Few citations given to noisy Carbondale drivers

Loud stereo law yields few tickets
Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The winter months may have cooled the desire to blast music from car stereos.

In October 2007, Lieutenant Harold Tucker of the SIUC Police Department said the department received a surge of complaints about loud music from car stereos. But Theresa Mills, office supervisor for finance services and records management division of the SIUC Police Department, said only two citations were given between Oct. 1 and Jan. 31 for loud music from car stereos. Mills said the same number of citations was given between Oct. 1, 2006 and Jan. 31, 2007.

“Based on this, it’s very infrequent,” Mills said.

Tucker said the Illinois Vehicle Code states the sound system of a vehicle should not be heard 75 feet or more from the vehicle and violators receive a $50 citation.

The city of Carbondale also has an ordinance dealing with loud music from car stereos that states music should not be heard 50 feet away from the vehicle and violators can receive a $75 citation. Tucker said the decision of which law to enforce is up to the individual officer, but the state ordinance is followed most often.

Tucker said the low number of citations might be the result of students becoming aware of the ordinance.

“I think that it was somewhat publicized that we were going to be looking for it,” Tucker said.

Another reason for the low number of citations could be that some officers choose to let violators go with just a reminder, Tucker said. It’s about spreading the word that the ordinance is out there, he said, and making people aware that a certain volume is going to cost them.

Victoria Bluesta works as an assistant in the Northwest Annex and said she sometimes hears music from passing cars on Lincoln Drive.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Wednesday edition of the Daily Egyptian, the story "Student turned away today" should have named Charles White.

In the Friday edition of the Daily Egyptian, the graphic "Professors involved in university case" should have stated Tom Johnson was a professor of journalism and Phyllis Jenks was an associate professor in radio and television.

In the Friday edition of the Daily Egyptian, the story "Student turned away today" should have been: "A student turned away today at the Community Building, Red Cross Blood Center, because it was too late, or call Communications 1247, at least two days before the event, or call (618) 536-3311, ext. 266.

Some employees of the governor and state Senate were forced to relocate. When workers repaired the leak and removed water, some of it poured outside and froze, closing the main entrance. The leak left behind waterlogged ceiling tiles, damaged computers and soggy carpets.

Haupt, spokesman for Secretary of State Jesse White, said Monday afternoon that experts were still assessing the damage to figure out what it would cost to repair and how long it would take.

He said there was no indication the water had caused structural damage to the historic building. Officials will not be able to see whether they need any asbestos in old tiles and insulation, Haupt said.

Also noted there was no damage to the House and Senate chambers, which recently underwent extensive renovations.

For now, the governor’s employees have moved next door to the Statehouse office building, said spokesman Barbara Fair. She did not know if they had “hiccups” in government operations.

In the Senate offices, she said, “I would be surprised if there were any problems, but with the Legislature is not in session.

The comptroller’s employees continued to work in their offices, but with industrial-sized fans and dehumidifiers drying out the area.

Two dead after fire at ADM plant in Decatur

DUBUQUE (AP) — Autopsies are planned for two men killed in a weekend explosion at an Archer Daniels Midland corn processing plant in Decatur.

ADM says the accident happened when a fire broke out in an air handling unit at the corn processing plant Sunday night.

The Macoupin County coroner identified the two men killed as 46-year-old Bobby Brents and 31-year-old Charles Newgard. Both were from Decatur.

Jeffrey Miller and 53-year-old Charles Newgard. Both were from Decatur.

Coroner Michael Day says the two apparently died from inhalation-related injuries.

Proposed bill would ban carbon monoxide in pet euthanasia

CHICAGO (AP) — State Rep. John Fritchey says he is introducing legislation which would ban the use of carbon monoxide for euthanizing dogs and cats in Illinois.

Speaking Sunday at a no-kill animal shelter the Chicago Democrat said Illinois is one of only a handful of states that still allow the use of the lethal gas for killing unwanted animals.

