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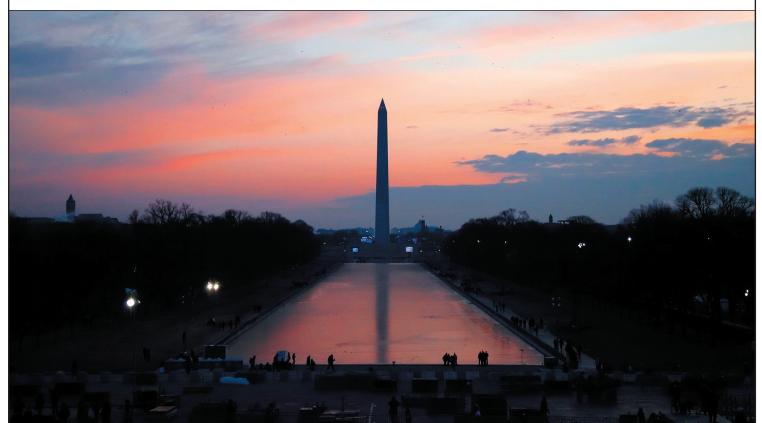


OUR WORD, PAGE 5: Gus Bode says life always goes more smoothly when we all work



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On the road to Washington



ANTHONY SOUFFLE | DAILY EGYPTIAN

The sun rises Tuesday over the National Mall in Washington as people stake out their places for the presidential inauguration of Barack Obama. A group of almost 100 students, faculty and alumni from SIUC made the 13-hour trip to Washington for the inauguration. See CURRENTS, pages 6 and 7, for more from their journey.

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Administrators say \$83 million project will boost region's economy

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With the country in the middle of an economic crisis, the university's Saluki Way project has employed hundreds of southern Illinois workers in construction

Phil Gatton, director of Plant and Service Operations, said roughly 500 to 600 construction workers would be hired, accounting for roughly \$35 million of Saluki Way's \$83 million price

Saluki Way is the university's massive campus overhaul project, the first phase of which includes renovations to the SIU Arena and a new football stadium.

John E. Taylor, business man-

in southern Illinois. Taylor said a southern Illinois," Gatton said. roughly 20 percent unemployment rate plagues construction workers in the region.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said Saluki Way, among other campus renovations, would help a job market that is tough on local

"Any number of jobs would mean a great deal to our area in helping those families," Poshard said. "Our vertical construction trades are really hurting right now. There's just not a lot of construction

around." Gatton said Saluki Way would almost exclusively hire from a pool of southern Illinois workers, which he said is a university commitment to invest in the region.

"The university is trying to

ager of Laborers' Local 773, said keep the economic downturn, if available jobs are vital to workers you will, from occurring down in

> Gatton also said there is a "trickle-down" that extends beyond just the workers hired.

"There's truck drivers, equip-

ment operators and people making materials. Gatton said. "Obviously, all those construction people eat, so the restaurants here add to the economy. Overall, it affects thousands people."

Gatton said a project labor agreement

director of Plant and Service Operations requires all Saluki Way construction workers to be hired from southern Illinois, following an agreement Gatton said includes all SIUC projects of more than

— Phil Gatton

"Essentially, we will hire local union help and they have a set of stipulations regarding strikes and tickets that basically they're not going to do," Gatton said.

But Gatton said Saluki Way is in a unique situation.

The university hired construction firms such as J.E. Dunn and Holland Construction to oversee the entirety of the project, which allows the firms to deal directly with each individual contractor, Gatton said.

And since the construction field is struggling, Gatton said the university is getting its money's worth for Saluki Way.

"Not only are we helping the economy," he said. "But because the market is so competitive, we are getting a lot of value, too."

Gatton said with a coordinating contractor on board, the university is able to break Saluki Way into smaller pieces, which has given the project broader appeal to potential

See JOBS | 2

Early numbers indicate 1.5 percent enrollment drop

Administrators say retention problem main reason for decrease

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Despite a rise in the freshmen and sophomore classes, a retention problem with upperclassmen has led to a 1.5 percent decrease in enrollment, administrators say.

Provost Don Rice said enrollment for freshman and sophomore classes is up more than 11 percent from last year, but a 12.9 percent decrease in juniors and seniors is sinking early enrollment numbers.

The drop reflects a continuing problem that has plagued the university for years.

Enrollment peaked in 1991 at 24,869 students, according to university records. By fall 2007, that number had fallen to 20,983. Enrollment numbers affect everything from faculty and staff salaries to building maintenance.

Undergraduate enrollment for spring 2009:

Freshmen: 2.2 percent increase Sophomores: 9.12 percent increase

> Undergraduate goal: 13,081 (Total: 12, 878)

Juniors: 10.3 percent decrease Seniors: 2.6 percent decrease

Source: Provost Don Rice

University spokesman Rod Sievers said the figures were exact as of Monday but official numbers would not be released until next

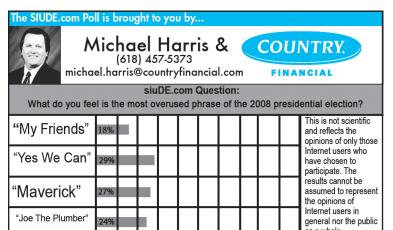
The university allows a 10-day grace period after the start of the semester for students to complete the registration process, Sievers

"The good news in all of this is our freshman and sophomore classes continue to grow, but we're really losing in juniors and seniors," Sievers said.

