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Mayoral candidates square off on issues

TIM CHAMBERLAIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

From bringing in new businesses to more local internships to community policing, the candidates in Carbondale's mayoral primary face a number of issues in the upcoming elections.

The primary will take place Feb. 23, with the general election April 13. Polling places will open at 6 a.m. and will close at 6 p.m.

The Feb. 23 primary will narrow the current field of four candidates down to two for the April 13 general election. The four candidates are Mayor Neil Dillard, City Councilman John Budlick, and Carbondale residents Nancy Foster and R. Wayne Sapinski.

Neil Dillard

Incumbent Mayor Neil Dillard

Neil Dillard
Age: 69
Occupation: Mayor
Hometown: West Frankfort
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Hometown: Christopher
Political Experience: None
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Age: 51
Occupation: President of Budlick Management
Hometown: Carbondale
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Nancy Foster
Age: 26
Occupation: Master's student at SIUC in Rehabilitation Counseling
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sees new job opportunities, especially for SIUC graduates, as one of the many important issues facing the city in the future.

One of the most challenging tasks for Carbondale is creating new job opportunities by bringing in new business and expanding existing ones, Dillard said. He particularly wants to try to retain more SIUC

graduates.

"With all of the talented people graduating from SIU, we need to give those that want to stay the opportunity," Dillard said.

As an example of the kind of business expansion he has mentioned, Dillard points out some of the new businesses in Carbondale, such as the Super Kroger, Jim

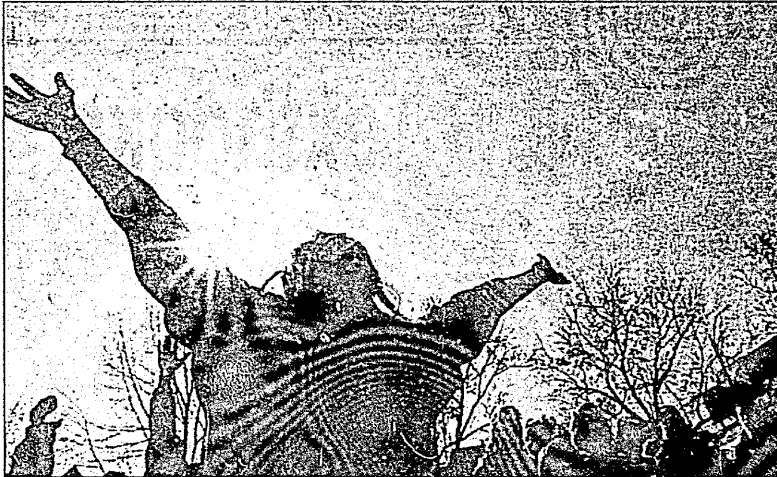
Butler Saturn and the Casey's gas station, all on the east side of the city. He wants to continue with appropriate developments in this area.

Dillard also considers city relations with the University to be of prime importance. He thinks a close relationship between the city, SIUC administrators and SIUC students is

essential. As mayor, he said he has worked with every Undergraduate Student Government President and that he will continue to always be available.

"I know how important the University is to this community, and

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TED SCOURIA/DAILY EGYPTIAN

Joshua Hanson raises his arms in exaltation at the Papal Plaza as he listens to the free, live entertainment on the stage. Hanson, an evangelist with the Jesus Loves You traveling ministry team, plans to stay in St. Louis until the Lord tells him to leave.

Putting the SAINT in St. Louis

Pope John Paul II brings his
message of faith to the arch

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Senator seeks to relax academic requirements

DAN CRAFT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

An Undergraduate Student Government senator who resigned Wednesday may be the last one affected by USG's current academic standards if College of Agriculture senator Ben Syfert gets his way.

Syfert authored a proposed amendment to the USG constitution that would remove the current

standards for both senators and executives and replace them with a standard requiring only good academic standing with the University (2.0 grade point average) for participation.

The resignation of Willis Reynolds is the second instance this year where grades have affected USG. Kristie Ayres resigned as

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Argersinger pushes for technology fee

SARA BEAN
POLITICS EDITOR

The state of technology on campus is in dire need of repair and may require a new fee to bring it up to par, SIUC Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger said in a speech to the Undergraduate Student Government Wednesday.

"This is not something I like to come before you at the first meeting and tell you I want a fee," Argersinger said. "But this is something we need."

Argersinger said she will seek student input on the fee and would not support a fee unless it was

designated for a campus technology plan.

"This should be a student decision," Argersinger said.

"I wouldn't support it unless it was a designated fee, with a specific line item, that was student decided for student use."

The university spends about \$9 million annually on technology but should be spending at least \$15 million, Argersinger said.

She proposed a fee of \$25 a semester that would raise about \$1 million for technology.

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Southern Illinois Forecast

TODAY:
Mostly cloudy
High: 31
Low: 40

SATURDAY:
Showers
High: 36
Low: 45

Police Blotter

- Dallas Anderson, 21, of Carbondale, was arr. at 9:55 p.m. Wednesday on a Jackson County warrant for failure to appear in court. Anderson was stopped by Carbondale Police at the intersection of Marion and Jackson streets. He was unable to post bond and was taken to Jackson County Jail.
- Police said Thursday that a vehicle parked in Lot 23 was forcibly entered between 5 p.m. Sunday and 2:30 a.m. Monday. A stereo and speaker system worth about \$640 were reported missing. There are no suspects in this incident.
- An SRUC student reported a battery at 4:09 p.m. Wednesday to University Police. The student alleged he was battered by a man, who is not a student, in Lot 37. The wife of the suspect told police she also was struck by the student. Police reported no injuries in the incident and turned the matter over to the state's attorney.
- A 20-year-old male reported that between December 1997 and Jan. 20, 1999, someone obtained personal information about him and used it to commit a theft over the Internet, which resulted in a loss of more than \$200. University Police have no suspects and are investigating the incident.

Corrections

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN Accuracy Desk, 536-3311 extension 228 or 229.

Calendar

TODAY

- University Christian Ministries free coffee on the corner, every morning, 7:30 a.m., corner of Illinois and Grand, Hugh 545 7387.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs assistance in selling raffle tickets for March of Dimes. Raffle, Jan. 29 through 31, Fri. 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sun. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Illinois Center Mall, Nancy 993-6631.
- Science Advisement is making early advisement appointments for fall/summer.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs blood donors, Jan. 31, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Recreation Center, Feb. 1, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Student Center, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Recreation Center, free shirts for donors, 457-5258.
- Women's Services group screenings beginning now for astheness, grief, gay and bisexual men's group, women's body image group, sexual assault support group and women loving women group, call Women's Services 453-3655.
- Library Affairs introduction to constructing Web pages, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Morris Library 103D, Java Script, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Room 103D.
- Radio/Television Department is producing a documentary on the "History of Southern Illinois Radio." Anyone with any information, stories or old tapes of commercials or air checks is requested to contact Professor Johnson at work 453-6901 or at home 985-6209.

