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MELISSA BARR ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

From left, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, SIUC junior Jon Joseph and Marion Blakey, FAA administrator, follow James Castelli, a senior in aviation technologies, on a tour of the aviation technologies hangar Thursday afternoon at the Southern Illinois Airport. Blakey and Costello's visit correlated with university leaders' goal to increase funding for SIUC's aviation programs.

Aviation plans still grounded

State rep, FAA administrator tour facilities, discuss expansion

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As high-ranking officials in the world of flight complimented the SIUC aviation programs Thursday, the department's room for improvement was over their shoulders.

U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello and FAA Administrator Marion Blakey addressed a crowd of more than 500 people at Southern Illinois Airport in front of about 95 percent of the university's Boeing 737.

The hangar did not have room

for the other seven feet of the aircraft.

The aviation program — regarded as one of the best in the nation — is looking for funding from a state capital bill that would pay for the proposed \$42 million Transportation Education Center.

The center, which has been in the planning stages since the late 1990s, would house the aviation programs as well as the automotive technology program, which is also regarded as one of the best in the nation.

Costello said the visit was his first day out in the field after

being named chairman of an aviation subcommittee in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"When you look at comparable programs throughout the United States, the program here at Southern Illinois University is second to none," Costello said. "I'm committed to doing everything that I possibly can to strengthen the program to meet the challenges of the future."

The 270,000 square-foot center would be located at the Southern Illinois Airport on Route 13 in Murphysboro.

SIUC President Glenn Poshard said it is one of his top priorities.

"It's been at the top of our list for some time," Poshard said. "We need that tech center to combine [the programs], and if we do we'll

double the number of students we can serve."

The aviation program in particular attracts more students than the current facilities can accommodate, said College of Applied Sciences and Arts Dean Paul Sarvela.

Sarvela said the program has received more than 180 applications for next semester so far, but is only able to accept 70.

Poshard said the highly anticipated capital bill is critical to the center's funding.

He said legislators in Springfield have said this is the year for the bill, but its revenue streams are still lacking.

"I think it's the chancellor's

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Faculty, BOT set to resume talks today

Brandon Weisenberger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A counterproposal from both sides and a months-long standstill in negotiations for a new contract will be part of discussion today when the university's faculty union and Board of Trustees meet for the first time of the new year, representatives for the two teams said Thursday.

Top in the minds of negotiators is salary, with the Faculty Association requesting more money for professors and SIUC officials doing what they can in a period of slim finances.

Bargainers haven't met since mid-December when the Faculty Association formally rejected an Oct. 18 offer that BOT spokesman Gary Kolb called his team's "best and last." The union also submitted a counterproposal, details of which are being withheld while negotiations continue.

Kolb, who is associate dean in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, said Thursday the BOT has prepared a counterproposal of its own, and he expects meetings to happen consistently until the sides reach an agreement.

"I anticipate meetings will continue on a regular interval until we finish this," said Kolb, who was president of the union in 1990.

Before the December session, Faculty Association and BOT negotiators hadn't met since the October meeting, which marked the second impasse in contract talks since they began in the summer.

Union spokeswoman and Vice President Lenore Langsdorf said by e-mail that she expected today's discussion to focus on the Faculty Association's Dec. 16 counterproposal, and she hoped board negotiators were prepared to reach an agreement.

"We'd like to get back to the table and get this settled, which we believe is in their interest, also," said Langsdorf, a professor of speech communication.

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JAKE LOCKARD ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sheila Simon speaks to citizens who gathered Thursday afternoon at Joyce and Bob Killian's home to hear her plans for Carbondale. Simon is one of four candidates running for city mayor in the Feb. 27 primary.

CITY ELECTIONS

Making her mark

Sheila Simon brings life of, love for politics to Carbondale mayoral race

Andrea Zimmermann
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Editor's note: This story is the second of a four-part series that will profile each of the candidates running for Carbondale mayor.

Sheila Simon's watch stands out no matter what she wears.

The multi-colored fluorescent timepiece reflects one aspect of the college professor and mayoral candidate's character.

"I just pretend that it matches everything I wear, and then I don't think about it again," Simon said of the waterproof watch. "If someone is looking for a candidate with a really elegant

sense of style, I must say I won't be on the top of their list."

It's the same feature that makes her more likely than other 45-year-olds to use the words wacky, cool or awesome in casual conversation.

Simon, one of four candidates hoping to become Carbondale's next mayor, said her political upbringing, connections and dedication to open government would make her the best person to help the city move forward.



Simon's pedigree has gotten her an unusual amount of attention for a small southern

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Course helps TAs, students understand each other

Ryan Rendleman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC is fighting the language barrier.

The Center for English as a Second Language is putting on the International Teacher Assistant Training Program — a workshop intended to help ITAs sharpen their English.

ITA Coordinator Cheryl Ernst said the program started in the 1980s in response to an increased amount of foreign students coming to American universities. She said SIUC was one of the first universities to have a complete program.

“We were one of the first to have a full-fledged program before other schools,” Ernst said.

The semester-long course originally focused on language skills, but has expanded to teach more about American culture, she said.

“Now we’ve become more of a culture, pedagogical language focus,” she said.

Marilyn Rivers, director of the Center for English as a Second Language, said ITAs applying for graduate school are required to take an oral interview test.

The three-hour-a-week training is designed for those who did not pass the test; it is recommended for those needing extra language help or just want to polish their speaking skills.

Rivers said the program is tough for many ITAs.

“It’s quite a time commitment for the ITA because they have very, very busy schedules,” Rivers said. “They’re taking their own classes, they’re teaching classes and then



Hardik Amin, a graduate student in the ITA training program, teaches a chemistry class on Monday morning. Amin is from India, and said that the ESL program has greatly improved his English ability.
DAN CELVI
DAILY EGYPTIAN

“In this day of globalization, we need to know more about the world.

— Marilyn Rivers
director of Center for English as a Second Language

they have to put in these three hours.”

Arifin Angriawan, an ITA from Indonesia who took the class twice, said it greatly increased his ability to speak and pronounce English. He also said he learned about American culture and methods he could use to teach students.

“I learned that I have to speak slowly and louder,” said Angriawan, a doctoral student in business administration. “I also learned the sequence of presenting.”

Ernst said graduates of the program are observed while they teach their classes and are given feedback. Hardik Amin, an ITA from

India, said the observation was beneficial to him because it was more realistic than the training program.

“In a class, I’m very spontaneous,” said Amin, a doctoral student in chemistry. “It was very good having that session.”

While the training program helps ITAs develop their speaking skills, there are also various strategies for students struggling with their teaching assistants.

For instance, Ernst suggested students ask their teaching assistant to write down a misunderstood word to clear up confusion. She also

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MOSCOW

Uranium smuggling case throws Russia on defensive

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia responded with silence Thursday after Georgia revealed a foiled effort by a Russian man to sell weapons-grade uranium, an episode that appeared to cast doubt on the nation's ability to halt the black market trade in nuclear materials.

The origin of 3.5 ounces of highly enriched uranium seized early last year in the former Soviet republic remains unclear, and some experts accused Georgia of trying to embarrass Russia at a time of strained relations between Moscow and Washington.

U.S. and Georgian officials told The Associated Press that Georgian authorities, aided by the CIA, set up a sting operation that led to the arrest last year of a Russian citizen who tried to sell a small amount of uranium enriched to about 90 percent U-235, suitable for use in an atomic bomb.

MICHIGAN

Ford posts record net loss of \$12.7 billion in 2006

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co. lost a staggering \$12.7 billion in 2006 — an average of \$1,925 for every car and truck it sold.

Ford's loss, reported on Thursday, was the worst in the company's 103-year history and came amid slumping demand for sport utility vehicles and other gas guzzlers and huge restructuring costs tied in part to the planned closure of 16 plants.

Last year's loss surpassed Ford's old record of \$7.39 billion set in 1992.

Ford, which has relied on truck and sport utility vehicle sales for much of its profit, was hurt last year as \$3 per gallon gasoline sent consumers fleeing to smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles. At the same time, Toyota has seen its U.S. sales rise, beating Ford out for the No. 2 sales spot in July and November.

KENTUCKY

Soldier pleads guilty to murder in Iraqi detainees' deaths

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — A 101st Airborne Division soldier was sentenced Thursday to 18 years in prison for murdering a detainee and taking part in the killings of two others in Iraq last year.

Pfc. Corey R. Clagett, 21, was one of four soldiers from the division's 3rd Brigade "Rakkasans" who were accused in the detainees' deaths during a May 9 raid on the Muthana chemical complex in Samarra, about 60 miles north of Baghdad.

The soldiers first told investigators they shot the detainees because they were attempting to flee and that commanders had given them orders to kill all military-age males on the mission.

Two of those soldiers, Spc. William B. Hunsaker and Spc. Juston R. Graber, have changed their stories and pleaded guilty. The squad leader, Staff Sgt. Raymond Girouard, is awaiting his court-martial.

INDIANA

Dad of abducted Indiana family pleads not guilty

GOSHEN, Ind. (AP) — A Chicago man accused of abducting his ex-girlfriend and their four children pleaded not guilty on Thursday to felony charges of attempted murder and criminal confinement.

White, 30, is accused of bursting into Kimberly Walker's Elkhart home on Saturday, shooting one man and kidnapping Walker and their children, ages 16 months to 9 years. On Tuesday, police found the family safe at a motel near Walker's home and arrested White.