Rice said the university has a target goal of 13,081 registered undergraduate on-campus students for this semester, basing the goal on enrollment numbers from the spring 2008 semester. As of Jan. 19, he said the number of oncampus undergraduate students was 12,878.

Freshmen enrollment figures increased 2.2 percent from last year while sophomore figures jumped 9.1 percent.

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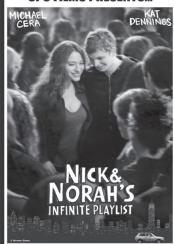
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Carbondale residents mugged on East Mill

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Carbondale Police are looking for three suspects connected to a mugging

Two 21-year-old Carbondale residents, one male and one female, reported they were approached by three men at roughly 3:00 a.m. Monday on the 400 block of East Mill Street, said Sgt. Paul Edwards of the Carbondale Police Department.

One of the suspects, who was described as a 5-foot-7-inch black man near age 20 wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, told the victims to give him their money or else the woman would be hurt, Edwards said.

The male victim surrendered his wallet, Edwards said. The assailants then returned it to him because there was no money in it, said Sgt. Mark Goddard.

The first suspect then punched the male victim before leaving, Edwards said. He did not require medical attention,

Edwards said. Victims said the other two suspects were black males and wore red V-neck shirts, Edwards said.

ENROLLMENT

CONTINUED FROM 1

Junior enrollment is down 10.3 percent from last year though, and senior enrollment is down 2.6 per-

"With respect to the seniors, we're pretty much on target," Rice

Enrollment estimates were originally set at a 2.5 percent decrease last week, Chancellor Sam Goldman said, but they have since become more stable.

Rice said the drop could be due to the large number of December graduates.

'We are usually down spring (semester) from fall under any circumstance because we do graduate people," Rice said.

Rice said transfer students usually make up for the graduates, but the university did not have as high a number of transfer students in the spring to fall transition this year.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the state of the economy could be playing a part in the drop in enrollment because there are many students with middle-to-lower class incomes.

"I think until the economy improves and until those families are able to bring more help, enrollment is going to be a tough issue for us," Poshard said.

Jobs

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Gatton said this allows the university to deal directly with those working on the project, instead of a large portion of the work being outsourced.

"We're starting to see a lot of interest," Gatton said. "A lot of contractors have been telling us that it's the only thing they've been bidding on lately. It's an attractive job for them to go after."

Poshard said the jobs created by Saluki Way are vital to the area.

"I think everyone recognizes that right now, our area is suffering as great as the rest of the country economically," Poshard said. "Between Saluki Way and campus repairs, there's going to be hundreds and hundreds of jobs that are going to benefit this area economically."

Calendar

Corrections

Digital TV Transition

· After Feb. 17, 2009, full-power TV stations will only broadcast in digital. A representative from the FCC will be at Carbondale Public Library from 3-6 p.m. Thursday to answer your questions about how this transition will affect you

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- 3:45 p.m. Friday at Peace Park
- Candlelight vigil for victims of Mumbai terrorist attack
 - · All are invited
 - Contact (618) 453-7052 for more information

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot quarantee that all items will run

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USG to help fund National Pan-Hellenic week for Greeks

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Undergraduate Student Government agreed Wednesday to help fund the National Pan-Hellenic week for the SIUC Greek community.

USG will give \$2,407.50 to the Greek organizations to fund a week of activities from Jan. 26 to Jan. 31, designed to bring the organizations together.

Jeffery Hall, a senior studying marketing and member of Kappa Alpha Psi, said his goal for the week is to unite Greek organizations, which have traditionally not worked together in such events.

"I am really hoping to bring together a new sense of Greek unity," Hall said. "I want to bring back a sense of ownership to what it is we're really about."

The week will begin with a community service project Monday and follow with a "United We Stand" dinner Tuesday; a battle of the sexes game show, followed by a smoothie social Wednesday; a Greek skating event Thursday at the Du Quoin skating rink; and an event called

Monday:

Tuesday:

Jan. 30:

"Smokers Rush" Friday.

The SIUC transit service will help commute students between Carbondale and Du Quoin for the skating event, Hall said. He said the "Smokers Rush" would be a forum for each organization's members to talk about what projects they do and how they help the community.

Hall, who came up with the idea, said the event will be the first of its kind and should help bring a sense of unity among fraternities and sororities.

"I tried to establish a blueprint of events for the National Pan-Hellenic, which is comprised of the black letter Greek organizations," Hall said.

The week will come to a close Saturday with an "Envy Fashion Showcase," involving all Greek organizations.

