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Taxpayers get more for their money

Illinois FIRST provides funds for new buildings in Illinois

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

State-of-the-art schools in Carbondale and a research park at SIUC will emerge with funding from Gov. George Ryan's Illinois FIRST plan. However, funding these projects affects taxpayers on the state level with an increase in alcohol tax and transportation fees and on the local level with an increase to property and sales taxes.

Ryan's five-year, \$12 billion plan to improve education, roads and infrastructure throughout the state passed in the General Assembly in May 1999.

On Jan. 16, SIUC received a \$500,000 grant to help fund a research park to encourage new research at the University. Earlier in the year, \$350,000 was allotted to the Public Policy Institute, which brings in guest lecturers and works to understand and deal with statewide and national policy issues.

"We are in the process of preparing for endowment," said Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute.

In addition to Illinois FIRST dollars for higher education, Ryan's 15-member task force found that roads in Illinois had been long neglected. The state had not built a new road in more than eight years and 74 percent of interstates have surpassed their 20-year design life span, leaving a backlog of 2,400 miles of roads that need repair and 750 bridges that need to be fixed.

Roads in Carbondale that are plagued by potholes are receiving state grants for reconstruction. The plan provides \$350,000 in funding for the construction of the Mill Street Underpass, along with \$3,028,000 to widen and resurface Wall Street, Lewis Lane and the surrounding roads, which will improve the flow of traffic from the underpass all the way out to Giant City Road.

Three months of study by the task force also discovered that 89 percent of Illinois school buildings are in need of repair. Carbondale Community High School, district 165, which has been standing since 1923, received a grant for \$11,200,484 for construction of an addition to the East Campus school, which will include two baseball fields, two softball fields, two soccer fields, a track, football stadium and a field for marching-band practice.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said legislators in wealthy northern districts were rallying for funding for increased technology, such as T1 lines that would allow their schools to be equipped with the Internet, while schools in Southern Illinois desperately need funding for reconstruction.

"But I argued that if you were even to drill a hole in the wall of one of our schools, the building would collapse," Bost said.

Although the Illinois FIRST plan is providing a portion of the money for the renovations to Carbondale Community High School, the remaining funding will be paid for through an increase in property and sales taxes within the city.

Carbondale City Councilman Brad Cole said the community must approve funding on schools before the project is initiated. A referendum passed in February 1999 that raised property taxes and the city sales tax by 25 percent.

Also, the fire department in the City of Carbondale received \$150,000 to construct a classroom equipped with the latest technology along with two classrooms and a library for training.

Fire Chief Bill Bateman of the Murphysboro Pomona Somerset Rural Fire Department in Murphysboro said the building would be a big asset to fire departments in Southern Illinois that operate on volunteerism.

The regional training site will provide Southern Illinois fire departments with a local place to send trainees. High costs of travel often stop fire departments from sending trainees to northern training facilities, Bateman said.

Bateman said the increases that taxpayers have seen in the last two years are providing for real needs in the community, such as training for firefighters and new fire trucks.

Illinois FIRST projects are paid for by the taxpayers and include an increase in transportation fees.

The vehicle registration fee vehicle jumped from \$48-\$78 at the end of



JESSICA KOLS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

"D-FENCE!" Saluki basketball fans packed the SIU Arena Saturday to watch SIU take on the Creighton Bluejays. Fans waved signs, balloons and dog bones through the air in hopes of catching the attention of the ESPN cameras that were on site for the game. Creighton defeated the Salukis despite the spirited fan support. See page 16 for related story.

Two choices for ward system remain on ballot

MARK LAMBRID
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Two referendums approved Friday will change the way city council members are elected if passed in the April 3 election.

The Carbondale Municipal Officers Electoral Board overruled an objection by SIUC students Ed Ford and Rob Taylor of a referendum that conflicted with the referendum they filed in December.

The two referendums both concern ward systems that would increase the likelihood of student candidates being elected to the City Council. The two systems would divide the city into four

wards. The wards would divide the city, one each in the northwest, northeast, southwest and southeast sections of town. The southeast section contains a large percentage of student housing.

Council members are elected through an at-large system and all four members of the current council live in the same ward area.

In December, Ford and Taylor filed a referendum to change the at-large system of elections to a ward system. Ford and Taylor's system would divide the city into four wards, thus allowing one City Council representative from each ward and a mayor to be elected at-large.

A month later City Council candidate Corene McDaniel and former SIUC professor David Kenny filed a referendum that would change the at-large system to a hybrid-ward system. The hybrid-ward system would increase the size of the council by two members, to be elected at-large. The remaining four, plus the mayor, would be elected out of the four wards.

Ford and Taylor filed an objection to the second referendum, stating that two referendums in conflict cannot appear on the same ballot. The Electoral Board met early this month to hear arguments from supporters of

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Touch of Nature sponsors maple syrup program

BRENDA CORLEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nature for about 10 years and is the coordinator of the Maple Syrup Making Program.

"It's really a fun way to show people about nature," he said. "You take them out into nature and they get to see how it's done."

With the eager assistance of children, Wallace uses a brace to drill into a sugar-maple tree. The drilling allows different layers of wood to be reached until a layer of sap wood is found.

Keeping the children busy, Wallace lets them touch pieces of wood that become damper with each layer.

The crowd gets excited as Wallace explains they are getting closer to the sap wood.

Finally, sap begins to drip down the bark of the tree and it is time for the pioneers to move to the next part of tapping trees for sap.

Wallace demonstrates how sap is first extracted with a spile, which is a tool used to stick into the hole that is made

The idea of the sweet taste of Mrs. Butterworth's, Log Cabin or Aunt Jemima syrup on fluffy pancakes is trivialized when you have the opportunity to taste pure maple syrup.

Thirty-five parents and children learned how to make pure maple syrup Sunday during the Maple Syrup Program at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center.

Parents huddle with their children in the brisk February weather near a small log cabin in the middle of vast trees. A kindling fire heats a huge black stew pot that sends a mysterious thick steam into the cold afternoon air.

Pioneer maple-syrup makers lead children and parents in a ritualistic dance, spinning around and jumping with shouts around a maple tree. This dance is said to help coax sap out of trees.

One pioneer, John Wallace, has been living at Touch of

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during the drilling process of the brace. Using the spile and a bucket attached to a hook on the spile, sap begins to flow into the bucket.

"The tap drips melodically into the bucket with a hard thump."
 "Quiet, listen to the tapping," said Wallace. "It's music to your ears listening to the sap as it falls into bucket."

Wallace points out that what he is showing is very close to the old-fashioned way that pioneers tapped trees for sap years ago.

Wallace reminds everyone that they will soon get to enter the cabin where a warm fire is waiting.

Another pioneer lures viewers over to discover what is brewing in the gigantic stew pot placed on the burning wood. Three gallons of sap extracted from the maple trees are rapidly boiling in the stew pot.

The pioneer explains the steam is the water evaporating from the sap, and maple syrup is the result of the concentrated sugars from the sap after most of the water is removed.

Without adding anything to the batch of sap, the cooking process takes hours.

As the water evaporates out of the sap it slowly becomes slightly darker and a little thicker.

The pioneer offers to let a volunteer taste the warm brew of sap.

"It tasted like sweet water," said Felice Stanton, 14, of Marion.

Pure maple syrup is about \$8 a pint in stores because of the high energy, time and work it requires to make.

In Southern Illinois, there are not many sugar-maple trees compared to corn, which is what most of syrup in stores consist of.

Hot cider awaits participants in the warm fire-heated cabin and one pioneer sings and makes music by using two spoons. A pioneer passes around a bowl with popsicle sticks dipped in maple syrup made on the Touch of Nature



MARY COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

John Wallace drills out a hole to extract the sap from the maples at Touch of Nature Environmental Center.

grounds. Children and parents lick the syrup and savor the light taste of pure maple syrup that is rarely found on store shelves.

Charles Milton of Murphysboro says he already knew a lot about tree-tapping and the maple syrup making process, but read about the event in the newspaper and wanted to bring his two children.

"This is their first time coming and they were pretty excited about it," he said.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY

SPC-TV Meeting for new members
 6 p.m.
 Video Lounge - 4th Floor Student Center

Student Alumni Council Business Meeting
 6 p.m.
 Mississippi Room - Student Center

Ballroom Dance Club Meeting and Lessons
 7 p.m.
 2nd Floor - Davies Gymnasium
 Students \$15
 Non-Students \$20

Only public events affiliated with SIU are printed in the Daily Egyptian Calendar. The editors reserve the right not to print any submitted item. RSO and departmental events will be printed in the Daily Egyptian Online Calendar at www.dailyegyptian.com

Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1247, or faxed to 453-8244. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

WEATHER



TODAY:
 Partly Cloudy
 High: 54
 Low: 34



TUESDAY:
 Cloudy
 High: 59
 Low: 39



WEDNESDAY:
 Rain
 High: 61
 Low: 41

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

• At 2:50 a.m. on Thursday Serei Mak, 22, Sarah E. Richardson, 23, Lavaris D. Johnson, 21, and Steven Harold Wiemeler Jr., age unavailable, were arrested and charged with reckless conduct at Neely Hall.

• At 2 a.m. on Thursday a student reported receiving between 30 and 40 harassing phone calls at Boomer III.

• At 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday Marcus Samuel Thomas, 21, was arrested and charged with theft of more than \$300 at the Student Center. He was taken to Jackson County Jail, Carbondale.

CARBONDALE

• At 12:13 a.m. on Saturday Thomas W. Coleman, 23, was arrested and charged with reckless discharge of a firearm in the 400 block of South Graham Street. Police found a 9mm in his jacket pocket and took him to Jackson County Jail.