Activists say that although the practice is legal in Illinois, it is widely viewed as inhumane and can be particularly cruel if performed by veterinarians who are not licensed to euthanize animals.

Loss of printing contract may hurt Champaign newspaper

CHICAGO (AP) — The publisher of The News-Gazette says the newspaper will cut at least one newsroom job and maybe more because it will no longer print certain editions of the Chicago Tribune.

For 25 years, The News-Gazette has printed the Tribune’s weekend edition for distribution south of Chicago. But the Tribune decided to the printing in-house rather than in Champaign and Madison, Wis., News-Gazette Publisher John Fritchey said last week.

The News-Gazette will print the Tribune until April 26, when seven of 24 jobs in the pressroom will be eliminated, Fritchey said. He also said the loss of the $52 million annual Tribune contract likely will affect other departments.

"I don’t know how deep we will have to go," he said.

The News-Gazette Inc. employs 302 full-time and part-time employees, according to Karen Hampton, the company’s human resources director.

The News-Gazette is owned by the private News-Gazette Publishing Co., which is designed to support the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois and the University of Illinois Foundation.
Faculty, students left in the dark

Absence of emergency lights causes problems in Wham Building

Jenn Lofton
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When power goes out on campus, the only visibility for occupants of the third floor of Wham Education Building is any sunlight penetrating through the windows.

The lack of emergency lights created problems for faculty members and students maneuvering through hallways and stairwells during a Feb. 4 power outage that caused the cancellation of evening classes and shut down the campus computer network for hours.

Louise Stearns, a lecturer of curriculum and instruction in the building, said she and other faculty members were left in complete darkness when the power went out after 3 p.m. Since their offices were not equipped with windows, it was difficult to find anything, Stearns said.

"I had to borrow a flashlight from the secretary because I couldn’t see to find my keys," Stearns said.

Although it was challenging to teach class, Stearns said she continued her normal schedule.

The sun provided enough light for the students to take notes and for her to improvise her lecture on the blackboard, Stearns said.

Stearns said 30 minutes into class someone from the dean’s office came to explain to everyone that the remaining classes for the evening would be canceled. Stearns said she instructed her students to go home and then tried to make her way down the dark hallway and stairs.

"The power outage in the classroom to me wasn't as big of an issue initially. But I think it would have been good to have battery-powered lights to get around," Stearns said.

Dean of College of Education and Human Services Kenneth Toetlbaum said he thought the lights had come on in every part of the building.

Toetlbaum said interim Associate Dean Jim Bondi went around to the classrooms and offices to make sure everything was fine, but there was never a report on the third floor experiencing problems.

SIUC Physical Plant Director Phil Gatton said every building on campus is equipped with backup lighting in case of these instances.

"The buildings that don’t have generators have battery packs for lights," Gatton said.

Gatton said he had not been aware of the problem. There is a possibility that age had affected the lights’ batteries, Gatton said. He said batteries are usually not replaced unless there is a report made about the problem.

Gatton said he would place a work order so this issue could be resolved.

He said the problem should only take a few days to repair.

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Justice Department makes charges in espionage case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI was raiding a home in Oxford, Miss., on Monday, closing in on a spy investigation of U.S. military secrets being illegally passed to a foreign nation.

A Defense Department analyst with security clearance was among the three or four people being charged in what law enforcement officials say is the first public indictment in espionage cases in Virginia and California.

It was not immediately clear how the Louisiana raid was related, but FBI spokesman Nick Rowland said the case would be discussed at a news conference because the espionage case that was planned for 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time at the Justice Department in Washington.

Pentagon charges six suspects for Sept. 11 attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon charged Monday on Guantanamo Bay detainees with murder and war crimes for the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Officials sought the death penalty in the unprecedented military tribunal case that has been clouded by revelations the key suspect suffered intense interrogation tactics that critics call torture.

Brig. Gen. Thomas W. Hartmann, the military prosecutor, announced that 16 charges had been sworn out, including murder and war crimes. He is expected to ask that the suspects be held nearly 1,000 people.