USG Vice President Vincent Hardy said he was happy to see the Greek community work together.

"Different Greeks make up Pan-(Hellenic), but Pan-(Hellenic) never really does anything together," Hardy said. "It's good to see all the Greek organizations involved like they're supposed to."

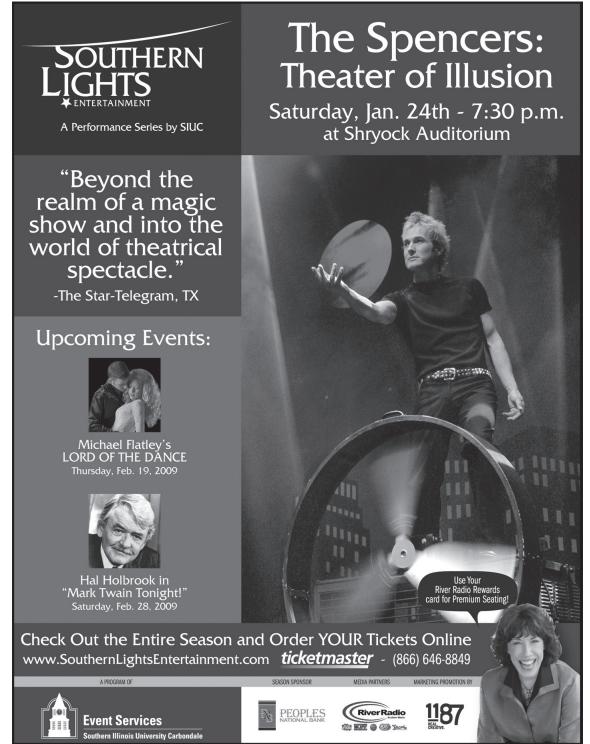


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Jeffery Hall, a senior studying marketing, presents a plan to unite the Greek organizations on campus during Wednesday's Undergraduate Student Government meeting in the Student Health Center. USG voted in support of the plan, which included a week of festivities beginning Jan. 26 and ending Jan. 31.

SIUC Pan-Hellenic Week Monday - Jan. 31 Community Service Project, 3 p.m. Eurma Hayes Center The United We Stand Dinner, 7 p.m. Old Main Room (Invite-only dinner) Wednesday: Smoothie Social, 5 p.m. Alumni Room (Recreation Center) Battle of the Sexes Game Show, 7 p.m. Quigley Auditorium Jan. 29: Skating with the Greeks, 7 p.m. DuQuoin Skating Rink Smokers Rush, 7 p.m. Ballroom B (Student Center)

Jan. 31: Envy Fashion Show, 7 p.m. Ballroom B (Student Center)









Obama's first day: Economy, Iraq, ethics and more

David Espo

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In a first-day whirlwind, President Barack Obama showcased efforts to revive the economy on Wednesday, summoned top military officials to chart a new course in Iraq and eased into the daunting thicket of Middle East diplo-

"What an opportunity we have to change this country," said the 47-year-old chief executive, who also issued new ethics rules for his administration and hosted a reception at the presidential mansion for 200 inauguration volunteers and guests selected by an Internet lottery.

After dancing at inaugural balls with first lady Michelle Obama past midnight, Obama entered the Oval Office for the first time as president in early morning. He read a good luck note left behind by President George W. Bush, then began breaking cleanly with his predecessor's policies.

Aides circulated a draft of an executive order that would close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, within a year and halt all war crimes trials in the meantime.

Closing the site "would further the national security and foreign policy interests of the

United States and the interests of justice," read the draft prepared for the new president's signature. A copy was obtained by The Associated Press.

Some of the 245 detainees currently held at Guantanamo would be released, while others would be transferred elsewhere and later put on trial under terms to be determined.

Obama's Cabinet was moving closer to completion.

At the Capitol, the Senate confirmed Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state after a one-day delay forced by Republicans. The vote was 94-2, and spectators seated in the galleries erupted in applause when it was announced.

Treasury-designate Timothy Geithner emerged unscathed from his confirmation hearing, apologizing for having failed to pay \$34,000 in taxes earlier in the decade.

To the evident anger of Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Republicans on the panel invoked longstanding rules to postpone a vote on Eric Holder's appointment as attorney general.

Six Cabinet members have been confirmed so far, as have the two top officials at the Office of Management and Budget.

Obama's schedule for the day included separate sessions on the economy and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.



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President Barack Obama holds a signing ceremony for five executive orders requiring staffers to comply with strict new rules governing lobbying, lobbyists and the Freedom of Information Act Wednesday in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington.

The new president has pledged to take bold steps to revive the economy, which is struggling through the worst recession since

the Great Depression. Last week, he won approval to use \$350 billion in leftover financial industry bailout funds.

Iraqi spokesman: Government willing to see United States leave before 2011

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq is willing to have the United States withdraw all its troops and assume security for the country before the end of 2011, the departure date agreed to by former President George W. Bush, the spokesman of the Iraqi prime

Spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh made the comment Tuesday, a day before President Barack Obama and his senior commanders were to meet in Washington to discuss the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

ISRAEL

Israelis, Palestinians hand Obama his first international challenge

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israelis and Palestinians have already handed President Barack Obama his first international challenge.