Calendar item deadlines are 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 1147. All calendar items also appear on www.dailyegyptian.com. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

- Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange, 453-5425.
- Hillal Foundation student committee meeting, 5 p.m., Interfaith Center, Betsy 529-7260.
- French Club meeting to allow students to practice their French, every Fri., 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Booby's, Gilles 453-5415.
- German Club meeting, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Booby's, Aune 549-1754.
- Science Fiction and Fantasy Society watch sci-fi videos and discuss sci-fi shows and books with us, 6 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, Mike 549-3527.
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship guest speaker Reverend Adrian Garcia from Cobden Hispanic Church, Jan. 29, 7 p.m., Agriculture Building 209, Patrick 549-4284.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs assistance with choreing a high school dance, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Carbondale Civic Center, Sara 549-4222.
- Instructional Programs a warm water morning exercise program for adults with arthritis, until May 7, 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., orientation for new participants Feb. 3, Mar. 3, and Apr. 7 at 9:30 a.m., Puffin Pool, \$35 for 9 sessions, Carol 453-1263.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs assistance with the wheelchair basketball team by participating in practices, every Tues. and Thurs., 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Student Recreation Center, Kathy 453-1267.
- Instructional Programs Tennis Lessons for beginners or players who wish to brush up on their game, until Mar. 12 for indoor, SRC Tennis Courts, \$17 for students, \$19 for members and \$21 for university affiliated, Carol 453-1263.
- Instructional Programs racquetball lessons to learn the basics of this exciting game, until May 7, SRC Racquetball Courts, \$14 for students, \$16 for SRC members and \$18 for university affiliated, Carol 453-1263.
- Instructional Programs an opportunity to play on a drop in basis, until Mar. 12, Mon. 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wed. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Fri. 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., SRC indoor tennis court #7, \$5 per class, Carol 453-1263.

UPCOMING

- Liberal Arts graduating seniors (except music, art and design, speech, and theater majors) can make Summer and Fall 1999 advisement appointments on Feb. 1. Liberal Arts seniors (except music, art and design, speech, and theater majors) can make Summer and Fall 1999 advisement appointments on Feb. 3. Liberal Arts special populations (disabled, debate, athletes, student workers, honors, etc.) can make Summer and Fall 1999 advisement appointments on Feb. 9. Liberal Arts students (except music, art and design, theater and speech) can make Summer and Fall 1999 advisement appointments on Feb. 12, for more information 453-3388.

Almanac

THIS WEEK IN 1979:

- The Carbondale Association for the Liberation of Marijuana was trying to gather more than 3,000 signatures for a petition that had to be turned into the Carbondale City Council if the position of marijuana decriminalization was to be placed on the Spring ballot for city elections. And while the Association tried to get over the hump with its petition drive, the question had arisen, as one law enforcement official put it, "What's all the fuss about?" The director of the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group reports that arrests for possession of less than 30 grams of marijuana "are not actively pursued" by SIEG. The director also stated that probably less than five people were arrested in 1978 for simple possession of marijuana.
- The cost of food, drugs and gasoline climbed again this month, pushing up the government's index of wholesale prices and foreshadowing the probable new round of inflation at the retail level. Gasoline prices of the refinery soared by 4 percent, while the cost of food went up .9 percent. Prices were also higher for kerosene, shoes, prescription drugs and tires. Tobacco prices declined.

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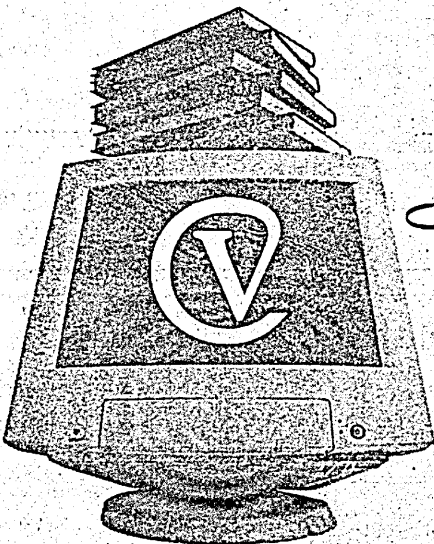
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THE PRESENCE OF PAPAL PIETY

VIEWING A MIRACLE:

Pope John Paul II reaches out during recent trip to St. Louis.

DANA DUBRIVNY
STUDENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Allison Knaup thought she had seen the miracle of...all miracles when Mark McGwire hit the historical home-runs 62 and 70 — until she saw her hero bow to a leader of a much grander scope.



TED SCHURTER/Daily Egyptian

Karen Apang and her son Christopher stood in the Papal Plaza and watched Pope John Paul II lead Mass in the Trans World Dome. The pope's visit was televised on giant TVs at the plaza so anyone without tickets to the events could witness the pope's visit. Apang's husband and daughter had tickets to the mass.

Knaup, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., witnessed history firsthand again when McGwire kissed the ring of Pope John Paul II Tuesday at the Kiel Center in St. Louis.

"I thought seeing the home runs was the most amazing thing I had ever seen, but this surpassed it," Knaup said. "You just can't put it into words — [John Paul] has this unexplainable presence."

Encased in the bullet-proof unit of the popemobile, John-Paul arrived at the youth rally to deliver words of inspiration to 21,000 adolescents.

Although the age gap between the 78-year-old Roman Catholic helmsman and his admiring youth was vast, the communication distance between the two was nonexistent.

With a quick tongue, unsteady arm and a playful sense of humor, John Paul urged the youth of today to follow the direction of their hearts.

For Knaup, who aids 9- to 12-year-olds with severe emotional disorders, the words were a reassurance.

"I felt like he's 78, and here I am at 22," Knaup said with tear-filled eyes, "and even though he's talking to everyone, it's like he's looking inside you and talking to you personally."

"It makes me look at where I am right now and what I do — I was really called to it."

But Knaup was not the only one who felt emotion through the re-evaluation of life's purpose. For Linda Busch, everything that had happened leading up to the Pope's visit, happened for a reason.

According to Busch, the opportunity to attend the Mass Wednesday morning at the Trans World Dome was an answered prayer.

"I don't believe in coincidences, and this opportunity was no coincidence," Busch, a former SIUC student from Belleville, said. "My 45th birthday is [Thursday], and my



TED SCHURTER/Daily Egyptian

Pope John Paul II waves to the crowds of people gathered to see him Tuesday night as he traveled down Market Street to the Youth Rally at the Kiel Center in St. Louis. Approximately 20,000 people attended the rally, which featured bands, speakers and a message from the pope. Additional photos from the pope's visit can be seen on the DAILY EGYPTIAN website at www.dailyegyptian.com.

sions are with me — this is the greatest gift I have ever gotten."

Busch had applied for a volunteer position in May 1998. When December arrived without a response, Busch assumed her

request had been discarded.

It was Christmas eve when Busch received a phone call saying her letter was

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Abduction attempted in lot

An area woman was the victim of an attempted abduction in the University Mall parking lot Wednesday afternoon, and the suspect is still at large, according to Carbondale Police.

Around 12:45 p.m. Carbondale Police received a report from mall security that the suspect attempted to force the victim into the trunk of the victim's car.

The woman was emptying items into the trunk of her vehicle, which was parked in the north area of the lot near Famous Barr, when the suspect approached her from behind,

police said. The suspect reportedly told the woman to get in the car, but the victim struggled for a short time, broke free and fled the scene, yelling for help. She then notified mall security.

The suspect left the scene in an off-white, extended-cab pickup truck with Oklahoma license plates, police said. He is described as a 35 to 40-year-old man with a thin build, short, spiky hair and acne scars on his face.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Carbondale Police at 457-3200.

—David Ferrara

Mall patrons fall victim to theft Wednesday night

A man and a woman leaving the Structure store in University Mall were robbed Wednesday evening by two teenage men, police said.

The victims told police they were leaving the store around 10 p.m. when two men came up from behind them, tried to grab the woman's purse, took a bag from the woman containing a white v-neck shirt and fled the scene.

