Weekender:
Vanilla Ice to chill at Copper Dragon tonight.

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 Budick, and Carbondale residents Nancy Foster and R. Wayne Segedin.

Neil Dillard
Incumbent Mayor Neil Dillard 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 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 the students," Dillard said.

"I want to make sure that students are aware of the opportunities that are available," Dillard said.

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

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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 Sydert gets his way.

Sydert authored a proposed amendment to the USG constitution that would remove the current standards for both seniors and executives responsible for them. Under the new Policy, only those students standing with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 would be allowed to participate.

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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. USG Chancellor Jim Arger singer said in a speech to the Undergraduate Student Government Wednesday.

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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 DUBRIWNY  
STUDENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Allison Kraup thought she had seen the miracle of all miracles when McGwire hit the historical home run 62 and 70 — until she saw her hero bow to a leader of a much smaller scope.

Kraup, 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," Kraup 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.

"I feel like he's 78, and here I am at 22," Kraup said with near-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 Kraup was not the only one who felt emotion through the re-evaluation of life's purpose. For Linda Busch, everything that had happened up to the pope's visit happened for a reason.

According to Busch, the opportunity to attend the Mass Wednesday morning at the World Trade 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 birthday present is the pope's visit."

Whoever was behind the curtain concealed the pope's identity for months, leading up to the visit. The pope was really called to be there for the youth.
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 an issue for a new Carbondale Community High School building to replace the East Campus facility where freshmen classes were once housed.

"To pay for this structure, Carbondale residents get to choose between a local property tax increase or a similar property tax increase coupled with a 2 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 loudmouths 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 reversing; 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 tax or the property tax? Dorm residents, don’t think you’re off the hook. You’ll feel the increase in 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 is going to help the future of Carbondale. The Central Campus of CHHS 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 the website, CHHS’s Illinois Goals Assessment Final composite scores are consistently among the state’s best. 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 disaster, 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 that will be on the Feb. 2nd 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 turns out, here is your next opportunity to make a difference. Speak out at the upcoming public hearing or let your money do the talking.

Dating

Dating. It’s a taboo term nowadays. Even the most unseasoned letter writer knows what it means. Recently, university officials were flabbergasted as they witnessed a student couple making out in a public area.

Interestingly enough, dates also are usually things of fruit that are often infused with poison in movies. "Date" is an ambiguous term at best. It can mean an appointment or a 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. Everyone thinks it has a negative connotation. One girl told me she said dating is an area of decision. Another told of dating between people in college only serving as the door to the bedroom. Dating is sex without language. Free affection.

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

If they are unhappy with their choice of bedmates, a “boyfriend morning” occurs.

A boyfriend morning is characterized by waking up and finding you’ve misplaced your best guppy. The person beside you is barely human, and worse of all, your arm is under him or her. You are unprepared to slip away unnoticed that you contemplate leaving off the offending limb to escape without alienating the other person of your affection.

Personally, I say talking to strange women after three beers to avoid the aforementioned situations. But what about dating?

Let’s talk about asking a person to accompany you to a social engagement.

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 usual 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 our society taken over? Have we become a society that has become used to instant gratification and barely 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 who’s attracted to you to a place filled with hormonally charged, booze-fueled men? Let’s take them to a loud, dark, dimly lit bar and buy them 25 cents of cheap beer. It’s 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 battered by the Beatles. Secondly, the scenery at a bar makes it difficult to do while other people blabbers on.

Take your date to a movie. Take them out to dinner. Take them bowling at the Student Center, but not for the love of God. Let’s see what happens to those who prefer dates to bars. May doing is obvious. Maybe one couple is a lot more advanced than we simply don’t need it. Why do we say dates and put up with all the hassle of actually getting to know someone when you can sleep with them the next time you meet them and blame it on the booze?"
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. Syfer 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," he said. "USG is the official voice of the students," Syfer 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 questioned the higher standards, as has USG Vice President Brian Aschhorn. Syfer 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 to make," he said. "In my opinion, it's an unethical duty to ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate in student government."

Several other senators resigned from USG over by law 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 Chang is the new academic affairs senator. Rachel Whitman represents the west side and John Pankocy is a representative for Thompson Point. Incoming Public Relations Coordinator Jon Storch was introduced to the senate. He is expected to be confirmed at the next meeting, which is Feb. 10.

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Vanilla Ice changes his flavor

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

STORY BY
PAUL TIECH

M ANY PEOPLE PROBABLY REMEMBER VANILLA ICE AS THE BLONDE RAPPER who had a string of hits in the early '90s. But his new album, "Hard to Swallow," is a collection of 14 tracks that have been inspired by his personal life and musical interests.

"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 musical adventure for me.

Ice credits producer Ross Robinson for helping shape his sound and give 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 melody in a real raw 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 Snoop Dogg," he said. "I signed with SBD Records, and I told them I didn't want to crossover."