In Gaza, the West Bank and Israel, people are waiting with cynicism, suspicion and hope to see how the new Ú.S. leader handles the issue.

Obama's inauguration became the lead story in Israeli media, which had been dominated by coverage of the Gaza offensive that began with a massive air bombardment Dec. 27.

UNITED STATES

President Obama poised to put Roger Federer reaches 3rd round imprint on Iraq, Afghan wars

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will begin to put his imprint on the nation's war strategy in his first full day in office, gathering his top military and national security advisers at the White House for what is expected to be the start of the new Commander-in-Chief's shift in emphasis from Iraq to Afghanistan.

According to officials, Obama will conduct a videoteleconference Wednesday with members of the National Security Council as well as the U.S. military commanders in the two war zones.

Australia

at Australian Open

MELBOURNE (AP) — Roger Federer and Marat Safin rolled to easy victories Wednesday against firsttime opponents to reach the Australian Open's third round, where the familiarity factor will be much higher: They'll be playing each other.

"I'm happy to be playing Marat; we have fought some battles," Federer said after ousting error-prone Evgeny Korolev of Russia 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 in just 86 minutes. "We had the epic in 2005."

That was a semifinal thriller here that Safin won in a 9-7 fifth set en route to the championship.

BRINGING SOMETHING NEW TO SIU

Sigma Sigma Sorority is recolonizing their chapter at SIU

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Saluki women interested in learning more about Sigma Sigma are encouraged to meet our National representatives at our Information Tables -or- at one of the following activities:

Student Center: Ballroom A **Thursday January 22 Open House** 7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Philanthropy Night 7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **Student Center: Renaissance Friday** January 23

We hope that you are asking, "What is a colony? How does starting a new chapter work?" A colony is a newly formed group of a well-established national Greek organization that has been invited to be a part of the campus and Greek community. A team of National staff and volunteers, alumnae and collegians from our other chapters in the area will participate in Open House Socials so we can have the opportunity to meet potential new members.

Tri Sigma strives for excellence in academics, community service, campus involvement, social environments and leadership positions. Our goal is to recruit freshmen through senior undergraduate women that also value these principles and view themselves as trend setters to build our legacy on campus. The opportunity for immediate leadership experience, shared memories and lifelong friendships are endless for you. We are eager to meet women during this process and share what makes Tri Sigma so exceptional!

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OUR WORD

United we stand

SIUC and SIUE will partner next year to offer a nursing program, showing that SIU can respond to the enrollment problems in what should be a very productive way.

The U.S. Department of Labor, through its Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development Initiative, has awarded a grant to three Cape Girardeau companies to combat a foreseen shortage in nurses in the area. By implementing a joint nursing program, SIU is expanding a program that will be in high demand in coming years and could potentially attract more federal dollars by catering to the needs of the surrounding area.

SIUC will also combat its own problems by teaming up its sister campuses.

During the past few years, Edwardsville's enrollment numbers have steadily increased, while Carbondale's numbers have steadily decreased. By offering popular majors through joint ventures at both campuses, students can get the best education SIU can offer — not just what its specific campus of choice offers.

By playing up the strengths of both campuses, we can minimize the weaknesses of each.

When both campuses work together, students will more often have the opportunity to live close to home for at least part of their college careers. This will attract more local students from southern Illinois, St. Louis and, with the new in-state tuition program to be implemented this fall, even places such as Kentucky and Indiana.

These programs also have the potential to attract students

away from community colleges. Students can still stay close to home, but start their nursing degrees at SIU instead of going through transitions that can sometimes be confusing, stressful and even unsuccessful.

By showing the world a unified SIU, our campuses can work together, improving enrollment, retention and the education that each student receives, regardless of which city he or she calls home. The Daily Egyptian cannot help but wonder why such a good plan was not implemented sooner.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



From a Distance

Realizing an impossible dream

Kiran Bharthapudi

COLUMNIST

Last year, on a frigid February evening, I met a tiny old woman. She swiped her metro card on the turnstile at 157th Street station, wobbled her way past unyielding passengers, stepped into the southbound No. 1 train and sat across from my seat.

Once she found her weight in the new world around her, she took off her flowery black Sunday church hat and surveyed the subway car. She had thick black hair, a small mole on her chin and damp black eyes. The rough hands of history had drawn creases on her temples, shrunk her eyes, cringed her comport and paled her petite lips. The back of her hands had eroded, and what remained were her sturdy knuckles and puffy veins.

Those hands didn't wear out

desk of a local library or a museum. They seemed timeless, like sand on

the ocean shore. The train, meanwhile, unloaded passengers and loaded new ones at the 137th Street City College station. She noticed the image of a black man on the cover of a book I was reading. She leaned forward, pressed her palms against her knees and gazed at the picture with stories in her eyes.

