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## Pup teaches old dawg new trick



LESTER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Matt Miller, a sophomore offensive lineman, races Marcus Mitchell Jr., 4, down the slide. Miller had a slight edge because he is 4 feet taller. The Easter egg hunt was a big hit with the kids and the SIU football team. This was the third annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the SIU football program. See photo essay, page 11.**

## College newspapers remain censor free

### Federal court rules in favor of students

**Brian Peach**  
Daily Egyptian

College administrators do not have the right to censor student-run publications at universities and journalists at the collegiate level are guaranteed unabridged First Amendment rights, a federal court upheld Thursday.

Journalists at Governor State University's student-run newspaper sued the school after the dean closed the doors to the newspaper office because of published articles critical of the administration.

The U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the GSU journalism students after three months of deliberation. The case affects college in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, the three states under the jurisdiction of the federal court.

If the three-judge panel had ruled in favor of the university, it would have meant administrators could exercise censorship of college media. For example, SIU University officials would have been given the power to review materials before publication in the DAILY EGYPTIAN at SIUC, the Aleste at SIU-Edwardsville and any other student-run media and any other forum for student expression.

"People tend to think this is just a newspaper thing, but this is about free expression for

everybody," Jim Killam, former president of the Illinois College Press Association, said in January after the federal court began hearing the case. Killam's term as president expired in February.

GSU Dean Patricia Carter stopped publication of *The Innovator* in the fall of 2000. After losing a first-round district court battle, Carter appealed the ruling, saying she did not violate the students' First Amendment right to free press by censoring the paper. This led to the case being heard by the federal appeals court, whose ruling Thursday indicated that Carter was in violation of those rights. The case was sent back to the district court and the students will now proceed with their original lawsuit.

Lance Speer, current president of the Illinois College Press Association and general manager of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, said he believes Carter will have a difficult time fighting the lawsuit. This is in part because of the fact that, in Carter's previous arguments, she cited a U.S. Supreme Court case, *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier*, permitting some censorship of high school publications, but the appeals court said that case does not apply to one involving college publications.

Steve Binder, spokesman for SIU President James Walker and former journalist of 20 years, previously said that even if SIU administrators were given the chance to censor students, it does not mean they would.

"This is an institute of higher education, not an institute of censorship," Binder said.

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## Health care professionals ready to strike Monday

### Employees at eight Illinois correctional facilities battle Health Professional Ltd.

**Burke Wasson**  
Daily Egyptian

Health care workers at eight Illinois Department of Corrections facilities are prepared to go on strike Monday at 7 a.m. They are striking against Health Professionals Ltd. (HPL), the private vendor that employs them.

As of press time, contract negotiations were still ongoing between a federal mediator and HPL representatives.

Health care employees at Menard Correctional Center in Chester, Pinckneyville Correctional Center, Lawrence Correctional

Center in Lawrenceville and Dixon Correctional Center are prepared for a strike. Juvenile correctional facilities in St. Charles, Chicago, Joliet and Warrenville would also see its health care workers picket if no settlement is reached by the Monday morning deadline.

In the event of a strike, the question of how these correctional facilities will combat the shortage of health care employees is still being debated. Pinckneyville Correctional Center had no comment on the issue.

HPL is one of three private vendors that employ health care workers in Illinois correctional facilities. However, HPL employees receive fewer wages and benefits than health care workers employed by the state or by the other two private vendors: Wexford and Addus.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) has stepped in to help these health care workers

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## Gov. Blagojevich's ax slices \$6.4 million off SIU's budget

### Administrators unclear about dollar amount of cuts

**Ben Botkin**  
Daily Egyptian

One day after the governor's budget address, news of cuts from this fiscal year's state funding for universities appeared to be slowly trickling out, with some administrators still uncertain Thursday of how big a reduction will hit SIU's budget this year.

For the remaining months of this fiscal year, which ends June 30, SIU's budget will be cut by 2.7 percent, or \$6.4 million, two state officials said Thursday. In the upcoming fiscal year 2004, SIU, along with other universities, will suffer a funding cut of 8.2 percent, said Becky Carroll, spokeswoman for the Bureau of the Budget. This amounts to a \$19.3 million cut next year for the SIU system.

Although the figures for fiscal year 2004 aren't disputed, University administrators were surprised to hear that SIU would receive a 2.7 percent cut this year, which is slightly lower than the 2.9 percent they anticipated.

The 2.7 percent figure was confirmed by Carroll and Don Sevensen, spokesman of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

"The blueprint is there now," Carroll said.

John Dann, provost and vice chancellor, said he hadn't heard that amount before and added that the University is still formulating its budget plan and working out details. It is unclear how the \$6.4 million cut will be shouldered between both SIU campuses.

Administrators have said that cuts could lead to layoffs and fewer class options, while Gov. Rod Blagojevich

has stressed that cuts come from administrative waste—not the quality of education. Ten campus labor unions at SIUC have received letters informing them that layoffs are possible, a legal step necessary before employees can get pink-slipped.

Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration, said he is expecting a memo from Chancellor Walter Wender this week that outlines the budget situation in greater detail. Wender did not return a call for comment Thursday.

The budget planning process will continue and university officials will know more as the situation unfolds,

said Steve Binder, assistant to SIU President James Walker.

"We're not aware of a change in the numbers," he said.

Regardless of the dollar amount, rough days are ahead for Illinois, said Sen. David Luetchefeld, R-Oksawille.

"No matter what happens, it's not going to be a good year," he said. "The governor has changed his numbers three or four times in the last three or four months. This is just kind of a blue print."

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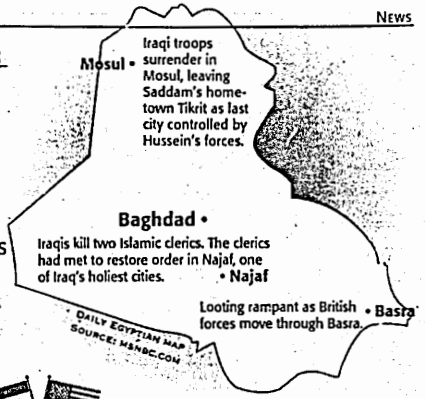
**WAR UPDATE**  
Current as of 8 p.m. CST, Thursday

• A number of US marines have been killed and others seriously wounded in a suicide bomb attack on a military checkpoint in Baghdad. US Marines spokesman Mjr. Matt Baker said that "some" servicemen had been killed, although he could not say how many. US Marines who said they witnessed the incident told a BBC correspondent that an Iraqi man had approached the checkpoint and detonated a number of grenades. (bbc.com)

• A Shia cleric in the central Iraqi holy city of Najaf has been murdered, a spokesman for the London-based al-Khoei foundation has said. Assaultants armed with knives attacked Abdul Majid al-Khoei inside the Imam Ali Mosque in Najaf — one of the holiest sites for Shia Muslims, Fadhel Milani told BBC News Online. (bbc.com)

• U.S. President George W. Bush and UK Prime Minister Tony Blair have issued a TV message to Iraqis, telling them that the rule of the Saddam Hussein regime is coming to an end. "American and coalition forces are now operating inside Baghdad — and we will not stop until Saddam's corrupt gang is gone," Bush said in his address. (bbc.com)

• Turkey is sending military observers to the Iraqi city of Kirkuk following the occupation of the city centre by US-backed Kurdish forces, Turkey's foreign minister has said. Abdullah Gul said he had



Iraqi troops surrender in Mosul, leaving Saddam's hometown Tikrit as last city controlled by Hussein's forces.

Baghdad • Iraqis kill two Islamic clerics. The clerics had met to restore order in Najaf, one of Iraq's holiest cities. • Najaf

Looting rampant as British forces move through Basra

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**Attack on Iraq**

accepted an offer from US Secretary of State Colin Powell to allow in observers to make sure Kurdish fighters withdrew from the city. (bbc.com)

• One US Marine was killed and 22 others were wounded in fighting Thursday after Marines went to the Imam Mosque in north-central Baghdad where senior Iraqi leaders were believed to be meeting. The Marines took fire from the mosque but did not enter the facility, said Navy Ensign Dave Luckett, a U.S. Central Command spokesman. He said the building was not damaged. (cnn.com)

• French President Jacques Chirac says his country is "rejoicing" in the apparent collapse of the Iraqi dictatorship. Chirac strongly opposed a US-led military attack on Iraq, preferring to work through the U.N. Security Council in supporting longer weapons inspections. (cnn.com)

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<p><b>University</b></p> <p>Hannibal Amir Bures, 20, Chicago, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass to land and disorderly conduct at 6:16 a.m. Saturday at Allen II. He was unable to post bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail.</p>	<p><b>Today</b></p> <p>French Table general meeting Cafe Melange 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Japanese Table general meeting Student Center McDonald's 6 p.m.</p>

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**Saturday**

Cultural Show and Art Exhibition for Africa Week special guest, Josefina Diakite, ambassador of Angola Student Center, Gallery Lounge 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Upcoming Events**

"Confessions of a Date Rapist" Video presentation and discussion Student Center, Mackinaw Room Tuesday, 7 p.m.

**CORRECTIONS Gus Bode**

In Thursday's issue of the Daily Egyptian, the Gus Bode that accompanied the front page article, "Region uncertain how proposed cuts would play out" stated, "Due to budget cuts I switched from Budweiser to Paps." Gus should have said, "Due to budget cuts I switched from Budweiser to Pabst."

Gus says: Pabst Beer. Paps Smear. What's the difference? They're both unpleasant.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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# Students assess their alcohol consumption

Alcohol Screening Day provides SIUC students information on alcoholism

Kristina Dailing  
Daily Egyptian

There are 25 million alcoholics in the United States and one in four are young adults.

As a way to educate people about alcohol abuse a National Alcohol Screening Day was established in April, Alcohol Awareness Month.

The SIUC Wellness Center joined college campuses as well as businesses around the

United States to educate people about the effects of alcohol Thursday.

The Wellness Center had three tables set up at different locations around campus where students could take an alcohol assessment test to see if their drinking behavior could lead to alcoholism.

Tables were set up for student in the Student Health Assessment Center in the lower level of the Student Center, Trueblood Outreach Office and Rhen Hall.

Antoine Gallon, a senior in community health from Chicago, sat at the screening table in the Student Center most of the day talking to students and passing out information about alcohol.

He said some of the students were surprised with the results of their assessment but seemed willing to get help and get information.

"I think it is important for us to get the information out there so students can see how alcohol can effect them," Gallon said.

Besides taking the assessment tests, students could also get information on alcohol and use the special goggles that simulate alcohol-impaired vision.

Ken Culton, coordinator for the alcohol and other drug program at the Wellness Center, said that a large number of young adults engage in risky behavior that could be leading to alcoholism.

"The assessment is a way to help students and professionals distinguish between recreational behavior and behavior that could lead to an alcohol addiction," Culton said.

He said about 250 students visited the three tables throughout the day.

Heather Stephens, a graduate student in

Students can contact the Wellness Center at 536-4441 for information on Alcohol Screening Day or for information on alcohol addiction.



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Lynnell Mitchell a senior electrical engineering major from Chicago tries on the drunk goggles during his assessment at the Student Center Thursday. Mitchell said his assessment showed he should cut down on his drinking but he thought that maybe he should increase his consumption. Mitchell said he usually drinks about four times a week and one of those times it's a good one.

health education from Metropolis who works at the SHAC, said that she took the test out of curiosity and was not surprised by the results. She said because she is older she is not as interested in drinking as she once was.

Stephens said that it is important for students to know about alcohol and what their drinking behavior could lead to.

"I don't think a lot of people realize they could die from drinking," Stephens said.

The Wellness Center will also offer two

more alcohol screening days on April 17 and April 24.

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Jerry Uhrig (left) a graduate assistant for the Wellness Center, explains the alcohol assessment to Kellin Jordan, a senior in speech communications from Chicago. There will be two more screenings on April 17 and 24.

The consequences of not knowing when to say 'when' can be high  
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## Congress, students rally for drug provision reform

Andy Horonzy  
Daily Egyptian

The battle to take back the Higher Education Act Drug Provision took center stage Thursday as thousands of college students across the country joined five members of Congress in bringing the fight to a national audience.

From Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, N.Y., to the University of Washington in Seattle, students in support of lifting a financial-aid stipulation based on drug convictions came out in full force to support their cause.

The National Day of Action, sponsored by the Coalition for Health Education Act Reform (CHEAR), featured student protests at nearly 100 colleges and universities and a Congressional press forum in the Capitol Building, all in an effort to support a bill to repeal a provision implemented in July 2000.

The provision, which requires students to disclose any previous drug convictions on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid form, disqualifies any student with a previous conviction from receiving financial assistance.

U.S. Reps. Barney Frank, D-Mass.; Thomas Allen, D-Maine; Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y.; Robert Scott, D-Va.; and Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, all spoke at Thursday's press forum in support of House Bill 685, which was introduced by Frank in February.

