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— Walter Wendler  
Chancellor

## Strike one step closer

Faculty union vows strike unless bargaining teams reach agreement

Ben Botkin  
Daily Egyptian

The Faculty Association issued an ultimatum Thursday to the SIUC administration: Give us a contract by Feb. 3 or there will be a strike.

The association filed written notice Thursday with SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler that its current contract will end on Feb. 3. This was a legal step necessary to allow a strike if the bargaining teams of the association and administration fail to reach a contract agreement before that date, said Randy Hughes, a union member and associate professor of mathematics, in a Thursday press conference.

Legally, the union is required to give the SIUC administration 10 days’ notice of its intention to end the contract. The association voted last November in favor of a measure that allowed the union leadership to call a strike on Feb. 3 if progress

**Gus Bode**



Gus says:  
Here’s the topic:  
Contract negotiations ... discuss amongst yourselves.

10 days’ notice of its intention to end the contract. The association voted last November in favor of a measure that allowed the union leadership to call a strike on Feb. 3 if progress



Faculty Association member Randy Hughes announced Thursday that the union would no longer recognize the contract it is currently working under as of Feb. 3, finalizing the last needed step to legally strike. One hour later, Chancellor Walter Wendler detailed the University’s plans to deal with a possible faculty walkout. Both sides stressed that reaching an agreement is the only way to avoid detrement to the University.

stalls at the negotiations table.

“This means that unless a tentative agreement is reached within the next 10 days, the faculty can begin a strike action,” Hughes said. “Today is significant because it makes the deadline we set very real.”

Wendler called a separate press conference, echoing the association’s desire to avert a strike and continue bargaining, which is scheduled to continue today at 1 p.m.

“Our primary goal is to continue the negotiations process,” he said.

Since November, the administration has been willing to negotiate around the clock. Wendler said, adding that availability of federal mediators — requested by the union — limited the bargaining sessions.

“We’re ready 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” he said. “We’ll get some bologna sandwiches and go to work.”

Hughes agreed, encouraging the administration to bargain during the weekend.



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“We think the way to resolve this dispute is serious negotiation, not a strike,” he said. “We challenge the board to join us at the bargaining table this weekend and come prepared to make a deal.”

Without elaborating, Hughes said there are six sticking points — workloads, job security, administrative accountability, salary and benefits, tenure and promotion and recognition of the association.

The union’s bargaining team received a package proposal from the administration on Wednesday for review.

James Kelly, the association’s spokesman, declined to discuss the administration’s proposal. If there is a strike, that does not mean contract proposals will be discussed in greater detail with the media, he said.

The association and SIUC administration have been in contract negotiations since February 2002. Union members voted last November on a measure allowing its leader-

ship to call a strike on or after Feb. 3, providing that progress stalls at the bargaining table.

The association represents a bargaining unit of 680 faculty at SIUC, and about 390 of these are dues-paying members. In November’s vote, the faculty supported a strike with a vote of 306 to 40.

Wendler said there are questions yet to be determined if there is a strike, such as how many faculty would strike, who will fill in for striking professors, and how drastically the economy would be affected.

“We have to wait and see what happens,” he said.

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In-depth look at the effects of a strike and the negotiating process.  
See story, page 4

## Wendler: Tuition will be refunded if classes canceled

Students, community members concerned about possible strike

Moustafa Ayad  
Daily Egyptian

As the Faculty Association secured its legal right to strike Thursday, Chancellor Walter Wendler said tuition will be refunded in full to students who have their classes canceled in the case of an extended faculty walkout.

In a Thursday press conference, Wendler said students will be given tuition refunds for courses cancelled for a long period of time, but stopped short of saying how long a strike would need to last before refunds are dispersed. He said a short-term strike with students missing one or two classes would not necessarily require a tuition refund.

Still, Wendler also stressed that if there is a walkout, the administration will make every effort to replace striking faculty. While he would not speculate what classes might be canceled, Wendler said that department heads

are making plans for each college, and a list will be released early next week.

But the planning is difficult because administrators are legally prevented from asking faculty if they are planning to go on strike, Wendler said. He said students deserve a quality education — even if there is a strike.

“If they don’t have that, we should give a full refund,” he said.

Neal Young, vice president of Undergraduate Student Government, said that although many USG members support the Faculty Association, they are concerned with issues resulting from a possible strike.

“There is a large percentage of the USG supporting the faculty’s quest for economic justice and academic freedom, and the plethora of other issues,” he said.

However USG has not taken an official stance on the strike. Young expressed concern about enrollment citing that numbers are down, and the uncertainty of the future may drive students away.

“If there is a strike a lot of people are going to be looking to get their money back,” he said.

Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Okawville, said

he hopes a strike can be averted and that the Faculty Association and administration will reach a reasonable solution.

“Basically, our role as legislators should be to let both sides work it out,” he said. “That is what negotiations are all about. That is what they are for. A strike would be devastating to the union, to the school, and to the administration.”

Luechtefeld has been following the on-again off-again negotiations watching for a potential end to the crisis.

“Major controversy does have an effect on enrollment,” he said.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said his department called more than 1,500 students during the first week of January to remind them of spring tuition and fees that were due. Out of that group, not a single student mentioned concerns about the possible faculty strike, he said.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said a strike can only bring potential damage to a university’s reputation and urged both sides to resume talks.

“It is very important this is settled — the primary focus should be the students,” he said.

“Overall, I think if there is a strike, it will be a very sad day for the University and a sad day for Carbondale.”

— Jeff Doherty  
Carbondale city manager

“I encourage both sides to resume negotiations, but a legislator can only do that to a point.”

Jeff Doherty, Carbondale city manager, sees the University and the Carbondale community being intertwined, with a strike affecting both negatively.

“Overall, I think if there is a strike, it will be a very sad day for the University and a sad day for Carbondale,” he said. “In the long run, the strike will have an adverse impact on the community and the University as an institution, and would affect peoples’ decision to come to the University.”

Reporter Ben Botkin contributed to this story.

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Budget expected to show record deficit**

WASHINGTON — In his 2002 State of the Union address, President Bush declared that the federal budget deficit "will be small and short-term."  
 A year later, the administration admits the government's return to borrowing will be neither small nor short-term. "We are looking at (a deficit) for the foreseeable future," White House Budget Director Mitch Daniels said last week.  
 The reasons are many. The economy's slowdown and Wall Street's decline curbed the growth of tax collections. The Sept. 11 attacks and the battle against terrorism sent defense and homeland security costs soaring. Bush's tax cuts in 2001 reduced anticipated federal revenue by \$1.35 trillion over a decade; his latest proposal would cut future revenue by \$674 billion more. And the government must spend more to cover the rising costs of Medicare and Medicaid programs for the elderly, disabled and poor.  
 Bush will release on Feb. 4 his budget proposal for 2004. Daniels said it would show a deficit of \$300 billion or more. That would be the largest deficit in U.S. history, surpassing the \$290 billion reached in Bush's father's administration in 1992. As a percentage of the \$10 trillion national economy, however,

it would be less than in the 1980s and early 1990s.  
 A new forecast is due from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) next week that will show much bigger deficits than were projected last year.

**Leukemia, Agent Orange link found**

WASHINGTON — Researchers have found a link between a type of leukemia and Vietnam soldiers exposed to herbicides like Agent Orange, prompting the Veterans Affairs Department to announce it will extend benefits to veterans with the illness.  
 The veterans diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia, or CLL, would start receiving improved benefits, such as disability compensation and priority health care services, in about a year, Secretary Anthony Principi said Thursday.  
 "It's sad that we have to presume service connection, because we know that (veterans) have cancer that may have been caused by their battlefield service. But it's the right thing to do," Principi said to the Associated Press.  
 Veterans Affairs expects to find about 500 new cases of CLL a year among Vietnam veterans, said spokesman Phil Budahn. About 2.6 million people served in Vietnam during the war and most still are alive.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Suspect arrested in Saudi Arabia confesses, wasn't working alone**

KUWAIT CITY — A Kuwaiti civil servant confessed to opening fire on two Americans in Kuwait, killing one and wounding the other, and authorities have found the weapon he used, the Interior Ministry said Thursday.  
 Kuwait policemen look for evidence around the vehicle that was attacked earlier this week. One person died.  
 A Kuwaiti security officer said the suspect, Sami al-Mutairi, 25, was not working alone. And the Interior Ministry, in its statement, said he acknowledged following the ideals of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda terrorist network.  
 Al-Mutairi was arrested at the border with Saudi Arabia as he tried to flee and was extradited to Kuwait, the ministry said. His weapon and some ammunition was found at his workplace, according to the statement. It did not say where he worked.  
 The ministry statement said al-Mutairi became a suspect "in the first hours after the crime was committed."  
 The security officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said al-Mutairi was arrested by Saudi border guards Wednesday. The official said he was a Kuwaiti civil servant and the prime suspect, but that he "had partners, maybe two."

**Iraq's neighbors urge cooperation with U.N.**

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Fearing war could trigger a crisis in the region, Iraq's neighbors urged Saddam Hussein on Thursday to cooperate fully with U.N. arms inspectors. They avoided any public call for the Iraqi leader to step down.  
 Egypt, represented by Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher, said "We only have one item on the agenda and that is how to help Iraq avoid a military strike."  
 "The countries of this region do not wish to live through yet another war and all its devastating consequences," said a joint communique read by Turkish Foreign Minister Yasar Yakis. Foreign ministers of the six countries — Turkey, Syria, Iran, Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia — urged Iraq to "demonstrate a more active approach" in providing information on its weapons programs "in full conformity" with U.N. regulations.  
 However, Yakis and others said there was no discussion of urging Saddam to step down to spare his country from war.  
 The six ministers also urged Iraq to "confirm its commitment under relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions" regarding disarmament and to "embark on the policy that will unambiguously inspire confidence to Iraq's neighbors."

**Today**

High 21  
 Low 13



Partly Cloudy. Highs in the lower 20s. Feels like the lower teens.

