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# Lawsuit adds to Board woes

TIM CHAMBERLAIN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Three members of the SIUC faculty will file a lawsuit today against the SIU Board of Trustees as a whole and against board Chairman A.D. VanMeter, claiming the board has been illegally constituted since January 1999.

Republican A.D. VanMeter was reappointed by Republican Gov. George Ryan in January, and the suit alleges the action was illegal according to Illinois statute. The statutes governing the SIU Board of Trustees state that "[n]o more than four of the members appointed by the Governor shall be affiliated with the same political party." The suit alleges VanMeter was reappointed as a

Republican when four other board members were Republicans.

Attorney Richard Whitney represents the three faculty members and said they are looking for the reversal of several decisions made by this "illegal" board since January, including the termination of former Chancellor Jo Ann Angersinger in June.

"There's no doubt that is one of our chief objectives," Whitney said.

The announcement of the suit was made Friday evening, and repeated attempts to reach VanMeter or University lawyers during the weekend were unsuccessful.

The suit will be filed today in Jackson County in the First Judicial Circuit. Whitney

said the judge is given wide discretion in these types of suits because the point is to help those with no other options for recourse.

"Part of the idea of this is to assist people who don't have any other legal alternatives," Whitney said.

Other actions sought through this lawsuit are the reversal of certain transfers of funds from SIUC to the SIU system and reviewing a number of "administrative decisions" made since January. Whitney declined to elaborate on the specifics of these allegations.

Whitney would not release the names of the plaintiffs Sunday, stating that these people would be revealed at a 2 p.m. press conference today at his office.

The four board members the suit claims were Republicans when VanMeter was reappointed as a Republican are Molly D'Esposito, Harris Rowe, Celeste M. Stich and George T. Wilkins.

Wilkins is the sticking point because he was originally appointed as a Democrat, but the lawsuit claims he became a Republican before January. The evidence likely to be used in the case includes voter registration records indicating that Wilkins, first appointed to the board as a Democrat in 1979, voted in the 1998 Republican primary in Indiana.

The Rev. B.R. Hollins, co-coordinator of

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# The 'handyman' can

## Garage foreman retires after 40 years worth of blood, sweat and gears at University Travel Services

CODELL RODRIGUEZ  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After nearly 40 years of service, Billy Dalton is leaving his position as garage foreman at University Travel Services.

Since he began working at SIUC Sept. 2, 1960, at the age of 19, Dalton has gone from being an apprentice, to being in charge of a fleet of about 660 University vehicles. Dalton, 59, oversees mechanics, mechanics' helpers and garage attendants who maintain University vehicles.

Working nearly 40 years at SIUC has allowed Dalton to see a lot of change. Dalton said the University has changed with the times.

"It's got a lot bigger, faster, and has a lot more people," Dalton said. "It's like comparing apples and oranges."

Despite the change in the University, dealing with people was always a large part of his job. Dalton said he will certainly miss the work, but will miss the people most.

"I've had a lot of good people to work with," Dalton said. "They've been very fun and cooperative."

Kim Bonardoni, service enterprises manager for University Travel Services, served as Dalton's supervisor for the past four years. Bonardoni said

Dalton has been a great coworker and friend.

Jilly is a super person," Bonardoni said. "He has always been my right-hand man."

Dalton has affected not only those he has worked with, but on the people he has helped out as well. Bonardoni said Dalton is very customer-oriented.

"Billy always went out of his way to make sure people got the treatment they deserved," Bonardoni said.

Dalton spent a lot of time servicing University vehicles but has spent an especially large amount of time working with vehicles used by WSU radio and television stations.

Rebecca Swain, office system specialist for WSU, said Dalton has always done his best to repair all of its vehicles and get them back in use.

"He's been an extremely great help," Swain said. "Without him and his crew, we couldn't maintain our

work here."

One of the most important vehicles WSU has is its uplink truck, which uses a satellite to receive news broadcasts from around the world. Mike Vendel, who drives the truck, said Dalton always took care of the vehicle.

"Billy always went the extra mile to get the satellite truck serviced and back on the road," Vendel said.

Dalton's last day at University Travel Service is Thursday, Dec. 23. Dalton plans to take a few weeks off on his farm and devote the rest of his time to his three kids.

But Dalton doesn't plan on giving up automotive repair all together. Dalton has opened a garage on his farm to continue serving the people he has helped in the past.

Working at University Travel Services was a great experience for him. Dalton said he will miss all the work and people that were involved with his job.

"I loved it the whole 40 years," Dalton said. "That's why I stuck around."

**He's been an extremely great help. Without him and his crew, we couldn't maintain our work here.**

REBECCA SWAIN  
office system specialist  
for WSU



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Billie Dalton, the garage foreman of the University Travel Services, investigates the hydraulic hose leaking on a service vehicle at the SIU Travel Service garage Friday. Dalton is retiring after 40 years of service.

