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Gunshots nearly doubled in 2001

Police attribute number to increase in drug activity

Sara Hooker
Daily Egyptian

When the crack of gunshots sounded late Tuesday evening in the 400 block of South Washington Street, David Valliant hit the floor. His next reaction was to check on his three sleeping children in the nearby bedroom, who were awakened by the loud noise.

It wasn't until the next morning that he discovered a bullet lodged in the wall about a foot above where his 8-year-old daughter lay sleeping at the time the shots were fired.

This situation may not be as uncommon as it appears, as 2001 saw a significant increase in the number of gunshots reported to police. Carbondale Police Chief R.T. Finney said about 140 incidents were reported to police in 2001, almost twice as many as in 2000.

Finney attributed the large increase to a "greater number of guns on the street being used illegally."

"I think there has been an increase in drug activity — anytime there's an increase in drug activity there's also an increase in violence," he said.

Finney said police have not identified suspects in most of the cases where firearms were illegally discharged. Gunshots were fired throughout Carbondale, with the most concentrated activity reported on the city's east side. Finney said that many of the incidents are not reported until days after, decreasing any chance of an investigator locating the suspect.

Valliant's case has fallen into the same rut because he didn't know his family's home was struck and didn't report the gunshots until the following morning.

"All I heard was 'pop, pop, pop, pop, pop,' and we hit the ground," Valliant said. "The kids are still shook up about it — scared to go to bed."

Valliant, 46, said he's lived in the neighborhood for five years, and while his family has heard an occasional gunshot, "nothing has ever happened like this before."

The Valliant home was struck by two of the five shots fired, one entered the bedroom



Marcus Valliant points to the small hole left in his bedroom wall caused by errant gunfire Tuesday night. Carbondale Police responded to 140 reports of shots fired in 2001, a statistic that nearly doubled from the previous year.

STEVEN JANNEK — DAILY EGYPTIAN

through a window and another in the basement. Valliant said he did not think his house was intentionally shot. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

Finney believes if the community gets involved and supports police efforts and prevention issues, the numbers of shots fired could fall in 2002.

But the police are combating gun violence in a number of ways. Finney said the department tries to educate the public and advocates prevention programs such as D.A.R.E.

Finney also said Carbondale will be seeing an increase in probable cause and traffic viola-

tion stops in which the goal of officers will be to look for guns and drugs.

City manager Jeff Doherty agrees with efforts made by the Carbondale Police Department.

"Obviously one [gunshot] is too many," Doherty said. "It somewhat reflects the large presence of guns in society."

"We need to be more aggressive and the department needs to be more aggressive at getting guns off the street."

Carbondale's problem with gunshots has touched Valliant's life in more ways than one. Cousin Michael Valliant was sentenced to 18

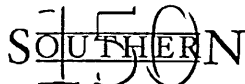
years in prison for the shooting death of a former SIUC student and cousin Cameron Allison was gunned down Dec. 26 in his Carbondale home.

As a member of a family touched by violence, Valliant hopes shooting in Carbondale will subside. The future is something he fears if nothing is done soon to curb the violence.

"I live for my kids. I want to see them get up and go to school in the morning and grow up and go to college someday," Valliant said.

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Gender gap under debate



EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS IS ONE IN A SERIES OF STORIES THAT TAKES A LOOK AT THE ISSUES ARISING FROM THE SOUTHERN AT 150 MEETINGS.

Alexa Aguilar
Daily Egyptian

At SIUC, 57 percent of students are male; 43 percent are female. These numbers match nationwide statistics perfectly — with one important difference.

Nationwide, it's women who are dominating the University landscape, not men. But not at SIUC. Men have traditionally outnumbered women here — in the '70s and '80s the percentages were more like 60 to 40.

It's a statistic that Chancellor Walter Wendler wants to change. He brought up the figures Friday at the first meeting of Southern at 150, a long-term planning process that he hopes will improve SIUC's quality by 2019, the University's 150th anniversary.

"If (the figures) were in balance, most

of our problems would be solved," Wendler said. "If the representation was more like 50/50, our image would be different."

It may be SIUC's image that is deterring women from enrolling on campus in the first place. Wendler said safety concerns and SIUC's wild image may be preventing females from coming to Carbondale.

"We have traditionally been a place that has been seen as a party school," Wendler said. "Families with daughters might actively discourage them from attending."

Brandon Batchelor, a senior in radio-television from Flora, said SIUC's party school image doesn't necessarily discourage women, but does encourage more men.

He said he hasn't noticed the disparity in the classroom as much as the bar scene on a weekend night. Batchelor said it seems like the ratio of males to females at the bars can be almost three to one.

Dianna Kuhnert, an SIUC employee and Du Quoin resident, sent both her son and her daughter to SIUC. While she's a strong proponent of the University, Kuhnert said she was more concerned about her daughter attending the University than her son.

"It's just different for daughters when you have concerns about safety," Kuhnert said.

Margaret Winters, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and research, agreed with Wendler's theory of SIUC's image and its effects.

She pointed to Chicago media coverage of Halloween riots and Carbondale murders as presenting a negative image to Chicago parents.

Kuhnert said she thinks her perception of SIUC would be altered if she wasn't a Southern Illinois native.

"If I lived in Chicago, my perception from the TV would be that SIU is a party school," Kuhnert said.

But both Wendler and Winters emphasized that the University shouldn't solely pin the gender gap on SIUC's image right away.

There is no magic reason or solution for the disparity, they said. Apart from theories that have been tossed around for years, there is no hard-and-fast reason why more women aren't coming to SIU.

Another possible factor that Winters threw out was geography. About one-third of SIUC's students are from the Chicago area, she noted.

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Epps to bring antics
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Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

One of Hollywood's rising prodigies is bringing his hilarious fame to SIUC's stage.

America best recognizes comedian Mike Epps as DaDa, Ice Cube's rich, trouble-making cousin in the movie "Next Friday." Despite other starring roles in motion pictures, Epps is returning to his initial love of stand-up comedy here in Carbondale.

Epps will be performing at Shryock Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6, with opening act, Cal Cal, who often accompanies Epps' performances.

Making the special appearance in Southern Illinois, Epps, a Gary, Ind. native, is familiar with the University. And

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'U.S. Taliban' in court

RICHMOND, Va. — Alleged Taliban soldier John Walker Lindh has made his first court appearance, telling a U.S. judge he understood charges that he conspired to kill his fellow Americans in Afghanistan.

"Yes I do, thank you," Lindh replied when questioned by U.S. Magistrate, Judge W. Curtis Sewell. Lindh, wearing a green prison jumpsuit, and with his previously long hair and beard shorn, stood straight with his arms at his side throughout the 15-minute hearing, glancing several times at prosecutors to his right.

He did not turn to look at his parents, sitting two rows behind him. Sewell also asked Lindh whether he understood the penalties, which could include life in prison. Lindh spoke a third time when the judge asked whether he understood that he would be kept in custody until a preliminary hearing, set for Feb. 6.

In a sign of legal arguments to come, Lindh's lawyer, James Brosnahan, told reporters after the hearing that Lindh had "asked for a lawyer, repeatedly asked for a lawyer" from early December on, "and the officials who have commented on this case knew that."

But U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty told reporters that Lindh, 20, had signed a statement waiving his right to counsel when he spoke to the FBI overseas after his capture in northern Afghanistan. Defense lawyers have already said



they would challenge the statement's admissibility because a lawyer wasn't present. Lindh was recovering from a battle wound at the time.

U.S. interrogates Cuban prisoners

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is holding off on sending more of the al-Qaida and Taliban fighters to Cuba for security reasons and because interrogation of prisoners is beginning, defense officials said yesterday.

With 158 there now, the makeshift prison is reaching capacity, and it could be easier for captives to create problems if they were doubled up in cells while more are being built, one official said.

President Bush's old lawmakers yesterday they "should be proud" of the U.S. treatment of terrorism suspects held at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Turning aside international outcry over the U.S. operation, the White House called the detainees suicidal fanatics who would "engage in murder once again" if set free. But European allies and human rights groups continued to raise concerns about their treatment. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush is "perfectly satisfied" that conditions at Guantanamo are humane and fair.

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Pope John Paul Leads Prayer for Peace

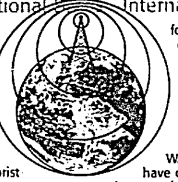
ASSISI, Italy — Pope John Paul and world religious representatives gathered in the central Italian city of Assisi Thursday for a special day of prayer for peace.

Concerned by the impact of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, the pope invited representatives of Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and other world religions to meditate and speak out about the need for peace.

Participants are expected to read testimonies in favor of peace at the beginning of the ceremony. Later they will pray in their own rites at different places around the Franciscan convent.

The program includes a communal lunch and an afternoon gathering in the main square, where the pope will light a symbolic lamp for peace.

Pope John Paul said Wednesday in his weekly general audience at the Vatican that today's meeting will be a pilgrimage of hope, following in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. Assisi is the birthplace of St. Francis, the



founder of the Roman Catholic Franciscan order.

Afghan fight kills 15 al Qaeda

WASHINGTON — Up to 15 al Qaeda fighters have died and an American soldier was wounded in a pre-dawn firefight in Afghanistan which highlighted that pockets of resistance remain after the U.S.-led rout of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda group and the Taliban government. U.S. officials said the fighting flared about 40 miles north of Kandahar in southern Afghanistan during a "search-and-destroy" mission by U.S. special forces.

A number of al Qaeda and Taliban were also captured as American troops searched two compounds believed used by former leaders of the ousted government and al Qaeda, according to the officials. They asked not to be identified.