The attempted murder charge carries a sentence of 20 to 50 years. The confinement charges have sentences ranging from two to 20 years.

During the three-day ordeal, White let Walker call her family to say she was all right. She used a previously planned code to signal that she was in danger, police said.



MIRET EL NAGGAR ~ McCLATCHY - TRIBUNE

Women in the village Eneiba, near the southern Egyptian city Aswan, listen to a lecture on ritual of female circumcision which is still widely practiced in Egypt and other African nations. They are taking part in a government-sponsored program to raise awareness of possible health problems from female cirumcision and pushing for an end to the ritual.

Curfew imposed as Sunni Muslim students clash with Shiite Hezbollah supporters

Brian Murphy
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT, Lebanon — University students loyal to Lebanon's government clashed with Hezbollah supporters Thursday, setting cars ablaze and battling with homemade clubs and stones. The melee deepened worries that Lebanon cannot contain the political and sectarian rivalries threatening to push it toward civil war.

At least three people were killed and dozens were injured before army troops backed by tanks and firing barrages of warning shots into the air dispersed most rioters. The military then declared Beirut's first curfew since 1996.

But the fallout reaches far beyond the casualty count. The clashes, sparked by a cafeteria scuffle between pro-government Sunni Muslims and pro-Hezbollah Shiites, reinforced fears

that Lebanon's sectarian divisions are erupting into violence as they did during the 1975-1990 civil war.

It was the third straight day of violence, sparked by a Hezbollah-led strike Tuesday that came ahead of a crucial gathering of donor nations in Paris. The conference Thursday raised pledges of \$7.6 billion to help Prime Minister Fuad Saniora's U.S.-backed government rebuild after last summer's devastating Israel-Hezbollah war.

The money and show of international support could boost the embattled Saniora. The Iranian-backed Hezbollah has vowed to bring him down unless the opposition is given more power.

The chaos has paralyzed the government. Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah said Wednesday that donors were backing the wrong side in the

standoff and that he could topple Saniora at any time.

In Paris, Saniora pleaded to his countrymen to "distance themselves from tensions."

No one can help a country if the people of this country don't want to help themselves," he said. "I call on your wisdom and reason."

Leaders on all sides called for calm. Nasrallah who has insisted in recent days he does not want Lebanon to tumble into civil war went on TV in the evening to tell followers it was a "religious duty" to get off the streets to allow security forces to keep order.

"I appeal to you in the name of Lebanon and human conscience. It's a pity to waste Lebanon like this," said Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, a Hezbollah ally. "It is time we learn from the past."

During Lebanon's civil war, Christians battled Muslims.

But the new confrontation has taken different sectarian lines: Shiites support the opposition, Sunnis back the prime minister and Christian parties are divided between the two camps.

If sectarian divisions explode in Lebanon, it would likely further fuel Sunni-Shiite tensions around the Arab world, already heightened by Iraq's turmoil. Mainly Sunni Arab nations like Egypt and Saudi Arabia have shown alarm at Hezbollah's increasing strength in Lebanon and have backed Saniora.

Thursday's clashes in Beirut showed just how quickly any spark can turn into a wildfire.

Students said it began with a scuffle in the cafeteria of Beirut Arab University between Sunni Muslims and supporters of the Shiite Hezbollah. As Sunnis in the surrounding Tarik el-Jadideh district moved in, Hezbollah activists called in reinforcements.

Democrats seek GOP help on Iraq

Anne Flaherty
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Members of a Senate committee that voted against President Bush's Iraq plan said Thursday they also are wary of pouring more money into rebuilding while the security situation is so dire.

"I want you to know that I am not inclined to support any additional funding in this area without strong assurances that this sort of mismanagement has been alleviated," said Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va.

A day earlier the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 12-9 in favor of a resolution condemning Bush's decision to send 21,500 more troops to Iraq. The vote largely was along party lines. Nebraska

Sen. Chuck Hagel was the sole Republican who supported the measure. A full Senate vote could come as early as the week of Feb. 5, Democratic leaders said Thursday.

Bush says the troops are needed to provide security for rebuilding efforts. As part of his new strategy, Bush pledged an additional \$1.2 billion and said the Iraqi government designated \$10 billion.

The State Department is expanding the number of reconstruction teams for Baghdad and the western Anbar province, sending some 300 additional civilian personnel to Iraq.

On Thursday, Republicans and Democrats told a State Department official they are concerned the extra money could fuel corruption or the insurgency.

Klansman pleads not guilty in 1964 killings

Emily Wagster Pettus
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSON, Miss. — A reputed Ku Klux Klansman accused in the 1964 slayings of two black men pleaded not guilty Thursday, and in a measure of how things have changed across the South, the judge he stood before was a black woman.

With his wrists and ankles shackled, 71-year-old James Ford Seale repeatedly addressed the judge as "ma'am," a social courtesy whites typically denied to blacks in Mississippi 43 years ago.

Seale was arrested Wednesday on federal charges of kidnapping and conspiracy. Prosecutors said Charles Eddie Moore and Henry Hezekiah Dee, both 19, were

seized and beaten by Klansmen, then thrown into the Mississippi River to drown.

A second white man long suspected in the attack, reputed KKK member Charles Marcus Edwards, 72, has not been charged. People close to the investigation who spoke on condition of anonymity said Edwards was cooperating with authorities.

Seale and Edwards were arrested in the case in 1964. But the FBI consumed by the search for three civil rights workers who had disappeared that same summer turned the case over to local authorities, who promptly threw out all charges.

The U.S. Justice Department reopened the case in 2000. But it was not until a few years ago that authorities even realized Seale was still alive.

Veteran math teacher dies

Sarah Lohman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rita Polston lived with an open door policy.

Math Department Chair Andrew Earnest said the math teacher's door was always open to students, whether it was during her office hours or not.

"My enduring memory will always be of her sitting in her office surrounded by students," Earnest said. "That's where she loved to be and what she loved to do."

Polston, who taught math and science for 24 years, died at the age of 61 Sunday at her home. Her family requested that the cause of death not be made public.

Visitation and memorial services will be held today from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Polston began working at SIUC in 1986 as an

intermediate algebra teacher, and a few years later became the course's coordinator. Her most recent accomplishment was developing the university's core curriculum math course, Math 113.

Earnest said she taught the course herself every semester until she felt it was polished enough to pass on to another teacher.

"She was pivotal in university core curriculum teaching," he said.

Polston also assessed the mathematics core curriculum courses and taught a seminar for secondary education math majors.

She was awarded the Outstanding Term Faculty Teaching Award at SIUC in 2004. That same year, Polston retired after 18 years as a lecturer in the mathematics department.

Even after she retired, Polston taught Math 107 and 113 for the Individualized Learning Program.

"She was our best instructor," said Susan Edgren, associate director of continuing education.

"She was fantastic. It's a big loss for us."


Polston continued to tutor until her death.

Edgren said Polston really went above and beyond what was expected, traveling 47 miles to Carbondale to tutor students free of charge.

Administrative Aid of Continuing Education Gayla Stoner was one of Polston's tutees last year.

She said Polston met with her weekly and helped her conquer her fear of math.

"She was here for me when I could meet with her and I've seen her do that for a lot of students," Stoner said.



Rita Polston

- Responsible for developing the university's core curriculum math course, Math 113
- Awarded the Outstanding Term Faculty Teaching Award at SIUC in 2004

Venezuelan president threatens U.S. ambassador

Christopher Toothaker
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez warned Thursday that the U.S. ambassador could be asked to leave the country if he continues "meddling in Venezuela's affairs."

The outspoken Venezuelan leader lashed out after William Brownfield said U.S. companies and investors must receive a fair price for their shares of Venezuela's largest telephone company when Chavez's government nationalizes it.

"If you continue meddling in Venezuela's affairs, first of all, you are violating the Geneva agreements and getting yourself involved in a serious violation and could ... be declared a persona non grata and would have to leave the country," Chavez.

The top American envoy to Venezuela told Caracas' Union Radio the planned takeover of CA Nacional de Telefonos, or CANTV, should proceed "in a transparent, legal manner" and that Venezuela's government must offer "fair and quick compensation to the people who are affected or the owners."

"These are the only obligations that a government has when it decides to nationalize an industry," Brownfield added. Thursday's exchange is the latest demonstration of tensions between Caracas and Washington.

U.S. officials have accused Chavez of becoming increasingly authoritarian and of being a destabilizing force in Latin America. The Venezuelan leader has repeatedly accused Washington of scheming against his left-leaning government.

Virginia-based Verizon Communications Inc. holds the largest minority share of CANTV, which was privatized in 1991. The takeover jeopardizes an agreement by Verizon to sell its 28.5 percent stake in CANTV to a joint venture of America Movil and Telefonos de Mexico SA, controlled by Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim.

Candidates to mingle with voters at Hangar 9

Danny Wenger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

City council and mayoral candidates will bring homemade dishes to Hangar 9 for a casual meeting with voters Monday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"Hangin' with the Candidates," an event organized by Councilman Lance Jack, gives Carbondale residents the chance to meet the candidates in person.

"It's basically a nice casual forum to be able to interact with those that are running for office," Jack said. This is not the first time an event like this has happened. Jack said when he ran for office four years ago there were casual forums.

"They were always well received, but unfortunately not always well attended by the public," he said.

SIUC student Joe Moore, who is running for city council, said he liked the idea of a casual event and hopes to see more after the primaries.