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Prepaid tuition offers families options

Planning ahead may prevent financial crunch

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The majority of American families save about \$5,000 or less to put toward the cost of college, which could present problems for students because the average cost of one year at a public university in Illinois is \$4,000.

Students attending SIUC this year paid out \$4,107 in tuition and fees, not including other expenses such as books, transportation and housing. With college costs constantly on the rise, programs assisting families with expenses are springing up across the nation.

One such program is College Illinois, a prepaid tuition program administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. The program is state-sponsored and was enacted to assist families with planning for college expenses.

The program is essentially a contract between a family and the state, in which the family promises to make required payments in exchange for a matching promise from the state to pay for future tuition and fee increases.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said the program has not been in place long enough to have had a major impact on higher education, but awareness should increase participation in time.

Jackson said people should become familiar with these options before their children reach college age.

"It's a fine idea for the long term," Jackson said.

Families apply for the program during a specific period of months and are able to lock

in to that year's tuition and fees, regardless of when the money is going to be used. Future increases in tuition and fees will be backed by the state. The enrollment period for this year's tuition and fees ends Feb. 28.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, is urging families to utilize the program before the deadline.

"The advantage is it holds the price, and grandparents and parents can buy into it," Bost said.

The program offers three levels: a four-year public university level, a two-year community college level and a combination of university and community college levels.

Plans can be purchased with a single lump sum, annual payments or monthly installments. Once a plan is purchased, anyone — parents, grandparents, friends, relatives —

can make a payment. Bost said a plan could be a gift for a young child, whose entire college career could be paid for by the time the child reaches college.

MIKE BOST
R-Murphysboro

"A tremendous amount of people who realize high school isn't enough are going on to college," Bost said.

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University of Illinois at Springfield	\$3,738
Eastern Illinois University	\$4,085
Southern Illinois University/Carbondale	\$4,107
Western Illinois University	\$4,220
Illinois State University	\$4,542
Northern Illinois University	\$4,720
University of Illinois at Chicago	\$4,847
University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign	\$5,251

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ADAM BUGNER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Have lunch with an author

University Christian Ministries will be sponsoring three lunches this week in which interested parties can meet with authors.

The authors will be Rob Jensen, John Shriver and Larry Hickman on Feb. 13, 14 and 15 respectively. The dinners will take place at the Interfaith Center on Illinois and Grand avenues at noon.

For more information, call 549-7387 or visit ucm@siu.edu.

Sponsors and teams needed for AIDS walk

The Southern Illinois Regional Effort for AIDS is seeking volunteers for various positions to help with the AIDS Walk, which will take place on Oct. 21.

Positions include event co-chairs and volunteers to help recruit teams and sponsors.

To volunteer, call SIREA at 549-9941, or Wally Paynter at (800) 886-4297. Paynter is also available by e-mail at paynter@midwestnet.

Daily Egyptian wins awards

For the second year in a row, the Daily Egyptian took home more awards from the Illinois College Press Association Convention than any other college newspaper in the state.

The Egyptian left the 19th Annual ICPA Convention in Chicago this weekend with eight first-place awards including in-depth reporting, full-page advertisement, sports feature story and feature photo. The paper also took home seven second-place awards, seven third-place awards and 12 honorable mentions.

The competition consisted of 950 entries from 27 college newspapers and six other daily college newspapers spanning from Dec. 2, 1999 to Dec. 1, 2000.

Rare plant could clean up crops

SIUC plant researcher closer to discovery

CARLY HEMPHILL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A gene from an English plant may help area crops resist contaminants in the soil and water.

Stephen Ebbs, an assistant professor in plant biology, is researching *Thlaspi caerulescens*, a small green plant that resembles a house plant, in hopes that its specific genes can be transferred to other plants to help crops safely grow in contaminated soil.

The plant, which Ebbs has been researching for six years, can store contaminants from soil that would normally kill other plants. He is researching the genes of the plant to find out how it is storing toxins so that it can help crops, such as corn and soybeans, grow in contaminated soil.

Ebbs is beginning to understand why the plant, more commonly known as Alpine Pennywort, can store so much of this waste. The plant does not know when it has enough nutrients, so it does not stop taking up the toxins in the soil. Of the four groups of *Thlaspi caerulescens*,

there is one that is better at storing the toxins, and Ebbs is trying to figure out why.

Research on this plant began in Great Britain, where the plant has grown wild for hundreds of years. Knowledge of this species' genes, which is closely related to *Arabidopsis*, is already known, which makes it easier to study. *Arabidopsis*, more commonly known as the Mouse-ear Cress, is a small plant that is used as an experimental tool for researchers. The basic set of genes for this plant is known and is used to help scientists understand the biological processes of similar plants.

Ebbs began his research as a graduate student at Cornell University under Professor Leon Kochian in 1995. Because of his intense study of the plant, Ebbs received his doctorate in plant biology in only two and a half years.

Once the questions are answered, Ebbs said the plant will help clean up heavy metals in soils because it takes up more toxins and stores them easier.

The plant takes up the contaminants in the soil through 10 or 20 gates, while normal plants only use one or two gates. The gates allow for the nutrients in the soil to be taken up by the plant. This allows for the Alpine Pennywort to clean the soil in area crops.

Although the plant can take up high concentrations of contaminants, it is not large enough to plant in fields to get rid of large amounts of heavy metals. Ebbs hopes that once he understands the workings of the plant, he can transfer this knowledge to larger plants, and in turn, clean the soil.

Although Ebbs' main concentration of study is the cleanup of the contaminants, his research is leading to other discoveries.

"We're learning things about more than one field at a time," Ebbs said.

By learning how the plant can take in and store the minerals, Ebbs can figure out how to make some crops more nutritious. When a plant has enough nutrients, it stops taking up the metals, such as zinc and iron, which are nutritious in small amounts.

If Ebbs can discover how the Alpine Pennywort is taking up the minerals, then this discovery will lead to making crops, such as corn, more nutritious while they are growing.

In addition to working with professors from Cornell University, Ebbs teams up with British scientists, plant physiologists and molecular biologists from around the world. The group

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EULALIE FRYE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dr. Stephen Ebbs, an assistant professor with the department of plant biology, shows the *Thlaspi caerulescens*, native to Great Britain, he has been studying. The bean plants show potential for cleansing soil of metal contaminants.

Most romantic place on campus ... the Student Center

CODELL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jackie Wilburn uses her artistic flare to help others show their love.

Wilburn uses calligraphy, which is an artistic writing style, to give students another way to woo their significant others on Valentine's Day. Wilburn, a West Frankfort native, will be setting

up shop along with other exhibitors from the Craft Shop in the Student Center Wednesday. The Craft Shop will join other sections of the Student Center in displaying a Valentine's theme.

Wilburn, whose fancy writing has also been seen on SIU's Law School certificates, will use it to write anything from a few words to a poem. She said her calligraphy offers a romantic alternative to the usual dinners and boxes of candy.

"It's not like a meal where you go out and it's gone," Wilburn said. "It's something you get to keep."

Those who want something a little less permanent will have plenty of options. The Information Station will sell boxes of candy and the ever-popular dozen roses. The roses, which cost \$22, have to be pre-ordered by Tuesday.

There will also be roses, along with jewelry, beaded hair bands, baskets, paintings, candles

and homemade soaps available at the Craft Shop.

Ron Dunkel, coordinator of the Craft Shop, said the gifts for sale at the Craft Shop and elsewhere in the Student Center are convenient for students who wait until the last minute to buy a gift for their sweethearts.

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OUR WORD

Mowing responsibility: whose is it?

Last month the city of Carbondale passed a resolution that would attempt to recover more than \$170,000 in unpaid lawn-mowing fines, some of which span back more than 20 years. While this may at first seem of no consequence to students, it becomes very important when one considers how the biggest fines are owed by people who rent their properties to students. Once the fines are paid, some landlords will likely pass that cost on to students in the form of higher rent.

Henry Fisher, owner of Home Rentals, holds the dubious honor of owing the greatest amount of what the city refers to as weed liens. At \$42,476, Fisher is far ahead of the next largest delinquent, Norman Boettcher, who owes \$3,082. These figures are important because Home Rentals is one of the SIUC community's biggest landlords, and is also the only company that has publicly stated that rents will have to be raised to cover the costs of paying the fines.

So who is to blame? And how can students avoid higher rents in the future? The answer to both questions is simple — read your lease. This sounds like a simple edict, but it is one too often ignored. Many times people assume they know what a lease says, since many have the same kind of wording, along with the same types of limitations and tenant responsibilities. But the issue of

lawn care and who is responsible for it may not be so apparent. As a prospective tenant flips through the lease looking for the signature page, figuring he already knows what it generally says, he may be skipping right past the section on whose responsibility it is to mow the lawn. It is precisely this inattention that has many students facing increased rental prices.

Landlords also have a responsibility to maintain the properties they rent. If the landlord is responsible for lawn maintenance, and just neglects it, it seems unfair to pass that cost on to the tenant. It has been said that landlords are in the business of making money, not spending it; but tenants should not have to foot the bill for a landlord's negligence.

The importance of completely and carefully reading one's lease cannot be emphasized strongly enough. This is a legal agreement one enters into, and failure to comply with its conditions can lead to financial headaches down the road. Tenants have rights as well as responsibilities, and should make themselves aware of those rights. As rental companies begin their annual pitch for new tenants, some offering a period of reduced rent, or even free rent for early signing, student renters should be even more careful before signing on the bottom line. After all, it's their house, but it's your home.

COLUMNIST

Can SIU survive? Will Kel doom us?



Edge of the Known World

BY GEOFFREY RITTER
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You can tell from the way the other schools are looking at us that we're about to be voted off the island.