"Dreams of My Father, his memoir," I said.

She didn't respond.

"He wrote it himself."

She smiled, but didn't say anything. I wasn't sure she could hear me. I went and sat next to her.

She had moved from Louisiana to New York City in the early seventies with \$16 in change and two young boys. She said she had worked 31 years for a landlord who owned a

answering phone calls at the front townhouse on the Upper West Side, sweeping wooden floors, mopping three flights of stairs, painting walls and renewing the apartments for new tenants. Taking occasional naps under the staircase on cold winter afternoons, she had toiled hard to keep the place new for 31 years.

"My boys don't even come and see me no more," she explained voluntarily.

I felt the force of the giant motorcade whistling through the tunnel, casting flickering light on the dark walls behind us. The wheels under us, it seemed, were hitting the tracks louder than before.

I was given a brief, yet intimate window into her life. I knew more about her than I deserve, I felt uneasy. I retreated back to my reading.

A few moments later, as her station neared, she put her hat back on, summoned her belongings and wobbled back up on her feet.

"Do you think he'll win?" I asked, waving the book in the air.

"A black man ain't becoming president," she replied, bobbing her head. When the train stopped and doors slid back open, she stepped onto the platform at 96th Street station and walked away.

As the train screamed past the station, I sat next to the empty warm seat and thought about her. How many plates does she arrange at the dinner table every night? What conversations slither from her broken bread? Does she knit a sweater for someone in the months leading up to winter? How do her prayers sound? Do the old backyards still have the footprints of her child-

I again thought about her for a moment this Inauguration Day.

Bharthapudi is a doctoral student in radiotelevision.



A road trip to remember



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RIGHT: Kelly boyfriend Nic the president

Millions

SIUC studen Vend Children One man wa

organizers Martin Dubbs, left, and **Emelie Ottosson,** center, check in attendees Monday at a parking lot near the Recreation Center as they board the buses for Washington. ANTHONY SOUFFLÉ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Inauguration trip



ANTHONY SOUFFLÉ | DAILY EGYPTIAN

RIGHT: Lisa Bland, left, a senior studying journalism, and Kathy Stanish, a senior studying radio-television, joke with each other as they wait for President Barack Obama to be introduced during his inauguration Tuesday at the National Mall in Washington.

ABOVE: Crowds at the National Mall watch as Joe Biden takes the oath of office Tuesday.

JULIA RENDLEMAN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

RENTS



ANTHONY SOUFFLÉ | DAILY EGYPTIAN llumna Patricia Mayberry yawns as she waits along with a group 00 others from southern Illinois to depart Monday morning for

Reed, a sophomore studying radio-television, naps with her k Nylen, a sophomore studying radio-television, on the bus ride to ial inauguration in Washington.

ous ride from Carbondale to Washington to see the inauguration.



WORDS BY: SEAN MCGAHAN

of people huddled together in a small area without any violence.

Elderly women cried as they saw a dream realized.
ts experienced an in-person lecture on American history as it happened.
ors asked for \$5 for round pieces of aluminum worth 5 cents.
s' eyes saw a sight that may stay with them until their deathbeds.
s given the responsibility — and burden — that comes with leading
one of the world's most powerful nations.

On Tuesday, it was many things to many people.

oday, it is simply a springboard for more history to come.





William Freivogel, left, director of the SIUC School of Journalism, directs the bus driver in downtown Washington as he and roughly 100 others from southern Illinois arrive in the city at 4 a.m. to see the inauguration. ANTHONY SOUFFLÉ DAILY EGYPTIAN



Student Health Center braces for flu season

Students encouraged to get vaccinations before it's too late

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Students feeling sick during the first few weeks of the spring semester should think twice before shrugging off their symptoms.

Doctors at the Student Health Center say a recent string of influenza this season could be especially hard to fight.

Deedra McLain, an SIUC physician, said cases of influenza reported in Illinois this season have all been resistant to Tamiflu, a common form of flu medication.

McLain said because of the resistance to Tamiflu, students are

strongly encouraged to get vaccinated before it is too late.

Jake Baggett, director of the Student Health Center, said the facility has administered a larger amount of vaccines this year in anticipation of the strain hitting

"(Doctors) try to predict what strains are going to be like because they manufacture the vaccine so much in advance, but it's very hard to predict," Baggett said. "What we do know, though, is that we gave out a larger number of flu shots than we have in the past."

Baggett said encouraging stu-

dents to get vaccinated against the flu is an annual project, which makes the vaccine available to SIUC students for a \$20 charge.

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evaluated.

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"We have promoted it for several years now," Baggett said, "I think the number of vaccines we have given has steadily increased over the years.'

The Student Health Center is also setting up on-campus outreach stations where students can be vaccinated, which is part of the facility's initiative to treat the

strain that is resistant to common flu medication.

"There are other oral medications that are helpful and we are also being prepared to make sure we have those medications," said McLain.

> McLain warned that flu treatments are not effective for patients already suffering from the flu unless the treatment is taken within the first 48 hours of infection.