The suspects were last seen running

south toward the Sugar Tree Apartments in the 1100 block of East Walnut Street.

Police did not have an estimate on the value of the shirt.

The suspects were not located upon investigation. The first suspect is described as a 5-foot-7-inch, 160-pound black man in his late teens. The second is described as a 5-foot-7-inch, 160-pound black man in his early teens. The two were last seen wearing dark sweatshirts and black pants.

—David Ferrara

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Our Word

Sales, property tax hearing is nearing

Right now there's a sales tax versus property tax debate being waged in Carbondale. Next Tuesday night, area residents have a chance to enter the fray and decide how their money will be spent. The debate centers around the need for a new Carbondale Community High School building to replace the East Campus facility where freshmen classes are conducted. To pay for this structure, Carbondale residents get to choose between a lone property tax increase or a smaller property tax increase coupled with a .25 percent sales tax increase. The current sales tax is at 7 percent.

Either way the school improvements will be made, but the Carbondale City Council has decided to have a public hearing to get community input regarding the most appropriate payment method.

So what do all these potential increases mean? Many of the landlords are speaking out against this property tax increase, but in reality it's their renters who are going to take the hit. They're not going to lose their revenue; they're going to raise your rent to make up the difference.

Home owners have to decide which method of payment will be most cost efficient for their own needs. Do you want to pay for the school in your property taxes or at the shopping mall? Dorm residents, don't think you're off the hook. You'll feel the increase as your bank account decreases the next time you have to buy books or order a late-night snack. Nobody wants to pay more money for anything if

they don't have to, but keep in mind the reason for this referendum.

This tax money will go to benefit the future of Carbondale. The Central Campus of CCHS was erected in 1923, so this is an old institution that could use some renovation, and the students and faculty have shown they deserve it.

According to their website, CCHS' Illinois Goals Assessment Plan composite scores are consistently among the state's best.

As these increases will affect all of Carbondale one way or another, the DAILY EGYPTIAN encourages all Carbondale residents to let their voices be heard at the public hearing Feb. 2.

Community input and involvement on issues like this are vital.

If you don't want to pay the taxes, show up at the hearing and suggest an alternative. If you want to relate the necessity of the renovations to dissenters, then this is your chance to be heard.

In fact, this may be your only chance to have a voice as the City Council may also vote on the issue at the end of the hearing. The only opportunity to make your opinion known after that will be on the Feb. 23 primary ballot.

The EGYPTIAN recently wrote an editorial urging students and area residents to register to vote and get actively involved in their community.

After a strong voter registration turn out, here is your next opportunity to make a difference. Speak out at the upcoming public hearing or let your money do the talking.

Mailbox

Neely Hall resident hot about false fire alarms

Dear Editor,
I am a student at Neely Hall. In the past four days, we have had four fire alarms. One of them is a drill, understandably — the other three I am not sure about. I have heard that two of them were from people using the kitchenettes and leaving their food unattended. I come from a family of fire chiefs, so I understand the need for smoke/fire detectors and drills, but the story of the "Boy Who Cried Wolf" is coming to mind. Not only is this a very major inconvenience to the residents here, it costs the school money. I am afraid that more importantly the residents, myself included, are taking the alarms with a "not again — I'll brush my teeth and take my time" attitude. Of course, who wants to walk down 17 flights of stairs and back up? I said earlier, this costs the school money. They have to pay the fire department to come out, an electrician (who gets a minimum of two hours of overtime), and there are several police officers here, too. I am sure there are other expenses to a fire drill that I don't know about. Unfortunately, the largest expense may come when the students totally disregard the alarms and someone ends up dead. This is the only reason I haven't refused to leave my room — yet! I hope the school can come to a quick solution to this problem before people start covering up smoke detectors — another frightful thought!

Chuck Donahue
senior, mechanical engineering

Dating: A meaningless word to college youths

Dating. It's a taboo term nowadays. Even the root is a four-letter word. Interestingly enough, dates also are untasty pieces of fruit that are often infused with poison in movies.

"Date" is an ambiguous term at best. It can mean an appointment or social engagement. It can stand for the person who accompanies someone on such an occasion. Most intriguingly, though, it can mean a particular time at which something happened or is supposed to happen.

What happened?
Dating in college has become a confused mess. No one is exactly sure what it is anymore, but everyone thinks it has a negative connotation. One girl I talked to said dating is an exercise in divorce. Another girl said dating between people in college only serves as the doorway to the bedroom. Dating is sex without luggage. Free vacation.

I'm of the opinion that people don't date in college, they just hook up when they're drunk and decide in the morning if the particular person they slept

Flatulence in Litany

Christopher Kennedy



Flatulence in Litany appears Fridays. Christopher is a senior in creative writing. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

with is anyone they would like to be seen with in public.

If they are unhappy with their choice of bedmates, a "coyote morning" occurs.

A coyote morning is characterized by waking up and finding you've misplaced your beer-goggles. The person beside you is barely human, and worst of all, your arm is under him or her. You are so desperate to slip away unnoticed that you contemplate chewing off the offending limb to escape without alerting the other person of

your departure.

Personally, I stop talking to strange women after three beers to avoid the aforementioned situation.

But what about dating?

Let's talk about asking a person to accompany you to a social function.

What the hell happened to that?

I started asking around to find out what others thought about the deplorable condition dating has come to. The universal answer to my question was that dating has died because we've lost the ability to communicate with each other. When people talk they find no one is interested in what they have to say because they are too concerned with themselves. Has egocentrism taken over? Have we become a society that has stopped listening and merely began waiting for our turn to talk?

What happens when you manage to get a date? I asked around again, and people said that the first choice of venues is a bar. As one girl put it, "We're a confused generation with nothing to say unless we have a bottle

in our hands."

Right, how smart is it to take a member of the opposite sex that you're attracted to into a place filled with hormonally charged, booze-fueled monsters?

Let's take them to a loud, dark, grimy bar and buy them 25-cent cups of cheap beer. It fits in nicely with the theory that we've lost the ability to talk. I mean, first of all, it's impossible to have a meaningful conversation while being serenaded by the Bushhole Surfers. Secondly, the scenery at a bar gives you something to do while the other person blabbers on.

Take your date to a movie. Take them out to dinner. Take them bowling at the Student Center, but for the love of God, don't take them to a bar.

Maybe dating is obsolete. Maybe our civilization has become so advanced that we simply don't need it anymore. Why go out on dates and put up with all the hassles of actually getting to know someone when you can sleep with them the first time you meet them and blame it on the booze?

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president of USG last week because of academic eligibility. Reynolds spoke out against the current standards.

"I don't think only people with high GPAs should be represented," he said.

Syfert disagreed, pointing out "a 2.0 is good enough to graduate with a valued degree, and to meet the University's academic standards.

"If they (students) are meeting the standards, they should be allowed to be involved" in USG.

"USG is the official voice of the students," Syfert said.

He added the difference between the current 2.25 standard

and a 2.0 standard excludes roughly 3,000 students from participating in USG.

"That's more than we had vote in the last election," he said.

Other student leaders have reasoned the higher standards help ensure the best candidates are chosen to represent the students.

Graduate and Professional Student Council President Mike Speck has supported the higher standards, as has USG Vice President Brian Atchison.

Syfert disagreed, saying USG is not an academic organization and that they should not be setting higher academic standards for their members.

"This is not a decision we have a right to make," he said. "In my opinion, it's an ethical duty" to ensure that all students have the

opportunity to participate in student government.