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WINTER INTERSESSION - 1999/00		
	First Floor	All Floors
Dec. 18	10 a.m. - midnight	CLOSED
Dec. 20-21	7:45 a.m. - midnight	7:45 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Dec. 22	CLOSED	CLOSED (SHD)
Dec. 23	CLOSED	CLOSED
Dec. 24	CLOSED	CLOSED
Dec. 25	CLOSED	CLOSED (SHD)
Dec. 26	CLOSED	CLOSED (SHD)
Dec. 27	CLOSED	CLOSED (SHD)
Dec. 28	CLOSED	CLOSED (SHD)
Dec. 29	CLOSED	CLOSED (SHD)
Dec. 30	CLOSED	CLOSED (SHD)
Dec. 31	CLOSED	CLOSED (SHD)
Jan. 1	CLOSED	CLOSED
Jan. 2	10 a.m. - midnight	CLOSED
Jan. 3-7	7:45 a.m. - midnight	7:45 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Jan. 8	10 a.m. - midnight	1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Jan. 9	10 a.m. - midnight	CLOSED
Jan. 10-14	7:45 a.m. - midnight	7:45 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Jan. 15	10 a.m. - midnight	1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Jan. 16	10 a.m. - midnight	CLOSED
Jan. 17	7:45 a.m. - midnight	1 p.m. - 6 p.m. (SHD)

# Huffman, USG members speculate on six resolutions

DAVID FERRARA  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Director of Student Judicial Affairs Terry Huffman believes the student government is personally attacking him.

The Undergraduate Student Government called for Huffman's ouster in one of six resolutions against Judicial Affairs penned by a senator who was convicted by the University judicial system.

"They're trying to get me any way they can," Huffman said. "When I first heard about it, I was a little upset. And then I realized who I was doing what, and I just considered the source. I considered where it was coming from.

"I think he's doing exactly what he's accusing me of — misusing the power of his position."

In October, Josh R. Dean was convicted by the University's judicial board and suspended indefinitely effective next semester from school for allegedly sexually assaulting and sexually abusing a woman in Schneider Hall in January. He was elected to the Senate at the Sept. 15 meeting.

Dean, 20, was found not guilty by a Jackson County judge in July for the crime.

Though Dean said he wrote the resolutions because he had personal problems with Judicial Affairs, he said his actions are not representative of a personal vendetta against Huffman or the on-campus judicial system.

Eric Waltmire, a senator who has pushed the resolutions with Dean, said he also had a problem with Judicial Affairs. But Dean and

Waltmire say their actions reflect student complaints about the judicial process on campus.

"That's a shame that he looks at it that way," Dean said. "Those resolutions were written for the students."


College of Business Sen. Dean and East Side Sen. Waltmire have been pushing for the resolutions since Dec. 2.

Dean never informed the student government that he had been convicted in Judicial Affairs. While Waltmire said he was shocked to learn of Dean's conviction in Judicial Affairs, he did not think Dean was acting on a personal attack against Huffman.


"I'm not going to interrogate him on as to why he didn't provide that information,"

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### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FORECAST



**TODAY:**  
Rain  
High: 50  
Low: 38



**TUESDAY:**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 51  
Low: 37



**WEDNESDAY:**  
Scattered Showers  
High: 42  
Low: 34

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- **Library Affairs** Introduction to constructing Web pages, 1 to 3 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
  - **Society of Professional Hispanic Engineers** meeting, every Tues, 6 p.m., Engineering Building A Room 319, David 536-1268.
  - **Blacks in Communication** Alliance meeting, every Tues, 7:30 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Erica 536-6798.
  - **Library Affairs Web CT** overview, Dec. 15, 9 to 10 a.m., Morris Library Room 15, Instructional Applications for the Web, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
  - **Blacks Interested in Business** meeting, every Wed, 6 p.m., Mackinaw Room Student Center, Michael 549-3115.
  - **Latter-Day Saint Student Association** learn about the bible and the church, every Wed, 4 p.m., Sangamon Room Student Center, Willis 536-6989.
  - **PRSSA** meeting, every Wed, 5 p.m., Lawson Hall 101.
  - **PI Sigma Epsilon** co-ed business fraternity meeting, every Wed, 6 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Eric 351-9049.
  - **AnimeKai** Japanese animated video club, every Wed, 6 to 8 p.m., Faner 1125 Language Media Center Video Room, Bill 536-7447.
  - **On Campus Debate Society** meeting, every Mon. and Wed, 6:15 p.m., Communication Building Room 2C05, James 351-9447.
  - **Residence Hall Association** meeting, every Wed, 7 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, Scott 535-7177.
  - **Christian Apologetics Club** "Cornerstone Christian Fellowship," every Wed, 7:30 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.
  - **SIU Sailing Club** meeting, every Thurs, 8 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room contact Shelley 529-0993.
  - **Cycling Club** meeting, every Wed, 8 p.m., Alumni Lounge Rec. Center, Scott 549-1449.
  - **Christian Apologetics Club** "Defending the Christian Faith," every Thurs, noon, Corinth Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.
  - **Library Affairs JavaScript**, Dec. 16, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
  - **Geology Club** meeting, every Thurs, 5 p.m., Parkinson 110, Edie 453-3351.
  - **Student Programming Channel** television show on SPC-TV called B-Television, every Thurs, 7:30 p.m., Channel 24/SPC-TV, Neil 453-6550.
  - **Spanish Table** meeting, every Fri, 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange.
  - **The French Table** meeting, every Fri, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Booby's.
  - **Saluki Volunteer Corps** needs volunteers to pack food boxes and help with community garden building, Dec. 18, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Georgetowne 529-5044.
  - **American Red Cross** Course Lifeguard Instructor Course, Jan. 10-15, 5 to 10 p.m., Pulliam Pool and Aquatics Classroom, \$30 plus textbook, contact Julie 453-3117 for information and registration.
- ### UPCOMING
- **Baptist Student Center** is offering free lunch for internationals, every Tues, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Student Center on the corner of Mill and Forester St., Judy 457-2898.
  - **Japanese Table** holds informal conversation in Japanese and English over lunch, every Tues, noon, Student Center Cambria Room, Janet 453-5429.
  - **Library Affairs** Intermediate Web page construction, Dec. 14, 2 to 4 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
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Waltmire said. "I don't think that Sen. Dean was on a vindictive binge here. As a senator, I'm just trying to make positive changes for the students."