The name of the wounded American and the extent of his injuries were not immediately released, but one official said the injuries were not life-threatening.

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Michelle Perkins and Deandray Jackson fight for a basketball as their friends watch and laugh at a Carbondale playground. The cold temperatures did not discourage these kids from having fun.

Law school just says no to grade inflation

Private schools more prone to pump grades

Mark Lambird
Daily Egyptian

SIU Law School is resisting the easy out taken by Washington University Law school and will not inflate the grades of its students.

The Washington University Law School, located in St. Louis, has decided to increase their average grade from a B-minus to a B-plus. The practice known as grade inflation is common among law schools that want to make their programs and students' look more attractive in the job market.

The change was approved by the school's faculty this month and will be phased in over the next two years.

Thomas Guemsey, dean of the SIU Law School, could not be reached Wednesday, but told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that SIU's median grade average was lower than other law schools. Guemsey said SIU has no plans to adopt inflation into grading policy.

Michael Ruiz, assistant dean of administration and student affairs at the SIU Law School, said grade inflation happens occasionally, but usually at the smaller schools without the national spotlight.

Proponents of grade inflation say it gives graduates a better chance to land a job after school.

“When I was the hiring partner, I looked at class rank first and then grade point averages. If I caught wind that a graduate student came from a school that inflated grades, it could make a difference.”

Steve Hughes partner, Rabbitt, Snodgrass and Pitzer in St. Louis

Those on the other side of the debate say schools who artificially increase grades are taking the easy way out.

Steve Hughes, an SIU Law School alum and a partner with Rabbitt, Snodgrass and Pitzer law firm in St. Louis, said when he was a hiring partner he would have looked at people coming from schools with grade inflation more closely.

“When I was the hiring partner, I looked at class rank first and then grade point average,” Hughes said. “But if I caught wind that a graduate came from a school that inflated grades, it could make a difference.”

According to the Association of American Law Schools, most schools rank their students. Law schools such as St. Louis University, Southern Illinois University and the University of Missouri at Columbia all rank their students from No. 1 and down.

At Washington University, students are ranked in bunches starting with the top one percent, five percent and down through the top 75 percent.

Hughes said class rank generally played a larger role in the decision than GPA.

Gean Basanta, a professor in the SIU School of Law, said grade inflation does not mean much for students.

“Grades are just used to rank students,” Basanta said. “Ranking is more important when trying to get a job.”

He said he would not say the practice is wrong, but said it was irrelevant in most cases. The only difference he said the change could make was that students could be drawn to programs where the average GPA is higher.

Ruiz said SIU will keep the straight forward system that is currently used, but would not rule out future changes.

“For now, things aren't going to change [at SIU], but you never know what might change in the future,” Ruiz said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Blood drive on campus today

The American Red Cross/SIUC Blood Drives is hosting a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in Rehn Hall. Anyone who is 16 years or older is eligible to donate, and refreshments will be provided. For additional information, call

Soul food buffet offers chance to eat, mingle

The Black Affairs Council will sponsor a Soul Food Lunch Buffet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in Ginnell Cafeteria. The lunch is an opportunity for faculty and staff to dine with students. Attendees without a meal card will be charged \$6. The meal will include chicken wings, crowder peas, sookie and sweet potato pie.

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Boil order effective now in Murphysboro

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“It’s far too early to tell on how USG is going with these proposals. We need a good sense of where these fees are going to.”

Michael Perry
USG President



Director of Student Health Services, Cheryl Presley, talks to the members of Undergraduate Student Government Wednesday night about needed improvements in SIUC's Health Services.

USG weighs fee increase decision

Jane Hub
Daily Egyptian

Three administrators pitched their case for fee increases at Wednesday's Undergraduate Student Government meeting. By the time they were done, there was no time left for the Senate to get through all the other legislation on the agenda.

Cheryl Presley, director of Student Health Services; Jake Baggot, assistant director of Student Health programs, and Bill McMinn, director of Intramural Recreation Sports all reported to the senators how important a proposed student fee increase will be to the future of merging two student programs.

A new combined Recreation Center and Student Health Services facility has been proposed as a part of the approved land-use plan. And the administrators are hoping for students' money to help pay for it.

USG must pass a resolution about the new fees for fiscal year 2004 before the April 11 Board of Trustees meeting.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management, asked USG to “embrace the concept of a new building,” espe-

cially while the low interest rates last. Still, he acknowledged that there are realistic challenges involved.

“It will be a long process before we see a show- el go into the ground,” Dietz said. Presley took the podium to address needed improvements in SIUC's Health Services. Aging health service buildings and inefficient space use were among the concerns Presley voiced.

A \$22 increased health service fee would help improve the practical use of the facilities and overall student health care quality, Presley said. She also emphasized that the proposal would be a “one-time fee request.”

Presley said that even with the higher fee, a student's semester premium would be cheaper than one visit to the doctor for upper-respiratory complications. The average cost for a single visit is \$132, compared to the proposed \$128 for SIUC students, Presley said.

McMinn provided the Recreation Center's fee history and projections from fiscal years 1996 to 2006.

The requested fee approval would be a 2.8 percent increase from 1994's fee totals, McMinn said. In addition, the Recreation Center's self-

generated revenue comes from changed membership programs and instructional programs and events.

After the presentations, the Senate began with the unfinished business from the last meeting. The expected passing of new funding guidelines arrived with a 20 to four senate approval. Because of time constraints, a motion to table the remaining resolutions was taken.

USG President Michael Perry asked the Senate to get feedback from the student body about his invocation at the graduation ceremony, the race relations task force recommendations published last semester and the future fees.

“It's far too early to tell on how USG is going with these proposals,” Perry said. “We need a good sense of where these fees are going to, and the senators need time to talk to their constituents about it.”

The meeting lasted until 11:30 p.m.

“For the amount of stuff that was on the agenda, I think (the meeting) went really well,” Perry said.

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SCD faculty pumped to hit the stage

Keva Gaston
Daily Egyptian

After going on hiatus, the Performance Studies faculty has reunited to plan an evening of performances by the Speech Communications Department faculty.

“Our performance studies program often has faculty directing productions as well as students, but it has been five years since the Performance Studies faculty has done an evening of solo performances,” said Nathan Stucky, chair of the Speech Communications Department.

Ronald J. Pelias, coordinator of the performance, is especially excited about the show because it is an opportunity for students to see faculty do what they teach in class.

“Most of our time is involved in directing shows or performing one-person projects. The problem is finding a time when we can all fit it into our schedules,” said Pelias, who is also director of graduate studies in the Speech Communications Department.

The performance called “Evening of Faculty Performances” starts Jan. 25 at the Kleinau Theater on the second floor of the Communications Building. It will begin promptly at 8 p.m. and there is no seating after the performance begins. The show is free and expected to last one hour. The performance is open to the public.

The show has a line-up of faculty each doing solo performances of literary works by well-known authors featuring Suzanne Daughton, doing her rendition of “The Open Window” by Saki (H.H. Munro); Bryan Kelso Crew performing “Songs of Robert Burns”; Nathan Stucky, “Junkman's Obligation” by Lawrence Ferlinghetti and Ronald J. Pelias reciting a monologue from “Keep Tightly Closed in a Cool Dry Place” by Meagan Terry just to name a few.

“I hope those who will come will feel that they have spent an hour well,” Pelias said.

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An Evening of Faculty Performance will occur today at 8 p.m. in the Kleinau Theater. For more information call 453-5618.

SIU adds Macau to list of student exchange partners

Ivan Thomas
Daily Egyptian

Macau, China, has become SIUC's newest exchange program partner for students seeking to travel abroad during the summer.

Thomas Seville, coordinator of Study Abroad Programs and Services, recently traveled to the city, located just south of Hong Kong, in order to discuss the exchange and to finalize details.

The University of Macau will be hosting the summer program and will offer FL 102 East Asian Civilization, a University core curriculum course that covers the history of both Chinese and Japanese cultural and political trends.

Macau has prepared excellent facilities and has set up the program for the accommodation of the visitors. The program is affordable, costing \$1,985 for three credits of SIUC tuition and the program fee.

“Most people usually wouldn't consider visiting a place like Macau,” Seville said. “But the price is so affordable that students might have an incentive to see what it is like.”

One aspect of Macau that may make students from SIUC more comfortable is that it has both Asian and western influences.

Because Macau was a Portuguese colony for more than 400 years, from a cultural perspective it is a little different from mainland China, according to Seville.

“In Macau, you may see a Catholic church on one street, and right around the corner there will be a Buddhist temple,” he said.

Also, there will be people at the program who are American and speak English as well as Chinese, so the needs of English-speaking students are accommodated.

Seville said for this exchange, applicants do not need to have any background in Asian studies or anything of the sort.

“This isn't really for people in Asian studies,” Seville said. “This program is for people who want a challenge and an interesting experience. That's why it is a core course.”

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment

Management Larry Dietz set up the agreement between SIUC and Macau University.

“This program is terribly valuable, not only for the students from Macau, but for American students to interact with people from Macau,” Dietz said.

As of now there are also six students from Macau studying at SIUC.