But the record company of Jon Secada, Wilson Phillips and T'Pau had other ideas.

"They said, 'We're so sure of it,' and they gave me $1.5 million."

Ice said he could not put his mind to putting it on record. "It's hard to put money influence my decisions," 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. "I put it so far that it was impossible to turn back."

"I put such a hurdle in my career that I've been sober for four years," Ice said.

The latest trend in body art

Mehndi provides temporary alternative to tattooing.

STORY BY
THORIH T. RANEY

MEHNDI, a painless temporary form of body art, has become a trend, but 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 cinnamon 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 Eastern cultural awareness into the western culture.

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

DiBella Hair Salon, 245 W. Devon Ave., in Chicago, employs women who specialize in Mehndi.

Michael Weiss, owner of the salon, said that Mehndi is very popular there, especially during the summer.

"Very few women can pull off Mehndi," Weiss said. "It is very trendy and exotic when people want them on their body. Some people like them covering their back or own their feet. I think that it is very popular."

Design prices can range from $10 and up depending on the size of the design and the number of colors used.

Mehndi designs are made from henna, which are leaves that grow off a shrub. The leaves are ground together to powder form. The Mehndi is placed in a tube and squeezed onto the skin to shape the desired design.

After application, the paint dries to a dark, reddish color. It disappears as the skin dries over a 24-hour period.

LOOSE GRAVEL ROCKS

Fun-loving band Loose Gravel brings its comedy, infused music, filled with accordions, banjos and an upbeat beat to Maloney, 607 3rd Ave., at 8 p.m. Saturday.

STORY BY
CHRIS KENNEDY

ADILLA BRASS GROUP LOOSE GRAVEL AND COUNTRY SUPERSGROUP ALABAMA HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON — THEY WERE BOTH 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.

Muscle had been a part of all their lives since they were children. Some had had a high school and college. Others are professional musicians.

They all love music and wanted to play.

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CARBONDALE
Elton John coming to Carbondale
Elton John and his piano will perform at the SIU Arena March 10. Tickets go on sale today at the SIU Arena Offices at 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets will also be available at Student Center Ticket Office and all area Dick Jockey Records. For more information call 433-2237.

CARBONDALE
Super Bowl at Tres Hombres
For those looking for a place to get away from the college crowd and watch the big game Sunday, Tres Hombres, 119 N. Washington St., is the place to go. Tres Hombres will open at 11 a.m. and the festivities will be over by 3 p.m. There will be drink specials and giveaways, including a 25-inch TV. Admission for the Super Bowl party is $26. For more information call 457-3308.

CARBONDALE
McClain at Cousin Andy's
Nashville singer-songwriter Laura McClain and special guest Chris Piper will perform at 7 tonight at Cousin Andy's Coffee House, 403 W. Mill St. McClain's music is known for its exploration of themes of identity, girl/boy friendship and love that honor the fundamental quest of the human journey. Suggested donations are $5 for adults and $3 for students.

CARBONDALE
Dismit Boys at Boo Jr.'s
Local music sensation the Dismit Boys will invade Boo Jr.'s, 837 1/2 E. Main, at 9 p.m. Saturday night. Described as "punk surf rock," the Dismit Boys have played several shows in the area in the last two years. Leadman Mortimer "Dismit" Butts is a former member of the local band Slightplan. For more information call 529-9356.

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when nobody wanted to hear Vanilla Ice anymore—
nobody would take me seriously.'said Bernal.
I told the audience not to expect last year’s per-
formance from him and his band man, which featured
a DJ and background vocalists.
Bernal said he had plans to tour the world after that
year, but it wasn’t the same thing like last year’s show.

Resolution to Ice’s new sound have been mixed. Jimmy
Karayiannis, manager of the Copper Dragon, said he is
looking forward to hearing Ice’s new sound.
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Sipinski does not think the current council represents the wide variety of citizens in Carbondale. He feels it is a student representative as well as an African-American representative on the City Council. Sipinski also wants the return of the Halloween celebration to Carbondale. Halloween was a definite economic advantage for Carbondale, Sipinski 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," Sipinski noted. "Halloween has to be a well-controlled situation with more self-discipline on the part of the people and visitors alike." He wants to make this area more pedestrian-friendly to improve safety.

Possible actions might include rerouting large works around the strip, slowing the speed limit in this area and having more street lighting, Sipinski said. He believes this will give the strip a more social image and will benefit businesses at the same time.

Housing inspection is another issue Sipinski feels is more city attention. He would like to see the frequency of inspections, especially in student housing areas, to be quarterly instead of the current system of once a year. Another issue Sipinski 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 we can do it in Illinois, why not Carbondale?"