Several other senators resigned from USG over break for various reasons, leaving the senate with fourteen open seats following the meeting.

This represents a large portion of the total of forty-one seats in the Senate.

In other business, several new senators were seated: Ashley Chung is the new academic affairs senator, Rachel Whitman represents the west side and John Pluskota is a representative for Thompson Point.

Incoming Public Relations Commissioner Joe Sanchez also was introduced to the senate.

He is expected to be confirmed at the next meeting, which is Feb. 10.

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She said that in looking at other campuses' and their technology fees, \$50 per year is a conservative number for such a fee.

In addition to a technology fee, Argersinger said the University should increase its efforts in seeking partnerships and grants.

She also said the University will need to "sit down and figure out how to use [the University's] scarce resources."

Lack of strategic planning and adequate funding have hindered the progress of technology on campus, the chancellor

said. Argersinger's Planning and Budget Council, headed by associate professor of linguistics Geoffrey Nathan, has been examining the technology on campus and developing a strategic plan for an upgrade.

The plan should be finished in about a month and a half, Argersinger said.

Upon completion, the plan will be posted on the SIU website, she said.

"We have some good direction and are making significant progress," Argersinger said.

"We already have more of a strategic plan than we did a few months ago."

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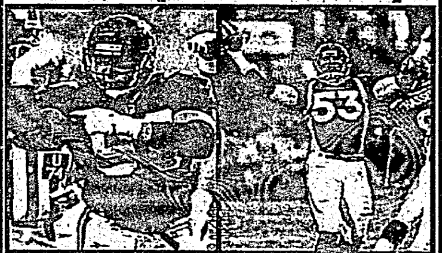
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She's All That

Vanilla Ice

changes his flavor

Ice to play tonight at Dragon with new skate-rock band.

STORY BY PAUL TECHO

MANY PEOPLE PROBABLY REMEMBER WHEN U2 EMBRACED TECHNO-POP.

Then again there was that Pat Boone metal album. And the Village People's attempt at New Wave.

Now, Vanilla Ice is contributing to the music evolution with his eight-piece "skate-rock" band. Ice will perform at 10 tonight at the Copper Dragon, 700 E. Grand Ave.

Ice says his new album, "Hard to Swallow," is filled with complex beats, dark stories and a much heavier sound than his past music.

Before dismissing this musical style change because of the name of the artist, remember that fellow hip-hop/rap refugees such as DJ Lethal and Everlast of House of Pain made similar musical transformations.

Ice describes "skate-rock," or "Adidas rock," as a collaboration of many genres of music.

"Skate-rock is a mixture of hip-hop, heavy metal and punk rock, but the tempo is different from hardcore," he said during an interview Wednesday night.

Ice said the change in his musical direction is because of the personal changes in his life and musical interests.

"I was depressed by what all the critics were saying, and then I turned to drugs and even suicide — now

I've been sober for four years," Ice said.

"There was a lot of anger from those years, and it came out on this record. That's why the sound is much darker and harder.

"To be honest, I'm bored with rap and hip-hop," he said. "I'm not turned on by today's drum machines. I have been doing that (drum machines) for days, and this band is a new musical adventure for me."

Ice credits producer Ross Robinson for helping shape his sound and vent his anger into this album.

"Ross was like, 'Wow, man, you need to put it on record,'" he said. "I would be free after that, so we captured a lot of anger and anxiety in a real rare moment."

Ice said he could not have imagined himself completely in this new direction a year ago. He reflected on the experiences he had in the past.

"I was playing all black clubs and opening for Ice-T and Stetasonic," he said. "I signed with SBK Records, and I told them I didn't want to crossover."

But the record company of Jon Secada, Wilson Phillips and Technotronic had other ideas.

"They said, 'We're so sure of it,' and they gave me \$1.5 million, so I let money influence my decision," he said.

The decision made him financially secure, but the crossover went too far, and the public lost interest in Vanilla Ice.

"The crossover wasn't by design," he said. "Then it went so far that it was impossible to turn back."

"It put such a hurdle in my career

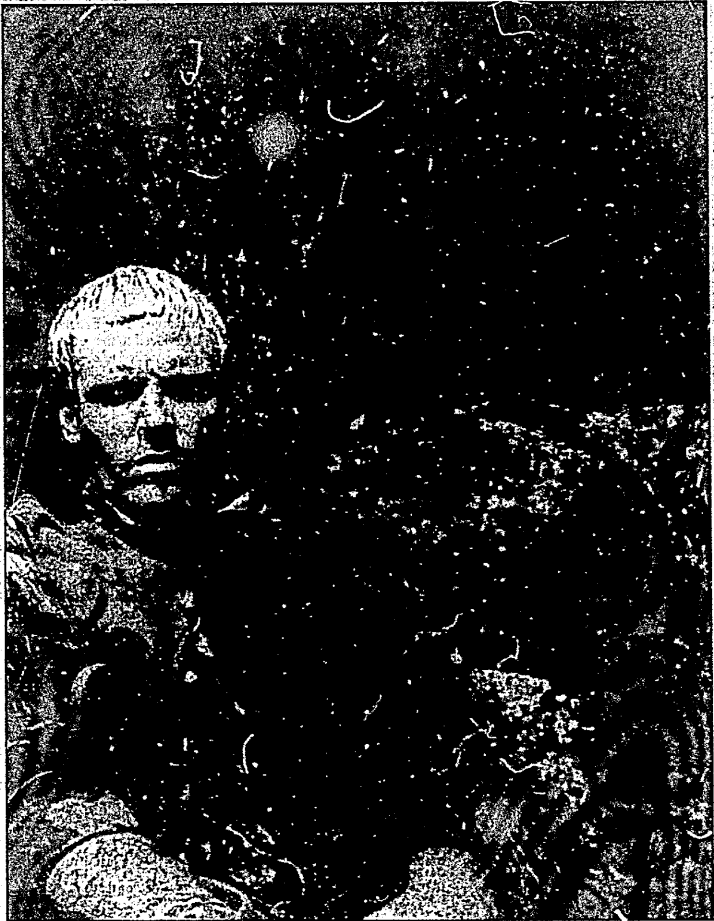


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The latest trend in body art

Mehndi provides temporary alternative to tattooing.

STORY BY THORRIE T. RAINEY

MADONNA WEARS IT ON HER FEET. IT COVERS DEMI MOORE'S HANDS. THE ARTIST FORMERLY KNOWN AS PRINCE LIKES IT ON HIS CHEST AND FACE. AND STING, WELL, HE LIKES TO HAVE IT JUST ABOUT EVERYWHERE.

Mehndi, a painless temporary form of body art made from henna, has quickly become a new fashion trend shown off by celebrities. Mehndi is an acceptable way of tattooing oneself without permanently committing to a design.

Derived from the Middle East, Mehndi comes in assorted colors but most commonly in crimson or black. The colored lines can be drawn to form any design and can be placed on any part of the body. Mehndi also brings Middle East social awareness into the western culture.

Although it may be difficult to find someone to do Mehndi in Carbondale, larger cities have a growing clientele requesting the exotic art.

Dilshad Hair Salon, 2645 W. Devon Ave., in Chicago, employs workers who only specialize in Mehndi.

Dilshad Jiwan, owner of the salon, said Mehndi is very popular there, especially during the summer.

"Mostly women come in and request Mehndi," Jiwan said. "It is very trendy and exotic when people wear them on their body."

"Some people like them covering their back or even their feet. I think that it is very pretty."