"I had kind of a campaign kickoff at Hangar," Moore said. "Maybe something at Longbranch or something like that, in a different part of town,

would be nice after the primaries."

Hangar 9 owner Sally Carter said she has had different events for political candidates in the past.

"It's a great way for candidates to have an open house situation and attract people that they might not normally make contact with," Carter said. Although other organizations are planning debates, Jack said his purpose is to have a casual environment so people can mingle and discuss views and life.

"It'll be like a cocktail party. You can go around and get to know people," Jack said.

There are no debates scheduled before the primary, Moore said, so Monday's event will be the only opportunity for Carbondale residents to see all the contenders together in one night.

"I think any opportunity where interested potential voters have an opportunity to talk one-on-one with the candidates is a good opportunity," he said.

The chance for a personal conversation with candidates is what Jack said is the appeal of the event. Through conversation, he said voters actually get to know the candidates, as opposed to

just sound bites.

"If you've only read their answers to questions in the newspapers, sometimes it's hard to get a feel for who a person really is," Jack said.

Jack hopes the event will help generate interest in local politics.

"Too often I hear people say, 'I vote in the presidential election, I vote in the congressional election,'" Jack said. "Yes, those races have a huge effect on your life, but local races affect your life every day, from potholes to bus routes."

Although not all candidates will be attending, Jack said nine of the 11 contenders would be present.

Carter said she will be providing staff at the event and food is being provided by local businesses. All candidates have been asked to bring a dish to the event as well.

"I'm going to do a chili cheese dip, and I'm going to see if I can find enough good tomatoes in the middle of winter to make homemade salsa," Moore said.

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OUR WORD

The system works

As the new semester began and students filed into the lecture hall, a professor discussed her policy — one that was highly progressive, but brought up concerns of privacy among students.

She wanted to incorporate Facebook into her class and required all students to join a group and add teaching assistants and the professor as “friends.”

The system worked. So let’s hear it for The System, for despite its bureaucracy, it was quick and efficient to deal with students’ concerns.

The students who objected to the rule voiced their objections in class did not receive a favorable response, so they took their problem to the dean.

The dean, after hearing the concerns of students, recommended that the professor provide an alternative to the policy.

And just like that, the policy changed the next day.

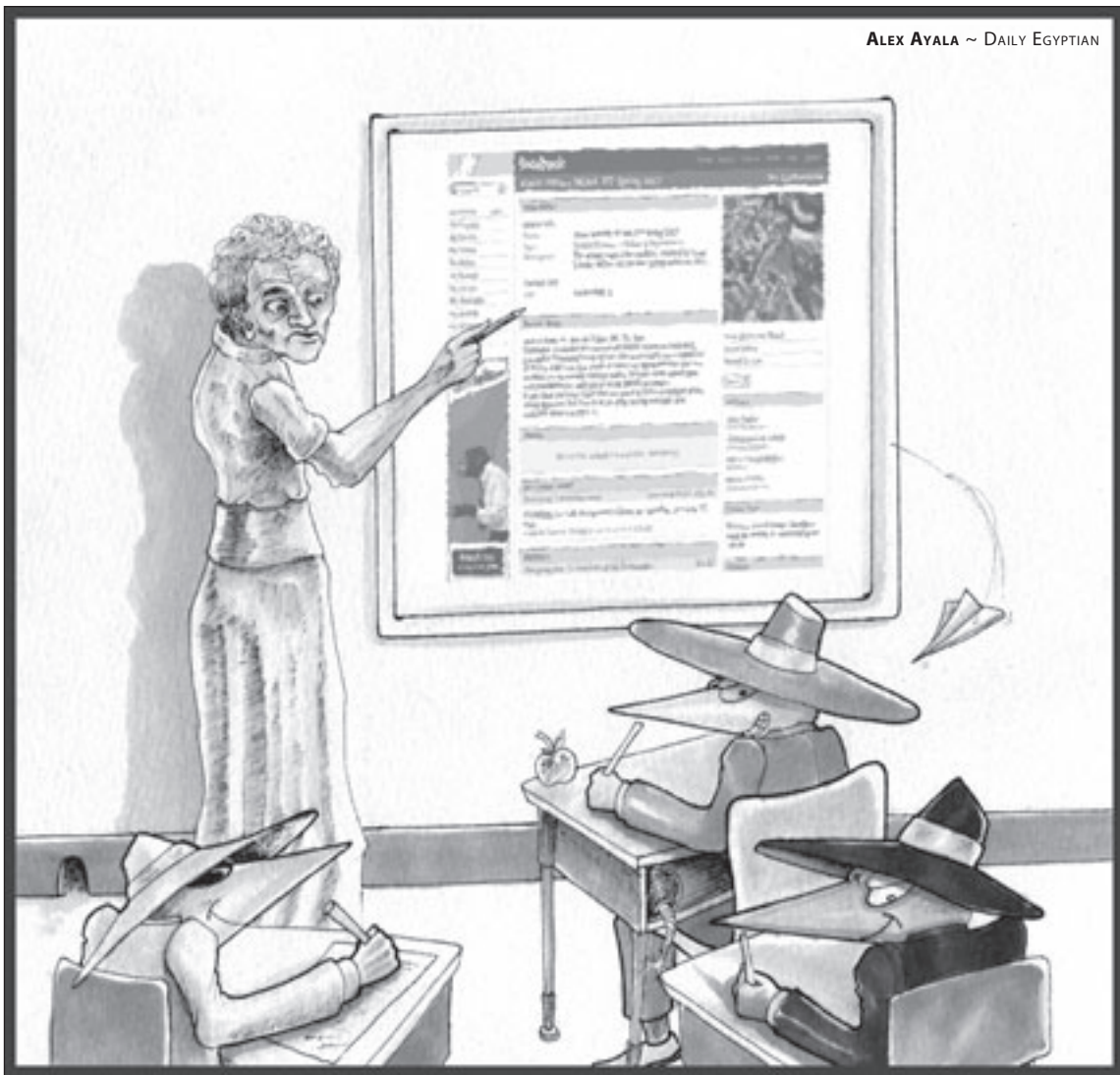
We at the DAILY EGYPTIAN were impressed.

The system worked.

So let’s hear it for The System, for despite its bureaucracy, it was quick and efficient to deal with students’ concerns. Privacy worries were removed, and so was the potential of a professor or a teaching assistant — one who assigns grades — knowing too much about the personal lives of her students.

Academic issues are the last things students need to worry about in their hectic lives. Eliminating these worries allows students to focus on their studies and not to be concerned about what their professors and teaching assistants uncover on their Facebook pages.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN encourages all students who feel they are in uncomfortable positions in the classroom to bring the matter higher up the ladder. It worked in one class, and it can work in all the rest.



THEIR WORD

Bipartisan approach should extend to Iraq policy

McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Try as he might to deliver an upbeat message Tuesday night, President Bush could not hide the fragile state of his presidency and the troubled state of the union. The main reason for that is a four-letter word: Iraq.

As if to underscore the point, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday brushed aside his pleas for support and passed a nonbinding resolution registering dissent over the decision to increase U.S. troop levels. With even members of his own party rejecting his Iraq policy, it’s time for the president to consider other options. We now have a divided government. That is the central reality in Washington, and Bush will have to act accordingly if he wants to salvage the last two

years of his tenure.

In advocating bipartisanship — an approach he disdained when he enjoyed a GOP-controlled Congress — Bush attempts to make a virtue out of necessity. The president on Tuesday offered a host of programs that create a chance for strong, bipartisan legislation. The most promising of these is his balanced proposal on immigration reform. But Iraq remains the burning issue, and on that Bush is not budging.

Take, for example, the standoff with the Senate Armed Services Committee over Iraq. The administration is stonewalling a request by the chairman, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., to see a list of security and political “benchmarks” the government of Iraq is supposed

to meet.

The lack of cooperation suggests bipartisanship does not extend to Iraqi policy, the most important issue of all. Critics say the anti-war resolution in Congress undermines the war effort, but Bush must surely understand that the Democrats were not sent to Washington by a frustrated electorate merely to endorse his war policy. On that issue, the president is ever more isolated.

Wisely, the Democrats have apparently chosen to disregard the chorus of rejection from the harshest anti-war sectors of the party, who are urging lawmakers to cut off funding for the war. It isn’t clear whether such a tactic would be practical or even legal, and it would harden the battle lines inside the Beltway,

which is hardly what’s needed at the moment. Before he labeled himself “the decider,” Bush campaigned for office as a “uniter, not a divider.” He should remember this in the coming days, especially if the situation in Iraq continues to deteriorate.

The president did offer to establish a bipartisan advisory council for the war on terror. Don’t be surprised, however, if this proposal is met with skepticism. Until now, Bush has been loath to take advice from anyone except a close circle of confidants, led by Vice President Cheney. The problem isn’t that he hasn’t received good advice — from former Secretary of State Colin Powell, for example, who urged caution before going into Iraq — but that the good advice went unheeded.

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Jonathan Travelstead
American Cancer Society volunteer
on the Buffalo Wild Wings charity challenge

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Seasons greetings and welcome back to the last segment of the school year 2006/2007. First and foremost, I would like to thank the DE officials for granting USG this column. This is appreciated because it gives us the opportunity to continue to communicate with our constituents and share our agenda with them.

I also welcome all our honorable senators back and look forward to working intensely with the senate for the remainder of the year.