They're standing around in a group now, plotting, scheming, analyzing us like we are a swarm of freakish insects. The U of I is leading the bunch, of course, criticizing that it would take its school a very long time to consume the amount of alcohol we did on Halloween night, possibly an entire weekend. Laughter from Eastern, something about us "having the academic credibility of a toilet plunger." Even Western, which usually keeps to itself for fear of being made fun of, has something witty to say: "Do you guys think they have stingers?"

Their circle has tightened this past week. Like everyone else who is not dead, they've seen "Survivor II," seen what happens when you put an SIU alum in Australia with only tree bark to survive. He eats beef jerky. And he doesn't share. Of course the castaway in question, SIU graduate Kel Gleason, denies that he had a secret hoard of jerky with him, but no one believes a jerky thief. He's a marked man now, forever forced to wear a scarlet Slim Jim. And Western is continuing to think, wondering whether a Saluki is even real, or did we just make that up too.

I know this may sound extreme. Typically, conspiracy to conceal a processed meat product is not regarded as a serious violation of international law. However, ratings showed that "Survivor II's" Super Bowl Sunday premiere raked in about 45 million followers — more than "Friends," "Temptation Island" and most organized religions. This elevates jerky theft from mere shoplifting to something punishable by state electrocution, following a possible appearance on Letterman. Unfortunately, we all may share Kel's fate by association.

CEO: Hello, Mr. Gleason. Have a seat. Let me be blunt. Do you know why you're here?

Kel: Yes. But what Jerri is saying isn't true. I didn't swipe any office supplies!

CEO: Northern and Eastern said they saw it too.

Kel: So what are you saying? Are you booting me out of the office?

CEO: No, Mr. Gleason. Tell me — is your chair comfortable?

Kel: I guess. I've never seen a chair that plugs into the wall before.

CEO: (grinning sardonically) Any last words, Mr. Gleason?

Kel: Wha —

So our University may be in dire straits. And more schools are gathering now, their talk is getting crazier and crazier. Northern says that, with the exceptions of Shaft and the husky guy on "NYPD Blue," nothing good has come out of SIU. The U of I concurs; they believe that we were the ones who started cancer. And all the time, Western keeps pondering that important question: Did we just make up the Saluki? And if not, what is it? A dog? A cow? An insect or something?

So we obviously need to make some changes around here. A new mascot, for example, or an improved football program. Adaptation, after all, is the sign of a true survivor. And come to think of it, fighting back works well too. Just look at the U of I and Eastern whispering over there — they're looking pretty chummy these days, if you know what I mean...

EDGE OF THE KNOWN WORLD appears on Monday. Geoff is a junior in Journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Kowalczyk lauds student body's school spirit

DEAR STUDENTS,
 You were great! The best! FAN-tastic!
 On behalf of the men's basketball team, Coach Weber and everyone in the Athletic Department, I want to say thank you. Your spirit, enthusiasm and Saluki pride were clearly evident to the entire nation on Saturday and you are to be commended. Yes, the loss was disappointing, but with the type of support you provided we will win a lot more than we will lose.

Did you have fun despite the outcome? The SIU Arena can rock with that kind of energy for every home game as long as you create it. So, please continue to come on out and raise the roof for the remaining home games. GO DAWGS!

Sincerely,
 Paul Kowalczyk
 Athletic Director

USG senator weighs in on Taylor arrest

DEAR EDITOR:
 Last week, I sat through the most disappointing USG meeting that I could have ever imagined. I witnessed a senator being removed physically from a meeting by law enforcement without the due process that an accused should have as stated in the USG constitution.

As I am sure you are all aware, and I will not insult your intelligence by reiterating what transpired, USG Senator Rob Taylor was arrested because of unjustified evidence, without a fair trial or having his case being heard through judicial action. Student Development and the rest of SIU's administration sees him as a threat to their unchecked fee hikes and unsubstantiated administrative costs.

Some senators who were attempting to help YOUR overall costs (mainly Eric Waltemire and me) stayed to attempt to check this off-balance group of scoundrels. The other conscientious senators who regard YOUR interests were too DISGUSTED to remain in attendance and felt they had to leave the meeting (Chad Woolford, Mike DeGrassi, Michael Laehy, Adam Joseph and Frederic Koffler). This has resulted in a total and complete utter frustration for fee-paying students.

USG voted to affirm multiple fee hikes, and an

agenda that was distributed only minutes before the meeting, including information that was only given to us just prior to adjournment. As a senator, we encountered a yearlong lobby for an activity fee increase that never contained any definitive facts. It wasn't until the last second that we even received real information, and were pressured to vote because someone picked a Board of Trustees deadline out of the clouds. New, specific monetary adjustments were handed out as "memorandums" as the meeting progressed. NONE of the increases that were passed at this last meeting are going to make any difference in YOUR education, because the revenue that the whole student body has to contribute is being tossed around haphazardly and without even taking the time to debate over. Several senators simply moved to surpass justified debate, and opted to send YOUR fee increases right on through senate approval.

I beg all fee-paying students to voice their opinions, publicly, to their representative senators, to their administrators and to their friends. We've got greeds and sellouts controlling the senate and YOUR money. A select few control what happens to the revenues that YOU contribute to SIU. They have stacked the senate, they control the money pot, they are screwing the common-student RSO, greas-affiliated or not. There are a few good apples in the senate, mainly the names I have mentioned, but there are more of you out there. I STRONGLY urge you to rise up and make your voice be heard. Things aren't going to change unless YOU make it happen. Get involved, go to USG meetings, write editorials, contact whoever you can for information so you won't have to bend over to the wrong people.

Mark Macdonald
 University Park Senator
 Senior, Art and Design

Taylor's arrest a shock and a surprise

DEAR EDITOR:
 The front-page article on February 8, "USG senator arrested, removed from meeting," shocked me. I couldn't believe it when I saw Rob Taylor's picture under the headline!

Taylor and I work together at Steak and Shake, where he is a manager. I know how deeply and passionately he cares about the SIUC student body. He has worked hard to make the University a better place, and he deserved a better turn than what Scott Belton gave him. Universities have thousands of

students to keep track of, and it's not unheard of for clerical errors in student records to be made. When Taylor presented proof that at the very least a discrepancy existed about his GPA, Belton should have allowed him to participate in the meeting until the matter could have been straightened out. The last thing the USG senate needs right now is more scandal and controversy, and I know Taylor would never want to do harm to the student body.

I am appalled by the stigma that this will place on Taylor's reputation here at SIUC and hope that quietly will respect his decision to not sink away people which he was being wronged. What USG really needs to be doing right now is begging dedicated, passionate, intelligent people like Taylor to join their ranks — not leading them away in handcuffs.

Sincerely,
 Rebecca Evon Donnell
 Senior, English

Illinois should change election laws

DEAR EDITOR:
 In response to the article "Illinois Election Recount System Studied," there are two measures that the Illinois General Assembly should enact to avoid the problems that occurred in last year's presidential election.

One measure is for the General Assembly to enact legislation that would create a uniform statewide standard to count ballots in the case of a manual recount. This would prevent the courts from getting involved and deciding how to conduct a manual recount. Another measure for the Illinois General Assembly to consider is the use of optical scanners as the voting method in this state. Some counties in Illinois already use optical scanners to count ballots. Illinois could rent the voting equipment for the counties that do not use optical scanners for the next presidential election. The election commission in Florida has recommended the use of optical scanners in 2004 by renting optical scanners for the 43 counties that do not currently have them.

The use of optical scanners in Illinois would not only cut the margin of error, it would also cut the amount of time to count the ballots on election night. I think these two measures if enacted by the Illinois General Assembly would reduce the likelihood of the problems that happened in the last election.

Jason Klemm
 Senior, Political Science

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International students share their cultural heritage

Four-day celebration comes to campus

EMILY OSTENDORF
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students have the opportunity to see the world while leaving their passports at home this week.

The International Festival will take place Wednesday through Saturday at the Student Center. Ethnic food and cultural traditions will be showcased through different events, bringing the world to the Carbondale community and SIUC students. More than 15 countries and 20 organizations will be represented.

This year the International Festival has been featured as an Official Travel Treasure by the AAA Midwest Traveler Magazine, which has a four-state circulation.

Bedi Erim, a senior in finance

from Istanbul, Turkey, and president of International Student Council, said the celebration will "give a message to the whole world, to politicians, that we as the whole world can come together in peace and achieve something."

Local students can benefit from this cultural unity as well.

"It's a good time for us to let others know about our culture," said Debbie Ten, a junior in advertising from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and president of the Asian Student Association and Friends.

The festival begins Wednesday with a parade of international flags through campus, followed by an opening proclamation at 11 a.m. in the Student Center Gallery Lounge.

An international food fair will follow from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Student Center Ballroom D. Students may purchase tickets for 50 cents each at the food fair and use tickets to sample traditional dishes from around the world.

"After Life," a Japanese film with

English subtitles, will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium.

Thursday's events include Italian Cuisine at Old Main Buffet, an African fabric printing demonstration at 6 p.m., followed by an international coffeehouse at 7 p.m., both at Jaguar Java in the Student Center.

Cultural exhibits will be shown from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in the Student Center International Lounge. The showcase will feature traditional crafts from students' home countries, as well as demonstrations. An international craft bazaar will be going on concurrently until 3 p.m. at the Student Center Hall of Fame.

"A Taste of Latin America will highlight Friday's events. The dinner will take place at 7 p.m. in Student Center Ballroom D. More than 11 Latin American countries will be represented.

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Special test conditions no longer noted by testing service

NICOLE B. USHER
HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD U.)