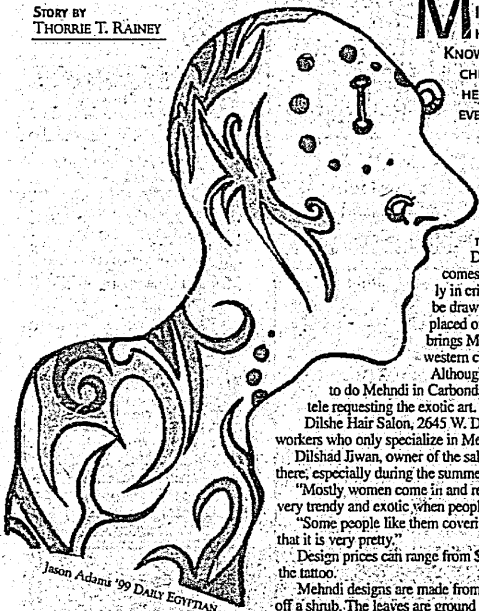
Design prices can range from \$10 and up depending on the size of the tattoo.

Mehndi designs are made from henna, which are leaves that grow off a shrub. The leaves are ground together to powder form.

Henna is mixed with clove oil and made into a paste. The paste is placed

in a tube and squeezed onto the skin to shape the desired design.

After application, the paste dries to a dark reddish color. It disappears as the skin sheds over a 25-day period.



Jason Adams '99 DAILY EGYPTIAN

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LOOSE GRAVEL ROCKS



JESSICA ZAMORA/Daily Egyptian

Fun-loving band Loose Gravel brings its comedy-infused music filled with mandolins, banjos and an upright bass to Melange, 607 S. Illinois Ave., at 8 p.m. Saturday.

STORY BY CHRIS KENNEDY

LOCAL BLUEGRASS GROUP LOOSE GRAVEL AND COUNTRY SUPERGROUP ALABAMA HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON — THEY BOTH WERE FOUNDED AT SUMMER PARTIES.

During a Memorial Day party last summer, six women and one man brought out instruments ranging from guitars and banjos to mandolins and started entertaining the other guests.

Music had been a part of all their lives since they were children. Some had played in high school and college. Others are professional musicians. They all love music and wanted to play.

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Ground Zero

CARBONDALE

Elton John coming to Carbondale

Elton John and his piano will perform at the SIU Arena March 10. Wristbands will be passed out today at the SIU Arena from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tickets go on sale at the Arena tomorrow at 8 a.m. Tickets also will be available at Student Center Ticket Office and all area Disc Jockey Records.

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CARBONDALE

Dammit Boys at Boo Jr.'s

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Described as "fast punk surf," the Dammit Boys have played several shows in the area in the last two years. Leadman Mortimer "Dammit" Bustus is a one-time member of the local band Sleipnir.

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CARBONDALE

McClain at Cousin Andy's

Nashville singer-songwriter Laurie McClain and special guest Chris Piper will perform at 7 tonight at Cousin Andy's Coffee House, 402 W. Mill St.

McClain's music is known for its exploration of themes of identity, growth, friendship and love that honor the fundamental mysteries of the human journey.

Suggested donations are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

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- Gatsby's: Live DJ
- Hangar 9: 'Boro City Rollers
- Mélange: Acoustic party featuring Blue Afternoon
- Student Center Auditorium: Movie "Rush Hour", 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
- PK's: Sloppin' Henry Blue
- Cousin Andy's Coffee House: Laurie McClain
- Coo Coo's: Country Night featuring Jackson Junction
- Longbranch Coffeehouse: Open Mic Night
- Mugsy McGuire's: Live piano music

Saturday

- Shryock Auditorium: Chicago Chamber Orchestra
- Tres Hombres: DJ music
- Carboz: Dance party
- Gatsby's: Live DJ
- Hangar 9: 'Boro City Rollers/CD release party
- Mélange: Acoustic party featuring: Loose Gravel
- Student Center Auditorium: Movie "Rush Hour"
- Coo Coo's/SI Bowl: WCIL Dance Bash/ \$101 Giveaway
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Wed	Feb 3	11-4:30 pm	SIU Law School
Wed	Feb 3	11-4 pm	SIU Student Center
Fri	Feb 5	11-4 pm	SIU Student Center
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when nobody wanted to hear Vanilla Ice anymore — nobody would take me seriously."

Ice said the audience should not expect last year's performance from him and his eight-man band, which features a DJ and background vocalists.

"Expect a high-energy, stage-diving, mosh-pit show — not the old stuff," he said. "I may take it back to the old school in the set, but it won't be anything like last year's show."

Reactions to Ice's new sound have been mixed. Jimmy Karayianis, manager of the Copper Dragon, said he is "looking forward to hearing Ice's new sound."

"I listened to the CD, and I liked it a lot, and he has worked with some top-notch producers."

Karayianis said Ice's adventurous nature may influence his change in musical direction.

"One can only lead a horse to a river so many times," he said. "He's done everything from motocross to snowboarding, and I think that adventurous nature relates to his music."

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Designs can last from seven to 30 days depending on the individual's skin type. Mehndi oil can be used to keep the color darker and the design longer.

It may be difficult to find a store that sells henna, but kits supplied with stencils can be purchased from Internet sites, such as www.henna-art.com, or body art magazines.

If you are displeased with the design, it can be removed with suntan lotion by scrubbing it vigorously every day. After the design has faded, rub the area with

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They'll get that chance again at 8 p.m. Saturday at Mélangé, 607 S. Illinois Ave.

Members of the band include: A.J. Morey, the SIUC director of the core curriculum; Cindy Clark, a local psychologist; Jayme McCarroll, residential coordinator for Southern Illinois Regional Social Services; Lynda Killoran, coordinator for child and adolescent outpatient program at SIRSS; Sheila Simon, a local attorney and daughter of former U.S. senator Paul Simon; and Todd Hedinger, a SIUC doctoral student in psychology.

At a Labor Day party, the group came together again and that is when mandolin player McCarroll compared them to loose gravel, randomly running into each other.

The only farther extreme he can take it is to do country."

Will Bernal, a junior in journalism from Rockford, was more diplomatic but did not like "Hard to Swallow." Bernal said Ice will never escape his past.

"I think people might buy it because of his name, but after the novelty wears off, people will still remember him for 'Ice Ice Baby,'" Bernal said.

But Ice contends he is not running from his past.

"Some people have asked, 'Why don't you change your name?'" he said. "Well, I'm not running from anything, and it's not about the name — it's about the music."

According to Ice, "Hard to Swallow" is No. 10 on the heavy metal charts and has gotten very good reviews, even though he is "not concerned about the critics anymore."

"If they still put the stigmas on me, then they're short-minded. I'm not worried about the critics," he said. "I focus on the people that appreciate my music."

"The new album is my diary, like therapy for me, and I gotta make myself happy, and this is how I'm coming now. I can't please everybody, and I'm not gonna try."

Vanilla Ice will be performing at 10 tonight at the Copper Dragon, 700 E. Grand Ave., with Skarhead and Waxdolls. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

cotton ball soaked in hydrogen peroxide.

Although local tattoo stores do not offer Mehndi, some say they will sell the Mehndi kits if the trend increased in popularity.

"I think that they are nice if you're not ready for a permanent tattoo," Mike Doogan, a tattoo artist at Dragon Master Tattooing, 217 W. Main St., said.

"I've seen a lot of people who wear temporary tattoos to see if they are ready for the real thing."