“The men have admitted a long-term, highly sophisticated, organized plan by al-Qaida and the Taliban to attack America,” Hartmann told a Pentagon press conference.

Officials said they will seek the death penalty for all six suspects.

That would make it the first capital trial under the terrorism-era military tribunal system.

Seats filled for three paintings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of dollars’ worth of art — including a Monet and a Degas — was stolen from a New Orleans museum an hour before its scheduled closing.

The men, one of whom spoke with a German accent, loaded the paintings onto a white vehicle parked out front. Police said the paintings may have been sticking out of the trunk as the robbers made their getaway.

Car bombs kill 50 in Iraq bomb attack

BAGHDAD — Car bombs and gunfire shook new U.S. allies police and civilians Sunday in northern Iraq, killing as many as 53 people.

The coordinated blasts came the same day that American military released a captured shi’ite and another document they say show al-Qa’ida in Iraq operat- ing under a Sunni revolt against its brutal tactics.

The violence coincided with a visit by Defense Secretary Robert Gates to Baghdad, where he said that hard choices face Iraq’s political leaders on how to stabilize the country despite rising new of progress toward reconciliation.

The deadliest bombing on Sunday was in Balad, north of Baghdad, against a check- point manned jointly by Iraqi police and members of an awakening group.

Iraq police said a suicide truck bomber targeted a checkpoint manned by U.S.-allied fighters and Iraqi police at the entrance of a bridge in the district of Yathub on the outskirts of Balad. Security forces opened fire on the divi- sion of a Taliban militant who had been dismissed from the move- ment, according to a statement.

In a statement, a police spokesman said the Taliban militant, Mullah Dadullah, the brother of slain Taliban military commander Mullah Dadullah, and five others were challenged by security forces as they crossed from Afghanistan into Pakistan’s southwestern province of Baluchistan. They refused to stop and opened fire, said army spokes- man Maj. Gen. Sher Ali Ahsan.

“Security personnel returned fire. As a result all of them sustained injuries and all of them were captured,” Abbas said. “Dadullah was arrested alive but he is critically wounded.”

Earlier, a senior military official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to journalists, said he had died of his wounds while being flown to a hospital with the other injured men.

Two Pakistani intelligence offi- cials, declined to be named for the same reason, said senior Taliban commander, Mullah Omar, had died following a raid on a religious seminary in a neighboring district. It was not immediately possible to reconcile the differing accounts.

Dadullah’s capture comes amid growing Western pressure on Pakistan to crack down on Islamic militants in its own soil and in Afghanistan but increasingly desta- blishing Taliban Pakistan itself.

In Afghanistan, officials reacted cautiously. Spokesmen at the Interior and Defense ministries said they had no immedi- ate comment. Lt. Col. David Accetta, a U.S. Army public-affairs offi- cial in Afghanistan, said he could not con- firm the report.

Dadullah rose in the militia’s ranks as an important commander in southern Afghanistan after his brother was killed during a military operation in Afghanistan’s Helmand province in May. Mullah Dadullah was the highest-ranking Taliban commander killed since the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan in 2001.

But in late December, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid announced that Mullah Dadullah had been dismissed from the move- ment for “dissing apologists” and conducting activities “against the Taliban’s rules and regulations.”

On Tuesday, police said Dadullah was still part of the Taliban movement, but that he had been suspended from the militia’s leadership. Mujahid said he had no comment about Dadullah’s reported capture and death.

Dadullah, the top Taliban military commander, had asked the military's supreme lead- ing council on Thursday to review the case of the captured Taliban militant, Mullah Omar, to drop the charges against him.

The statement, a police spokesman said, was released by the Department of Public Information, a government agency.

No one was injured, he said.
sometimes the windows actually shatter because of the vibrations," said Bauista, a senior from Chicago Heights studying fashion design. Bauista said she is in the office about an hour a day, but loud music from Lincoln Drive is often an annoyance, especially in the warmer months. There hasn’t been a lot of noise lately, Bauista said, but it’s more of a problem in the summer.

