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## Winters Over

Interim Provost resigns, will relocate to Michigan

Alexa Aguilar  
Daily Egyptian

Interim Provost Margaret Winters resigned Tuesday to pursue a new administrative position at Wayne State University in Michigan.

Her resignation comes as an ongoing search to find a permanent provost continues, meaning Chancellor Walter Wendler will have to find another short-term replacement.

Wendler said Tuesday he wants nominations for an interim provost as soon as possible because the interim position will likely only last until early in the fall semester, the targeted date for the job to be permanently filled.

An SIUC search committee is currently working with an outside consulting firm to come up with a list of nationwide candidates for the permanent position.

Winters was named the associate provost of academic personnel at Wayne State University, a position she said fits the area she enjoys. She'll start her new job on March 13.

While Winters said she has mixed feelings about leaving SIUC, a place she's been for 25 years, she is excited about moving to a larger university in a metropolitan area.

"I really enjoyed the administrative work I've done," Winters said. "But you can get a little stale working at one place."

Winters came to SIUC in 1977 on a one-year term contract. Twenty-five years later, she's made it to a top-level administrative position, which she came into during a turbulent time in SIUC history.

Winters admits the last two years have easily been the "wildest" of her career.

The SIUC Board of Trustees fired Chancellor Jo Ann Angersinger in 1999, and John Jackson was named interim chancellor in the aftermath. Jackson appointed Winters as interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs after Thomas Guernsey returned to the School of Law as dean.

Jackson decided in May 2000 that a search for a permanent provost would not resume until a permanent chancellor was named. When Wendler came on board this summer, he said filling the crucial position was one of his top priorities.

Winters' fellow administrators said her team-player attitude during her time as provost made their working

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LISA SONNENSCHNEIN - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Chris Lee of Cary and Jason Hower of Carbondale purchase CD's at CD Warehouse. With Best Buy coming to town local music stores will have extra competition.

## Local businesses determined not to roll over to Best Buy

Brad Bronsdema  
Daily Egyptian

Local businesses are not alarmed about the April 1 Best Buy opening. Instead, many think their small-town service and specialty offerings will be an advantage over the colossal electronic store.

"With Best Buy coming, we plan to be hurt the least, simply because we have our niche, we have our loyal customers, and we'll do things Best Buy will never do," said John Sands, a manager at Plaza Records.

That is a thought that echoes throughout Carbondale business, as the opening of Best Buy nears.

In Best Buy's last fiscal year, from March 2000 to March 2001, the corporation raked in 15.3 billion dollars in national sales. The store is known for its wide selection of home appliances, computer software and CDs.

With this in mind, some local stores are taking new approaches to compete with Best Buy. Others are sticking to what has worked in the past.

With a focus on what Sands calls a "classic albums" approach, Plaza's plan is simple — feature items customers will not find at a Best Buy or Wal-Mart.

"While they might be big on Britney Spears' latest, we like to have the stuff that you can't find at those big stores," he said.

Josh Rayburn, a manager at CD Warehouse, said his store will fare well because of its location and its large selection of used CDs.

"So far it's business as usual; if things change when that store opens, we'll make changes — but for now we're not worried," he said.

Plaza expects a 10 to 15 percent drop in sales of new CDs. Sands said the store will make up for the loss in other areas, such as merchandise and used CD sales.

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"If anyone tries to compete with them in new CD sales, they will be shooting themselves in the foot," Sands said, noting that Best Buy will be able to have new CDs at a cheaper price than most area stores. Instead Sands said Best Buy customers will help their used CD collection by buying from Best Buy and selling to Plaza.

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## Washington hit with more charges

Judge denies bond in federal drug case

Erika Blackman  
Daily Egyptian

BENTON — A Murphysboro man now faces a concealment of a homicidal death charge in Jackson County for his alleged role in shooting and disposing of a North Carolina man's body last September, a federal prosecutor said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Amanda Robertson told a judge Tuesday that

Prentice Washington, 20, should not be issued bond for a federal conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine charge because of two pending arrest warrants in Jackson County Circuit Court. Robertson said Washington also faces a charge for possession of cannabis.

Washington was taken into federal custody Feb. 4 on charges of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and was denied release from jail at his Tuesday morning bond hearing in Benton.

Police became aware of Washington's alleged drug activity on Sept. 8 when he shot and killed North Carolina native Tyre

Cunningham. Cunningham and four others allegedly tried to rob Washington of drugs and money at his Murphysboro home.

Chicago attorneys Patrick G. Reardon and Mark Solock are representing Washington and brought to U.S. District Judge Philip M. Frazier's attention that the motive for the home invasion is questionable as to whether the intruders were entering his home for drugs.

Robertson countered by arguing that no proof exists that shows Cunningham was dead when Washington and two of his friends dumped his body in the woods near

Crab Orchard Lake. She said for all the government knows, he could have still been alive.

Robertson provided a reason why Washington and his friends didn't call police after the shooting occurred. She said police were not called because there was crack cocaine in his house and Washington, his girlfriend and roommate were unable to clean it up, according to statements made to police by Washington's roommate.

Robertson also said that individuals have told the government that they have bought crack cocaine from Washington and that

Washington himself admitted being worth one "key" of the deadly drug. In addition, Washington has already provided prosecutors with the names of dealers who distributed the crack cocaine to him.

Judge Frazier said Washington's release on Tuesday would be impossible because "there is too much going on" in the case.

Washington is scheduled to appear for trial on the federal charge on April 15 in a Benton courtroom.

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**Bush plans to cut illegal drug use by 10 percent**

WASHINGTON - U.S. President George W. Bush on Tuesday unveiled a new anti-drug strategy with a patriotic edge: Cutting use of illegal narcotics will dry up funding for terrorists.

Bush's strategy, which he was to unveil in an afternoon White House East Room appearance, has three key goals: stopping drug use before it starts; treating America's drug users; and disrupting the market. His policy seeks to reduce use of illegal drugs by 10 percent over two years and 25 percent over five years, both among young Americans aged 12 to 17 and adults.

The attack of Sept. 11 and subsequent push to punish those responsible gave Bush some ammunition to emphasize for his drug strategy: defeating terrorism. To crack down on Caribbean smuggling, the Bush government will attempt to increase maritime cooperation by employing "more agile interdiction packages" such as a ship, an armed helicopter and a pursuit boat to disrupt trafficking.

Bush emphasized a desire to get treatment for drug users and proposed \$3.8 billion for drug treatment for the 2003 budget, an increase of more than 6 percent over the current fiscal year. Bush proposed \$2.3 billion for drug interdiction, up 10 percent over the current year, and will continue targeting the supply of illegal drugs in Latin America, requesting that the Andean Counterdrug Initiative be applied in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Venezuela.



**Oscar plays games with Hollywood picks**

LOS ANGELES - Whether in the bedroom, up the stairs, out on stage, or on the run in Middle-earth, Oscar is playing mind games with Hollywood this year. Fantasy "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," about an epic battle for world domination among wizards and sorcerers, earned 13 Oscar nominations, including best picture, on Tuesday, putting it ahead of the pack in the race for Hollywood's highest film honors, the Academy Awards.

With one less than the record 14 of "Titanic" in 1997 and "All About Eve" in 1950, "Rings" outpaced mental illness drama "A Beautiful Mind," with eight Oscar nominations. Musical "Moulin Rouge," a fantasy film set in the sexy nightlife of 19th Century Paris, also earned eight Oscar nods.

Those three films are locked in a tight race with "Gosford Park" and independent hit "In the Bedroom" for best film. "Beautiful Mind" and "Moulin Rouge" had distanced themselves from rivals earlier this year by snagging such awards as the Hollywood foreign press' Golden Globes and critical acclaim. But after "Ring's" impressive nominations, experts said the race was too close to call.

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**All 117 aboard killed in Iran plane crash**

TEHRAN - All 117 people aboard an Iranian domestic flight were killed when a Russian-built Tupolev 154 airliner crashed on Tuesday morning in a mountains while trying to land at the southwestern city of Khorramabad.

The mountain, in a range along the border with Iraq, was covered in snow and fog, which could have contributed to the crash and was hindering the search for bodies. Tehran airport sources said there were 104 passengers and 13 crew on the flight by Iran Air Tours, an affiliate of the state carrier Iran Air, and that they had set up a crisis center for families of the victims.



The last major air crash in Iran was in May 2001 when a Yak-40, also of Russian manufacture, came down in bad weather in the northeast of the country killing all 30 on board, including transport minister Rahman Dadman and seven members of parliament.

**Court to challenge Fiji government**

FUJI - A legal challenge to Fiji's five-month-old government is underway in the capital Suva, with analysts warning that defeat could prompt a nationalist backlash. The opposition Fiji Labor Party has brought the action before the appeals court because it claims it has been excluded from Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase's coalition government. Mr. Qarase has said he will resign if the court finds against him. Under the country's 1997 constitution, any party winning more than 10 percent of seats in parliament should also be given a place in the cabinet. The Labor Party won 27 seats in the 71-seat chamber in last September's election, yet was not awarded any cabinet posts.

Labor's leader, former Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudhry, has said his party should have been given at least six of the 21 cabinet positions.

The case highlights the continuing racial tensions which have dogged Fiji since Mr. Chaudhry's government was brought down in a coup in May 2000.

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 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center  
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Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item.

Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1247, or faxed to 453-8244. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

**Police Blotter**

**University**

- Jeremy M. Buening, 19, of Beecher City, was arrested at 1:40 a.m. Sunday and charged with underage possession of alcohol. He was issued a city pay-by-mail citation and released.
- A false fire alarm was reported at Allen I at 2:22 a.m. Sunday. There was no fire or injuries. Police have no suspects.
- Charvalis Royan Winding, 20, of Blue Island, was arrested at 5:54 p.m. Sunday at Schneider Hall and charged with domestic battery. Winding was transported to Jackson County Jail.

**Corrections**

Monday's story "Board of Trustees faces yet another lawsuit from a professor" should have read Gerald Stone was presented a real copy of the board's written policy and he became aware last year that the 1977 policy was never followed by the University. The 1977 policy states administrative salaries cannot be used to determine reassignment salaries.

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, ext. 252.

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# True tales of LummoX

Professor Mike Magnuson begins book tour tonight

STORY BY WILLIAM ALONSO  
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Professor Mike Magnuson is big, possibly oafish and smarter than he looks. He's not afraid to burp out loud or blantly stare at a gorgeous woman. He loves beer and often migrates to dank, smoky bars.

In short, he's a lummoX. He is also loud, a bit neurotic and the author of "LummoX: The Evolution of a Man."

To promote the release of this personal and hilarious piece of non-fiction, Magnuson is embarking on a book tour through the Midwest starting tonight in Carbondale at Barnes and Noble.

This gives him the opportunity to not only push his book, but to spread the lummoX way of life.

"LummoX" is Magnuson's third novel and takes readers through a third-person account of his life during his raging 20s.

It took four years for "LummoX" to reach its finished state. Magnuson said he was hesitant to begin a book that would open others to the details of his life and inner thoughts.

"It is all me, and I didn't think that was a good thing. I was willing to do it because I was getting paid to do it, which is the only reason to do anything in this world," Magnuson said.

"At first it was 800-pages long and it was like 'Oh the poor little fat boy, nobody cares about him; don't you feel sorry for his fat ass?' It was really depressing."

After Magnuson's editor saw the first edition, he promptly made him rewrite it. The result is an intimate and honest look inside the mind and soft spots of a lummoX that are often hidden from sight. Magnuson said it's embarrassing to let readers be privy to the details of his life.

"It is easy to hide behind something that isn't the case when you're writing or act like something you are not. I teach my students to write what they know," Magnuson said. "There is no reason to put on airs to impress people."

Magnuson is far from the run-of-the-mill professor that dwells in the classrooms of SIUC. When Magnuson steps into a classroom, clad in a plain one-colored T-shirt and old blue jeans, students may



Mike Magnuson, professor of English specializing in creative fiction, lounges in his "hidden" writing room Saturday afternoon.

get the notion he's there on a maintenance mission rather than to guide them through creative writing.

Reagan Hanley, a senior in English from Joliet, is one student that has come under the tutelage of Magnuson in his intermediate creative writing class last semester.

Hanley, whose focus is in poetry, said that Magnuson has a forthright and unorthodox teaching style.

"He is the type of person you want to pay attention to. He is definitely in it to make his kids better writers and it shows," Hanley said. "It was only my second fiction class and he encouraged me to pursue fiction more. He definitely opened my eyes to fiction."

Fellow creative writing professor Brady Udall, author of "The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint," calls



Mike Magnuson holds a hardback copy of his book, which is dedicated to Robert Jones, his friend and editor that passed away last year. Magnuson begins his book tour tonight, which runs through April.

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# City councilman donates money to Saluki Shakers

Molly Parker  
Daily Egyptian

City Councilman Brad Cole donated \$2,000 in personal funds to buy the Saluki Shakers, SIUC's dance squad, new uniforms.

For real? "When we talked to him, when we saw him out and stuff, we would talk to him about how we don't have anything to wear — nothing cute," said squad member Mandy Wilson. "Then he said he would buy them and we were like 'for real?'"

Yes, for real. The squad displayed its new look at Saturday's basketball game against Drake University — tight black low-rise pants and maroon midriff-baring tops, both laden with rhinestones. Members were greeted to the floor with their normal announcement as well as a special thanks to Gus Bode.

Cole. The University wasn't able to buy the squad new uniforms this year because it is strapped for cash, and the only way members could get a new look was through fundraising or paying out of their own pockets.

That's when Cole, who recently received a pay raise and promotion to deputy chief of staff for Gov. George Ryan, pulled out his checkbook.

"These girls, who are basically doing something for the University in an official way, should not have to pay for uniforms," Cole said.

One of Cole's stipulations for donating the money was that the squad, not the University, got to pick the uniforms.

"We told him what we kinda wanted and he kinda picked them out, and he kinda said whatever made us happy he wanted us to pick out," Wilson said.

Cole said he wanted to spend the money because he knew a few of the squad members and wanted to help out with their uniform sit-

uation. He said that since the basketball and football teams receive new uniforms on a regular basis, so should the dance squad.

"There have been games that the Shakers have been better than (basketball) team," Cole said. "Not necessarily this season, but if you have the activity then support it."