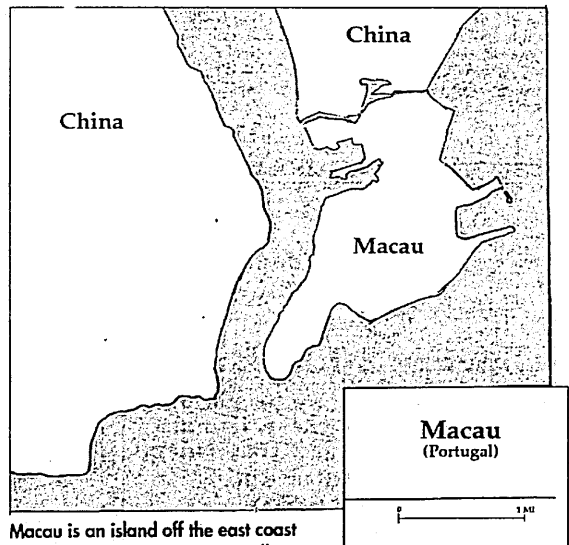
“I met the young women from Macau, and I think they will make a valuable contribution to the University,” Dietz said.

The major focus of the University is to have more diversity and cultural influence in the student population, and the exchange will most likely help to accomplish that task.

According to Dietz, the University has been involved with international education for more than 50 years.

“This University is already well known in other countries, and with this program, we have another part of the world to add the SIUC Saluki name,” he said.

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Macau is an island off the east coast of China. If recruitment goes well SIUC will be sending exchange students to study at the University of Macau.

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SIUC's concrete hearing devices a thing of the past

Concrete pillars once lead blind on campus

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

Thirty years ago, students could not walk across campus without hearing a familiar popping noise.

Harvey Chaloupka, a former student, remembers the noise well.

In the days when SIUC was known as one of the nation's most accommodating schools for students with disabilities,

Disabled Student Services installed concrete pedestals that emitted a sound.

Chaloupka described as low popping noises every couple of seconds. The sounds helped deaf students find their way around campus.

"It was real soft, but loud enough and distinct enough of a sound that I guess it worked for people," said Chaloupka, now an architectural draftsman at the physical plant.

A few of the original 12 concrete devices built in the fall of 1971 can still be seen around campus.

Two of the more noticeable ones are located on the north side of Morris Library and on the south side of Wham Education Building, but because they have not been used in more than 20 years, some have been removed and buildings or other structures were built in their place. Phil Gattton, director of the Physical Plant, said the others are still intact because their removal would be a waste of time and money.

Michael Mangan, an electrical engineer in the Physical Plant Engineering Service office, analyzed drawings and notes about the devices to find out specifics about how they were installed.

"They had to be facing south when the person was looking at them so the person could think of a clock and the buildings would be at [different hours]," he said.

When a student approached one of the structures, he or she could read the brass plate placed on top of each one.

The plate explains, in Braille and text, where the person is and where nearby buildings are by using a clock-type directional method.

During the past 30 years, the plates have become weathered and blind students, such as SIUC student Rob Hobson, would have a hard time interpreting them if they were in operation.

"The Braille is corroded and hard to read," Hobson said.

Hobson, who uses a yellow Labrador

named Virgil to get around campus, said that when he started at SIUC the devices may have been useful if they worked, but now he wouldn't use them because he knows where buildings are and learns the path to his classes in a matter of weeks at the beginning of each semester.

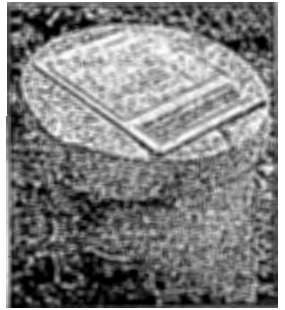
The round concrete pedestals received power from a nearby building they were connected to, and the sound was transmitted through four speakers in each device.

Mangan said they were never disconnected, just deactivated upon Disabled Student Services' request in the late '70s. They didn't serve a good enough purpose and were confusing for students, therefore, the University was asked to abandon them.

Mangan does not know how much the hearing devices cost in the '70s, but said that if they were installed today, they would probably cost between \$500 and \$700 each.

"The Braille plate would probably be the only thing that would be expensive," Mangan said. "But workers would still have to bury and connect wire to the nearest building, which costs more."

There are currently 30 students on campus with visual impairments and three who are completely blind. DSS workers have made no plans to attempt to reactivate the devices and said blind students are familiarized to the campus with guides who walk them around and explain where places are located, instead of letting the stu-



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This pole outside Anthony Hall once emitted a clicking sound to help guide blind students around campus. Over the years, the Braille plates on top of the poles have weathered, making them difficult to read.

dents rely on these machines. "They're really interesting," Mangan said. "I've seen those things around here for years and never paid any attention to them."

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OUR WORD

SIUC's future endeavors must include diversity from University and community members

On the day set to honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., people of all backgrounds came together to live out a piece of his dream in our community.

Hundreds joined hands as their voices carried the Civil Rights anthem "We Shall Overcome" through the Carbondale Civic Center. At the end of the day, Carbondale had raised \$1,000 for the Center for Nonviolent Social Change proving that its citizens are committed to see King's dream continue outside of his holiday. When Coretta Scott King spoke on campus in November, more than 4,000 people crowded the SIU Arena to hear her wise words and remember the legacy of her late husband.

While people met to live out his dream over the weekend, a different sort of vision plan started to take shape: Southern at 150. The sessions, designed to draw the blueprints for SIU's progress, were the first step in a long-term plan that will culminate on the University's 150th birthday, 2019.

However, the faces that make up the 10 committees planning SIUC's future are remarkably lacking in color. When one such committee began to address the issue of minority students dropping classes, a member realized everyone in the room was white. In many of the committees, there was only one black member. We do not believe the implementation of a quota is necessary, but one lone voice should not have to speak for his or her entire race.

There is mounting concern about diversity issues in the University and area. Race issues surface routinely on this page and in Carbondale, as illustrated by the creation of a task force for race relations.

Already the University is lean on minority faculty. SIUC's 2000 figures showed the percentage of minority faculty hovering at about 11.5 percent, while 18.78 percent of undergraduate students were minorities.

With these concerns in the spotlight, the administration should have been especially vigilant in ensuring that people of various backgrounds and their ideas aided in the critical role of defining the future.

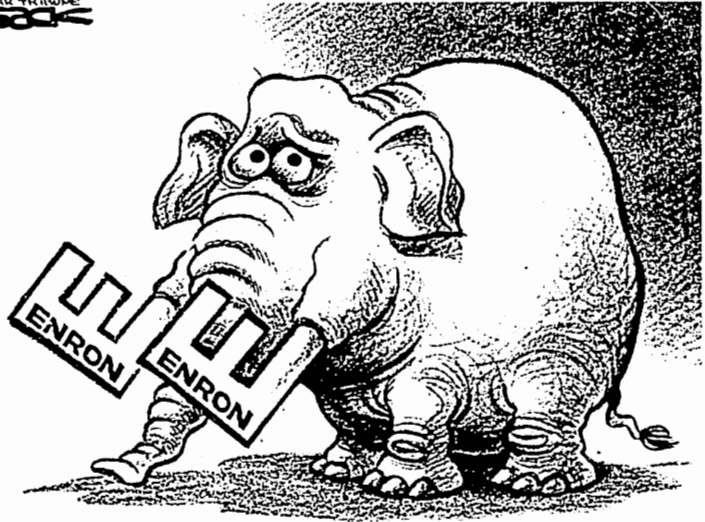
No matter how sensitive to race they may be, whites alone are ill-equipped to address the complex issues that arise from our diverse student body. How then can they create a vision for the future as even greater throngs of blacks, Hispanics, Asians and others take their seats next to white students?

Creating balanced committees from the various colleges and constituency groups, as well as securing minority representation, is no easy task. But ensuring diversity within the groups should have been a top priority.

These committees would have greatly benefited from the input of prominent, respected black leaders in our area and University. This lack of representation cheated the University from needed direction by the many people of color who have a stake in this future.

We are proud of the community response to Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but it is clear that the University still has work to do in order to bridge the racial divide of which King spoke.

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COLUMNIST

Ebonics 101: So what you tryin' to say?

A typical conversation between two brotha's ... not related, just two black men ... may go something like this.

Brotha No. 1: What up yo!
Brotha No. 2: What up Nigga! Did you hit that spot last night?
Brotha No. 1: Yeah, but I wasn't feelin' it. But, sep this, ibe other set was jumpin' though.

Brotha No. 2: Fa shot!
Brotha No. 1: Yep, yep.

Now what kind of language is that? Ebonics, "Black talk," Slang, Jive ... gibberish? Some people call it broken or bad English. African-Americans — the primary but not exclusive orators of this particular verbiage — are often criticized for using this so-called Black English. *Why felks always baain' on us? Be all up in our bui-ness. They best to step off.*

Well, we're made out to be easy targets. The rest of society frowns upon hip-hop artists, athletes, your typical black youth and others who talk in the same fashion as our two earlier case study brothers. So are people upset with Aretha Franklin when she wanted some respect? *Whatch you want, baby I got it, whatch you need, you know I got it. Whatch you want? Would it have been better if she had said, "What you are looking for, I have to offer you?" How about Fats Domino asking, "Isn't that" instead of "Ain't that a shame?" Which is more proper English? And can someone translate Michael Jackson's "Chummyon" catch phrase? Come on, Jam on, Yo mon, what is it?*

Yab Mike, whatch you tryin' to say? Hip me up on it. Don't love a brotha hangin'! Call it Ebonics, Black English, Black Lingo whatever. I don't call it any one particular thing. That's the problem. Some people, including those of the Caucasian persuasion, always want to put a label on what they can't understand. "Gangsta Rap," "Freak Dancing," left wing this and right wing that. They always want to try and label it in order to taint it, so people will fear it. Yeah, they always be tryin' to perpetrate, disinn' felks left and right. Whatch up wit dat? This isn't just a white thing, though. Some blacks are just as peeved at this perceived lack of proper communication skills. But how should blacks talk? The word Nigga — a variation of Nigger — used as a common greeting among mostly black men is really upsetting to felks.

