carbondale, protesters carried signs and banners along Route 13 and converged at Illinois Avenue before going to the Newman Center for a rally.
- A U.S.-chartered Iraqi airliner carrying nearly 175 Americans left Baghdad for Germany, just hours after a smaller group of freed hostages touched down in Texas to cries of joy from their families.
- An investigation by Physical Plant employees was being continued to determine the cause of the fire that brought two fire trucks to Morris Library at about 9:15 p.m. that Thursday.



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SIUC Greek Millennium Initiative hits final stages

BYRON SCOTT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIUC Greek Millennium Initiative is in its final revision stage and will replace Select 2000 next semester, according to Interfraternity Council president Matt Arnold.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said Dec. 2 at an Inter-Greek Council meeting he would discuss the greek initiative with Board of Trustees at its Thursday board meeting. But the board did not discuss the initiative at the meeting because the proposal is still being worked out.

Greek leaders will submit the final draft of the

proposal Monday to Jackson. The initiative will be implemented when Jackson receives approval from the board, which could be anytime after Monday.

The initiative, the rebuttal compromise to Select 2000, is a program using input from SIUC greeks on how to govern greek activities. Select 2000 was a set of rules mandated for all SIUC greeks and did not include any greek input.

One new change to the initiative is what Arnold called the "Bring Your Own Beer" policy for social functions.

The policy allows each 21-year-and-older fraternity member to bring five beers to functions because anything exceeding five beers constitutes binge drink-

ing.

Then, each member planning to drink alcohol will put the beer in a centralized location, receive a wristband and get five tickets. When the fraternity members run out of tickets, their wristbands will be taken, and they will no longer be allowed to drink alcohol at that social function.

The "Bring Your Own Beer" policy, however, does not apply to functions at which a third-party vendor, such as a bar, is involved.

Sorority members are not allowed to have alcohol at the sorority house because of national regulations. The policy also requires each chapter to provide five sober drivers and five sober monitors at the functions.

A little TWIST of the DICKENS

STORY BY
ERIN FAROGLIA

WHEN JASON HEDRICK DRESSES TONIGHT FOR HIS ROLE AS THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST IN "TWISTED DICKENS III," HE WILL SLIP INTO A WHITE ELVIS PRESLEY COSTUME COVERED IN RHINESTONES INSTEAD OF THE TRADITIONAL GARLAND HEAD WREATH AND ROBE.

This year the characters of Charles Dickens' holiday classic, "A Christmas Carol," will be transformed into a rastafarian Bob Marley, an office executive and a Las Vegas Elvis Presley at the Greylight Theater's annual mangling, "Twisted Dickens III."

The adaptation is a structured environmental

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JEFF CURRY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Elvis, played by Jason Hedrich, a graduate student in speech communication, and Elanor Scrooge, played by Diana Tegerly, a Maion resident, watch as Ellie, played by Mel James, a Murphysboro resident, plays the guitar in the dress rehearsal for Twisted Dickens III. The play will begin tonight at 8 and will continue at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Douglass School Art Place in Murphysboro. A \$5 donation is requested. For reservations call, 687-1566. Reservations are recommended.

Voices of Inspiration Gospel Choir searches for unity

STORY BY
ERIN FAROGLIA

THE SIUC VOICES OF INSPIRATION GOSPEL CHOIR INTENDS TO ENCOURAGE UNITY BETWEEN STUDENTS AND THE CARBONDALE COMMUNITY AS ITS NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WITH THIS SEMESTER'S CONCERT, "THE TIES THAT BIND."

Steve Robinson, VOI director, said the concert's theme was inspired by the song "The Ties That Bind," written by the Whitfield Company, representing the need for collaboration and understanding between students and the community.

"It's a shame that entering the new millennium, we still have people hating each other because of the color of their skin," he said. "It should not take a major tragedy to make us realize that we need to come together."

The VOI concert begins 3 p.m. Sunday in the Student Center Ballrooms C and D.

Robinson's selection to incorporate a theme of togetherness stems from his love of music with an inspirational message and community accord.

"The Ties That Bind" is a song of unity," Robinson said. "It talks about what brings us together and what will keep us together — love."

VOI is made of about 50 choir members who are also SIUC students, with a variety of religious backgrounds.

The group meets two times a week and choir members provide each other with the support needed when facing the issues concerning college students. Similarly, VOI hopes to spread the message of connection to other students and the Carbondale community.

Jerome Dorsey, a senior in marketing from Chicago and a member of VOI, said he and the gospel group intends to assist Robinson in spreading the message of love and unity Sunday for the difficult times people may be going through.

"We hope that they are immediately inspired and encouraged through finals week, but also on a longer perspective," he said. "They can learn to love one another more."

VOI has been rehearsing for 13 weeks for Sunday's event. Dorsey said he expects the show to be phenomenal.

"I've been in several choirs throughout my life," he said. "But I think this Sunday's concert is going to be the best one I've ever been a part of."

"For 13 weeks we have been sharing it with ourselves. Now we have a chance to share it with the SIUC campus and the community."

The Voices of Inspiration Gospel Choir's concert "The Ties That Bind," begins 3 p.m. Sunday in the Student Center Ballrooms C and D.

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Sierra Club offers all-day hike

The Sierra Club is offering an all-day hike Saturday to One Horse Gap, an area in the Shawnee National Forest, as part of monthly hiking trips.