But with Cole's noble gesture also came his first lesson in Saluki Shaker uniforms — they're a lot more expensive than he thought. When he agreed to spend his personal funds on halftime outfits for the squad, Cole thought he would spend around \$50 per uniform.

But after he purchased 20 uniforms at \$100 per uniform, the total price tag came to \$2,000.

Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said he appreciated Cole's donation, as he does anyone who contributes to the Athletic Department. However, Kowalczyk said the best types of donations are those that do not come earmarked for a certain team.

He also said the Saluki Shakers get uniforms on a regular rotation with the rest of the teams when the money is there. Teams receive uniforms based on the amount of money available and the condition of current uniforms.

"In a perfect world they would get uniforms every year or every other year, but we have to stretch that a bit," Kowalczyk said.

The Shakers also bought additional new uniforms to wear on the sidelines by selling Mary Kay products and candles.

The next Saluki Shaker performance will be at the basketball game Feb. 20 against Creighton University at the SIU Arena.

Gus says: That's \$2,000 well spent!

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# Lithuanian researcher comes to SIU

Vytis Ciubrinskas is conducting research on Lithuanian-American communities in Illinois

**Keva Gaston**  
Daily Egyptian

Vytis Ciubrinskas traces the roots of his people back to Southern Illinois.

Ciubrinskas, a Fulbright scholar, is visiting SIUC for the spring semester and launching a research project on Lithuanian-Americans.

He is a native of Lithuania and an associate professor in ethnology and social anthropology at the Vilnius University in Lithuania. He is visiting the Department of Anthropology this semester to conduct a six-month research study on Lithuanian-American communities in towns such as Marion and will also cover other cities in Illinois including Chicago and Springfield.

Most of his research will come from Southern Illinois because a large number of Lithuanian-Americans live in the area. Lithuania is a European country in which large numbers of people immigrated to the United States in search of "nation building." The democratic system in the United States favored different kinds of social activities designed to assist rebuilding nations.

His primary aim of the project is to study several aspects of Lithuanian-Americans: the different waves of migration to the United States, the generations of the descendants and social networks of the new post-Communist Lithuanian arrivals in the Midwestern United States.

Ciubrinskas will not only explore Lithuanian-Americans rooted in American rural and urban areas, but recent labor/service immigrants with special reference to their attachments to certain communities, neighborhoods, workplaces and other social networks and institutions.

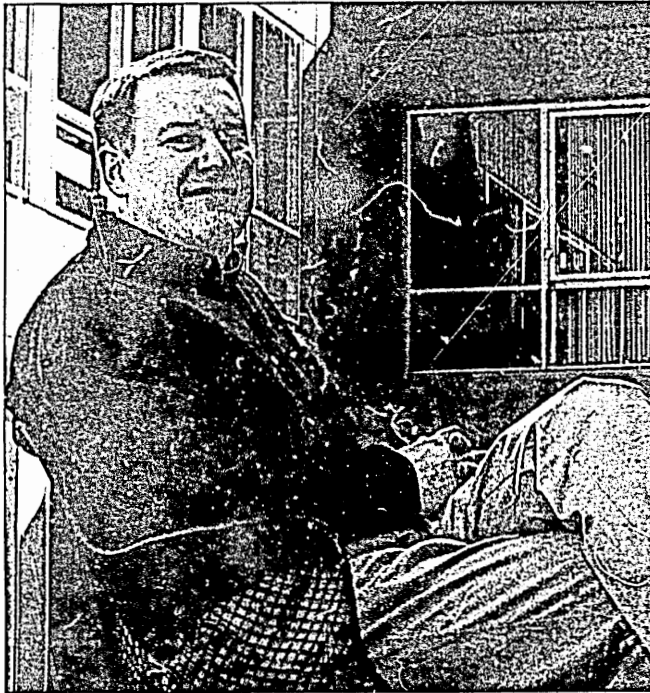
Ciubrinskas said he would like to focus the research on social networks and how social images shaped culture, character and ancestry.

"I need to analyze both the cultural roots as well as social cohesion and also sociocultural identity processes of the present-day Lithuanian-descended Americans," Ciubrinskas said.

Ciubrinskas received funding for the project from a program called Fulbright, a program funded by the U.S. government and the United Nations. It was named after the late U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. Its goal is to promote international exchange of scholars through the activity of international scholarship. The program brings international students to the United States and funds research and teaching by American scholars.

Ciubrinskas said he will apply field research methods in collecting his data instead of using archives from institutions. He will conduct the research based on interviews, life histories, ethnography writings from chosen rural and urban communities, observations, photographs and audio-visual documentation.

"In addition, I will use materials found in



DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Vytis Ciubrinskas is visiting the Department of Anthropology this semester to conduct a six-month research study on Lithuanian-American communities in Illinois. A native of Lithuania, he hopes that this research project will provide insight into their lifestyles and migration patterns in the midwestern United States.

local archives, museums and documentary centers as well as private collections," Ciubrinskas said.

He plans to do some of his research in the depository library at SIUC and at the library of the Lithuanian Research and Study Center in Chicago, which has the world-renowned collection of Lithuanian-American press.

Ciubrinskas feels that it is his duty as a Lithuanian native to conduct his research project to provide insight into their lifestyles and accentuate the diversity among them.

"It is important because we have articles on the Lithuanian migration, but not a single book on their everyday life," Ciubrinskas said.

Ciubrinskas has 16 years of experience doing ethnographic fieldwork and ethnographic writing. He studied Lithuanians in their native land and abroad applying methods of observation, interview, survey, life histories and interdisciplinary approaches to ethnographic data.

Jonathan Hill, chair of the Anthropology Department and specialist in the study of ethnic and social identities, also feels Ciubrinskas can do the job. Hill said Ciubrinskas is well-rounded and experienced in his field.

"Vytis has a strong record of research and publication on ethnic and national identities in the Baltic region of Europe, and he has collaborated with West European anthropologists in Sweden and Denmark," Hill said.

Hill said he met Ciubrinskas in the summer of 2000 when he was visiting SIUC during the planning stages of his current research project. They discussed Ciubrinskas' research proposal, logistics and other things. They communicated via e-mail since that summer and Hill helped him with the research proposal and wrote a letter of support.

Ciubrinskas feels he will benefit as a professional by conducting this research project. Since he arrived at SIUC on Jan. 22, he said he has already enjoyed his stay.

"I am happy about Carbondale and the diverse type of students I have encountered. The people are friendly and helpful and it makes it easier for me to dive into my project," Ciubrinskas said.

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## Knight's Inn crusading for more nightlife options

Local hotel shoots for liquor license

**Ben Botkin**  
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale's next possible entertainment locale doesn't need a location on the Strip. In fact, all the Knight's Inn is hoping for is a liquor license from the Carbondale City Council.

The Knight's Inn has recently applied for a liquor license that would allow them to serve alcohol in the hotel's lounge, said Jacob Boateng, general manager of Knight's Inn.

The potential roadblock for the liquor license has become an important issue after the Liquor Advisory Board recommended with a vote of 9 to 2 against giving the establishment a class D liquor license at their Thursday meeting. The city council

as the Liquor Control Commission will vote on whether or not to grant the license at their Feb. 19 meeting.

Erik Wiatz, who represents undergraduate students on the board, cast a supporting vote because of the potential for the Knight's Inn to give different types of entertainment.

Wiatz said the management of the Knight's Inn cited a Daily Egyptian article about limited nightlife options for minority students.

The Knight's Inn would provide a variety of entertainment options that some minority students say Carbondale lacks. Features of Spanish or Latino music are other possible options that could be implemented into the lounge's plan, Boateng said.

Key goals of the lounge are to provide students and their visiting families an alternative to Carbondale's traditional nightlife scene, Boateng said.

"Students would be provided with something different other than having

to go to the Strip," Boateng said.

The location in the lounge, 2400 W Main St, would provide a safe atmosphere that could be carefully monitored, he added.

Because of the desires of minority students to have more entertainment options, the Undergraduate Student Government will vote on a resolution in favor of granting the Knight's Inn a license at tonight's meeting, said Wiatz, who is also a USG senator.

Liquor Advisory Board member Paulette Curkin, who voted against recommending a license, said the request for a hotel liquor license is complicated because the Knight's Inn plans for more of a nightclub setting, which is different from what hotels usually provide when granted class D liquor license.

"I realize there needs to be more catering to minorities, but I don't think that would be the right venue," Curkin said.

But minority students of Black

Affairs Council disagree, and express regret at the possibility of a new nightlife option ended with city council members voting in favor of the Liquor Advisory Board's recommendation.

James Morris, co-coordinator of the council, stressed that efforts should be made to communicate with the public about why things affecting minorities — such as the Knight's Inn liquor license — are approved or denied.

Possum Jenkins, another council member, said that the Liquor Advisory Board did not make the right decision.

"It's not honest business," said Jenkins, a visual communications major. "It's partisan on the part of the liquor board and they don't give honest considerations."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### ON CAMPUS

**Pulitzer-winning photojournalists will speak at 7 tonight in the Lesar Law Building Auditorium**

John H. White and Orvie Carter are black photographers who work for the Chicago Sun-Times and the Chicago Tribune, respectively.

White won his Pulitzer for his combined photographs taken in 1982, and Carter earned his for international reporting in 1975, when he traveled to Africa and India to cover famines.

The two have known each other for more than 30 years and met before becoming rivals at the competing Windy City newspapers.

Samples of their works, including the shots that earned them the Pulitzers, will be shown at the lecture, and both men will speak on various topics.

**Wendler halts plans for prayer committee**

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said he is reconsidering his decision to form a committee to examine the use of prayer at SIUC graduation ceremonies.

Wendler received some flak from the SIUC and Carbondale communities after the December commencement ceremonies included a prayer. In response, Wendler said he would form a committee to analyze the future use of prayer in an attempt to receive more input from the campus about its incorporation.

Now he's backing off and said Tuesday he is going to wait for some direction from the SIUC Board of Trustees when it meets at the Edwardsville campus on Thursday.

The reason? He doesn't know what else can be said other than what he has already been told.

"I've gotten such a strong sense in both directions," Wendler said. "I'd like to see what suggestions come from the BOT."

### CARBONDALE

**Drive-by victim still in hospital**

The victim of a drive-by shooting Monday night in Murphysboro remains in stable condition at St. Joseph's hospital following a gunshot wound to the arm.

Maurice Harper, 23, told police he was walking along a secluded section in the 300 block of South 6th Street when a small black vehicle with tinted windows approached him. The passenger produced a small caliber handgun and shot him and the vehicle then fled the scene.

Harper was able to walk to a residence on South 5th Street for assistance. He was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Murphysboro.

Anyone with information about this incident can call the Murphysboro Police Department at 684-2122.

**Shopping trip to Mount Vernon offered**

The Carbondale Park District is offering a trip to Mount Vernon for a day of shopping. Those interested can sign up to shop at the Jent Factory Outlet, the Polished Plank Antique Mall and the Times Square Mall. The trip is on Feb. 26 and costs \$6 for Carbondale residents and \$8 for non-residents. The registration deadline is Tuesday. For more information, contact the Park District at 549-4222.

# Two alumni receive business award

## Business that began in a dorm room four years ago has had high growth rate

Ben Botkin  
Daily Egyptian

Whenever a promo for "Just Shoot Me" flashes across television screens, chances are pretty good that it was produced with a computer program created by two local SIUC alumni.

Todd Clemens and Ben Weinberger, co-owners of Carbondale-based Digitalsmiths Inc., were hailed for their business savvy when they received the Young Entrepreneur of the Year award Feb. 5 during the Governor's Small Business Conference in Springfield.

Clemens and Weinberger provide web design and online development to businesses through Digitalsmiths Inc., which is stationed in SIUC's Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center. They have recently collaborated with Sam Glick and Robbie Davis, two SIUC graduates who manage a Los Angeles production company, and designed a CD-ROM now in use by about 500 Fox-affiliated television stations. The CD-ROM has highlights of past episodes that directors can search for when producing promos. Digitalsmiths is also in negotiation to produce a similar product for the show "Frasier."

Weinberger said he had plans to work behind-the-scenes in broadcasting production as a radio-television major, which he is able to do through producing programming such as the "Just Shoot Me" CD-ROM.

Clemens, who majored in aviation flight management, said he knew aviation was not his niche after he began attending SIUC.

"Early on, I know it wasn't going to be my first choice of careers," Clemens said. "I enjoyed what I was doing."

After meeting on an Amtrak ride to Chicago, Weinberger and Clemens founded the enterprise in 1998 and began working out of a dorm room in Smith Hall, a humble start that gave their fledgling company the name "Digitalsmiths."

"Not going out of business was important, not that we were afraid we might. A solid foundation is always a challenge."

Ben Weinberger  
co-owner, Digitalsmiths

Although both often worked until 2 or 3 a.m. during their SIUC days, Weinberger said that they were still able to enjoy college life.

"We still had a good time with school and friends," he said.

Both completed their academic programs and graduated last year as their company continued to grow.

In the four-year span of their company's history, the entrepreneurial pair has seen profits that began as virtually nothing and progressed to earnings last year of about \$200,000 as the business expanded to include Fortune 500 companies and the Fox television network among its clients.

The annual growth of 30 to 40 percent every year was not because of advertising, but mainly word of mouth, they said.

"It's a big testament to our customer service," Clemens said.

Gaining a strong initial footing as the company got going was the biggest hurdle, Weinberger said.

"Not going out of business was important, not that we were afraid we might," he said. "A solid foundation is always a challenge."

Despite their growth, the young entrepreneurs remain modest, and say they appreciate the help they received from alumni and more experienced business owners.

"We don't try to pretend we know it all," Clemens said.

They were nominated for the award by Emily Carter, assistant director of the Small Business Development Center, which is also in the Dunn-Richmond Development Center.

The Small Business Development Center is affiliated with SIUC and counsels small business owners free of charge.

Carter said she decided to nominate Digitalsmiths after helping Weinberger and



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Todd Clemens and Ben Weinberger received the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award presented by Gov. Ryan for their local business Digitalsmiths. Digitalsmiths, a computer service specializing in internet development and media design, was started by the SIUC alumni in 1998.

Clemens develop a business plan for their company.

"Through working with them and getting to know them, I thought they were great candidates," she said.

The company will always strive for higher goals, Clemens said.

"We will always be trying to make it grow," he said.

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## LUMMOX

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the details of Magnuson's memoir the God's honest truth. Udall, who possesses some of the qualities of Lummo except for girth, said "Lummo" is revolutionary because it gives a voice to a demographic that is frowned upon and overlooked.