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (U-WIRE)- The Educational Testing Service (ETS) announced Thursday that it will no longer flag the test scores of students who take standardized tests with special accommodations for their disabilities.

For now, the announcement only applies to the GMAT, GRE, TOEFL and Praxis exams. The College Board, an independent agency affiliated with the ETS, will decide by March 31 if the same policy will apply to SAT scores.

Flagged scores are currently distinguished by the notation, "Scores Obtained Under Special Conditions," in score reports sent to college admissions offices and students.

Director of Harvard Admissions Marilyn McGrath Lewis '73 said she is not concerned about receiving scores that have been taken under special conditions but are not denoted as such.

She said that the potential change in score-reporting would not affect

the College's admission process.

"This is actually not a big deal," McGrath Lewis wrote in an e-mail. "Tests play a useful, but limited, role in our selection."

She estimated that Harvard currently only receives "perhaps a hundred or so" applications with flagged scores.

The College Board only requires that there be "appropriate documentation on file in school," in order for students to be considered eligible for special testing accommodations, according to material on its Web site.

The College Board also suggests that students who have "received accommodation for tests he or she took in school," consider taking tests with special accommodations.

A high school administrator at Harvard-Westlake, a prestigious private school in California which routinely sends students to Harvard College, said yesterday he was concerned that untimed test scores will now pass unnoticed when students are considered for admission.

Christopher Gragg, the SAT administrator at Harvard-Westlake, said unmarked scores will give an "unfair advantage" to some students.

You can always hurt the one you used to love on the Internet

Valentine's Day Column

DANNY GALLAGHER
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS-AUSTIN)

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE)- With Valentine's Day coming up next week, there sure isn't a lot of love left in the world to celebrate.

Back in January, Oscar award-winning Kim Basinger filed for divorce from her husband and star of *Thomas and the Magic Railroad*, Alec Baldwin, causing Kim's father to go on a two day press rant about Alec's furious fits of rage. Then, Jennifer Lopez left her boyfriend Sean "Puffy" Combs right in the middle of his alleged altercation at a nightclub. And just a couple of days ago, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman decided that it was time to go their separate ways. My God, if the ridiculously rich, the overly self-obsessed and the really, really famous can't stick with their eternal soul mates, what hope is there for me? Uh, I mean, the rest of us?

My advice to Tom, Nicole, Kim, Alec, Jennifer and Puffy is not to dwell on those little things that drove you apart, whether it was fits of anger or an argument over who left empty gun clips all around the house for someone else to clean up. Instead, why not put the one you used to love in their place with Web sites that let you reach out and give them a nice, hard bitch-slap.

Bitchslapped.com

Speaking of bitch-slapping (Can I say "bitch slap" in the paper? Oh well, too late), if your goal is to bitch slap your former valentine without getting served a subpoena, then go to the official Bitch-Slap-serving website at Bitchslapped.com.

It's got a great looking design, and is fairly well organized. Sometimes the pictures clash against lines of text, but it's not unreadable or as difficult to understand as a calculus class taught by a professor who speaks in Morse code.

Also, the way you send a bitch-slap to someone involves more than just a visual online greeting card with curse words inserted in the salutation. It's a complete visual and aural experience in pain and humiliation.

You can pick one of four animations to show what it looks like to get bitch-slapped based on whichever one looks closest to you: ex, from Trailer Trash Trish to Norman the Know-It-All. You can also accompany the card with an audio message, telling them that they've been bitch-slapped just in case they're too stupid to figure it with just a picture of a hand vigorously slapping a picture of their face.

The Psychotic Valentines Greeting Generator www.cyberstudio.com/mindcandy/vd/svvg.html

But if sending normal Valentine's greetings to you ex if the usual death threats and ransom notes are starting to get a

little monotonous year after year then put down that prescription bottle of Ritalin and let someone else do the writing for you with The Psychotic Valentines Greeting Generator.

Just think how much sweeter and personalized that Hallmark greeting card with the pink bunny impaled on a stick would look with sweet little phrases written inside like: "The purple bunny that lives under my tongue, is making me tell you, Happy Valentine's Day I'll send your gift as soon as they stop watching me" or "The indescend, fuzzy, yellow, upside-down dwarf in my attic, that whispers to me at night, will keep biting me on the cheek until I tell you, Happy Valentine's Day! I've been watching you from inside your closet and I feel so close to you!"

Twisted Valentine's Day Cards

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You can also copy-and-paste those insane sayings into their own Twisted Valentine's Day Cards, which are even more insane looking than the images of indescend, fuzzy, yellow, upside-down dwarfs that currently refuse to leave my mind. Styles range from cow tipping to save the whales to offend everyone, which attempts to offend viewers more than Andrew "Dice" Clay at a WOW summit.

Each category, unfortunately, only has one card to go around, but they'll get the job done if your significant ex sees them.

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But sometimes you want to do more than just strike fear in the heart of your ex or put them in a constant and daily state of paranoia you want to literally put a curse on them. If you're like me and your parents sent you to get communion instead of chicken's blood every Sunday, then head over to Pinstruck.com. It's the one spot on the net that lets you hex someone without the added discomfort of accidentally sticking needles into your own fingers.

Normally, the site was designed to send curses to those victims who were silly enough to have e-mail, but you can do so much more with the curses that you send. Not only can you place a curse on a victim's soul, but you can track the curse that you've sent to make sure they get what's coming to them, read the angry letters they sent to the site after receiving the curses or remove the curse yourself when you feel that they have served enough penance.

Of course, the only down side is that these curses don't actually work in real life. I told them that I wanted my ex-girlfriend from high school to fall into an open sewer, hit a drain pipe head first on the way down and then have her unconscious body eaten by alligators.

But I don't want to seem like a vindictive, petty person so let's just say that it didn't happen and leave it at that.

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FINDING THEMSELVES: Adam Meyer (left to right), a graduate student in rehabilitation counseling, Dave Ricci, post-doctorate in microbiology, Mike Burghoffer, a freshman in computer science and John Scarano, Director of Newman Catholic Student Center, take a walk during a break from the retreat sponsored by Newman Catholic Student Center on Saturday. The retreat took place at Lake Benton Baptist Camp from Friday night until Sunday morning.
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effort is necessary because there are so many different pieces to the research, Ebbs said.

"It brings people from a lot of dif-

ferent disciplines together," he said. Although it has taken Ebbs and his team six years to make these small leaps, he believes the discoveries will be applied to improve crops soon.

"We're on the tip of something big," Ebbs said.

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"People are usually in a panic because they wait until Valentine's Day to buy gifts," Dunkel said.

Edible sales in the Student Center include personalized cookies and heart-shaped cakes at Ritazza, a Valentine's Day buffet

at Old Main Restaurant and chocolate-covered coffee beans and chocolate-raspberry mocha at Jaguar Java.

Dunkel said the Valentine's Day items in the Student Center will be perfect for those who need to buy a gift for loved ones, but they are good for any occasion.

"People are always spontaneously spending money on their loved ones," Dunkel said.

Oklahoma State U. fraternity takes steps to prevent drinking deaths

RYAN MCNEILL
DAILY O'EGYPTIAN

STILLWATER, Okla. (U-Wire) - Members of the Oklahoma State University greek community are taking steps to prevent the same type of tragedy that took the life of a freshman in California, a Greek Life official said.

According to an Associated Press report, three members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at California State University-Chico were sentenced to 30 days in jail in connection with the drinking death of 18-year-old Andrew Heideman.

Police reports show that Heideman, a first-year member of the fraternity, died after trying to drink a bottle of brandy.

Whit Culver, president for the OSU Interfraternity Council, said OSU is working to prevent similar tragedies from happening in Stillwater.

"That tragedy really hit home

with me," Culver said. "I was a fraternity president before becoming IFC president, and you always have that fear. When the executive members took office at the beginning of the semester, we knew we needed to address the alcohol issue. Especially in the greek houses."

Culver said the IFC has not enacted new rules, opting to increase enforcement of current rules instead.

"We have really stepped up our enforcement," he said. "Enforcement has gone from nothing to pretty substantial."

The biggest change, Culver said, has been spot checks.

"We are going around and doing some spot checks in an effort to keep alcohol out of the houses," he said. "In the long term, it provides many benefits, including helping end the university stereotype that the greek system is drunk all the time. That is really not the case and is just not a part of the greek system at all."

Recreational use of Ritalin may be on the rise

NICK TALBOT
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-Wire) — The coffeepot is empty. The test is tomorrow at 8 a.m. Ritalin is in your roommate's medicine cabinet. Attention is key to staying awake. Options are limited. You must stay awake. You decide to pop a few pills.

This scenario may be happening around the country. And it may be happening at the University of Florida more often. The recreational use of the prescription stimulant

Ritalin, may be on the rise among college students, according to a recent survey of students in Massachusetts.

Researchers gave a 10-question survey to more than 1,400 students asking about their use of Ritalin, and while less than 2 percent reported having a prescription for the drug, 16 percent reported using the drug "for fun" at least once.

Paul Doering, a UF pharmacy professor, said Ritalin has come back into use because of its availability.

Three decades ago the drug was used for recreation but many found it had side effects

and often created dependency, Doering said.

Ritalin is one of the top-10 prescription drugs being stolen, with each pill selling for \$5 to \$6 on the open market, said Jeremy Kennard, health educator at the UF Student Health Care Center.

Many people fake attention deficit disorder to get prescriptions from doctors, take them from pharmacies or steal from friends who have prescriptions, Doering said.

Ritalin produces dose-related increases in heart rate and blood pressure and is capable of producing severe psychological dependence, according to a Department of

Justice report.

"Really, the long term implication is tolerance," Kennard said. "Any time you have to increase dosage to raise the effects of a drug, then a psychological addiction can occur."