Henry e-mailed Huffman Tuesday and gave him the opportunity to defend himself at Wednesday's meeting. Huffman was taking a class at the time of the meeting and could not attend. He does not believe he was given enough time to refute in favor of Judicial Affairs.

"I think that had USG acted on that, it would have been a very uneducated decision," Huffman said.

Dean, however, says Huffman was given enough time to respond, citing the USG town-hall meeting Dec. 2.

Dean notified the College of Business Student Council of his departure next semester, but he has yet to write a letter of resignation with the student government.

Dean would have to file his resignation with USG Sen. Chuck Miller, who said Dean should have asked another senator to write the resolutions because of a conflict of interest.

If he misses the Jan. 26 and Feb. 2 meetings before resigning, he will be impeached.

USG leaders have said rumors were spreading through student government about Dean's conviction earlier this semester, but were not investigated.

Alicia Gowan, USG Brush Towers senator, also heard rumors.

"Maybe he should have approached us because he was real aggressive toward getting those resolutions passed," Gowan said. "Some of those resolutions were a little outrageous, but I was ready to support most of them."



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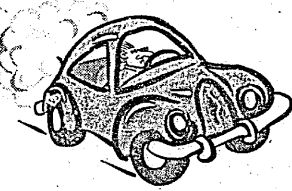
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# IBHE proposes 5.8 percent budget increase

TIM CHAMBERLAIN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

University officials are pleased with the increased fiscal year 2001 budget recommendations of the Illinois Board of Higher Education for SIU, which is \$14 million more than this year's budget and will be finalized by the IBHE Tuesday.

The IBHE proposal recommends SIU receive an operating budget of \$319 million, a 5.8 percent increase above fiscal year 2000 funding. Several important items included in this recommendation are increased faculty salaries, further funding for specific campus programs and deferred maintenance projects like Altgeld Hall, Communications Building and Morris Library renovations.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said he is pleased with the recommendation, but knows the budget still has to get through Gov. George Ryan and the Illinois legislature.

"There's much to like about this budget proposal from the IBHE," Jackson said. "It's a very important first step, but only the first step. We've got to get it through the governor's budgetary process and through the General

Assembly. But this is really an excellent budget for Carbondale."

SIU Board of Trustees Chairman A.D. VanMeter said working with the IBHE on budgeting helped SIU get this budget increase recommendation. VanMeter cited the IBHE's confidence in the SIU budgeting process, down to the use of the SIU as a model for the budgeting process at other universities, as evidence of the positive result of cooperation with the IBHE.

"This recommendation is not the result of anything but the result of working with [the IBHE]," VanMeter said. "It is that degree of confidence and working with people that well that you begin to get these kind of results."

The biggest deferred maintenance projects on campus are accounted for in this recommendation, including about \$10.5 million for renovation of Altgeld Hall and the Old Baptist Foundation, which houses the School of Music. Nearly \$1.6 million is budgeted for the renovation of space in the Communications Building used by the Cinema and Photography Department as editing, viewing and studio space. Along with several smaller projects, more than \$1.8 million is included for the planning of

renovations and additions to Morris Library.

The recommended budget includes an \$8.6 million increase for the second year of a five-year plan to bring faculty salaries on line with peer institutions. A 3-percent cost-of-living increase, coupled with 1 percent increase to retain critical faculty and a 1-percent increase in matching funds from SIU, will bring the total salary increase to 5 percent for fiscal year 2001.

New programs in the fiscal year 2001 budget recommendation include \$345,000 to establish a bachelor's degree in computer engineering as part of the Department of Electrical Engineering. Also budgeted is \$180,000 for the establishment of a doctoral program in environmental resources and policy, merging the doctoral programs in geography and geology with support from the College of Agriculture, the College of Engineering and the School of Law.

Once the IBHE finalizes their recommendation Tuesday, it will be sent to Gov. George Ryan for his consideration. Ryan will send his statewide budget proposal to the Illinois General Assembly in early February, with the final budget completed sometime in April or May.

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

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### Flight scholarship offered

A new scholarship program in the Department of Aviation Management and Flight and the Department of Aviation Technologies will be announced at 2:15 p.m., Tuesday in the second floor conference room at the Southern Illinois Airport's main terminal building.

Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded sometime in February to students showing an interest in aircraft product support, a new minor for SIUC students available this spring.