The trip is open to anyone, and those who want to attend should meet in the Murdale Shopping Center parking lot at 8 a.m. Saturday. Car-pooling will be used and hikers are expected to provide their own food and drink.

For more information, contact Sandy at 893-4545.

—Burke Speaker

CARBONDALE

Breakfast is served

The Newman Catholic Center, 715 S. Washington St., is sponsoring a free midnight breakfast Sunday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The breakfast includes pancakes, bagels, sausages, orange juice and fruit. Tutors will be available to assist students as they study for final exams. For more information call 529-3311.

—Jennifer Wig

CARBONDALE

Interfaith Center to ring in new year

The Newman Catholic The Interfaith Center, 913 S. Illinois Ave., will celebrate New Years Eve beginning at 9 p.m. Dec. 31.

The center will have a dedication ceremony for the new labyrinth located north of the Interfaith Center.

The labyrinth is a spiritual exercise in which people walk a spiral path to its center, focusing themselves spiritually as they reach the middle.

At 9:30 p.m., and for every half-hour after, community members will read meditations, reflecting on the transition of the new year. The last reading will occur at 2:30 a.m. Jan. 1.

All activities are free and open to the public.

For more information call Hugh Muldoon at 549-7387.

—Jennifer Wig

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OUR WORD

Take your time and do it right

As we head into winter recess, nothing less than the future of SIU is at stake. The clock is rapidly ticking toward President Ted Sanders' departure, which is effective Feb. 1. Given the important mission forming responsibilities of the presidential leadership position, the break-neck pace of this search process could be self-defeating.

As we've said in previous editorials, no one person will make or break the future of SIU, but that doesn't mean we should try to win the Speedy Gonzalez trophy for presidential searches. If we're going to do it all, let's do it right. This means taking the time to do a full search in the same manner any other position of leadership is filled.

The current mood seems to be one that believes that without having a permanent replacement for Sanders in before his seat is cold, SIU will crash and burn. Taking a look around our own campus, it seems that even with interim replacements serving in key roles, the gears are still turning and our campus still functions. If there is any reasonable doubt regarding Sanders' successor, the Board of Trustees should not hesitate to appoint an interim replacement. The SIU world will not cease to turn if by Feb. 1 someone carries the title of interim SIU President.

It is clear that our campus constituencies will not tolerate anything less than fairness, nor should they. This means no sham searches without real

faculty, staff and student input. This time around, the president search cannot be a competition with one judgeable applicant who already carries the board's unofficial stamp of approval.

The frightening part of this is the line in the recently released Guidelines for the Selection of the President that reads: "Prompt completion of the search and selection process is of the utmost importance to the Board of Trustees" — "utmost" being the frightening term. We would like to believe finding a candidate with strong credentials, impeccable leadership qualities and a willingness to work with campus constituency opinions in mind would be the greatest concern. Whether or not this happens remains to be seen.

Whether it takes two months or 22 months to find a new president, quality, not quickness should be the priority on everyone's minds. Should expedience take precedence over excellence, SIU and specifically SIUC will likely experience a similar chain reaction of events that will put our campus right back in the state we are now. Whether you call it a rebuilding period or a transitional state, our University system and our campus needs solid leadership that will provide a foundation to make us an educational powerhouse of Illinois and the surrounding region for years to come. SIU should proceed with the president search with an eye for the future, and there's no putting a stopwatch on a mission that's important.

This means no sham searches without real faculty, staff and student input.

World Trade Organization or bust

The recent brouhaha over the World Trade Organization is the result of misinformation spread by special interest groups poised to benefit from the United States' withdrawal from the organization.

To advance their respective causes, several labor unions, environmental groups and reactionary politicians have leveled specious constitutional, economic, and environmental arguments against the United States' involvement in the WTO. Spread by guileless activists both here at SIUC and at large, these arguments have gained in popularity despite lacking merit.

The only way to have an informed opinion and avoid conjecture is to have the facts, so let's start with the facts.

The WTO is not a maniacal, rogue group of unaccountable bureaucrats fiendishly seeking world domination. Rather, it is a trade organization composed of more than 100 trading partners and is charged with settling trade disputes between member nations and creating and enforcing trade agreements made between member countries.

The concept of the WTO is not new. Its predecessor was the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and came into existence in 1947. Its sole purpose is to facilitate trade between nations and to promote the world economy. Level playing fields and freedom of choice are its main objectives.

The WTO helps eliminate unfair trading practices between member nations and open markets. For example, if country A establishes an emissions standard for its auto manufacturers that imposes a higher standard for imports than for its own domestic manufacturers, and the importing nations complain, the WTO will step in to negotiate a resolution to country A's discriminatory practice.

Furthermore, membership in the WTO is voluntary and its rulings and sanctions are self-imposed. If a member country is sanctioned for refusing to maintain open, fair and competitive markets, and it doesn't agree with the ruling, it is free to leave the organization.

The WTO acts as a kind of referee in the 'sport' of global trade. In a sport,

The Last Word

JEFF HOWARD



The Last Word appears every other Friday. Jeff is a law student. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the Daily Egyptian.

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referees enforce established rules on willing participants of the game. If players violate rules, then they can either accept the punishment or leave the game; it's up to them. In any event, the rules are established, made known, and enforced to facilitate the fair, safe, and efficient play of the game. Whether we like the game or not is irrelevant to the rules imposed on its participants. So when we choose to play the game, we must follow the rules.