The effects eventually can wear off, but not always at the most opportune time.

"Like many drugs, you are going to have a crash period after the effects are gone and that could happen during the test that you are trying to study for," Kennard said.

The drug is popular among college students because it offers added energy to stay awake.

Law prevents U. Penn student health services from giving RU-486

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DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN

PHILADELPHIA (U-Wire) — As colleges across the nation debate whether to distribute the so-called "abortion pill" on their campuses, officials at University of Pennsylvania Student Health Services say they will not be able to provide RU-486, despite its recent approval by the Food and Drug Administration.

In a letter to physicians, the Pennsylvania Department of Health announced that, in accordance with its Abortion Control Act, only facilities registered to provide abortions would be allowed to give the drug — thereby excluding Student Health Services.

Student Health, however, will continue to provide advice for women facing unwanted pregnancy and referrals to abortion providers, like the Philadelphia Women's Center, if necessary.

Janice Asher, medical director of Women's Health Services, said she agreed with the Department of Health's decision and added that she usually would suggest other forms of abortion over the pill.

"I am less enthusiastic about it for a Penn population ... because we have excellent access to competent surgical-abortion providers," she said. "We don't have the facilities to provide for the complications."

RU-486, also known as mifepristone, is taken within the first seven weeks of preg-

nancy, and works by blocking the hormone progesterone, which stops the development of the fetus.

A second drug, m.isoprostol, is provided a few days later and causes the uterus to contract and expel the fetus, in a similar manner to that of a natural miscarriage.

According to Summer, a counselor at the Philadelphia Women's Center who refused to give her last name, the miscarriage takes place in the woman's home and can be very painful. Anaesthesia is not available with RU-486, as it is when a surgical abortion is performed.

Other side effects can include bleeding and cramping. One in 100 women end up needing surgery for heavy bleeding.

The Philadelphia Women's Center, a for-profit organization that provides normal gynecological services and abortion procedures, charges \$451 for a surgical abortion within the first seven weeks of pregnancy while RU-486 is \$495.

"A lot of people ask about the non-surgical," Summer said, "but once they find out about it they have the surgical."

When asked about the benefits of RU-486, Summer added "some of it is psychological because it's more like a natural miscarriage. It's also good for someone really worried about surgery."

While insurance plans provided through Student Health cover abortions, they do not currently address RU-486.

Illinois academics, activists react to Bush's appointments

BRENNA ERFORD AND JON DOHENBERG
DAILY ILLINI

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (U-Wire) — The many controversies surrounding President Bush's Cabinet appointments have stirred up strong feelings among public advocacy groups. With the appointments of New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton as secretary of the interior, the environmental community has been drawn into the fray.

"I'm very concerned that the new administration will take an anti-environmentalist view to trying to solve national problems," said Michael Pleva, University professor of crop sciences and microbiology. "We need to take an enlightened view in dealing with the environment."

Whitman's appointment has garnered a great deal of attention, but much less controversy than Norton's.

"She's viewed as someone who's done some very constructive things within the environmental community," said John Braden, interim director of the Environmental Council. "[There isn't] much obvious antagonism over that appointment."

"The appointment of Gale Norton is much more controversial," Braden said. "She has a point of view that some people believe is rational, but it is the right one?"

Norton is an advocate of private property rights, a fact that has created some concern among environmentalists who expect she may curtail the amount of land set aside for public ownership by reversing a number of executive orders concerning public land use issued by President Clinton. If Norton does choose to do so, it will result in fewer restrictions protecting public land such as national forests, monuments and wildlife refuges. Some land that was formerly closed off to public use may be reopened for grazing rights and forestry by permit.

Braden said Norton comes from a school of thought that considers the privatization of land to often be in the best interest of both the environment and society at large.

"The problem with this school of thought is that there are resources within the environment that are of interest to many people," Braden said. "It's often difficult to see how private property rights help the common good."

Rank-and-file Republicans have expressed their support for Bush's choices. Matt Bisbee, a spokesman for 15th Congressional district Rep. Tim Johnson, said, "Tim is 100 percent fully supportive of the nominees. One of the big jobs of being president is setting up your Cabinet and picking your own nominees. Tim feels he made good appointments."

Environmental groups in Washington actively lobbied against Norton's appointment because of their concerns that she will favor the use of public lands for oil exploration over their protection.

"There's a lot of expectancy that the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska will be reopened," Braden said.

Braden noted that it will be interesting to see whether the same problems will arise between the environmental community and governmental agencies that characterized the administration of Interior Secretary James Watt during the Reagan administration. Both Watt and Ann Gorsuch Buford received widespread criticism for what many people perceived as their lack of commitment to the environment.

Both Norton and Whitman's future policies will directly reflect the extent of the Bush administration's commitment to protecting and preserving national lands.

Fran Marcucci, internal vice-president of College Republicans, expressed her support for Bush's appointments as well. "I think we have to trust [Bush's choices]," she said. "[Norton's] in politics — she knows the game. These people are selected for a reason."

"The president should have the option to set up his own Cabinet ... but he's a minority president who received 500,000 less votes than his opponent. His administration should take a comprehensive view towards the environment," Pleva said.

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Environmentalists fear Bush

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impact of opening up of Alaska for oil exploration. Bush is also affecting the environment through his policies toward international aid for population control, Silverman said.

United States government aid will not be given to organizations that offer abortions, which could have a harmful impact on international population control.

According to Silverman, the Secretary of the Interior does not support the conservation of natural resources.

A problem with environmental protection, Silverman said, is "selective enforcement," which means that laws do exist to protect the land but are not consistently enforced.

He also said that President Bush is postponing the implementation of forest protection measures. These measures, signed by former president Bill Clinton before he left office, would help conserve national forest lands.

Silverman said that part of Bush's environmental approach is voluntary conservation by companies, and the results in Texas have been poor.

Schmitt added that Bush could be beneficial for the environment because he "does want to clean up waste sites."

She said that Bush "could help, or could not help the environment," and it is "up in the air" right now.

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (U-WIRE)—Some environmentalists are worried about how the protection of the environment will be affected by the administration of President George W. Bush.

Gary Silverman, professor of environmental health, said that the three big environmental issues now are global climate change, forest protection, and international population control.

According to Silverman, while Bush was campaigning for president he said a global climate change is not occurring for certain.

Silverman disagrees, and said "the scientific community is confident of a global climate change," and it is a "phenomenon affecting our planet and our health." He said Bush has failed to acknowledge it.

Karen Schmitt, a Bowling Green State University graduate assistant in environmental programs, said that in his campaign for president, Bush spoke of giving more power to the states for conservation.

Schmitt said Bush seems to be "more for business than for the environment." According to her, there is concern about the environmental

National Condom Day promotes safer sex

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THE BRADLEY SCOUT (BRADLEY U.)

PEORIA, Ill. (U-WIRE)—With 15 million Americans expected to contract a sexually transmitted disease this year, chances are your date for Valentine's Day could be carrying something more than flowers.

That's why the American Social Health Association was designated Feb. 14 National Condom Day in an effort to combat the widespread outbreak of STDs in the United States.

"The promotion of safe sex on campus should be encouraged," Bradley University senior communications major Craig White said. "You don't think that catching an STD could happen to you, but it only takes one bad decision."

In the past, ASHA has distributed condoms and other materials on campuses around the country; but poor funding has forced it to discontinue such efforts this year.

Instead, ASHA wants to raise awareness of STDs by reminding people to behave responsibly.

"We encourage people to talk openly and honestly with their sexual partners about the sensitive subject of condoms as a way to reduce the risk of STDs," ASHA President and CEO Linda Alexander said.

Fortunately, Bradley University students seem to be listening.

According to Christina Nulty, director of the Bradley Health Center, STDs do not seem to be a large problem on campus, and Bradley ranks near the STD national average.

But she said she supports ASHA's campaign to lessen the problem even further.

"Any time we have the opportunity to educate students on STDs, I think it's a good idea," Nulty said.

Some Peoria officials are less optimistic about STD rates, though.

Peoria's STD rate is above the Illinois average, and Peoria county has more cases of STD infections than the surrounding counties, according to Randy McClallen, coordinator of healthy lifestyles for the Peoria health department.

And those numbers only include reported cases. Most carriers of STDs don't know they are infected.

For example, an estimated 45 million Americans have genital herpes, but 80 percent of those don't know they carry the disease, ASHA Director of Media Relations Michael Stalker said.

High rates of infection and low levels of awareness combine to make sexual promiscuity riskier than ever.

Because of the dangers, senior civil engineering major Nicole Woods said she feels abstinance is the best prevention of STDs.

"But if you were going to promote the use of condoms, Valentine's Day is probably the best time," she said.

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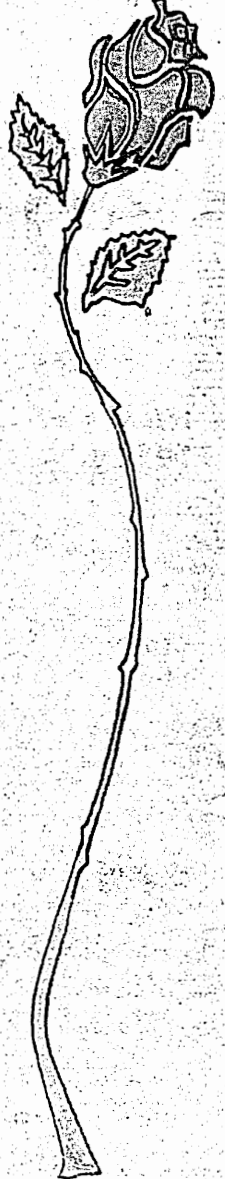
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WARD SYSTEM

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both referendums. The board took no action at its early meeting because they wanted a legal opinion on the matter.