She said the flu is often best treated with supportive care, fluids, rest and cough medicine.

SIUC physician Though the flu is often easily treated, it still has the potential to be harmful. McLain

said it is possible to die from the

McLain said students experiencing flu symptoms should make an appointment at the Student Health Center.

"I don't think it's ever unreasonable for a person to come in and be evaluated," McLain said.



What was your worst flu experience? siuDE.com

New program aims to help single parents

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For Alan Owens, finding time to complete homework can be a challenge.

Owens, a junior from Carbondale studying computer science, is a single parent who often struggles to balance his duties as a student with his responsibilities as a parent.

But a new Student Affairs program is working to help Owens and others in similar situations with their workloads.

The Saluki Single Parents program works to make life easier on single-parent students by finding resources such as babysitters, apartments and doctors.

"It's hard trying to find the time to study and be a parent at the same time," Owens said. "I try and strike some sort of a balance and so far my GPA hasn't suffered that badly, but that's probably what the biggest challenge is.'

The Saluki Single Parents program began last fall, but started reaching out to students this semester, said program coordinator Natasha

"I'm a single mom and there's been a lot of ... things that I've had

to go through

to get certain

resources that I

need," Aldrich

associate vice

Peter Gitau,

said.

t's hard trying to find the time to study and be a parent at the same time.

SIUC junior studying computer science

chancellor for Student Affairs, said the program was cre-

ated after realizing there was a gap in the services provided to students.

Student Affairs realizes that this is a group that we need to think about," Gitau said. "We want to make sure that they have a voice."

Leah Suddarth, program coordinator, said more than 600 students are single parents and the program helps to connect them to community and university resources they might not knew existed otherwise.

Suddarth said the program would expand in the next few weeks, with support groups for parents and family-oriented events.

"We plan to do a lot of family events to connect (single parents) and build this community," Suddarth

Owens said he is looking forward to meeting other single parents at the program's first event Jan. 31. Now is a great time for people who are interested to find out more about the

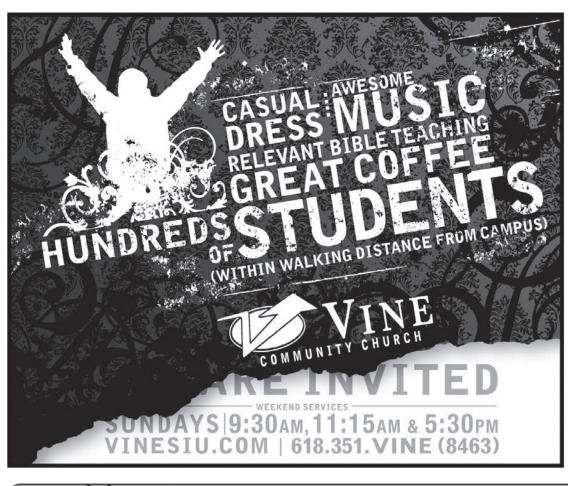
group, he said.

They'll bend over backwards to help you," Owens said. "Every bit of information they have, they're willing to share and that's great.'

Anyone interested in finding out more information about volunteering can contact program coordinators Leah Suddarth or Natasha Aldrich at: 453-5501 or 453-1380.

E-mails can be sent to leahms@siu.edu or NatashaA@siu.edu

The Saluki Single Parents Program is holding a free family recreation day Jan. 31 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Recreation Center.



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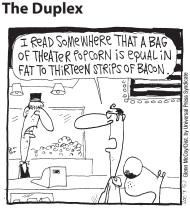
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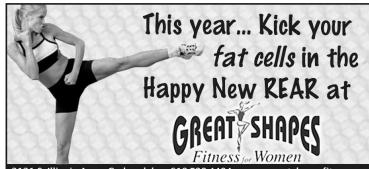
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Today's Birthday — Your heart is moved to compassion by the suffering of others. Some are very far away, but that doesn't deter you. With a dedicated group, you can be of great assistance. Get nvolved

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 — Persistence is required, but it definitely pays off. After being turned back over and over again, you finally make it through. Good thing you never give up.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Don't gamble with your savings; you can't afford to risk a cent. You can use it to get a better deal, however. That wouldn't be such a risk. Remember, no unny stuff.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Go along with your partner's sug gestion. This could work out very well. And t will amaze your partner if you don't argue. lust smile and you'll drive him or her crazy.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — You always have a little something in reserve. It helps you rest easy at night. Pick a number to shoot for in the coming year. You'll really sleep well after

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Sometimes, in order to get what you want, you have to start off doing something else. Don't even mention what you're up to, so you won't have to explain.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Don't let your fantasies for a better life stay in your head. Write them down, if nothing else. That's a magical step in making them come true. Convince yourself you can.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9 — Get the facts to back up your theories. This makes you even more in demand at meetings and cocktail parties. You're not just a pretty face. You're also smart.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Bit by bit, you're making your dreams come true. It isn't easy, but it sure is satisfying. Get the best deals you can so your money goes further. Do the research.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Sometimes the line between fantasy and reality gets very thin. Concentrate on what you most want to have happen. Ignore all the negative stuff. Do what you need to do.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — You're pretty good at finding buried treasure. You have a knack. Something you discover now falls into that category. This ought to be fun.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today

is an 8 — Finish whatever you're working on. That means everything, not just your favorites. The more you get done, the more the fog in your head clears up, and that's a wonderful thing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Some of the confusion will clear up in the next few days. Now it's being identified and that's an important step. Be patient if you don't quite understand what's going on yet.