"The great thing about it is that there isn't a literary tradition that 'Lummo' fits into. In its own way it is fairly new and extraordinary. It's a no-holds-barred confessional type of biography that will make you laugh and feel uncomfortable at the same time," Udall said. "It deals with subjects and the kind of people that literature today isn't too interested in."

Magnuson is half in charge and half the class clown, according to Udall.

"Magnuson provides the chemistry for the English Department in a big way," Udall said. "He is always the one willing to say what no one else wants to say. And he manages to make it funny."

In a time when the University is having trouble retaining experienced professors, Magnuson said he has no intentions of jumping ship.

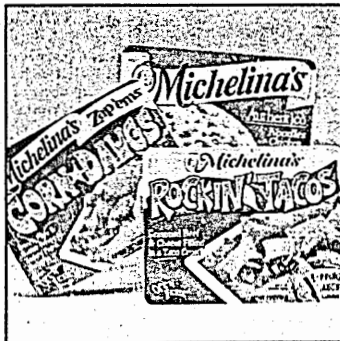
"They treat me pretty good here at SIU. I am allowed to be free here. I can say whatever I want to say. I can teach however I feel like teaching," Magnuson said. "I don't think there is any other place in the country where I can teach and have that freedom. I would never get a job anywhere else, who would hire me?"

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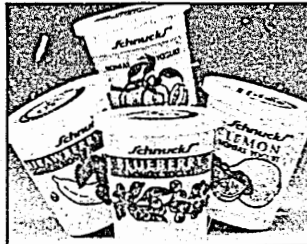
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## OUR WORD

### A permanent home for African-American museum will help enrich Southern Ill. region

More than 100 museums dedicated to African-American history are currently in operation in the United States, according to the U.S. State Department. Carbondale is not on the list, and for the matter neither is the Southern Illinois region.

Establishing an African-American museum in Southern Illinois would be a wonderful educational tool for students, faculty and residents in the area of all races. It would also be a tremendous showpiece for Southern Illinois, which has its own steep tradition in black history.

The effort to establish the museum began in 1997. Southern Illinois Achievers, a group of local residents and SIU faculty led by City Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, have worked to bring the museum to life. Originally, the group wanted to increase awareness about local influential black leaders. As word of their efforts spread, the organization began receiving items donated by local residents.

Last week, items and other exhibits went on display in the University Mall, including paintings, quilts and shackles worn by slaves. Such items deserve a permanent home. The museum is expected to house these items, but exhibits on positive African-American role models remains a primary focus.

Southern Illinois' history is rich with such people, including William Archie Jones, Carbondale's first black city councilman, and Eurma Hayes Center founder Norvell Haynes. The museum can help tell their stories and keep their memories alive.

The museum has plenty of support in this area, including the University, the Bank of Carbondale, the

The museum can help tell their stories and keep their memories alive.

Carbondale Chapter of the NAACP, among other local organizations. Securing a permanent location for the museum is still a work in progress. The project is still in need of financial support to secure a facility.

SI Achievers has relied on local churches and schools as viable places to showcase exhibits. McDaniel, a former president of the Carbondale Chapter of the NAACP, and other members of SI Achievers should be commended for their diligence, passion and hard work in moving the effort this far.

The museum would be the first of its kind in Southern Illinois. Supporters envision it as a place to bring together people from the region, those from other parts of the state and out-of-state visitors. Southern Illinois has a rich history, and an African-American Museum will only help better represent that history.



## GUEST COLUMN

### Not so excellent Olympics

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Maybe it's me. Maybe I am just not American enough to care, but am I the only person who is not watching the Olympics? I just cannot get motivated enough to turn on the TV and watch grown men do their "short program." I can't find the motivation to care who wins a hockey game between the Pittsburgh Penguins and the St. Louis Blues. So why would I turn on the TV to watch the Ukraine battle Switzerland? I am sorry; it just does not excite me at all. Why, you may ask, am I turned off by the world's greatest showcase of athletes? Maybe it is because I don't like winter sports. Can anybody tell me how curling became an Olympic sport?

I have seen some excellent athletes in this first week of Olympic coverage, but those who participate in curling are hardly in the best shape of any of the athletes. I am sure it is harder than it looks and takes more practice than it looks, but give me a break here folks, curling is not a sport. Curling is not the only sport that confuses me. I am still a little confused on what the "Skeleton" is, and didn't I watch snowboarding during the X-Games on ESPN? Maybe by 2006 there will be Olympic Dog Sledding and maybe Snowman Building.

The terminology for the winter Olympics is so confusing. I have no clue what a "quadruple salchow" is. To me it sounds like a dog featured at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

Apparently it is a type of jump for figure skating, but I think I am going to stick with my dog theory. The main reason I just can't watch the Olympics any longer is because they seem so pointless. I am sure when the Winter Olympics began in 1924, the novelty of competing against the world's best was very entertaining. Seventy-eight years later, it isn't. If I want to travel to almost any country in the world tomorrow, I could get on

a plane and do so. These competitors also do it. Most winter sports have the world championships. How meaningless does it make it that most of these same people competed against each other last year? Takes away from the excitement doesn't it?

The Curling World Championships begin in April in Bismarck, N.D. The World Figure Skating Championships are held March 18 to 24 just in case you miss the Olympics. So let me get this straight. The Olympics are very important, but the World Championships that are in a couple of weeks are just as important? Am I getting close here? I can see the conversation between competitors. "Well you won the gold, but I will get you back in Bismarck in 2 weeks." Some may even go like this, "Olympic gold is mine, but I won't be satisfied until I out-curl you in North Dakota."

I understand the Olympics mean so much to the United States this year. After Sept. 11, uniting on the part of this country is a stand against terrorism. Such a big deal is made of the Winter Olympics, and except for a small minority of the population, no one cares.

The Games used to be important. The Games used to mean something. Now the Olympics are nothing more than an over-advertised event that we are supposed to watch. You do realize between Feb. 8 and Feb. 24 NBC will have 375 hours of Olympic coverage. Man, that is a ton of advertising. Is that really why NBC wants us to watch? Probably.

Over the next week and half I may try to watch more than I have thus far. I may even try to figure out what a "quadruple salchow" is exactly, but if I don't figure it out during the Olympics, I may just tune in a couple weeks down the road and watch the ever-important World Championships.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The marvel of all history is the patience with which men and women submit to burdens unnecessarily laid upon them by their governments.”

William H. Borah

## WORDS OVERHEARD

“These items don't belong in a box.”

Carbondale Councilwoman Corene McDaniel on the African-American Museum of Southern Illinois exhibit at the University Mall. The artifacts have no permanent home.

## COLUMNISTS

African students must question disciplines  
outside their socio-strata

Recent discussions and forums in Black History Month have raised very important questions around constructs of identity and racism. Several of the speakers challenged the idea of white people as neutral observers of racism and argued that this tolerance of racist practice constitutes an individual racism. One speaker called for a comprehensive and more "sophisticated" evaluation of racism in terms of race being understood through components of gender and class. While I can understand the nature of the research, I question the effects of these perspectives in their implications on the canon of Black Studies. Is the purpose of the discipline merely to contravene the methods of inquiry in other departments, or is it to give legitimacy to a world view located culturally in black people?

As many scholars and others have noticed, disciplines shape personalities; they make them predictable and give them theoretical consistency. As such, what does the predictable nature of black studies look like? What can we assume about the students as a result of canonization? Many will believe students are angry. Some will even say the discipline teaches racism, but these arguments are only a matter of perspective. Philosophers detest ignorance and rejoice in an opinion saturated in accepted terms of reason. Psychology builds itself on its methods and study—the examples are endless. Disciplines create worlds that justify their means, but what of

Black Studies?

Is it enough to refute an idea of race that has no basis in scientific knowledge? What happens if we are successful in that agenda? Say race did not exist; then would our students still be able to specialize in Black Studies? The answer of course would be yes. What will it take, however, to have African people make a commitment to themselves? Have you ever wondered why Europeans, no matter how liberal or conservative or what field they are in, seem to believe in a certain concept of "humanity"? Have you wondered why disciplines make assumptions about the bare and



## My Nommo

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minimal "essence" of humankind? The academy builds itself on this assumption that rational individuals can learn and be shaped by knowledge.

Is this the basis of Black students' ability to learn? Are we working from the same framework as other disciplines? Are we just an interdisciplinary cultural studies program? Who knows? I have read countless articles on this debate, but the truth of the matter is, African students make these decisions. If Africans do not force the discipline to commit to a view of the world that institutionalizes a very specific purpose, then we are committed to evaluating the socio-political nature of a "race" construct that we say does not exist, but is the locus of all our research. African students have to act on this. It is not enough for students to be taught African history, literature, or political thought. We have to expect the process of social engineering to give credence to the discipline and legitimacy to its students. Resistance comes through decentering discourse, yet the decentralization of ideas in the academy must be rooted in tradition and formative purpose.

When are African students going to demand a language and position of cultural studies that moves beyond socio-political fields and description? I guess never. Perhaps because that would require African students to decide their own fate and an interpretation about their fundamental being outside of their experience. I can hope, can't I?

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## LETTERS

## Bin Laden likely dead

DEAR EDITOR:

The Taliban went tally-ho and the Al Qaida can't hide anymore. The Taliban change its turbans to whoever is in power faster than we change our clothes daily. The long, bearded, father of all gurus, Bin Laden, could have bitten the dust. Praise the Lord! There haven't been any new propaganda videos of Bin Laden in six weeks.

The last video of Bin Laden, he looked like death warmed over and had his graveyard face showing that the valley of the shadow of death was knocking at his soul. The Bin Laden name has nails in the coffin from the media. If Bin Laden were alive, we would see a new brainwashing, fanatic, madman video. Most likely his turban was ground zero for the bombs to drop on his head. Or he could have been trapped in a cave dying from hunger or giving in to the elements. Bin Laden could have been cremated. Someday the underground terrorist's remains will be found.

George Cuiley  
Pineyville

## Explain the audacity

DEAR EDITOR:

By 2002, I'm sure Carter G. Woodson had a vision that his Negro History Week would manifest into something much greater than Black History Month. Here we lie in the supposed beacon of intelligence, diversity and insight: a university setting. SIU prides itself on how many African-Americans graduate with degrees. We are flooded with this fact at least three times per year, seemingly the only fact SIU can hold on to pertaining to African-Americans.

My troubles lie with Student Programming Council, and I view SPC as a microcosm of what this University stands for. If those who organize SPC could tell me how they could believe showing the "Kings of Comedy" is paying homage to Black History Month? This movie embodies every stereotype placed on African-Americans, with countless four-letter words and m.f.'s.

When they dug into the archives of Black Film, they went right past "Malcolm X," "Sankofa" or "The Education of Sonny Carson." They might as well have shown "Birth of a Nation." I do not deny that comedy is a vital component of African-American culture, but there is a time and place for it. After the national anthem, we would not also play a song that gives light to the racism, sexism or any other "ism" prevalent in America, although they exist.

This seems to be the epitome of cultural insensitivity, which I believe this University, community and this nation exude. I am sure there will be those who will reply to this by saying, "At least they showed something." I liken the showing of the "Kings of Comedy" by SPC, to a slave master telling a slave "at least you work in the house."

Antyene Lester  
Carbondale

## How Webster must feel

It's funny how many e-mails I have received throughout the last three years in response to my column, all asking the same question: how old am I?

The reason for the question? The seemingly youthful photo appearing next to my writings, which usually reflect a life of older nostalgia. I have lost count of how many people who, upon meeting me say, "Gosh, you really look young. Just reading your references to Go-Bots and Molly Ringwald, I thought for sure that you were older than this. My mistake."

And most of the time, people like me don't even get credit for the few years we do have under our belts. Forget any exciting rites of passage, like cigarettes and alcohol. I actually got carded at the movie theater the other day. The movie theater. An R-rated movie, and I apparently didn't even look 17. Suddenly I knew how Webster must feel right about now. It was only after I gave the striking kid my lousy driver's license and he realized I used to baby-sit him that he sheepishly handed over the ticket stub.



## Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY  
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I guess I've always been a late bloomer. And it hurts to watch everyone around you turn into whoever it is they're going to become, and wonder when your adult self is going to show up. The rest of my peers eventually grew into their bodies. The boob fairy must've kept running out of magic dust by the time she'd pass my house on her route. Years after my friends had all enjoyed the journey to underwear, I was still pulling crumpled I.O.U.s from under my pillow.

My friends tell me I should appreciate my youthful appearance, that in 10 years I'll really be grateful when the rest of them have baggy eyes and

laugh lines. Call me spiteful, but when 30-something comes and goes, and I'm still left out in the cold with a juice box while my friends enjoy an evening on the town, I don't really think I'll care which of us spends more on alpha-hydroxy moisturizers. In fact, I yearn for the day I can peruse the age-defying skin care aisles with the intent of buying. In the meantime, I'd be willing to shell out for some wrinkle enhancing cream. Surely I can come up with some crow's feet for the right price, can't I?

It's not that I want to look older than I am, either. I'd settle for status quo. It's just that with a young face comes the automatic assumption that I am too immature to carry on any kind of adult, educated conversation. I am rarely taken seriously by those who would be my senior.

The problem is, though, I don't seem to fit in among those I most closely resemble, either. Finding no personal need for a pierced navel or T-shirt bearing the glittery words, "Real Hottie," I feel awkward around

teenagers as well. So where do I turn? To my computer screen, apparently. Even now, as I type bitterly away, I take solace in the one medium that judges me not by my innocent face and chubby cheeks. And while I wonder if any of this griping has had any point at all, I cannot help but think there are more of you out there like me.

So the next time one of you has to rely on older-looking friends to sneak you into the picture show, know that you are in good company. At least drop me a line and let me know how the movie went. Chances are, I'm still outside waiting for the review.

*Not Just Another Priddy Face appears on Wednesday. Grace is a senior in architectural studies. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.*

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# Shakira dances her way to SIUC

## Internationally known Middle Eastern dancer gives seminar

Ivan Thomas  
Daily Egyptian

At a young age internationally known dancer Elizabeth Fannin, known as Shakira, on stage, began to pursue her fantasy of becoming a Middle Eastern dance performer.

Now the Kentucky native has become an expert instructor, bringing a new world of culture to the SIUC campus.