The board is composed of Mayor Neil Dillard, Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan and City Clerk Janet Vaught. City Attorney Paige Reed said after reviewing the evidence presented by both sides she found no reason the second referendum should be removed from the ballot. Reed cited the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the State Election Board in her findings. Both offices concurred with her decision.

"This has been a grueling process," Flanagan said, "but I'd like to see the issue of the ward system furthered."

Reed said this could be the beginning of a legal battle if both referendums pass. If both referendums pass, the matter would then go before a judge to decide which referendum will be implemented.

Ford said that he would not rule out a challenge to the board's findings and all options are still available.

"There are time constraints to filing an objection and a decision would have to be made soon," Ford said.

Taylor said he was not surprised by the ruling, but was concerned the matter could ultimately

end up in court and the decision would be taken out of the voters' hands.

Taylor and USG President Bill Archer are student candidates vying for two seats on the City Council. Seven other candidates are on the ballot including two incumbents, Flanagan and Larry Briggs. Flanagan and Briggs are employees at the University. Both Briggs and Flanagan ran with student support in their last term.

The City Council primary is scheduled for Feb. 27.

Other candidates include McDaniel, Jeffrey Shepard and Carl Flowers, who have made unsuccessful council bids in the past. Kevin Kozlowski and John Legel are making their first run for the City Council.

ILLINOIS FIRST

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last year. Large truck and trailer registrations increased 25 percent and title-transfer fees increased from \$13 to \$65.

Bost voted against increasing the transportation fees, one of the main funding increases that supports Illinois FIRST, because he said there were other options available to fund the needs of the state.

He said that the license fee in Illinois could be increased but that doing it in such a short period of time would harm the trucking industry and be a "shocker" to those who pay to register vehicles.

"I come from the trucking business and I knew this would harm business," Bost said.

It also is paid for by an increase in alcohol taxes. According to the state of Illinois, the alcohol tax increased 6 cents per six-pack of beer, 10 cents per bottle of low-alcohol-content wine, and 3 cents per bottle on high-alcohol-content wine since July '99.

With the money generated from the increase in

taxes and fees, the state can give communities money in the form of bonds for Illinois FIRST projects. The state pays off the bonds with tax money.

The state giving bonds to area communities is like a person buying a car; you take out a loan for \$1,000 and you know that you are going to get \$100 a week and will be able to pay the loan back in 10 weeks, Cole said.

"Ryan said he would give 51 percent of all new money to education and he has kept his word; in fact, it actually turns out to be more like 52 percent that goes to education," Cole said.

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INDIANA DAILY STUDENT (INDIANA U.)

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (U-WIRE)—It was not unusual for Robert Pickett, an Indiana University alumnus and Evansville accountant who fired shots outside of the White House Wednesday,

to take unannounced time off of work and drive to Washington, D.C.

Pickett, who graduated from IU in 1979 with a degree in history, found a job as an auditor at the IRS in Cincinnati in the mid-1980s. After he was fired, he moved back to his home in Evansville, where he had lived alone since his parents died,

neighbors said.

In an apparent suicide note sent to the IRS, Pickett depicted himself as a mentally ill individual. The letter, — in which Pickett painted himself as a suicidal whistleblower fighting a corrupt system — was also sent to President George W. Bush, the Courier & Press and the Cincinnati Enquirer.

FESTIVAL

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Ruth Saborio, a graduate student in business from San Pedro Sula, Honduras, said she hopes "to share a little bit of our very diverse Spanish culture through the most common things, food and dancing."

The program features a served meal, exhibits, traditional dances and music. Prizes will also be awarded.

A \$10 donation per ticket will benefit the survivors of the El Salvadoran earthquake. Taste of Latin America is in memory of William Rodriguez, an SIUC graduate who died in the Jan. 13 quake.

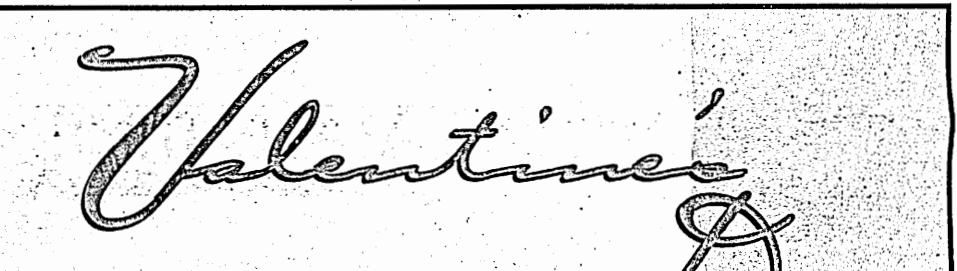
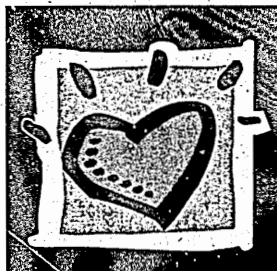
The International Festival concludes on Saturday with an international buffet, international milestone reception and international cultural show.

The milestone reception will be at 6 p.m. at the Student Center Gallery Lounge. The program will include a history of International Students and Scholars, including acknowledgment of the first international student to come to SIUC in 1947.

The finale will be an extensive program of music, song and dance during the cultural show, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Student Center ballrooms.

Athos Florides, a senior in management information systems from Nicosia, Cyprus, and president of the Cypriot Student Organization, encourages students to attend events during the International Festival.

"Come and see many cultures," he said. "There's so much to experience."



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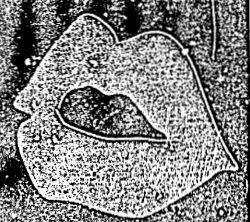
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The bumpy roadtrip

Women's basketball fails to get a win on three-game road trip

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2:25 left in the game. But the Shockers, led by Courtney Sims' 23 points, were able to pull away in the ensuing minutes.

Along with Sims, three other Shockers scored in double figures. Jennifer Kaczka scored 16, while Angela Buckner and Tisharria Huggins both had 12.

Senior Terica Hathaway led the Salukis with 22 points and senior Kristine Abramowski, the only other Saluki double figures, scored 10 points.

Notably, the Shockers scored 11 3-pointers, with Sims leading that stat with her five. The Shockers also went 29-for-40 at the free-throw line.

Earlier in the weekend, SIU was dealt another blow by Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo. The Bears' Jackie Stiles tallied 43 points in the 89-70 win Friday night in a packed Hammons Student Center. The Salukis lost to the Bears 81-70 at SIU Arena on Jan. 11.

Hathaway hit a 3-pointer to give her team a 3-2 lead early on, but the Salukis quickly gave

LADY HOOPSTERS

• THE SIU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYS HOST TO DRAKE UNIVERSITY ON THURSDAY FOR A 7:05 P.M. CONTEST AT THE SIU ARENA.

back the lead, and the Bears never trailed again. Freshman Jennifer Wegley hit a baseline jumper with one second left in the first half to bring the Salukis within four points. And early in the second half, the Salukis kept the game close, including a Hathaway jumper that cut the Saluki deficit to two on their first possession of the second half.

But with 15:22 left in the game, Stiles hit a jumper, which signaled a Bear takeover. The shot brought the SMS (18-4, 12-1) lead to 11 points, and from that point it all went downhill for SIU.

While Stiles dominated the game with her 43 points, SMS had no other players scoring in double digits. Hathaway led the Salukis with 19 points, followed by junior Gesha Woodard with 15 points and junior Holly Teague scoring 12.

WOMEN'S HOOPS RECAPS

	FG-CA	FT-FTA	Reb.	Points
Terica Hathaway	8-20	2-2	5	19
Jodi Heiden	0-0	0-0	1	0
Kristine Abramowski	1-4	4-4	8	6
Molly McDowell	1-8	2-2	5	4
Holly Teague	4-14	2-4	2	12
Danielle Lavery	1-2	0-0	1	2
Tiffany Crutcher	0-2	3-4	2	3
Gesha Woodard	2-3	2-2	4	6
Angela Tolbert	6-11	3-4	4	15
Jennifer Wegley	1-3	0-0	1	2
SIU - 3-point field goals 5-15 (Hathaway 1-5, McDowell 2-3, Teague 2-7)				
Scoring:				
SIU	1st	2nd	Final	
SW Missouri State	41	48	89	
SIU	37	33	70	

	FG-CA	FT-FTA	Reb.	Points
Terica Hathaway	9-18	3-4	5	22
Jodi Heiden	0-0	0-0	2	0
Kristine Abramowski	4-5	2-2	4	10
Molly McDowell	2-5	3-5	6	9
Holly Teague	3-11	1-2	3	9
Tiffany Crutcher	4-8	0-0	3	8
Gesha Woodard	2-3	0-0	2	4
Angela Tolbert	1-4	0-0	3	2
Jennifer Wegley	0-4	0-0	2	0
SIU - 3-point field goals 5-15 (Hathaway 1-5, McDowell 2-3, Teague 2-7)				
Scoring:				
Wichita State	40	40	80	
SIU	21	43	70	

Three for the road, and not one win. As it finished up a three-game road swing, the SIU women's basketball team continued its losing ways, falling 80-64 to Wichita State University Sunday in Wichita, Kan., and 89-70 to Southwest Missouri State University Friday night.

Sunday, the Salukis were down 28-8 before they ever realized what hit them. By halftime, the Shockers (9-12, 2-11) established a 40-21 lead.

And while the Shockers' lead grew to 28 points at one juncture, the Salukis put together a late rally to get them within eight points with

Mells back with Salukis

ANDY EGENSE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Brandon Mells made his first appearance back with the Salukis during Saturday's game against Creighton University.