"It is not as trendy as body tattoos," J.T. Calderon, a tattoo artist at Golgotha Tattoos, 8609 Giant City Road, said. "Body tattoos and piercing is something that you are committed to, and being hardcore is the trend."

Thus, the idea for the group was born. According to Simon, who plays the banjo, the group's beginning was a bit backward.

"We started performing before we started practicing," Simon said.

Once the group started practicing, it was immediately evident to the members that not only would they have a lot of fun, but their audiences would be laughing also.

The band's songs are mainly humorous. Besides covers, they also write their own material with topics that range from a 4-year-old female Pope to the musings of a child on a bicycle. Morey, the band's percussionist, said the humor helps keep the band relaxed.

"We want to have fun," Morey said. "If it gets too serious, you lose something. You get pretentious."

Hedinger, one of the group's guitarists, said the humor shines through on stage.

"People tell us they just smile when we play," Hedinger said. "They can tell we're having fun."

The band has played for churches, Barnes and Noble, the WDBX Christmas party and even birthday parties. According to the keyboardist, Johnson, the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

"People have told us Loose Gravel rocks," Johnson said.

The band thrives on playing to crowds even though it can be nerve-racking.

"What's cool about these people," Hedinger said, "is that we just got together and each show is a new rehearsal."

"We're trying to get tighter without losing the looseness," Johnson said.

Loose Gravel will play at 8 p.m. Saturday at Mélangé, 607 S. Illinois Ave. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9161.

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I want to continue that (relationship)," Dillard said.

John Budstick

City Councilman John Budstick believes working harder on internship opportunities for students in Carbondale would benefit students, businesses and the community.

Budstick points out there are a number of internships currently at the Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro, and he does not see why the same could not be done at Carbondale's City Hall. He also would like to work harder with businesses in the community to encourage them to establish internships.

Budstick also considers new business in Carbondale to be vital, especially if the community wants to retain SIUC graduates.

"Most students I've talked to want to stay in the area after graduation," Budstick said. "We have a tremendous asset in the student body, and we don't use it."

One type of new business Budstick wants to look into further is electronic commerce. He picked up the idea after an electronic commerce initiative was presented to the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce in October and to the SIU Board of Trustees in November. He thinks computer-related industry might work well in Carbondale, especially with skilled students from the University.

"Maybe we can turn this into a small Silicon Valley," Budstick said.

Another issue Budstick stresses is community policing. He wants more police emphasis on violent offenses and on working with students. Budstick also wants police to walk more beats rather than drive

them. This allows police to get to know the citizens in their neighborhoods and establishes a better relationship between the police and the community, Budstick said.

"It may sound corny, but it works," Budstick said. "It's just more friendly."

Nancy Foster

Nancy Foster is an SIUC student making her first venture into the political arena, but she hopes voters are not scared off by this.

"People tend to shy away from candidates with no experience," Foster said. "It may hurt me in some respects, but experience has to be gained at some point."

Foster is making student/city relations a top priority of her campaign, especially tenant/landlord issues. She wants to review the proposals already made by USG and continue to work with them on the matter.

Other important issues for Foster include the increased train traffic in Carbondale, new business for Carbondale and increased student involvement with the community. Foster, a member of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, especially wants to get the entire SIUC greek population more community-oriented.

Though Foster admits she will be looking for on-the-job training, she does not see her inexperience as a problem. She said she is seeking and will continue to seek community input.

"I think it will help that I am a student. I don't really consider myself political," Foster said. "I am compassionate, caring and proud of this city."

R. Wayne Sapinski

One problem mayoral candidate R. Wayne Sapinski sees with current city government is under representation of the community on city council.

Sapinski does not think the current council represents the wide variety of citizens in Carbondale. He wants to see a student representative as well as an African-American representative on the City Council. Sapinski also wants the return of the Halloween celebration to Carbondale. Halloween was a definite economic advantage for Carbondale, Sapinski stated. He said he knew of some businesses that brought in nearly 25 percent of their profits during former Halloween celebrations.

"Everybody wants to see Halloween come back, and no one wants to see anybody get hurt," Sapinski said. "It will have to be a controlled situation with more self-control from students and visitors alike. The downtown area, especially the Strip, is an area Sapinski thinks deserves more city attention. He wants to make this area more pedestrian-friendly to increase foot traffic.

Possible actions might include rerouting large trucks around the Strip, slowing the speed limit in this area and having more street musicians, Sapinski said. He believes this will give the Strip a more social atmosphere and will benefit businesses at the same time.

Housing inspection is another area Sapinski thinks deserves more city attention. He would like to step up the frequency of inspections, especially in student housing areas, to yearly instead of the current system of about every three years. Another issue Sapinski is looking into is the decriminalization of marijuana in Carbondale. His stance is the police have more important things to do than arrest people for marijuana violations. He is investigating similar efforts elsewhere in the state.

"If it can be done in Illinois, why not here?" Sapinski said.



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Black History Month prompts students to reflect on past

Black History Month

What is Black History Month? Carter G. Woodson created and promoted Negro History Week during the 1920s. This time in February was chosen because it contained the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. The month-long celebration was implemented.



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People often affiliate the month of February with familiar icons such as Cupid or the groundhog. But others are like Terry Buffington, who uses the month to keep his life in retrospect, acknowledging his accomplishments made possible through his forefathers.

"I use [Black History Month] as a time to examine my personal life and make sure that I am doing all within my power to take advantage of the opportunities that my ancestors have blessed me with," Buffington, a junior in radio-television from Chicago, said.

Many Americans celebrate Black History Month, but few know who created it and why it is celebrated.

According to www.majorcox.com/columns/historic.html, a website dedicated to African-American history, Carter G. Woodson is responsible for this month-long celebration when Americans pay homage to the ongoing progress and the cultural fertility of African Americans' achievements.

Woodson created Negro History Week in the 1920s and chose the second week in February because it contained the births of two people who had a significant impact in African-American history — Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

In 1976, Black History Month was implemented as a time for all Americans to recognize the history and teachings African Americans have contributed and continue to provide for this country.

"The purpose of Black History Month is to remind the black community along with the rest of humanity the trials and tribulations black people came through," Buffington said.

"We must always hold these memories of our ancestors close to our heart because if we forget these memories, history is bound to repeat itself."

Like Buffington, Terry Lamont agrees this month is the time African Americans can remember past and present heroes who are sometimes overlooked.

"I think a lot of black people look over [Black History Month] as another month," Lamont, a senior in marketing from Chicago, said. "It's something more than that. They should try to learn a little more about their culture."

Nicole Sudberry said the sole purpose of Black History Month is to satisfy African Americans' longing for history not found in textbooks.

"I feel like [Black History Month] was invented to pacify [African Americans] because we were omitted from so many history books and history lessons," Sudberry, a sophomore in community health education from Park Forest, said.

"It should be a daily lesson instead of a monthly lesson. Our lives are ongoing, so as long as black people live there will be history continuing."

Buffington said Black History Month is not only geared toward African Americans but also other cultures.

"During Black History Month every culture and every race should unite as one, not only to show respect for the black community," Buffington said, "but in order for us to gain an understanding for each other's individualities and learn to gain respect for each other's different ethnic cultures to decrease our racial barriers."

REMEMBRANCE

Black History Month begins Feb. 1. For upcoming events, call 453-5351.



POPE

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the first in a pile containing thousands of other applications. "They asked me if I was still interested and asked if I would be a papal usher at the mass on Jan. 27 — the date of my wedding anniversary," an ecstatic Buschi said.