My feeling about it? We've been called every derogatory name in the book. Coon, Nigger, Watermelon, Darkie, Spear chucker, Colored, or "Culdered" by those southern racist red-necks, among many other negative terms. We were called these things by other people. Since we had no control over what we could do, what did it matter to us not having any control over



The Usual Suspect

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what people called us? That is, until we took control of our identity and the perceptions surrounding it. We went from Nigger to Negro ... Negro scholars, Negro poets and so on. We went from Colored to People of Color ... black, brown, light skin, caramel, chocolate, butterscotch and every flavor in between. From Darkie to Black ... Black Power, Black Pride, Black is Beautiful, the Blacker the Berry the Sweeter the Juice.

Now, today's black youth have taken Nigger/Nigga and turned it into a mutually agreed upon multi-purpose phrase exchanged between one another. Yo Nigga ... What's up Nigga ... Now you know you my Nigga, Nigga! Maybe more young people should have a better historical context of reference for the "N" word in general, but the word itself has been stripped of its overtly racist overtones and connotations. I say it's a good thing. Everyone has their own comfort level. Its frequent use should not be viewed as a slap in the face to another black person that finds it offensive. *That's fa-ib! Don't sweat it. You know we ain't got nutthin but love fa ya'll! I know a lot of Italians are upset about the HBO series "The Sopranos," and for a bevy of reasons.*

But they call each other all kind of names and then hug and kiss all over each other afterwards. But it's not just the word Nigger; it's all that has come to encompass what most people will associate with Ebonics. Remember that whole controversy from the early '90s? *Man, I don't know about you, but I be getting my Ebonics on e-u-r-a-day.* The bottom line is, the way we talk and the particular words we use are neither wrong nor even objectionable within a proper context. I just don't see the same hysteria surrounding how young white kids talk. It's called "Clueless" lingo right, or what I came to know when I was growing up as Valley Talk "Fersherrr" and "As if" and "Like, whateverrrrrr."

Dude, they talkin' crazy. I can't fow with em' on. That they got to break it down. People aren't shouting from the heavens about the faltering white youth who are being led astray by a language that's keeping them from attaining the American Dream. We shouldn't find fault with DMX, but call the character of Cher from the movie "Clueless," cool. Man, that is wack!

Straight up!

The Usual Suspect appears periodically. Terry is a senior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Discrimination is a hellhound that gnaws at Negroes in every waking moment of their lives to remind them that the lie of their inferiority is accepted as truth in the society dominating them.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

In an August 16, 1967, speech at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta

WORDS OVERHEARD

“Nonviolent resistance requires courage. It's the way of life for the strong, not the weak.”

Coretta Scott King
addressing more than 4,000 attendees at the SIU Arena in November

COLUMNISTS

Sloppy and Neat

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between sloppy and neat people? Sorry to say, but it's exactly opposite of what you're thinking. It's hard not to snicker when one side of a dorm is completely spotless while the other side is a construction site. Behind the orange tape, sitting on the desk, you'll usually find a pyramid of cans tanning under the strict supervision of a study lamp while blocking out any usable portion of an over-sized computer monitor. This is primarily because the ratty old box being used as a temporary recycle bin gets dumped bi-annually. Tip of the day: not only does recycling reduce waste, it also saves money on garbage bags that can otherwise be spent on beer.

Anyways, I'm going to let you in on a little secret; neat people are lazier than sloppy people. LAZIER? But how could that be? Before all you neat people deploy the letter bombs, lets look down the molten core of these two morally diverse personalities. Everything and anything means something to a sloppy person. Cards sent by loved ones, ticket stubs from concerts, three-day-old pizza; it doesn't matter what it is, a sloppy person will save it, stack it and store it. Before long, the birthday and Christmas cards are threatening the ceiling, the three-day-old pizza is approaching its "terrible twos," and the old Metallica stubs can be seen tumble weeding through the living room whenever the windows are open.



A Tout Le Monde

BY DAVE MUSSER
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Sloppy people have every intention to someday put everything in its perfect place. Unfortunately, time taunts them. If this assassin in stealth should ever cease, everything would be squared away in a "neat" little package. However, they are too busy working insane hours, donating their time to charity on the weekends and trying to catch Osama bin Laden somewhere in between. If only there were 25 hours in a day, I assure you, sloppy people would conquer the world. For them, it doesn't matter which side of the boat they toss anchor because it will always linger an inch from the bottom.

Wherever an angel goes the devil will follow — the neat person. Neat people care emotionally for nothing. They are the hunters with Bambi in their cross-airs because they feel he is useless clutter. The birthday cards, pizza, ticket stubs — all pitched after immediate use. I've

noticed that you'll never find pictures of loved ones in a neat person's wallet, probably because it stimulates a sense of un-organized chaos. Whatever it takes to get rid of the mess I suppose. It doesn't matter what the article is: a present from a significant other, a handmade ornament from little sister, or grand-dads old pipe. Just pull the trigger, throw it away, or banish it off to "never-never land." After all, it takes some sort of effort to care.

Nonetheless, it's never too late to change. What a perfect New Year's Resolution! Instead of making your bed, just let it go. When kicking off your shoes, be sure to launch your socks as far as possible. Tube socks have awesome distance. As for garbage, the floor has a much higher carrying capacity than the wastebasket. In fact, you'd be better off getting rid of the wastebasket completely; it's taking up valuable real-estate. And by the time the beer-a-mid stains the ceiling, your transition will be complete. Welcome home!

Sloppy people have every intention to someday put everything in its perfect place.

A Tout Le Monde appears every other Friday. Dave is a junior in automotive. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

Tradition, Religion and Revolt

Rebellion seems to be spawned from a dying silence about individual rights and human values. As the rebels become aware of their oppression, they seek to enlighten others of their disposition — A rebel's final attempt at getting others to understand his maltreatment is death. In death he has fulfilled his promise of ultimate risk for the means of enlightenment. His pursuit of personal freedom is sacrificed for another generation. Those who attacked the World Trade Center, those suicidal bombers in Palestine and Israel, and those American soldiers in Afghanistan are all fighting for some sense of freedom: a freedom they are trying to hold or liberate for others. Rebellion is the method for reaching this ultimate human value. Whether achievable or not, the rebel struggles for liberation, for it is a cause that proposes an "all or nothing" approach. Better to die on your feet than to live on your knees.

The terrorists that we have come to fear over these last months are ordained heroes in areas of the Middle East. Make no mistake, we are the enemy even though many of us are innocent in our hearts. Our government has contributed to the stifling of their freedom. The political machine that we live under has used its influence as a world power, whether it be smuggling guns, our own terrorist organizations or our involvement in Israel. Our country has not worked for the common good of mankind, but rather the common good of America. It is this vain egotistical approach, stemming from our prominence as a world power, that has turned other nations against us. For years, we have enlarged the grandeur of America. Our brassness and wanted luxury has made us a target. What has begun is the beginning of a war — the new World War. It has not come from the ideals of world powers crashing down. Rather it has been spawned from those quiet sufferers who we have pushed aside and forgotten about.

These terrorists haunting America are by no means innocent either. They behold tradition instead of human value. Through religion they believe they are cleared of all wrongdoings yet they cause suffering. Past terrorists were



HappySad

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usually Nihilists frustrated with religion. These rebels claim God as their source of killing, but it is the future of their children for which they kill. It is for the value of men and not God. Religion serves as their justification for countless murders enacted for the sake of suffering men. Compassion for men is the contradiction being exploited. Terrorism has escalated because of the profound condition of unappreciated settled in the Middle East. Our prosperity is the enemy.

Our soldiers are now over in the Middle East fighting and killing these men for the sake of "enduring Freedom." Osama bin Laden's blood is being called for around the world. But how far will we take the fight? If armed children encircled bin Laden, would we shoot through them in order to kill him? How much blood needs to be shed for the sake of an abstract idea? Our country is on the verge of state terrorism as seen by Middle Easterners. If we tip the balance, then terrorists could spark up everywhere. Albert Camus stated that "They will console themselves, in the name of history, with the thought that violence is necessary and will add murder to murder, to the point of making of history nothing but a continuous violation of everything in man which protests against injustice."

If Osama bin Laden is killed he very well might be more destructive dead than alive. Right now he is guilty, among his fellow terrorists, of living. Terrorism is built upon the premise of murder and suicide. To live is to cheat your comrades. Once perished, his cause is complete and he is guiltless of his crimes. However, to rot in a cell forces him to live with his murders and contradictions. Osama bin Laden is a prisoner instead of a martyr.

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Outlaw Nation will return on Tuesday.

LETTERS

Botkin has Bush all wrong

DEAR EDITOR: Journalism student Ben Botkin should apply for a job with Fox News or some similar venue for media spinster. He appears to have the classic spinning skills mastered.

In the first paragraph of his purported review of George W. Bush's court-sanctioned year in office, he applies the typical right-wing technique of "bush President Clinton regardless of the facts." Botkin conveniently forgot U.S. History: He surely knows Andrew Johnson, not Clinton, was the first impeached president.

Next, Botkin praises the Electoral College. Had Bush won the popular vote and Gore the electoral vote, a possibility the GOP fussed about before the election, he would now be whining that the Electoral College subverted the will of the people. He proceeds by dismissing the elderly Democratic voters of Palm Beach as stupid. He ignores the fact that had the name Bush, not Gore, appeared next to Pat Buchanan's on the butterfly ballot, the "confused" Bush voters would be furious.