Mells checked into the game at the 11:57 mark in the first half and scored three points and had one assist after missing last Wednesday's contest against Southwest Missouri State University.

Weber and Mells have butted heads about his season-long foot injury that has limited his productivity. Weber said he wants Mells to be tougher and act with more maturity; Mells wanted to redshirt earlier in the year, but Weber talked him into toughing it out.

Weber let the players decide whether Mells could return to the team. The players took a vote and overwhelmingly voted Mells back.

"I told him that I think he's doubting himself right now. He's embarrassed by the whole thing. It's a shame that it had to happen," Weber said. "Now it's up to him to show some character. If he hangs his head and if he doesn't have discipline and if he's

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BRUCE WEBER
head coach, Salukis men's basketball

immature, then he's not going to last. "I did give him a contract, more or less, where he has to maintain certain things, and if he doesn't maintain certain things, and if he doesn't do that then he won't stay with us. So we'll see what he's about." Mells declined an interview.

DRAKE

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Drake controlled the tempo, making for a long, drawn-out game, unlike what SIU prefers.

Freshman guard Luke McDonald leads Drake in scoring at 12.8 points per game. McDonald is shooting 45 percent from beyond the arc and has made at least one 3-pointer in all 21 Bulldog ballgames this year.

Sophomore Andy Sela is coming off a career-high 24-point effort at Northern Iowa Saturday. Sela is the Bulldogs' second leading scorer at 11.2 points per contest.

Drake is currently in eighth

place, but has only one more loss than the Salukis. Weber said his goal is to finish in the top six in the league and not have to play a Friday night play-in game at the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

What could prohibit a top-six finish from occurring is the fact that SIU will have to do its damage on the road for the remainder of the season. The Salukis, who have won just three games all season on the road, only have two home games left on the schedule in their final six contests.

"I think the minimum we need, we've got to get 10 [conference] wins somehow," Weber said. "It's not going to be easy."



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SIU owns a 35-19 lead in the all-time series with Drake following their Jan. 27th 65-61 win at the SIU Arena. SIU won both games last season, 76-48 at SIU and 79-62 in Des Moines.

The word on the Salukis:

SIU is coming off a 77-63 home loss to first-place Creighton University just two days ago. The Salukis are in fifth-place in the MVG, but have Evansville, Southwest Missouri State and Drake all knocking on their heels.



Projected SIU starting lineup:

- #2 G - Marcus Belcher (Jr.) 6-0
- #33 G - Kent Williams (So.) 6-2
- #45 F - Abel Schrader (Sr.) 6-4
- #12 F - Josh Cross (Sr.) 6-4
- #11 C - Sylvester Willis (Fr.) 6-6

The word on the Bulldogs:

Drake lost a road contest at the University of Northern Iowa Saturday in Cedar Falls, Iowa, 71-65 in overtime. The Bulldogs battled back from 17 points down in the second half to push the game to overtime, but couldn't pull out the victory. Drake has been a tough team to beat at the Knapp Center this season.



Projected Drake starting lineup:

- #10 G - Aaron Thomas (Sr.) 6-4
- #25 G - Luke McDonald (Fr.) 6-5
- #21 F - Andy Sola (So.) 6-7
- #4 F - Justin Ohi (Sr.) 6-6
- #44 C - Joey Gaw (Sr.) 6-9

Bottom Line:

Bruce Weber always labels the game at Drake a character game. This year it will be even tougher because Drake is actually pretty tough this season, despite a sub-.500 mark.

CREIGHTON

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to 66-51 with 7:43 left in the game.

SIU (12-11, 6-6) tried to come back with a pair of Saluki 3-pointers sandwiched around a Marcus Belcher lay-in, closing the gap to 11 points, but Creighton wing player Terrell Taylor put the game on ice after hitting two 3-pointers in 17 seconds to give the Bluejays a 17-point advantage at the 3:30 mark.

SIU struggled to defend the perimeter all afternoon, and the hot shooting of Creighton (18-6, 10-4) spoiled the Salukis' day in the sun.

"I'm disappointed. It would have been good for our program, there's no doubt," Weber said. "You finally get some people in here. The students are great, and I appreciate that, the balloons and bones and all that stuff. It's a good atmosphere."

"I wish it was like that all the time, but we got to get our program where they want to come and see us all the time and create that kind of great home-crowd atmosphere."

Taylor and Korver combined for nine of Creighton's 12 treys and scored 23 and 14 points, respectively.

"The main thing was that they dominated us inside," said SIU sophomore guard Kent Williams, who led the Salukis with 14 points. "Even though they hit some 3s on us, I think they got those 3s because they were getting a lot of easy baskets inside and killing us on rebounds."

SIU was embarrassed just 10 days earlier in a game at Creighton in which the Bluejays used a 48-15 first-half spurt to run away with a 78-63 win. But SIU made Saturday's contest more respectable after they shot 50 percent in the first half and led in the opening 13 minutes of the game to spark a rowdy student body.

But Creighton's array of offensive weapons was well directed by senior point guard Ryan Sears, who finished

HOOPS RECAP

	FG-CA	FT-FTA	Reb.	Points
Abel Schrader	3-10	0-0	6	9
Joshua Cross	3-8	0-0	2	6
Sylvester Willis	1-2	0-1	3	2
Marcus Belcher	5-7	0-0	4	12
Kent Williams	5-13	3-4	2	14
Brandon Mells	1-2	0-0	0	3
Tyrese Buie	3-5	2-2	5	9
Jermaine Dearman	3-7	1-3	2	7
Toshay Harvey	0-0	1-2	0	1
Jason Ward	0-0	0-0	2	0
SIU - 3-point field goals 8-21 (Schrader 3-8, Belcher 2-4, Williams 1-5; Mells 1-2, Buie 1-1; Dearman 0-1)				
Scoring:				
Creighton	1st	2nd	Final	
SIU	34	43	77	
SIU	32	31	63	

with 14 points and seven assists. "We knew they were going to be pretty emotional and they came out and played hard," Sears said. "We were lucky to stay with [SIU] in the first half."

Weber emphasized that veterans should be a valuable part of the team. SIU's senior leaders, Joshua Cross and Abel Schrader, combined for 14 points in the game on 6-of-18 field goals.

But despite the disappointment, it was difficult not to come away from the day thinking the better team won.

"I told them they have nothing to be ashamed of," said Weber of losing to the Bluejays, who are ranked 30th in the national RPI ratings. "[Creighton's] better. They should win the league."

"I think they are the only chance at an at-large bid right now. For the league's sake, I hope they don't win the [conference] tournament because they might have a chance to get in."

Baseball Salukis swept in opening weekend

JAVIER SERNA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The "Sunshine State" loomed darkness for Saluki baseball as the Dawgs began their season in Orlando, Fla., this weekend.

The Salukis hope it isn't a foreshadowing of what's to come this season.

The University of Central Florida, ranked No. 20 in the nation, took its bats in Sunday's game with a seven-run first inning, which led to an 11-3 win in a weekend-sweep of SIU at Jay Bergman Field.

"We need to make some improvements in all phases of the game. The effort was good. The intensity was good. But the execution sometimes wasn't there," SIU head coach Dan Callahan said.

In the first inning, Mike Myers hit a lead-off home run to left field. The Knights (5-1) proceeded to load the bases on three consecutive singles and Jason Graham tripled to clear the bases.

SIU junior second basemen Dane Kerley made a throwing error, which allowed Graham to score. Myers hit an RBI double, scoring two more, and SIU pitcher Jason Westemeir, a junior, was removed and replaced by senior Victor Hockett. Westemeir was charged with

seven runs on six hits in two-thirds of an inning.

The Salukis scored off junior Scott Hankey's single in the first inning, which brought home sophomore Sal Frisella. Then in the seventh inning, freshman Nick Baughman grounded out to third base, allowing junior Dustin Downs to score. UCF's Mike Fox committed a fielding error while senior Steve Mazzola scored off of sophomore Cory Newsum's ground ball.

But it was not enough, and UCF reliever Von Stertzbach put forth 2.1 innings of scoreless baseball to put an end to any other ideas the SIU batters had in mind.

UCF starter Brad Busbin took the win, yielding five hits and one run in five innings.

In game two, the Salukis kept the game close until late in the contest. Down 4-0 after two innings, the Salukis battled back in the fourth. SIU junior Ryan Murray hit a rocket to third that was mishandled, allowing Baughman and Frisella to score. Then in the fifth, junior Jeff Stanek hit a solo home run and Hankey drove in Frisella.

But with the contest tied at 4-4 in the sixth inning, the Knights pulled away, scoring one run off a Wayne Summers solo home run.

In the seventh, Myers scored on a passed ball. The Knights unleashed on the Salukis again in the eighth, scoring four runs, including a two-run homer by Graham.

BATTER UP

• THE SIU BASEBALL TEAM CONTINUES ITS ROAD TRIP IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FOR A THREE-GAME SERIES VS. THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM STARTING FEB. 16.

Senior Billy Handlin pitched six innings, striking out six, walking three, threw two wild pitches, and gave up five earned runs in the loss.

UCF relief pitcher Paul Labrano picked up the win. He pitched three innings, striking out two and allowing two hits. Knight reliever Abe Gonzalez stepped in the ninth allowing no runs.

"We obviously have some work to do," Callahan said.

In Friday's season opener, the Salukis went down, early, giving up 10 runs in the first four innings.

SIU starter Ryan Aird (0-1) lasted only 1.2 innings. In that span, he gave up three earned runs, walked five, struck out five, allowed two hits, hit one batter and threw three wild pitches.

"We didn't pitch well enough to stay in the game," Callahan said.