When a nation joins the WTO, it does so to promote its trade with other nations, knowing that it must follow consistent rules requiring open and unbiased markets.

Some politicians have drummed up support for their reactionary campaigns through empty scare tactics. They complain the WTO quashes American laws circumventing the legislative process. But this is a mischaracterization of the process. The only body that can quash U.S. law is the judiciary or the legislature; the only thing the WTO can do is revoke our membership if we do not comply with its rulings. Since countries must choose to join the WTO, if they are democratic nations, their legislatures must approve the decision. So when the U.S. Congress chose to join the WTO, it did so knowing that it would have to play the game of world trade by WTO rules. It doesn't get

any more democratic than that!

Moreover, everyone benefits from free trade. Consumers have greater choices and lower prices; corporations benefit from larger revenues and profits; and society benefits from increased innovation, jobs, and tax base. Free and fair trade is a boon to all participating nations. Since WTO's rulings are designed to promote anti-discriminatory trading policy, what's the problem with the legislature removing or amending laws that discriminate against certain trading partners if doing so benefits the citizenry?

Well, labor unions have traditionally had a problem with any public policy that promotes corporate competition because competition requires efficient business practices that preclude payroll largess to union members. It's a lot of hypocrisy because on the one hand unions want the companies in their respective industries to export, and thus thrive, so that their members might benefit. On the other hand, however, they don't want foreign companies importing and potentially taking sales away from domestic companies. But you can't expect to

export freely unless you are willing to receive imports freely.

The WTO is not a maniacal, rogue group of unaccountable bureaucrats fiendishly seeking world domination.

Environmentalists have a different, but equally untenable position. They want third world nations to be held to the same environmental standards as the industrial nations. But here too, a curious paradox arises. Industrial nations are able to tackle environmental problems because they are rich enough to do something about it. Third world nations, however, would face the choice of either having industry or not because the expense of sophisticated, environment-friendly equipment precludes its use. So the upshot of such a policy is to keep poor countries poor by eliminating their industrial capacity.

So the next time you hear someone ranting about the WTO, remember they have an agenda.

OPINION

Guest Column

BRENT COLLINS

Brent is a sophomore in journalism. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the Daily Egyptian.

Santa Claus: license to give

A team of eight flying reindeer dash across international borders in a star-filled sky, facing bitterly cold winds and dangerous altitudes. They pull behind them a sleigh filled with vitally important cargo to be delivered to designated target points around the world.

In charge of this mission is a highly skilled veteran in his field, with hundreds of years of training and experience behind him. Every year he receives billions of mission assignments that must be carried out all in one night. Only special individuals have the stamina, courage, motivation and the skill to complete such a demanding task. In America he is known as Claus, Santa Claus.

Claus bravely faces the torment of the biting cold climate at the North Pole 364 days a year, while patiently anticipating his fan of attack on all the deserving souls around the world. His loyalty to his clients is elaborate to none.

An elaborate elf work force makes the mission of gift giving possible each year. With new gadgets and gizmos, the elves make the gift giving missions easier as Claus goes up against the odds to foil bad cheer and those who oppose the spirit of Christmas.

His arsenal consists of a bag full of toys, a sleigh pulled by a team of eight magically-flying reindeer, a red suit with matching hat and mittens designed to protect against the elements and a mission list of his clients who will be visited in the night by the jolly, overweight gift-giver.

Once a single mission has been completed, he is rewarded with a plate of warm cookies and a glass of milk, shaken, not stirred.

To aid in the fight against bah-humbug attitudes during the holidays, Claus leads a team of highly qualified individuals with their own list of clientele from their home countries.

In Spain, an individual known as "Papa Noel" climbs balconies to deliver gifts to the homes of children. Then on Jan. 6, a second wave of reinforcement comes from a team who call themselves "The Three Wise Men," who also give presents to the country's children.

In Norway, little gnomes who live in barns and protect the farms across the countryside wait for a bowl of "nisse" on Christmas Eve to fuel their pursuit of spreading holiday cheer.

A figure known as a brownie and sidekick to Sweden's Santa named Jultonten helps give gifts to only the good children.

The infamous Father Frost reigns over Ukraine at Christmas with Snowflake Girl, as the twosome teams up to battle the Scrooges of their homeland.

Strega Buffana, a Christmas witch, flies through the skies of Italy on a broom, visiting children the day after the holy occasion of Christmas, giving coal or gifts to all who deserve them.

Heiliger Nikolaus of Austria rid's ill Christmas cheer through the stomachs of children with sweets, nuts and apples.

Australia's late-night Christmas crusader comes with a sleigh pulled by eight white kangaroos, while New Zealand's figure man of the holiday looks for a cooling beer rather than a warm drink to help him set a jolly Christmas mood.

The world over is affected by a Santa of some shape or form with different tactics, traditions, and names, but manages to handle the challenges of their demanding clients while miraculously completing each and every mission with a twinkle in their eye.

DEAN

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Dean said he wrote the resolutions because he had problems with Judicial Affairs during a trial he had this year. Though he would not elaborate on his problems and would not say what the hearing was about, Dean said he feels he is expressing the voice of the students.

"The experience was an unpleasant one, and I wanted to see some action taken," Dean said.

Student government leaders have said they are addressing judicial board procedures in light of numerous complaints from students around campus.

Dean said he does not think his written recommendations conflict with his interests as a student convicted in the judicial affairs process on campus.