But Buschi says the relevance of all the dates was a spiritual divination.

She received an annulment from the Catholic church to her former marriage on the eve of Christmas 1989, and on Jan. 27, 1990, she married her husband in the eyes of the church.

"This is a blessing to our marriage," she said. "My husband and I are closer than we ever have been before. For all of this to happen at the time when it did — wow is all I can say."

"Unbelievable" seemed to be a popular word in a dome filled with more than 100,000 participants, making up the largest indoor mass in history — and all attended for the same purpose.

But even those who did not attend the Mass trekked across oceans, countries and states to see Pope John Paul II with their own eyes.

Juan Kosemedina spent 13 hours traveling with his family from Dallas, Texas, to see his religious idol; only to find tickets to the Mass were unavailable.

"I don't mind," Kosemedina said with a heavy Spanish accent. "My children got to see him, and that's all that matters."

Although Kosemedina only saw John Paul for a brief moment passing by in the popemobile, he was loaded with souvenirs that had been marketed throughout the two-day event.

"I have buttons, flags, hats and t-shirts," Kosemedina said smiling. "If [my children] forget they were here, this stuff should make them remember."

According to Knaup, the few extra dollars she spent on memorabilia was worth it, not only because the visit to St. Louis was rumored to be the Pope's last in North America but also because of his fragile condition.

"His physical complications in his life are really wearing on him, but he has this level of faith that will not succumb to whatever is fighting him," Knaup said.

"But even so, it brings fears of who the next Pope will be. Even though you know it will be chosen by God, you still have that human fear questioning how the next will be able to live up to what he has just done."

Mary Goodrich and her son Joshua waited at a bus stop Wednesday morning to ensure their place in line on Olive Street to catch a glimpse of the pope as he traveled to the Trans World Dome for the Mass. Ted Schurter/Daily Egyptian

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Poor execution dooms Dawgs

LOST CAUSE: Salukis shoot dismal 30 percent in second half as team falls in final minutes.

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The offense of the Saluki men's basketball team was quite offensive to those watching Wednesday night at the University of Evansville.

Saluki coach Bruce Weber said poor execution and shooting cost the Salukis (10-8, 5-5) a chance at a three-game road sweep.

After erasing a 13-point deficit, the offense could not make the plays needed to complete the comeback. The Salukis shot 30 percent from the floor in the second half, including 4-of-18 from three-point range in the 61-56 loss to the Purple Aces.

"We made it a game at the end," Weber said. "We just didn't come up with the plays like at Wichita. If we shot a little better than that in the second half, now we probably win that game."

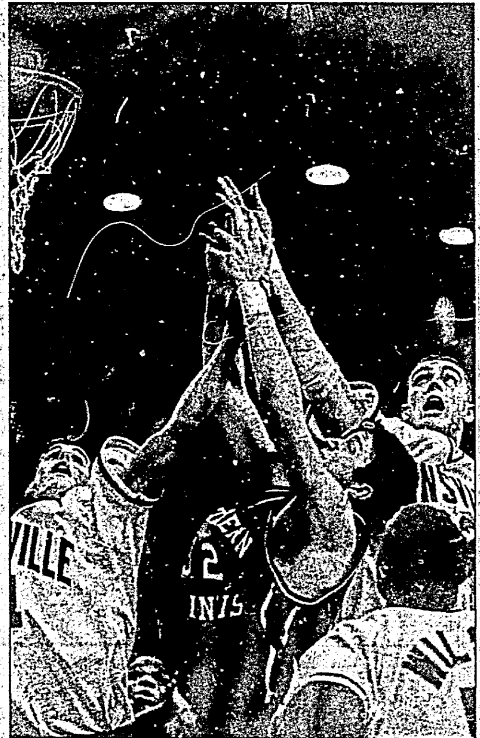
"You've got to win these. We fought back into it, but we didn't make plays."

SIUC's two big guns — senior guard Monte Jenkins and junior forward Chris Thunell — combined for just 16 points on 5-of-20 shooting.

"You've got to win these," Thunell said. "We fought back into it, but we didn't make plays. I didn't make plays. We've just got to do that to win."

The poor offensive showing wasted another impressive performance on the defensive end. SIUC limited the Purple Aces, who had been averaging 80 points per game, to just 61. Jenkins kept Evansville star Marcus Wilson to 14 points below his season average, bringing Weber to the conclusion this game was his team's to take.

"I kept telling the kids, 'they're letting you; right here take the



DOUG LARSON/DAILY EGYPTIAN

Saluki forward Chris Thunell is swarmed under the ball by Evansville defenders Wednesday night in Evansville. The Salukis lost the game 61-56.

"And that's when you got to reach and grab it. Somebody's got to make a play. Somebody's got to hit a shot, and we just couldn't do it. No matter who we play next, we've got to get better offensively."

Illinois State University's got next. The Redbirds, two-time defending Missouri Valley Conference tournament champions, ended the Salukis' season last year with a 83-73 win in the second round of the MVC tourney. What a better team to break out of an offensive funk against.

Thunell said this is the perfect place to restart their climb to the top of the standings.

"We've got to win," Thunell

said. "Illinois State is a good team, but we've got to win. (Losing) is so frustrating because we know we're in the thick of things."

The Redbirds (12-9, 7-5) are no longer the dominant team they have been in the past. But they still have junior guard Tarise Bryson (17.5 ppg) and newcomer L. Dee Murdock (14.3 ppg, 6.1 rpg) who has been impressive as well.

Weber said he just hopes his players can recover from the tough loss.

"I said, 'Hey, it's not the end of the season,'" Weber said. "Learn from it — no matter what happens, we've got to take care of business at home."

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Swim team to honor seniors

MIKE BJORKLUND
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Though this won't be their final home meet, four Saluki seniors will be honored for their services at SIUC.

Jasson Velez, Liam Weseloh, Trevor Peterson and Kat Flannery compete in their last regular season dual meet on SIUC territory Saturday when the Salukis face Southwest Missouri State University.

Women's coach Mark Klumper said he has two concerns for this weekend's meet — winning one for the seniors and improving overall progress.

"I think this meet is only really important in the sense that we would like to send our seniors off with a good meet," he said. "We would like everyone to swim well for their last meet, prior to conference."

Flannery said nothing would cap off her Saluki career better

than a successful meet. "It's pretty important," she said. "I've been swimming for 17 years, and it's sort of coming to a close. I'm almost ready for it to be over."

"I think that we are heading into our bigger meets and trying to focus on sharpening our skills."

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but I'm still excited."

Peterson said this will be an emotional meet.

"I guess it won't really kick in until after conference because I'll still be here for the championships," Peterson said. "Right now, I'm worried about swimming fast first and let all the other stuff

come next."

As for the others, Saturday signifies the beginning of 12 grueling days of preparation heading into the Missouri Valley Conference Championships Feb. 11-13.

"I think that we are heading into our bigger meets and trying to focus on sharpening our skills," sophomore Lee Frye said.

Men's coach Rick Walker said his team has taken it easy in preparations for the upcoming weeks.

"Our team has already started to rest," Walker said. "We are hoping that they don't come out flat this weekend. But I think we will have a really good meet, and I'm hoping that our seniors go out with a win."

That's not to say the team won't be focused in its quest for the team's fifth consecutive title.

"We've always focused in on the MVC (Championships)," Peterson said. "We'll focus on them again this year, and we're going to take it."