Frank's bill proposes the dismissal of the HEA provision, which has denied financial aid to nearly 100,000 students since it became effective, 35,000 during the 2002-03 school year alone.

Under the provision, financial aid may be revoked for a year with one possession conviction, two years with two convictions and indefinitely with

additional convictions.

Ben Gaines, co-director of CHEAR, said the idea behind the day's events was to draw attention to a nationwide war on drugs that had extended into unwarranted territory.

"We feel that student loans, grants and work-study programs are just too important to be interfered with by what we perceive as drug politicking," Gaines said. "We already have punitive measures included in our criminal codes for drug violators and I see no reason why we should punish them in an academic arena as well."

To gather support for the Day of Action, CHEAR joined forces with Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, which is active on over 200 campuses.

Gaines said student protests consisted of everything from tables set up in student unions to letters to congressmen and student theater productions.

The University of Illinois - Champaign chapter of the SSDP began their protest with a skit in which a student dressed as a police officer, arrested a student possessing drugs and forced him to leave the campus. The skit attempted to symbolize what has happened to many students who have lost their financial aid because of the HEA provision.

Sarah Delong, a U of I student who was involved in the production, said the skit received mixed reactions from the crowd.

"We received a lot of support, but we also got a lot of nasty looks," Delong said. "One person even stopped and said they didn't want to see their money going to the education of druggies."

Delong said her involvement was more personal than most participants because her friend's financial-aid application had been dismissed for refusing to answer the question regarding drug conviction.

"I'm lucky enough to go here and

I just don't see why they are preventing people but can't afford to go here because of something that has no bearing on academics," Delong said.

Neglecting to disclose any past drug convictions results in an application being filed incomplete, according to Dan Mann, Director of the Financial Aid Office. He said it is an issue that has caught the eye of many students around the country and several professional education groups in Washington, D.C.; but it has yet to impact SIUC students.

"I don't think we had anybody for this year who was denied financial aid based on a drug conviction," Mann said. "Of course that doesn't take into account those who see question 35 on their FAFSA and then decided it's a waste of time to fill it out."

Mann also said that students convicted as a minor or more than two years prior to their application were not barred from receiving financial aid, although the final decision is left to the U.S. Department of Education.

Ken Culton, alcohol and drug coordinator for the Wellness Center, said he does not see why the provision punishes students for being forthcoming about their pasts.

"I'm not sure the sanctions help someone who obviously is trying to get past these issues," Culton said. According to Gaines, the battle to repeal the HEA provision will not be a short one, but his current goal is gain media coverage for CHEAR's cause.

There are a lot of Republicans in Congress who just want this issue to go away and be left as it is," Gaines said. "They despise any coverage this topic gets, and I think that's a pretty good indicator that this is a pretty silly law."

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## Phone scam targets Illinois residents

Police officials say sweepstakes calls are fraudulent

Greg Cima  
Daily Egyptian

Scam artists have been targeting residents of Jackson and Williamson counties with a fraudulent sweepstakes since late March, police said.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office, the Williamson County Sheriff's Office and the Murphysboro Police Department each reported unknown persons made calls claiming residents had won large sums of money from a sweepstakes and requested hundreds of dollars in order to receive the prize.

Police said the suspect company, named "American Family Sweepstakes" or "American Family Publisher," claiming to be located in Clearwater, Fla. The Williamson County Sheriff's Office said "representatives" told residents they won \$500,000.

Detective Curt Ehlers, of the Murphysboro Police, said he believes one person did give the caller \$600 for a processing fee and the money was picked up at a currency exchange in Chicago.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office reported callers asked individuals to place money into a holding account or send money through Western Union to an individual in Chicago to

cover taxes.

Ehlers said a legitimate company would almost always send documents through certified mail or a visiting representative whenever a prize of significant value is given.

He said a person should never give out personal information over the phone and should request background information about the company, contact information and some documentation for the claim.

"I don't care if it's a licorice stick," Ehlers said. "Tell them to send you documentation."

Ehlers said the currency exchange in Chicago did not

have video surveillance, and he doubts the names given over the phone were legitimate.

He recommended people perform checks on the company names through the Attorney General's Office and the home state's Better Business Bureau.

"If an offer sounds too good to be true, 99 times out of 100, it probably is," Ehlers said.

Sgt. Don Priddy, of the Carbondale Police, said the department had not yet received any calls about the scam, but agreed a person should be skeptical about prize calls.

"Anytime anyone asks for money to get money, that's a pretty good clue there's something wrong," Priddy said.

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# Three USG presidential candidates share their platform on student, university issues

Jane Huh  
Daily Egyptian

*Editor's note: Earlier this week, the DAILY EGYPTIAN met up with the Undergraduate Student Government's candidates running for president. Neal Young, a junior in social studies education from Springfield, is on the Freedom Party ticket. Mike Rivers, a junior in information systems technology from Chicago is running on the Students Unite Now Party (SUN) ticket. Paul Ray, a sophomore in political science from Prairie DuRocher, is on the Renewal Party ticket.*

Here are excerpts from the interviews:

DAILY EGYPTIAN: What made you decide to run?

**Neal Young (Freedom):** I joined the Senate two years ago and I worked really hard as a senator to represent my constituents. When I was elected vice president last year, I've worked extra hard to do my job and then some this year. I feel I've done a good job, the best job I think can be done on my job and so I think I deserve to another chance at leading the students from a president's office.



Young

**Michael Rivers (SUN):** It pretty much goes along the same reasons why I decided to run last year. My main platform would be the funding guidelines and the way it's being allocated. I am involved in Registered Student Organizations. I've been the president of an RSO and I see what the RSOs have to go through. I've talked to many RSOs.



Rivers

A lot of RSOs vented their frustration that they've had with USG. I was a part of USG last year on the finance committee where I heard a lot of the complaints from the RSOs so I know exactly what they're complaining about.

**Paul Ray (Renewal):** We decided to run for president and vice president respectfully because we feel we can do a lot for the students next year. We've been really involved with students over the last two years. I was a senator for Brush Towers for a year and a half. Ray is the president of Schneider Hall Council so we talk to students a lot and we hear what their input is. We're ready to take all that input that we've received and get some issues done next year.



Ray

**DE:** What are the main issues are you campaigning about? (When asked this question, Rivers did not address housing and the HRC issues at length)

## Housing

**Young:** I've been working with a couple of the new members (on City Council) as well as discussing with a few of the old members of the council who are still on it and they are all really excited about USG getting involved in working with them on this issue. What we need to do is revive the roundtable discussion way of going about it rather than trying to create something like a tenant union and then force that on the city. We need to work with the city and with the landlords and find out what works for them. I think if we do that where we come to a point where we can all be happy with what we're getting. Maybe not everything we want and maybe they won't get everything they want, but we'll all get something of what we want. From that point on, then we can move toward developing a student tenant union.

**Ray Gilmer (Ray's running mate):** The tenant union has been discussed in the past and under the current administration has been swept under the rug. We hope that if we were elected that we'll bring that back to the table. We feel that housing off campus is not up to par and if we can bring some sort of tenant union together it will increase property value off campus and allow our students nice place to live.

## Human Relations Committee

**Young:** We want to make sure that it's respected. We want to make sure it's fair and we will defend the interests of the students first and foremost.

**Ray:** I believe that the HRC should have subpoena powers so that we can get things done when they bring complaints to us. We don't want to have a board in Carbondale that just passes students that have been wronged from one committee to another.

## Student Activity Fee allocations

**Young:** We have worked for two years to make up the funding system that we have now. Members of the Freedom party were the first ones to start this idea that hey, maybe we should fund everybody like they're equals rather than the buddy system, the 'you get more and you get less' system. We've worked very hard developing guidelines that treat everyone as equals. We've worked very hard in making sure we take a viewpoint neutral stance on how we allocate money and who we allocate it to. The system has worked and if you go around and ask the vast majority of the RSOs, they are pleased with it. What they are saying is that there are kids that need to be worked out. I've been sitting down with these groups for weeks, especially SPC. So what we want to do now is sit down with these groups and find out what it's going to take to make the system easier for them to use. We don't need to change the system, the system works just fine. We need to fine tune to make sure people find it easy to use, accessible and fair. I think with just a little bit more work, we'll get there. No system will ever be perfect but as long as it works for the vast majority of people, we can deal with those other individuals on a case-by-case basis to try to make them happy.

**Rivers:** To me, every RSO on campus has been hurt with these new funding guidelines and rules in which they allocate the funds.

These aren't Student Development rules, these aren't University rules, they're not state, they're not federal rules. They're just rules that a select people within the student government thought were needed. The problem with these extra rules is it's limiting the ability for all the RSOs on campus to do their usual functions that they've been doing for years. I see that as a problem. Everything that a RSO does has to go through Student Development so USG is making things harder on themselves and harder for the students. It seems like these last two years, we've gotten away from the basic rules that were set in place which are the ABCs for RSOs. I think that what we need to do is get back to the ABCs for the RSOs. I believe funding will be a lot smoother if they stuck to the basics.

I am involved in RSOs, I've been the president of an RSO and I see what the RSOs have to go through. I've talked to many RSOs. A lot of RSOs vented their frustration that they've had with USG. I was a part of USG last year on the finance committee where I heard a lot of the complaints from the RSOs so I know exactly what they're complaining about.

**Ray:** I would like to set up an independent board outside of USG that would take care of that. The reason for that is that I believe the funding hasn't been fairly distributed for a number of years and I hope that this external board would provide more structure, stability and a fairer process for RSOs to get their money.

**DE:** If elected, how would you improve the way USG operates?

**Young:** I would make sure that USG isn't a president-centered office where the president does the job and the president does everything because that's inefficient. Michael Perry was a great president but that's how he ran office. He was in charge, he did everything and ultimately, fewer things get done that way. This year, Michael Jarard pushed a lot of responsibilities off on me. I go to a lot of meetings, I talk about a lot of issues at a lot of different places and I deal with what's going on. It allows us to get more things done. Ultimately, we need to make sure that everyone in USG is pulling its weight and no one's slacking off. Tequia (his running mate) will get an armload no doubt.

**Rivers:** If the SUN party administration is elected, the first thing we would go about doing is asking the students what they want, having a meeting with them and them telling us what they want. Them telling us what they feel is unfair with the guidelines, them telling us what they feel is fair about the guidelines. Them telling us what they need so they can enjoy themselves here at SIU or so they can be made most comfortable at SIU. There have been some complaints from the international students that their issues aren't being addressed.

I'm trying to go about making next year's USG more caring for the students and their needs. Making things as simple as possible. I'm not trying to complicate things. I'm not saying there should be no rules at all but what I'm saying is USG is supposed to meet the needs and wants of the students.

**Ray:** I think the president and vice president of USG needs to get out into the community more and be more visible. Students aren't bringing their problems to us so our view is

we're going to bring ourselves to the students. I'll go to any meetings the people want me to be at and when I'm there I'm going to work with that and try to get that done.

**Gilmer:** We feel that USG over this past year and the previous years has lost focus as to what its actual task is. It is the official voice of the undergraduate students and we feel that as of late, it has dealt with issues that are out of its hands, out of SIU's hands and pretty much out of the city's hands. We think that USG needs to be redirected in dealing with issues concerning SIU and the city of Carbondale. Once that can happen, we'll have a better Undergraduate Student Government.

**DE:** How do you stand out from the other two?

**Young:** The Freedom party has a vision. We've worked on it for two years. We started on an idea of inclusiveness for anyone and everyone is able to participate in our system. From there, we've moved to applying all of that to the issues we deal with. We have dealt with hundreds of issues in the last couple years and we've accomplished so many things, our record proves it; our record on dealing with the city issues, dealing with the funding, dealing with minority issues. My opponents are great people. They have both served on the senate but both have done nearly as much as we have done. That's what makes us stand out, that we have a record to prove what we've done. Not just ideas but a vision, a plan.

**Rivers:** It's not just me. It's me and along with my vice president. Both of us have been a part of USG, both of us have been leaders in various RSO. Both of us have been members of other RSOs besides USG, both of us have been presidents of RSOs. The other ones are young. Neal is a little bit older. But I think me and my vice president as a team stand apart because we have more experience with leadership and by being members of the organization. So it's not just me, it would be my administration, whom I would be bringing with me.

**Ray:** I think the biggest difference between our party the others is that the large majority of people who haven't been involved in USG yet, people who can bring fresh ideas and fresh perspectives. I think they can be more fair-minded because they haven't been so involved in recent years, in recent troubles of USG.

**DE:** What do you during your down time?

**Young:** I like to hunt, I like to fish, I like to garden, I like to hike. I spend a lot of time outdoors. I like to golf. Strange combination isn't it? I hang out with my friends a lot and talk politics.

**Rivers:** I go to the Rec a lot. When I'm not studying, I go to the Rec a lot. I watch TV. I like most people, I'm curious on how the troops are doing over there. I play basketball a lot. A lot of people know me and see me in the Rec playing. I'm a simple guy. I don't do anything complex.