"I couldn't see it being more helpful in this process in that I'm a student and 21,000 other people here are students," Dean said. "I don't know anyone who is in a better position with the students to promote this legislation."

Paratore, who could not discuss Dean's case, said it is possible for someone convicted of a crime under the University's judicial process to remain as a member of student government.

"They remain eligible through the appeals process," Paratore said. "They can remain in their seat pending their appeals process. An individual can go all the way through the semester. As long as they're going through the process, they're still OK."

Dean was accused of sexually attacking an 18-year-old woman in Schneider Hall. He lived 10 floors below the victim. Dean walked into the woman's room late one night and laid down with her. Court records said he proceeded to make sexual contact with the woman. During closing remarks at the trial in which he found Dean not guilty, Watt said he thought something needed to change in the residence halls at SIUC. The judge said the victim knew what was happening at the time

of the incident, "was able to give non-consent by saying no" and Dean left the room when he was asked.

In light of the comments made by Watt during the trial, student government leaders said in a Sept. 20 DAILY EGYPTIAN story they were shocked and planned to file a complaint with the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board. But they have yet to take action this semester. USG Vice President Brian Atchison said at Tuesday's USG meeting — the last scheduled meeting of the semester — that action was curtailed for lack of knowledge about the statements.

"We just pushed it off," Atchison said. "We never addressed it. No particular reason other than...I don't know."

But Dean said he has a reason why the student government should not be concerned when Watt said, "I don't think life does happen that way except in the dormitories at Southern Illinois University on Saturday night."

He believes that statement does not affect students.

"I think this is an issue that frankly doesn't apply to the students at this University," Dean said. "I think the judge made the right decision in that case. He had his own reason for saying what he did."

And because Dean was the defendant in the trial, he may have reason to divert student government attention from taking action. Atchison said he was not aware of Dean's arrest charge and connection to the case when he discussed action the student government might take. Atchison said he and Henry still intend to take action on Watt's statements, but not until they know more about the case.

"There are so many things we don't know about," Atchison said. "I feel like if we address something sometimes, I feel like we're just addressing it to address it. But we don't have any information on it."

Henry said he plans to take steps toward filing a complaint with the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board some-

time next semester.

"Yes, that's on my list of things to do," Henry said. "Probably not our first meeting, but our second meeting we should look at it then."

The next USG meeting is Jan. 26, and the second meeting of next semester is Feb. 2. The Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board assemblies once a month to hear complaints and decide which should be acted upon. Should the board take action on the complaint, it would be moved to an investigator who would research a judge's cases and observe his courtroom demeanor.

While Dean's USG position remains in question, Henry said he wants to talk to Watt early next semester.

"If we don't have both sides of the story we're going to be shot down fast," Henry said. "We're not pushing the issues back. We're just waiting."

"We need to go ahead and take some action. I don't think this semester was an appropriate time to bring Judge Watt's statements out."

Henry plans to return the statements the judge made about SIUC housing to USG discussion during a town hall meeting next semester.

"We're not just going to sit around all year and let it die down," Henry said. "I don't think that waiting until next semester is going to hinder our complaint. As long as we act on it next semester, that's good."

During executive remarks Tuesday night, Atchison asked the student government if it wanted to make an issue of the statements made by Watt.

"I was asked to make an issue of it before the senate," Atchison said. "I addressed it earlier in the year. I offered to you [USG] that you make an issue about it. The executive staff at that time decided that we didn't want to make an issue of it."

Dean stood up during the senate's closing remarks and asked the student government not to address Watt's statements during the sexual assault case. He did not acknowledge he was the defendant.

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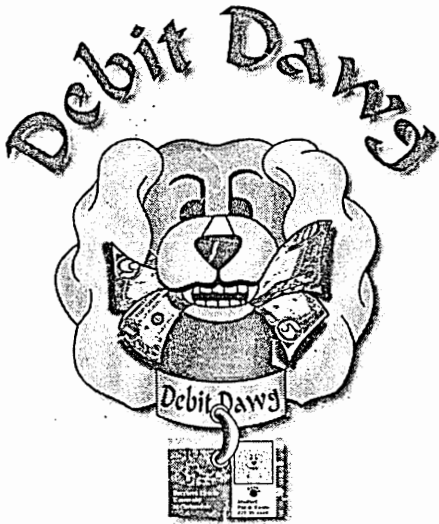
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SIUC Chancellor convene a committee to consider amendments to the Student Conduct Code."

Miller said that by following the Student Conduct Code and requesting a committee to look at the resolutions regarding Judicial Affairs that USG proposed at the meeting, then USG would be taking the proper steps to make a change.

"We cannot just say that, here this is what we want to change, let's change it today," Miller said. "If we follow the right process, we will gain the respect of the administration."

Miller's resolution also stated that the seven resolutions regarding Judicial Affairs had not been proven truthful, and USG senators had not had enough time to review the resolutions to make an educated vote.

East Side Sen. Eric Waltimire asked the senate to vote against Miller's resolution which would ultimately not allow debate on the Judicial Affairs resolutions.

"It's wrong for somebody to propose a bill that kills everybody's hard work," Waltimire said. "Some things don't always deserve to be put off; some things deserve action now."