The scholarships are sponsored by Boeing-St. Louis and anyone is welcome to attend the event.

### SIU receives accreditation

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools re-accredited SIUC for the next 10 years, after a series of academic program evaluations completed in November.

SIUC received a final letter announcing the completion of the three-year process in early December. The NCA re-accreditation signifies that SIUC administration, faculty and staff will be able to function and meet challenges of higher education in the next 10 years.

SIUC will not undergo accreditation review again until the 2008-2009 school year.

### Land use open forum

The Campus Land Use Master Planning Committee will be interviewing firms interested in assisting the development of SIUC's Land Use Master Plan from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 in the Life Science III Auditorium, Room 1059.

The purpose of the open public forums is to provide people with the chance to listen to what each firm could offer in terms of aiding SIUC's campus aesthetics. The 12-member committee is working to improve the quality of SIUC's campus aesthetics.

The following are the times each firm will be reviewed:

- The St. Louis-based Mackey Mitchell Associates at 9 a.m.
- The St. Louis-based HOK at 10 a.m.
- The Chesterfield, Mo.-based Parsons, Harland, Bartholemew & Associates at 11 a.m.
- The Denver-based Civitas at 1 p.m.
- The Watertown, Mass.-based Sasaki Associates, Inc. at 2 p.m.

### Free food at Rec

The SIUC faculty and staff is serving students free pizza, treats and pop Monday and Tuesday nights at the Recreation Center.

The Saluki Finals Finish Program invites students to workout, eat, relax or study in designated areas from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m. each night. Free five-minute massages will be available and three prizes including two mountain bikes and a mini-refrigerator will be raffled off.

# SIUC's athletic trainer concentrates on priorities

ANDY EGENSE  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Going from NCAA Division I athletics to little league would not be considered a wise career choice by many in an athletics profession.

But Sally Perkins did just that after a 23-year stint as the head athletic trainer for Saluki Athletics. Her children's sports have become the priority in her life.

In November, Perkins became only the third woman to be inducted in the Illinois Athletics Trainers' Association Hall of Fame as a result of her role in the development of SIUC's nationally recognized degree program for athletics trainers.

"I enjoyed every minute of it, but 21 years of traveling every other weekend has been very tiring," Perkins said.

Perkins, a professor in physical education, coordinates student trainers for intramural sports on campus and conducts workshops dealing with eating disorders and substance abuse. She was awarded the Student Affairs Service award in recognition of those contributions.

For the last two and a half years, Perkins has been the southern district representative to the Illinois Athletics Trainers' Association Board of Directors.

"To me it is important that we not only promote our profession, but we also promote women in the field of athletics training," Perkins said.

Don DeNoon, women's track and field coach, worked closely with Perkins and could also attest to the strains that an athletic career has upon a home life.

"Athletics is not a family-friendly occupation," DeNoon said. "She was constantly traveling with volleyball and basketball for many years, and she had kids that were starting to grow up and needed someone at home."

DeNoon said he had an easy working relationship with Perkins because she was extremely well-organized and detail-oriented.



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Sally Perkins, program director of athletic training at SIUC, shows Harold Rowald, a junior in exercise science and athletic training from Murphysboro, the "Liggy" device. The device shows students what happens when ligaments have stress put upon them.

"She always has good disposition in how she handles people," DeNoon said.

Perkins now primarily concentrates her involvement with her children's sports-related activities. She said she wanted to stay involved because of her competitive nature. This opportunity gives her a chance to watch her children enjoy sports.

By the looks of her office, Perkins' competitive nature has paid off by coaching her children to five first-place trophies in three years in their

respective sports.

"I like working with children and teaching them not only athletic skills, but sportsmanship and fair play," Perkins said. "That all extends and carries over into life."

Perkins said the most rewarding part of her job is seeing students complete the athletic trainer's program and get jobs in the field.

"I was surprised I got this award," Perkins said. "I don't look at myself doing anything out of the ordinary."

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# Speed up financial aid process, be complete

**BURKE SPEAKER**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC Financial Aid officials urge students to complete all the application steps in their 2000-2001 Federal Student Aid forms to avoid postponing financial aid awards after this semester's influx in application delays.

Director of Financial Aid Dan Mann said this semester was the worst in terms of award notices being delayed because of student error. While no official numbers are kept, Mann said an increased amount of students had their awards detained by as much as a month because the forms were not completed.

If the application is not entirely filled out, the U.S. Department of Education returns the forms to the university the student attends so the Financial Aid office can contact the student to fill the missing information.

"Until we can clear up any information that was left out on the forms, the application is not being processed," Mann said. "The delay will depend what's in their package, for some it takes two days and for others it could take three to four weeks."

Financial Aid forms are available in the Financial Aid office and can be sent beginning Jan. 1, 2000 and filed no later than July 2, 2001. Financial Aid forms are information packets that determine what amount of aid, if any, the applicant will receive from the state and federal governments. The financial aid will go toward the July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001 school year.

Monica Brahier, financial aid coordinator, said students should be especially careful in filling out the applications as there are a few changes to the 2000-2001 forms. The first change is the opportunity to file electronically online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), which speeds up the process by two to three weeks. The online form has a built-in editing process that helps students on accuracy.