**Ray:** The big question is what's free time? I'm in Sigma Nu fraternity. I spend time with close friends and family and have fun.

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## CARBONDALE

### Easter egg hunt April 19 at Lakeland Church

The Third Annual Easter Eggstravaganza will be at 11 a.m. April 19 at Lakeland Church, 719 S. Giant City Road. This event is for children, ages 1 through 12.

The event will feature a puppet show, egg hunt, carnival games and prizes. Parents must accompany children. The Eggstravaganza will take place rain or shine. For more information, contact Jean Provart, director of Christian Education at

529-4906 or at [www.lakelandchurch.org](http://www.lakelandchurch.org)

## CAMPUS

### South Pacific to be performed at Shryock

"South Pacific" will be performed tonight at 7:30 at Shryock Auditorium. The Broadway wartime musical of romance is set on an island paradise featuring "Some Enchanted Evening," "This Was Nearly Mine" and "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair." Tickets are \$26 with a \$6 discount for children 15 and younger. The box office

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### Bodybuilders compete at Fitness show

The 13th Annual bodybuilding and Fitness Show will take place Saturday, March 12.

Male and female bodybuilders will compete for the title 5 p.m. at Shryock Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 at the door and \$6 in advance. They are available at Check

Cashing in the Student Center.

### Angolan Ambassador will not attend cultural show Friday

Because of a time conflict, the Angola ambassador to the United States is not coming to SIUC today, therefore, she will not be able to attend the cultural show today.

She will be in Carbondale Saturday. All the activities for Saturday involving the ambassador are scheduled to follow according to the program.

<b>AfricaWeek</b> These are the remaining events for AfricaWeek, which concludes Sunday evening with a banquet and closing party afterward.	
<b>Cultural Show</b> feat. SHADE drummers and the Black Fire Dancers 6-8 p.m., Student Center Ballroom D	<b>Official Reception of her Excellency Josefa Dialla, Ambassador from Angola</b> 5-6 p.m., Student Center Ballroom D
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<b>Closing Party</b> 10 p.m. - 3 a.m., Interhall Center	
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# Former presidential candidate George McGovern to speak at SIUC Monday

McGovern trained for several months at SIUC for WWII

**Moustafa Ayad**  
Daily Egyptian

Former Anthony Hall resident and B-24 bomber pilot George Stanley McGovern will be returning to SIUC Monday to speak to the community after spending time on campus training for the military in the 40s then fighting in WWII and then running for U.S. president.

He will speak at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Shyrock Auditorium, as part of the Morton-Kenney lecturer series sponsored by the Public Policy Institute and the Political Science Department.

Former Sen. McGovern was selected as the Democratic Party's nominee for president in 1972 and ran an unsuccessful bid against incumbent President Richard M. Nixon. He was the only South Dakotan Democrat to receive a presidential nomination. McGovern has lectured at more than 1,000 colleges and universities around the world.

He has also received many honorary degrees and distinguished awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' highest civilian honor, which was bestowed upon him by former President Bill Clinton on August 9, 2000.

In 1976, President Gerald Ford named McGovern a United Nations delegate to the General Assembly, and, in 1978, President Jimmy Carter named him a United Nations delegate for the Special Session on Disarmament.

McGovern graduated from Mitchell High School in South Dakota in 1940. He was an exemplary student, and his proficiency in debate won him a scholarship at Dakota Wesleyan University, in Mitonell, where he enrolled in 1940.

McGovern's education came to an abrupt halt in 1943 when the United States became involved in World War II and the military called upon him to serve.

Matt Baughman, director of development for the Public Policy Institute at SIUC, said McGovern has special ties to the southern

Illinois community. Upon receiving his call to serve in World War II, McGovern spent time at SIUC living in Anthony Hall.

Baughman said the stationing of soldiers in the Army at universities was a common trend in the 1940s. The universities were used for training recruits and enlisted servicemen. McGovern would spend a substantial portion of his life in southern Illinois. He would go on to fly 35 combat missions as a B-24 bomber pilot in Europe, earning him the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In 1972, McGovern returned to Carbondale to host a presidential rally and visit a place that endeared him earlier in his life. Stephen Ambrose, who served as the historical consultant on Stephen Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan," mentioned Anthony Hall, McGovern's squadron and the training of enlisted men at SIUC in his book "The Wild Blue: The Men and Boys Who Flew the B-24s over Germany."

Baughman said McGovern embodies all the attributes of a Morton-Kenney lecturer who has knowledge and personal experience in the realm of politics as well as strong ties to humanitarian goals the Public Policy Institute is working to achieve.

"McGovern is a highly respected ambassador throughout the United States," he said. "But, particularly on the behalf of the hungry in the world. He is a good example of what a politician should be and has strong ties with southern Illinois."

He was elected to Congress in 1956 but was defeated for the Senate in 1960. McGovern was then elected to the Senate in 1962 and reelected in 1968 and 1974.

Scott McClurg, associate professor in political science, attributed McGovern's election loss to two factors. The first of which was Nixon's luck up of the south, which he had effectively persuaded much of the electorate with his Republican and partisan conservativeness.

Also, McGovern was seen as too liberal by the electorate at the time, Democrats were experiencing a great deal of turmoil because

of factors such controversial race issues and the anti-war movement that had positioned itself along Democratic lines, diminishing the Democratic Party's acceptance in the election.

McClurg also noted issues concerning the war protests at the Democratic Convention distanced many of the middle-class working voters, who did not want to associate themselves with a younger generation who were seen by many as a threat to the American political system.

His initial running mate was Sen. Thomas Eagleton, a St. Louis native who withdrew after it was revealed that

he had undergone treatment for depression. Eagleton was replaced by R Sargent Shriver, former U.S. ambassador to France. McGovern lost the election to Nixon, winning only 38 percent of the popular vote and carrying only Massachusetts and the District of Columbia.

However, McClurg said McGovern contributed more to his running for public office than losing the election, but he contributed even more to the American political process through the reforms that followed the elections and would shape the face of American politics for years to come.

"It's not that he ran and lost," he said. "But, he pushed to change the process for primary elections. We select our presidents differently now because of George McGovern, presidential candidates look a lot different now."

The McGovern-Fraser Commission was formed immediately after the election, the commission stated meetings must be open and advertised in advance and must take place in the same calendar year as the national conventions well as recommended goals for all states for representation of certain groups such as blacks, women and youth (younger than 30) in numbers proportionate to population.


The commission also abolished the unit rule to prevent bloc voting. The unit rule allowed a state delegation to vote the entire bloc of votes for a particular candidate based on the wishes of a simple majority of the delegation. The changes resulted in a more diverse political landscape.

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George McGovern will speak at 7:30 p.m. Monday April, 14 in Shyrock Auditorium



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## OUR WORD

# Young for USG president

[Young's] fight includes going to Springfield to lobby for students' higher education rights and getting involved in city issues relating to students.

It's USG election time again and the DAILY EGYPTIAN met with this year's candidates to discuss their issues and backgrounds. They are Neal Young, Paul Ray and Michael Rivers.

We endorse Neal Young for president. Young, 26, is a junior in social studies and education. He has been involved in USG for two years, one as a senator and one as vice president. His experience this year as vice president of USG has given him a good idea of what he can do next year and the ability to accomplish it. In the past, he has shown superior effort to get students involved, such as sponsoring drives to register students for voting. Being realistic, Young acknowledges that you can't get everyone involved, but he will continue to fight for more student interest just the same. His own fight includes going to Springfield to lobby for students' higher education rights and getting involved in city issues relating to students. For next year, Young plans to continue working on these types of problems next year. For example, he has spoken with all the new city council members and mayor-elect about the Human Relations Commission, encroachment and student housing. He cited the number of renters and rental housing in Carbondale, demonstrating the research he has done, and has already begun work with the new council members on reviving a "communiversity" based way of dealing with housing. An approach one that allows students, community members, University staff and administrators and the Council to address the problems. He has fought in Springfield to put caps on tuition increases, and locks on tuition prices for freshman. Bills pertaining to those issues are under review in the General Assembly.

Registered Student Organization funding is one of the biggest issues relating to USG. The funding process has become more complicated during the past few years, but Young stands by

the record that these procedures have been successful. Now, he says, is the time to fine tune the system, eliminating "red tape" to make it easier for RSOs to access their money. Young said it takes a certain type of person to be USG president, one who will go out and get things done. For this reason, we believe he should be the next presidential representative to student government.

While candidate Paul Ray and his vice president demonstrate serious passion for their involvement and are strong candidates, we believe that they need another year to acquaint themselves with the process before undertaking the positions of president and vice president. Their interest in improving student life is displayed by their work in USG and other organizations during their two years at SIUC. Both have good ideas and good intentions, but both are sophomores and it shows. We admire their initiative to go out and reach the students by sitting at tables, and the work they've shown by meeting with administrators. But on the issue of funding, the pair suggest an outside board of elected students to handle things, saying it would help take the politics out of the system. We disagree. Students do not turn out to vote for USG senators and executive board members, and are generally not acquainted with the people running for these offices. Add another group of five students, and the turnout gets smaller, putting a lot of power in the hands of those well-acquainted with the people running. Such a board makes the process more political, no less. We elect USG senators to deal with many issues; they separate themselves into committees to do so, just like in Springfield or in Washington, D.C. Adding another level only muddles the process more. Their ideas for completing the student-tenant union are noble, expanding on something that was started last

year. However, as Young pointed out, to accomplish this goal, you must get people to understand what they're doing and get the process moving. Ray said USG will hire someone to take care of the upkeep of the list of good and bad landlords, taking more money out of USG funds. This will only aggravate funding and spending more.

While Ray's goals are strong, they will be stronger in another year. We hope to see him run again.

Michael Rivers<sup>1</sup> has been involved in both USG and the Black Affairs Council, among other organizations. He has done good work in both areas. But as a candidate for USG president, he just doesn't hold up. He had two main goals, one of which is to get more students involved. However, regarding that, he didn't have many specifics to accomplish this task. The second goal had to do with the USG funding process for RSOs, which he said is messy and difficult. We don't disagree. But the only change he cited to make was "back to the basics." We're not sure what this means or what it will do and he didn't seem to either.

In addition, Rivers has had some problems dealing with funding while operating as BAC president. Under his administration, the BAC misallocated funds to buy computers, putting them in debt. While this is not in direct relation to Rivers not receiving our endorsement, and while we do not place all blame on Rivers, it must be considered when assigning someone to run an organization in charge of \$500,000 of students' money.

Overall, Rivers just didn't seem as organized as the other candidates, and didn't have many ideas for his potential presidency. Both his goals are worthy, things we hope to see any USG president examine, but Rivers is not the person to accomplish them.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without words and never stops, at all.”

Emily Dickinson

## WORDS OVERHEARD

“You may not control the decisions of my leaders, you may not be able to control the global economy ... but you can damn well control what goes on in your own brain.”

Janice Staab  
assistant professor of feminist philosophy  
at a teach-in about women's views on the war in Iraq

COLUMNISTS

# Introducing your Democratic nominees lineup for 2004

**Brad Goodman**  
The Journal (U. Illinois-Springfield)

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (U-WIRE)** — With the next presidential election a mere year and a half away, lets look at some of the major presidential candidates.

The Democratic Party after a tough loss in the 2000 election is looking for redemption with a decisive victory in 2004. The party, as of now, has more than a few members who have officially announced their intentions to run for President of the United States. These candidates have many similarities and many differences, ranging from background, political views, race and religion.

One of the most interesting of the Democrat candidates is former Gov. Howard Dean of Vermont. Gov. Dean's career is one of natural development. He started as a State Representative in 1983 and in 1991 was elected governor of Vermont, a post he held until early 2003. Dean, like Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist is a physician. Governor Dean is very popular with the progressive branch of his party, and is becoming well known for his stanch anti-war approach. Though Dean is finally building a name for himself in his party, his chances of winning his party's nomination are slim. Interestingly, for the historians out there, the Democratic Party's last unknown governor to run for President and win was none other then Bill Clinton. So while Howard Dean comes from a small state, he could be the next Bill Clinton.

Another well-known New Englander is also running for the Democratic nomination. John Kerry, the senator from Massachusetts has formally thrown his hat in the race for President. Kerry recently struck up a ruckus when he compared the need to remove Saddam Hussein with the need to have a regime change in the United States. Ironically, Kerry voted for the resolution supporting the action in the Middle East. Kerry is well known for his almost 2 decades of service in the U.S. Senate. Kerry is formally trained as a lawyer and is a Vietnam veteran. Another interesting fact about John Kerry is that he recently made public statements saying that he was not Irish at all, and that while he was raised Catholic he is actually half Jewish. Kerry has a considerable shot at winning the Democratic nomination, and, after all, his name is John F. Kerry, or JFK for short.