**Five-day Forecast**

Saturday	Partly Cloudy	37/13
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	25/4
Monday	Mostly Cloudy	30/30
Tuesday	Partly Cloudy	53/28
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	48/27

**Almanac**

Average high: 39  
 Average low: 21  
 Thursday's precip: 0"  
 Thursday's hi/low: 21/13

**POLICE REPORTS**

No items to report.

**CALENDAR**

**Today**

University Club monthly social  
 Student Center, Old Main Lounge  
 5 to 7 p.m.  
 all faculty, staff and alumni welcome

Chili Supper fund-raiser  
 for City Council candidate Matt Woods  
 Labore's Local 227  
 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Upcoming Events**

American Advertising Federation meeting Jan. 30  
 Communications Building Room 1244  
 6 p.m.  
 weekly meetings every Thursday

**CORRECTIONS**

\* In Tuesday's issue of the Daily Egyptian, the page 10 article titled, "A Journey for Peace," misidentified Joel Landry as Chief of Staff of Undergraduate Student Government. He no longer has an involvement with the organization.

\* In Thursday's editorial on page 6, "Get registered to vote" the editorial incorrectly stated the number of new seats on the city council. The editorial should have said that two seats have been added bringing the total to seven.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets these errors.

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## Plague scare not an issue at SIUC

University houses toxic chemicals, but no plague

Kristina Herrndobler  
Daily Egyptian

In the aftermath of a bioterrorism scare at Texas Tech University, Paul Restivo, the director of the Center for Environmental Health and Safety, said he is thankful SIUC doesn't have any major toxic agents that could cause similar problems.

"When you have something like the plague, it creates requirements and concerns for the health and safety of those working with it and the community at large," Restivo said.

After 9/11 and worries of bioterrorism, FBI agents visited labs at major universities across the country, including SIUC.

"When you have something like the plague, you could become a target of terrorism, and if a terrorist got a hold of it, they could wreak a lot of havoc," Restivo said.

According to an Associated Press report, havoc was almost realized when 30 vials of the plague were reported missing last week from Texas Tech University.

After an intensive investigation, a professor admitted he destroyed the vials and then lied about their disappearance.

Before Thomas Butler, chief of the infectious diseases division of the department of internal medicine, admitted to destroying the vials of plague, Texas Tech Campus Police notified authorities and local hospitals that they had been reported missing. Dozens of federal agents converged on the university's medical complex amid fear of bioterrorism.

Although law enforcement officials said the material in the vials could not be used as a biological weapon, reports that the vials were missing spread quickly.

After expending much money and federal manpower, Butler confessed and was held without bond on the charge of giving a false statement to a federal agent. The charge has a penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Restivo said although every major university in the country probably has some material on campus that could be potentially hazardous, certainly not all are as hazardous as the plague. Still, SIUC has toxic chemicals on campus — all of which Restivo assures are safely secured in labs.

Because of new laws, SIUC is in the process of reviewing the internal security of the labs on campus.

"Formally, we do not have much in terms of highly toxic and bioterrorism agents," he said. "But we are still trying to go further and identify possible improvements."

Although Restivo said there is certainly a need for universities to have and study highly toxic agents such as the plague, he worries a little less knowing they aren't here in Carbondale.

"It's a big deal to have these things," he said. "You have to report it to the Center of Disease Control, you need permission before it can be destroyed. There is just a whole list that kicks in when you identify such materials. They all trigger additional precautions."

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Wednesday morning, Mark Cressey, receives help with his application from the Murphysboro unemployment office. Cressey is a recent graduate from John A. Logan and has been unemployed since May.

Jessica Edmond  
Daily Egyptian

## Unemployment drops, though many people remain jobless

Meanwhile construction business picks up

Jackie Keane  
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale unemployment rates have remained stable during this time of economic instability, though the state has not been as successful.

The state unemployment rate dropped from 6.7 to 6.4 percent last month, yet jobs continue to record more losses.

"Jackson County has the lowest unemployment rate in Southern Illinois, falling lower than the state or national average, as well. Southern Illinois, like the state and the nation, has seen an economic slowdown within the last few years," said Raymond Lenzi, the associate chancellor of Economic and Regional Development.

Construction is the only one of the nine major statewide industry groups that has endured an overall gain, according to monthly statistics released Wednesday by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). This is the best performance by the construction industry within the last 16 years.

As Illinois continues to pay unemployment to thousands of jobless workers, the construction industry has reversed the downward spiral, adding 3,900 jobs in December and boosting employ-

ment, according to IDES. During 2002, builders began the construction of 1.7 million new homes and apartments, a 6.4 percent gain from 2001.

The home building and construction industry has been able to maintain an overall gain in employment, though many unemployed workers struggle to find work during this slow winter season and to add economy.

Although the construction industry may have increased its performance activity, the national unemployment rates remain high, including that of the construction workers and builders.

Mark Cressey, of Ava, is one of the 44,000 unemployed people in Illinois. Though he is applying for unemployment, he must also struggle to find a job.

A recent graduate from John A. Logan's Construction Management Program, the market seemed hopeful when he was hired within a month of his May graduation.

Today, things do not seem as promising. He is spending his winter months, already a slow time for the construction season, looking for a job.

"When things get slow, the low man on the totem pole is first to go," said Cressey.

With only himself to support, he said, not receiving unemployment will not be the end of the world, though it would help out tremendously with paying bills. The savings he has built and the side jobs he can acquire with his range of skills will be able to help him keep his head above the

surface, he said.

"Everybody's real slow. There are no openings going on. I decided that this would be the best way to get through the next couple of months," Cressey said.

Unemployment can be provided for up to six months, if the individual is eligible.

Last month the Illinois Department of Employment Security sent notices to people currently receiving unemployment benefits informing them of a 13-week extended unemployment benefits to be reinstated. The extension benefit was a result of legislation signed into law during the first week of January.

The checks, expected to go out early last week, will include benefits retroactively payable for Dec. 29 through Jan. 4 and thereafter. This will be the second time the program has been extended.

The extension does not provide additional benefits to individuals who have already exhausted Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC).

In Illinois, a total of \$632.4 million in TEUC benefits has been paid out to eligible unemployed workers since the program began last March.

"I am sending out resumes left and right. I would like to stay in the area, but relocation is a possibility," Cressey said.

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## Graduate Council asks for binding arbitration

Katie Davis  
Daily Egyptian

The SIUC Graduate Council passed a resolution Thursday asking that the faculty and administration agree to binding arbitration in negotiations to avoid a possible faculty walkout.

Binding arbitration requires both parties to work together to resolve the conflict through a mediator, who then hands down an arrangement that both parties must follow.

"There is little to be gained at this particular time given the budgetary climate of the state while there is a great deal to be lost in terms of negative image, relations with politicians

who control the state, and breaking our commitment to the students," said Zoology Department chair William Muhlach.

Contract negotiations have been ongoing for more than a year, and members of the Faculty Association gave president Mortez Daneshdoost the authority to call a strike on or after Feb. 3, if progress is insufficient.

Randy Hughes, associate professor of mathematics and union member, announced Thursday his intention to call a strike on Feb. 3 if an agreement is not reached.

Graduate Council chair James Tyrrell said it is unclear exactly what the strike will mean for the

University. He said that while it may bring positive results to the faculty, many forget the harm it could cause elsewhere.

"No one really understands the impact a strike would have because this is uncharted territory," Tyrrell said. "If it's a couple of days, then no problem. But if the strike goes longer, it would have a major impact on students, graduate research projects, faculty research projects and the list goes on and on."

Muhlach said the resolution was a means to give faculty members who were not at the bargaining table a place to voice whether they support a strike. He said the council was not unanimous in its perspective.

### NEWS/BRIEFS

#### ON CAMPUS

#### Faculty open-info meetings

Members of the Faculty Association Strike Action Coordinating Committee will be presenting the latest information on bargaining and strike preparations during open-information meetings today. The first two will be at noon and 2 p.m. in the video lounge on the fourth floor of the Student Center. A third will begin at 4 p.m. in the Kleinae Theatre on the second floor of the Communications Building.

#### Animal abuse the topic this week on WIDB news

WIDB will focus on animal abuse this weekend on the news show, which runs from 7 to 8 p.m. Sundays. Registered Student Organization Students to Speak Out for Animals will be at the station. Listeners can access the show by going onto [www.widb.net](http://www.widb.net) and debate by calling 453-WIDB.

#### REGIONAL

#### Theater for the Deaf presents "Oh, Figaro"

The Tony Award-winning National Theater of the Deaf will perform "Oh, Figaro" 7:30 p.m. Monday at John A. Logan College.

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"It's a lot of well-meaning people who have difference of opinion," he said.

Tyrrell said the council does not support either the faculty or administration, but is concerned with the affects of their actions.

"It's important to make it as clear as possible that we are not taking sides on the issue," Tyrrell said.

"Negotiations are a legal process of which we have no direct input. Our concern is that people need to work as hard as possible to avoid a strike."

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# Strike preparations affect more than faculty

Both camps gearing up for showdown, students and non-union employees caught in crossfire

Ben Botkin  
Daily Egyptian

Time is running short. The Faculty Association has now taken all the necessary steps to legally strike Feb. 3, filing notice with the SIUC administration Thursday that their contract will expire on that date.

This means that the faculty will strike Feb. 3 if bargaining teams of the union and SIUC administration fail to reach a new contract agreement before then.

The union has been in negotiations with the administration since February 2002, and faculty waited until November to vote on measures that would allow a strike.

Still, both sides have maintained their optimism about avoiding a strike up to this point. But the show of hopefulness hasn't kept administrators and faculty from making preparations for what may be the first university strike in the history of Illinois.

Both the union and administration have formed separate committees that are developing battle plans in preparation for a strike. Student constituency groups are wondering what will happen next and learning about what to expect should the faculty hit the picket lines. And non-faculty employees at SIUC aren't left out of the equation, either.