We achieved several goals last fall, but this semester is different because we have much more on our plate.

We will continue to address the issues of safety on and off campus and review the Student Conduct Code with the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Dr. Larry Dietz. An enrollment and retention task force was created last year with student government to innovate ideas about how the problem can be curbed. We also intend to go to the state capital to help solicit funds, as the school has not received adequate funding from the state in a long while. Furthermore, student government shall continue to engage in dialogue and continue to develop an excellent rapport

and working relationship with the administration to discuss other vital issues of importance.

In the realm of things, student government continues to inculcate ideas of how to increase student participation and involvement. A suggestion box was mounted against the wall opposite McDonald's in the Student Center and I thank some of the students that have taken advantage of it to remind or tell us about some of the issues they face. A student leadership task force was also created

to find out ways of improving student government and to enhance a better unity and integrity with the body we represent.

It is also election season this semester. Be prepared to vote for your new USG leaders and other respective organizations. We would like

to increase awareness with the hope of getting as many candidates as possible and a heavy turnout of student votes during that time.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate the new senators elected during our first senate meeting. I wish you all the best and hopefully we can accomplish a lot for students together. And to the many active students on this campus, there are still several senatorial positions available. Please get involved with us in decision making so that we can stand firm and be heard on this campus.

Flying is no longer fun

Lewis Diuguid

McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

My daughter Leslie noticed a woman crying at Kansas City International Airport because of how she was treated by security personnel.

It's not fun to fly on commercial airliners anymore. Zealous security personnel at airports and cost-cutting by airlines have gut-punched what used to be customer service.

At KCI, we had to shed our shoes, belts, wallets, jackets, coins, keys and jewelry, and pull things out of our carry-on bags before entering the metal detectors.

We cleared the devices. But the security personnel stopped us because of our few containers of offending fluids. Medicinal skin creams, lotions, mouthwash and toothpaste were all confiscated.

"Not allowed!" a security guard barked.

"But they are in containers less than 3 ounces in size," I pleaded.

"You don't have them in quart-size plastic bags," he replied.

I emptied a plastic bag that had some pizza in it, which Leslie had cooked for lunch.

"Not allowed!" the guard replied. "Too big."

I had advised Leslie to travel light and not to check luggage. Last fall when I'd flown, my checked luggage got lost.

Lost luggage has become an increasing problem. The New York Times reported last year that the Transportation Department

said 107,731 more fliers saw their bags go missing in August than a year earlier, which was a 33 percent increase.

September was worse, with 183,234 more passengers landing empty-handed at baggage claim areas — up 92 percent. Security is too busy protecting us from offending skin creams and toothpaste.

We went to a corner, put our jackets and other garments on and sulked. That happens a lot now at airports to passengers who pay hundreds of dollars to fly. Such disrespectful treatment stinks.

Even the minuscule snacks of peanuts or crackers that some airlines had offered have vanished. They've gone the way of real food that used to be served on planes.

Leslie carried her things in an old TWA bag, a gift from her grandmother. People working for the airlines marveled at the collector's item. The skies aren't friendly like that anymore.

And don't expect comfort. Some flights get canceled. Delays sometimes lasting hours are commonplace and planes routinely get packed and oversold to maximize profits.

Worn-out seat cushions are uncomfortable for the back and bottom, and super-sized passengers get shoehorned into spots regardless of the distress that creates for others.

Where's the kindness? Where's the customer service for the nearly \$30 we paid to park there?

Where's the joy?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

State of the Union a disappointment

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm not interested in attacking the president or the war in Iraq. What really horrified me about President Bush's State of the Union address was his plan to increase the size of the armed forces by nearly 100,000 members. Before I'm labeled anti-military, let me say I am the daughter of a Vietnam vet, proud supporter of anyone who wears the uniform of this country and realistic enough to know that the U.S. will never dismantle its military. What shocks me is that, despite an armed forces budget that

surpasses the gross national product of some countries, the President could suggest and receive a standing ovation from both parties for adding even more military spending to a national budget that currently exceeds eight trillion.

Mr. Bush's plan didn't include ideas for financing this increase. I seriously doubt the armed forces existing budget will cut back weapon purchases to make up the difference. Rather, more government money will be allocated to the budget, meaning less money for other programs. Yet, we wonder why Mr. Bush's healthcare reform would be financed by states and tax-payers while assisting only a handful of those without health insurance. Education reform pro-

gresses at a snail's pace; nearly a decade passed without an increase in the minimum wage. Social Security and Medicare are nearly bankrupt and portions of the Gulf States still look like Katrina and Rita hit just last week. While increasing military might remain the priority of our leaders, we cannot hope to see real progress in crucial domestic areas. At some point, we are going to be forced to choose which is more important: being a military Superpower, or being responsible to our own citizens and perhaps having enough left over, as Mr. Bush said in his address, to help others in need.

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Cultivating the warrior spirit

New class teaches art of Japanese swordsmanship

Chris Klarer
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Three nights a week an otherwise quiet dance studio in the Recreation Center transforms into a dojo where the contemporary Japanese style of swordsmanship, Shinkendo, is taught.

On Monday, members of Kaigetsu Dojo looked curious strolling the halls in traditional martial arts uniforms surrounded by students wearing more traditional exercise attire.

While many of the activities being performed at the Rec Center were hopeful attempts at shedding some winter weight, group treasurer Mike Bugajski, a junior from Calumet City studying aviation management and philosophy said much of the emphasis of Shinkendo lies in “spirit forging.”

“One can go through martial arts and learn the techniques, but to truly understand and realize your abilities you have to immerse yourself in the philosophy,” he said.

Group president and instructor Kevin Taylor said Shinkendo was created in 1990 and is an amalgamation of traditional Japanese styles.

Group members began the night with meditation to clear their minds, making sure the night’s teachings could be fully received. As their eyes began to open, instructor Taylor uttered a quiet Japanese command, causing the group to rise as he lead it in a series of stretches.

In the beginning, all remained relatively silent except for the sounds of bare feet on hardwood floors and a quiet call and response cadence in Japanese.

Then Taylor, a graduate student from Mattoon studying philosophy, stepped from in front of the group and joined in picking up the iaito, unsharpened swords used for non-engagement exercises.



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Kevin Taylor, left, a second-year graduate student in philosophy, and John Flowers, a senior majoring in English, practice Shinkendo in the Recreation Center on Monday night. The Shinkendo club practices the traditional style, which uses Japanese samurai swords, every Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon.

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One can go through martial arts and learn the techniques, but to truly understand and realize your abilities you have to immerse yourself in the philosophy.

— Mike Bugajski
Shinkendo club member

The other instructor, Christian Peacock, moved to the front of the group to lead it through the sword exercises.

Suddenly the empty room echoed with the sound of the group’s kiai, or spirit shout, which erupted each time the swords fell in unison.

Peacock, 29, a sophomore from Mattoon studying aviation, said the kiai help with breathing, focus and timing while performing the exercises. In combat, he said, they are meant to strike fear into the heart of one’s enemy.

The group took a break once the

exercises were complete, allowing the air of order and discipline in the room to dissipate while members laughed and talked amongst themselves.

Next they picked up their bokken, wooden swords used for sparring, and began moving through repetitions of prearranged combat techniques.

“Wait for it,” said Peacock as he practiced with one member, offering a warm smile and nod at the improvement shown in the next round.

This period of practice was more

lax than the exercises that came before. Members gave advice to each other and joked around showing lighthearted rivalry.

Eventually Taylor and Peacock squared off, circling each other with precise movements and fast-falling bokken. Their exchange was quick and fluid, looking more like an intricate dance than a sword battle. After witnessing their exercise, Bugajski said to the instructors, “One word: demo.”

Taylor said that no bodily contact is supposed to be made in the exercises performed by the group.

“It’s called promise sparing: promise you won’t hit me, and I promise I won’t hit you,” he said.

Quiet fell upon the room once more as the group meditated on the night’s exercises. The members then formed a circle and chatted informally, exchanging advice and observations and discuss-

ing group responsibilities.

Taylor said they are scheduled to meet this semester every Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. They will also have a table at the Registered Student Organization fair Thursday between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

He encourages interested students to drop in on a practice or the RSO fair to see the group for themselves.

“I’ve got a double major and work two jobs, so I’m a busy person,” said Bugajski. “Coming here to work out some stress and calm myself at the end of the night is very useful.”

“We do this because we love it,” Taylor said. “Of course, no one here has any delusions of walking down the street carrying a bokken.”

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Rachel Zero, a John A. Logan College student, walks 'Rossco' on the SIUC campus Tuesday in hopes that someone would recognize the lost dog. She found the pit bull mix Sunday at Grand Avenue and U.S. 51.

SIMON

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Illinois mayoral race.

Daughter of liberal U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, she often finds herself standing in her late father's political shadow of good government and advocacy. Paul Simon began his political career in 1955 in the Illinois House and went on to serve as lieutenant governor. He also spent 12 years in the U.S. Congress and made an unsuccessful bid for president in 1988.

Simon said she developed many of her connections through her father's political career.

Last week, she traveled to Chicago to attend a fundraiser hosted by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and former Comptroller Dawn Clark Netsch. Despite many political heavyweights in attendance, she said she enforced the \$50 cap on campaign contributions and raised \$5,000.