Junior Justin Maurath prevented the shutout, scoring on a wild pitch off of UCF reliever Justin Cerrato in the ninth inning.

UCF starter Justin Pope (1-1) allowed no

SIU SALUKIS VS.

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Friday	R	H	E
SIU 000 000 001 - 1 6 0			
UCF 121 600 00X - 10 10 1			
WP - Pope, Justin (1-1)			
LP - Aird, Ryan (0-1)			
Saturday	R	H	E
SIU 000 220 000 - 4 9 2			
UCF 130 001 14X - 10 13 1			
WP - Labrano, Paul (1-0)			
LP - Hardin, Billy (0-1)			
Sunday	R	H	E
SIU 000 100 200 - 3 8 2			
UCF 700 010 21X - 11 18 1			
WP - Busbin, Brad (2-0)			
LP - Westemeir, Jason (0-1)			

runs, four hits, struck out five and no walks in six innings to take credit for the win.

"Sometimes the potential matchups concern me a little bit. Ryan Aird is definitely better than the way he threw, and Jason Westemeir is definitely better than the way he threw, but they're going to have to get better and they're going to have to do it in a hurry," Callahan said.

SPORTS BRIEF

Saluki track and field freshman breaks SIU record

Noa Beiler, a freshman for the SIU women's track and field team, broke an 11-year-old record in the 800-meter run, highlighting an otherwise meek showing by SIU at the unscored Iowa State Invitational on Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Beiler's time of 2 minutes, 9.16 seconds captured eighth place among a field of 58 runners and shattered the previous record time of 2:11.99, set by Rosanne Vincent in 1989.

Caryn Poliquin threw the hammer 58 feet, 1 3/4 inches for a fourth-place finish out of 36 competitors. Poliquin set a personal record in the shot put, with a throw of 44 feet, 9

1/2 inches, which landed her in 13th place out of 37 athletes. Jamie Waters also earned a career high, throwing the shot put 43 feet, 5 1/4 inches.

For the men, Ryan Hauser set a personal record, running 4:12.33 in the mile, placing him in 13th place out of 63 runners. Ryan Hauser ran a personal best 8:48.64 in the 3,000 meter, edging his previous mark by 17 seconds to place 42 out of 76 runners.

The Salukis will return home for their next meet, hosting the USA Track and Field Open at the Recreation Center this Friday and Saturday.

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE RECAPS

Wichita State 57 Bradley 65

Senior guard Jerome Robinson connected on 8-of-13 three-point attempts for 29 points in Bradley University's 65-57 victory against Wichita State University Saturday in Peoria.

With the win, the Braves (14-8, 9-4) move into a second-place tie in the MVC with Indiana State University, while the Shockers drop to 7-15 overall and 2-11 in the league. Creighton University moved into first place with its 77-63 win at SIU Sr. today.

Bradley and Indiana State meet head-to-head Saturday night in Carver Arena, where Bradley has not lost in 16 consecutive MVC contests.

Drake 65 Northern Iowa 71 (OT)

The University of Northern Iowa won its second consecutive MVC contest, this time knocking off Drake University 71-65 in overtime Saturday in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Northern Iowa allowed a 17-point lead to slip away in the second half, but managed to hold off the Bulldogs (9-12, 5-7) and eventually pick up the win in the extra period.

The Panthers (6-18, 3-10), who defeated then first-place Indiana State Feb. 3, have now won two straight after a 1-10 start to the conference season.

Illinois State 68 Indiana State 74

After dropping consecutive MVC contests to Creighton and Northern Iowa last week, Indiana State regrouped to defeat Illinois State 74-68 Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Sycamores improve to 17-8 overall and 9-4 in the league. They are tied with Bradley for second place, while the Redbirds slip to fourth place in the Valley, although they are just one win behind both Indiana State and Bradley at 16-5 overall and 8-4 in the Valley.

Senior forward Matt Renn led Indiana State with 20 points, while guard Tanise Bryson led the Redbirds with 24 points and Shawn Jeppson chipped in 17.

Evansville 68 Southwest Missouri State 70

Southwest Missouri State University fought off red-hot Craig Snow and the University of Evansville 70-68 Saturday night in Springfield, Mo.

Snow, who connected on 7-of-10 three-point attempts for 28 points, was not enough to beat the Bears. SMS improves to 10-12 overall and 6-7 in the MVC, while Evansville drops to 11-13 overall and 6-7 in the league.

The Purple Aces return to action tonight when Illinois State comes to Roberts Stadium for a 7:35 tip-off.

Illinois women win second straight

DERRICK SMITH
DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (U-WIRE) — It was a question of which Northwestern team would show up on Thursday night: the team that took No. 17 Penn State down to the wire on Sunday, or that came into Thursday's game 0-11 in the Big Ten.

Luckily for the Illini, it was the latter. Behind 17 points and three steals by junior guard Allison Curtin, Illinois (12-11, 7-4) defeated the Wildcats 65-45.

"It's a good win going into Sunday's game against Michigan," Curtin said.

Early it looked as though the Illini, who came out flat in the first half, would have their work cut out for them. Illinois had only one field goal in the game's first four minutes.

Junior guard Ashley Messenger dished out assists to senior forward Tami Sears and sophomore center Leslie Doland to give the Wildcats an early 7-2 lead. The Illini battled back behind Curtin, who scored Illinois' first seven points. Curtin found freshman forward Iveta Marcauskaitė down low, giving the Illini their first lead of the game at 9-7 with 15:32 left to play in the half. Northwestern kept the score relatively close until the final four minutes of the half when the Illini used a 10-0 run to close out the half. Junior forward Dawn Vana connected on four free throws in the final minute to give Illinois a

35-26 halftime lead.

"I thought we played with more continuity during that stretch," said head coach Theresa Grenz. "We had some players come off the bench and provide a spark for us."

Providing the spark off the bench for the Illini were freshman forward Cindy Dallas and Marcauskaitė. Dallas grabbed eight rebounds in the half and scored six points. She finished the game with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

"I got in there and worked hard," Dallas said. "We had a size advantage and we took advantage of it."

The Illini rebounded the Wildcats 42-25 in the game.

In the second half the Illini tightened the screws on defense. Illinois used a 1-3-1 trap to force 10 Northwestern turnovers in the second half. The Northwestern offense shut down under the Illinois pressure.

"They did a nice job changing defenses," said Northwestern head coach June Olkowski. "We knew they would trap, we just didn't handle it well."

Illinois held the Northwestern scoreless for almost eight minutes in the second half. The Illini scored 17 unanswered points and had a 29-point lead with 5:10 remaining in the game.

"We really played together during that stretch," said sophomore guard Shavonna Hunter. "We had a lot of assists and a lot of team play during that stretch."

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Creighton upstages Salukis



JESSICA KOLB - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Above: Jermaine Dearman feels the pressure of the Creighton Bluejays defense during Saturday's game at the SIU Arena. The Salukis lost the game 77-63, and are now 6-6 in the MVC with six league games left. Right: Junior point guard Brandon Mells returned to the Saluki team Saturday after briefly leaving the squad before last Wednesday night's game versus Southwest Missouri State. Mells returned to the line-up against Creighton University and scored three points in limited action.



Bluejays unleash too much firepower for Dawgs in nationally televised disappointment

ANDY EGENSE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Adrenaline only runs so long. In SIU's first game on ESPN since 1995, Creighton University capitalized on a 22-4 second half run to breeze to a 77-63 win in front of 5,702 fans at the SIU Arena Saturday.

With pumped up fans assembling at the Arena nearly an hour before gametime, SIU hung with the conference-leading Bluejays for

about 27 minutes — until Creighton's offense exploded. Within a period of about five minutes, Creighton forward Kyle Korver helped push an eight-point lead to 18 points on a pair of back-to-back 3-pointers to catapult the lead

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Brandon Mells returns to Salukis.
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Salukis test character tonight against Drake

SIU travels to Des Moines, Iowa, to battle just two days after 77-63 home loss to Creighton

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Prior to the start of the 2000-2001 basketball season, Bruce Weber highlighted two games on the Saluki schedule. Neither were the games everyone else was talking about at the start of the year.

One was the Dec. 5 game at Southeast

Missouri State University. The other is tonight's Missouri Valley Conference contest at Drake University. Tip-off is set for 7:05 at the Drake Knapp Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Weber chose to ink those two games because they are "character games."

The SEMO game followed SIU's trip to Indiana University, and tonight's ballgame follows the Salukis nationally televised ESPN showing with first-place Creighton University.

"It's a huge week for us," said Weber, whose Salukis stay on the road after tonight for two

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The Drake game I thought would be a character game. So now we've got to see if we can come back in one day and not hang our heads.

BRUCE WEBER
head coach, SIU men's basketball

more MVC games at Illinois State and Northern Iowa.

"I marked the schedule with the players way back in August. The Drake game I thought would be a character game. So now we've got to see if we can come back in one day and not hang our heads."

Weber wants his team to remain positive after dropping a 77-63 decision to Creighton Saturday at the SIU Arena. The Bluejays are the best team in the league right now, and despite playing at home, SIU (12-11, 6-6) simply lost to a better team. Creighton is ranked 30th in the RPI ratings.

"I told them they have nothing to be ashamed of," Weber said. "I told them when someone kicks your butt, learn from it."

Drake is fresh off a 71-65 overtime loss at Northern Iowa on Saturday. The Bulldogs (9-12, 5-7) are a different team at the Knapp Center though. Drake has only lost one MVC game at home this season, a 62-47 setback to Bradley University Feb. 3.

Despite playing with only seven players, after losing four players to academic troubles, the Bulldogs still gave SIU all it could handle in a 65-61 Saluki win at the SIU Arena Jan. 27.

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