Our budding Bush-ite next praises the president for his tax relief for the wealthy. Not too many multi-millionaire entrepreneurs or their heirs attend S.I.U. If Botkin is not one of this small band, his delight at Bush's tax shift defies logic. His failure to mention its budgetary impact avoids burdensome facts.

Botkin next associates Bush's popularity after the 9/11 attack with leadership, ignoring that historically a president in a time of crisis or war will receive broad public support at first.

Finally, Botkin performs a splendid feat of mental contortion by claiming that jettisoning Enron is a tribute to Bush's independence. Washing one's hands of an embarrassing benefactor is proud ethical behavior, spins Botkin. Others may wonder, "What did Mr. Bush know, and when did he know it?"

Gary S. Beer and Mike Hartz
astalogues, library affairs

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Illinois teacher shortage worsens

States proposes 'Universal Plan'

Arin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

The bell rings. Kids scurry in and sit at their desks, but they're alone; there's no one at the head of the class to teach.

A classroom without a teacher is the potential scenario facing Illinois schools now and in the future.

In a report released by the Illinois State Board of Education, 2,600 positions were left vacant in Illinois schools last year.

Substitutes had to take over as full-time instructors.

Of high school English teachers, 25 percent do not have a major or minor in English.

As the teacher shortage worsens, enrollment numbers climb.

"Salary is an issue — as well as working conditions," said Don Sevener, director of communications with the Illinois Board of Higher Education. "Young teachers feel they don't have control over classrooms or that the students are motivated."

According to the ISBE report, the

median salary for a first-year teacher is \$29,175. This is one of the reasons that nearly 50 percent of new teachers leave Illinois schools during the first three to four years.

If these new teachers stay on staff, the future salary they can expect is a median of \$44,019. This figure accounts for all classroom teachers, preschool through 12th grade.

"Teachers can often find work in the private sector [due to better pay], choosing this over public schools," Sevener said.

There are many reasons for Illinois educated graduates to teach someplace else, according to Sevener. The next big hurdle is to figure out ways to keep them here.

"One possibility is to offer incentives to young people to go into teaching," Sevener said. "Rural and inner-city schools have difficulty getting teachers. One incentive is the forgiveness of school loans to teach."

The SIUC College of Education is doing its part to help remedy this problem by creating a new elementary specialization program, which will incorporate distance learning and technical skills to design a middle grades major.

"By making this major more accessible, we hope to address the teacher shortage in Southern Illinois," said Jan Waggoner, education professor and elementary program director.

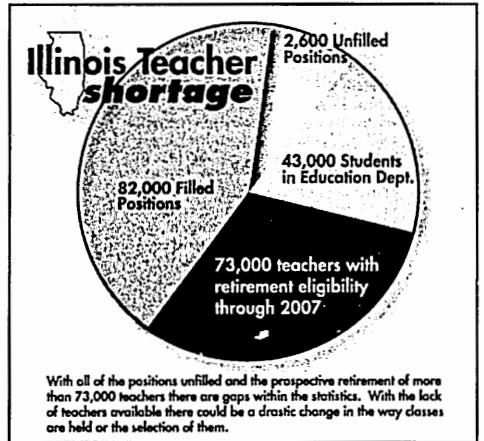
Another possibility was the result of an education summit, orchestrated by Gov. George Ryan in November. The summit resulted in a "white paper," now referred to as the Universal Plan.

Educational leaders, policy-makers, legislators, members from the Governor's office, community college representatives and state boards of education make up the Joint Education Committee who came together for the summit to develop the plan.

"They took a broad-based approach to teacher quality and recruitment," Sevener said. "They have the ideas, but fiscal issues are standing in the way."

There is a dynamic tension between the need for teachers and the new standards they must meet for employment. One of the new requirements is a more rigorous basic skills test for future teachers, enacted by the ISBE.

"It's the quality teachers we need to attain and attract," said Lee Milner, of the Illinois State Board



Source: Illinois State Board of Education

of Education. "It's absolutely mandatory for the future of our nation and state to attract quality teachers."

Through working together, the state government, education officials and community leaders should be capable of solving this problem,

Milner said.

"The entire community has to support schools to make a brighter future for all of us," Milner said.

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Upcoming Events

A Preview of events in the Carbondale area

Mungo Jerry's
Open Mic
Thursday

Mungo Jerry's
Euphony
(Acoustic Folk)
Friday

Yellow Moon Cafe
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(Jam Rock)
Friday

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Mungo Jerry's
Sugar Hollow Rounders
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Saturday

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John A. Logan College
Rock N' Roll Album Covers
(6-9 p.m. - through March)
Museum
Saturday

Melange
Cousin Delano - CD release
(Acoustic)
Saturday

Student Center Ballroom B
"Discover Thailand"
tickets \$15
Sunday

Life Science III
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International Film Series
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Poster-Rific: Michael Stephanidis (far right), a junior in plant and soil science from Chicago and Dan Holt (center), a senior in visual communication from Batavia sort through posters in the Student Center on Thursday. Prolific Art company, of Yorkers, New York will be on campus through Friday.

Lindh says he understands charges; access to legal counsel becomes case's first issue

Lenny Savino and Jim Puzanghera
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Lindh, whom Sewell deemed a flight risk and ordered held without bond, is charged with helping terrorist organizations in Afghanistan and conspiring with one of them, Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida, to kill American soldiers. Two of the four counts could bring life imprisonment. The other two — for allegedly helping terrorist groups — carry penalties of 10 years each.

WASHINGTON (KRT) — Accused Taliban soldier John Walker Lindh told a federal magistrate Thursday that he understood the charges against him, but Lindh's lawyer said the case is based on incriminating statements that Lindh made after he was denied counsel.

Judge W. Curtis Sewell said the matter of Lindh's access to counsel — the first big issue in the high-visibility case — would be taken up in a future hearing.

Lindh, 20, shorn of his long black hair and beard, called Sewell "sir" and responded "Yes, I understand the charges." Looking alert and healthy, he appeared in court wearing a green prison jumpsuit.

His divorced parents, who met with Lindh before the hearing, sat next to each other behind their son in pre-assigned seats.

Lindh's father Frank, a former Justice Department attorney, said: "John loves America. We love America. John did not do anything against America...He never meant harm to any American, and he never did harm any American."

The case against Lindh hinges largely on damaging statements he made to FBI agents after, they say, he voluntarily signed away his right to speak to a lawyer.

Attorney General John Ashcroft underscored that point Thursday.

"He chose to waive his right to an attorney, both orally and in writing, before his statement to the FBI," Ashcroft told reporters.

According to Enrshahan, Lindh "repeatedly asked for a lawyer," before he signed a waiver of counsel presented to him by FBI interrogators. It is unclear whether Lindh made the initial request to FBI agents or to his U.S. military jail-keepers.

The FBI's affidavit, dated Dec. 9-10, states that Lindh said bin Laden had thanked him for joining in the holy war against America.

GENDER

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Gus Bode



Gus says: Now I know why I come home from the bars alone every night

"Even in today's day and age, parents might not be as likely to send their daughters as far away as their sons," Winters said.

Another third of SIUC's population comes from the Southern Illinois region. Because the region has traditionally been more conservative, Winters said families might be more likely to send their sons to college instead of their daughters.

Wendler said another reason might be that SIUC's strongest programs are in traditionally male-dominated areas.

For example, in the fall of 2001, the College of Engineering's female enrollment was about 11 percent.

The College of Applied Sciences and Arts, which houses the nationally-recognized aviation program, had about 38 percent female students. On the other

hand, the College of Education and Human Services is dominated by females, at 72 percent. The College of Liberal Arts is about even, with 51 percent male students and 49 percent female.

However, Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management, said that other universities with more equal gender distribution have traditionally male-dominated programs too.

Winters said that while SIUC's greatest strengths may be in traditionally male-dominated programs, that theory is inconsistent when you look to other schools.

"Why us and not other schools?" Winters said. "I suspect it is a mixture of things, like programs and geography and safety questions."

Compared to the 12 peer institutions that Wendler named during the Southern at 150 meeting, SIUC does lag substantially behind. The peer average was 51 percent male and 49 percent female.

Dietz called the SIUC gender gap a "curiosity" and said his office is conducting studies to explore some possible explanations.

Some question if equal gender representation is really that important. After all, Winters remembers serving on a committee in 1980 that dealt with this issue, and 22 years later there have been no drastic changes. The numbers have gone up a little, but is it really a major issue?

Winters and Wendler argue yes.

"I think it affects the quality (of the University) in the sense that we are not providing the environment of the working world," Winters said.

"(With a gap) there is something missing in what we have to offer. We are cheating the students of a worldview that we should be offering."

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Undergraduate Gender Distribution

Fall 1999
SIUC 57% 43%

Peer Institutions

Louisiana State	47%	53%
U of Colorado at Boulder	52%	48%
U of Kentucky	48%	52%
U of Missouri-Columbia	47%	52%
Auburn University	52%	48%
Iowa State	55%	45%
Kansas State	53%	47%
Ohio University	45%	55%
Oklahoma State	53%	47%
Texas Tech	54%	46%
Washington State	49%	51%
West Virginia University	54%	46%

SIUC has a larger male population than many other peer organizations as of the 1999 school year.

Source: US News and World Report Daily Egyptian - Robin Jones

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the Student Programming Council encouraged the actor by using student influence. SPC's Director of Comedy, Duke Bohn, told Epps and his agent the student population had been missing a comic atmosphere on campus.