The resolutions regarding Judicial Affairs included allowing legal council to speak on behalf of a student during a Judicial Affairs hearing, eliminating the class student members of the Judicial Board are to be enrolled in, requesting Judicial Affairs to abide by double jeopardy laws, changing the conviction standard in Judicial Affairs from guilt by a "preponderance of evidence" to guilt "beyond a reasonable doubt" and requesting the SIUC Board of Trustees to establish a search committee to replace Terry

Huffman as coordinator of Judicial Affairs and Carlos DelRio as assistant coordinator of Judicial Affairs.

Those resolutions were postponed indefinitely. However, two other resolutions regarding Judicial Affairs were voted on and passed.

The resolutions regarding Judicial Affairs that were passed ask interim Chancellor John Jackson to review the case of Kevin Freeman, a senior in public relations, who thought his case was not fully heard by Judicial Affairs and a resolution that requests the University establish a constituency review board to become the final hearing entity at the campus level.

USG President Sean Henry said he felt the senate did not want to vote on all of the resolutions because they did not have all the information and that they were busy with finals.

"The senate didn't want to debate [the resolutions] because they didn't have enough information, and it was finals week," Henry said.

"They wanted to wait until they came back from break to hear both sides of the issues."

USG Vice President Brian Atchison said that of the resolutions presented at the meeting, USG really needed to help establish a constituency review board for Judicial Affairs.

"We need to look into extending the appeals process," Atchison said.

Henry said the next steps USG will take regarding Judicial Affairs include forwarding the chancellor and Student Affairs the passed legislation. He also said, beginning

Monday, students will be able to come to the USG office and register complaints about Judicial Affairs.

Other passed items of legislation included a resolution that would give Disability Support Services USG's support of a new policy that would make obtaining a disabled parking permit more difficult.

Director of Disability Support Services Kathleen Plesko said the problem with disabled parking permits is that some people are obtaining them because of allergies to bee stings, slight asthma and even bloody noses.

"The problem we've had is people come in with notes from their doctors saying they have a certain condition and need to use the handicap spaces, and we are not in a position to question [the doctors'] credentials," Plesko said.

Senators voted to pass the resolution by acclamation. USG senators also approved a total of \$6,338.90 in funding to seven Registered Student Organizations.

Three senators also resigned from their positions including West Side Sen. Aashish Lakhani, College of Engineering Sen. Jesse Davis and West Side Sen. Diallo Brown. Lakhani resigned to accept a position as president of the International Student Council, Davis submitted a letter of resignation citing that politics were not for him and Brown will be dedicating his time as a Resident Hall Adviser next semester.



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to show that we will act in good faith, and that we spend the money for the benefit of the students," Jackson said. "I believe they'll be satisfied at the end of the first year, the second year, the third year, that we have indeed acted responsibly and in the open."

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A notable absence from Thursday's meeting was

SIU President Ted Sanders. Scott Kaiser, media coordinator for Sanders, said Sanders has been ill for the past several days and was unable to attend the meeting for that reason.

But that did not stop Students for Excellence in Education from throwing a "going away" party for Sanders because this was his last scheduled board meeting. S.E.E. was allowed to protest outside the meeting and carried out the party theme with cake and costumes, in addition to their signs and placards. The group received no interference today from University officials.

Jackson said he had met with members of the group since the last board meeting in Carbondale Oct. 14, when S.E.E. protesters were threatened with arrest outside the Student Center.

"We laid out some rules of the game in that they could come in, they could bring the signs in, as long as the demonstration, in any sense, does not disrupt the meeting," Jackson said. "I think we understood one another, and I think you can see they were given

absolute free speech. They have the right to make their points and they made them."

Jackson said some of the problems at the October protest centered around certain props used by demonstrators, such as a fake ax, which violated Student Center policy.

The presidential search guidelines released by the board Nov. 30 were discussed early on in the meeting, and the board was questioned about not having enough constituency involvement. Board Chairman A.D. VanMeter said the discussion was very open and honest, and the desire of the board to conclude the search quickly was not because anyone in particular is in mind.

"We have stated unequivocally that there is no candidate," VanMeter said. "We have started the process, and the best explanation I can give for why we put the urgency on [the search] is because I think the matter is urgent."

The next scheduled board meeting is Feb. 10 in Carbondale.