"I found out that I wanted to be a dancer when I was in the third grade. A woman was teaching it on the local cable channel," Shakira said. "From then on I decided that was what I wanted to do."

Developing awareness of the body's capacity for movement, fluidity and flexibility is what students can expect when attending the dance seminar of the internationally known Shakira.

The performer and instructor, now residing in Columbus, Ohio, will conduct a three-hour class Saturday at 1 p.m. in the East Assembly Room of the Recreation Center, showing participants how to use their bodies to the fullest. They will use various techniques and methods including warm-ups, stretches, cool-downs and different vibrational movements, known as Shaimiez, which is the trademark of Middle Eastern dance.

Tedi Thomas, the adviser for the Middle Eastern Dance Enthusiasts, said Shakira will teach a workshop called "Unlocking the Mystery of Shaimiez," and reveal that everyone has a natural Shaimiez to discover.

"Shakira will be teaching a dance workshop, and show people how to utilize their mind and body, and she will also demonstrate physical training techniques," Thomas said.

Several dancers from around the country will be present at the seminar to study Shakira's techniques, and witness the grace of the expert more directly.

Shakira has been studying Middle Eastern dance for 24 years and has taught and performed in New York City, Finland, England, Canada and also plans to go to Italy. In addition to her talent in dancing, she also studied for four years in medical school and has a certificate in body movement. Shakira fell in love with the art at a young age, and since then has chosen to devote her life to it.

Many people have benefited greatly from doing the exercise, and it helps to improve total body control.



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Many of the movements are quite similar to those of Tai-Chi.

"A lot of women who do this say that they feel empowered to do things that they wouldn't be able to do otherwise," said Shakira.

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The dance workshop has a \$25 registration fee. For more information, contact Middle Eastern Dance Enthusiasts at 453-5012.

# USG addresses minority issues

## USG President Michael Perry hopes city will take action

Ben Botkin  
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale continues to be a breeding ground for problems surrounding race relations, according to Michael Perry, president of Undergraduate Student Government.

Perry said he hopes the city will address problems that include more entertainment options for minorities, better employment opportunities and improved access to the mass transit system.

The issues were initially brought to light when Perry presented them at the Feb. 5 Carbondale City Council meeting. Perry spent time beforehand discussing the issues with members of the Black Affairs Council, Hispanic Student Council and International Student Council.

He added that he became aware of minority students' concerns by serving on the Task Force for Race and Community Relations.

Perry wants a human relations commission formed, separate from the city council, to discuss concerns within the community.

"It would be an outside body to go to for advice and help,"

Perry said.

USG will propose potential changes to the mass transit system and has already informed the system about its concerns.

Minorities have also expressed concerns about the lack of employment, according to Perry.

"Everybody seemed to feel minorities were lacking [in places of employment]," he said.

In addition to discussing issues with minority student groups, Perry also spoke with students on an individual basis.

"There have been issues that have come across my desk," he said.

James Morris, a Black Affairs Council co-coordinator, said black students on the Strip sometimes feel they are unfairly targeted by police and stressed the need for the public to be aware of law enforcement policies.

"There needs to be information open to the public," Morris said. "An individual needs to be informed of standard police procedures."

BAC members agree that entertainment options are limited, and stressed a desire for a Black Studies major, in addition to a multi-cultural center for education and entertainment.

"We don't just have social needs; we also have academic needs," said council member Reggie Fouché.

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# Wood makes pit-stop at SIUC, tours Head Start

Arlin Thompson  
Daily Egyptian

Republican gubernatorial candidate Corinne Wood is coming to Southern Illinois to promote her education platform — and she's going to do so at SIUC's Head Start facility.

Wood is running against Attorney General Jim Ryan and Sen. Patrick O'Malley, R-Palos Park. She will be touring SIUC's Head Start Facility at 9 this morning to look for some new ideas for the future of youth education.

"There should really be more funding for earlier childhood education," Wood said.

The Head Start program offers comprehensive services for children

ages three to five and their families. The program prepares children for school readiness and social competence, and it offers families the ability to become more self-sufficient.

Robin Freeman Gibbs, SIUC Head Start parent and Policy Council member, said the program is wonderful for parents and children.

"Head Start really changed my life. I have a sense of importance, and the program has helped me and my sons become closer," Gibbs said.

The program has been in existence for about 35 years. Children attend classes, and community workers act as liaisons with families to help them reach personal goals.

"If the parents want to get their G.E.D., for example, Head Start can

help them reach that goal," said a Head Start employee.

Head Start is not considered a preschool or kindergarten, but classes are taught by qualified preschool teachers with planned programs and a learning curriculum for children of the same age group.

Wood said programs like Head Start are great for producing better students.

"This is especially important for high risk children," Wood said. "If we don't get to them early enough, they will have a hard time competing and keeping up in the future."

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# Will America's top pop star become a movie star with 'Crossroads'?

Terry Lawson  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

**NEW ORLEANS (KRT)** — Britney Spears doesn't want to be Britney Spears. At least for a couple of hours.

"My biggest wish is that people would just go see this movie and forget about who I am and just see Lucy," Spears says of the titled small-town teen-ager she plays in her first film, "Crossroads," which will open nationwide Friday. "But I know that's very hard because it's hard to separate the two, because I am who I am."

Who she is is the biggest solo pop star in North America. This means Britney can get a movie made just because she is Britney. She is the first female pop singer in history to have her first three albums debut at No. 1. If her latest album, "Britney," has failed to reach the stratospheric heights of her first two sets of sex-drenched bubblegum, it is not, she reminds us, really for the cutout bins yet.

"Crossroads" is, in her words, the attempt to "take it to the next level." Ever since she hit the jukebox jackpot at age 17 with "... Baby One

More Time," she has been inundated with offers to make a movie, but she says her first priority was to establish herself as a singer.

Critics would argue over whether she has in fact done that, but few would deny that she's worked every attribute she has to the max or that she's created an image — sweet virgin playing sexy dress-up, or sexy undressed-up — that has inspired a million fantasies, in teen-age girls and boys alike, not to mention a few older fans who, uh, like to keep up with kids today.

She says "Crossroads" was the result of her "brainstorming about a movie," having been unimpressed by all the scripts she had been offered. She was inspired by the fact that "to this day, I still have the same three best friends I've known forever. Then I started to think of different story lines where I could go, and that's where the writer came in and really helped me."

Britney plays Lucy, who, after graduating from high school, defies her overprotective father (Dan Aykroyd) by going off with her grade-school best friends Kit (Zoe Saldana) and Mimi (Taryn

Manning) on a road trip. Mimi, who is pregnant, is going to Los Angeles to audition for a record contract, while Zoe wants to visit her fiancé there. Lucy wants to be dropped off in Phoenix, to visit the mother (Kim Cattrall) who abandoned the family when Lucy was a baby. Their driver is a handsome guitarist (Anson Mount) who, rumor has it, was in jail for murder.

In the film's first 10 minutes, Lucy is seen in her underwear twice. The first time, she's miming to a Madonna song, which Spears says "is my little tribute." The second time, she's disrobing for a planned deflowering that she can't go through with. Lucy, it turns out, is a virgin.

"It's a little embarrassing, because when we made the movie, none of that stuff was being talked about," says Spears. "That stuff" is British tabloid reports that Spears is no longer the proud virgin she has told various interviewers she was. Spears makes it clear she doesn't want to reopen that can of worms. But she does say she can't live up to her fans' expectations, "because I have no idea what those expectations are."

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relationships easier.

Jack Parker, dean of the College of Science, said he's depended heavily on Winters' expertise in dealing with personnel. Winters spent five years as associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, before that she chaired SIUC's Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

Parker acknowledged that the current situation is not the easiest, especially when considering the current \$7 million budget shortfall.

"The chancellor is in a peculiar situation, and he needs someone who will be able to help him with these issues, especially during this frantic time of year with so many things going on."

Robert Hillkirk, dean of the College of Education, said Winters has provided many years of devoted service to the University, and he's sorry to see her leave.

But he is confident the University will weather the old storm of interim positions and the new one of budget cuts.

"It's not unique to this University to have times of transition," he said. "We have a permanent chancellor in place, we have permanent deans in place. People will pull together."

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## BUSINESS

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"It is better to feed off them than to work against a multi-billion dollar corporation," he said.

Craig Etherton, a sales manager at Computer Warehouse in Carbondale, said he is not concerned about Best Buy hurting computer software and hardware sales at his store.

He said the main reason his business has been able to stay afloat for 17 years is because of its dedication to giving back to the community and the personal attention that customers receive.

"We've done free programs with the community to teach people about Windows basics and operating systems—we're from the community, we grew up here, we're familiar faces," Etherton said.

He also said many customers he deals with on a daily basis like being recognized when they walk in the door, something they won't find when shopping at a large retail store.

It's that kind of personal connection that many local businesses say is important when competing with large retailers.

George Sheffer, president of Mardale True Value, said residents should support local businesses because of the integral part they play in supporting a community.

He said local business owners often go to extra lengths when helping customers, and they are more knowledgeable regarding purchases.

"I believe there are local businesses out there that compete very well price-wise with the competition and give value to a product. The value is the services we provide, the risks we take out with purchasing something, and the knowledge we carry about the particular item you're buying," Sheffer said.

Still, some business owners are realistic about some of the advantages that large retail chains have when it comes to visibility.

In December, Sigurd Utgaard said his business, Rosetta News, was suffering because of competition with Barnes and Noble, a corporate bookstore giant. He said business has picked up slightly this semester, but the main problem that still exists is that many people still do not know about his business.

He said that for stores like Plaza Records, CD Warehouse and Rosetta News, visibility is one of the main keys to competing with large retail chains.

"Unfortunately it has become the nature of the animal; those who are more visible usually get more customers," he said.

Two city council members said they believe a store like Best Buy will help local business by attracting consumers to the area.

Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan said she thinks local businesses will not suffer because of Best Buy's opening.

"If anything, it will pull a larger market of customers that will help local stores," she said.

Councilman Brad Cole said the increase in store openings will only benefit the consumer.

"The more stores you have, the more competition there will be for lower prices. That is the root of capitalism," he said.

As the April 1 opening of Best Buy nears, it will be business as usual at Plaza Records. And when Best Buy does open, Sands is confident his store will weather the storm.

"In the long run, when everyone is going to be fighting over cheap CDs, we're still going to be a music store that carries all of the formats."

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# Ex-Enron chief Lay expresses sadness but still takes the 5th

By Dave Montgomery  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Former Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay invoked his constitutional right against testifying before Congress Tuesday, encountering a chorus of outrage from senators who accused him of failing to "come clean" about Enron's collapse.

The dethroned corporate baron told members of the Senate Commerce Committee that he wanted to respond to questions but was advised by his lawyer to invoke the Constitution's Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination.

"I am deeply troubled about asserting these rights, because it may be perceived by some that I have something to hide," Lay said.

"But after agonizing consideration, I cannot disregard my counsel's instruction. Therefore, I must respectfully decline to answer."

Issuing what he described as a "very brief statement," Lay also expressed "profound sadness" about Enron, "its current and former employees, retirees, shareholders and other stakeholders."

Thousands of ordinary citizens, including Enron employees, lost millions of dollars as Enron stock plummeted prior to its December collapse into the nation's largest bankruptcy.

The 59-year-old Houston executive became the sixth Enron figure to invoke the Fifth Amendment. The highest-ranking official to testify thus far is former Enron chief executive officer Jeffrey Skilling, but his statements before a congressional

committee last week conflicted with other testimony and prompted some lawmakers to suggest that he may have committed perjury.

The company's downfall has been blamed on up to 3,000 off-the-books partnerships, which enabled the company to hide losses and inflate profits, enriching executives in the process. William C. Powers Jr., who headed an internal investigation that highlighted the transactions, told committee members Tuesday that his inquiry provided only "a cursory" look and suggested that many other irregularities still remain to be uncovered.

"This is just a start," the University of Texas law school dean said of his investigation.

As the Enron founder who built the Houston-based pipeline company into America's seventh-largest company only to watch it collapse into bankruptcy, Lay was the man whom lawmakers were most eager to question.

He had earlier promised to testify; but changed his mind earlier this month, prompting the Senate committee to compel his appearance through a subpoena.

Even though he was expected to plead the Fifth Amendment, his appearance generated a circus atmosphere, attracting swarms of reporters and camera crews.

Seven jobless Enron employees, escorted by civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, arrived early to watch his performance.

Lay, wearing a gray suit and red tie, arrived precisely at 9:30 a.m., followed by four attorneys, a public relations representative and his

"I am deeply troubled about asserting these rights, because it may be perceived that I have something to hide."

Kenneth Lay  
former Enron Chairman

daughter, Liz Vittor. Before being called as a witness, he sat stoically on the front row for more than an hour as senator after senator flailed away at his stewardship of the failed company.

The harshest recriminations came from Sen. Peter G. Fitzgerald, R-Ill., who called Lay "perhaps the most accomplished confidence man since Charles Ponzi," a 1920s scam artist who made millions through bogus investment deals now known as "Ponzi schemes."

"I'd say you were a carnival barker, but that wouldn't be fair to carnival barkers," Fitzgerald continued.

"A carnie will at least tell you up front that he's running a shell game."

Lay, who is also scheduled to appear before a House panel on Thursday, noted that one of the Fifth Amendment's basic functions is to "protect innocent men" and urged senators not to draw a "negative inference."

As he left the committee chambers, Lay was asked by reporters if he will eventually present his account of the Enron story.

"I hope so," he responded.

# For talk-show host Letterman, it's too late to turn back now

David Letterman refuses interviews for his 20-year anniversary

By Ed Bark  
The Dallas Morning News

David Letterman and his 20 years in late-night television are being commemorated by CBS publicists this month via a nice, 38-page collection of highlights.

He's celebrating the occasion by not doing interviews, which is his wont and his right. As he nears 55, Letterman and his rejuvenated ticker are perfectly content to let "Late Show" speak for itself. It's the same game plan followed by his idol, Johnny Carson, who was accessible early in his career and then drew the curtain. There are worse examples to follow.

Yours truly was fortunate enough to get in on the ground floor: A pair of vintage one-on-one interviews attest to that. The first came during the second year of his NBC "Late Night" program, which premiered on Feb. 1, 1982. Letterman almost canceled our planned meeting, but was convivial and quotable once he agreed to go. He wore a Chicago Cubs cap, an unbuttoned gray T-shirt and jeans. Scattered about his office on the seventh floor of NBC's "30 Rock" headquarters in Manhattan were a tetherball, a wiffle ball and two baseballs, one with the all-but-

obliterated signature of Hall of Famer Johnny Bench.