## Changes to the 2000-2001 application process

**Electronic filing process:**  
Graduate students and 5th year undergraduate encouraged to file with this faster process - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

People who are convicted of a drug offense as an adult may have their financial aid eliminated pending new government mandates - for more information 1-800-433-3243 - [www.fafsa.ed.gov/q28](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/q28).

Students can access their state and federal financial aid awards by going to the site - [www.nsls.ed.gov](http://www.nsls.ed.gov)

Source: Financial Aid Office Jen Young - Daily Egyptian

Another change is not allowing the student to mark off the parent as a member of the family attending college. The change was made to close a loophole that had enabled parents to take a college course so the student could receive more federal aid.

### PICK-UP

Applications for Student Financial Aid can be picked up at the Financial Aid office located on the third floor of Woody Hall. The forms must be filled out each year to qualify for financial assistance.

The most significant alteration is a question on the application that asks if the person was convicted of a drug offense as an adult. The government mandated the question because people convicted of a drug charge were often excluded from getting financial aid but no one followed through on the punishment.

For the 1998-1999 Federal Aid awards, 74 percent of SIUC students received some sort of financial aid. Mann said the sooner the applicant sends in the financial aid forms, the faster the process will be. Also, those who send in the applications by the priority date of April 1 will be fully considered for additional grants not available after that time.

## Prior convictions can hurt future education

**BURKE SPEAKER**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Beginning Jan. 1, any student convicted of an adult drug offense may be unable to receive federal financial aid for two years, although legal loopholes are still being fixed by the U.S. Department of Education.

In the 2000-2001 Federal Student Aid application, applicants are asked if they received a drug conviction — excluding an alcohol or tobacco charge — after their 18th birthday. The question pertains to court convictions only, and residential hall or judicial board convictions at college are not included.

SIUC Director of Financial Aid Dan Mann said while there are a few problems associated with the question, students will likely be affected by the new clause.

"The bottom line is that if a student was convicted of the drug offense as an adult, they may be ineligible for financial aid," Mann said.

The U.S. Department of Education is currently in the process of working out loopholes that allow the applicants to lie on the form. The SIUC Financial Aid office has not received any information on how the department will verify if the applicant is completing the question truthfully.

"I think there's a lot of gray area right now," Mann said. "Part of our concern is to how that will be worked out."

The consequence for lying on the application, however, yields an extensive penalty. The person can be fined up to \$10,000, sent

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# What New Year's celebrating will you be doing?

**JENNIFER WIG**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

On New Year's Eve, the world will be partying like it's 1999, but some people are still wary of the chaotic effects of the millennial celebration.

Veronica Estrada, a senior in Spanish education from Summit, plans to stay home with her family for the holiday, enjoying a quiet evening watching the ball drop in Times Square from the safety of her living room.

"It'll be too much to go out," Estrada said. "I think people will be going a little crazy."

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**VERONICA ESTRADA**  
senior, Spanish education

under control," said Bryan, a member of the National Guard. "We'll just be standing there most of the time. Probably nothing will happen, but there's a chance, so we'll be there."

The National Guard may be busy in East St. Louis, but one of the hottest party spots around the globe is Times Square in New York City,



where more than 1 million people are expected. More than 1 million will also be down under in Sydney, Australia to watch fireworks and 2 million are estimated to dance on Copacabana Beach in Brazil.

Millions of people will be celebrating the millennium Dec. 31, but according to the Gregorian calendar, it has already past. The Gregorian calendar, the one we use, indicates that the third millennium officially begins Jan. 1, 2001. But because the calendar is formed around the birth of Christ, 532 A.D. became the first year counted in the Christian era. However, the birth of Christ was originally miscalculated and accounting for the error, the actual new millennium would have been Jan. 1, 1997.

Connie Howard, owner of Carboz, 760 E. Grand Avenue, does not care when the millennium is or was because she is planning a big New Year's Eve party. Howard alluded to an expensive surprise for the party, but refused to elaborate.

"It's going to make us one of the hottest clubs south of Champaign," Howard said. "People will know it when they come in here."

Although many students are returning home for the holidays, Howard expects a large turnout based on numbers from Thanksgiving.

But Erin Shepherd said most of her friends are leaving town. Shepherd will be the host of a party out in the middle of the country on New Year's Eve to get away from any Y2K madness.

"I don't think it's going to be a problem," said Shepherd, a senior in marketing from Chicago. "But I don't want to take my chances either."

## SIUC works quickly to solve our Y2K problems

Predictions show that more than 100 aging SIUC computers will crash in 2000 if not replaced before the new year

**BOB JACOBINI**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Two SIUC employees will spend New Year's Eve watching six computer screens in the Wham Building basement.

Just as they do seven days a week, 24 hours a day, they will be monitoring the University's computer systems and computer networks, said Jim Belt, associate director of Information Technology.

There will be no more employees on duty than usual, but 12 to 14 key employees and their backups will be on call in case of Y2K glitches, Belt said.

Albert Allen, assistant director of Campus Network Systems, will monitor the computer system from his house New Year's Eve.

"The people who work in this field are used to being on call," Allen said. "We're excited about this. Some of us have been working on this since 1996."