Sipinski continues to stress that the proposed police station cannot be completed until the master plan is prepared. It is expected to be completed in the near future.

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Black History Month prompts students to reflect on past

**NEVILLE A. CAWEWOK**

**DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER**

People often affix the month of February with familiar icons such as Cupid or the gods of love. But others see the month as a time to examine their personal and public lives and ask whether they are contributing to the progress of society.

This was the sentiment expressed by students and faculty members at USB Mason, who used the Black History Month celebration to acknowledge the accomplishments made possible through the feats of African Americans.

"I think it’s important to take a look at our past and see how we can learn from it," said USB Mason’s president. "We must remember our history to understand our present and future."
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LOST CAUSE: Salukis shoot dismal 30 percent in second half as team falls in final minutes.

Crawford Cottice

Dear Reader:

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

Saluki coach Bruce Weber said poor execution and shooting cost the Salukis (10-8, 5-3) 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 field in the second half, including 4-of-18 from three-point range in the 61-56 loss to the Purple Aces.

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SUC’s two highest-scoring seniors guard Monte Jenkins and forward Chris Thunell — combined for just 16 points on 5-of-20 shooting Wednesday night.

“You’ve got to win these,” Thunell said. “We fought back into it, but we didn’t make plays. We didn’t make plays. We’ve just got to do that and we’ve got to make plays.”

The poor offensive showing wasted another impressive performance on the defensive end. SUC limited the Purple Aces, who had been averaging 88 points per game, to just 61. Jenkins kept Evansville star Marcus Wilson to 14 points below his average, bringing Weber to the conclusion this game was his team’s to lose.

“Killing it the kids, they’re letting you fight here take the ball by Evansville defenders Wednesday night in Evansville. The Salukis lost the game 61-56.

Thunell said, “It’s tough but it’s better than losing. We’ve just got to get better.”

Weber said, “I told them, ‘Hey, it’s not the end of the season.’” Weber said. “Learn from it — no matter what happens, we’ve got to think about business at home.”

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

The Redbirds (12-9, 7-5) are no longer the dominant team they have been in the past. But they still have junior guard Tarique Byson (17.5 ppg) and newcomer L’Dell Mumbrook (14.3 ppg, 6.1 rpg) has been improving in their role.

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Swim team to honor seniors

**Mike Birkhahn**
**Daily Egyptian reporter**

Though this won’t be their final home meet, four senior swimmers will be honored for their services at Saturday’s meet.

Julio Velez, Liam Westlake, Trevor Peterson and Kat Flavor are expected to be honored during Saturday’s Senior Night. This will be the last dual meet on SIUC territory this season. On Saturday, the Salukis face Southwest Missouri State University.

Velez’s coach, Mark Klemperer said he has two concerns for this weekend’s meet—winning one for the seniors and improving overall program.

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

Klemperer said winning would cap off Velez’s senior 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.”

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**Paul W Inline**
**Daily Egyptian reporter**

The Saluki 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 Klinker begins his third spring season with the 26th of 28 men’s tennis programs in the nation. The Saluki men’s tennis program is in its third year of existence.

In 1997, Klinker’s first season, the Saluki’s produced a 5-12 season. But, this year, they’re off to a 2-2 start. Last year, they improved slightly, according to an 8-13 overall mark and improving the two goals of remaining in existence and surviving.

The Saluki’s won team competition Saturday at Washington, D.C. at the NCAA Tournament.

The Salukis will play the University of Eastern Kentucky and Indiana University.

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Salukis downed by Sycamores

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

Paul Waskinski
Daily Egyptian Reporter

SIUC junior Meredith Jackson's three-pointer and five rebounds was enough to spark an emotional season-half comeback for the Salukis that fell just short as Jackson played just six minutes when suffering from a shoulder injury to give the Salukis 46-33-66 in the 44-42 upset of SIUC.

"We saw what the three did," SIUC coach Julie Beck said. "That basically really helped our basketball club in emotion. We're searching for anything right now. We've been inconsistent."

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 Amsztutz Hathaway and Abramowski recorded 20 and 17 points in the victory.

The Salukis found themselves in unfamiliar territory at the half on 50 percent shooting and a 44-42 handicap for the Sycamores.

"We were probably defending what was worse at halftime," Beck said. "We're starting to get some continuity."

Sophomore Shantel Minge dropped 13 points in the comeback, dropping the game short in fulling 48 at 17 scorers with 13 points and eight rebounds.

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

Sophomore Maria Niebuhr dropped eight points and pulled down five boards. Sophomore Kristin 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 Shekha Jackson played just six minutes as both finished with 15 points and six rebounds.

"They're hurting," Weber said. "I know. I talked to Coach Stallings. They're hurting before (Wednesday), I'm not sure if they are going to be a whipped animal, but they can't come back or win they are going to be fighting for a victory."