Men's tennis team to open season

PAUL WLEKINSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIUC men's tennis team opens the 1999 spring season this weekend at the Missouri Valley Conference Individuals competition at Drake University in Des Moines,

Iowa.

Head coach Brad Ifner begins his third spring season with the Salukis in hopes of continuing the turnaround of the men's tennis program.

In 1997, Ifner's first season, the Salukis produced a 5-12 season record and finished the MVC sea-

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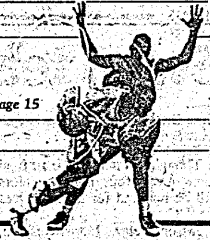
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Derrick Tilmon



Salukis downed by Sycamores

INCHES AWAY: Jackson's comeback falls short as team loses to Indiana St.

PAUL WLEKLIŃSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC junior Meredith Jackson's three points and three rebounds was enough to spark an emotional second-half comeback for the Salukis that fell just short.

Jackson played just six minutes while suffering from a shoulder injury to give the Salukis (4-13, 3-6) the energy they needed to cut into an early

Indiana State	48
Salukis	44

17-point second-half deficit. The Salukis outscored the Indiana State Sycamores (12-6, 5-5) 23-14 after Jackson's brief appearance.

The Salukis cut the lead to as close as 44-42 after a Terica Hathaway three-point bucket. But the Salukis missed several late lay-ups late in the game, leaving the comeback short in falling 48-44 at the SIU Arena Thursday night.

"We saw what the threes did," SIUC coach Julie Beck said. "That basically really helped our basketball club in emotion. We're searching for anything right now to pick this team up offensively."

The Salukis shot a dismal 29 percent in the first half, turned the ball over 11 times and trailed 29-17 at halftime. Sycamore senior guard Amy Amstutz needed only 12 first-half minutes to reach her Missouri Valley Conference

leading steal average, (3.0). She ended with four for the night.

"That was a really, really ugly first half for us offensively," SIUC coach Julie Beck said. "We were probably debating what was worse at halftime, only scoring 17 points or some of the gaps we saw on defense."

Jackson and the Salukis shot better during the comeback, dropping 40 percent from the field. Sophomore Terica Hathaway and Senior O'Desha Proctor both had eight points in the second half as both finished with 10 points and six rebounds.

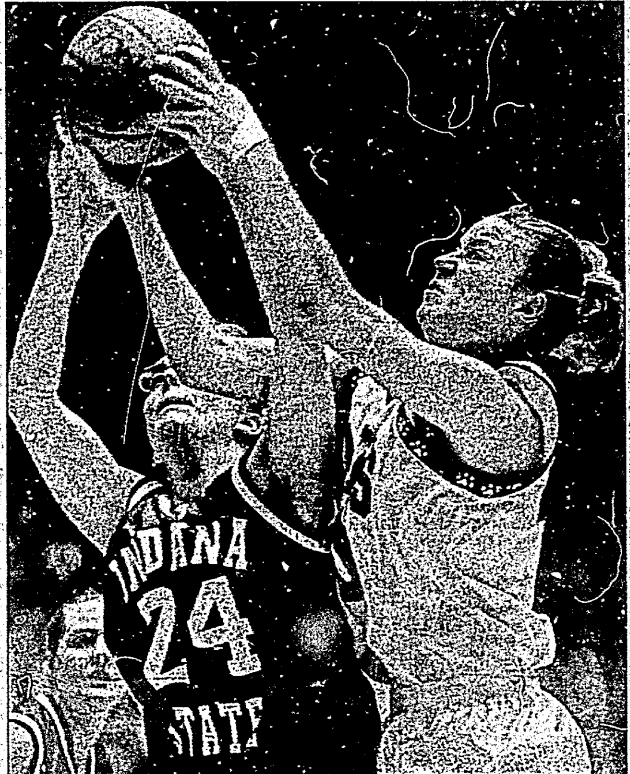
"Terica can't carry us every game," Beck said. "I credit Indiana State's defense."

Sophomore Maria Niebrugge chipped in eight points and pulled down five boards. Sophomore Kristine Abramowski returned after missing two and one half weeks with a high ankle sprain and dominated the boards for the Salukis with seven.

Sycamore guard Shameka Robinson led all scorers with 11 points and grabbing three steals. Jennifer Goetz added 10 for the Sycamores.

On Saturday, the Salukis complete the two-game homestand against Illinois State University (5-14, 1-8) at 4 p.m. in the SIU Arena.

The Salukis defeated the Redbirds in their second MVC game of the season 69-68 Jan. 4 in Redbird Arena. Both Hathaway and Abramowski recorded 20 points and five rebounds in the victory. Niebrugge also added 14 points.



DOUG LARSON/Daily Egyptian

SIUC's Maria Niebrugge and Indiana State's Abbe Brauman vie for a rebound during last night's game in the SIU Arena. The Salukis lost 48-44.

Illinois State becomes new Death Valley of MVC

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The past two seasons Illinois State University has dominated the Missouri Valley Conference.

ISU became the first MVC school to win consecutive regular season and conference tournament titles after posting a 25-6 overall and a 16-2 conference record last season and 24-6, 14-4 marks in the previous season.

However, the Redbirds look to be on the endangered species list come this year's tournament because of relentless poaching from conference foes.

Standout Rico Hill, the two-time MVC Player of the Year, gave up his final year of eligibility to pursue a professional basketball career. Also gone are former league Defensive Player of the Year Dan Mueller, sharpshooter

Skip Schaeferbauer and point guard Jamar Smiley.

With only one returning starter — senior center LeRoy Watkins — ISU (12-9, 4-6) finds themselves in unfamiliar territory at the bottom half of the conference.

Sixth-year ISU coach Kevin Stallings credits the improvement of the MVC, which is the No. 7-rated conference in the nation by RPI standings, to his team's struggles.

"Obviously, it's as tough as it's been in a long time — maybe ever," Stallings said in the MVC. "Going into the season, I thought five to six teams could win it, and it just shows that (the MVC) is very balanced and very strong this year."

There is a three-way tie for the Valley lead among Bradley University (12-6, 7-3), Southwest Missouri State University (15-5, 7-3) and the University of Evansville (15-6, 7-3), who defeated the Salukis 61-56

Wednesday night.

Stallings, who had become accustomed to the top spot in the Valley, has seen his team struggle at times this year. The Redbirds have lost three in a row, including a home loss to Indiana State University 77-66 Wednesday night.

"It's not something we're accustomed to do, nor we like," Stallings said of losing. "We just need a couple wins so we can salvage something and turn (the season) around a little bit."

Last season, ISU defeated the Salukis (10-8, 5-5) three times, including an embarrassing 105-70 hammering of the Salukis in Normal.

However, this year both the Salukis and the Redbirds are different teams in different situations.

The Salukis have since hired head coach Bruce Weber, who worked as an assistant with Stallings at Purdue University in the

mid-1980s.

Weber has the Salukis moving toward the head of the pack, while ISU has been slipping toward the bottom half of the conference.

"They're hurting," Weber said. "I know — I talked to Coach Stallings, they were hurting before (Wednesday). I'm not sure if they are going to be a whipped animal, and they can't crawl back or are they going to be somebody that's going to be fighting for a victory."

Stallings said he anticipated Weber would do a good job at SIUC but said he, along with many other coaches in the league, have been surprised by Weber's transformation of the preseason No. 8 pick in the Valley.

"I don't think that anybody felt that through the halfway point of the season that his team would only be a game out of first (as of Wednesday morning), but they're just doing a great job," Stallings said.

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