With only 18 days to go, the University is rushing to fix at least one Y2K problem that recently surfaced.

A report submitted to the chancellor Oct. 1 predicted that more than 100 aging computers and five servers will fail in 2000.

The report recommended at least 67 of the obsolete computers to be replaced before Jan. 1. The replacement cost was estimated at about \$221,000.

Many of the obsolete computers are in the College of Liberal Arts. Some are scattered throughout the University.

The report set Nov. 12 as the deadline for buying the new computers and today for final testing of computer networks on campus.

Bill Capie, assistant vice chancellor and AIS [Oracle] project director, said 54 of the aging computers are now considered critical to the University.

The replacement computers have been

ordered and should arrive next week, Capie said. "All networks have been tested, and they are OK," Capie said.

SIUC efforts to fix Y2K problems began more than five years ago. Rather than just adjusting aging payroll, accounting and records software, officials decided to install a new software package purchased from Oracle Communications Corp.

Because of delays in installing the Oracle software, the University will have to rely on much of its original software that it intended to replace before 2000.

But Capie said the Y2K glitches on the aging software has been fixed. Only the accounting system has been replaced with the Oracle software, Capie said.

Formerly called the Oracle project, the new software system is now called the Administrative Information System (AIS).

"We flipped the switch on Sept. 1 on the [new] accounting package," said Capie. "The system works fine."

Capie said the new personnel-payroll information system is ready. To avoid any possible Y2K problems, the University will wait until the beginning of the 2001 fiscal year to convert.

Y2K problems in the personnel-payroll information system, the grants tracking software and the student payroll software have all been fixed, Capie said.

The grants tracking software and the student payroll software are scheduled for conversion in 2001.

The Oracle conversion initially was supposed to be operational by July 1998 and to cost \$4 million, said Charles T. Hardenburg, former Oracle project director when he resigned his job in March 1999.

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**ALBERT ALLEN**  
assistant director of Campus Network Systems



# Surreal comedy a real trip into the mind of Malkovich

STORY BY  
NATHANIEL PARK

Never in the history of film has a man from Benton inspired such creative freedom and comic vision as in the Single Cell Pictures release "Being John Malkovich."

Using the actor's star status as a springboard for a wildly original script from Charles Kaufman, "Being John Malkovich" braves undiscovered Hollywood territory. The script dares to squeeze off the mind's eye, focusing less on the concept of celebrity and more on the insecurity of personal identity.

John Cusack (Craig Schwartz, perfects his down-and-out common man persona as an unemployed puppeteer in search of personal validation. Cusack's character attempts to fill his life's void while working at an office job. While working in the office, Schwartz discovers a hidden portal that leads to the mind of world renowned actor John Malkovich. The experience that lasts only 15 minutes per trip and creates a form of addiction for the socially oppressed character, allows Schwartz to experience a taste of successful life through the eyes of Malkovich.

The film's most eccentric role is filled by an unbelievably drab Cameron Diaz (Lottie), who as Cusack's animal-loving outlandish wife, finds herself also trapped in fascination of Malkovich's life. Whether eating breakfast or ordering from mail order catalogues, Malkovich's daily routine fascinates the commoners and causes major rifts in

otherwise mundane lives.

Kaufman's script, poses scenarios so far from traditional Hollywood fare it took Maverick producer/musician Michael Stipe and Single Cell Productions to make the film a reality. Overlooked by major production companies for more than five years, Kaufman's script blends original comic voice and realism to make such a bizarre scenario believable.

With a trio of seasoned actors and an inventive script, "Being John Malkovich" needed a creative ringleader to present the visual perspective of the story. Stipe and Single

Cell found the picture's artistic spark in known video director Spike Jonze. The director of videos for such musical acts as the Beastie Boys and Weezer, Jonze allows the audience to feel comfortable looking through the eyes of Malkovich by creating the same sense of attachment felt by both Diaz and Cusack's characters. Jonze invents worlds for Malkovich's immediate thoughts, as well as his subconscious, and twists reality even more as the title character delves into the portal and images in his own mind.

Ultimately "Being John Malkovich" is a bold attempt from Single Cell Productions, Kaufman, Jonze and the cast to rekindle the creative nature of film. The picture steps away from the typical ideology of movies for money's sake, and instead dares the audience to swallow the obscure plot. If "Being John Malkovich" can avoid choking on its own eccentricity, the film could stand as one of the great creative pictures of the 20th century.

### "Being John Malkovich"

Director: Spike Jonze  
 Writer: Charles Kaufman  
 Producer: Michael Stipe  
 John Malkovich: As himself  
 Craig Schwartz: John Cusack  
 Lottie: Cameron Diaz

★★★★  
 —of five

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The bottom line is that if a student was convicted of the drug offense as an adult, they may be ineligible for financial aid.

DAN MANN  
 SUC Director of financial aid.

### FINANCIAL AID

to prison for a period of time or both.

For the applicant to obtain assistance in the future, he or she must wait two years and have undergone drug treatment or attended rehabilitation. The time or amount of treatment is also being determined, but likely will be made on a case-by-case basis.