"It’s ridiculous," said Baker, while she waited for a bus during a downpour of hail.

"Last week it was raining and nice, and this week it’s annoying," said Baker, a freshman from Madison studying secondary education.

"I’ve heard it live here at the university, and I thought the university had done a good job overall in dealing with the weather."
The compound word I would use for the past week and a half: 'disaster-ridden.' It all began on Wednesday, Jan. 30, with an evening fire alarm disrupting the rampant thoughts of the newsroom, those thoughts that you couldn’t see but could feel buzzing the air around you. Closing all doors behind us, we ran out into the cold, clutching notebooks and laptops and some Chinese food. Standing on a small hill outside the newsroom, I took inventory and made sure no one was left behind.

My reporters laughed at me clutching the page I was editing. There were several photos taken of me laughing at the irony of editing a printout of a story with my frozen hand clutched around a pen, which threatened to stop working at any moment, and using a colleague’s back as a desk.

On Monday, Feb. 4: Most of campus loses power and our Internet and newssroom server go down. The newsroom is relocated to the Student Center’s lobby, and my cozy office with a door becomes a bedroom that opens onto a room with way too many people in it.

Tuesday, Feb. 5: Tornado sirens go off in town and the few of us that are left have to go to the basement and wait patiently for about five minutes before being told we can go back upstairs and resume our work which we were so contentedly engulﬁed in.

Phone calls come in telling us of flash ﬂoods and photographers who are already out in the weather send us photos like I’ve never seen in person in my whole life as a southern Illinoisan.

Yesterday, Monday, Feb. 11: On my drive into work, some precipitation I can’t quite describe other than icy rain pelts my windshield. This icy rain turns into bigger clumps of slush or hail. Snow follows, and everything freezes.

Each of these occurrences has my leadership skills; to see if I can keep things together and keep people in line and safe. Puzzle pieces must be moved around to get the paper printed and delivered and get every reporter, designer and distribution cruiser into their beds safely every night.

I’ve worked at the Daily Egyptian for nearly a year and a half, but the only disasters I can remember is one midday tornado alert and one tragic day when the newssroom server went down.

The staff was then forced to go outside into the beautiful spring afternoon and play Frisbee for two hours.

When I took this job, I knew it would be stressful and inconsistent. On days when everything should have gone wrong, we ﬁnished the paper an hour before deadline. And on days when everything should be as smooth as a baby’s butt, nothing goes right.

I’ve always been one to plan things to a T, keeping schedules and my calendar with me at all times. I know my friends and the gods of the newspaper profession get a kick out of my attempts to be organized.

So, in my fifth week as Editor in Chief, I’m learning an important lesson I have thus far kept at bay with lists of what to pack for my weekend home to what I need to do tonight to function tomorrow.

My lessons: things don’t go as they should or as you expect them to.

So, tomorrow morning I’m going to get up a little later than usual, lamenting the cancellation of my Tuesday morning yoga class that was supposed to start at 7:30 a.m., and turn on the radio. And if the radio tells me I can stay in bed until noon because my class is cancelled, I probably won’t. Why? Because, as I told my mom earlier today, the news doesn’t stop because of the weather. The weather is the news.

Yesterday it rained ice, pigs ﬂew and everyone freaked out because they can’t drive in the snow. Today, I’m just going to take a big deep breath and go with the ﬂow.

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Face the fat: the truth about obesity in America

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Less than an hour after getting married, a man in Florida lost his wife while dancing during their reception last month. The Associated Press wrote a story about the tragedy. The woman, Kim, died of heart disease; she was only 36.

This unfortunate news illustrates the dangers of obesity in America, one of the leading causes of heart disease.

The story does not mention whether Kim was obese, and it is no surprise. Her case shows how obesity affects the government to limit what people can eat, it is time for the public to stop defending the same thing that kills so many. This is not an issue of acceptance; it is an issue of health and well being. To allow this disease to spread unmitigated would be heartless and unethical.