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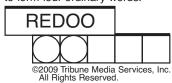
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Saluki Insider

With the NBA season at its midpoint, what has stood out to you the most?



The play of Derrick Rose has been the biggest eye opener for me. After some experts criticized the Bulls for taking Rose over Michael Beasley, Rose has gone on to show himself as the franchise player for the Bulls, while Beasley has not made the immediate impact that was expected from him. Rose, along with OJ. Mayo and Brooke Lopez, is vying for the Rookie of the Year award and has made the unusually quick transition to playing point guard in the NBA.

The resurgence of the big man. Dwight Howard has been the key to Orlando's surprising success, and Stan Van Gundy & Co. have put the right pieces around him to near-perfection. The Bulls need to catch on and make the right moves (Samuel Dalembert ASAP and Chris Bosh in '10) and in two years if I'm still working here I might say the biggest surprise of the season is Chicago's return to title contention.





Besides how Hubie Brown consistently refers to Chris Andersen as 'the bird man,' with a lengthy pause between bird and man? I have to go with how well the Cavs have played. They've outscored opponents by an average of 11.2 points per game, which is nearly a full point better than what the Celtics did last year. And it could be better, because Cleveland has sat LeBron so many times during the fourth quarter of blowouts. Now it's time for this bird man to fly.

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Indiana State also struggled from the free-throw line, making only 15 of its 24 free-throw attempts.

Poor 3-point shooting further buried Indiana State's comeback hopes as it failed to hit any shots from beyond the arc in the second half.

Indiana State head coach Kevin McKenna said the team's inability to convert on its open opportunities hurt its chance of success.

"Those are just little things that add up to the big picture. Missing layups, missing open threes, missing free throws; they all add up," McKenna said. "If we can eliminate one of each of those things and make a few more free throws we're right in games. It's not like we're a million miles away, it might seem that way because what's happening with the results ... we've just got to finish."

The Sycamores had opportunities to score in the low post as they fouled out three of the Salukis' four available big men. Carlton Fay, Tony Boyle and Nick Evans each fouled out, with only Fay scoring in double figures (10 points). The SIU backcourt picked up the slack by taking advantage of its opportunities.

Freshmen guards Ryan Hare and Kevin Dillard led all scorers with 17 points each while senior Bryan Mullins chipped in with six points. The Saluki guards accounted for 48 of the team's 58 points.

Mullins, who was held scoreless without an attempt from the field or the free-throw line in the first half, added eight rebounds, three assists and one steal. He said it took an allaround effort to pick up the road win.

"When you're a senior you have to do whatever it takes to win," Mullins said. "Our big guys were wrestling down there so rebounds are bouncing around and we always kind of pride ourselves on getting those 50-50 plays and we were able to get them."

SIU led Indiana State 27-24 at halftime thanks in part to a strong shooting start from the 3-point line. The Salukis hit their first three attempts from beyond the arc en route to shooting 5-for-11 from outside.

The strong start helped pace the team to a 22-12 lead with 4:47 remaining in the first half, but the Sycamores closed the period on a 12-2 run to cut the deficit to three at intermission. However, SIU opened the second period on an 11-3 run within the first eight minutes and had a 14-point lead with 3:27 remaining in the game to help seal the victory.

Lowery said even though the team is back at the .500 mark as it nears the halfway point of the conference schedule, its focus will remain on the day-to-day operations.

'It's a marathon and I just want our kids to keep playing hard and sound. That's old school Saluki basketball," Lowery said.

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The Salukis average 6.2 missed free throws per game.

"If we would've made our layups and free throws, we would have a lot more wins lately," junior forward Karlee Myers said. "So we've just been working on free throws and layups, definitely, in practice, and if we can make those then we'll definitely be in the game."

The Salukis are also undersized in the post against Indiana State, Myers said, so the key to post defense will be activity.

"Our big thing is staying active because since we're smaller, we're quicker," Myers said.

Myers scored a season-best 12 points against Drake.

While SIU has lost six straight games, Smith said the team is opti-

"We know that in this league, everybody can win any night, so we're just working hard right now, trying to take care of the things that we can," Smith said.

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With seven teams, there will be seven singles and three doubles champions crowned. Absent from the normal MVC picture are Evansville and Missouri State.

Nelson said the break is mentally vital for the Salukis, of whom all but one are international students. He said it seemed as though the players did all the required training over break, which should lead to a better tournament this season.

Last season the only player to earn the top spot was Hugo Vidal at flight three.