If an applicant was convicted of a drug offense as an adult, he or she must call 1-800-433-3243 or log onto [www.ed.gov/q28](http://www.ed.gov/q28) for a supplemental worksheet that needs to be filled out. The form will determine if the applicant is entitled to financial assistance.

The office of Financial Aid will receive further information about the details of the question by summer, but Mann said it could be as early as the next few months.

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# Students find inspiration through modern Asian-American artists

ERIN FAROGLIA  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Christina Sanchez, a senior in physiology from Marion, displays a replica of an ancient Indian miniature painting portraying a woman lying on a bed next to her suave lover—Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery.

A voice bubble sprouts from Power's mouth and the words "Should we shag now or should we shag later...Oh no, I think I lost my mojo!"

Sanchez plans to display this work along with a bottle filled with Power's "mojo" at a student art exhibit that opens today. The exhibit, titled "Blindu," opens at 8 a.m. in the Vergette Gallery of the Allyn

Building. It will be open until Dec. 17.

Fourteen students in the art and design course "Contemporary Asian-American Artists and Their Influences" selected an Asian-American artist and mocked the work with an individual twist.

The exhibit was only one part of a semester-long assignment in the course. Students researched the artist for a paper and presentation and then incorporated the artist's work into their own works.

Siona Benjamin, the course instructor, said the goal of the exhibit was for each student to understand the works the artists have brought from their worlds into our world.

"They learned how these artists

took from their background and traditions, and transformed it into modern art," Benjamin said.

Sanchez opted for the Power's design to incorporate the modern message of sex and love that is delivered in the Austin Powers movie.

"I have never taken an art class before," she said. "But this was a really fun class."

The student's majors varied from pre-med to engineering to design, but Benjamin said it is important for people to understand art and not fear it. This course helped the students to learn more about Asian-American art.

"Art needs to be de-mystified," she said. "It's not just for a selected few—it can be opened up for anyone."

## LAWSUIT

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HOPE, said his organization has no part in the lawsuit, but will attempt to help defray the legal costs of those participating.

"The underlying basis of the lawsuit probably reflects the position HOPE has about the actions of

the illegally constituted board, especially in regard to the illegal termination of Dr. Argersinger," Hollins said.

Fellow HOPE coordinator Beverly Stitt, a professor in women's studies, said the group wants to lend support to those filing the lawsuit because she feels they represent all University faculty and staff who have been harmed by this board.

"We will give our support so that this [lawsuit] won't go away for the wrong reasons," Stitt said. "If this goes away, we want it to be because the court found the claim invalid, not because these people couldn't afford to fight."

Stitt and Hollins said ways to raise funds are being considered and anyone wishing to help is welcome to contact HOPE coordinators.

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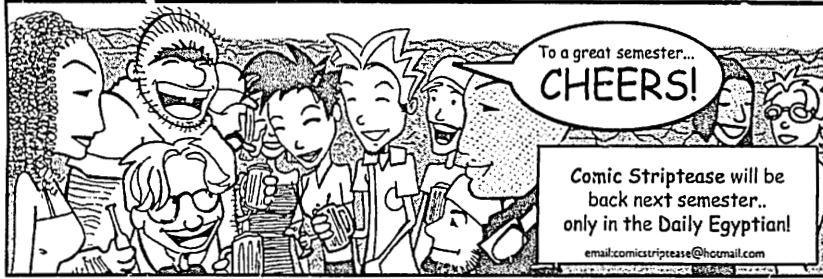
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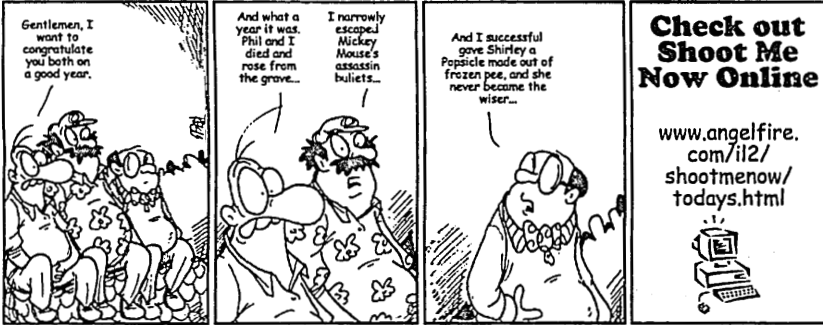
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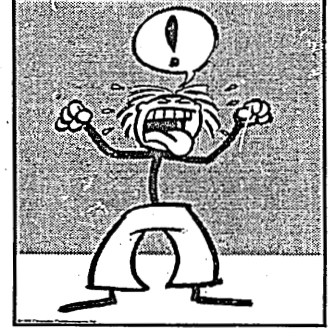
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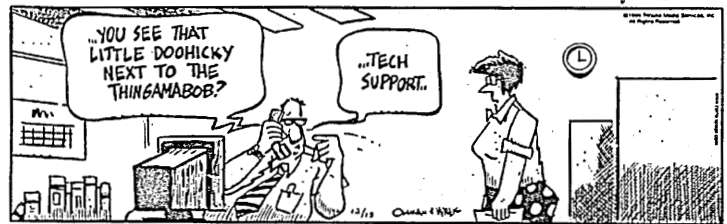
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- Grave letters?
- Conditional releases
- Government policy
- Academy Award
- Sister of fortune
- Dixon and McCoy
- Not in favor of
- Turns on a pivot
- Pig and
- Features to count?