Regardless of the outcome, the preparations show the seriousness of the situation for SIUC, which affects more than simply the union leaders and SIUC administrators.

## The students

In terms of numbers, the largest group on campus that could be affected by a strike is the students, who amounted to 21,873 at the start of the Fall 2002 semester.

For this group, SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler has given assurances for those planning to leave in May that graduation is still a reality.

And while he conceded that some classes will not continue if there is a strike, Wendler gave a promise for the courses that may have substitute faculty: "We're not going to put unqualified people in classes."

But the unanswered question of who will replace striking faculty continues to be a concern for the Undergraduate Student Government. The student governing body voiced its views last week in a resolution calling for a swift contract agreement and insisting that the administration avoid using poorly trained workers for striking faculty.

USG President Michael Jarard sees the bargaining as deadlocked, but not at the fault of one group over the other.

"Both are playing a game of chicken," he said. "Neither party is willing to back down."

Besides the concerns of quality faculty and graduating on time, another issue — one affecting graduate students — is also at stake. Graduate assistants, some of whom are working with faculty who may go on strike, could be faced with the decision of what to do in the event of a walkout.

Amy Sileven, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Council, is preparing a letter that lists the potential options and rights of graduate assistants.

The document, which the council



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After making an announcement on behalf of the administration concerning the possible strike, Chancellor Walter Wendler addressed several questions from USG President Michael Jarard. USG passed a resolution demanding that if there is to be a strike, the administration provide qualified replacements for Faculty Association members.

may approve at its Tuesday meeting after reviewing it, is not intended to sway students one way or the other, Sileven said. Its goal is simply to give graduate students information about the pros and cons of their options, she said.

For graduate assistants who choose to join a faculty strike, there's no need to worry about losing their assistantships, Wendler said. But the choice to abandon the typical duties of a graduate assistant won't come without a cost.

"Of course they will not be paid when they don't come to work," Wendler said. "This is not a sick leave benefit or a vacation benefit. This is a leave without pay because you want to participate in a work stoppage."

The need for graduate students to understand their rights is important, said John Koropchak, dean of the Graduate School and vice chancellor for Research.

If assistants were to substitute for faculty on strike, that would be at the department head's request and not forced upon the graduate students, Koropchak said.

"My goal is to avoid any uncertainty for graduates students so they have a good understanding," he said. "I just want to allay their fears. I'm concerned about my graduate students and I hope to minimize their concerns."

## The administration

Behind the closed doors of negotiations, bargaining teams from both sides continue to hammer out sticking points ranging from salaries to workloads to fair share.

But not all SIUC administrators involved in the process spend their time at the bargaining table. Wendler is working with a committee he formed last semester that has the purpose of preparing the University for the task of grappling with a faculty strike.

And the challenges for the committee are largely unknown at this point, with many factors that are difficult to determine, Wendler said.

"We have no sense of what's going to happen," he said.

There are questions such as how many faculty may walk, if non-faculty employees would join a strike, and even how long a work stoppage would last. And the unpredictable details such as a strike's length make the planning difficult, Wendler said.

"We're wrestling with it every

day," he said. "For example, if a strike lasts one day, that's like a faculty member being sick."

The duties of faculty mean that determining their presence could be difficult because professors may travel to conferences, work from home, or be involved in research outside their offices and classrooms, Wendler said. As a result, the administration will be faced with a challenge of seeing who is on strike if faculty members walk out, he said.

With about 1,586 full-time and part-time faculty members, 680 of these are in the association's bargaining unit.

But not every professor in the bargaining unit is a dues-paying member of the union and planning to join in a strike if the association's leadership calls for one. Of the 680 faculty members, 306 voted in support of a strike in November, with only 40 faculty members casting votes against a walkout.

Still, Wendler admits that faculty who didn't vote might decide to participate in a strike.

"There are non-members who may honor the picket lines and that's their right," he said.

## Non-faculty SIUC employees

For campus workers who are not faculty, joining a strike may not be an option.

If employees want to use their vacation time during a strike, that option, as usual, is at the discretion of their supervisors, who always approve days off, Wendler said.

Jackie Childers, president of the Laborers' International Union of North America, said his organization, which represents groundskeepers, is not allowed to go on strike. The same is true for the Fraternal Order of Police, which is bound by a no-strike clause.

But that doesn't necessarily mean that the non-faculty workers won't support the association in its efforts for a new contract.

Ruth Pommier, president of the Association of Civil Service Employees, stressed that the faculty union has not asked her association to join in a walkout. And while ACSE, which represents about 535 clerical and administrative employees, is not allowed to have a work stoppage, non-faculty members can still support the strike efforts, she said.

"There is nothing in the contract to prevent them from walking the

picket line during their breaks," Pommier said.

## The Faculty Association

Across the street from the University, what was once an empty storefront has been transformed into a hub of activity for the faculty union.

The union has headquarters at 827 S. Illinois Ave., formerly the location of Plaza Records, where members have already begun planning their strategy and preparing for a strike.

Literature about the association is on a table, and computers and phone lines are hooked up.

Faculty members have already made plans for picketing, and a schedule — in the building before a strike was officially announced — shows who will man the headquarters.

Just last Tuesday, union members showed hope for a new contract before the deadline, but confessed they were edging closer to a strike. The association now has a strike action coordinating committee, which is charged with taking care of the strike's logistics.

"We are seriously preparing," said Randy Hughes, the committee's chair. "I am hopeful, but it is getting awfully close."

Members of the faculty union are canvassing those who aren't actively involved with the association in an attempt to gauge how severe a strike would be. Duties for faculty on strike include the obvious, such as picketing, and also the less visible tasks such as answering phones at the headquarters, baby-sitting and bringing in lunch.

"Things are moving very quickly," Hughes said. "We're doing a lot to get ready for Feb. 3."

While the pace has quickened, the labor talks have been a long process, James Kelly, the union's spokesman, said earlier this week.

"We've been in negotiations for almost a year," he said. "Our hope is that within two weeks, we will have a tentative agreement."

And for those who may think the plans are a ruse to make progress at the bargaining table, Kelly gave a word of caution.

"We're prepared to strike," he said. "There's no bluff."

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USG: Don't replace our professors

Valerie N. Donnals  
Daily Egyptian

The members of the Undergraduate Student Government sent a clear message to the administration at its first meeting Jan. 15 passing two resolutions opposing the possible replacement of faculty if there is a strike and tuition increases scheduled to occur during the next three academic years.

"I think it would be a huge slap in the face to teachers and students that someone without a degree in my subject will be brought in to teach in place of someone who has a degree," said Erik Wiatt, a senior in history who supported the resolution.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said he would not bring unqualified teachers into the classroom.

The legislation stated it "demands the administration to resolve the issue with the faculty" to prevent the disruption of the students' education. It referred to an "unwritten contract" between students and the University concerning the quality of education students pay to receive.

The senators unanimously passed it with no opposition.

The second resolution also went through the senate without opposition, but underwent some debate before it was passed.

The administration raised tuition at SIUC by 18 percent for fiscal year 2003 and 16 percent for the fiscal year 2004.

Because of the "sharp, significant increase" in tuition, the resolution opposed any tuition increases for years 2005 and 2006, which are currently set at 7 percent and 8 percent, respectively.

"We felt that the increases were so high that students shouldn't have to have another tuition increase," Wiatt said, who wrote and introduced the resolution.

The main reason for the opposition resulted from the students being kept in the dark about how the money will be spent.

"The last increase didn't go toward academics," senator Rob Taylor said. "Who knows where the next one is going?"

Senator Peter Normand, a senior in architectural studies, said he would approve of the resolution if it was amended to oppose any increase that does not support maintaining the current academic programs.

While Wiatt said that was also a concern of his, there was no guarantee that the money would be used for academics.

"I agree with what he said, but nobody knows where the money is going," Wiatt said. "At the very least, the administration needs to come out and tell the students where the money will be allocated to."

Wiatt said they were given broad goals for the money's use, but USG has received no concrete plan. Also, since the Board of Trustees has not agreed to the increases in 2005 and 2006, Wendler might increase the tuition even more.

When it came time for the vote, the senate passed the resolution with no dissent, despite the few senators who spoke against it.

"I thought a couple of people might oppose, but most students would be in support of something like this," Wiatt said. "I think the senate reflected that."

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# Ryan's appointees speak with attorney

Those fired possibly taking legal action

Sara Hooker  
Daily Egyptian

State government employees displaced at the hands of Gov. Rod Blagojevich in the early days of his term may be taking legal action against their dismissal.

The State Journal-Register reported Thursday that some of the 35 fired are negotiating with Bruce Stratton, a Springfield attorney.

All of the individuals were hired on term appointments. Traditionally, this would mean that after a probationary period they could not be fired for four years.

Brad Cole, Carbondale city councilman and mayoral candidate, previously told the DAILY EGYPTIAN that he has no plans to take legal action.

"I applied for the job, I was rated well-qualified by the selection service for the job and I was hired," Cole said. "I don't know what else I can do. Apparently it wasn't enough."

Cole said he has no comment on the others' decision to possibly take legal action.

Stratton told the State Journal-Register even if the former employees do not regain their jobs that there is a possibility for monetary damages.

He said many of them are angry with the implication they are former Gov. George Ryan's cronies.

"People are upset not only about their jobs, but also about the things said about them," Stratton said.

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# AmeriCorp spreads MLK's message

Local workers travel to schools in hopes of teaching King's ideas

Jessica Yorama  
Daily Egyptian

Green, blue and yellow became more than mere colors to students at De Soto Elementary School who participated in an activity designed to teach students a lesson in diversity.

Having had the opportunity to celebrate the actual holiday, students in four local schools continued the week by participating in activities designed by Land of Lincoln AmeriCorp to honor the beliefs of Martin Luther King Jr.

Students picked a number at the beginning of the day and were divided into three groups. The different groups wore yellow, blue and green wristbands that identified whether they were poor, working class or rich. They were forbidden from communicating or even using the same water fountains or bathrooms as people who were not in their class. Members of AmeriCorp developed this exercise to better help students fathom life in the days of segregation.