Another member of the U.S. Senate running for president is John Edwards, the senior senator from North Carolina. Edwards is young and popular, but inexperienced compared to his rivals. Edwards made his name

as a fairly young trial lawyer who won major cases, and earned major money. Sen. Edwards is a good, solid candidate, but his political experience is meager at best. His only political experience is his current position. He was elected to the Senate in 1998, his term beginning in January 1999. Some believe that while he has the look and can talk the talk, he is really only a political infant. Clearly, it would be unwise to ignore Sen. Edwards' campaign; he may have the fund-raising ability to win it all.

Joe Lieberman, the senator from Connecticut is well known nationwide for running as Al Gore's vice presidential candidate in 2000. Lieberman, another attorney, rose up the political ladder from the position of State Senator to United States Senator. Lieberman is well known, moderate, likeable, but his electability is highly questionable. Most of the country finds Lieberman's political stance acceptable, but being an Orthodox Jew may hurt him. Also Lieberman's politics are very attractive, but are much further to the right than most voting Democrats. Sen. Lieberman is the quintessential qualified, but unelectable, candidate.

Other candidates for the Democratic nomination to keep your eyes on include Rev. Al Sharpton, former House Minority leader and current Congressman Dick Gephardt, Sen. Bob Graham of Florida, and even former Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado. Candidates who have no chance of winning the nomination include former Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley Braun and Congressman Dennis Kucinich of Ohio. Moseley Braun is only running to undermine the African-American vote going to Al Sharpton and Kucinich is a foolish candidate who often leaks into anti-American comments.

This upcoming presidential election, like all elections, should be very exciting. President Bush seems to be miles ahead of his competition, but the outcome of the war in Iraq and a shaky economy will be significant in the voters' minds.

If I were a Democratic Party strategist I would look at Sen. Edwards, or any good Southern candidate. The only Democrats who have won the Presidency since 1964 have been from the South. Whether or not individuals believe in the policies of President Bush, no one can deny that it will take a very good Democratic candidate to remove George W. Bush from office.

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# Unrealistic expectations lead to disappointment

**Jonny Havens**  
The Battalion (Texas A&M U.)

**COLLEGE STATION, Texas (U-WIRE)** — The public and the arm-chair generals start to circle in the water like sharks. They glance apprehensively at their watches. The war they proclaimed loud support for less than two weeks ago is still ongoing. This war was supposed to be different. This war was supposed to be about "shock and awe." The public wanted, even expected, a war that would be quick and bloodless.

Now, after this long and drawn out conflict, the fair weather war hawkers are remarking themselves. The public now cries aloud about the costs and length of war. The expectations of a perfect war harbored by the public have not come to fruition. The question that begs to be answered is, where do these unrealistic expectations come from?

The answer is two-fold. First, the Bush administration was overly optimistic when discussing the chances of success before the war started. Second, there is a historical legacy of American citizens underestimating the length of a conflict.

Time Magazine states it best when it reports that "the administration gave the impression it had devised a Telson war: quick, easy, relatively bloodless." The administration presented an upbeat outlook on a possible war with Iraq because it might help gain support from the public for the war. However, war has shown its true color, and the overly optimistic forecasts have been debunked. The war has lasted longer than many predicted.

President George W. Bush could have learned a thing or two by studying how his father handled the expectations of the first Gulf War. The only recent conflict of the same magnitude to compare it to was the Vietnam War. Former President Bush, said, "this will not be another Vietnam." But just comparing a possible conflict to Vietnam was clearly sobering for the public. There was widespread talking up of the vaunted Iraqi military, the fourth largest in the world at that time. The media lent a hand reporting the shipment of hundreds and thousands of body bags to the Gulf region. Such a terrible sight had a humbling effect on the invincibility of our military. The public mood was set for a long drawn out struggle, and when the war was over in roughly seven weeks after

it had started, America rejoiced. Today, Americans grumble about two weeks of war.

According to a CBS News Poll, only 32 percent of Americans thought the war would be "long and costly" in the period from March 27 to March 29. On March 31, 53 percent of Americans thought the war would be "long and costly." This dramatic 21 percent swing in the span of two days can be attributed to unrealistic expectations of the American public being pierced.

In general, Americans are considered optimists. This optimism has seen America through some difficult times. But the optimism is a negative attribute when forecasting the length and cost of a war. Time and again, American citizens were confident of a quick conclusion, only to struggle in the same conflict a year or two later. The Civil War provides an excellent example of a war that was seriously underestimated. President Lincoln called for volunteers to sign up for 90-day enlistments at the beginning of the Civil War, believing the war would be won by then. However, it took four long, bloody years before the war was over.

The impression that war is easy, even with the best military in the history of the world, is totally false. War is a complex business that must always face adversity. Karl Von Clausewitz, the famous military theorist, discussed friction in his book "On War." He says, "Everything is very simple in war, but the simplest thing is difficult. These difficulties accumulate and produce a friction which no man can imagine..." Mundane things like vehicles breaking down, distributing supplies and the time it takes for a soldier to care for him or herself takes time. This spent time is not necessarily represented accurately in the overall "shock and awe" plan.

War is a chancy endeavor by its very nature. The war could be over tomorrow, or it could go on for several more months, or even years. The fair-weather war hawk who supported the war several short days ago must wake up to the reality of war. American citizens must realize that a war is not simple endeavor, and they must find the will to support their brave troops through to the very end of the war.

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## Student Development Office to blame for misallocation of funds

DEAR EDITOR:

The article on the Black Affairs Council problem with computers and misallocation of funds brings up much concern and anger within me. The timing of the article is suspicious. It refers to a situation that took place early last fall. The information upon which the article was based came from supposedly confidential correspondence. I can only wonder who decided the urgent need to publish this article, and why.

The article itself presents much that needs to be challenged or interpreted. From what I know and from what I read, the alleged misallocation of funds was due to staff in the Student Development Office

not following university policies and procedures. No one can authorize such a substantial purchase against published guidelines.

That's why we get paid our salaries — to keep the procedures correct. When we make mistakes, we correct them.

The staff in the Office of Student Development have been in serious conversations with several of us, for most of this academic year, as we have tried to get this issue settled. The Black Affairs Council cannot go out of existence because someone was "homer-ing" the word of a student. That's why advisers are appointed. When we have paid advisers in place — as was true at the time of this misallocation — we should expect them to do their jobs. When a conflict arises, advisers must intervene and keep the process on track. Several weeks ago, after I was appointed the new faculty adviser of the Black Affairs Council, I wrote to Dr. Larry Dietz, and suggested a solution to this problem. I have not, as yet received a response. The BAC cannot go out of existence, nor

can we allow misallocations to be followed by mis-statements. Here is a portion of what I wrote to Dr. Dietz. (Feb. 28, 2003)

I have just talked with Neil Young, vice-president of the Undergraduate Student Government, and he has informed me that the Internal Affairs Committee will most likely recommend that the Office of Student Development exercise its responsibilities concerning the computer situation, and that the Internal Affairs Committee of USG doesn't feel that it should be involved in the matter. Neil also informed me that the IAC was only a reluctant participant in this situation, from the very beginning.

The problem is this: the charge for the computers is still listed as a bad debt for the BAC, and as long as that charge remains, the BAC will be considered an organization in bad standing.

As such it will not be entitled to funding or other considerations from USG. This is not what I signed up for, and it is not an appropriate outcome for the lack of proper oversight within the Student

Development Office.

Since I am taking on a substantial "overload" in becoming Faculty Adviser for this organization — the equivalent of teaching an extra class, in fact — I would like to make the following suggestion: We will resolve this issue by writing the debt for the computers off, as an "in-kind" contribution on my behalf, since I am not getting any other consideration for this role. Since the computer has been paid for, this is an administrative decision, and one that seems long overdue. Since staff complicity in this problem has been well-established (if not universally agreed upon), this also seems a fair way of resolving this problem.

I think we would all be better served if we tried to find solutions to problems and not stir up controversies that may have hidden agendas.

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Faculty Adviser, Black Affairs Council

## LETTERS

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## The ~~joys~~ <sup>DANGERS</sup> of drinking

Social drinking can lead to serious problems in the future, but early detection and treatment can prevent one from becoming a problem drinker or an alcoholic

story by SAMANTHA ROBINSON • art by JOSH MISKINIS

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• Classifications of drinkers: social, problem and alcoholic

**10**  
• Percent of all drinkers will become dependent on alcohol

**1,400**  
• Students age 18-24 die each year from alcohol-related injuries

**70,000**  
• Students age 18-24 are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault

**S**mattered with parties, athletic events, and campus activities, the presumed best years of life are in college. But when a student chooses to do these things in connection with excessive drinking, the college years could be a precursor to a lifetime filled with alcohol dependency.

For some, drinking is something they do only on a social basis, but for many, drinking can consume their lives and become a crutch needed to make it through the day.

The early days of college mark the start of an educational career, but do not always mark the start of a drinking career. Even though the legal drinking age is 21, some begin drinking at a much earlier age.

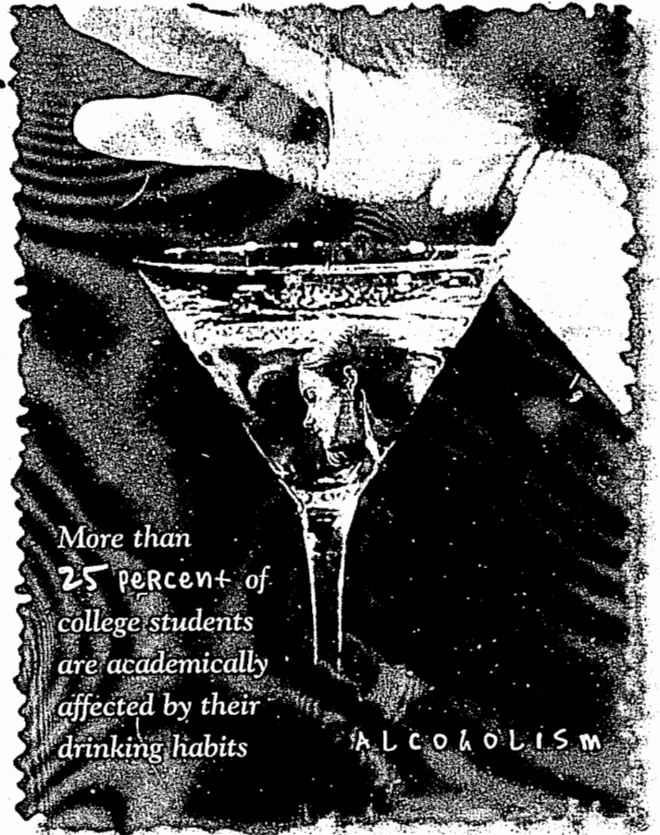
Some SIUC students who are underage said they began drinking between the ages of 13 and 16 for the simple fact that there was nothing else to do.

Rob Heise, a 26-year-old sophomore in marketing from Chicago, said he began drinking at 14 because "it was just there." He said he and a couple of friends just started drinking; they did not have any particular reason.

According to the American College Health Association, most drinkers consume more alcohol between the ages of 18 and 21 than during any other period in their lives.

It is estimated that one in 10 people who drink will become dependent.

Heise said he can only speculate, but it depends on the person and what he or she can



More than 25 percent of college students are academically affected by their drinking habits

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handle whether they become dependent.

"I will say though, that people who start drinking younger will make more bad decisions in life because they are inexperienced," Heise said.

Most commonly, people hear about binge drinkers — men who have five or more and women who have four or more drinks in a row, frequently.

There are three classifications of drinkers — social, problem and alcoholic — that people can fall into.

The social drinker normally drinks slowly, holding onto one drink for a long period of time. He or she knows when to stop drinking, eats beforehand and while drinking, respects nondrinkers and most importantly, knows and obeys laws related to drinking.

The problem drinker drinks to get drunk, tries to solve problems by drinking, drinks when he or she needs encouragement before parties or dates.

An alcoholic spends a lot of time thinking about drinking, hides bottles around the home for easy access, drinks alone, may blackout occasionally or has or causes major problems with family or authority.

Heise said he is a social drinker and only drinks beer and wine and not hard liquor. He said he goes to bars or to parties with friends and has a couple of beers, but no more than about four.

"I'm a little older than the average kid down here, so I know what doing shots can do to you," Heise said. "If you do too many, it can really mess you up."

He said he could buy a six-pack of beer and have it last him a week or more. But on rare occasions he may go through a pack in two nights.

"I don't drink more than three times a week, but on an average, once a week," Heise said.

Alcoholism is a treatable disease with no cure.

It is important to identify which category someone is in because it can help prevent him or her from advancing to the next level and getting out of control.

"Distinguishing between alcohol abuse and the early stages of abuse are most important in determining what type of assistance a student will need," said Ken Culton, coordinator for alcohol and drug programs at the Wellness

Center. "Addiction is when the substance is causing problems in life and a plan to stop is made, but they don't."

He said once it is determined what the student's problem is and how severe, the method of treatment can be determined.

There is individual and group therapy, experiential therapy and intervention.

Most importantly, before any form of treatment can be undergone, the person with the problem has to admit there is a problem.

"The person abusing alcohol is typically the last to realize there is a problem," Culton said. "They won't connect negative things in their life to drinking."