Obesity is detrimental to human health like a machine gun is to an aluminum shed. In 2003, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services attributed one out of every eight deaths in the country to obesity. It’s an epidemic that is sweeping the nation, and in some cases, the world.

Not only is obesity killing our citizens, it is dragging down aspects of the economy.

The extra weight of obese passengers cost airlines $275,000,000 in 2000, according to the American Journal of Preventative Medicine.

The increase of lawsuits against restaurants sparked the writing of the Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act, also known as the Cheeseburger Bill, to protect restaurants like McDonald’s.

It’s unfortunate that it takes government action to keep people from trying to use restaurants for customers’ eating habits. Restaurants shouldn’t be held responsible for a patron’s unhealthy choice.

The unhealthiness of a Big Mac has never been some corporate secret. If consumers were unaware that hamburgers and French fries were fattening, they probably aren’t aware of the shape of the moon. The CDC reported that six years ago, almost $100 billion of medical expenses were attributed to obesity and being overweight. The tax-funded government health programs Medicare and Medicaid picked up almost half of this enormous cost.

We need to come forward and confront this national issue the same way we’ve addressed tobacco, drug use, AIDS, alcoholism and a slew of other problems, with candid honesty and education stressing prevention and treatment.

We need to accept the facts. Obesity is killing us. It is preventable and treatable, and there’s no need to dance around it anymore.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VOICES desk

As some might already have gathered, technology has not been on our side lately. The Voices e-mail, voicesdesk@gmail.com, has officially gone kaput.

We have received any of the nearly nauseating letters, submissions and other messages for almost a week. For this we apologize and leaving you a new e-mail address that will hopefully never let us down again:

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We hope to hear from you soon. It is never too late.

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Jazzy return to Carbondale

Jazz group Atlantis Quartet to play at Tres Hombres, Cape Girardeau and Hanger 9

**Audra Ord**

Guitarist Zacc Harris played an average of 200 shows a year while he was attending SIUC, but this weeks performances with his new jazz project Atlantis Quartet are his first in the area since he moved to Minneapolis, Minn., in 2005.

Atlantis Quartet is playing at Tres Hombres Thursday, at Port Cape in Cape Girardeau Friday and Hanger 9 Saturday.

Harris performed with the jazz group Broken Grass during his time in Carbondale, but moved to Minneapolis to continue his music career after the group split up. He said he chose the city for many reasons, including its eclectic artistic scene.

“I knew that I would really have to move to a city to be able to perform as much as I wanted and needed to, to make a living without having to go on the road all the time,” Harris said.

Harris said the biggest difference between the music scene in Carbondale and the scene in Minneapolis is the amount and variety of the music. He said that while Carbondale has a vibrant music scene, Minneapolis has more to offer in terms of clubs and the number of artists.

“I always felt that Carbondale, for a town of its size, especially, has a fantastic music scene,” Harris said.

Atlantis Quartet comprises guitarist Zacc Harris on the guitar, saxophonist Brandon Wonniak, bassist Travis Schilling and drummer Pete Hennig.

The group formed in October 2006 and began putting together an album within six months of playing together. Their debut album, “Again, Too Soon,” was released in August 2007 and is available on the band’s Web site, http://atlantisquartet.com, and iTunes.

Drummer Hennig said the group is not a traditional jazz band because it incorporates an assortment of elements from the members’ varied backgrounds.

“Even though jazz has a big influence on us, I don’t think we’re going to play jazz,” Hennig said.

Atlantis Quartet does a lot of improvisation in its live shows, which Hennig said keeps the music new and exciting for the audience as well as the members of the ensemble.

Harris said Atlantis Quartet takes a very progressive and modern approach to its music.

“We’ve kind of taken on this idea of bringing other influences of music into the jazz idiom. There’s a movement now to take some of the music that’s been popular in the last 20 years or so and mix the sensibilities of that music with what we’re doing,” Harris said.