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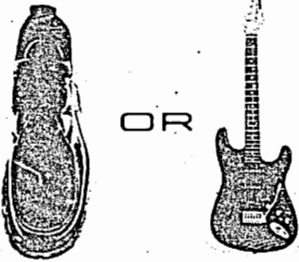
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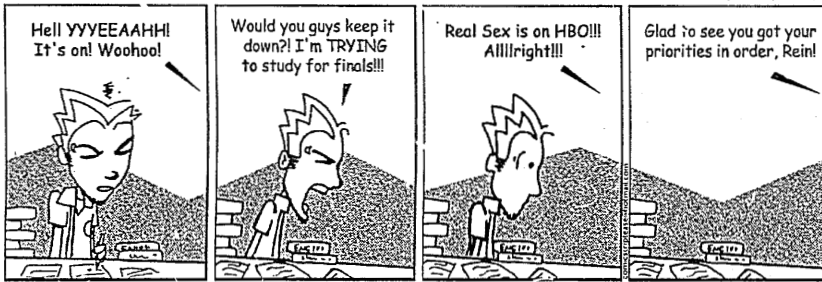
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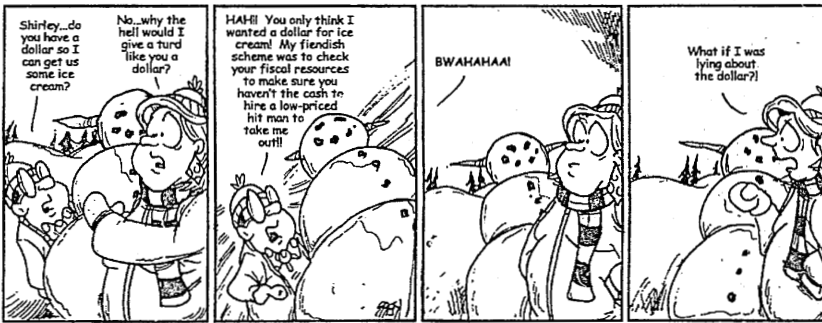
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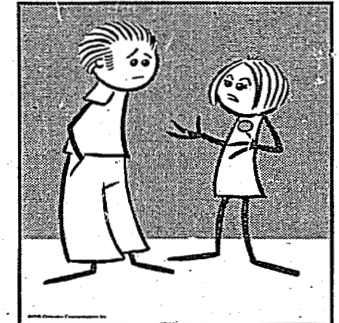
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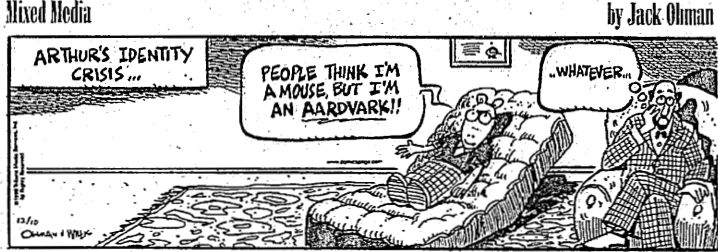
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- Others counsel
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41 Word manufacturer

42 Driver

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45 Kansas and

46 Wyoming

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50 Flugs

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5-foot-10 girl who might have not had the shooting ability or anything. They wanted the height."

SIU made the late discovery when a former coach of assistant coach Sue Slybeck notified her of Lopez's availability. Two months later, Beck signed the guard in the late signing period.

"We watched her on film and you could tell what kind of potential she had as someone who could step up and shoot the three for you," said Beck. "That was sorely needed on our team. She's our zone buster."

But the three-point connoisseur has been seriously ineffective at times because of her height. Being shorter than the average guard, Lopez has difficulty finding open shots. When she is on the floor for the Salukis, a motion offense has been the cure for finding uncontested shots for Lopez.

But Beck and Lopez both agree

that more work is needed on using screens to make up for her height and to get open shots.

"I have a bad habit of curving and not using my screens," Lopez said. "Tuesday night I used it and it showed how much I had the open shot. The second three pointer I shot, I was so worried the girl was trailing me, but because I used the screen I was wide open."

When she gets open, Lopez has effectively extended opposing defenses outward to keep her from firing the threes. While Lopez's statistics are nothing to write home about, her mere presence has given center Melaniec Bardley and forward Kristine Abramowski more elbow room underneath the basket.

Lopez has scored 47 points this season for an average of 6.7 points per game. Only eight of those points have come inside the three-point arc. She is 16-for-43 from behind the arc this season while averaging almost 12 minutes a game.

"One of the first few practices at

the beginning of the year," teammate Courtney Smith said, "she just came out and we were like, 'Oh my gosh, this little quiet girl from Texas who doesn't say much, she can really light it up from the outside. She's going to fill a big role for this team.'"

Smith experienced the deviant side of Lopez following the close 52-44 loss to Saint Louis University Nov. 1. As Smith signed autographs after the game, Lopez made an autograph down Smith's entire arm with her pen.

"I think we're starting to realize that it's her own little way," Smith said about Lopez means of fitting in. "I think she sets us up by being real quiet and to herself."

"Then all of a sudden, when we least expect it, she'll pull off some little antic just to throw us all off. She's definitely provided a lift to our team, even if it's not on the floor. She really brings that little push that we need once in a while. I think that's why she is one of the [players] that brings a lot of character to our team."

DICKENS

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improvisation, or an impromptu performance.

The show has no script and a mere 10 rehearsals provide a chance for the cast to explore their creative thoughts and manipulate the classic story characters into their own humorous versions.

The show begins at 8 tonight and continues Saturday and Sunday at the Douglass School Art Place, 900 Douglas St., Murphysboro.

Don Elwell, "Twisted Dickens III's" director, said the play is a form of "commedia del arte," a type of performance derived from the Italian Renaissance that involves a list of scenarios rather than a script. The cast must improvise throughout the

show and develop their own scenes.

This is the third year for the show and Elwell said each year the characters and cast get wilder. This year, Scrooge's character is a female record executive and Jacob Marley is Bob Marley.

Hedrick, who will play the roles of the ghost of Christmas past and Tiny Tim, has participated in the play for the past two years. He said a small scenario list, created by Elwell, is presented to the cast at the first rehearsal, but their imaginations take precedence from that point on.

"We start with the vague scenario and take it from there," he said. "We throw in our own jokes and it's a fun, quick, crazy night of theater."

To add to the play's zany theme, the set and scene change evoking a commute for the cast and audience throughout the Douglass building.

Elwell said the audience should be prepared for the movements.

"We drag people all over Douglass," he said. "From scene to scene they follow characters up and down stairs and room to room."