Veteran Illinois political observer Rich Miller, founder of the popular Capitol Fax newsletter and blog, said Simon's candidacy is the talk of Springfield, and the House Republicans are particularly interested.

"Political types all around the state are keeping an eye on this race," Miller said.

A political endorsement from Sheila Simon can be powerful because of her father's legacy. Her dedication to open government, ethics, social issues and approach to public service is often comparable to her father and mother's, said Mike Lawrence, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

Simon said she takes good government practices to heart. Aside from the \$50 contribution limit, she said she also won't accept contributions from city employees. She said she has also offered to let students use numerical identification instead of their names in her law school class assignments and tests, so that no one

feels pressured by her candidacy.

Simon also takes a keen interest in environmental issues, saying one of her failures on City Council was not getting a solar panel put on top of the Eurma C. Hayes Child Care Center.

Lawrence, who is also a family friend, said he knows Simon's parents would be proud to see their daughter moving up in the political world. Yet regardless of name and legacy, he said Simon has made a mark for herself on City Council over the last four years.

"She holds a record to community service and on the city council. People will have an opportunity to review her record on the City Council, independent of her last name," Lawrence said.

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Simon had a case of déjà vu on Saturday when her 16-year-old daughter Reilly and her friends had a contest to see who could stuff, stamp and seal the fastest.

"I had the opportunity to relive my glory days of being the fastest bulk-rate stamper in the campaign office," she said.

Just as Simon begged her father to be normal when the family went out to dinner, her daughters now agree to go to the farmer's market with her only if she promises not to talk to everyone.

The Simon family moved to Carbondale when Sheila was in junior high school. Simon said as part of the Maple Street Gang, she remembers walking to school at Lincoln Junior High and then stopping at the Dairy Queen on South Illinois Avenue on the way home.

Though the family soon moved to Washington when her father was elected to Congress, Simon said she found her way back.

She left Georgetown University Law School to finish her last semester at SIU's law school, where she became a self-described free-loading college student in style. She often

CONTRACTS

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Union leaders have called for more faculty power in the appeals process when professors are denied tenure or promotion, and have also requested a vote to determine if all teachers pay a Faculty Association service charge regardless if they are members.

The BOT has turned down both requests while the union has disagreed with the team's salary offers, claiming university leaders aren't doing enough to make SIUC's faculty pay comparable to peer universities.

"I think we can solve the problems that are left," Kolb said. "I'm very optimistic."

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and my job to continue to lobby this as effectively as we can so in the eventuality that those funds are found, we'll be front and center in that capital bill in terms of getting this tech center built," Poshard said.

Jennifer Byrne, a senior from Algonquin studying aviation management, said she is eager to see the Transportation Education Center built, even though she will never use it as a student.

"I can't wait to come back and see it," she said. "I'd like to keep funding the program, because it is a really great program."

Skylar Venema, a junior from Westmont studying aviation technologies, said a new facility would be nice, but it is not the key to the success of the program.

"I think it's not so much the facility," he said. "It's more the quality of the instruction going on in the facility."

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lived in her parents' home alone because they were in Washington for much of the time.

"Southern Illinois felt most comfortable to me," she said. "I've lived enough in bigger cities that I decided I really felt more at home with the priorities and pace of southern Illinois."

★★★

Even with her father's influence, she said her own political interest didn't pique until college — when, like most political science students, she wanted to become president.

"Since then I have figured out I am not cut out to be President of the United States," she said.

In fact, she married fellow political enthusiast Perry Knop, who teaches American government at John A. Logan College, and decided to focus on raising her two children, Reilly and 12-year-old Brendan.

"I've figured out that it's not worth much to be able to get everyone composting trash in their backyards if I can't do it myself," she said. "I need to make my family what it should be, and then if I can add to public discourse and participate, then so be it."

She said she understands that she may have hurt her future chances outside of local politics by entering at such a late age.

It's not as if Simon hasn't had the opportunity to run for bigger offices. House Speaker Michael Madigan asked her about 12 years ago to run for a seat in the Illinois House, she said. Her only condition was moving the capital back to Vandalia.

Right now running for mayor of Carbondale is a good fit, she said.

"It's not like this is step one in the 'big plan,'" she said. "If something else is beyond this that's fine and if there's not something beyond this, that's fine, too."

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Bob Shaw, left, Kevin Rotter, middle, and Jim Rotramel practice for The Accelerator's album release show, Which is Saturday night at Hanger 9. The band, which has been around for two and a half years, practices in the back of Tuff Luck.



GONE IN 21.3 MINUTES

Accelerators to release latest album at Hangar 9 on Saturday

Wayne Utterback
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For The Accelerators, the words “haven’t you heard,” are more than a catch phrase created by the city of Carbondale — it’s actually the name of their latest full-length album.

The Accelerators, a punk band originating from Carbondale, will be releasing the album, titled, “Haven’t You Heard...,” on Saturday at 10 p.m. at Hangar 9 at a CD release show with bands The Hell and Dallas Alice. Jim Rotramel, a guitarist of The Accelerators, said the show would be a collection of old and new songs.

“Haven’t You Heard...” is the third full-length album The Accelerators have put out and it will be their last, said Bob Shaw, guitarist and a vocalist in the band. He said the band feels it has hit a peak with their latest release and that the band will perform through the summer but will no longer be recording full albums. Shaw will move away while Dustin Mendenhall, lead singer for The Accelerators, will no longer perform with any bands.

Shaw said the new album is intended to be quick and to the point. The title is a play on the Carbondale’s marketing strategy.

“We’re taking it all the way,” Shaw said. “The title was either going to be “Haven’t You Heard...” or “Loud Music and Speeding.””

The album is straight ahead punk with an unrelenting momentum that never slows down from start to finish. The songs are reminiscent of Bad Religion, with guitarists Shaw and Rotramel blazing through each song and Mendenhall’s vocals comparing to the U.S. Bombs.

“It never stops going,” Shaw said. “You’re on the sixth song before you even realize it.”

The new album is 13 tracks clocking in at



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Nate Hopman, drummer for The Accelerators, practices with the band in the back of Tuff Luck.

21.3 minutes. Each song is quick and most songs are less than two minutes in length. Rotramel, who wrote some of the songs on the album, said the album comes in bursts.

“It’s funny when I can leave my house and drive to Tuff Luck to work and the album is done,” Rotramel said.

The album was recorded at Traxside Studios in West Frankfort with Scott Alexander, who also worked with the band on their second full-length. The sound of the album is clean and polished, while just a little rough around the edges. The band took about a week to record it, but

only recorded one day or so each month because of how difficult it was to get people together, Rotramel said.

“Everyone just got busy around the same time,” Shaw said.

Nate Hopman, the drummer for the band, is new to the group. When he joins the band on stage Saturday, it will be his first time playing live with The Accelerators, said he is a little nervous about it. He said he had to learn the catalogue of songs over the past few weeks, but wasn’t too worried about it.

“We kind of all learned as we went,” Hopman said.

The song “Pits as F---” was written by Shaw and details the band’s thoughts on Mendenhall’s armpits.

“Our singer is a sweaty bastard,” Shaw said.

Though two songs do recall Mendenhall reflecting on life, most songs carry minimal messages and rely more on the music surrounding the words.

“Mostly everything is good fun,” Shaw said. “Nothing is too deep at all.”

There is only one cover song on the album, “New Rose” by The Damned, where Shaw takes lead vocals.

The new album can be found in local music stores and will probably be available on iTunes and other download programs. They will also be repressing their second full-length with new packaging sometime this year.

While “Haven’t You Heard...” might be the last full-length release for the band, there is a possibility to continue putting out seven-inch records when the band can get together.

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If you’re keeping up with my column, then you’ll soon know that one of the things that I love the most is music. Everything from Luther Vandross to Fiona Apple and Notorious B.I.G — I love it and I listen to it.

I spent most of last weekend cruising in a rented car without a CD player listening to the only pop/R&B station in southern Illinois.

It reminded me of a time in 1997 when I was 12 and loved Mariah Carey. But I also loved, and I mean loved, Jewel. I remember trying to tell a friend about how much I liked her song, “You Were Meant for Me.”

My friend looked at me with a crazy look and said, “Why are you listening to that white music?”

Of course, at the time I didn’t have a rebuttal or anything to say about it.

But thinking about it now really bothers me, so I asked people in the newsroom about their experiences with friends and different types of music.

What I found was that only the African-Americans have had words like that spoken to them. That really made me think about music and certain stereotypes that exist among people.

Even Dave Chappelle got into the issue on one of his famous sketches.

At the end of an episode, John Mayer plays the guitar and a black cop knows the words and Dave asks him how he knows that song. The cop responds by saying, “I grew up in the suburbs. Man, I can’t help it.”

It’s like saying that he can’t listen to that type of music because he’s black. What’s up with that?

Sure, the fact of the matter is that many genres of music are predominantly dominated by members of the same race.

But that shouldn’t mean that any particular race has “dibs” on the creation and expansion of any genre.

If you look back into the history of popular music, you’ll see that everyone from every genre of music has dabbled into all other genres. From Jimi Hendrix in rock to Blondie rapping on the first mainstream rap song “Rapture,” music was created for individuals to express themselves without any restrictions.

So what’s with the disconnect? We love to laugh at a white rapper and love to hate a black rock star (Hootie).

That disconnect is really old and tiring. It goes to show lines are being created that don’t exist.