Someone who has been identified as an alcoholic can suffer from many different side effects, but the most common that college students face are a drop in scholastic performance, negative relationships, depression and health problems.

According to campusblues.com, national data collected shows that 1,400 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related injuries.

More than 70,000 students between the same ages are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape and between 1.2 and 1.5 percent of students identified as alcoholics have tried to commit suicide.

Students who were questioned about drinking offered their stories, but did not want to have their names in print because they are still younger than 21.

One way to determine if someone is an alcoholic is through testing. Specific questions are asked to see how much a person depends on alcohol in their everyday life.

Culton said it is important to let students know they have someone to talk to who can help them. He said young college males are usually the last ones to get help because having a problem is the last thing on their minds.

"It is important that students know they have someone to talk to and successful treatment comes with family support," Culton said. "Once we have seen them, getting students to follow through is the tough part and that is where family and friend support is needed."

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9. Have you or someone else been injured as a result of your drinking?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not in the last year <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, during the last year
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If most of your answers came from the farthest right column, you might have a bit of a drinking problem.

# Cops play charity basketball

## Game raises hundreds for Special Olympics

Greg Cima  
Daily Egyptian

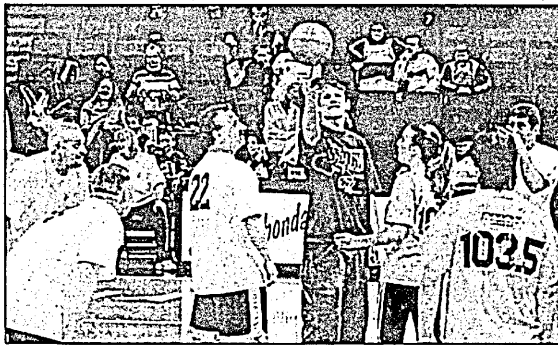
Carbondale police were helping those less fortunate in a different kind of court Tuesday night.

Family members, off-duty police, high school students and a few Saluki basketball players made up most of the crowd of about 50 people that came out to watch Carbondale Police Officers ditch their uniforms and badges for shorts and t-shirts to raise between \$500 and \$600 of dollars for the Special Olympics.

Armed only with a water cooler, the officers played four quarters against the Z100 Zooper Hoopers, members of the Zimmer Radio Group, at Carbondale High School to benefit the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run for Illinois' Special Olympics.

A thinly spread crowd sat in the first few rows of benches and cheered as nicknames such as Sweatmaster, Secret Weapon and Rook were called out. During warm-ups, a few of the younger cops ribbed their teammates from the sidelines, telling them to "hustle up." Some officers said they came out because, as one officer put it, they were "making idiots of themselves anyway," and said this time they were able to help a good cause.

The game started out close, with an officer scoring a quick lay-up off the tip, only to be answered by a quick jumper just inside the three-point line. The police soon dominated, however, and though the Zooper Hoopers regularly play for charity, "Jon E. Quest," a DJ on the team, said the group has yet to win a game after seven years of playing.



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Freshman SIU basketball player Ryan Walker throws up the tip-off in the basketball game at Carbondale High School featuring the police officers of Carbondale against the members of the Zimmer Radio Group. Along with Walker, fellow Saluki Tony Young helped referee the game.

Quest implied the loss isn't always accidental, but it is rare they are ahead when they are giving it their all.

"We've been known to bend the rules a little," Quest said.

Quest did not need to worry about bending the rules, as the score reached 14 to 2 at halftime.

"This may be police brutality," said Saluki men's basketball starter Sylvester Willis from the sidelines as the score reached a 20-point difference.

Even with numerous fast breaks and turnovers, some fans noticed a distinct difference from other games.

"It's a little slower paced than normal," said Marvin Spyras, whose son-in-law was playing for the police.

Even with some help by Salukis Willis and Bryan Turner in the closing seconds, the Hoopers were not able to come back from a deficit that reached as high as 22 points. They didn't seem to take it to heart, and team members were smiling on and off the court through the final buzzer.

The Salukis' abilities vastly overshadowed those of the other team's members, and a dunk by Willis helped bring the score to within 15 at the end. When asked what it was like playing on the same court as two of the Missouri Valley Conference Champions, Officer Dan Reed had only one word.

"Intimidating," Reed said.  
Two Carbondale High School stu-

dents drilled three-pointers at halftime to scoop out more donations. Three men pledged to donate money for every basket the students beat them by. None of them walked out without pledging at least \$100.

Dippin' Dots owner Kurt Jones, accountant Ron Manis and chiropractor Brian Woodard all pledged money for the contest against high school students Maurice Gibbs and Justin Dentman.

Jones made the best showing in the contest, and came away only two baskets under Dentman. He said before the contest he was lucky the event did not go exactly as planned.

"We tried to get Kent Williams," Jones said. "That would have broke Dippin' Dots."

Jones pledged \$100 for the baskets he missed.

The spirit of giving was not contained on the court, and spilled out into the lobby concession stand where donated foods lay in wait to be sold for the event. Local businesses and individuals gave the police hot dogs, pizza, popcorn, soda, Dippin' Dots ice cream, cookies, brownies, and of course, donuts.

The torch run is the largest fundraiser for the Special Olympics, and last year the Illinois torch run was the fifth largest contributor in the world.

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# Stir Friday! to dish out sketch comedy

## Asian American comedy group to sizzle stage at Student Center

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Daily Egyptian

According to members of the Asian American Sketch Comedy Group, their creation, Stir Friday Night! is the result of several ethnic backgrounds and a dash of improvisation thrown together to form just the right amount of humor.

This Friday night, the sketch comedy group will bring its unique improvisational comedy to SIUC. The group, which is based out of a non-profit theatre in Chicago, will be performing tonight at 7 in Ballrooms A and B in the Student Center, presenting a style of comedy that both educates and provokes laughter.

"The group was recommended to the committee for the first time last year," said Carl Ervin, director for multicultural programs and services. "It's something new and something different and a way to learn in a fun way."

The group known as the Asian American sketch comedy group consists of an ensemble of actors/writers from a variety of backgrounds including Chinese, Filipino and Korean. The actors have been touring since 1995, performing original material throughout the country at college campuses, conventions, festivals and corporate events.

The group uses comedy not only as a means of laughter but to dispel stereotypes and build an understanding between the cultures. They hope to accomplish this not only through the comedy show tonight, but also through an improvisational workshop Saturday. The workshop aims to help students in dealing with real-life situations and prepare them to better perform in a team situation.

The sketch relies on audience interaction to present a hilarious, thought-provoking work to educate the broad spectrum of audiences about the Asian American human experience, according to the comedy troupe's website.

"We just want to let people know that the stereotypes exist," said Maurice Jackson, a graduate student in workforce education from Country Club Hills. "It's a way of addressing the issues in a lighter way."

Ervin, Jackson and other individuals involved with the Asian American Planning Committee encourage students, regardless of their ethnicity to attend the night of comedy.

"I think kidding around about stereotypes is a way to see the error in our ways," Ervin said. "If we point them out and laugh at them, they won't be as frightening. The comedy will keep you rolling. You'll laugh. You may even cry a little. But they're going to help you learn and they're going to do it in a way that's non-threatening way."

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# Ethnic diversity of U.S. troops puzzles Iraqi citizens

Ron Harris  
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**TWENTY MILES SOUTH OF BAGHDAD, 7th MARINES (KRT)** — The Marines were less than 48 hours into their invasion of Iraq when Pfc. Michael Lara of Raymondville, Texas, was first asked the question that he and some other Marines would get repeatedly from civilians.

Lara, 19, was standing guard in the turret of his Humvee manning a machine gun along the Shatt Al-Basra bridge in southern Iraq when an old man and his two sons asked permission to pass across the strategic checkpoint.

As Marines waved the man through, he suddenly turned to Lara

and asked, "Kuwait?"

A stunned Lara paused for a second because he wasn't sure the man was talking to him.

"Kuwait?" the man asked again. "Naw," Lara responded, "American, Mexican."

But I don't think he believed me," Lara, a member of Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, said later. "He just keep looking at me."

Cpl. Raul San Martin, a 23-year-old Mexican American from Los Angeles, was first mistaken for Iraqi, then Kuwaiti as he was standing guard a few days ago in defense of the Marines' position at a soccer stadium in the town of Numanayah.

"He kept asking if I was one thing

and then the other, and I was thinking, 'Well, now I know that if I wanted to I could get a job for the CIA.'" San Martin said Saturday as he again was standing guard, this time along a road leading into Baghdad.

"Yeah, these kids asked me if I was Iraqi," Navy Corpsman Ron Dawson, 20, an African-American from Columbus, Ga., said incredulously. "I don't look Iraqi. At least I certainly don't think I look Iraqi."

But Corpsman Benedict Bito, 19, of Alameda, Calif., may have gotten the strangest question while at his post in Numanayah.

"One kid asked me was I related to (martial artists movie star) Jackie Chan," said Bito, who is Filipino.

"They just couldn't believe I was American."

Cpl. Quentin Milroe of Chicago got that same disbelief a few days ago when he and other members of India Company visited a small village about four miles south of the town Afik looking for weapons caches.

"So, we went to this area and the elder of the village came out, and we started asking him were there any weapons in the village," said Milroe, a 24-year-old African-American. "This elder just kept staring at me and then he made a gesture for me to speak."

When Milroe didn't, the elder said to him, "Syrian. Syrian."

"I said no, American," Milroe said. Positive, however, that he had

Milroe's identity pegged right, the elder refused to accept that response and turned to Lt. Adrian Haskamp, a 27-year-old Puerto Rican and India Company platoon leader.

"I guess he thought maybe because I was doing all the talking he figured out that I was in charge," said Haskamp of Greensboro, N.C. "So, he points to Milroe and says to me 'Syrian. Syria.'"

Haskamp gestured no and repeated, "American."

Their business concluded, the elder turned and started back heading toward his house, but as he did, Milroe and Haskamp said they could hear him muttering to himself in disbelief, "Syrian. Syrian."



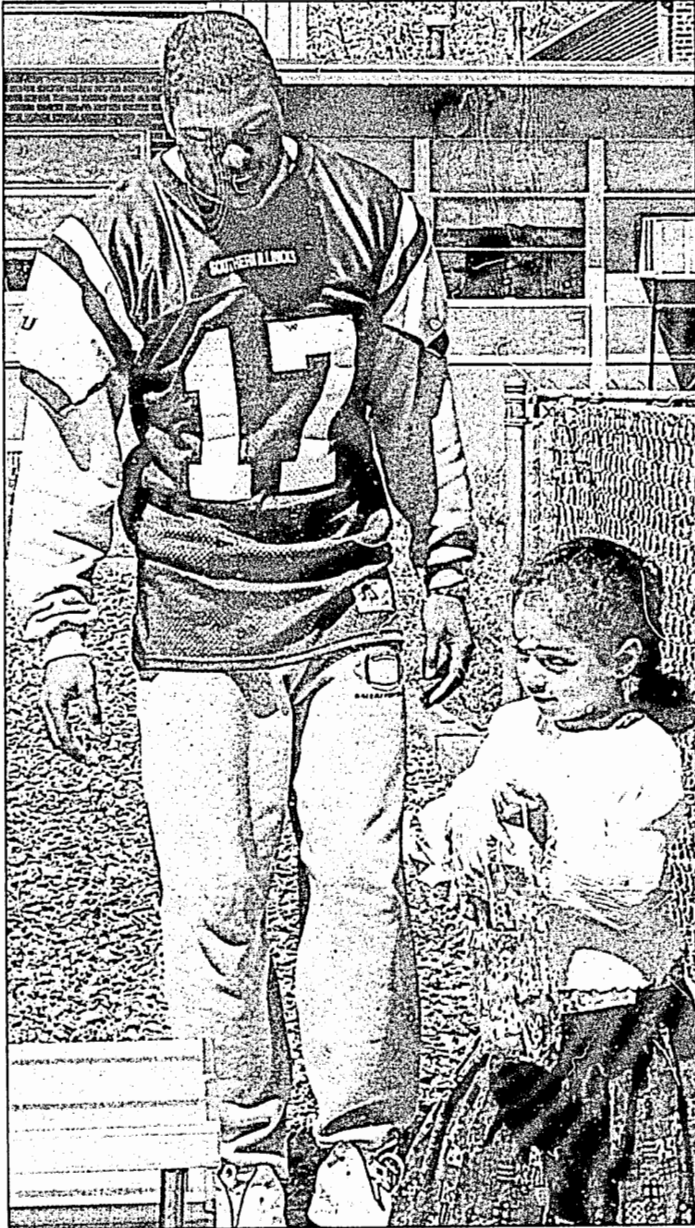
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# Big Dawgs Little dawgs

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(Top left) Stanley Bryant, a sophomore safety, helps Amel Elsaskary, 5 1/2, of Carbondale look for Easter eggs at the Head Start school, 1900 N. Illinois Ave. The SIUC football team came out in force to hunt eggs and play with the children. (Bottom left) Kia Smith, 4, collected her five Easter eggs and shows them to Travis Jumper a freshman offensive lineman. (Bottom right) The kids were hard to keep up with as Desiree Knight, 5, runs one way under the watchful eye of Sterling Haywood, a freshman tailback. Desiree said she was not a cheerleader she was just wearing an outfit her mother bought her. (Top right) Amel Elsaskary opens one of the Easter eggs she found to see what prizes were inside. Holly Duckworth, Head Start Center director for Carbondale, said that the children were excited all week waiting for the football players to show up.