"Johnny's going to be upset," he joked.

Letterman said he already had grown tired of hearing himself talk. In fact he only recently had allowed NBC to set up any interviews at all.

"This is a backlash from the first wave," he said, "when NBC kept sending people in. And after a while, all you can hear is your own voice saying the same stupid things over and over again. I'd go home and turn on 'Entertainment Tonight,' which is loaded with celebrities saying stupid things about themselves. I'd sit there, and I'd punch my girlfriend and say, 'Boy, they sound like complete fools.' And then, of course, I realized that if they sound like jerks, I sound like a jerk. So I just got to the point where I said, 'Let's give it a rest for a while.'"

The second time around was five years later in Las Vegas, where Letterman did a week's worth of "Late Nights" from Bally's Hotel and Casino. Dean Martin and the Goldiggers also were performing nightly under the same roof. Letterman wore red shorts, a gray George Washington University T-shirt and a Los Angeles Dodgers baseball cap. After our interview he went his own way, bouncing a baseball through Bally's.

"I really would love to have kids," he said, circa 1987. "I'm tired of spending all my waking energy worrying about the show, and I wish I had a more normal anchoring system, like everybody else in America.

"See, nobody should be in show business, because if you're not an [expletive], it'll turn you into one. There should be no show business. It shouldn't be allowed."

David Letterman  
Talk-show host

I wish I had a reasonable home life and stuff, but you work so hard and so long to get something that you want that you're hesitant to relax — at least I am — because you're afraid it might go away. I'm not lying to you. I do feel that other way. ... I don't know why I just can't sort of relax and be a little easier-going about it, but I can't seem to do it."

His wiseguy interviewer couldn't resist telling him that Burt Reynolds seemed to be doing a similar "I want to be a father" riff every other month.

Letterman laughed and rejoined, "See, nobody should be in show business, because if you're not an ... (expletive), it'll turn you into one. There should be no show business. It shouldn't be allowed. You don't need to be entertained, for god's sake."

All these years later, Letterman remains single and without children. But as an entertainer he's better than ever. So happy anniversary, Dave, and many happy returns.

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# Bush decides to overthrow Saddam Hussein

By Warren P. Strobel & John Walcott  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) - President Bush has decided to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein from power and ordered the CIA, the Pentagon and other agencies to devise a combination of military, diplomatic and

covert steps to achieve that goal, senior U.S. officials said Tuesday. No military strike is imminent, but Bush has concluded that Saddam and his nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs are such a threat to U.S. security that the Iraqi dictator must be removed, even if U.S. allies do not help, said the officials, who all spoke on condition of anonymity.

"This is not an argument about whether to get rid of Saddam Hussein. That debate is over. This is ... how you do it," a senior administration official said in an interview with Knight Ridder. The president's decision has launched the United States on a course that will have major ramifications for the U.S. military, the Middle East's

future political alignment, international oil flows and Bush's own war on terrorism. Russia and most of America's European allies have expressed alarm about the administration's escalating rhetoric on Iraq. The course also is fraught with potential military difficulties, with most experts on Iraq warning that a campaign there would not be as swift or virtually free of American casualties as Afghanistan. There, rebels of the northern alliance, backed by U.S. commandos and massive U.S. airpower, quickly overthrew the Taliban regime.

He's going to inform them that the president's decision has been made and will be carried out, and if they want some input into how and when it's carried out, now's the time for them to speak up," one senior official said. In the lead-up to Cheney's trip, however, a sharp debate has erupted within the administration over what role Iraqi opposition groups should play, particularly the main group, the Iraqi National Congress. Officials in the Near East Division of the CIA's Directorate of Operations, the clandestine service, warn that the INC, a coalition of Saddam opponents, is divided by internal feuds and almost certainly penetrated by both the Iraqi and Iranian intelligence services.

Nevertheless, one foreign leader who met Bush recently came away "with the feeling that a decision has been made to strike Iraq, and the 'how' and 'when' are still fluid," added a diplomat who asked not to be further identified. The CIA, senior officials said, recently presented Bush with a plan to destabilize Saddam's well-entrenched regime in Baghdad. The plan proposed a massive covert action campaign, sabotage, information warfare and significantly more aggressive bombing of the "no fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq. U.S. and British forces patrol the zones to prevent Iraqi planes from bombing opposition forces.

"Where the INC is concerned, no real covert operation is possible," said one U.S. intelligence official with experience in the area. "The INC isn't the northern alliance, and the (Iraqi) Republican Guards aren't the Taliban." In fact, one U.S. intelligence official said Iraqi opposition leaders already have been heard talking about the new campaign to oust Saddam. Hawks in the office of defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld are pushing for a major role for the INC. Their position was strengthened last month, when Bush called Iraq part of an "axis of evil."

Bush reportedly was enthusiastic, and although it could not be determined whether he gave final approval for the plan, the CIA has begun assigning officers to the task. Bush also is dispatching Vice President Cheney next month on a tour of 11 Middle East nations, including many of Iraq's neighbors, whose leaders are leery of a U.S. attack on Baghdad. While the mission's purpose has been portrayed publicly as sounding out Middle Eastern leaders on Iraq policy, Cheney in fact will tell them that the United States intends to get rid of Saddam and his regime, several top Bush aides said.

These officials believe the brunt of the fighting can be borne by Iraqi opposition forces - primarily ethnic Kurds in northern Iraq and Shi'a Muslims in the south - with assistance from U.S. airpower and CIA and special forces advisers on the ground, following the Afghanistan model. Uniformed military officials, however, are skeptical of the opposition groups, doubtful that Saddam's military will crumble the way the Taliban did and worried that large numbers of U.S. troops could be called on to rescue opposition forces if they get bogged down or trapped.

"He's not going to beg for support.

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# Colleges react to a changing American landscape

By James M. O'Neill  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

**PHILADELPHIA** — Colleges usually act more like tortoises than hares when it comes to changing curricula. It can take a year or more to approve a professor's proposal for a new course.

But many colleges resembled road-runners after Sept. 11, scrambling to make courses on terrorism, Islam and related subjects available for the spring semester.

Professors also spent winter break tearing apart existing syllabi to make them relevant to the post-September landscape. And departments added extra sections of courses that once struggled to attract students.

A week after the terrorist attacks, Ursinus College viology professor Robert Dawley started gathering data on bioterrorism. Then the anthrax scare hit. Dawley suggested to colleague Anthony Lobo that they offer a new course on bioterrorism.

"My initial reason was a gut-level

patriotism," Dawley said. "... What could I do to help?"

"I hope the students get an idea of the complex challenge of planning against bioterrorism," Dawley said. He also said he hoped the course might spark students to devote their careers to the issue.

Like Dawley, professors everywhere are responding to surging student interest in topics that might have been hard to find on course lists last year.

At the University of Pennsylvania, professor Stephen Gale's course on terrorism doubled to 30 slots. At Camden County College, professor Gene Evans now has two sections of his terrorism course. And St. Joseph's University, which dropped one section of "Intro to Islam" last semester for lack of interest, has both sections oversubscribed this term.

Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School has three new courses related to Sept. 11. Visiting lecturer Jonathan Marks, a British barrister, will teach "Lawful Responses to Terrorism After Sept. 11: A Human Rights

Perspective."

After reviewing international law, Marks expects students to research whether America's treatment of captured Taliban prisoners has been acceptable under international law and whether the law would allow for continued American military activity in the war on terrorism.

"Faculty told me that Princeton students are quite inward-looking when it comes to political issues, so I structured the course to make them more outward-looking," Marks said.

About 100 students slumped in the tiered seats of a Drexel University lecture hall the other day as biology professor Charles Haas explained that a mere kilogram of anthrax released during a 1979 accident at a Soviet Union weapons facility caused dozens of anthrax cases.

Haas is offering a bioterrorism course for the first time. He eviscerated one myth for the students, saying it would not take a truckload of anthrax to effectively contaminate a reservoir serving 50,000 people. A quarter-

pound would do.

Describing how someone might spread the spores, Haas sounded more like the head of a cooking class: "A wet slurry would be fine. And it would be nice to minimize clumping."

Graduate student Russ Green, 47, who works at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant, took the course to learn which organisms could pose a terrorist threat for the facility.

"I've gotten a sense of relief," Green said. "It's just a few organisms, and even these have real disadvantages."

Instead of inventing new courses, some professors made existing courses more relevant after the terrorist scares.

St. Joseph's English professor Owen Gilman added a required text for his course called "Texts and Contexts" — Daniel Defoe's "A Journal of the Plague Year."

Defoe's novel describes a plague that swept through London in the 1660s. "It's a superior story, looking at how people reacted," Gilman said. "Given the uncertainty that students lived through last fall, there's a lot of

comparability."

Gilman expects that students will get a better perspective on their experience when they consider how the London plague killed thousands, and survivors fell behind burying the dead, while the anthrax scare killed a handful and still heightened American anxiety.

Like Gilman, Alan Tarr, a Rutgers-Camden professor, updated a constitutional law course to examine President Bush's executive order making military tribunals available to try those captured in the terrorism war.

Students will study how President Abraham Lincoln suspended habeas corpus during the Civil War, and how, after the war, the Supreme Court called his action unconstitutional. In contrast, a later Supreme Court ruling upheld President Franklin D. Roosevelt's use of a military tribunal to try German saboteurs during World War II.

"Students will analyze the implications of these cases for Bush's order," Tarr said. "This is an opportunity for them to realize that our Constitution has real-life significance."

## Global warming slowing Earth

By Seth Borenstein  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

**WASHINGTON** — Feeling like the day is dragging? Blame global warming.

Increased man-made carbon dioxide, a global warming gas in the atmosphere, is slowing the Earth's rotation, according to a new study by Belgian scientists published Tuesday in the journal Geophysical Research Letters.

It's not much of a slowdown — about 1.7 microsecond or 1.7 millionth of one second a year, according to co-author Michel Crucifix, a climate researcher at Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium.

The slowdown occurs because extra carbon dioxide expands the mass of the Earth's atmosphere from the Earth's surface. The change slows the Earth's rotation for the same reason that the spins of ice skaters slow when they extend their arms.

Crucifix's findings were based on runs of 14 different computer models.

Even without global warming, Earth has been slowing, mostly because the gravitational pull of the moon has been acting as a brake. Keepers of the master clock at the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington generally add a leap second to official time every 12 to 18 months to compensate, said observatory spokesman Geoff Chester.

The effects of lunar braking plus global warming add up to this: A day in the year 2002 is about .002 seconds longer than it was in 1900, Chester said.

Not that you'd notice. "If you're banking on getting an extra minute of sleep, it'll be an extra 3 million years before you see that," Chester said.

For more information, check out the following Web site:

To understand angular momentum, the physics behind Earth's spin, check out the Exploratorium in San Francisco's Momentum Machine: [www.exploratorium.edu/snacks/momentum-machine.html](http://www.exploratorium.edu/snacks/momentum-machine.html)



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# Terrorist information led to FBI attack warning

## Al-Qaida leak shows plan to attack U.S. embassy in Yemen

By Lenny Savino & Warren P. Strobel  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON—The FBI issued its latest terrorist attack alert Monday night after al-Qaida detainees described a plan to attack the U.S. embassy in Yemen, provided the names of participants and confirmed the plotters' identities from photographs, law-enforcement and intelligence officials said Tuesday.

According to the officials, who requested anonymity, one of the detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, said a cellmate in Afghanistan had told him of a plan to attack the embassy in Yemen. A U.S. intelligence official said the terrorists planned to fire rocket-propelled grenades or mortars from a house they had rented or purchased near the embassy.

Boulos Malik, a spokesman for the embassy in Sanaa, Yemen's capital, said authorities had cordoned off the facility in the outskirts of the city and provided more guards. The embassy is also protected by a U.S. Marine security detail.

The name of the alleged leader of the attack, Fawaz Yahya al Rabeai, was given to the CIA on Monday, said a second senior intelligence official, who also asked to remain anonymous. The CIA had previous information that al Rabeai "was telling people he was going to do something against the U.S. at about that time," the second official said.

U.S. officials obtained pictures of al Rabeai and 16 other suspected terrorists from the Yemeni and Saudi Arabian governments, and one or more of the al-Qaida detainees posi-

tively identified them from the photos, the official said.

The officials said the only suggestion of a possible attack in the United States came from a detainee who said he thought one of the suspected terrorists might be in America. A check of immigration and other records found no evidence that any of the 17 suspects had entered the United States, the official said, but the FBI decided to warn of possible domestic attacks anyway, "just to be on the safe side."

The State Department issued a public announcement of a "credible terrorist threat to U.S. interests in Yemen," including the embassy, on Jan. 14. There are 10,000 to 20,000 U.S. citizens in Yemen, State Department officials said Tuesday, but more than half are Yemenis with dual citizenship.

Some intelligence officials, however, think the plan to attack the embassy might have been shelved and that the group may have been planning to attack a different U.S. target.

Skeptics have criticized Attorney General John Ashcroft's practice of issuing the alerts, which have kept Americans on edge. Monday's was the fourth alert since Sept. 11.

Speaking before an Anti-Terrorist Task Force in San Antonio on Tuesday, Ashcroft underlined their necessity.

"... Information is the best friend that freedom has," Ashcroft said. "Prevention is predicated on information."

Ani Fleischer, President Bush's spokesman, said Tuesday that the alert was "exactly the type of information that needs to be shared with the local law-enforcement community ... to disrupt a potential attack."

Saudi and Yemeni authorities who have been criticized for lackadaisical efforts to track al-Qaida finances and operatives, won praise for helping with Monday's alert. The Yemeni port city of Aden was the scene of the October 2000 bombing of the destroyer USS Cole, which killed 17 American servicemen and women.

# Oscar-nomination surprises can be found beneath the surface

By Terry Lawson  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

On the surface, Tuesday's Oscar nominations seemed almost less than ordinary. Two successful, expensive mainstream films, the fantasy adventure "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" and the inspirational drama "A Beautiful Mind," won 13 and eight nominations, respectively; a daring commercial and critical disappointment, "Moulin Rouge," won eight.

But, as a recent Oscar-winner implored, look closer.