The "Twisted Dickens" series was born out of Elwell's imagination three years ago and used as a fundraiser for the non-profit theater.

"It was a fun alternative to the same old Christmas fare," Elwell said.

The show usually lasts about an hour, but guests may plan to have a fun time with the cast before and after the play. Hedrick said the active component of the production makes it a novel holiday event.

"There's lots of laughter," he said. "It's a fun, silly show. People should prepare to see the white Bob Marley — he will be there."

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Standing at 5-foot-6, freshman guard Janina Lopez finds herself trying to prove she is the true...

WONDER

STORY BY PAUL WLEKLINSKI

PHOTO BY JASON KNISER

Everyone on the SIU women's basketball team is a bit more leery this season, having to sleep with one eye open with freshman Janina Lopez around.

Lopez was born and raised in the small town of Eagle Pass, Texas, just north of the U.S.-Mexico border, before her family moved to San Antonio, where she played at Taft High School. She stands only 5-foot-6-inches tall and could not frighten a mouse, let alone the average collegiate basketball player with her diminutive stature.

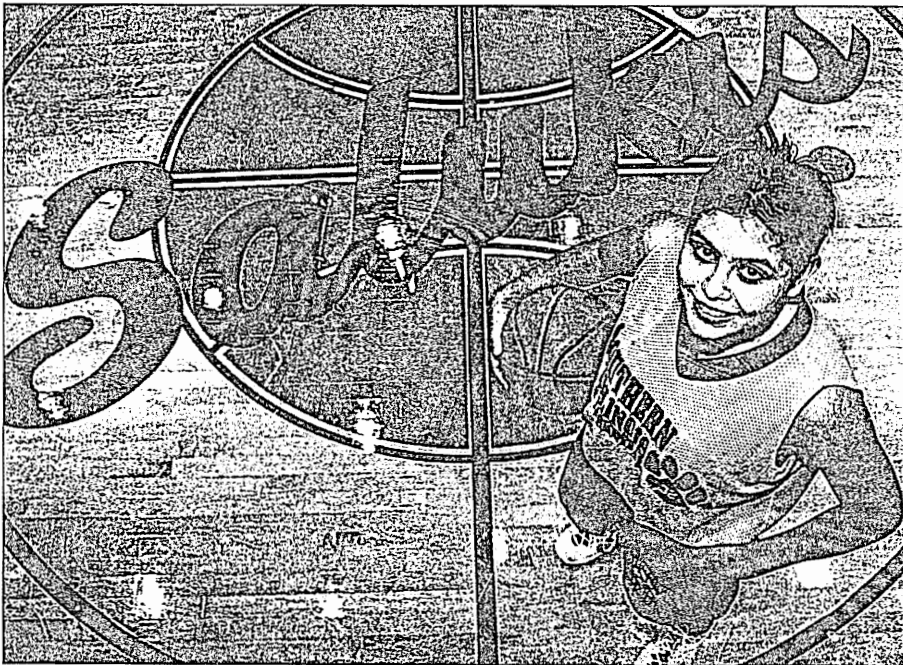
Instead, Lopez makes her presence known to her teammates with subtle pranks and practical jokes.

"She's quiet, but she's going to play jokes on people," said Julie Beck, SIU head women's basketball coach. "She'll come up and stand on your shoelace or something — she's kind of an interesting person."

"If you have shoes tied together while you were sleeping on the bus, you probably know I did it. Or she's going to come up and tap you on one shoulder and look over the other. She's really quite a jokester. She can be very impish at times."

Lopez will have another opportunity to show off her comical antics on the bus ride to Cookeville, Tenn., before the Salukis take on Tennessee Tech University 7 p.m. Saturday.

The quiet prankster is no joke on the basketball court, however. Lopez accepts her role com-



JASON KNISER — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Standing in at 5-foot-6-inches tall, freshman Janina Lopez stands tall with her expertise behind the three-point arc. This season, Lopez has scored 47 points with only eight of those coming from inside the three-point area.

ing of the bench and has been a spark plug for the Salukis in the early part of their 2-5 season.

Lopez, an 18-year-old freshman guard majoring in Pre-Med, has Saluki fans yelling, "shoot it," every time she touches the ball. Usually unconscious from behind the three-point arc, she is certainly not the least bit shy about shooting the ball.

In Tuesday's 66-61 loss to the University of Missouri, Beck drew up a last-second play for Lopez to tie the game with her three-point

expertise. She never got the ball and the Salukis turned the ball over after failing to get the ball inbound. But it is not often a freshman gets the nod to make the game-tying shot.

"I don't want to start thinking and becoming big headed," said Lopez, who speaks fluent Spanish and whose English is a bit rigid at times. "I don't want to get there and that's never been me."

"I've had a lot of experience with past friends that have gone to D-I schools and they got all

big headed and I talk to them now, and they're not even in school."

Both Texas A&M University and the University of Texas-Pan America immediately discontinued their recruiting efforts after discovering Lopez's height.

"That was hurtful because they didn't even give me a chance," Lopez said. "They wanted a

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Salukis look to stay hot against the Flames



Basketball Preview

Sat., 2:05 p.m. at UIC Pavilion

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SIU vs. Illinois Chicago Flames

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SENIOR NOTES: Salukis have won two of the three meetings between the schools, including a 63-37 drubbing of the Flames at the SIU Arena last season.