"The students would really get into something like this," said Bohn, a senior in radio-television. "Somebody with his name and representation would work well here."

In helping promote this event to students, the Iota Phi Theta fraternity has worked alongside SPC in past comedy shows. Because of a fixed budget, John Warr, the fraternity's adviser,

was unable to bring Epps to one of the previous comedy shows. However, SPC has helped the fraternity co-sponsor and get connections for events to bring to the campus community.

Warr, a graduate student in work force education, said students would usually have to shell out at least \$35 to see Epps in a place like Chicago for a show of this magnitude.

"When the school has an opportunity to get this caliber of talent, students jump on it," Warr said. "It is important to get out to events and boost programming on campus."

While involving students in campus programming, Epps also brings a hilarious comedic originality to his performance. Known as a class clown, Epps decided in his teens to

enter a stand-up contest at an Indiana club. After success on the stage, he was determined to make it big and trekked to Atlanta, where he made a name for himself at the Comedy Act Theater. After spending a short time in Georgia, he traveled to New York City to increase his booming popularity.

Despite fighting challenging stages in the Big Apple, Epps moved into the underground black comedy scene of Def Comedy Jam. After cracking up New York audiences, Epps became a 1995 member of the now-famous comedy group, headlining two HBO specials of the hit comedy series and performing in Los Angeles at the Comedy Store.

After making his film debut in Vin

Diesel's "Strays" in 1997, Epps was spotted by future film partner Ice Cube during one of his acts at the Comedy Store. Encouraged by the rapper, Epps landed the role of his famous alter ego, Day Day, in the movie "Next Friday," replacing Chris Tucker's role in the original film.

Landing supporting roles in such movies as "Dr. Dolittle 2" and "Bait," Epps can now be seen as an irritable pimp named Baby Powder in "How High," starring rappers Redman and Method Man.

Appearing as the fast-talking con artist Reggie Reed in the upcoming March release, "All About the Benjamins," Epps gets to film another movie with his mentor Ice Cube. The pair will also team up again in

"Friday After Next," the third movie in the "Friday" series, slated to be released around Thanksgiving.

As someone who is well-known, Epps intrigued Bohn and the SPC comedy committee by his rising stardom in Tinseltown. Bohn said he wanted to give the students one of the biggest shows of the semester. By bringing Epps to the University, he explained the comedian is not yet a headliner like Chris Rock, but his material is just as funny.

"Students should be prepared to laugh really hard," Bohn said. "It's definitely gut-busting material."

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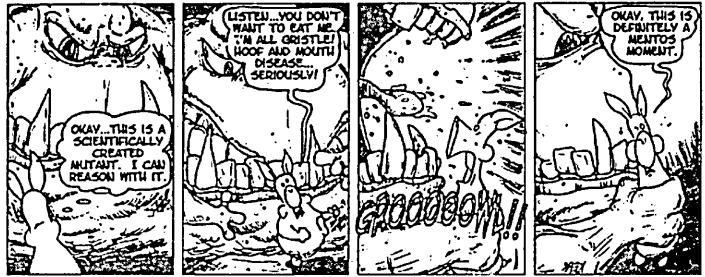
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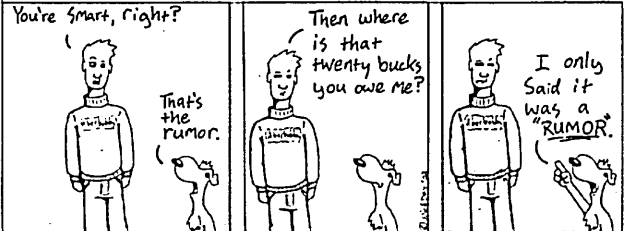
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Daily Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Jan. 25). Love is the most powerful energy on Earth, and maybe anywhere. But you're a scientist, right? How can you believe that old line? What about nuclear energy? This year, you'll learn. Love will get you. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 9 - The action is fast and furious, and you're at the head of the pack. Use all the resources at your disposal to stay ahead of the competition. Let your pit crew fix whatever breaks. Keep your eyes on the prize.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - You may feel like hiding out. Take care of a few odds and ends, making sure everything's working properly. If you've put the right machinery in motion, the job will take care of itself.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 9 - You're extremely curious. The more you learn, the more you realize you haven't seen yet. Make plans to explore the most fascinating place on earth. It doesn't have to cost a fortune. For you, that place could be the library or the Internet.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - Mercury is retrograde, in your eighth house of jointly held finances. This has been going on for weeks, and it continues through the end of the month. It signals confusion and breakdowns. It's not a good time to take out a loan. Pay something off instead.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) - Today is an 8 - Support a brilliant idea. It has merit. Point out whatever might not work, just to be helpful. Check for minor errors. You'll find at least one.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) - Today is a 5 - Let the people in charge know what you need. You may not get a raise, but you could get new tools and equipment. If you've had stepped functioning properly, speak up.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 10 - You're jet-propelled! You've got the support you need, so stretch beyond your old limits. Go for something magnificent. You're not the same person you used to be. Let go of an old anchor, and soar.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 9 - Paperwork may seem to dominate your life. Make sure you understand every word before you sign anything. Put together a solid foundation that you can build upon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're breezing through the material. It's getting hard to remember why you thought it was so difficult. Other tests will come up as you use these skills, but nothing as tough as what you've been through. Next comes a planning phase.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - You're forced to become efficient. You don't have a moment to waste. If you had time to think about it, you'd notice that you're developing good habits. You're providing excellent service and implementing new ideas quickly. You're awesome.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 10 - You should write poetry. Even if you're awkward at first, the words you find will be beautiful. Stop trying to be "just friends" with everyone. Let someone special get close. Abandon your defenses.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - You're still keeping to yourself. There's a lot of activity going on, but most of it is inside your head. You may start to stir things up, most likely at home. You're in the midst of a creative experience.

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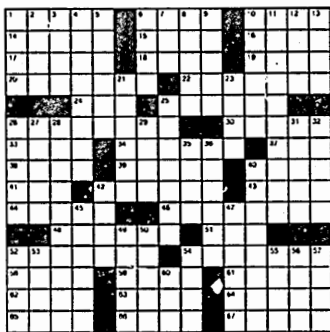
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Tragedy still weighs on team; Okla. State trying to cope

By Andrew Bagnato
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO (KRT) - For the past year, Victor Williams has wondered why it happened.

Why did the plane carrying 10 members of the Oklahoma State basketball traveling party go down in a snowy field east of Denver?

"At first, that is often the question I asked," said Williams, a Cowboys junior point guard. "Why does it have to happen to us? Because you never think that it will happen to you."

Sunday, Williams will join his teammates, coaches and classmates in marking the one-year anniversary of the tragedy that sent shock waves across college basketball.

It's a chance to share fond memories. But it's also a time to relive that harrowing night, and to struggle with still-fresh psychological wounds.

"It has been a real tough time for us," Williams said. "We lost 10 people that were very dear to us."

On the night of Jan. 27, 2001, the 11-seat Beechcraft King Air 200, one of three small planes the Cowboys had flown to a game at Colorado, took off from Jefferson County Airport in Broomfield, Colo. It was in the air about 20 minutes, flying through light snow, before it went down. It was the only non-jet of the three planes the team took to Colorado.

All 10 aboard died: players Daniel

Lawson and Nate Fleming; play-by-play announcer Bill Teegins; student manager Jared Weiberg; sports information assistant Will Hancock; director of basketball operations Pat Noyes; team trainer Brian Luinstra; broadcast engineer Kendall Durfee; pilot Denver Mills and co-pilot Bjorn Fahlstrom.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

Some of the families have reached settlements with the aircraft owner's insurer, but other wrongful-death lawsuits are pending.

The university launched a study of sports team travel policies, with new guidelines expected by March. In the meantime, the school's men's and women's basketball teams usually travel on a 32-seat chartered jet. Other times, they take a trio of smaller jets, but no longer fly prop jets.

At the request of the victims' families, the university is taking a low-key approach to the anniversary of the crash. A moment of silence will be observed at halftime of Saturday's home game against Colorado, and at 6:37 p.m. Sunday, the moment of the crash, Stillwater churches and Oklahoma State's Edmon Low Library will toll their bells 10 times.

In February, the university will unveil a memorial, a kneeling bronze cowboy with the inscription "We Will Remember" in Gallagher-Iba Arena. Beyond that, remembrances will be

"It has been a real tough time for us. We lost 10 people that were very dear to us."

Victor Williams
junior point guard, Oklahoma State

personal and private.

Junior forward Andre Williams was the only team member to attend a memorial service at the crash site last August. He may be looking for answers. But what he found was simply a barren field.

"It was really hard seeing it," said Williams, who shared an apartment with Lawson. "To get out there and see that there wasn't anything out there except open land was difficult. I thought they deserved more than that."

Perhaps predictably, the once-formidable Cowboys have sagged as the anniversary has approached. In the last week they were drubbed by No. 2 Kansas 79-61, then absorbed a 94-70 whipping at Texas Tech.

Coach Eddie Sutton responded by giving his players a day off. And he hopes they'll be able to muster the strength to get through a painful time.

"They'll never put it behind them," Sutton said. "But they've done a good job in trying to focus on the future and what's at present."

A year later, Oklahoma State still in tragedy's grip

By Kevin Sherrington
The Dallas Morning News

STILLWATER, Okla. (KRT) - The wailing wall no longer stands in the lobby of Gallagher-Iba Arena. Eight feet tall and 50 feet long, it stood as a graffiti-filled sounding board for the pain and suffering and confusion of a basketball team, a school, a state.