# Proposed student-fee increases take one step closer to reality

Valerie N. Donnals  
Daily Egyptian

Students may be required to pay an additional \$31.90 in student fees beginning fall 2004.

The proposed student-fee increases have been voted on by the Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate and Professional Student Council presented to the Board of Trustees.

The proposal was introduced at Thursday's meeting and the board is expected to vote on them during its May meeting.

If approved, the fees will go to six units on campus: Primary Health Care, Campus Recreation, Student Activity, Athletics, the Student Center and the Recreation Center. The money is projected to go toward the maintenance of facilities, salaries and student programs.

The culmination of all the fees will result in a total of \$665.05 students will pay in addition to tuition for fiscal year 2005. The Board has already approved an increase of \$35.75 for fiscal year 2004.

An increase in on-campus housing has also been proposed. The additional \$146 per semester will bring the housing fee to \$5,178.

USG approved the \$6 fee increase for the Recreation Center. Neal Young, vice president of USG, said they approved the fee because it is the facility used more by undergraduates than all of the others.

Bill McLinn, the director of intramural-recreational sports, said not receiving the funding could

result in the reduction of student-work positions, hours of operation, and the elimination of some facilities on campus.

USG and GPSC both approved the Primary Care fee, which is the second half of a two-part plan. The increase of \$15 will help in the construction of the new health facility.

GPSC also approved a Campus Recreation and the Student Organizational Activity Fund.

While USG voted down the increase for Campus Recreation, they also supported the \$1.90 increase in the Student Organizational Activity Fee.

The \$1.90 increase is divided. Campus Safety Programs will use 15 cents to cover the cost of the increase in student minimum wages and to fund a new handicap-accessible van.

Rainbow's End Child Development Center, which provides daycare services, will receive the remaining \$1.75 increase and will replace grant money that currently pays for four teachers, food and equipment for infants.

"Both provide a vital service to our students on campus," Young said. "People really wanted to say no across the board, but I think it was a fair compromise to say yes to those two."

The Graduate and Professional Student Council rejected the fee increases for Athletics, the Student Center, and the Student Recreation Center, saying they did not believe that the administration gave sufficient reason or demonstrate that

they needed increases in those areas.

USG voted down the housing increase by a slim margin. Young said their main reason for not supporting it was because of the new rule requiring all freshmen to live on campus.

Senator for the College of Liberal Arts, Erik Wiatt, said that they have supported housing increases in the past because if it became too expensive, students could have the option of living off campus. Under the new rule, freshmen would be required to pay the housing fee, no matter how high it gets.

"We definitely support housing," Young said. "They are doing a lot of great things right now by planning construction and new buildings, but it broke the back to force freshmen to live on campus."

USG also rejected increases for athletics, the Student Center, and campus recreation, citing the current budget crisis and state of the economy. With the possibility of students losing their MAP grant for next year, USG thought students may not be able to financially handle the increases.

"It does not mean we don't support them," Young said. "It just means right now we don't think the students can afford it. We want them to get these raises as soon as possible, but we didn't feel they were absolute vital expenditures."

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## STRIKE

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what they say is a fight for equal pay.

Buddy Maupin, AFSCME's regional director, said that HPL's current contractual proposal would leave 28 employees with no chance for a raise in the first year of the contract and 29 workers without a raise in the second year. On top of that, Maupin said the contract would single out his health care workers at Lawrence, Menard and Pinckneyville by paying them \$2.50 per hour less than HPL employees in other facilities.

Mark Samuels, public affairs director for AFSCME, said that this is yet another case of a private vendor taking advantage of its employees.

"Privatization offers government services contracted to the lowest bidder," Samuels said. "The bottom line is that the only way a private vendor can do very well is by taking it off the hides of the employees."

Samuels said that while he is skeptical of private vendors, AFSCME is not out to belittle Vexford and Addus. He said that his organization is simply helping HPL employees in their fight for equal pay.

"The real issue here is that HPL employees do identical work to regular state employees and people who work for the other two private vendors," Samuels said. "It's really not a comparison issue. It's about everyone being paid equally."

Lori Gaston, president of AFSCME, said that these health care workers have been under-appreciated for too long.

"These are professionals who like what they do," Gaston said. "They do awesome work and should be treated with more respect than what they've seen so far. Basically, they're being discriminated against."

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# Cal Poly student killed during spring break

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (U-WIRE) — After studying abroad in Florence, Italy last year, he anticipated his return to California Polytechnic State University. Five days before he planned to drive back to school, architecture senior Vincent Michael Estrada, 24, was fatally shot.

Estrada and his cousin, Alex Wedding, 21, were allegedly attempting to steal tire rims off of a customer's Cadillac at SSM Machine Shop in Sacramento, police said. Derek Allen Jones, 41, allegedly fired a

.38-caliber revolver at Estrada and Wedding while guarding the auto repair yard. Police said the shooting occurred at about 3:03 a.m. on March 25. Sacramento Fire Department personnel pronounced Estrada dead at the scene.

Prior to the event, three custom rims had been stolen from a Cadillac at the site.

Police arrested and booked Wedding for grand theft and trespassing. Currently Jones is on trial for involuntary manslaughter, but he was initially arrested on suspicion of murder for the death of Estrada.

Estrada was a good student with a promising career as an architect.

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2 BDRM, AIR, w/d, close to campus, avail Aug, 805 W Walnut, call 457-3308, 8am - noon.

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2 BDRM, CLOSE TO campus, c/a, w/d, avail Aug 15th, 705 W Walnut, call 457-3308 8am-noon.

2 BDRM, W/ study, c/a, w/d, new flooring, new paint, 500 S Washington, avail now, call 201-6191.

2,3 BDRM, CLOSE TO campus, c/a, w/d, very nice, avail Aug, 803 W Walnut, call 457-3308, 8am-noon.

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I KNOW. I HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM.

THAT EXPLAINS SO MUCH. SCREW YOU, GUARDIAN ANGEL!

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## Dormant Life by Shane Pangburn

ISN'T THIS AS GOOD AS THE REAL THING?

LET ME CHECK.

BLAMMO

NO.

## Little Angry Man by Semaj McGuffin

LAST WEEK I SAW AN AD FOR SOMETHING CALLED "THE STD EXCHANGE" ON A WALL. I THOUGHT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A HOT NEW NIGHTCLUB FEATURING GLOW STICKS AND THE ARTISTS OF TODAY.

SO THE NEXT NIGHT, I PUT ON SOME HIGH PLATFORM SHOES AND HEADED OUT TO THE LISTED ADDRESS, EXPECTING TO HIT ON A BUNCH OF SKINNY BLONDE GIRLS.

BUT IT ENDED UP BEING A BUNCH OF WEIRDOS IN EYE PATCHES SELLING THEIR USED DRUG NEEDLES, DICKS.

## The Quigmans by Buddy Hickerson

"I've finally found it! The perfect tax shelter! WOOO!"

## Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

**To-day's Birthday (April 11).** You're lucky this year, but it's not a gift. Your own judgment has a lot to do with it. Although you face challenges, don't be afraid. With faith you can come out on top. Play by the rules, the way you were taught, and you'll gain wisdom and success.

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 -** Don't get so interested in playing that you forget to take care of business. You'll have a lot more fun with a few more coins in your pockets.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 -** Your place would be perfect for the party this evening, and for most of this weekend. Schedule private time for Sunday.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 -** Continue to study as much as you can. What you learn may seem to contradict what you already know, but that's what makes it interesting.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 -** The work may be challenging, but you're the best one for this job. You'll be rewarded if you concentrate on doing it well.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 10 -** You're looking good, and so are most of your favorite people. You may have a few little squabbles, but you're usually the ones others follow.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 -** The best investment you can make now is in fixing up your place. Besides, it'll make you feel much better. It's a win-win situation.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 -** Stick to your routine as much as you can, and the day will go by quickly. Follow an enthusiastic friend for a way around any problems.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 -** Your general rule is to never volunteer, but maybe you can make an exception this time. Check with the people who need help.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 10 -** You're rarin' to go, but there are still a few important tasks on your list. If you don't do them now, they'll slow you down tomorrow, and that would be awful.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 -** It's hard to get your message across to a person who isn't listening. Save your breath, and show what you mean with deeds instead of words.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 -** Hand the baton to an enthusiastic teammate. The others can push your project forward while you watch for possible problems.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 -** Some folks insist on staying the course, and some say it's time for a change. If you keep pointing out what works, you'll benefit either way.

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RAMOJ

KLUFE

ADJEGG

SPEGOL

Print answer here: "O O O O O O O O O O"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HAREM TOPAZ MEADOW SNITCH  
Answer: Why the mobster played on the baseball team - HE WAS A "HIT" MAN!

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron

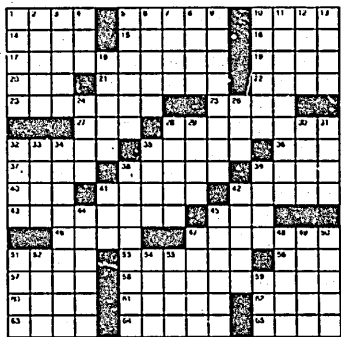
I can't believe we struck out

All we got was cold

WHAT THE HUNTERS DID WHEN THEY DIDN'T BAG ANY GAME BIRDS.

# Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 New Zealand bird
  - 5 "Erewhon" poet
  - 10 Cabbage dish
  - 14 Motel room
  - 15 Packer's cow
  - 16 Sound properly
  - 17 Thrill-seekers
  - 19 Trigger traps
  - 20 In/individual
  - 21 Talum and Ryan
  - 22 Make booses, e.g.
  - 23 Tranquilizes
  - 25 Middle of the month
  - 27 One of those girls
  - 28 Entered swirling
  - 32 Tramps
  - 35 Cruller
  - 36 Miss neighbor
  - 37 Pact partner
  - 38 Fists
  - 39 Fedora feature
  - 40 Greek cross
  - 41 Elbow
  - 42 Uniformity
  - 45 Joey in Australia
  - 46 Saltzman
  - 47 Name inspiration
  - 51 Mixer setting
  - 53 Ethiopian's neighbor
  - 56 Sandra of "G'dog"
  - 57 U.S. rocket launchers
  - 58 Start of festivities
  - 60 Again
  - 61 "Kick the Knit" singer
  - 62 Otherwise
  - 63 Revel (in)
  - 64 Smart followe-?
  - 65 \_\_\_ off (angry)



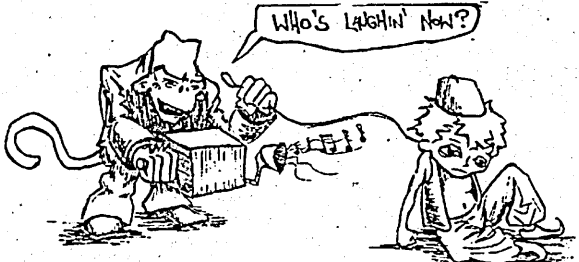
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### Solutions

- 6 Santa's helpers
- 7 Gobi location
- 8 Cassa drawer
- 9 Heannogs
- 10 Sira up, as a fire
- 11 Usurer
- 12 Opposed
- 13 Into the sunset
- 18 Showers with affliction
- 24 Name greeting
- 26 Duck attractor
- 28 \_\_\_ alive!
- 29 Small song bird
- 30 Author Wesel
- 31 Beaver projects
- 32 Despise
- 33 Norwegian king
- 34 Prudes
- 35 Cows' chews
- 38 Lite drink
- 39 Jay's snare
- 41 Opposite of GSE
- 42 Drop by
- 44 LaGuardia alternative
- 45 Restore a person
- 47 Fill of terror
- 48 Confuse
- 49 Housing contract
- 50 Used push-buttons
- 51 Condescending
- 52 Volcanic bed
- 51 October birthstone
- 55 Scant
- 59 Obtain

Adam

by J. Tierney



### Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



### Doonesbury

by Garry Trudeau



### Non Sequitur

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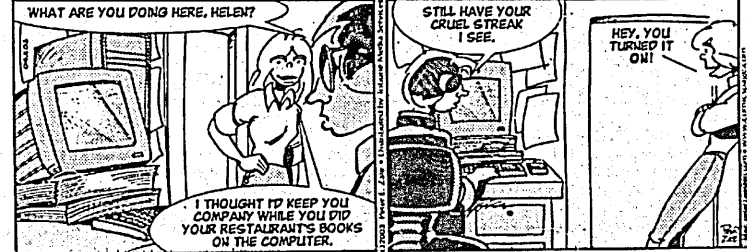
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# Collective action a powerful tool for SIU men's tennis team

## Salukis boast four players with three or more wins in the spring season

Zack Creglow  
Daily Egyptian

Strongly up and down the SIU men's tennis lineup has made light work of the competition so far this spring season. SIU is 3-3 overall and has a solid shot at placing in the top three of the Missouri Valley Conference standings.