Though none of the experts who were trotted out to do instant analysis for the morning TV shows seemed to notice, Oscar's big 2002 breakthrough was the color barrier. For only the second time in Oscar history, three African-Americans were nominated in major acting categories.

Denzel Washington, who played the corrupt cop in the intense "Training Day," and Will Smith, who had the title role in the impressionistic biography "Ali," will be competing against each other for best actor. Their other competition will be Tom Wilkinson ("In the Bedroom"), last year's winner Russell Crowe ("A Beautiful Mind") and Sean Penn ("I Am Sam").

Halle Berry, who dispelled arguments that she was just a pretty face with her powerful portrayal of an abusive mother and widow of an executed killer in "Monster's Ball," will attend the big dance on March 24. She'll be in the company of other best-actress nominees Judi Dench ("Iris"), Nicole Kidman ("Moulin Rouge"), Renee Zellweger ("Bridget Jones's Diary") and presumed front-runner Sissy Spacek ("In the Bedroom").

It is the first time two black actors have been in competition. In 1972, two black actresses, Cicely Tyson ("Sounder") and Detroit's Diana Ross ("Lady Sings the Blues") vied for the best-actress award, while Paul Winfield ("Sounder") was nominated for best actor. None won. Never before have all the African-American nominees appeared in three different films.

Look deeper yet, and you'll also see a seismic shift in both the Hollywood power structure and Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences voter allegiances.

The major studios have spent the past decade acquiring independent companies in an effort to gain critical prestige and respectability while they concentrated on audience-pleasing blockbusters and star-driven spectacles. And it is now the rebellious children who are bringing home both the awards and the bacon for their parents.

While Warner Bros. earned only seven Oscar nominations this year, its New Line division brought home 14.

Walt Disney Studios, which produced the most expensively budgeted film in history last year with "Pearl Harbor," earned seven nominations, all in technical categories (three for "Pearl Harbor," three for "Monsters, Inc.," one for "The Royal Tenenbaums"). But Disney-owned Miramax had 14 ... six in major categories, with three of the best-actress nominees appearing in Miramax films.

While Universal had to share its eight "A Beautiful Mind" nominations with co-producer DreamWorks, its boutique arms USA and Universal Focus had seven nominations between them ... six for Robert Altman's stylish murder mystery/class comedy "Gosford Park" and one for David Lynch, who directed "Mulholland Drive."

As always, the Oscar nominations had their share of anomalies, surprises and mysteries. Lynch and Ridley Scott ("Black Hawk Down") were both nominated for best director, but their films were not nominated. Australia's Baz Luhrmann and Todd Field were not nominated, but the films they directed — "Moulin Rouge" and "In the Bedroom" — were.

Gene Hackman, who won a Golden Globe for his performance as the wayward patriarch in "The Royal Tenenbaums," failed to get a nomination, which would make Russell Crowe, who won the best-actor prize last year, the favorite to repeat.

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### ONE BEDROOMS

504 S. ASH #5  
507 S. ASH #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #13  
508 S. ASH #3  
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504 S. BEVERIDGE  
602 N. CARICO  
403 W. ELM #1  
403 W. ELM #2  
403 W. ELM #4  
718 S. FOREST #2  
718 S. FOREST #3  
507 1/2 S. HAYS  
509 1/2 S. HAYS  
406 1/2 E. HESTER  
406 1/2 E. HESTER  
208 W. HOSPITAL #1  
210 W. HOSPITAL #1  
210 W. HOSPITAL #2  
703 S. ILLINOIS #101  
703 S. ILLINOIS #102  
703 S. ILLINOIS #201  
703 S. ILLINOIS #202  
612 1/2 S. LOGAN  
507 1/2 W. MAIN #A  
507 1/2 W. MAIN #B  
507 W. MAIN #2  
400 W. OAK #2  
202 N. POPLAR #2  
202 N. POPLAR #3  
301 N. SPRINGER #3  
414 W. SYCAMORE #E  
414 W. SYCAMORE #W  
406 S. UNIVERSITY #1  
334 W. WALNUT #2  
600 S. WALNUT  
703 W. WALNUT # E

### TWO BEDROOMS

408 S. ASH  
504 S. ASH #1  
514 S. ASH #2  
502 S. BEVERIDGE #2  
504 S. BEVERIDGE  
508 N. CARICO  
602 N. CARICO  
601 N. CARICO  
306 W. CHERRY  
311 W. CHERRY #2  
404 W. CHERRY COURT  
405 W. CHERRY COURT  
406 W. CHERRY COURT  
407 W. CHERRY COURT  
408 W. CHERRY COURT  
410 W. CHERRY COURT  
406 W. CHESTNUT  
408 W. CHESTNUT  
310 W. COLLEGE #2  
310 W. COLLEGE #3  
310 W. COLLEGE #4  
501 W. COLLEGE #4  
501 W. COLLEGE #5  
501 W. COLLEGE #6  
503 W. COLLEGE #6  
113 S. FOREST  
113 S. FOREST  
303 S. FOREST  
718 S. FOREST #3  
500 W. FREEMAN #3  
507 1/2 S. HAYS  
509 1/2 S. HAYS  
406 S. HAYS  
408 1/2 E. HESTER  
408 1/2 E. HESTER  
410 E. HESTER  
703 W. HIGH #E  
208 W. HOSPITAL #1  
703 S. ILLINOIS #202  
703 S. ILLINOIS #203  
613 S. LOGAN  
612 1/2 S. LOGAN  
507 1/2 W. MAIN B  
207 S. MAPLE  
908 W. McDANIEL  
300 W. MILL #2  
300 W. MILL #3  
300 W. MILL #4  
407 E. MILL  
400 W. OAK #3  
501 W. OAK  
300 N. OAKLAND  
511 N. OAKLAND  
1305 E. PARK  
202 N. POPLAR #1  
301 N. SPRINGER #3  
301 N. SPRINGER #4  
913 W. SYCAMORE  
404 S. UNIVERSITY N  
404 S. UNIVERSITY S  
503 S. UNIVERSITY #2  
1004 W. WALKUP  
334 W. WALNUT #3  
402 1/2 W. WALNUT  
404 W. WILLOW

### THREE BEDROOMS

408 S. ASH  
410 S. ASH  
506 S. ASH  
514 S. ASH #3  
514 S. ASH #6  
405 S. BEVERIDGE  
501 S. BEVERIDGE  
502 S. BEVERIDGE #2  
503 S. BEVERIDGE  
506 S. BEVERIDGE  
507 S. BEVERIDGE #1  
507 S. BEVERIDGE #2  
507 S. BEVERIDGE #3  
507 S. BEVERIDGE #4  
509 S. BEVERIDGE #5  
508 S. BEVERIDGE  
509 S. BEVERIDGE #1  
509 S. BEVERIDGE #2  
509 S. BEVERIDGE #3  
513 S. BEVERIDGE #4  
513 S. BEVERIDGE #5  
515 S. BEVERIDGE #1  
515 S. BEVERIDGE #2  
515 S. BEVERIDGE #4  
515 S. BEVERIDGE #5  
1200 W. CARTER  
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311 W. CHERRY #1  
405 W. CHERRY  
407 W. CHERRY  
406 W. CHERRY COURT  
407 W. CHERRY COURT  
408 W. CHERRY COURT  
410 W. CHERRY COURT  
406 W. CHESTNUT  
408 W. CHESTNUT  
300 E. COLLEGE  
309 W. COLLEGE #1  
309 W. COLLEGE #2  
309 W. COLLEGE #3  
309 W. COLLEGE #4  
309 W. COLLEGE #5  
400 W. COLLEGE #1  
400 W. COLLEGE #2  
400 W. COLLEGE #3  
400 W. COLLEGE #5  
407 W. COLLEGE #1  
407 W. COLLEGE #2  
407 W. COLLEGE #4  
407 W. COLLEGE #5  
409 W. COLLEGE #1  
409 W. COLLEGE #3  
501 W. COLLEGE #1  
501 W. COLLEGE #2  
501 W. COLLEGE #3  
503 W. COLLEGE #1  
503 W. COLLEGE #3  
302 S. CRESTVIEW  
506 S. DIXON  
104 S. FOREST  
113 S. FOREST  
115 S. FOREST  
120 S. FOREST  
303 S. FOREST  
500 S. HAYS  
503 S. HAYS  
507 S. HAYS  
511 S. HAYS  
513 S. HAYS  
406 E. HESTER  
408 E. HESTER  
208 W. HOSPITAL #2  
401 S. JAMES  
903 W. LINDEN  
507 S. MAPLE  
908 W. McDANIEL  
405 E. MILL  
407 E. MILL  
411 E. MILL  
413 W. MONROE  
400 W. OAK #2  
402 W. OAK #1  
402 W. OAK #2  
408 W. OAK  
501 W. OAK  
300 N. OAKLAND  
505 N. OAKLAND  
602 N. OAKLAND  
6299 OLD HWY. 13  
1305 E. PARK  
202 N. POPLAR #1  
506 S. POPLAR #1  
506 S. POPLAR #3  
506 S. POPLAR #4  
506 S. POPLAR #5  
506 S. POPLAR #6  
506 S. POPLAR #7  
509 RAWLINGS #2  
509 RAWLINGS #3  
509 RAWLINGS #4  
509 RAWLINGS #5  
509 RAWLINGS #6  
519 RAWLINGS #4  
519 RAWLINGS #5  
913 W. SYCAMORE  
1710 W. SYCAMORE

404 S. UNIVERSITY #N.  
404 S. UNIVERSITY #S.  
404 W. WALNUT  
404 1/2 W. WALNUT  
504 W. WALNUT  
820 1/2 W. WALNUT  
600 S. WASHINGTON  
168 WATERTOWER DR.  
404 W. WILLOW

### FOUR BEDROOMS

508 S. ASH #1  
405 S. BEVERIDGE  
501 S. BEVERIDGE  
508 S. BEVERIDGE  
1200 W. CARTER  
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503 S. BEVERIDGE  
503 S. BEVERIDGE  
405 W. CHERRY  
407 W. CHERRY  
300 E. COLLEGE  
312 W. COLLEGE #1  
710 W. COLLEGE  
305 S. CRESTVIEW  
104 S. FOREST  
113 S. FOREST  
120 S. FOREST  
511 S. FOREST  
603 S. FOREST  
500 HAYS  
500 HAYS  
507 HAYS  
509 HAYS  
511 S. HAYS  
513 S. HAYS  
406 E. HESTER  
408 E. HESTER  
208 W. HOSPITAL #2  
507 W. MAIN #2  
413 W. MONROE  
505 N. OAKLAND  
6299 OLD HWY. 13  
509 S. RAWLINGS #7  
519 S. RAWLINGS #6  
404 W. WALNUT  
820 W. WALNUT  
600 S. WASHINGTON

### FIVE BEDROOMS

405 S. BEVERIDGE  
300 E. COLLEGE  
312 W. COLLEGE #1  
710 W. COLLEGE  
305 S. CRESTVIEW  
406 E. HESTER - ALL  
208 W. HOSPITAL - ALL  
210 W. HOSPITAL - ALL  
507 W. MAIN #1  
402 W. OAK - ALL  
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**Daily Horoscopes**

By Linda C. Black

**Today's Birthday (Feb. 13).** You should do well this year by following the wisdom of the ages. You're good at inventing new things, but it's the tried and true that works best. Old values, old rules and even old money serve you well. Reject a "friend" who would tell you otherwise. To get the advantage, check to a day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 7 - Are you just slightly more pensive than usual? With all that's going on, it's hard to tell. Do you have the feeling something's holding you back? Slowing you down? Heed that feeling.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 7 - The negotiations you're into now could make you quite successful. Trouble is, you're not so sure. You may be worried that you're not expressing yours. If well. Trust your instincts, not your doubts. Prayer helps, too.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 7 - You'll notice that it's getting easier to express your feelings. It'll become especially noticeable tomorrow, so get your facts and figures, and prepare to present your case - for more money, that is.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is an 8 - You can consider yourself successful, even if you haven't finished everything on your lists. Completion occurs step by step, well before you're finished.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 7 - You may have been accused of being self-centered in the past, but now you can only think about others. Buying gifts for somebody you never expects one is a great way to show your love.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 7 - You don't have to do it all any longer. You've proven you can, and that's enough. Let a hand take some of the load. You'd do the same, and probably have, in the past. Accept a favor.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 21)** - Today is a 7 - Having great ideas is only part of the creative process. You still have to put in the effort. The vision should be clear, so roll up your sleeves. It won't be easy. At least one thing you try won't work.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 7 - Sure, there are still a few annoying things going on in your life. They're not quite so bad when you have a sympathetic listener. Somebody doesn't mind hearing your complaints, and that might help you solve the problem.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 7 - Are you interested in making some changes at home? Adding a golden, hooking up a new sound system, or maybe even listening to your family more carefully? Now is a good time to start.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is an 8 - Money and education are still major themes in your life, and they may be linked. Your work may fund the classes you're taking, and the classes may help you earn more.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is an 8 - Take all that information you've gathered, then add imagination, a stroke of brilliance and good luck. Will! You'll come up with a moneymaking scheme.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 7 - It may be hard to stick to your agenda. You have to take other people's wants and needs into consideration. Unfortunately, those wants and needs don't always match yours. Be flexible.



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# Nasty ending to pair competition

By Filip Bondy  
New York Daily News

## SALT LAKE CITY

(KRT) - An elegant night at the pairs rink Monday suddenly assumed the nasty, illegitimate aura of a Las Vegas boxing match, from a pre-bell smash at the start to a highly questionable decision at the end.

When the evening was done, Russians had won - or stolen - the Olympic pairs title for the 11th straight time since 1960, and the Canadians felt black and blue and robbed.

"What we can't control we can't control," said David Pelletier, after losing with partner Jamie Sale to Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze. "If I didn't want this to happen to me, I would have gone down a hill on skis."

"With that bad collision during

warmups, my stomach was hurting a lot," Sale said. "That's the first time I've been in pain or discomfort."

Sale of Canada stands just over five feet tall without her skate boots, far too small to be throwing a blind-side crosscheck at Sikharulidze of Russia, who is 11 inches and many pounds bigger.

But Sale inadvertently smashed into Sikharulidze at mid-ice in the pairs warmup, and it turned into an intimidating thud. After the crash, Sale picked herself up, the two teams consoled each other, then went to the same corner for some quick first aid.