Ten men dead in a Colorado field. You remember the wall and its tender messages, the scrawls of children, the insight of friends, the response of a fiancée.

"PS," she wrote. "I do."

"You remember the bewilderment of strangers."

"I didn't know you," one note read, "but I feel pain."

Since Sept. 11, the sentiment could speak the feelings of a nation. At Oklahoma State, the lesson started a year ago this

Sunday when a plane carrying members of the team and athletic department staff crashed on the way home from a game in Colorado.

Even now, no one knows why. A report is expected this spring from the National Transportation Safety Board, and recommendations on travel procedures from a university task force should come sooner.

Some victims' families have sought legal remedies. The university has, according to a statement, "pushed for fairness in settlements with the families but believes each family has the right to pursue individual options."

Andre Williams went to Colorado in August, looking for answers. Maybe closure. One of the victims, Dan Lawson, was his roommate, and Williams volunteered to represent the team when the university dedicated a monument at the crash site, 40 miles east of Denver.

The closer Williams got, the more

anxious he grew. Nothing but rolling land, as far as he could see. No buildings, no trees, no one who might have been a horrified witness.

Nothing. Somehow it didn't seem right to him that these friends and associates would come to this end, alone.

"I thought they deserved more than that," he said.

A lot of people thought the same. So the tributes go on. Oklahoma State will observe a moment of silence at halftime of Saturday's game against Colorado, and officials will place a wreath at the crash site memorial.

Bells of local churches and the campus library will toll 10 times Sunday at 6:37 p.m., the time of the crash.

University officials acquiesced to the wishes of family members who asked that no large public ceremony be scheduled around the anniversary.

On Feb. 23, Oklahoma State will dedicate a memorial at Gallagher-Iba Arena. Included will be the sculpture of a kneeling cowboy and the inscription: "We Will Remember."

How do you forget? Eddie Sutton hasn't. Every day, he wears a pin, the number "10."

He wears it to remind others, he said, not himself. "Not a day goes by that something doesn't remind me of one of them."

At a news conference Monday, he recalled them all by first names, as if they were family. He told a cute story about Pat Noyes, the director of basketball operations; described what walk-on Nate Fleming brought to practices; remembered the interviews of play-by-play man Bill Teegins; defended the pilot, Denver Mills.

He remembered what it was like to learn they were gone.

"For the first few days, I wasn't sure we could finish the season," he

said. "The thing I tried to drive home to the team was that their teammates would want them to go on."

So they did, but at a considerable price. By the time USC eliminated Oklahoma State in the first round of the NCAAAs, the Cowboys were "emotionally shot," Sutton said.

"It wore on us and wore on us and wore on us," Williams said. "Everything was on edge. After the season, we still wanted to see each other, but not under those circumstances."

Fredrik Jonzen, Fleming's roommate, went back to Sweden and found it harder to be apart.

"Nobody knew anything about it there," he said.

They know here. Eight months before a nation would confront a tragedy beyond scope, a team and school and state dealt with its own.

The lessons are the same. Sutton said he spends more time with his family now. "I could be in an accident tomorrow, or have a heart attack or die at any time," he said. "When I leave here, I want to make sure my family knows how I feel about them."

His team can tell the difference. After Saturday's 24-point loss to Texas Tech, his third in Big 12 play, Sutton gave his team the day off Sunday.

"In past years," he said, "I would have reacted differently."

Ten men died in a Colorado field a year ago, and the pain and lessons will not go away.

You take it with you, the good and the bad. Andre Williams doesn't cry as much as he used to. Fredrik Jonzen takes comfort in the company of his teammates.

And somewhere on campus, a 50-foot wall of words is folded into sections and stored in "a safe place," a university spokesman said. No place safer than your heart, you figure.

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Track and Field compete in McDonald's Invitational

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

Running, jumping and throwing are all things parents tell their children not to do, but those are the exact things the SIU men's and women's track and field teams have planned for this weekend.

The Salukis, who hope to continue their strong start, will compete in the McDonald's Invitational today and Saturday at the Recreation Center in their third consecutive home meet.

The two-day event, which will include seven other schools, begins

tonight at 6 with the weight throwing events.

Action will resume Saturday at 9 a.m. with several women's field events and conclude at 4:45 p.m. with the men's 4 x 400 meter relay.

Other schools participating are the men's and women's teams of Lincoln University, Murray State University, Southeast Missouri State University and Rend Lake College. Also in attendance will be the women's teams of Tennessee Tech University and Austin Peay State University and the men's squad from McKendree College.

Since the last home meet, both

teams have been putting in long hours of practice with expectations of producing good results this weekend.

"Training has been going pretty well and everyone is ready to compete and produce some good showings," said Cameron Wright, men's track and field head coach.

The men's team looks to perform well in most events, however, the high jump will not be one of them. Junior Paul Whittaker and freshman Kellen Allen, both jumpers, are out with injuries.

Whittaker has a hamstring injury, but should return for the next competition, while Allen will miss the rest of

the indoor season because of a serious leg injury.

While most of the men's team has had time off from competing, Gaute Mykelbust and Adam Judge competed in a meet at Eastern Illinois University last weekend.

Mykelbust won the shot put event with a toss of 53 feet, 11 inches, and Judge threw for a personal-best 62 feet, 9 1/4 inches to win the 35-pound weight toss. Judge's toss was also good enough to qualify him for the national championships in February.

In a tri-meet last week at Indiana University, the women's squad was led by Mariann Ahuna, who finished first

in the triple jump (38-6 1/4).

The Saluki women also saw solid performances in the high jump with Latrice Gray's second-place finish (5-6) and Kelsey Toussaint's third-place finish in the 400-meter dash (58.49). Overall, the women placed third, just behind Ohio State and host-school Indiana.

"The girls are in really good shape," said Connie Price-Smith, women's track and field head coach. "They are training hard and will be ready."

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different towns, they competed against each other several times growing up and developed a friendly rivalry.

"It's kind of different now having him on my team," Luna said. "We're part of the same thing. Not only teammates, but same country, same stroke, same things, so it's cool."

While Luna used to beat the younger Possato, he knows this isn't the same swimmer he used to pick on.

"He's improved a lot," Luna said. "His best time now is faster than mine."

His times are faster than a lot of people and, after just one meet, there is talk of Possato being able to break some of SIU's all-time records.

SIU head coach Rick Walker said he thinks Possato will be a great addition to the squad, both in and out of the pool, and is anxious to see how he improves over the next month before the conference championships.

"He's already been 1:59 in the 200-meter backstroke and that converts to relatively close to the school record in the 200-yard back," Walker said. "It's kind of a wait and see, but for the most part we know what we've got."

The SIU record in the 200 backstroke is 1:47.51, which was set by Munz during the 2000-01 season. The record for the 100 backstroke is 49.58, also set by Munz during 1998-99.

When asked if he thinks Possato can break Munz's marks, Luna said he couldn't see both records falling.

"I don't know, I don't want to put my hand on the fire," Luna said. "I can't see that 100 backstroke going down. I think he can go faster than the [200 backstroke]. I think he can break that, but I don't know about the 100."

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The SIU men's and women's swimming and diving teams travel to Springfield, Mo., for a dual meet with Southwest Missouri State and Louisiana-Monroe Saturday afternoon.

After many frustrating years, black coaches see ray of hope

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(KRT) There are no signs posted to warn him, but Curtis Modkins recognizes this bumpy road filled with potholes.

It very well could be an unlit, dead-end street, Modkins surmises, as he sits behind the wheel of his future.

Modkins isn't driving, but he is driven. Only 31 years old and married with children, the New Mexico assistant football coach questions what more his chosen profession will offer him in terms of future opportunities.

The realization that his status as a position coach - he coaches the cornerbacks - might be as good as it gets disturbs him and leaves him disillusioned.

"At times, it makes you wonder if you have a realistic chance of attaining your goals," he said. "It makes me work harder, but you look at the numbers and you see what's ahead of you."

Modkins harbors aspirations of serving as an offensive coordinator and

working toward the logical progression to head coach in NCAA Division I-A. As an African-American, the statistics suggest his ambitions merit little more than an empty, meaningless dream.

Of Division I-As 117 football programs, only four African-Americans call the shots. Positions of authority - such as associate and assistant head coaches and offensive and defensive coordinators - remain nearly as foreign to African-Americans.

Nevertheless, Notre Dame's hiring of Tyrone Willingham proved African-American coaches a shot in the arm.

All eyes will be fixed on Willingham's progress at perhaps this country's most glamorous program. Many view it as imperative that Willingham succeed to unlock doors slammed shut to minorities in the estimation of most African-American coaches.

"I think it's critically important," Modkins said. "Anytime there's such a disparity in the numbers as there is in

college football and you get this opportunity, I think it's important that you succeed. It's definitely the most high-profile job in the country. For Notre Dame to take a step like that and give a Tyrone Willingham a chance, I think that's significant.

"That's as high as you can get - maybe in football period, not just college football. It may be as high as you can go as far as prestige and notoriety. For him to be entrusted with that program is significant."

Willingham recognizes the social ramifications of his hiring at Notre Dame, and yet he described it as "significant, but not Jackie Robinson significant."

San Jose State's Fitz Hill, one of the African-American head coaches in Division I-A, bristles at that assessment.

"As unfortunate as it is, African-American coaches are evaluated collectively," said Hill, who along with Willingham, Michigan State's Bobby Williams and New Mexico State's Tony Samuel rank as the only

African-American head coaches in Division I-A. "So, of course, it's going to help if he's successful. There are many ways that he will be able to benefit the profession by the place he is at, just like Tubby Smith at Kentucky, the basketball capital of the world."