In addition to that, people think that just because you are of a certain race, that you just automatically know about certain kinds of music. I don’t know how many times I’ve been in a room full of people and that one person asks me questions about rap music like I’m just supposed to know the answers. And I know that I’ve done it too.

This isn’t written to be a sermon. But it’s written to let people know that we need to celebrate diversity in everything.

I guarantee that once you open your mind and expand your horizons, you’ll learn more than any schoolbook can teach you.

The bottom line is that the subject of race and color is everywhere. Just think about it. You are forced to label yourself anytime that you fill out surveys, questionnaires and even teacher evaluations.

Do we really need to label something as universal and eclectic as music? I don’t think so.

SIUC alumna calls trip on space shuttle indescribable

Jim Suhr
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Since tapped for NASA's astronaut program more than a decade ago, Chicago native Joan Higginbotham privately questioned whether she'd ever get one of those space shuttle seats also coveted by peers she considered the cream of the crop.

"It seemed pretty much impossible," Higginbotham, a 42-year-old graduate of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, recalled Thursday. "I really didn't know if I would be selected. I was pretty sure I wouldn't, actually."

She worried for naught and last month finally got a 5.3 million-mile experience truly out of this world.

The die-hard Chicago Bears fan joined six other astronauts on a 13-day flight of the shuttle Discovery, rewiring the international space station and delivering U.S. astronaut Sunita "Suni" Williams to the orbiting outpost for a six-month stay. Higginbotham spent part of her first mission in space being the chief operator of the space station's robotic arm.

Now five weeks since returning safely to Earth, Higginbotham was a star for at least a couple hours Thursday, grinning and

gracious during a litany of media interviews from Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"If you give me all the time in the world, I can't describe how incredible that journey was," she said. "We are among a very small group of people blessed to do this."

As a crew, they also were among the most culturally diverse of any shuttle flight — Higginbotham and another black astronaut, an astronaut of Indian descent, the first Swede in space, a British-born mission specialist, an Alaskan and a Jersey boy.

Those space travelers also were the greenest in eight years in terms of spaceflight experience: Higginbotham and four others never had flown in a shuttle before — the first time since April 1998 a shuttle mission had five rookies.

Still, Higginbotham waved off questions about whether she considered herself a role model, saying "I think I'm just an average adult who has an incredible job."

"In my mind, if I can do this, anybody can do this," she said, smiling.

Getting into space was a long time coming for Higginbotham,

who is unmarried and has no children. She worked as Kennedy Space Center engineer for several years, participating in 53 shuttle launches and worked her way up to lead project engineer on the shuttle Columbia.

Butterflies came naturally, certainly during the speed and rattle of launch and the trip back to Earth — each process proving disastrous at least once during the past two decades.

"It's absolutely nothing to be taken lightly," she said. "We're taking some risks."

Still, Higginbotham worked flawlessly in orbit with the robotic arm she called "a billion-dollar piece of equipment," never mind that "my heart was pounding all the time I touched the control." Used on most of the four space walks, the high-tech contraption helped install a two-ton segment to the space station and transported a crewmate.

With the mechanized arm, "I was basically his ride," she said.

"It was just an incredible journey, from ascent to entry," Higginbotham said, suspecting there's at least one truism to her time in space. "We are all just a small part of this entire universe."

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In my mind, if I can do this, anybody can do this.”
— Joan Higginbotham
NASA astronaut, SIUC alumna

New police technology leads to arrest of eight men in 30-year-old case

Kim Curtis
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — A fingerprint on a cigarette lighter, shotgun shells and an informant helped lead to the arrests this week of eight men accused of killing a police officer in the 1970s, according to court papers released Thursday.

Some of the evidence was recovered using forensic techniques that didn't exist 30 years ago, according to the document, which was used to obtain an arrest warrant in the case.

Prosecutors say members of the Black Liberation Army, a violent offshoot of the Black Panthers, stormed the lobby of a San Francisco police station the night of Aug. 29, 1971, killing Sgt. John V. Young with a shotgun and injuring a civilian clerk with gunfire.

Prosecutors allege that Francisco Torres, Herman Bell and Henry Watson Jones staged the attack; that John Bowman, Richard Brown and Harold Taylor were the lookouts; and that Ray Michael Boudreaux and Ronald Bridgeforth were the getaway drivers.

Anthony Bottom was supposed to be part of the attack team, but he was arrested the night before after attempting to fire a machine gun at a police sergeant, prosecutors say.

Bowman died of liver cancer in December, and Bridgeforth is believed to have fled the country. The seven others were arrested Tuesday on charges of murder

and conspiracy to commit murder. An eighth, Richard O'Neal, was charged with conspiracy.

On the night of the shotgun siege, police recovered items including a ball point pen, a key, a cigarette lighter, shotgun shells and buckshot.

Advances in the recovery of fingerprints helped a forensic investigator in 2003 match the prints on the lighter to Torres, according to the affidavit used to obtain his arrest warrant.

Torres' lawyer did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

The affidavit also said that in 2004, an FBI investigator matched five of the 15 shotgun shells recovered from the crime scene to spent shells recovered from a shotgun found at Bell's New Orleans home in 1973. Police lost the shotgun in the years after it was recovered.

An unidentified informant, who was provided with immunity from prosecution and financial assistance for housing relocation, identified the men responsible for the attack in 2005, the affidavit said. The informant also told investigators that Bell criticized Torres for "dropping some item at the scene."

Police also said that Bottom confessed to police in 1971 that he organized the police station attack.

The Young case was reopened in 1999 and in 2005, but several suspects called to testify at grand jury hearings refused to testify both times.

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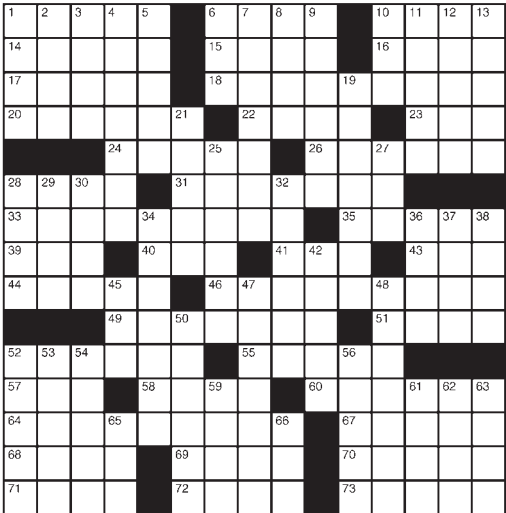
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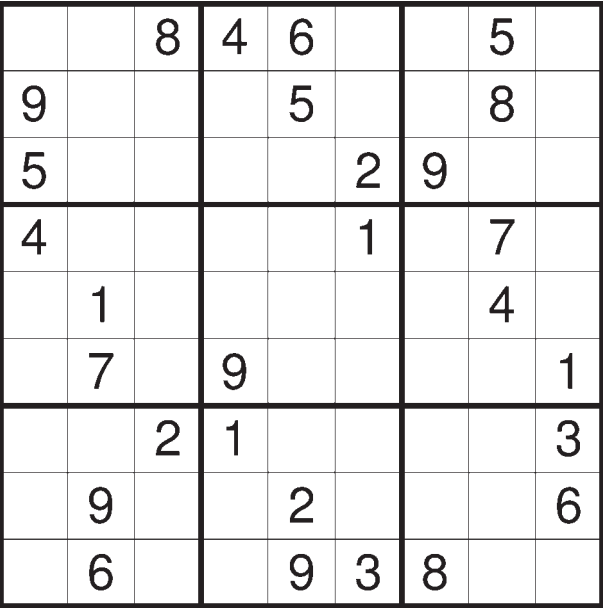
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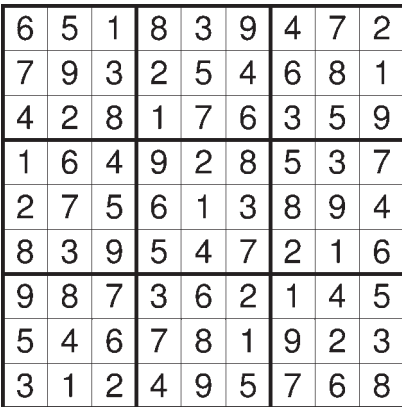
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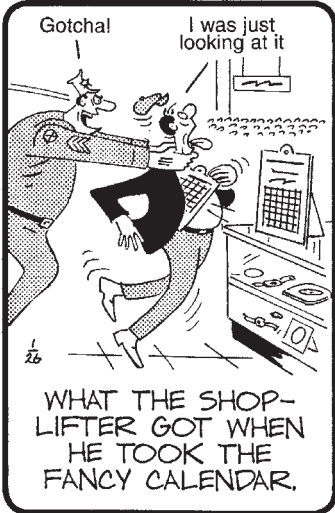
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Some in Indiana root for Bears

Michael Marot
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — This Super Bowl is all about family to Maureen and Dan Grossman.

Their son, Rex, is the Chicago Bears quarterback, but the family has strong ties to football in Indiana going back to the 1940s. They’ve held Colts season tickets for 23 years, and Dan Grossman, like his brother Dobby and their father, also named Rex, played football at Indiana University.

On Super Bowl Sunday, though, their allegiance will be with the Bears.

“We’re excited, nervous and proud,” Maureen Grossman said Thursday. “There’s a lot of love for Rex in Bloomington, and I think everyone is wishing him well.”

Maybe not too well, though.