"It was a freak accident," Sale said. "It knocked the wind out of me. I looked at Dave and said, 'I'm not finished. No way.'"

Berezhnaya and Sikharulidze skated soon afterward, and clearly they were not ready: Sikharulidze butchered a double axel. Berezhnaya,

who was nearly killed in a skating accident in 1996 with a previous partner, barely hung onto a landing off a triple throw.

The Russians were still smooth between jumps, still balletic, but not their usual confident selves. Their fluid lines and musical interpretations were enough to give them solid artistic scores, however, and they wanted to see what would happen next.

"We did good," Berezhnaya insisted. "The practice before the performance didn't affect us."

It seemed Sale and Pelletier, the reigning world champions, were very nearly perfect. The two skaters have been known to squabble very publicly at times, then to make up. This time, they skated convincingly enough to the theme from "Love Story."

When they were done, the crowd chanted, "6." The judges, not convinced by the pair's choppy style, were not nearly so charitable.

The judges from Russia, China, France and Ukraine voted for the Russians, with a big edge in artistic marks. The judges from the U.S., Canada, Germany and Japan voted for the Canadians. Only the French judge broke from the traditional voting blocs, which still apparently stand at these Games.

The Canadians had skated their best. The Russians had not. And observers were left to wonder: Did judges penalize Sale for her warmup accident? Did they merely enjoy the silly Russian style of pairs?

"Without question, I am embarrassed by the judging," Lori Nichol, the Canadians' choreographer, said before breaking down in tears.

She sobbed all the way up the medal stand and into the corridor.

The Chinese pair of Xue Shen and Hongbo Zhao finished third, while Kyoko Ina and John Zimmerman, the top U.S. pairs team, were fifth.



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Kyoko Ina and John Zimmerman, of the United States, skate during the Pairs Short Program, Saturday night.



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Canadian figure skaters David Pelletier and his partner Jamie Sale, hold up flowers in celebration after receiving the silver medal as Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze, of Russia, who won the gold, look on during the medal ceremony for the pairs free skate program at the 2002 Winter Olympics Monday night.

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2/27	7:00	Saluki	St. Louis
2/28	7:00	Saluki	St. Louis
2/29	7:00	Saluki	St. Louis
2/30	7:00	Saluki	St. Louis

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The main difference, besides the absence of Stremsterfer, is the Salukis will have three pitchers they can rely on instead of depending on one.

"When somebody's not on, there's going to be two other people to pick them up," Kloess said. "People are going to be coming in in safe situations; some people are going to be pitching the whole game and sometimes not. It'll be different, but it'll be a good different."

Blaylock feels Kloess is ready to have a breakout season, but knows that Mueller and Harre are going to take some time to adjust to Division I softball.

"I think we can be a very, very, very good staff. I don't think there's any question about that," Blaylock said. "But again, we've got to give ourselves some time to get into it."

All the mystery surrounding the young team should enable the Salukis to sneak up on teams early in the season, but if their talent comes around like is expected, it won't take long for that luxury to run its course.

"People think that since we did lose six seniors that it's going to be a growing year for us, which maybe it will be," Haley Viehhaus said. "But we don't look at it like that at all because we have such good talent on our team."

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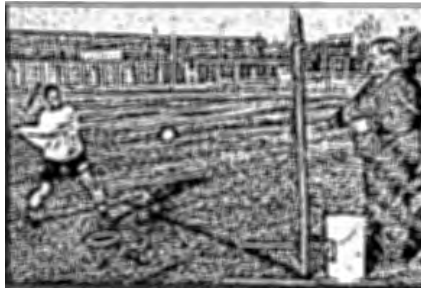


STEVE JANHKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

(ABOVE) Transfer student, Renee Mueller (right) warms up for her spot in the rotation with fellow pitcher Katie Kloess (left) on Monday. Mueller, Kloess, and freshman Amy Harre are expected to handle the pitching duties since the graduation of MVC Pitcher of the Year, Erin Stremsterfer, last season. (LEFT) Assistant Coach, Buddy Foster, pitches to Saluki infielder, Tahira Saafir, during softball practice at IAW Field Monday afternoon. Saafir, a senior, is one returning player on a team that will feature six freshmen and one transfer this season.

**Saluki Softball Roster 2002**

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44	Creek, Kelly	UT	Fr.	Belleville
16	Damico, Maria	OF	Fr.	Gray Summit, Mo.
05	Fartman, Karrie	C	Sr.	Oak Park, Johnston City
01	Glasco, Tara	OF	So.	Johnston City
24	Guenther, Jen	OF	Sr.	Greendale, Wis.
40	Harre, Amy	P	Fr.	Nashville, Ala. Pass
23	Hopkins, Elissa	OF	Sr.	Fenton, Mo.
18	Jordan, Katie	C/IF	Fr.	Belleville
11	Kloess, Katie	P	Jr.	Belleville
25	Moore, Kendra	OF	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
08	Mueller, Renee	P	Jr.	Johnston City
12	Saafir, Tahira	IF	Sr.	South Holland, Pacific, Mo.
15	Viehhaus, Adia	C/IF	So.	Pacific, Mo.
06	Viehhaus, Haley	IF	So.	Pacific, Mo.
35	Weddle, Jami	IF	Fr.	Garden Grove, Calif.



# Ohno moved past that rock and a hard place

Mike DeArmond  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

**SALT LAKE CITY (KRT)** - Apolo Anton Ohno is the lord of all short-track speedskating.

He's the World Cup champion at 1,000 meters, the event at which he will make his Olympic debut with a preliminary run Wednesday afternoon. But that's just the tip of his speed skating here.

By virtue of having won seven of the eight U.S. Olympic Trials events, Ohno, will skate until his legs drop off at the 2002 Winter Games. He's in the 500 meters (the U.S. record holder), the 1,500 meter (he's the world record holder), the 5,000-meter relay (preliminaries also Wednesday) in addition to the 1,000.

But four years ago, after failing to make the U.S. Olympic team bound for Nagano, Japan, Ohno wasn't at the center of his sport's universe. He was in a spongy.

In a cabin, on the seashore near his native Seattle, pondering his future as only a 15-year-old can. And it was raining, a cold hard rain.

"It was my third workout of the day," Ohno remembered. "I was running and it was just pouring outside and I had like a hole in my shoe or something, and I was getting a huge blister and I was just so tired, and tired of training, and stopped."

There was a rock, a big one, on the side of the road where Ohno stopped and sat on it, and asked the unanswerable question that everyone ever really asks of himself, the why question.

"Life is just one, long journey," Ohno says now. "I think a lot of people look towards the destination and the results more than they look at the journey."

That observation came in hindsight, of course, remarkable in its insight even now at 19. The answer to the why question, at 15, proved to be another question.

Apolo Anton Ohno, sitting on that rock, in the rain, ultimately came to a "Why not?" conclusion.

"I just realized that if I was really desired to keep speedskating, I'm going to keep running," Ohno said. "And I got back up and I kept running."

If there is one turning point in the making of Ohno the athlete, that was it. Today, Ohno is The Man, not only in America, but across the world, when it comes to his sport.

It didn't start out that way, of course. It never does. At best, Ohno started off his short-track career as a reluctant participant.

Already an in-line roller skater, Ohno remembers watching short track skating on television during the 1994 Winter Olympics with his dad, a hair stylist in Seattle. In 1997, Yuki decided to send his 14-

year-old son to a junior development camp in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Apolo not only didn't want to go, he didn't go.

"My dad took me to the airport, then he said goodbye," Ohno said. "He left and then I called one of my friends to pick me up at the airport. I went to their house, and I was gone for a little bit."

Like three days. "I was 14," Ohno said. "I was sort of rebellious against anything my dad said or anybody with authority."

Authority prevailed, as it usually does. Yuki Ohno made new travel plans for his son to Lake Placid, and this time stayed at the airport until the flight left.

Apolo said he at first hated Lake

Placid. "Being moved from Seattle to New York is such a big change, you know?" Ohno said. "And especially Lake Placid, such a small town, and I had never been in that kind of environment. I just felt kind of caged for a little bit."

A man named Pat Wellon, one of the coaches at the development camp, drew Ohno out of that cage.

He showed Ohno what could be done if Ohno would put in the work. Ohno responded, telling the coach: "Just make me a machine."

Wellon's reply was to warn Ohno: "You're going to be in a world of pain."

Four years later, Ohno is putting a world of hurt on the competition. It is anticipated, even demanded.

U.S. Olympic teammate Rusty Smith - he'll be competing here in every individual event alongside Ohno and with him on the relay - sees how that attention sets Ohno apart.

"Every time," Smith said. "They expect him to win."

That's fine with Ohno. He contends it puts no extra pressure upon him.

He goes back to that day, on the rock, in the rain, when he found a reason to get up and starting running toward this day.

"I was given a gift to skate and this is something I love," Ohno said. "This is something I was meant to do."

He's going to be doing a lot of it in Salt Lake City.

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SMS has had its moments — especially at home — but those high points have been offset by a failure to win several close games and a disheartening inability to separate itself from the pack in a watered-down conference.

"I think they have as much talent as anybody in the league," SIU head coach Bruce Weber said. "They just haven't seemed to put it together."

The Bears (12-13, 7-6 MVC) seemed to be making inroads, but Hinson was "greatly disappointed" in the way his team played in a loss at Wichita State on Saturday.

"It was a little shocking — no pun intended — because we were led to believe the way we were practicing [prior to the game] that we would play really well," Hinson said. "And it's rather alarming

for us, especially considering who our next opponent will be. Now we have to find out whether it's a bump or a dag-gum pothole."

Meanwhile, the game provides Weber a chance to win in the only Valley venue he has yet to conquer. But the Salukis won't have it easy in trying to steer clear of another setback in the Ozarks.

"They have players, so we're going to have to play good basketball to find a way to win," Weber said.

SIU will also have to contend with a traditionally rabid fandom, which helped swing the momentum in the Bears' favor when SMS came from behind to sting the Salukis last season.

"The crowd's right down on top of you there, and they're very vocal," Saluki guard Kent Williams said. "It's hard to play there, so we can't be breaking down no matter how loud their crowd gets and we have to stay within our game-

plan."

The Bears are one of the few MVC teams that feature a frontcourt capable of rivaling SIU's inside players. Though he had an off night when the Salukis beat SMS in Carbondale earlier in the year, senior forward Mike Wallace provides a powerful and athletic paint presence for the Bears.

"I don't think anybody on this team thinks we're going to walk all over those guys," SIU forward Sylvester Willis said. "We're doing a lot of rebounding drills and boxing out drills to get ready for physical play, so there aren't going to be any surprises on Wednesday."

It won't just be the big boys that determine tonight's game. Hinson said it will be essential for his perimeter players — like point guard Robert Yanders, slumping Terrance McGee and Daniel Novak — to raise their level of play if Southwest is to make a push to be noticed down the stretch.

"Toward the end of the year, as your guards go

so goes your team, so we're banking on that," Hinson said.

A win tonight would allow SIU to match its season-long win streak at five. Going on an extended roll to end the season would send a loud message to the rest of the conference as the Valley tournament nears.

"That would give us some confidence and probably give some others teams some doubts," Williams said.

Most important, though, is the Salukis' quest to win the conference. SIU is tied with Creighton for first, and if it can stay afloat on its two-game road trip that starts tonight, the Salukis will be in shape to take command when the Bluejays arrive in Carbondale next week.

"It's sitting there for the taking," Weber said.

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fun season," Alley said. Only time will tell if Alley can return to his old form after a season on the sidelines.

"I'm not feeling horrible right now, but I'm not where I want to be," Alley said. "By the end of the year, I want to be one of the top pitchers in the conference."

Nelson, who was forced from the mound with an elbow injury last season, will play third base for most of the season and double as the Salukis' No. 4 starter. Nelson said it was difficult watching the pitching struggle last year, but he expects it will be much better this year.

"We didn't have such a great year, and I was itching to get out there," Nelson said. "We've got a lot of depth this year, and we got some veterans back who got some pretty good innings last year."

The addition of Alley and Nelson should vastly improve a pitching staff that finished sixth in the MVC with a 6.07 team earned run average. Although the team's overall pitching suffered last season, SIU was able to stay close in most of its games due to sound defense.

SIU will be led in the field this season by Nelson at third and Jeff Stanek at first base. Stanek is a four-year starter and leads an infield that returns all its starters from last year.

Stanek attributed the Salukis' success in the field to a more intense approach to defense last season.

"We worked hard, and a lot of guys took extra ground balls every day before practice," Stanek said. "We really concentrated on playing strong defense last year."

The outfield returns all of its starters from last year in Justin Maurath, Cory Newman and Sal Frisella. The most interesting addition to the outfield is senior Brandon Mells, the former starting point guard for the Saluki basketball team.

Mells skipped his final year of eligibility with the basketball team after being slowed with an injury and decided to return to the baseball diamond, where he had been a standout in high school.

Callahan is impressed with Mells' athleticism, something that is in relatively short supply on the Saluki squad. However, he noted the effect that being away from baseball for three years has had on Mells.

"We were in situations in the fall where you could have told him a breaking ball was coming and he wasn't going to hit it," Callahan said. "If he can make routine plays and put the ball in play, then he's got a chance to help us a little bit."

Although SIU seemingly has improved since last season, the Salukis have still been picked to finish eighth in the nine-team conference.

The majority of the Salukis were surprised by the low selection, but they're not complaining.

"It's always better to be the underdog and come up and go to

Baseball Schedule 2002



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athletic director, University of Northern Iowa

## JUDGEMENT CALL

Position on SIU Board of  
Trustees doesn't make Ed  
Hightower turn in his whistle

Jay Schwab  
Daily Egyptian

Ed Hightower readily admits he's a Saluki basketball fan.

"I don't mind saying I'm happy to see Southern Illinois University doing so well," Hightower said. "I'm cheering for [coach Bruce Weber] and happy to see him be so successful, because he deserves it, and Southern deserves it.

"So am I pulling for Southern? Yes I am."

So what's the problem? It seems only natural that Hightower — an SIU graduate and a member of the SIU Board of Trustees — would have a soft spot for the Salukis.

Yet as the Salukis jostle for a spot in the NCAA tournament in the season's final weeks, they're not just competing with teams on their schedule, but with a pack of other schools across the nation vying for a spot in the 65-team field. And as a college basketball official, Hightower's calls play into the fortunes of many of those teams SIU is pitted against.