The word on the Salukis: SIU broke out of the mold of close games Wednesday with an 82-51 win against Evansville. The Saluki defense showed signs of progress, and freshman guard Kent Williams had a season-high 20 points. Senior forward Chris Thunell says he intends to make up for his offensive struggles with his rebounding and defense. If that happens, the Salukis could get hot in a hurry.

The word on the Flames: UIC is a young team that is a year or two away from playing the brand of basketball that sent them to the NCAA tournament two seasons ago. Leading scorer Jordan Kardos and talented freshman forward Joe Scott will have to spark the Flames if they are to rebound from a disappointing loss to Chicago State.

Projected SIU starting lineup	PPG	FG%
#5 G- Ricky Collum (Sr.)	12.6	5.2
#33 G- Kent Williams (Fr.)	16.2	3.4
#3 G- Brandon Mells (So.)	6.2	4.0
#23 F- Chris Thunell (Sr.)	9.4	9.0
#42 C- Derrick Tilmon (So.)	13.2	4.2

Projected UIC starting lineup	PPG	FG%
#20 G- Jordan Kardos (So.)	14.3	2.3
#32 C- Theandre Kimbroh (So.)	11.6	4.0
#50 G- Thor Solverson (Jr.)	4.6	3.1
#23 F- Cory Utile (Jr.)	4.6	4.3
#22 F- Maurice Brown (Fr.)	7.0	3.4

Miscellaneous: UIC head coach Jimmy Collins has used four different starting lineups already this season, and is considering shuffling up the lineup again. After the UIC game, the Salukis will be off until a Dec. 18 trip to MVC rival Southwest Missouri State.

Bottom line: After snapping a three-game losing streak against Evansville, the UIC game appears like a great opportunity for the Salukis to build more momentum and grab some headlines in Chicago.

JAY SCHWAB

DAILY EGYPTIAN

University of Illinois-Chicago head men's basketball coach Jimmy Collins fears playing SIU, and he likes it that way.

"[SIU] is a team that, to be quite honest with you, scares me," Collins said. "There's no question about it. But that's why I'm in the business — I love to be scared, I love to compete."

Collins took notice of SIU's 82-51 pounding of the University of Evansville Wednesday, and after his team was slaughtered 63-37 in Carbondale a year ago, is approaching the Salukis with a respectful mindset.

"We know we've got to deal with Kent [Williams], we know we have to deal with [Chris] Thunell, a big guy like him who can shoot on the perimeter. [Ricky] Collum killed us last year. [Derrick] Tilmon, the whole group," Collins said. "We know we got our work cut out for us."

The Salukis are Windy City-bound for a 2 p.m. Saturday matinee at the UIC Pavilion. UIC (3-4) is coming off a 69-61 loss Tuesday to Chicago State University, but Collins credits the unheralded Cougars with playing a solid game.

The Flames lack a stand-out player, although sophomore guard Jordan Kardos leads UIC with 14.3 ppg and freshman forward Joe Scott has shown plenty of promise off the bench.

"Joe has been a tremendous boost to us,"

Collins said. "The only thing he lacks right now is experience, but he's getting that playing lots of minutes, and I expect him before long to break into our starting lineup."

The SIU defense played well against Evansville after struggling during a three-game SIU losing streak. The improvement trend should continue against UIC.

"[UIC] struggles scoring sometimes," Weber said, "so we can't let them get easy baskets. We have to make them make tough shots."

Collins said any time two Illinois schools hook up, it makes for a fun atmosphere.

"We're intra-state schools; we should always play each other," Collins said. "There should always be that special rivalry."

"I think one of the mistakes a lot of universities make when they get to a certain level in their mind is they discard the other teams in the state," Collins said, perhaps referring to UIC's sister school in Champaign-Urbana where he used to be an assistant coach.

Saluki head coach Bruce Weber is also pleased to compete with SIU's in-state brethren, and especially to get some attention in the state's most high-profile city. The game will be televised in Chicago, as well as locally on WSIU-TV.

Weber plans to schedule a game in the Chicago area annually, and is hoping the Salukis can take part in an all-Illinois double-header next year that may include DePaul.

"When I drive I listen to the Chicago radio stations off and on, and they'll mention us once

in a while... I'd like to get to the point where they mention us all the time," Weber said. "I think sometimes we're not even included with [other state schools] because we're so far down south."

For the Salukis' media attention to be positive this weekend, SIU will need a strong showing against the Flames. Collins is pleased his young team has played unselfishly, but is still attempting to coax improved floor presence from his team.

"I just want to see them gain some confidence in themselves and play with a little bit more toughness," Collins said.

Speaking of tough, making a road trip this time of the semester is not easy on the Salukis. With final exams right around the corner, it's a difficult time to have to play important basketball games. Junior forward Joshua Cross said he and his teammates have to draw upon their mental toughness this time of the semester.

"We're student-athletes, and this is our job — to keep our grades up, and also to perform out there on the court," Cross said. "It's a tough time with studying for exams coming up and late practices and late games and road trips."

It's very trying and stressful right now, but a true student-athlete will forget about the ball and look forward to some big things on the court, and big things in the classroom as well."

The Salukis have struggled recently with non-conference road games, but after crushing Evansville, confidence shouldn't be a problem. Another win Saturday, and SIU's early season blues will be a thing of the past.

"Hopefully this is a turning point," Weber said. "We won't know that until after Saturday if we've made progress."