"It's hard to change things in one day," said Ben Scherr, a senior in radio and television from Buffalo Grove. "But I think it opened the kids up to how lucky we are to live in America."

The exercise in diversity in De Soto was just one activity performed by AmeriCorp workers that, although it does not pertain directly to race, was designed to illustrate King's

ideas and beliefs to students.

Nine AmeriCorp members were split up among four schools; Carbondale Middle School and De Soto, Du Quoin and Winkler Elementary schools where they developed

*"Service is not something you do just one day. It should be routine, something that is ingrained in our daily lifestyle."*

- Tori Collins  
AmeriCorp worker



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Tori Collins, an AmeriCorp participant, contributes some canned goods to the food drive at Carbondale Middle School. People of all ages are encouraged to help those who are less fortunate by donating non-perishable food items at collection sites around the area.

programs to properly illustrate and express King's ideas.

AmeriCorp workers developed varying ideas as to how to honor King's memory during the week of activities. Worker Tori Collins decided a food drive was an efficient way to honor King and his dedication to service.

"We wanted to do something for the holiday and we thought a can drive would be a good idea since a lot of food banks run out of food around this time," said Collins, a senior in political science and paralegal studies from Chicago.

"The idea was sparked by Martin Luther King. Service is not something you do just one day. It should be routine, something that is ingrained in our daily lifestyle."

In order to decide what services they would perform, AmeriCorp members met early in the year with their coordinator, Mythili Rundblad.

"We want the members to decide what programs they're going to have," said Rundblad. "The whole concept of AmeriCorp is for them

to learn leadership skills and there's a number of factors that go into deciding. We want to challenge them to be creative."

The meeting that took place early in the semester did not only result in the decision to perform a food drive and an exercise in diversity. AmeriCorp groups sent to Winkler Elementary School in Carbondale organized efforts to prepare cards for victims of domestic violence through The Poshard Foundation. Du Quoin Elementary students were exposed to a variety of cultures through SIUC students from three different countries that came to speak at the school.

"It's important to remember Martin Luther King Jr., what he stood for and his emphasis on cultural diversity," said Debbie Denton, principal of Du Quoin Elementary School. "Students from small towns need to expand their horizons, see how others live and, hopefully they'll become more accepting."

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## OUR WORD

# Speak up SIUC

As Feb. 3 creeps closer it appears as if this game is reaching the end of regulation with the score tied — and neither team is ready to fold any time soon.

On Thursday the Faculty Association filed notice with the administration that as of 12:01 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 3 the contract agreement between the Board of Trustees and the Faculty Association will end.

That means if an agreement cannot be reached within 10 days, the faculty union members can begin a strike.

And while everyone on the sideline is biting their nails about whether they'll graduate on time or whether they'll be labeled a "scab" if they cross a picket line or whether they'll be laid off, we here at the DAILY EGYPTIAN would like to take this opportunity to find out what the campus and community think about a strike on the horizon.

The idea of a ballot came to us from Professor Tony Williams. (See page 7) After reading the letter we felt he was making a great point and thought we would place it upon ourselves to get some responses to see what everyone thinks of this mess.

If 306 out of 1,586 full and part-time faculty can vote on the future of this institution, we believe the rest of this campus should be able to voice its stance as well. If there is a strike, it will devastate more than just the students. Non-union members, Civil Service workers, the people that help run this University could suffer negative consequences because of a strike. No one is immune from the repercussions of a walkout.

No one is immune from the repercussions of a walkout. We want to know what you, the student, the worker, the faculty, the administration, think about this dastardly situation. Just fill out the ballot

to the right, clip it and mail it to the DAILY EGYPTIAN. There will also be a ballot box in the front office of the DAILY EGYPTIAN Friday afternoon and starting Monday, you can vote online.

Given that academic honesty is held in highest standards at this University, we trust that there will be one ballot per person.

We will publish the results one week from today. The union should not have the right to make decisions in a vacuum. This is just our small way of giving the silenced majority a voice. So speak up.



J. TIERNEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

## Strike Ballot

The Faculty Association and the University administration are using our education as a bargaining tool. Feel powerless? Vote here — we'll publish the results January 31.

- YES, the Faculty Association should strike
- NO, the Faculty Association should not strike

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• Put the ballot in an envelope and drop it in any campus mailbox, addressed to the Daily Egyptian, Mailcode 6807

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter.”

Sir Winston Churchill

## WORDS OVERHEARD

“We'll get some bologna sandwiches and go to work.”

Walter Wendler  
on faculty contract negotiations

COLUMNISTS

Capital punishment

George Ryan's recent decision to remove all Illinois prisoners from Death Row has set off a flurry of debate in legal, political, and media circles. Some view Ryan as a righteous liberator, condemning an evil institution. Others regard the former governor as a criminal granting a stay of execution to fellow (though more vicious) criminals. Regardless of Ryan's criminal transgressions, his actions have called attention to a glaring problem within America's outdated justice system. At a time when George "the Butcher of Texas" Bush, a man who set records in state executions, sits in the highest office in the land, a lame (some would say "dead") duck governor has shown that dissenting voices do exist on the issue. You don't need polls to prove that Americans favor the death penalty; you merely have to look at the politicians: few major politicians oppose it.

Since Willie Horton and debate questions regarding the death penalty sunk Michael Dukakis's presidential campaign in 1988, politicians have realized the awful truth: Americans are paralyzed by their fear of crime. In order to get elected, it is best to placate that fear.

The nightly news is rife with stories of violence, and white America is afraid. Afraid of well, black men. How convenient that so many on Death Row across America are black males. Of course, Death Row is not merely a legalized lynching, although at times one would be hard pressed to find a difference. People of all colors and sexes are executed. The execution of so many of one race does illuminate one of the many flaws in the system: bias. Justice may be blind, but judges and juries are definitely not. And even if they are truly unbiased, they remain human, and prone to mistakes.

Since no system is perfect, it is logical to assume that in any case, errors will occur. People will be wrongly convicted. It is unavoidable. Yet a prisoner serving time in prison and a prisoner who has been executed have an important difference of situation, beyond a difference in breathing patterns: new evidence can clear the former's name and terminate his sentence, while the latter can know no redemption. Yet citizens are willing to waive this right to appeal, assuming that they will never be in that situation, and that only "bad people" will be affected.

It seems logical: "bad people" shouldn't have rights. The fear that inspires people to abandon their rights must be a pressing fear indeed. Yet it is a fear that must be examined. Is that fear



"Free Thought Forum"

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justified? Does the news media help to create that fear? Even if people's fears regarding crime are truly justified, is prostration at the feet of violent state sanctioned retribution the best answer? Should a government be entrusted with the power to kill its own citizens, and to thus remove from them permanently their right to appeal? How trusting we are of men with badges or gavels? Some will argue that all this is meaningless if the death penalty can deter murder. A simple comparison between countries without capital punishment and our own reveals the truth.

Our country has far more murder than any of the other "free" nations. Furthermore, this theory defies logic. Criminals do not commit crimes expecting to be caught, and thus the notion that the death penalty prevents murders is a fallacy. Certainly, violent criminals must be prevented from committing further violent acts, but must we make a farce of democracy and justice in the process? So many nations no longer use capital punishment, yet America, the "land of progress", remains stuck in a century passed. Primal vengeance, however disguised with technology and state sanctions, has no place in our society.

Another death will not bring murdered loved ones back to family members. Trampled rights will not bring us safer streets. The death penalty is a quick fix: it satisfies the need for vengeance while ignoring underlying social and societal ills that lay behind crime and violence. One day America must learn that "an eye for an eye" makes the whole world blind. And to think, it took a lame duck Illinois governor to act as our conscience.

"Free Thought Forum" appears on Fridays, but will be moving to Mondays beginning Jan. 27. Marc is junior in history. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

GUEST COLUMNIST

The state of reproductive rights

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I was having my own personal little freak out party Wednesday. I was scanning through that issue of the NE, looking for a story concerning the 30th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and, more importantly, a story discussing the fragile state in which this decision's legality currently resides. They weren't there.

So I freaked out. Not even a breezy comment from the two female columnists ran that day. Nothing.

Maybe, they needed to be handed a coat hanger to ponder its meaning? Or perhaps they have taken the right to an abortion for granted like so many other American women?

I breathed a sigh of relief Thursday, partially for the sake of the DE's integrity, as eight pages into the paper I found two stories concerning the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. But that was it.

Nothing on how Bush has been trying to stifle reproductive rights with a steady stream of appointments to key positions influential to these rights. Outspokenly anti-abortion John Ashcroft to attorney general, like-minded Tommy Thompson to head the Department of Health and Human Services and the absolutely wacky Dr. W. David Hager to lead the Food and Drug Administration's Reproductive Health Drugs Advisory Committee. Hager, an OB/GYN from Kentucky, frequently prescribes Bible study as treatment for PMS and is considered by many to put his ideology and personal beliefs before the health of his female patients.

There was no sidebar discussing how at a United Nations population conference, Bush appointed Assistant Secretary of State Arthur E. Dewey, who told a soon-to-be-stunned crowd that the United States would seek to block the passage of any international family planning policy that permits abortion or promotes contra-

ception for adolescents.

"The United States supports the sanctity of life from conception to natural death," he said. "There has been a concerted effort to create a gulf by pushing the United States to violate its principles and accept language that promotes abortion."

Last time I checked, abortion was legal in this country.

But how much longer will we be able to say that?

In the 42 paragraphs devoted to the two stories on the Supreme Court decision, there wasn't a single sentence devoted to the fact that Roe v. Wade is now only held up by one vote. There is a stark possibility that Bush is going to have the chance to appoint one, if not two, justices to the Supreme Court. Given his administration's ongoing track record, Bush is primed to name anti-abortion candidates.