Hill might be as well-versed on this subject as any coach in the land after having his doctoral dissertation, titled "Examining the Barriers Restricting Employment Opportunities Relative to the Perceptions of African-American Football Coaches at NCAA Division I-A Colleges and Universities," published in 1997 while pursuing his doctorate at Arkansas.

"It's hard to be motivated when you look up and see the numbers," Hill said of aspiring African-American assistant coaches. "I told myself that if I wasn't a head coach by the time I was 40, I was changing professions. I didn't want to be a 55-year-old guy running around being a great recruiter. I've got three kids. I am a great recruiter, but I'm also knowledgeable. I can't be a

1960 and lost to Cincinnati the next two years. They were 78-6 in those seasons. They won 47 straight regular-season games. Taylor won seven Big Ten titles in his 18 years at Ohio State.

All five starters on that 1960 team, including Mel Nowell, Larry Siegfried and Joe Roberts, played in the NBA.

Taylor created a dynasty at a football school where basketball was, at best, tolerated. Few cared if he succeeded, but he did, admirably.

Taylor was still the Ohio State coach in 1972 when Minnesota players stomped on his center Luke Witte. It was one of the ugliest scenes in college basketball history. The Minnesota players were never disciplined. Taylor never really got over that and retired four years later at age 52.

THE DUKE NETWORK

Thursday's Duke-Maryland game was terrific for 20 minutes. It was watched in 2.97 million households, the most for a regular-season ESPN game. It was also all Duke all the time.

As the Blue Devils began to pull away in the second half, every single replay was about them. Maryland was still in the game, but you never would have known from watching the game.

Duke outscored Maryland, 52-24, to start the second half. Fourteen replays were shown during that time. All but one showcased a Duke play, mostly baskets. The one that didn't showed Carlos Boozer's fourth foul. Maryland was still playing well and sort of in the game. You never would have known it from watching ESPN.

For those who would accuse me, a Maryland grad, of bias, I urge you to watch the tape. For the record, I expected Duke to win and think the Blue Devils are clearly the better team.

Still, what went down is why Duke infuriates so many people. They already have a great coach and great players. They play a pleasing style. Still, it should not be ESPN.

token because I don't have a token mind."

Hill sees a vicious cycle permeating college football through a network of good of boys, where coaches get hired and fired before being recycled and spit through the system again. Athletic directors often prefer hiring head coaches with head-coaching experience, but few African-Americans hold those positions. Head football coaches often hire coordinators with experience, but few African-Americans can list that on their resumes.

"Growing up, I wanted to be a head football coach, and I didn't see a lot of people around who looked like me in those type of positions," Hill said. "Now, I have a 1-year-old son, and I'm hoping that one day he'll grow up and perceive that he has opportunities to obtain a leadership position based upon qualifications, hard work and the American dream. I sure hope race is not a factor that keeps him from having those opportunities."

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Salukis keep Bulldogs on short leash

Road woes no problem for SIU in MVC game

Jay Schwab
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DES MOINES, Iowa — If the SIU men's basketball team finds itself in need of a favorable decision from the NCAA tournament selection committee to make the Big Dance, the Salukis may want to make sure they filter a tape of Thursday night's game at Drake University into the committee's war room.

The Salukis started the game off by swiping steals on Drake's opening two possessions, leading to a Marcus Belcher lay-up and a Rolan Roberts dunk, and SIU rolled from there to a comfortable 79-64 win over the

Bulldogs in front of 3,212 fans at the Knapp Center.

The Salukis (17-3, 7-1 Missouri Valley Conference) used scorching 3-point shooting and in-your-face pressure defense to punish Drake, and slide back into a first-place tie with Creighton in the Valley.

Trouble on the road? Not on Thursday for the Salukis, who played a much smoother game than they had in recent away battles.

"It kind of gets the critics off us a little bit, a lot of people saying we're not very good on the road and things like that," Belcher said. "It felt good to get out here and get a good one."

SIU didn't let up after beginning the game with a 7-0 run. Red-hot Belcher and Brad Korn each drained three first half 3-pointers to allow the visitors to

race to a 42-23 halftime lead.

"We felt if we got after them right away it would be to our advantage, and we did that," said SIU head coach Bruce Weber.

Kent Williams led four Salukis in double figures with 18 points, while Roberts scored 14. Belcher added 11 and Darren Brooks had 10.

The Bulldogs, who announced before the game that its third-leading scorer J.J. Sola is academically ineligible for the rest of the season, were led by 13 points from Andry Sola and 12 from freshman Lonnie Randolph. The Salukis used several defenders to grind against Bulldogs star Luke McDonald, who was contained to a miserable 2-of-11 shooting night.

"We really brought it today on the defensive end," Roberts said. "We shut

their leading scorer down. I really felt like that was big."

SIU has now won four in a row, nine of its last 10 and has beaten Drake seven consecutive times. Bulldogs head coach Kurt Kanaskie views the Salukis as a team that should be in the Top 25.

"They have all the components of an excellent team," Kanaskie said. "They're deep, they're athletic, they guard, they can shoot, they're patient. I think they're the best team in the Valley that we've faced since maybe Illinois State in my first or second year."

Drake (8-10, 3-5) did elevate its performance in the second half, cutting the Saluki lead to 61-53 midway through. But Williams and Brooks each hit a 3-pointer in an 8-0 SIU run a few minutes later that bumped the score to 74-55 and put the drama to rest.

The final leg of the Salukis' two-game Iowa road trip should be more of a challenge, as SIU is off to Cedar Falls to confront Northern Iowa for a Saturday night tussle. UNI has enjoyed a fine season so far, though the Panthers dropped a home game to languishing Indiana State on Wednesday.

Having won 17 of their first 20 games and on pace to reach their lofty goals for the season, the Salukis won't be content with anything other than a sweep of this road trip.

"Now we go to Northern. They just lost at home and we embarrassed them at our place," Weber said. "You know they're going to have that extra motivation, and hopefully our kids realize that."

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Water Dawgs reload for title run

Freshman boosts men's swimming and diving

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In professional sports, it is not uncommon for teams to make mid-season moves and add the missing ingredient needed for a championship run.

The SIU men's swimming and diving team has made a similar addition in the form of Marcelo Possato.

Possato, a native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, joined the team at the beginning of the semester and wants to make his presence known.

"[I bring] a lot of force and power," Possato said. "I want to do a lot of stuff to contribute. I hope I can add a lot to the team."

In his first college meet last weekend in SIU's victory over Western Kentucky, Possato took second place in the 200-yard backstroke, fourth in the 200 freestyle and was part of the winning 400 medley relay team.

While most athletes get nervous before their first college competition, Possato said he wasn't fazed.

"It was exciting, not nervous," Possato said. "It was really exciting and I'm excited about this next one and the [Missouri Valley Conference Championships] too."

His time of one minute, 51.73 seconds in the 200 backstroke was the best time for SIU all season, topping Brent Menghini's time of 1:51.83. The time also ranks as the fourth fastest all season in the MVC.

Possato's addition immediately strengthens the backstroke, an area of concern for the Salukis. While the event had been a strong one for the Salukis last season, the loss of Matt Munz had severely depleted the talent level.

"We were needing a backstroke swimmer and he's really good," said sophomore and fellow Brazilian Edoardo Daelli. "He's really fast, so that's good for us. It'll be good for us to have another really fast backstroke."

In addition to Possato and Daelli, there are also two other Brazilians in SIU's program in junior and fellow backstrokeer Danilo Luna and assistant coach Gustavo Leal.

"It's another one of us," Luna joked. "We're taking over."

While Luna and Possato came from



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Saluki freshman Marcelo Possato swims backstroke at practice Wednesday afternoon. Possato's time in the 200-yard backstroke last week in his first collegiate meet was the best time for SIU this year, and was the fourth best time in the MVC.

Salukis 42 • UNI 79 Panthers maul SIU women

Todd Merchant
 Daily Egyptian

Just when it looked like things couldn't get any worse for the SIU women's basketball team, the Salukis came out and only managed to score 42 points Thursday night.

The total was the second-lowest of the season for the woeful Salukis, who fell hard to Northern Iowa 79-42 Thursday night in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

SIU (4-13, 0-8 Missouri Valley Conference) dropped its ninth straight game to the Panthers, and in the process extended its school-record losing streak to 10 games.

The Salukis were never really close as Northern Iowa (11-8, 6-2) went on an early 24-6 run and never looked back, going into the lockerroom with a 42-14 halftime lead.

SIU shot a miserable 15.4 percent from the field and were out-rebounded 33-16 in the first half.

A factor in the poor output was early foul trouble as Jodi Heiden and Gresha Woodard each collected three fouls in the opening session.

The second half was not much better for the Salukis, who would never get any closer than a 42-point deficit.

The 42 points was SIU's lowest output in the MVC this year, and the lowest of the season since the team scored 41 points in the season-opener against Nebraska.

The Salukis, who shot a season-low 22 percent from the field, were led in scoring by sophomore Tiffany Crutcher. Crutcher was 3-of-5 from the field and 4-of-7 from the free throw line for a season-high 10 points.

Junior forward Katie Miller led Northern Iowa with 23 points, while senior center Abbi Schutte chipped in nine points in the winning effort.

The Salukis will not have a lot of time to rest as they return to the hardwood Saturday at 7 p.m. on the road against Bradley.

The Braves are one team that SIU has owned over the years. The Salukis have won eight of the past nine meetings and have a dominating 36-3 lead in the overall series.

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