Hightower, a member of the SIU board since last spring, is one of the most prominent and respected college basketball officials in the country. Although games that he officiates may affect SIU's prospects of squeezing into the NCAA field if it doesn't win the conference tournament, Hightower has no ethical qualms with continuing his officiating career.

"That's ludicrous," Hightower said. "There is no connectivity at all."

Others in college basketball circles seem to agree: that while Hightower's situation is somewhat unusual, any attempt to paint it as controversial is contrived.

There are few cases around the country comparable to Hightower's, but one of the most similar exists at another Missouri Valley Conference school. Rick Hartzell is the athletic director at the University of Northern Iowa, and like Hightower, he also referees games in a handful of high-profile conferences such as the Big Ten and Big 12.

Hartzell said the affiliations he and Hightower have with their universities is "hardly worth thinking about" in the context of whether it calls their ability to officiate fairly into question.

"It's a 50-mile stretch," Hartzell said. "I can understand why people might try to put that together, but those people who say that have never walked in a guy like Ed Hightower's shoes."

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It is important to note that Hightower immediately gave up officiating games in SIU's conference — the Missouri Valley — upon being appointed to the board in April of 2001. That was not an easy call for Hightower to make, but it was one he deemed necessary.

"I resigned from the Missouri Valley to remove any perception out there that there is a conflict of interest," Hightower said. "Anytime you give up a relationship that you've enjoyed, it's difficult."

However, Hightower did say that he would not rule out working Valley games in the future if there was enough sentiment around the league for him to return.

Hartzell said he believes it would be inappropriate for Hightower or himself to work an MVC game, but only out of sensitivity to perception.

"I can tell you Ed Hightower and I could work a Northern Iowa Southern Illinois game and it would be a well-officiated ballgame," Hartzell said. "Would anybody buy that

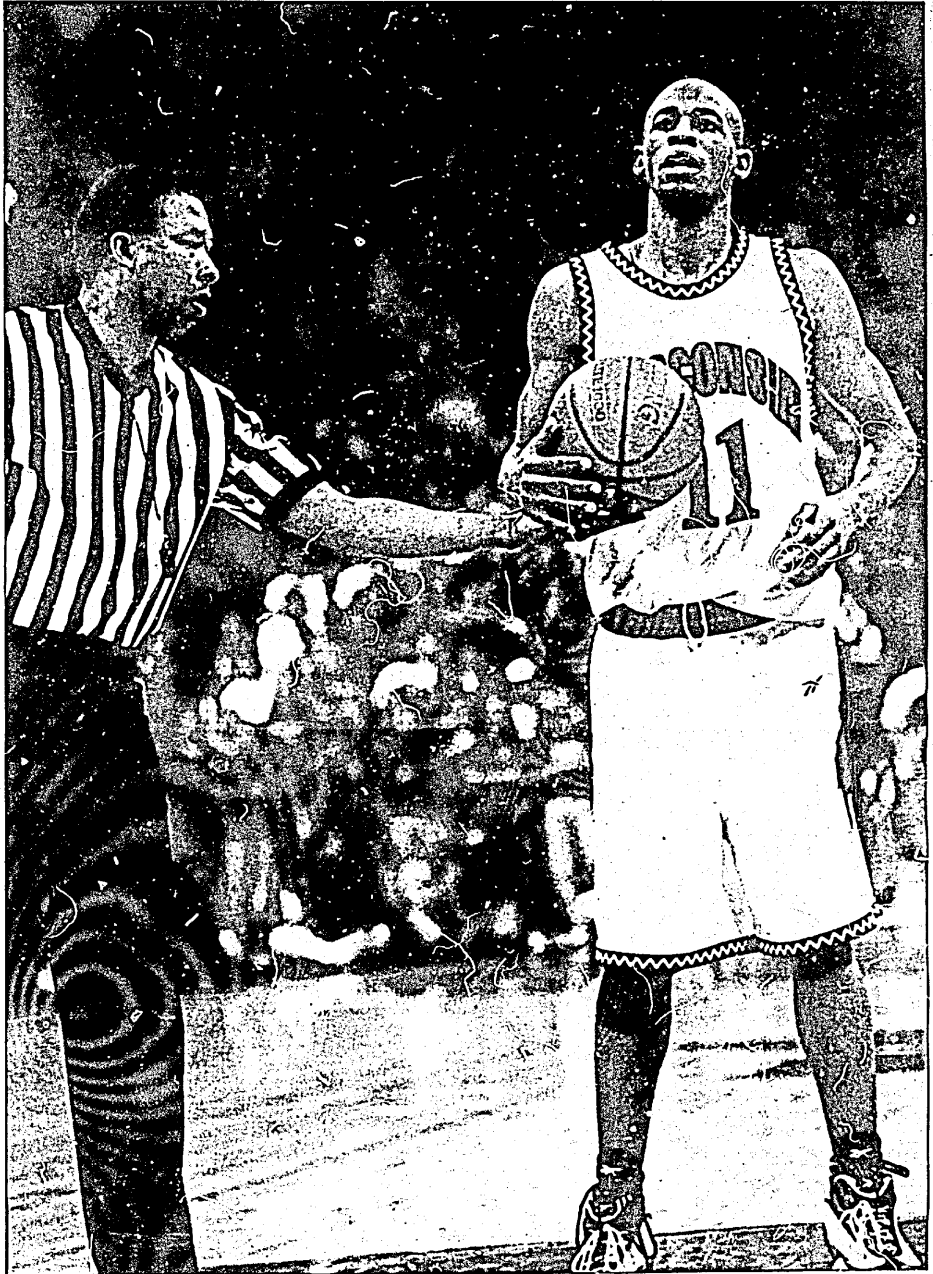


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Although he works as an official in the Big Ten and other major conferences, Saluki alumnus and SIU's Board of Trustees member Ed Hightower does not let his ties to the university influence his decisions.

except for us? No, but I guarantee you that would happen."

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said he does not have a problem with a situation like Hightower's, provided he doesn't referee conference games. Hightower, who has been a Division I basketball official for 22 years, takes his integrity seriously, and Kowalczyk is one of many who have taken notice.

"Ed is as quality person as you're going to get," Kowalczyk said. "He's as straight as an arrow. I would never question his integrity and his honor is sound."

The NCAA is not responsible for the management of officials, delegating that responsibility to the various conference offices.

Sue Lister, associate commissioner for the Big Ten Conference, said Hightower has

advanced to the elite ranks of officials through his reputation for having a high degree of professionalism, and said the Big Ten has no reservations about Hightower's role at SIU. "Every game he officiates is evaluated by experts, and he is held accountable by the teams and conferences involved," Lister said. "With that in mind, we don't feel there's a conflict of interest with Ed officiating any of our games."

There's no questioning Hightower's devotion to education. The longtime superintendent of schools in Edwardsville, Hightower turned down the opportunity to become an NBA official because that would have required him to abandon his school post.

"I enjoy refereeing, but I love being an educator," Hightower said.

Hightower, who lives near St. Louis, is

proud of his ability to jet around the country while officiating about 60 games a season, and still not allow his other involvements to suffer. "I've been able to juggle my schedule," Hightower said. "I make my commitments and I'm well-organized."

And for a man who is well-regarded around the country for being principled, it is difficult for Hightower to understand why anyone would fret about his position on SIU's board.

"I would never put the University, but more than anything, I would never put myself in a compromising position," Hightower said. "I don't do that."

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# SIU baseball back to full strength

Salukis looks to improve from eighth-place finish

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 Daily Egyptian

The SIU baseball team has finished with a losing record five years in a row, but as the dawn of a new season nears, the Salukis say they're ready to stake a claim as one of the top teams in the conference.

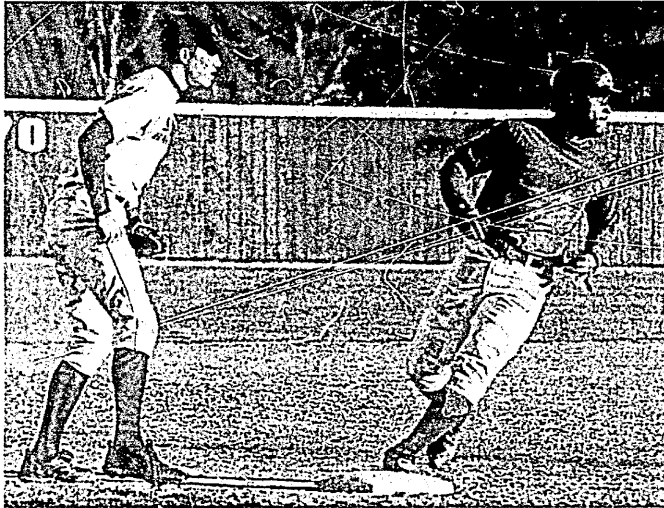
The Salukis, who finished eighth in the Missouri Valley Conference last year and 19-36 overall, look to build on their woeful season and return to the upper echelon of the MVC.

To help in the rebuilding process, head coach Dar Callahan brought in a recruiting class that he said was his best since the 1996 season, which included Jerry Hairston, the starting second baseman for the Baltimore Orioles.

The 17 new players include nine new pitchers that should bolster a staff that was the team's Achilles' heel a season ago.

"I think that could be one of our strong suits," Callahan said. "I think we're going to be a good defensive club and I think we're going to be much improved on the mound."

The cream of this year's new pitching crop could be sophomore Marshall Tucker, a right-handed junior college transfer. Tucker was



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John Clem and Brandon Mells get ready for the 2002 Saluki Baseball season by playing an interspersed game Monday during practice. The Salukis start the season with three games in Louisiana-Monroe Feb. 15 through 16.

projected to be one of the top two starters, though an injury has slowed his progress. He will still compete for a spot in the starting rotation.

Tucker lands in a staff that will also see the return of two star pitchers from two seasons ago — Jake

Alley and Luke Nelson — who were unable to pitch all of last year.

Alley, who was academically ineligible last spring, returns as the Salukis' No. 1 starter after setting numerous records during his first two seasons. Alley said last year was

difficult, but he thinks it made the team better because the hitters had to make a bigger contribution.

"Now that we have our pitching back, and our hitters, it should be a

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# SIU softball heads into the great unknown

Salukis young but talented

Jens Deju  
 Daily Egyptian

Last season's SIU softball team featured a plethora of talented seniors in Missouri Valley Conference Pitcher of the Year Erin Stremsterfer, Marta Vieffhaus, Julie Meier, Nery Hallahan, Amanda 'Ret' Recroat and Chiara Calverti.

That group guided the Salukis to a 36-19 overall record and a third place conference finish with a mark of 17-9 in the MVC.

SIU now must shift from being one of the most experienced teams in the conference to one of the youngest, as it added six freshmen to replace the departed seniors. Those six are Amy Harre, Maria Damico, Jami Weddle, Kelly Creek, Katie Jordan and Karen Brannan.

While most freshmen are given a year or so to adjust to college ball, the Saluki six don't have that opportunity, since the team's success or fail-

ure will be on their shoulders.

"They're going to make big contributions this year because we only have 14 [healthy players] so they have to step right in," said senior second baseman Tahira Saafir. "We have a lot of good freshmen; a lot of guys are going to fill big roles right away and they're ready for it."

SIU head coach Kerri Blaylock isn't quite sure what to expect about the upcoming season, which gets underway Friday when the Salukis open play at the Mississippi State Bulldog Classic.

While SIU has several talented returnees — such as catcher Karrie Fortman, infielders Saafir and twins Adie and Haley Vieffhaus and outfielder Jen Guenther — Blaylock said the development of the six freshmen and junior transfer Renee Mueller will determine how far the 2002 Salukis will go.

"I think it's a little bit of an unknown because we're young and we've had some injuries," Blaylock said. "We have the ability to do really well, but I think it will remain to be seen how we translate. We still have a lot of talent, don't get me

wrong. We have a lot of talent, but I think depth will be a question for us."

The injury Blaylock referred to was an elbow injury to starting first baseman Weddle. Weddle, the Salukis' leading hitter in fall ball, will be out until at least the beginning of March, but will only be able to play then as the designated player. Blaylock doesn't expect her to return to playing first until sometime in April.

To fill the void, Blaylock moved Guenther in from the outfield and has been pleased by how she has handled the switch so far.

"She's doing a good job, she really is," Blaylock said. "Guenther is such a smart player and she picks up things very well because she's a student of the game."

Another unknown for SIU is how the new pitching crew of Katie Kloess, Mueller and Harre will respond. Kloess is the only pitcher who was on the team last year, but she was often an afterthought behind Stremsterfer. Kloess started 17 games and went 7-7 with a 1.98 ERA.

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# Salukis wary of sleeping Bears

Salukis head to Southwest Missouri State tonight

Jay Schwab  
 Daily Egyptian

Barry Hinson tossed out a riddle when theorizing about his team's outlook prior to the beginning of the season.

It was encouraging that his Southwest Missouri State men's basketball team is senior-dominated because of the experience and leadership that comes along with having veteran players. It was also disturbing that he had a bunch of seniors, because those returning players are the same ones who limped to a 13-16 season the year before.

So how has it all panned out for the Bears? If you go just by the record, the more pessimistic analysis turned out closest to reality.

While SIU views tonight's game (7:05 p.m.; WSIU TV) with the Bears in Springfield, Mo., as another pivotal step in its pursuit of an MVC championship, the Bears are striving to use the final weeks of the season to counteract what has been a frustrating season.

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**BASKETBALL PREVIEW**

**SALUKI**

Southern Illinois University (21-4, 11-2 MVC)

**Salukis**

Southwest Missouri State (12-13, 7-6)

**Bears**

**The Word on the Salukis**

With just five games remaining, SIU is scrambling and clawing for an MVC championship. The Salukis weren't sharp in their latest win over Drake, but should have more intensity as they begin a crucial two-game road trip. A win would reach SIU's season-long win streak of five. SIU will need to do a better job of establishing the tone early than it has in previous road games.

**The Word on the Bears**

MSU is a solid MVC contender. One of the few MVC teams that can match up with the Salukis. Mike Vothke is the favorite. Senior of Ronan Roberts, and Scott Enzleball is a versatile big man. Southwest is a senior-dominated team that has good talent. Questionable chemistry and injury close games have been problems.

**Bottom Line:**

SIU will be given a hard test by the MVC team for one of the few times this season, and how it responds could determine the league championship.

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