'We haven't had much success at this tournament," Nelson said. "I don't expect to come out with a whole bunch of conference titles right now. We just kind of try to keep everyone loose, levelheaded, and not put so much pressure on people. ... They put enough pressure on themselves.'

Freshman Eric West is a prime example.

"I just want to win," he said. "I just want to win one match at a time. Just study my opponent and win in any possible way.

Nelson predicted more success would come to the lower level of the Salukis' lineup due to the team's

Drake is the team to beat, Nelson said.

Senior Felipe Villasenor said he is uncertain of what to expect.

"There are a lot of new players," Villasenor said. "I've always played these last three years with the same guys. This year we don't know anyone and they don't know us."







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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis' defense stumps Sycamores

SIU at .500 in MVC with 58-47 win against Indiana State

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. – The SIU men's basketball team used a familiar formula to claw its way back to .500 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The Salukis put forth its second-straight solid defensive effort as they held Indiana State to 14-for-49 shooting (28.6 percent) en route to a 58-47 win Wednesday in Terre Haute, Ind.

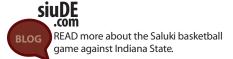
SIU (9-10, 4-4 MVC) overcame 22 turnovers by shooting 20-for-38 from the field (52.6 percent) including a 5-for-11 start from the 3-point line, which helped offset its inability to hang on to the basketball.

Saluki head coach Chris Lowery said its defensive prowess fueled many of its scoring opportunities.

"Because we're getting better defensively, it's allowing us to do more offensively," Lowery said.

The Salukis turned the Sycamores' 18 turnovers into 24 points, outscoring its home standing opponent by 14 in the points-off-turnovers category.

Indiana State (4-15, 2-6 MVC) compounded its problems with a woeful shooting performance.



The Sycamores did not score a point until forward Isiah Martin connected on the back end of a pair of free throws with 17:06 remaining in the first half. The shooting woes continued into the second half, as Indiana State did not convert a field goal until forward Jay Tunnell connected on a layup with 15:34 left in the game.

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Freshman guard Ryan Hare is double-teamed as he attempts a shot during Wednesday's 58-47 win against Indiana State.

Men's Tennis

Salukis set for championship weekend

Men's tennis team looks to make a racket in Omaha

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The men's tennis team is ready to come back to the court after a three-month break.

The Salukis travel to Omaha, Neb., Friday for the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Tournament. The weekend-long match is one that held the team's focus for months.

It's been straight practice for SIU since Oct. 19, when it last competed in the ITA Central Regional tournament.

"After our ITA regional, we have to go into our offseason where we really don't get to work with our guys a lot. Then we go on six weeks of winter break: the week before finals, finals and four weeks of Christmas break," SIU coach Dann Nelson said. "Then we come back and 10 days later we have to play a conference tournament."

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Junior Lucas Waked hits the ball during practice Tuesday at the Sports Blast. The team is set to travel to Omaha, Neb., this weekend to compete in the MVC Individual Tournament.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SIU hopes for win on road

Salukis head to Indiana State in search of first conference win

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The SIU women's basketball team is still working for its first conference win of the season, and that does not sit right with senior guard Erica Smith.

The Indiana State Sycamores will host the Salukis, the only remaining Missouri Valley Conference team without a conference win, at 6 p.m. today in Terra Haute, Ind.

"I don't know if words can say how bad I want this win," Smith said. "I want to win every game; I'm

> our big thing is staying active because since we're smaller, we're quicker.

> > Karlee Myers junior forward

a competitor, but just to know everybody's working hard getting back to it. I feel like once we get that first win, we'll turn the corner."

SIU (4-10, 0-5 MVC) came as close to a win as it has since conference play started Saturday, when Smith's layup with 21.8 seconds to play in the second half tied the score and forced the game into overtime.

Smith, who scored a game-high 22 points against the Bulldogs, said the Salukis played looser and as a team against Drake, which made the game enjoyable until SIU was outscored by 10 points in overtime.

"It was a lot of excitement," Smith said. "Everybody was into it, so it was a lot of fun."

The last game the Sycamores (8-8, 4-1) played was less inspiring as they shot 27.9 percent from the field in a 77-53 loss to Missouri State.

The loss was Indiana State's first loss to an MVC opponent.

"We have a toughness about it; we got to get our armor on and get ready to go into battle there," SIU coach Dana Eikenberg said. "They had an upsetting loss in their mind to Missouri State, so I'm sure they're reloaded and refocusing on that."

Junior guard Kelsey Luna leads the Sycamores with 15.4 points per game, which ranks third in the Valley.

The Sycamores are at the bottom of the MVC in points per game with 59.9, but SIU's defense allows a conference-worst 70 points per game.

The two teams are similar in free throw percentages, with Indiana State shooting 69 percent from the line while the Salukis shoot 68.8 percent.

Eikenberg has placed a strong emphasis on free throws lately, especially because one more free throw would have won the last game for SIU, which had two opportunities to take a lead late at the line.

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