The religious right, having all but hijacked the Republican Party, will be pushing for this. According to an article by Louise Witt in Salon.com, they already are pushing for the government to limit sex education, promote abstinence until marriage, downplay the use of condoms to protect against diseases, and curtail the use of birth control pills, which they consider "abortifacients." (While birth control pills are designed to prevent ovulation, it is believed that sometimes they don't and that the egg is fertilized but not implanted in the womb.)

The situation is coming to a breaking point for reproductive rights and women's right of choice. Being Americans, it's easy for us to take all manner of things for granted. It's hard to imagine women not having this right, since they've had it since most of us have been alive. But the current administration does not want them to have it.

Now, think about that coat hanger.

Will is a senior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Strike seems clear, at high costs to University

DEAR EDITOR:

It is now painfully obvious that the present stalemate in negotiations will lead to strike action on Feb. 3. This will be a disaster for all concerned at SIU. By now, the administration could have settled. But they obviously have support from the Board of Trustees, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and our new governor who invited SIU President James Walker to his inauguration team. If he wishes a second term in office, the governor has to appeal to floating Republican voters as well as conservative Democrats hostile towards faculty with tenure.

Apart from its detrimental effects on the local economy, a strike now may be at the wrong historical moment. Striking faculty may face the possibility of redistribution reminiscent of Ronald Reagan's action against striking air controllers in the early '50s. Whoever wins the battle, a negative atmosphere will plague SIU for decades.

Once the strike is over, SIU will face an obvious decline in enrollments, which the administration

will blame on the union. They will then have the excuse to evoke that dreaded clause of "financial exigency" for "legitimate" firings. But faculty will not be the only ones affected. Many low-salaried Civil Service workers (many earning much less than graduate students), janitors and more Physical Plant employees may also be affected by "hard decisions." We should also remember those 30 Physical Plant employees fired by Chancellor Wendler last year — even if the Faculty Association does not. Another alternative solution is possible to avoid further disaster.

The Faculty Association could call a ballot before Feb. 3 of ALL relevant parties at SIU such as non-union faculty, Civil Service staff, SIU students, and other employees concerning strike action. If no vote is negative, the Association should call off the strike and continue negotiating. If positive, everyone will know that support comes from more than just 300-plus members in a bargaining unit representing 680 tenure and tenure-track members, not all of whom support a strike. The question is: does the Faculty Association have the courage and sincerity to take this important step?

Tony Williams  
Professor, Department of English

D.C. editorial disheartening

DEAR EDITOR:

I went to Washington D.C. because I refuse to blindly believe in the mainstream media. Because while I was marching children in Iraq were dying of easily cured diseases while medication sits in warehouses and dozens exist due to United Nations' double use doctrine. Because while Iraq has empty nuclear warheads, the United States has more nuclear weapons than the rest of the world combined. I went to Washington D.C. and marched in the bitter cold because, to quote Ramsey Clark, "my government is the greatest purveyor of violence on this Earth."

The DAILY EGYPTIAN completely undermined my strong convictions for going by focusing on a small group amongst half a million people who burned a flag and proceeded to urinate on it. None of these people were SIUC students and had nothing to do with our story. Their act was shocking enough to snatch up all the attention and blur important details of the story. Shocking enough to minimize a story about 43 people who had strong enough beliefs to travel more than thirty hours over four days in a cramped bus and walk for miles in the cold.

It's disheartening to see hours of work and dedication in search for the truth take the backseat to one

deviant act. I went to Washington D.C. because I have reached the point where I feel I have no other option, I've reached a point of desperation. Someone else urinated on a flag when they felt that. Someone else may drop bombs. All in the name of peace.

Tracy McEvilly  
September, art and design

Lowercase "Southern"

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm writing in regards to the increased occurrence of the capitalization of the "southern" in southern Illinois. An example in today's paper is the article on page 4 about SIUC Fisheries receiving \$9,000. We are not a separate state like North/South Carolina and North/South Dakota. We are the southern region of Illinois. I think the "southern" should be lower case and not capital.

Susan T. Kohler, Ph.D.  
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## Free tax service offered

Carrie Roderick  
Daily Egyptian

Students and community members can take advantage of Alpha Beta Psi's offer to file their taxes this tax season — for free.

The accounting honor's society has an annual program every tax season to file students' and community members' taxes for them.

Michael Colborn, the coordinator for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistants program, said the free service is open to people with low incomes, such as most students and senior citizens.

"It's experience, especially for students who are in the process of taking the tax class now. For others, it's a community service for helping the underprivileged and exposure to the Internal Revenue tax practitioner system," Colborn said.

Colborn, a graduate student in accounting, advises students to start doing their own tax returns themselves, especially students on financial aid because their taxes must be filed before they can file the new FAFSA form.

Signs will be posted on campus, especially in Rehn Hall, by the third week of February when the VITA Program starts this season. People will need to bring their W-2s, which for campus jobs are being mailed today, 1099-R forms and grant and scholarship information.

Bart Loyd, vice-president of Jackson Hewitt Tax Service in Carbondale, said [www.irs.gov/efile/](http://www.irs.gov/efile/) will direct people to free tax filing sites for quick and easy returns. The website will also explain how to file taxes over the phone for telefile.

Brenda Watts, office manager of H&R Block in Carbondale, said a common problem students go through while filing taxes is that both students and their parents claim them. An individual can only be claimed on one tax return.

Watts also said that students who worked multiple jobs throughout the year should wait until they have received all their W-2 forms to make filing easier.

"If numbers are not your thing, then you probably need to get someone to help you — whether it's going through the service that you have on campus for free or sending up to your parents and having them do it for you," Watts said.

No matter what method people decide to file their income taxes by midnight April 15, they may want to consider how quickly they will receive their returns. On-line filings can receive returns within two to three weeks. Depending on the mail volume, postmarked returns can take up to four to six weeks.

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"If I have more budget cuts, I'm very concerned about what I'm going to do next."

— Richard Kuenneke, News Director



SIUC students record the River Region Evening Edition at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Normally the show airs five days a week, Monday through Friday, but because of recent budget cuts, the show is only being aired four days a week. The cuts have not only affected the number of programs aired, but they have affected the wages for the staff.

## Learning to cope with budget cuts

### River Region Evening Edition is hit hard

Lindsey J. Mastis  
Daily Egyptian

Adrenaline is rushing and the intensity is high as the students in the control room count down 10-seconds to airtime.

It is Wednesday evening, and the snow is not expected to stop until two inches have fallen. At exactly 5:30 p.m., the River Region Evening Edition is broadcasting Weatherman J.C. Fultz, a senior in radio-television from Bethany, in the first live feed marking a milestone for this student-run news program. Richard Kuenneke, the news director, said the newscast is a step forward.

But in an industry that requires the latest technology and experience, the River Region is stuck.

"TV is very labor-intensive and very complicated, and that's the reason why we have so many people," he said. "It's also very capital intensive, very expensive to do TV."

Budget cuts have not only affected numbers on paper. For a program that needs \$8,000 to buy a camera, budget cuts are taking a toll on the staffers and the quantity of programs.

River Region is part of Broadcasting Services—a department in the School of Mass Communication and Media Arts that has cut budgets by 30 percent this year.

In response, RREE has had to reduce its operating money by 48 percent. This includes cutting 60 half-hour shows and reducing the student wage line. RREE has been operating on this budget since fall, but Kuenneke expects that he will be asked to cut even more for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

Right now, every Friday broadcast has been cut. Fridays instead, are used for workshops that help with the quality of broadcasts. Ben Lawson, junior in radio-television from Bement, is one of the few students who are on paid staff. Although he would rather have a Friday broadcast, he said that the workshops are a good alternative.

"Right now we're using it as a good thing because we have the fifth day of the week to practice a show if we want," he said. "People can practice reporting and shooting and it's really benefiting my newscasts."

Rick Gregg, senior in radio-television from Joliet, came to SIUC because Broadcasting Services allowed students to gain hands-on experience in television news. He is trying to cope without Friday broadcasts and is especially concerned with what a four-day broadcast week means.

"I can't say we are a nightly newscast anymore, and I can't feel that pride personally," he said. "It doesn't carry as much weight on your resume. I don't have an issue with the system we have now, I just wish that we could go back and still do five-day-a-week shows."

Kuenneke has taken a positive approach to the fact that the show will not air on Friday. He said it allows students a break and time to work on their broadcasting skills without the pressure of a deadline.

"When you're constantly working under deadline it can really hurt you," he said. "When you do it five days a week, you really burn out real quick."

The quality of programming has increased, Kuenneke said, and attributes the positive impact on the Friday workshops.

In addition, the student wage line was cut by 50 percent. Students can only be paid a maximum of 3.5 hours per week. That comes to about \$35 to \$40 every two weeks, Kuenneke said.

"It's just money to buy dinner one night," he said. "It's just a token of appreciation. Even if it goes away, most of them would probably still work here because they're very dedicated."

And students often donate more than their time to RREE. One paid student donated his earned wages back to the newsroom for supplies. Although Gregg is not a paid staffer, he would also like to see the staffers on payroll given the amount that they earned.

"People spend significant chunks of time here and don't get paid for it," he said. "I'm not complaining personally, and they're not complaining either, I just don't think it's fair."

While those in Broadcasting Services do not know what the bud-

get will be for next year, Kuenneke hopes that there will be no more cuts. He said RREE can operate on the current budget even next year, but it will be tough.

"If I have any more budget cuts this year, I'm going to have to return the van that we use," he said. "I would rather take away the van than the wages... It feels better knowing that I can give them a little something for their trouble and time because they work very hard."

Anchorwoman Gwyn Bevel, a junior in radio-television from Nashville, said that she would like to see the University assist with the financial needs of RREE.

"It's frustrating," she said. "A lot of people aren't able to work in our environment because they don't make any money. I know the University is hurting all over, [but] I think that I would be willing to pay more in tuition to see the program survive."

The Evening Edition is not the only program suffering from budget cuts. The burden is across the board, affecting all of SIUC. Right now, RREE is trying to maintain its status as a professional news broadcasting station. Kuenneke is finding it hard to prepare himself for any more financial strains.