"Everybody on the team has done well," junior Paul Bong, who plays No. 1 singles, said. "All [Savidor] has done really well at No. 2 singles and the bottom half has done great."

Now it just has to continue that play on the road as the Salukis make the nine-hour drive to Wichita State (7-9, 2-2) on Saturday and then backtrack to Southwest Missouri

State (4-8, 1-2) on Sunday.

"This weekend is really important for us. It may be the most," SIU head coach Missy Jeffrey said. "Wichita State is one of those teams we are out for. We feel like it is going to be a very, very tough match."

"We are tied with them for fifth in the MVC, and it is big to get ahead of them in the standing."

Wichita State boasts the MVC men's tennis Player of the Week the past two weeks in players Joggan Austin and Jaime Roguezeu. The matches are of the most extreme importance now that the Salukis have fallen 1-2 in the MVC and are attempting to keep the hope of placing third in the regular season.

"This is very important for us," Bong said. "We also want to get to .500 in the conference."

SIU has had superb play in singles with four competitors compiling more than five wins on this young spring season. Freshman No. 6 Tomas Gonzales is unbeaten to date

with a 7-0.

"Tomas is playing very well," Jeffrey said. "He is undefeated in duals all together, singles and doubles matches. He has a great head" on his shoulders and is very strong mentally."

"He doesn't let anything distract him on the court."

While the Salukis have been sound in singles, they are battling to fix their problem in doubles.

Last weekend against Drake in what Jeffrey considered a match of high importance like the match with the Shockers, the Salukis lost the doubles point and the match at the same time.

But the Salukis regrouped and pulled out the opposite end result against Creighton by winning the doubles match, which was the decisive point in the match.

Although the Salukis had some mild troubles in doubles earlier, they have recently been playing at a level that has erased any thought of changing things up a bit.

"We have won three out of the last four doubles points," Jeffrey said. "We feel good about the doubles teams we have and everyone is communicating well."

"But the doubles point this weekend is extremely important in both matches. It will probably be the deciding factor against both of them."

Bong said that if the Salukis can continue their strong play in the bottom part of the singles lineup, and they are able to swipe the doubles point, he said they should win both of the weekend's matches.

If they lose either match because of the doubles point, Bong and SIU will not be pleased.

"It is very frustrating, especially when we lost to Evansville because we could have won the No. 3 doubles I reckon," Bong said. "We have always had chances, but it seems we just miss out."

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## SPORTS FLASH

### Williams scores eight in Portsmouth

Despite playing only 14 minutes, Kent Williams scored eight points in his team's first-round game at the Portsmouth Invitational.

But more importantly for Williams, who hopes to play point guard in the NBA, he had three assists and zero turnovers to go along with one block.

Williams' team, Sales System Ltd, defeated Riddle Acura 93-81 in that game.

### Illinois State names new head coach

Illinois State named Arkansas-Little Rock head coach Porter Moser as the Redbirds' new head basketball coach Tuesday.

Moser guided the Trojans to a 54-34 record in his three seasons there, turning around a program that had a 4-18 record prior to his arrival.

Moser played collegiate basketball at Creighton under Tony Barone before following Barone to Texas A&M as an assistant.

# As war is waged abroad, games continue at home

Greg Cote  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI (KRT) — Popular thought tells us, often admonishingly, that our sports shrink to insignificance during wartime. Demand for "perspective" suggests Americans cheering frivolous games while soldiers the same age as athletes are dying overseas is something warranting national guilt or mea culpa.

It isn't true. The opposite is the truth; if nearly a century of history is to be trusted.

Sports in wartime — the fierce, unique relationship between our games and our militarism — have played a grand role across the national timeline. Our stadiums always have been seats of patriotism, and the continuity of the games inside them has long served our need for a respite from reality or a comforting tether to normalcy.

Sports as a conduit for patriotism, sports as the Armed Forces' greatest homeland ally, was not born in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. It is a phenomenon that has, as a welcome distraction or a font of healing, helped see America through all the major wars of the past century.

The games play on now as the United States is in Iraq to unseat Saddam Hussein's regime. Because the games always do.

"As an athlete, I realize sports can be a diversion from what's going on," the Dolphins' Ricky Williams said. "There are so few other occasions when you have that many people at the same place for the same reason. You have something in common, whether you are rooting for your team or your country."

Said University of Miami sociology professor Jomillis Braddock: "In sports, we are rooting for our team. During war, the military is our team."

### Early blueprint

Only the very oldest among us might recall that World War I began for the United States in 1917 just as the baseball season was beginning.

There was no blueprint then for what to do. Was it right to shout "Play ball!" with the nation and world in raw peril?

It happened that President Woodrow Wilson was a huge baseball fan. His private residence included a room he called "the dugout," where he would go to read and talk about baseball.

Wilson's strong declaration that the games should go on despite war established the sport as our "national pastime" and set a framework for future presidents on the matter of sports in wartime.

Wilson's message was that the carnival of everyday life must roll on, even during war, especially during

war. The volume might be down and the colors muted, but the carnival rolls on, steadfastly.

The Oscars. The Miss USA pageant. Life rolls on, with sports so interwoven as to be inseparable.

Sports was booming by the time the United States entered World War II, upon the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Only 10 days later, the nation still reeling but with Wilson's blueprint a charter, the Bears beat the Packers in an NFL playoff game.

A month after Pearl Harbor, baseball commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis wrote President Franklin Roosevelt asking if the games should be played. The response has come to be known as "the Green Light Letter."

"My dear judge," FDR wrote, "I honestly feel it would be best for the country to keep baseball going. Everybody will work longer hours and harder than ever before. And they ought to have a chance for (elliptis) taking their minds off their work even more than before."

The bond between sports and wartime would become more personal during WWII. More than 1,100 ballplayers would serve, including stars such as Stan Musial, Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Bob Feller, Warren Spahn, Yogi Berra and Hank Greenberg. Players were robbed of prime seasons, but few complained.

Feller had three straight 20-win seasons but enlisted in the Navy two days after Pearl Harbor, the first major leaguer to volunteer.

"The wins I didn't get didn't matter," he would say. "We got the one win we needed."

Baseball's war-depleted rosters caused the sport to expand its thinking, looking for the first time to Latin America for players — and in its own backyard, for players of color.

"The war had a tremendous impact for players like Jackie Robinson," University of Miami history professor Donald Spivey said. "Black athletes began to be called upon because of the shortages and the necessity to keep sports alive. Gates started opening."

FDR declared all sports, professional and college, should continue when possible, noting what he called the "morale benefits." But all sports were affected by WWII.

There were 638 NFL players who served (including stars such as Don Hutson and Bruiser Kinard and future Hall of Famer Chuck Bednarik), causing the league to reduce from 10 to eight teams. Several players worked in "war plants," with weekend leaves to play football.

War caused the NHL to eliminate overtime because of a national restriction on train schedules. At Yale, the invention of the basketball "zone defense" is credited to a coach desperate to make up for

having lost his best players.

Sports adapted to war, but didn't stop.

### Other Conflicts

So it went during the Korean War, too — games rolling on. President Harry S. Truman ordering ground troops to South Korea on June 30, 1950, caused no hiccup in Phil Rizzuto's big season for the New York Yankees.

The historical baton was accepted by President Lyndon Johnson in the spring of 1965 when, after sending the first U.S. Marines to Da Nang, commencing America's Vietnam War, LBJ symbolically shouted "Play ball!"

NFL players such as Roger Staubach, Pete Dawkins and Joe Bellinc, each a Heisman winner, served in Vietnam, but Lt. Bob Kalsu, who had been a Buffalo Bills lineman, was the only pro football player to die in combat in 'Nam, killed by mortar fire in 1970, near the Thua Thien province.

On March 29, 1973, the last U.S. ground troops left Vietnam (elliptis) while Walt Frazier and Tiny Archibald were rocking the NBA.

By now there was no doubt: American sports do not stop for war.

The first Persian Gulf War — Operation Desert Storm — took root in August, 1990, just as Joe Rijo and the Cincinnati Reds were angling toward a World Series win. The war began in earnest on Jan. 17, 1991, when coalition forces began bombing Iraqi targets, and 10 days later, the New York Giants beat the Buffalo Bills at Tampa Bay in a Super Bowl wrapped in patriotism and heightened security.

"Sometimes when you are grieving or scared or concerned, distractions are important," said Peter Roby, Director of Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society. "There is a fine line we want to take in regard to being respectful of lives being lost or at risk. But part of the reason our military puts lives on the line is so we as a society can enjoy things as a community and culture. And sports is a major part of that."

### Today's conflict

Now, as before, America grapples with what's right.

The NCAA basketball tournament played on despite earlier calls from some to cancel the event.

The NFL elected to go on with its NFL Europe season, with increased security, while Baseball canceled the Athletics and Mariners season-opening series at Tokyo.

Said Oakland A's outfielder Jermaine Dyer: "It shows yet baseball is not bigger than what's going on in the world, not bigger than life. And that's how it should be."

The relationship between war and games can show itself unevenly, too. It did at the tennis NASDAQ-100

Open in March in Key Biscayne, Fla.

The appearance of a French player, Nicolas Escude, became politicized over France's blocking of United Nations support for the U.S. war effort. A few fans taunted Escude, who said, "It's the first year I have this problem. I think it's because of the events in Iraq."

The PGA Tour's stop at the Doral Open in March also had its related controversy, when French golfer Thomas Levet was heckled by a few fans, after which plainclothes security followed his group.

That climate is why American cycling champion Lance Armstrong is worried about security with the Tour de France.

An NHL crowd in Montreal booed during The Star-Spangled Banner, which led fans in some U.S. cities to boo during the pregame playing of Oh Canada!

"Any time there has been a national crisis, sports has the potential to bring people together," said Richard Lapchick, a scholar often found at the intersection of sport and society, now affiliated with the University of Central Florida. "The same is true now, except the difference is we have a population divided over what the right thing to do is. So the coming together of people through sports also has the possibility of people demonstrating both of those viewpoints."

Something as overriding as war can intrude itself into all facets of life and in all ways. Some respond boorishly, others with enlightenment.

That might be why such attention was paid when small-college basketball player Tom Smith of upstate New York opposed the war by turning her back on the flag before games.

"This is the church of sports. Whatever your other beliefs, leave 'em outside the door. We came here to worship!" the University of Miami's Spivey said. "Left wing, right wing. We weigh people politically and they're all on the same page at that sporting event. It seems to be a call to patriotism."

And so sports' support for the war is far more common.

Six NASCAR cars bear military advertising, and their drivers have visited with soldiers. Eight White Sox players taped video messages supporting the troops.

The Dolphins' Williams said he is angered seeing footage of American antiwar demonstrations and imagining troops in Iraq seeing the same thing.

"Whether or not we should be there is not necessarily the point," he said. "Soldiers are there who have committed themselves ar: their lives. It's sad that people protesting when our troops are there."

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# Saluki softball takes on SW Missouri St.

## SIU hopes to hold off Bears in crucial Missouri Valley Conference series

Jens Deju  
Daily Egyptian

Although the SIU softball team still has 14 Missouri Valley Conference games remaining on its schedule, this weekend's series against Southwest Missouri State will allow the Salukis to give themselves a little bit of breathing room.

The series begins with a noon doubleheader Saturday at noon at Charlotte West Stadium. The final game is Sunday at noon.

The Salukis sit in third place in the MVC with a 9-3 league mark. The Bears are in fourth with a record of 7-6 in MVC play.

Sophomore pitcher Amy Harre said if the Salukis can come out and play like they did against Evansville in Thursday's 8-0 victory, they should be able to handle the Bears.

"I know SMS is right in the battle up at the top [of the MVC] and I think if we come out and play like we did [Thursday] they should be no problem," Harre said.

If the Salukis can win the three-game series it will enable them to distance themselves from the rest of the conference and close in on leaders Illinois State and Wichita State. The Redbirds have a league mark of 12-1 while the Shockers check in at 11-3.

SIU head coach Kerri Blaylock said winning the series and separating themselves from the rest of the MVC is not going to be an easy task for the Salukis.

She said the Bears usually hit well against SIU and that their young squad will be trying to cause some havoc on the base paths, something the Salukis have not seen much of.

However, the youth of the SMS squad may be more of a disadvantage.

"They're freshmen laden," Blaylock said. "They've been a little

up and down this year, but they've played very well for having a majority of freshmen."

One problem the Salukis will be looking to show they have rectified is coming out in the second game of doubleheaders with the same level of intensity as in the first game.