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Gladiator games in 21st century

**Alicia Wade**

New episodes air 7 p.m. Mondays on NBC

NBC’s latest incarnation of “American Gladiators” has all of the sports paraphernalia of the original — without the overwhelming presence of mullets.

Fear not, “Gladiators” fans. The quads are still there in abundance.

“American Gladiators” began in 1989 as a competition between contestants willing to participate in ultra-physical obstacle courses against beefy, feathered-hair sporting gladiators. Participants were asked to scale climbing walls while avoiding gladiators’ wrath, roll in ball cages like giant gerbils and run the final obstacle course of cargo nets, zip lines, balance beams and a multitude of challenges.

The show ended its run in 1996, and had a rebirth earlier this year with new hosts Hulk Hogan and Lala Aki. Both are charming and skilled at interviewing contestants, even if viewers at home can guess just about what each contestant is going to say — it was rough out there, thanks to my family, etc.

It’s more hard-hitting and entertaining than it has ever been, and seems to have a better focus than the first version.

“Gladiators” kept the physical challenges that are entertaining to watch and added even more elements of danger, such as pools with fire burning on the top of the water. Expect to still see contenders and gladiators perched on platforms with massive padded pugil sticks for the Joust, but now situated in the middle of a pool, not on a mat.

While the first “Gladiators” did have the tournament style NBC’s version does — the time of the final obstacle course determining if contestants move on to later rounds — it was rarely mentioned in the broadcasts. Now, the focus is on who will be the winner of the tournament, with standings shown during the episodes and prizes ($100,000, a 2008 Toyota Sequoia) regularly touted.

The new gladiators are exceptionally engaging, especially Well, a beauty-lookin’ man with wild hair who lets out a howl before each event. In early shows it seemed the gladiators were unsure of themselves and not the dominating figures they were billed to be. All too often competitors were easily beating the gladiators in each challenge.

But with each one hitting his or her stride, domination is in order. “American Gladiators” is a safe bet for anyone who enjoys watching physically and personalities collide, without having to follow a real storyline.

With charming hosts and engaging participants, it’s no wonder the latest version is a ratings hit.

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Jaehwan Byun, left, a doctoral student in clinical instruction from South Korea, plays in the snow with his son Seojun Byun, 4, Monday evening at Evergreen Terrace. Byun said this was the first time they have seen snow to this degree.

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20  Uncommon blood type, briefly (6)
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Hovercrafts aim to dry infield

Megan Range, a senior from Marissa studying information systems technology, hovers across Abe Martin Field. The hovercraft was used to blow water off the infield after heavy rainfall.

`Moving air` called to cure flooding at Abe Martin field

Luis C. Medina

Sports and technology have teamed up in an attempt to rid Abe Martin Field of an estimated 50 gallons of water on the infield.

Two hovercraft vehicles built by the SIU Hover Club attempted to dry up the infield area around the shortstop position Friday after rainstorms hit Carbondale earlier in the week.

Groundskeeper Monte Childers said using a helicopter to hover over the field to dissipate the water was successful in previous years, but he was hopeful a combination of the hovercrafts and cloudless skies would be just as successful.

“I know there would be sunshine today, so I brought some wind,” Childers said.

Hover Club President Bryan Snow said the hovercrafts, which are powered by a lawnmower engine and made from plywood and Styrofoam, are useful because of their versatility. Snow, a first-year graduate student from Evansville, Ind., said they have been used for racing as well as search-and-rescue missions, but never on the baseball field.

Megan Range, a senior from Marissa studying information systems technology, operated one of the hovercrafts across Abe Martin Field. Range maneuvered the machine while in a crouched position, sliding across the outfield grass, blowing air onto the muddy infield.

She said the hovercrafts could go up to 70 miles per hour and provide an amazing adrenaline rush.

“I remember the first time I flew, I think I had a smile on my face for a week,” Range said.