Short-term goals are more difficult. Kuenneke said he might not have enough money to cover the Missouri Valley Conference, a basketball tournament in St. Louis, this year.

This annual event usually costs close to \$900, but Kuenneke said that he would try to cut the costs down to \$180 by relying on students like Gregg to find his or her own transportation and pay for meals.

"I may pay for myself for the media room and to get in that hotel," he said. "We don't have money in our budget to get the University van and drive to St. Louis. We don't have the money for gas. That's how bad the budget cuts have hit us."

With the "constant fear of more budget cuts, Kuenneke is making the best of the resources at hand.

"If I have more budget cuts, I'm very concerned about what I'm going to do next," he said. "I don't know what I'm going to do next."

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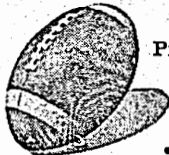
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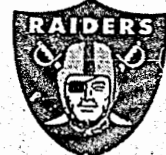
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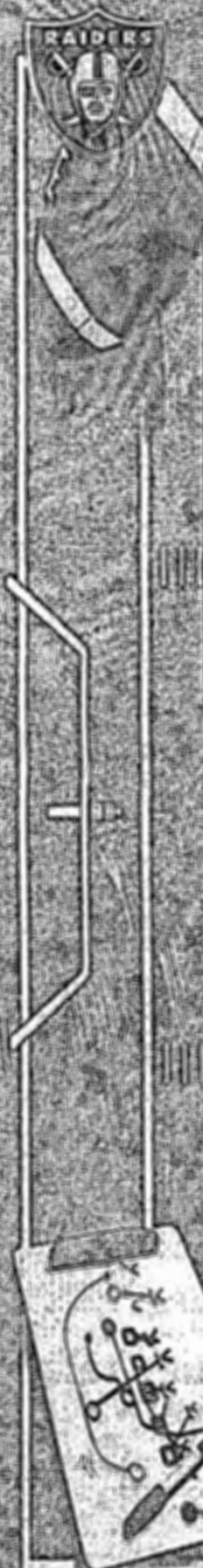
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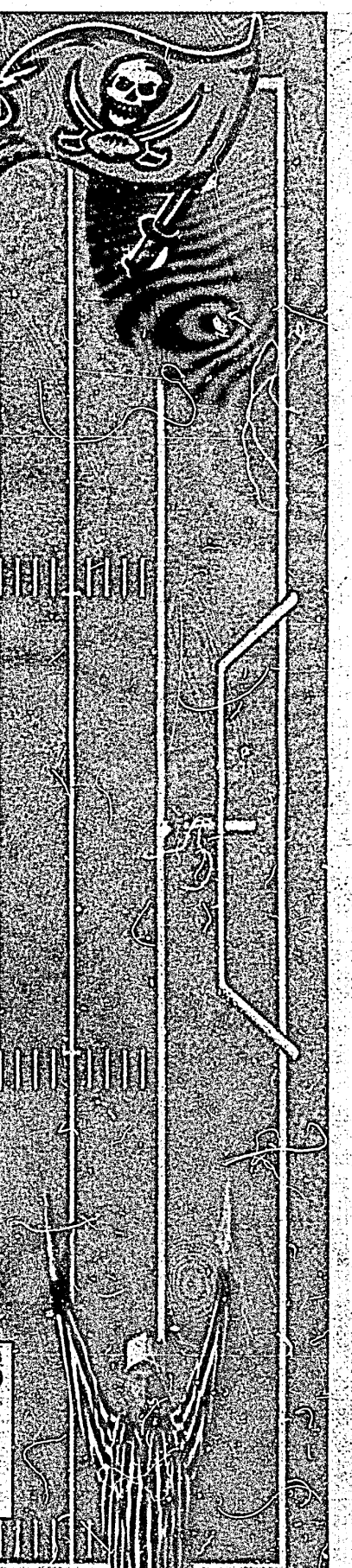
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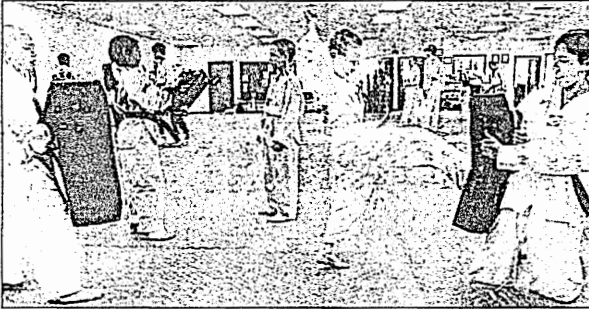
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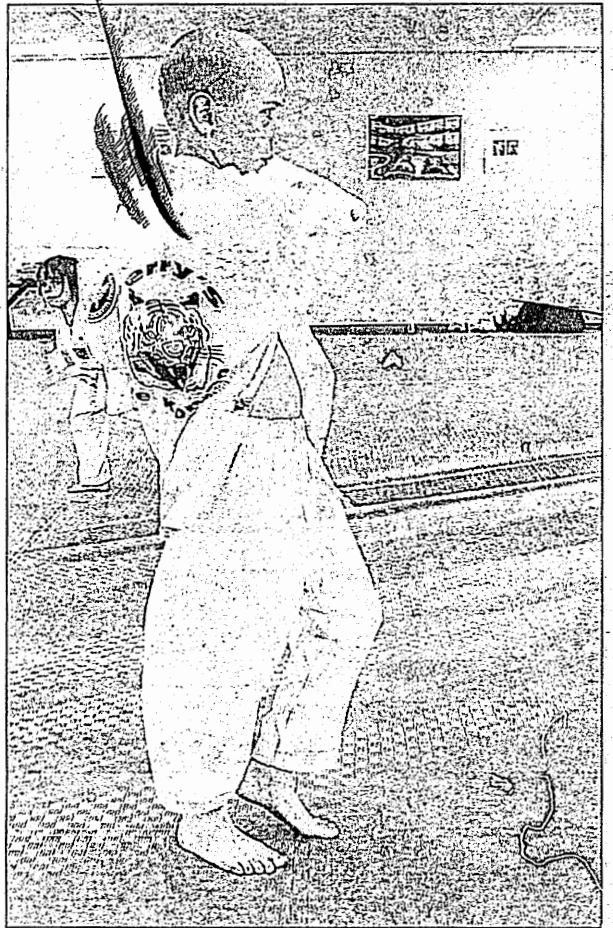
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Luther Penny, left, and Shanthi Blanchard, right, both more experienced students at Perry's School of Tae Kwon-do help teach Zachary Madglin, of Carterville. Blanchard and Penny will be able to use their skills this weekend as they compete at the World Cup Martial Arts Competition in Cancun, Mexico, which could possibly take them to the 2004 Olympics.



Luther Penny, age 10, of Murphysboro practices his form at Perry's School of Tae Kwon-do in Carbondale Monday afternoon. Penny, a deputy black belt, who has been a student at Perry's for two and a half years, will be traveling to Cancun, Mexico, this weekend with 21 other students to participate in the World Cup Martial Arts Competition.

## RESPECT over victory

*Southern Illinois may be well represented by 22 local martial artists in 2004 Olympics pending qualification in Cancun*

story by JESSE NELSON • photos by MARY COLLIER



Shanthi Blanchard of Carbondale practices her techniques with Holly Edwards of Carterville Monday at Perry's School of Tae Kwon-do. Blanchard, a red belt, and Edwards, a black belt, will be traveling to Cancun this weekend with hopes of qualifying for the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Luther Penny, who turns 11 years old in March, was not expected to live to see his first birthday.

When Luther's mother was pregnant with him, doctors did not expect him to survive birth, he said. He was born with underdeveloped organs and a hole in his heart.

"They said I wouldn't live [to see] my first birthday. Then, when I was one, they said that I wouldn't live until my 2nd birthday," Luther recalled.

After being proven wrong about these prognoses, doctors told Luther's mother that he would be at least two years behind his peers in physical and mental development. While small-framed, Luther, who was born in Germany and now lives in Murphysboro, is obviously not lagging behind his teammates at Perry's School of Tae Kwon-do in Carbondale.

This week, Luther and 21 other students of the school will be traveling to Cancun, Mexico to participate in the World Cup Martial Arts Competition for a chance to qualify for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

While in Cancun, the team will compete against athletes from 20 dif-

ferent countries, including the United States.

Many people would jump at the chance to fly to Cancun for a week. But not so many would be willing to spend the countless hours of intense aerobic workouts required to get this far in the sport.

Master instructor Thomas L. Black, who has owned Perry's school since 1995, estimated that his students, who range in age from seven to 42, spend about 60 hours a week during the summer and 15 hours a week when school is in session working on their sport.

People of all ages are welcome at the school, but most of those competing in Cancun are in their teens or younger. However these are not your typical kids.

In addition to tae kwon-do, most of Black's students also take music lessons and participate in other extracurricular activities, all the while excelling at school. When asked to raise their hands if they had earned straight As the previous grade period, nearly every hand in the gym shot up.

The word "martial" is derived from Mars, the Roman god of war. Black stresses, however, that tae kwon-do and the other martial arts are not primarily sports of conflict. Black, who was inducted into the U.S. Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2002, says that the sport is "90 percent discipline

and focus and 10 percent kicking and punching."

Black said that one of the most important lessons of tae kwon-do is learning how to respect other people and accepting people for what they are able to do.

"They learn that if you show honor and respect, you get it in return," Black said.

This respect is immediately obvious to observers. The students meet every request from their instructor with a chorus of "Yes, sir!" There is very little extraneous conversation during practice and before and after every precisely choreographed routine, or form, the students offer a polite bow.

Christopher Smith, one of Black's assistant coaches, also stresses the positive life lessons that tae kwon-do imparts. Smith, who has participated in the sport for 21 years, emphasizes the five tenets that are the essence of tae kwon-do — integrity, courtesy, self-control, perseverance, and indomitable spirit.