When Chicago beat the New Orleans Saints Sunday, and the Colts pulled off the greatest come-back in conference championship history later Sunday night, it set up a dream matchup for the Grossmans and their friends.

But to many others in Bloomington, a city of about 70,000 where the Grossmans still live, the game tugs at their deepest loyalties.

Rex Grossman’s high school coach, Mo Moriarity, has a solution.

“I’ll cheer for the team with the ball,” said Moriarity, now the coach at Carmel High School near Indianapolis. “You know I have as much respect for Tony Dungy and Peyton Manning as you can have for anyone, and I sure wouldn’t be upset if they won a Super Bowl. But when you coach somebody, you always root for that person to do well, too.”

Many remember Grossman as the talented quarterback of Bloomington South High School. He led the school to a state runner-up finish in 1997, his junior season, then won a state title and Indiana’s Mr. Football Award in 1998.

Some also remember him for leaving Indiana to play at the University of Florida, and now he’s added another chapter to his storybook career by leading the Bears into a game some have dubbed as the Interstate 65 Super Bowl, even though the highway doesn’t actually go into Chicago.

Even the Bears quarterback has gotten caught in the middle.

“The only thing that stands out is my grandfather played fullback for the Baltimore Colts,” Grossman said. “The Colts were my team



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Chicago Bears quarterback Rex Grossman passes in the first quarter during the NFC Championship game against the New Orleans Saints at Soldier Field on Sunday.

growing up.”

The elder Rex Grossman was drafted by the Colts in the 29th round in 1948.

For the younger Rex Grossman’s parents, it’s been an interesting time. They bristled at the criticism their son took during the second half of the season, and celebrated when he got the Bears into their first Super Bowl since the 1985 season.

This week, they’ve fielded dozens of phone calls, nearly as many ticket requests and have spent time scrambling to make travel plans to Miami.

In between, they’re chatting with friends who are trying to pick sides.

“We have a lot of friends who are Colts fans, who have been saying since the start of the season how much fun it would be if the Colts and Bears were in the Super Bowl,” Maureen Grossman said.

Moriarity made it onto the Grossmans’ VIP list and has two tickets to the game. But, like so

many others in southern Indiana, he hasn’t decided which colors to wear to the game on Feb. 4.

“I’m like everybody else in the city: I’m a Colts fan,” Moriarity said.

It’s also not the first time the Grossmans have had a relative playing in the Super Bowl.

Rex’s uncle, the late Terry Cole, was a backup running back for the 1968 Colts and the 1971 Miami Dolphins. Cole, too, played at Indiana, as part of the Hoosiers’ 1967 Rose Bowl team.

But those who know Grossman best are hoping the 25-year-old has a better experience — Cole’s Colts lost to the New York Jets 16-7 in 1969 and his Dolphins lost to Dallas 24-3 in 1972.

“You couldn’t ask for a better situation than having the Colts and Bears in the Super Bowl,” Moriarity said. “I’d say you have a ton of Colts fans in Bloomington, and you have a lot of Rex Grossman fans there, too. I don’t know that there’s so many Bears fans there.”

Blues try to keep roll going after All-Star break

R.B. Fallstrom
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Andy Murray walked into the St. Louis Blues’ interview room Thursday, surveyed the crowd of reporters with a smile, and said “Let’s do this every day.”

Coming out of the All-Star break, the Blues finally are deserving of attention. Under their new coach they’re the hottest team in the NHL with 12 wins in their last 16 games. Once mired in last place overall, where they ended up last season, they’re lurking eight points out of a playoff spot with plenty of time left.

Goalie Manny Legace said if anyone had suggested such a turn of events in early December he’d have “laughed right in your face.”

“It’s been unbelievable,” Legace said. “It’s been a great run and we’ve just got to keep it going.”

The Blues roared into the break

by taking seven of a possible eight points on a West Coast swing, including victories over Anaheim and San Jose — the 1-2 teams in the Pacific Division. They’re tied for 11th in the Western Conference with 46 points, eight points behind the eighth-place Minnesota Wild.

Players say Murray deserves all the credit he’s received for the turnaround, boosting the team psyche as well as improving its systems.

“When you have confidence, everybody knows you’ve got to run with it,” center Ryan Johnson said. “We’re winning games a lot of times before we even step on the ice because we’re so well-prepared.”

Earlier in the season, the Blues lost a franchise-record 11 straight games. That sputtering start cost Murray’s predecessor, Mike Kitchen, his job.

“We were underachievers,” forward Doug Weight said. “There was

a million things wrong with this team.

“I don’t think this is going to stop, but hopefully we didn’t waste too much time playing poorly.”

The Blues, 12-2-2 in their last 16, will be tested right from the start. They return from the break on Friday against the Red Wings, who are fourth in the Western Conference standings, and on Saturday they’ll play the Predators, who are first overall in the NHL with 71 points.

They’ve got three games left against both of those teams and four to go against the Wild, the first coming on Tuesday.

The Blues figure they’ll have to top 90 points to have a shot at the playoffs, meaning they’ll have to amass at least 44 points in the final 34 games. Last year’s eighth-place team in the Western Conference, Edmonton, had 95.

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Saluki sprinter Marquita Vines, runs the 400-meter dash during the Saluki Booster in the Student Recreation Center Saturday afternoon. Vines finished with a time of 59.30 and took fourth place.
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TARGET

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After being named the MVC freshman of the year in the 2005-2006 season, Gibson has become more confident in the team's defensive efforts.

Gibson said the team has done a good job improving their post defense but will need a well-rounded defensive effort to beat Evansville.

"We're concerned with their deep bench," Gibson said. "They aren't just low block players — they attack on the perimeter too."

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REDBIRD

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Lowery said the rebounding battle is important every game, but will be even more so with how Illinois State has been hitting the boards.

"They crash the offensive boards and I think that's what characterizes their team," Lowery said. "You have to do things well against everybody if you're going to have a chance to win a conference champion."

Tip off is set for 2:05 p.m. at the SIU Arena.

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Dale Jr. defends his stepmother

Mike Brudenell
(MCT)

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — You couldn't blame Dale Earnhardt Jr. for wanting to get the heck out of Dodge — well, the Charlotte area, anyway — the past couple of days. It's been one of those weeks for NASCAR's most popular driver.

With dozens of racing journalists, photographers and TV crews invading Charlotte for the annual NASCAR media tour, Earnhardt has been besieged by the press. He's been the man to catch or, perhaps, trap into saying something he might regret later.

Earnhardt has been pressed for answers about his contract for 2007, which he's yet to sign, and his personal relationship with Dale Earnhardt Inc. team owner Teresa Earnhardt, his stepmother.

He's been hounded about the 2007 Nextel Cup season and his

chances of winning the championship, particularly with the introduction of NASCAR's Car of Tomorrow, of which Earnhardt seems suspicious.

Tuesday night, he was pressured to respond to fellow Cup driver Kevin Harvick's comments that Teresa was a "deadbeat owner" for not attending races. Then later he was called on to defuse the controversy surrounding DEI teammate Martin Truex Jr., who was charged last weekend with disorderly intoxication and urinating in a parking garage — on his own car.

Earnhardt has taken it all in stride, with a smile and a joke, and with just enough seriousness.

"You're killing me," he said, when questioned about Harvick's description of Teresa. But, despite his strained relationship with his late father's wife during the years, he has defended her honor since the death of seven-time Cup champion Dale Earnhardt at Daytona in 2001.

"Like I said in the past, with everything that's happened, not just to the company — but to the family — over the past five years, she [Teresa] has had a full plate," Earnhardt said.

"The things that she's responsible for, willingly and unwillingly, are very important. For a long time, the battle with autopsy photos, all those things, that's just the tip of the iceberg that she's been responsible for.

"That probably has been one reason why she hasn't been as visible at the racetrack and whatnot. But she's taking care of things that are much more important."

Earnhardt could have unloaded on her but didn't. He also showed loyalty and humor when responding to Truex's embarrassing moment, when the young driver was asked to respond to his run-in with the law and the status of the situation.

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MATT HARTWIG

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"Baseball's steroid situation interests me more. They have more positive tests, which means they'll be able to put together their all-juiced team together sooner. Their bullpen and outfield thus far are impressive. And my answer to the question is...no"

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"The league has to hit players in the wallet for it to work. I think they should take it a step further, though. Get popped for steroids, no Pro Bowl for you. Hear that Shawne Merriman?"

SALUKI TRACKER

Darren Brooks



Darren Brooks is playing for the Perth Wildcats of Australia's National Basketball League. In the Wildcats Jan. 25 win against the Wollongong Hawks, Brooks scored 17 points on 7-of-12 shooting and added six rebounds. Brooks is scoring 15.9 points, pulling down six rebounds and dishing out three assists per game.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?

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JB: He's a lieutenant at the downtown jail (in Nashville) and he's been there for like 15 years. He worked in juvenile so I guess you can say it's like being in a military family with him. He's kind of strict.

DE: Who's more intimidating: Your dad or Coach Lowery?

JB: Oh, man. I don't know. I can't answer that. Both of them don't take no stuff so you've got to be on your "Ps and Qs" with both of them.

DE: What are some of the differences of coming from the Nashville, Tenn. prep scene and then playing in college?

JB: Coming from high school, it's fast-paced. Coming to (SIU), defense is totally different. That's a big aspect here and I wasn't used to it at first. My high school (Brentwood Academy) played man-to-man all the time but it wasn't as intense as here. I guess it's just that everybody on the court is talented and you can't take anything off. You're just constantly working.