Last weekend SIU defeated Drake 12-1 in the first game and then fell 2-1 in the second despite tallying the same amount of hits.

On Tuesday the Salukis did better sweeping a doubleheader against Tennessee-Martin in which they actually played better in the second game.

Junior shortstop Jenny Doehring said as the season has gone along the team's focus in doubleheaders has improved and she feels sweeping UT-Martin can do nothing but help this weekend.

"That's something that mentally it starts getting with you if you play a doubleheader and you really win well the first game and then the second game your kind of lax," Doehring said. "I think [the games against UT-Martin] were a positive uplift for the team."

Another boost came Thursday when the Salukis defeated Evansville 8-0, marking the third time in the past five games that SIU defeated a team with the eight-run rule.

Both Blaylock and Doehring said the victory over the Purple Aces was the most complete game SIU has played all season long and hope the team keep up that momentum for the series against SMS.

"I'd like to see us come out just as focused as intense as we were [Thursday]," Doehring said. "I hope this win carries over as far as the fire in our eyes."

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SIU sophomore Amy Harre fires a pitch during the Salukis' win over Evansville Thursday in Carbondale. In her last three appearances, Harre has picked up three complete-game wins, but has only had to pitch 15 innings. She and the rest of the Salukis will look to continue their high offensive output and good pitching in a three-game series against Southwest Missouri State this weekend.

# SIU women's tennis still hot going into weekend matches

## Salukis begin five-match homestand this weekend against SMS, WSU

Zack Creglow  
Daily Egyptian

Southwest Missouri State and Wichita State will be facing a waking giant the SIU women's tennis team this weekend when the Salukis host the two squads this weekend at University Courts.

Despite just a 6-11 record overall, the Salukis have won four of their last five matches and hold a 2-1 record in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The Salukis will try to continue that superb play against Southwest Missouri State (7-9, 4-1) Saturday at 10 a.m. and Wichita State (5-9, 2-3) at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

SIU head coach Judy Auld knew the talent she has accumulated on this team and it was only a matter of time until the Salukis flexed their might to the rest of the MVC.

The Salukis' recent hot streak has added to their confidence, but their tough schedule early on could be what is paying dividends now.

"Success always helps," Auld said. "I don't know if there is a buzz about us right now, but we have definitely shocked some people in the MVC."

"Early on in the season, we were playing well, but we going against some really good teams. We took our bumps and bruises, but that is how I believe you get better — by playing good competition."

The Salukis have four members

on board who boast superb records so far this spring season.

Freshman Maria Blanco currently holds an unblemished 4-0 record in No. 2 singles while Alejandra Blanco has compiled a 3-1 record in No. 1 singles. Jessica Knitter and Sophie Bedard have also chocked up a 3-1 record.

"I always knew Alejandra could compete at No. 1," Auld said. "She has all the tools physically. She is playing with a lot more confidence. Jessica has really kicked it into high gear and Maria just had a great weekend last week where she went 3-0."

Alejandra has been playing at a very high level as of late and was recently named the MVC's women's tennis Player of the Week. Knitter was also last week's recipient of the award.

Alejandra said Maria, Knitter and she all have some experience, and that has helped them a great deal. She noted that they also have been lucky enough to have any nagging injuries.

Southwest Missouri recently lost 4-3 to conference leader Illinois State, and Auld knows they are a team to be reckoned with.

She said SMS, who was last year's conference champion, started off slow, but have really shown its resolve in recent weeks.

"They are a bit like us," Auld said. "They started with a kind of rocky

start and their season has been a bit like a roller coaster. We need to go against them and play hard knowing the pressure is on them to stay in the top two of the conference. We are going to try and squeak by."

The match versus the Shockers plays a role of extreme importance since they are one of the teams SIU will have to knock off if it hopes of finishing in the top four of the conference, a goal the team said can be done.

"I think that is very realistic," Alejandra said. "If we keep everybody healthy and keep working hard, I think we could really do it."

With the next five matches on the schedule taking place at SIU, the goal of being top four looks even more realistic. But there are also some negatives Auld does not like when playing at home.

"This is a very big weekend," Auld said. "We are playing at home and there are advantages and disadvantages. There are a lot more distractions. I want total concentration on the match at hand, and I don't want them worrying about their friends in the stands and trying to pull out wins for them."

"I want them to pull out their wins for their team and teammates."

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SIU sophomore Maria Blanco prepares to send the ball down the court during practice Tuesday afternoon at the University Courts. Blanco will compete at No. 2 singles this weekend when the Salukis (6-11, 2-1 Missouri Valley Conference) attempt to maintain their current momentum against Southwest Missouri State and Wichita State.

# Salukis zero in on Aces

SIU softball team tops Evansville 8-0, Adie Viefhaus hits first career dinger

Jens Deju  
 Daily Egyptian

During batting practice before the SIU softball team's 8-0 victory over Evansville Thursday, head coach Kerri Blaylock took a hand at predicting the game.

Blaylock told junior catcher Adie Viefhaus she was going to go yard during the game.

"She was hitting the ball so well I said it's about time that you come up with a big one," Blaylock said.

In a season where the Salukis (25-6, 9-3 Missouri Valley Conference) have been crushing the ball all over, predicting a home run seems about as hard as predicting Kent Williams will hit a three-pointer. That is until you realize the only home

run Viefhaus has ever hit was an inside-the-parker back in high school.

Then in the bottom of the third inning Viefhaus stepped up to the plate and cranked a Casey Clutch pitch over the right-center field wall for her first career dinger.

Viefhaus said she had not thought much of her coaches' prediction and figured she was just making fun of her until she rounded second base and saw Blaylock screaming at her.

"I was laughing so hard when I came around second," Viefhaus said. "I saw her and she was just like I called it."

The Salukis bench exploded out of the dugout in celebration and mugged Viefhaus at the plate as she scored to put SIU up 7-0 against the preseason MVC favorites at Charlotte West Stadium-Rochman Field.

Following the game reporters jokingly asked Viefhaus if she was going to keep the ball. She said she did not have the ball, but her family

wanted her to hunt it down.

"My mom said, 'did you get the ball' and I don't even know where it is so I said 'you got it, mom,'" Viefhaus said. "I don't know, I might get it. It's out there somewhere."

Junior shortstop Jenny Doehring, who earlier hit a three-run home run and finished the day 2-of-3 with four RBIs, said Viefhaus' home run was just another highlight in a game where the Salukis were hitting on all cylinders.

"That was a big hit and we were all excited for her," Doehring said.

The game was called after five innings because of the eight-run rule, marking the third straight start for Amy Harre where she has had to throw just five innings because her team obliterated the competition.

Harre allowed just three hits and struck out six Evansville hitters while lowering her league leading ERA to 0.73.

The sophomore ace has been credited with three straight complete games, but has needed to throw just 15 innings to do so.

"I didn't think about that," Harre said with a look of shock on her face. "It's a tribute to the hitters, obviously they're doing something right. I don't have any control over that, that's a good job by them."

While the Salukis played what Blaylock called their most complete game of the season, the team realizes they didn't see the best that Evansville has to offer.

"I'm going to tell you right now that they're a better team than that," Blaylock said. "We just beat a good team."

The Purple Aces record dropped to 18-15 and 6-7 in MVC play with the loss, but the Salukis



SIU freshman Christina Andrews slides into third base on a fielder's choice by Katie Louis during the first inning of the Salukis' 8-0 win over Evansville Thursday at Charlotte West Stadium. She later scored on a three-run homer by Jenny Doehring.

expect to see a different team when they travel to Evansville, Ind., next Wednesday for a doubleheader.

But for the present, the No. 26 ranked Salukis simply smelled blood in the water and took it to Evansville, knowing they could not allow a strong team to stick around.

"When they're not playing their best, that's the best time to just attack them and take advantage of everything," Viefhaus said. "We just made the best of it and played very, very well."

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# Head coach speaks out

Opp, Kowalczyk say there are no secrets behind departures

Ethan Erickson  
 Daily Egyptian

Though everyone involved is tight-lipped, SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said there is nothing secretive going on involving the resignation of women's basketball assistant coaches Alex Wellmaker and Tricia Floyd.

Both coaches resigned last week, and head coach Lori Opp was reticent Wednesday when she commented about the circumstances of the two coaches' departures.

Opp said she knew why the two resigned, but declined to divulge that information. She and Kowalczyk also resisted the assertion that, as frequently occurs in professional sports, assistants are released to save the head coach.

"People make decisions all the time," Opp said. "People leave. People get new jobs. What happened is in the best interest of the program."

Kowalczyk said he's not sure whether the two left by their own choice.

Wellmaker, a Mount Vernon native and SIU graduate, had been a Saluki assistant since Opp's first year and said he harbors no ill will.

"I enjoyed my three years at Southern and being an alum from the university, I'm going to continue to support the athletic department and all athletic teams," Wellmaker said. "I definitely won't be a stranger to SIU athletics. That's part of the jungle in which you live in, so it kind of comes with the territory."

Floyd, who recently finished her second year with the program, could not be reached for comment.

The departures leave SIU with only one assistant, first-year coach Staci Starfweather. In addition to breaking in two new coaches next season, SIU will also be without two starters, including arguably the best player in Opp's tenure, Molly McDowell.

Opp said she had some possible replacements in mind, but declined to give names. She said the new assistants would be named as quickly as possible.

"Any transition can be difficult and certainly losing Molly is going to hurt the program because she was such a leader and outstanding player," Kowalczyk said. "We have to move forward. The hope, of course, is that we'll see progress and have improvement."

Opp's contract expires in the summer of 2004, leading many to speculate that this may be her last season at the helm. The Havana native finished the last season with a 7-20 record. For her career, Opp is 20-61.

Kowalczyk said the reason many involved with the resignations have been less than forthcoming is merely for the good of Wellmaker, Floyd and the women's basketball program.

"To me, it doesn't make any sense to go out and publicize that stuff," Kowalczyk said. "It doesn't help anybody. They're trying to be as respectful to the individuals and to the program as possible. There's nothing secretive going on. This stuff happens. The staff wasn't working well together so some changes have occurred. We'll weather those changes and move forward."

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# Diamond Dawgs invade Bradley this weekend

Salukis to battle college club with minor league feel

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On April 1, the Bradley Braves played an exhibition game against the Peoria Chiefs, the Single-A club of the St. Louis Cardinals.

And as if being a professional ball club was not bad enough, the Braves were forced to face major league pitching.

Cardinals closer Jason Istringhausen and starting pitcher Jason Simontacchi pitched for the Chiefs. The Braves managed two runs, but allowed 13 in the exhibition loss in which the Braves were forced to use wooden bats instead of the usual aluminum ones.

The SIU baseball team may be a step down from a minor league team, but the Braves will play the Salukis in a four-game series starting today anyway.

Bradley's strength is pitching. The Braves have a 3.50 team ERA — something that could make things difficult for a Saluki team that has struggled offensively all season.

"We're gonna need to do one of two things if we're going to be successful this weekend," Callahan said. "We're gonna need to execute a little bit better on offense or we're gonna have to get more guys going. More than just Toby [Barnett] and Sal [Frisella]."

Senior Sal Frisella has been leading the Salukis offensively, hitting .346 with four home runs and 11 RBIs.

Toby Barnett, also a senior, is hitting .340 with six home runs and 24 RBIs. Just as impressively, he has a 17-game hitting streak.

Both the Salukis (17-13, 8-3 MVC) and the Braves (13-14, 4-6 MVC) are close in statistics and records, but Bradley sits three games below Salukis in the standings.

"Our team has struggled the last few years," Braves head coach Dewey Kalmer said. "We've not been very good. We're probably a little bit better this year. Generally, we're a team that

has decent pitching and we struggle offensively."

The Braves have accumulated a .285 team batting average, but in their last four games, they have a loss and two cancellations. The have also been bitten by the injury bug as one starter and a few bullpen pitchers have been down.

Kalmer said the fact Bradley is a private school has hurt them in attendance and scouting, including having possible Braves taken away by other schools — including SIU.

Kalmer had scouted and wanted current Saluki freshman Nathan Emrick and freshman outfielder Matt Brewer, but the two went to Carbondale instead.

The two teams will test their skills in the newly built home park of the Peoria Chiefs called O'Brien Field. The park seats 7,500 and includes 18 suites.

It is the best park in the league, Kalmer said.

Callahan said he has not seen it, but has talked to Kalmer about it.

"He says it's nicer than Wichita's," Callahan said. "None of our guys have

seen it, but we've seen Wichita's, and if it's nicer than Wichita's, it must really be big time. I'm looking forward to playing in a different facility."

Callahan said the Salukis might get more jacked up about playing in the minor league park, but Bradley never draws many fans to their games, so they don't get much of a home field advantage.

Novelty of a new park aside, the Salukis understand the importance of taking this series from their MVC opponent to help them catch up with Wichita State and Indiana State.

"The games that count are these weekend games that are really gonna matter when it comes down to it," Frisella said. "This is my last year and I'd like to get a ring."

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