Smith said that the students learn the importance of hard work and discipline, lessons that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

*"They learn that if you show honor and respect, you get it in return."*

— Thomas L. Black  
owner, Perry's School of Tae Kwon-do

**RESPECT**

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"They learn that if they give 110 percent, they reap the rewards," Smith said.

Fourteen-year-old Andrew Giritharan has learned this lesson first hand. After an impressive display of a powerful form that Black says takes tens of thousands of tries to be able to do at that level, Andrew said that his favorite

aspects of the sport are that it is a "fun vzy to get exercise and it builds high confidence."

Andrew, who is from Carbondale, is one of the school's many straight-A students and says he has lost 35 pounds since he took up the sport. Andrew said he is looking forward to competing in forms, sparring, and the three-man sparring event in Cancun.

While a large number of the team members are children, Sebastian Chou has been participating in martial arts longer than most of the children have been alive. Chou has only recently taken up taekwon-do, but has been involved in various forms of martial arts since he was a child.

Chou has managed to make taekwon-do a family affair by competing side by side with two of his children, Tiffany and Ethan. The three of them will compete in the group-form competition in Cancun with the rare opportunity of all three competing together.

Chou's daughter Tiffany is a cheerful 10-year-old, who said she has been involved in



Tiffany and Ethan Chou practice a kick at Perry's School of Tae Kwon-do Monday afternoon with the rest of the Cancun class. The Chous will be competing with their father as a family this weekend at the World Cup Martial Arts Competition.

the sport for a little more than a year. She said of taekwon-do that she "likes it all over" and especially enjoys being able to get stronger while socializing with her teammates, whom she says make up "50 percent of my friends." Tiffany is a second-degree red belt who is graceful and remarkably powerful for a girl her age.

While all of Black's students have embraced the message of hard work and discipline to some degree, Luther in particular may have taekwon-do to thank for saving his life.

After participating in the taekwon-do for nearly three years, he is now a black belt. Luther credits the sport with having a lot to do with proving the doctors wrong.

"Now, I'm actually two years ahead," Luther said proudly.

While Black emphasizes the positive

affects the competition will have on his students, he also recognizes the exposure that the event could bring to Southern Illinois.

"Everyone will know where Carbondale is and say 'Southern Illinois must be a good place.' [The students] all recognize that they represent Southern Illinois," he said.

Southern Illinoisans, in turn, should recognize that they are being represented by an extraordinary group of athletes.

Black said that if they win in Cancun, the team will have the opportunity to go to Athens, Greece, but winning is not a must.

"We go to learn, to bring things back with us," Black said. "It's an honor to take a group that has worked so hard and committed so much."

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Sebastian Chou of Carbondale practices at Perry's School of Tae Kwon-do Monday afternoon in preparation for this weekend's competition in Cancun, Mexico. Chou has been practicing martial arts for quite some time, but will have the rare opportunity this weekend to compete with his two children in a group-form competition.

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SUMMER / FALL 2003 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 BDRMS 549-4808 (9am-5pm) No pets Rental list at 306 W College #4

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2 BDRM NEW constructed townhouses. Giant city, 1300 square feet many extras, avail now, 549-8000.

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**SUMMER / FALL 2003**  
 4 bdrm- 503, 505, 511 S Ash  
 319, 321, 324, 406, 802 W Walnut  
 305 W College, 103 S Forest  
 501 S Hays  
 3 bdrm- 310, 313, 610 W Cherry  
 405 S Ash, 321 W Walnut  
 106, 409 S Forest, 306 W College  
 2 bdrm- 305 W College  
 406, 324, 319 W Walnut  
 1 bdrm- 310 W Cherry, 207 W Oak  
 610 W Walnut, 106 S Forest  
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NEW 16X60, 2 full bath, 2 bdrm, c/a,  
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 velopment req, call 529-1151.  
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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
*The Ladies of Sigma Lambda Gamma*  
 would like to cordially invite the women of  
**SPLUC** to our Spring 2003 informational.  
**Tuesday, January 28, 2003 at 7:00**  
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**Mobile Homes**  
 .....MUST SEE! 2 bdrm trailer.....  
 \$195/mo & upright bus, avail.....  
 .....Hurry, few avail, 549-3850.....  
 1 & 2 BDRM MOBILE HOMES, close to campus, \$225-\$350/mo, water & trash included, no pets, call 549-4471.  
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80 Real Estate	140 Sport Goods	240 Townhouses	330 Serv. Offered	432 Food	
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 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 1 Day  
 3 Days  
 5 Days  
 10 Days  
 20 Days

5 \_\_\_\_\_

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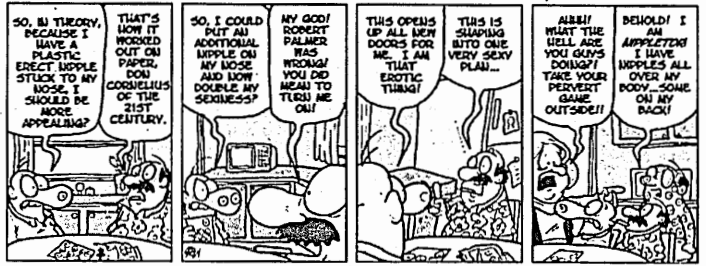
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 Doors Open at 8:30pm Music Starts at 9:00pm  
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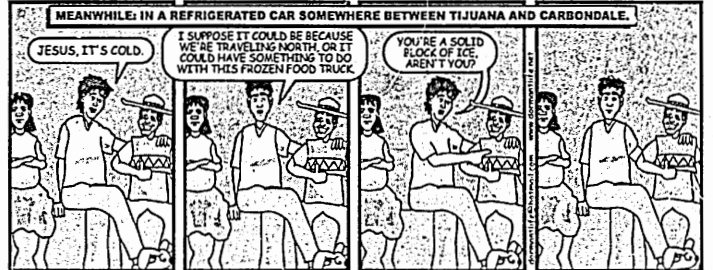
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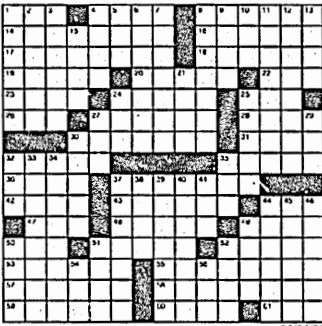
Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black  
**Today's Birthday (Jan. 24).** Are you prepared to accept more responsibility? What else do you need? Another credential? A great opportunity? The support of somebody who loves you? Take it one step at a time. You have what it takes.  
**To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.**  
**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 9 - You're an action-oriented person, but you can be somewhat impetuous. You'll do better if you have a plan and stick to it. A map might help, too.  
**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 6 - Continue to streamline procedures and save money. Ever think of writing a book on the tricks you've learned? Now is a good time to start - the earlier, the better.  
**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 9 - Follow through on whatever you instigated yesterday. Odds are still in your favor, but they won't be for long. Don't look down!  
**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 5 - Home-improvement projects are a good investment now. The work you do yourself puts money into your pocket. And nothing makes you happier than being appreciated.  
**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is an 8 - It might not be that somebody was lying to you. It might just be that an assumption was false. Give the benefit of the doubt as you make the correction.  
**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 5 - You've got dreams and fantasies, just like anybody else. You're just a little more practical than most. But don't be too shy to push for what you want.  
**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is a 10 - Early in the morning, set goals that you're not sure how you'll achieve. Then, make a list of the steps you'll take. Include miraculous interventions when necessary.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 5 - You have a talent for choosing exactly the right words. That's why you don't have to use very many. Give the signal, and your vision will materialize.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is an 8 - You're not lacking for a thing, so don't worry about the money. No point in broadcasting how much there is or isn't. Focus on inspiring new ideas, and the rest will take care of itself.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 5 - You can now gain authority, status and income by talking with the right person. Don't let a gumentative. Just point out the difficult task you've accomplished, and ask for what you're worth.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 10 - Sail through the day without a care in the world, confident that if one appears, you can handle it. You're more apt to get a lucky break that way.  
**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 5 - Hold your course, do what you should, and have faith. All the pieces should fall into place without much more effort. But if required, push.

**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
 by Herby Arnold and Mike Arpington  
 Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.  
 SIFIN  
 MYALD  
 TIENIF  
 INGOPE  
 Answer: TO  
 Yesterday's Jumble: CAMEO FORCE DREDGE PURIFY  
 Answer: What her ears felt like at the rock concert - "PIERCED"

**Crossword**

- ACROSS  
 1 Gin sense  
 4 Where the heart is  
 6 Go abroad  
 14 Spectator  
 15 Sister of Venus  
 17 Outer chamber  
 18 Intense  
 an.mostly  
 19 Noggins  
 20 Breakneck  
 22 Attempt  
 23 Tread  
 24 Skint'ri  
 25 Truck's truck  
 26 Lendable organ?  
 27 Famed Hollywood boulevard  
 28 Etcher's medium  
 30 Lumberjacks  
 31 Hang around  
 32 Last piece  
 35 Burstyn of "The Exorcist"  
 36 Dog breed  
 37 To start with  
 42 Ruth or Zaharias  
 43 Hall a round trip  
 44 Entice  
 47 Clever center  
 48 Gadabout  
 49 Medal of Honor recipient  
 50 Fedora, e.g.  
 51 Wish granter  
 52 Raccoon sounds  
 53 Hershey's brand  
 55 Informers  
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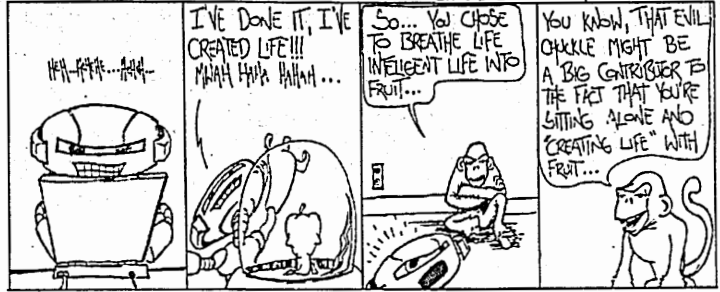
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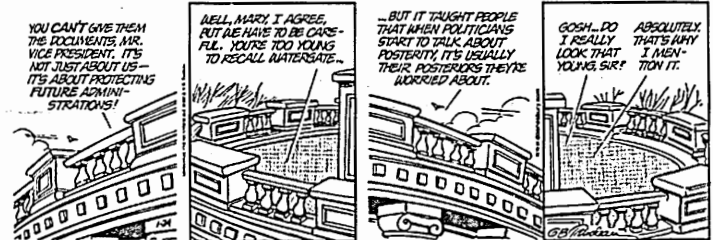
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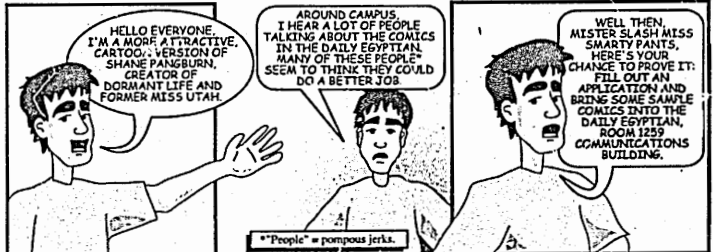
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# SIU women start fast, end with one more loss