DE: Have you reached a comfort level yet where you can giggle on the inside when Coach Lowery is going off on somebody?

JB: I'm still probably one of the ones he hollers at, I guess, because I'm still a freshman. I've got a lot to learn but I just try to work hard every day in practice and show him I can gain his trust.

DE: It seems like there are usually some stories of good-natured hazing from upperclassmen to freshmen. Do the upperclassmen mess with you?

JB: There wasn't any hazing, I guess. It's just on the basketball court. When I first got here (in the summer) they were going hard on me to get me used to it and to see what I was made of. That was about it, really; tough practices and conditioning. If anything, conditioning was like hazing.

DE: So you don't have to carry the upperclassmen's bags or anything?

JB: No, but we do have to eat last during scouting reports.

DE: After playing with the team, what areas of your game do you think you need to improve?

JB: Defense is the first one, I guess. I need to work hard on defense and get in shape because there are no guys you can take it easy on, on the court. Ball handling; just about everything. Rebounding, strength; it's all in a big package.

DE: So there is not any sense of contentment?

JB: No.

DE: You've had a chance to experience Carbondale for a few

months. What's the weirdest thing you've seen since you got here?

JB: Ooh, it's nothing really weird but I didn't know the fans would be this crazy. It's good and that's a big part of the change and getting used to it. The atmosphere of the college game and the college life; everybody knows you on the campus.

DE: What was it like the first time you stepped on the court at the Arena?

JB: It was crazy. All those games out from my injury, I was real nervous when I first got on there but the fans yelling your name gets you more comfortable out there. It gets better every time.

DE: When you were growing up, who was somebody you watched play and said, "That's whom I want to play like?"

JB: Michael Jordan is my favorite player but I can't model my game after him too much because he's the greatest. But I would like to be more like Dwayne Wade, who can break off the dribble any time or a Ray Allen, who can come off screens and pop a (3-pointer) right in your face. That's what I'm working hard to be like. Of course I want to make a name for myself.

DE: Do you have any favorite professional sports teams?

JB: I'm a Kobe (Bryant) fan so I like the Lakers. I like the Titans in football — them and the Steelers.

DE: You've got the weeknight munchies. Who do you call?

JB: Pizza Hut Meat Lovers.

DE: What's in your refrigerator?

JB: All juices, all Gatorade. Ocean Spray juices like O.J., cranberry, cranapple. Gotta stay hydrated. A whole lot of noodles; you live off noodles in the dorms.

DE: What do you miss about being at your parents' house?

JB: Home-cooked meals. I'm real close to my family so I miss them.

DE: You've had a chance to play at the Arena and it's one of the areas that will be improved by Saluki Way. What are your thoughts on that project?

JB: It should be a big part of the athletic scene. Not only for basketball but also for football and every sport at SIU. It should be big for basketball because it will give us a new feel around things. We just have to keep the hard work going. That's what makes it great because the teams before us worked so hard. It really doesn't matter what gym you play in, but to have something new and know that (former players) played so hard and we can get rewarded.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 27	Illinois State	2:05 p.m.
Jan. 31	Indiana State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 3	Wichita State	1:05 p.m.
Feb. 7	Bradley	7:35 p.m.
Feb. 10	Creighton	5:05 p.m.
Feb. 13	Missouri State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 17	ESPN Bracket Busters	TBA
Feb. 21	Indiana State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 24	Evansville	TBA
Mar. 1-4	State Farm/MVC Tournament	TBA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 27	Evansville	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	Indiana State	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Illinois State	1:05 p.m.
Feb. 9	Bradley	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 11	UNI	2:05 p.m.
Feb. 16	Drake	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 18	Creighton	3:05 p.m.
Feb. 25	Evansville	2:05 p.m.
Mar. 1	Missouri State	7:05 p.m.
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Matt Shaw goes up for a shot during the Salukis win over Drake University Jan. 15 at the SIU Arena. Shaw had a game high of 16 points last time they played the Redbirds of Illinois State University.
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Redbirds fly into town

SIU hasn't lost to ISU since 2001

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With a couple of last-minute wins and a conference lead in hand, the Salukis are also enjoying the comfort of home. The SIU men's basketball team's last two contests have been decided by one point and two points, and both times the game was decided by a shot in the last five seconds. In the Salukis' Jan. 20 victory at Creighton, SIU sophomore guard Bryan Mullins hit a shot with 4.1 seconds remaining to give the Salukis a 58-57 win. Tuesday's game against Northern Iowa had SIU leading

56-54 when Panther guard Travis Brown attempted what would have been a game-winning three. Brown missed and the Salukis took the game and the lead in the Missouri Valley Conference. SIU (16-5, 7-3) is tied with Creighton (13-7, 7-3) for the conference lead and hosts Illinois State Saturday. "They're very athletic and they guard and they push the ball in transition," SIU head coach Chris Lowery said. "Our number one thing is playing hard." Illinois State is visiting SIU after an 88-67 home loss to Bradley, where the Redbirds were outscored 54-32 in the first half. The Salukis are 8-0 at the SIU Arena this season and are the lone MVC team with an undefeated home record. The Redbirds are 2-6 on the road this season and

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— Jamaal Tatum
senior guard

haven't won on the road at SIU since Jan. 14, 2001, when Illinois State won 88-74. "We definitely look forward to having the home crowd behind us," senior guard Jamaal Tatum said. "They always help us out; it's always magic playing in this place and we love being here." SIU kicked off its conference schedule Dec. 29 at Illinois State (11-10, 3-7) and won handily, 68-49. The Redbirds top scorer, junior guard Boo Richardson, went scoreless in the game. Richardson is averaging 10.6 points per game this season.

In the prior matchup, Tatum and junior forward Matt Shaw scored 16 points each and junior forward Randal Falker recorded a career high 17 rebounds against Illinois State. "When he's hooked up and ready to go, Randal's a very special talent," Lowery said. Falker is the MVC's fourth leading rebounder at seven per game, but the Redbirds pull down 11.2 offensive boards per game as a team, second most in the conference.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Evansville next target for Salukis

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After winning five straight games and eight of their last nine, the SIU women's basketball team hasn't changed much in practice. During their two-game home stand, the Salukis used second half comebacks to nail down victories. In Saturday's game at Evansville, SIU will have to start strong against the Missouri Valley Conference's third highest scoring offense at (76.6 points per game). The Purple Aces (12-7, 5-3)

also feature the MVC's fifth leading scorer in junior Rebekah Parker (15.7 ppg). However, the focus all week hasn't changed much from earlier in the season as the Salukis continue to work on defense. Coach Dana Eikenberg said the team has worked on a variety of defensive sets and have added several zone coverages into their game plan. "We've really been trying to focus on defense because they are a very threatening offensive



team," Eikenberg said. "They are fast paced and we have to maintain a good discipline." The Salukis (11-8, 7-2) will try to exploit Evansville's defense, which ranks near the bottom of the MVC, giving up 70.7 ppg. In addition to the MVC's sixth leading scorer in senior forward Carlai Moore (14.9 ppg), the Salukis have a handful of other players who have stepped up in recent weeks. Junior Jayme Sweere (11.8

ppg) is among the top 15 in the MVC in scoring and sophomore Erica Smith. Smith was recently named MVC player of the week after averaging 11.5 points and nine rebounds per game against Creighton and Drake. Moore said, compared to last year, the team has 10 solid players instead of one. "I'm letting the game come to me and trying to get everyone involved," Moore said. "We have a good inside-outside threat now."

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**15 minutes with —
Josh Bone**

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Editor's note: 15 Minutes is a weekly feature in which the DAILY EGYPTIAN sits down with an SIU athlete or coach for a brief interview that touches on sports and lifestyle.

Josh Bone



• freshman guard
• averaging four points-per-game

In this week's edition of "15 Minutes" we bone up on Josh Bone, a freshman guard averaging four points-per-game for the men's basketball team. Bone, a native of Nashville, Tenn., has seen his playing time increase as the season moves toward tournament time in the NCAA. He tells us about his game, the challenges of being away from home for the first time and playing for coach Chris Lowery.

DAILY EGYPTIAN: What has it been like making the adjustment from being a four-year starter in high school to scrapping for minutes at the collegiate level?

Josh Bone: It's been tough. It's been tough but it's been good for me just being pushed every day. You're not the best player on the team. It just makes you work harder.

DE: You've had an opportunity to get more minutes as the season has progressed. How do you think you've played?

JB: I've been playing pretty good. My main focus is to go out there and play hard and it's not to score points or do that stuff.

DE: Who's your roommate?

JB: I live with Tyrone Green in Abbott Hall.

DE: How is that?

JB: It's okay. I mean we're hardly in there. We just sleep, I guess, and watch a little TV and relax. But it's cool, though.

DE: Was there an adjustment to living with someone who was not family?

JB: Oh it was at first but me and Tyrone clicked as soon as we met each other. He's from Kentucky and I'm from Tennessee so we have similar ways. Really it was a good match. He's like my brother.

DE: Did being the oldest of three children help you?

JB: It's tough being on my own since I've been with my family for 18 years. Being the first one to go to college, I just take it as a challenge for my brothers to look up to me and see what I've done so they'll be the best that they can be.

DE: What's your major?

JB: I'm undecided but I'm leaning toward business or management.

DE: What does your dad do for a living?

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