Despite the hovercraft’s versatility, supervisor David Allabastro said it would not be able to dry up the field on its own.

“We’re moving a lot of air and any time you move air it causes evaporation,” Allabastro said. “We probably won’t be able to dry the field out, but we’ll be able to get several gallons of water off the field.”

Senior guard Tyrone Green, left, and senior forward Matt Shaw battle the ball away from an Indiana State player on Feb. 5. While the Salukis have had success at home this season, they continue to struggle on the road against MVC teams.

It seemed the Salukis were destined for greatness this season after coming off of the most successful season in recent history where they achieved the highest seed in school history at the NCAA tournament and made it to the Sweet 16.

While losing senior Tony Young and Jamad Tatums was expected to put a dent in the Salukis lineup, veteran experience including Shaw and Falkner was supposed to pick up the slack.

However, Lowery has said getting his older players to be consistent has hindered some performances and affected many outcomes of close games.

“The biggest thing is that we’re older. When you’re older those things shouldn’t come into play that are coming into play at the end of the game or at the end of shot clocks,” Lowery said before the Jan. 15 game at Evansville.

“And that’s our chore and that’s been our chore all year is getting them to understand what we need them to do.”

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The ringside doctor ruled the cut Campbell suffered in the first round was too severe for him to continue.

Brents said it was his first time competing against Campbell and that he had no hard feelings towards him.

“I have never had any animosity towards anyone before,” Brents said. “I just put on a show for the people. I like the guy, he is a nice kid.”

Tim Fickes’ Dojo USA team fared well, winning all of its fights except Campbell’s and Dylan Hughley’s. Hughley lost to former training partner Nick Mosca, who trains with SIU’s mixed martial arts club at the Recreation Center.

Mosca pulled off the upset by outwrestling Hughley for most of the fight with frequent take-downs. Hughley said Mosca was too strong in his wrestling.

“I don’t think I was prepared to fight someone with the amount of wrestling strength he had,” Hughley said. “He caught me once in the first round with an overhand right that woke me up and then kept coming.”

The two were friends before the fight and Hughley said nothing has changed, which could be seen by their immediate embrace after the final bell.

Herrin native Damian Jeffro may have had the best performance on the night as he displayed strong striking, wrestling and jiu-jitsu in less than two minutes. Jeffro nearly knocked out his opponent with his first punch, followed it with a slam and then transitioned to his opponent’s back to secure a rear naked choke for the submission win.

Amid all the fighting during the show, the 6-foot-7-inch Rick McGraw gave fans a different form of entertainment. After easily defeating his opponent, McGraw executed a post-fight dance to one of the biggest ovations of the night.

Tim Fickes said he thought the show was a huge success and was glad that all of the fighters walked away with only minor injuries. He said he plans to continue to hold shows in Carbondale and his next installment, Battle at the Blast III, will take place on April 26.

The show is tentatively scheduled to have Visinia return to defend his title. Until then, Visinia will fight Feb. 23 on Pay-Per-View for the Chicago-based Xtreme Fighting Organization’s number one contender slot.

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Siemons also qualified for the NCAA championships with his performance in the shot put. He won the event with a throw that measured more than 58 feet.

The SIU-Edwardsville freshman found success at the meet with Jeff Schamne, Stevie Warren and Kyle Kucharcz picking up victories in the 800-meter run, 200-meter dash and mile run, respectively.

The Salukis will look to continue their success Friday and Saturday in Ames, Iowa, for the Iowa State Classic.
‘Battle’ brings out area’s top fighters

Title fight postponed, Fickes wins unanimously

Jeff Engelhardt
Daily Egyptian

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Men’s Basketball

Inconsistency plagues Salukis

Megan Kramer
Daily Egyptian

It’s no secret this season the SIU mens basketball team doesn’t have much success when it wears maroon.

The Salukis have dropped game after game away from the comforts of the SIU Arena and are coming off their biggest defeat of the season, a 21-foot jump, which is third

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