45 National park in Colorado

47 Negative connotation

49 Glabbed

50 Suspect

54 "Loves You"

55 "Driver"

56 Male team

58 Feet afloat

63 Hertz rival

64 Shink's class

65 Lady's first, for short

67 Sexy lady of the Pacific

68 Metal fastener

69 Work units

70 Trapped in the trenches

71 Fodder plants

DOWN

- Side in a contest
- Killer whale
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## BRIEFS

## BASKETBALL

## Women's team drops four straight

The SIU women's basketball team extended its losing streak to four games after falling 74-64 to the Ohio Valley Conference's Tennessee Tech University (4-3) Saturday in Cookeville, Tenn.

The Salukis took a one-point lead going into the second half after shooting 14-for-25 (.560) from the field including 4-for-6 from behind the three-point line.

The rims were not so kind in the second half for the Salukis as they hit only 11 of their 29 second-half shots (.379) including only one connection from behind the three-point arc in seven attempts.

Freshman Janina Lopez led the Salukis in the losing effort scoring 11 of her 16 points in the first half. Lopez was 6-for-8 from the field including 4-for-5 shooting from behind the three-point line. Junior forward Terica Hathaway added 13 points and seven rebounds.

The Golden Eagles' Janet Holt led all scorers with 22 points. Three other Golden Eagle scorers reached double digits including Diane Seig (15), Alison Clark (10) and Collin Carmichael (10).

The Salukis (2-6) play game two of their current four-game road trip Saturday against Murray State University. SIU returns home Jan. 6, for a 7:05 p.m. showdown with Bradley University.

## TRACK AND FIELD

## Women take second in opener

The SIU women's track and field team opened its indoor track season Saturday finishing second of four

teams in the Redbird Early Classic at Illinois State University.

SIU won the meet with 38 points. The Salukis tied with Indiana State University for second with 58 points. Miami (Ohio) University finished last with 20 points.

Junior throwers Tawnjai Ames (45-7 3/4) and Caryn Poliquin (44-6) led the way for SIU, placing first and second, respectively, in the shot put. Poliquin also finished second in the weight throw (57-9 1/2). Junior Tonya Dolgovska (58.18) placed second in the 300-meter dash, junior Becky Cox (5:09.59) placed second in the mile and senior Joy Cutrano (10:37.35) placed second in the 3000-meter run.

The Salukis are idle until after the new year, when they play host in the Saluki Invitational Jan. 14-15 at the Recreation Center.

## Men begin indoor competition

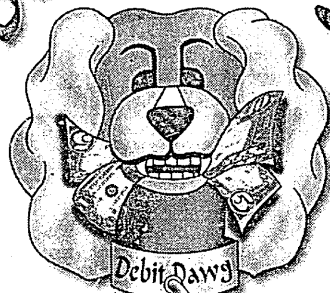
The SIU men's track and field team began the indoor season with the Early Bird Classic at Illinois State University Saturday.

Though the meet was not scored, SIU competed against host Illinois State and Indiana State University.

Freshman David Readle finished first overall in the shot put with a mark of 51 feet 10 inches. Senior Joe Parks placed first in the 3000-meter run (8:27.73). In other events, senior Matt McClelland placed second in the mile (4:12.72) while junior Loren King finished second in the high jump (6-9 3/4).

The SIU men's track and field team will not compete until Jan. 14-15, when they play host in the Saluki Booster Invitational at the Recreation Center.

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MVC BASKETBALL  
 Creighton 62, Illinois State 43

## PUTTING OUT THE FLAMES

Men's basketball overcomes sluggish first half, captures a 65-48 comeback victory

Jay Schwan

After a sluggish first half, the Salukis for the SIU men's basketball team overcame a 17-point deficit to capture a 65-48 victory Saturday at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Senior forward Chris Thunell led the Salukis in scoring with 18 points, including a clutch layup in the final minute that allowed the Salukis to take a 65-48 lead at the end of a 19-minute overtime period.

The Salukis (10-11) were held to a 17-point first half by the Illini (12-10) Salukis in an attempt to end their offensive slump. SIU rebounded in the second half, scoring 48 points to a 65-48 victory.

Illinois State (12-10) led the Salukis 17-0 at the end of the first half. The Salukis scored 17 points in the first half, but only 10 in the second half.

SIU's defense was the key to their success in the first half. The Illini held the Salukis to 17 points in the first half, but only 10 in the second half.

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Thunell said SIU's poor first half played a big role in the Salukis' comeback. "We were really hung over from a stressful first half," he said.

Thunell said "You could tell that there, everybody was standing around and we can't move that. We're not a team that can take a lot of time out. I think it was a break-out game for us. We have to play team ball and come out and play with heart and get the job done. It's not a scrap game."

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Senior forward Chris Thunell broke out of his offensive slump scoring 18 points in the SIU 65-48 win Saturday at the University of Illinois in Chicago. The Salukis will travel to Southwest Missouri State next Saturday before taking off to Puerto Rico for the holiday tournament.

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