Zack Creglow  
Daily Egyptian

For 32 minutes and 13 seconds, it looked as if the SIU women's basketball team was going to pull off its fifth win of the season.

For five minutes, the Salukis went on a 15-point run against Illinois State.

Problem is that college basketball games last 40 minutes, and the Dawgs inevitably fell 65-56 to the Redbirds.

"Obviously, we need to fix something if we are up 15-1 and let it go," senior guard Molly McDowell said. "I don't know. I don't if we are scared to lose or if we don't know how to win. It's been a while. It's been a

month. I don't what it is but something has obviously got to change out on the court or in the huddles when we have a timeout.

"We haven't played a 40-minute ballgame all year."

For the second game in a row, the Salukis have been horrid from the field in the second half.

Last Saturday against Drake, SIU shot just 14 percent from the field in the second stanza.

It was the exact same story against Illinois State with the Salukis finding the net on just 20 percent of their shots in the final 20 minutes.

"Look at our shooting percentage in the second half and at our free throws," head coach Lori Opp said. "I think they both tell the story. We

went stone cold in the second half."

The Redbirds had 24 attempts from the charity stripe, while SIU tried just nine, eight of which were made.

McDowell left the game with 11:20 left in the second half after picking up her fourth foul, taking away SIU's main offensive weapon.

But in the first half, SIU looked like a completely different team before its injury. She took over in the second stanza, shooting a blistering 56 percent from the field.

The Dawgs had a 34-26 advantage at the half.

After Illinois State opened the game's scoring with a free throw, SIU went on a 15-point scoring spree, led mainly by McDowell, who netted seven of the 15 points.

"I think some players got tired and we had to make some substitutions," Opp said of why SIU fell off after the fast start. "I don't think we got a whole lot of scoring or offense off the bench. But they went in and did what we asked them to."

Opp said that SIU's woes in the second half had some to do with their dismal shooting, but Illinois State applied a ball-hawking defense in the last 20 minutes of play.

Molly McDowell, who netted her 300<sup>th</sup> career free throw during the game, scored 13 of 22 points in the



STEVE JAHNKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Hillary Phillips watches as the last remaining seconds tick off the clock after fouling out in the Saluki women's 65-56 loss to Illinois State on Thursday at the SIU Arena.

first half.

Redshirt junior Katie Berwanger pumped in eight in the half to balance the Saluki attack.

In the second part of her senior season, McDowell is getting impatient when it comes to winning.

"When you're 4-10, there isn't too much to be excited about until we get a win," McDowell said.

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# Salukis look to progress

SIU men's and women's track and field squads travel to the loaded Arkansas Invite

Zack Creglow  
Daily Egyptian

The SIU men's and women's track and field teams will get their first peek at tough competition this weekend when they travel to the Arkansas State Invite at Jonesboro, Ark.

After a week removed from the not-so-competitive McDonald's Invite, both teams will take on more impressive colleges like Mississippi State, Memphis and Southwest Missouri State.

"It is one of those meets where there are 25 teams there," said SIU

men's coach Cameron Wright. "That means there is going to be a lot more competition than we've seen so far.

"I am excited to see how our guys respond. The coaching staff is looking forward to this meet."

At the McDowell's Invite, the men smoked the competition as the runaway winner, while the women finished second place behind Southeast Missouri State.

Wright said that at this point in the season with just four weeks remaining until the Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championships, his athletes should consider every competition a "big meet."

He doesn't think his players are anywhere near their peak physical condition, especially when they are just three weeks removed from winter break, but he knows it will come.

"Our guys started with a strong meet, but nobody is where they should be and they shouldn't be,"

Wright said. "We need to continue to improve. We have to take advantage of every single opportunity."

Women's head coach Connie Price-Smith said the meet is going to be an accurate indicator of her team's improvement.

"[The Arkansas Invite] will tell me if they are progressing in either direction," Price-Smith said. "I hope they will be in the right direction."

After two indoor meets this season, Price-Smith said she has been pleased with the work effort put forth by the women's squad.

Wright has the same sentiments about his squad and likes the fact that it is a team that does not rely solely on a few events.

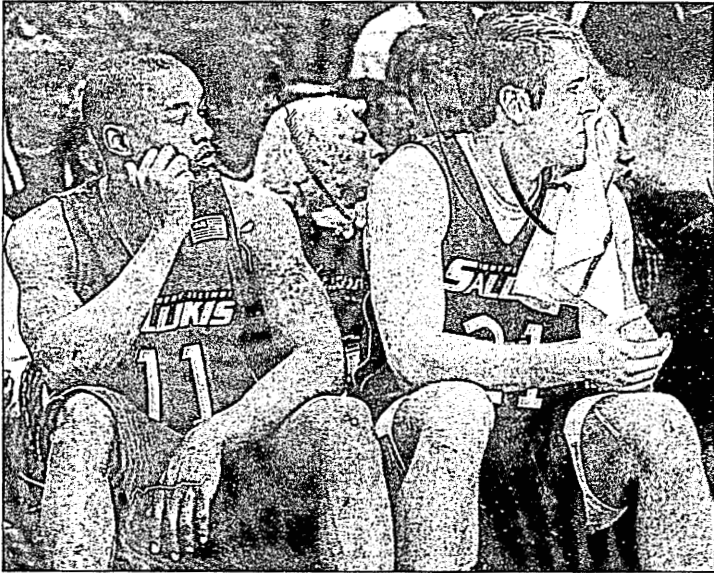
"I can honestly say to you this, if we are going to have success," he said, "it will be as a team."

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## STUDENT BASKETBALL TICKETS

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# Salukis are struggling down low



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SIU centers Sylvester Willis and Josh Warren look on from the bench during the Salukis' loss to Creighton last Saturday. Willis has been having some troubles lately as a starter and may be replaced by Warren. Willis has scored only two points in his last 42 minutes of play.

## Saluki frontcourt having ups and downs as team readies for Indiana St.

Michael Brenner  
Daily Egyptian

Sylvester Willis has tried everything. He shaved his head, put heat pads on his knees and attempted to start a tradition of eating a Snickers bar before every game.

But for some reason, he cannot seem to shake the intangible menace that has been dragging his

game down. SIU's starting center scored only two points in 15 minutes Wednesday at Northern Iowa.

He will enter Saturday's game against Indiana State with only two points in his last 42 minutes of play.

"He's trying to do too much," said SIU head coach Bruce Weber about his struggling center. "He overcompensates and lets his man

score. I just think he's thinking too much and he's trying too hard."

That's Weber's analysis, but Willis is at a loss for words and sounded confused and frustrated when asked about his struggles.

According to Weber, his spot in the starting lineup is secure because of his work ethic, but Willis has been considering a role off the bench as of late.

If Willis asks him to, Weber will take him out of the starting lineup, something Weber said may help because it will give him a

## MVC STATS

### Men's Basketball

Scoring		Rebounding	
Player, School	PPG	Player, School	RPG
Korver, Creighton	20.0	Danielson, Drake	9.4
Granger, Bradley	19.2	Granger, Bradley	7.9
Gilbert, Bradley	17.9	Gruber, No. Iowa	7.8
Cuffie, Evansville	17.5	Randle, SW Missouri S	6.9
Gillingham, Bradley	15.8	Schneiderman, No. Iowa	6.9
Howard, Wichita St.	15.3	Dearman, S. Illinois	6.3
Sola, Drake	15.2	Howard, Wichita St.	6.1
Williams, S. Illinois	14.9	Hanavan, Evansville	6.0
McGee, SW Missouri St.	14.5	Hogg, Wichita St.	5.9
Schneiderman, No. Iowa	14.5	Korver, Creighton	5.8
Danielson, Drake	14.4	Giesen, Indiana St.	5.6
Hanavan, Evansville	14.4	Brooks, S. Illinois	5.5

\*Team through Jan. 22

chance to calm down before entering a game.

Willis is expected to start Saturday, as will Jermaine Dearman, SIU's other struggling big man. Dearman is coming off a one-point performance Wednesday.

Weber said a reason for Dearman's struggles might have been the cavernous UNI Dome, which was filled with only 1,000 people.

Dearman has a reputation for playing well in big games and poorly in front of small crowds, but Dearman refused to finger the Dome as the culprit for his low output.

He said he simply played poorly against the post-trap defense the Panthers brought. He said Wednesday was the worst game he ever played, and he is dying for a chance to redeem himself.

"I'm furious right now," Dearman said. "I'm so aggravated I don't even want to talk to nobody

until gameday. This was the worst game I ever had in my whole basketball career since I was 10 years old."

Dearman said the home crowd should get his game going despite the fact he only scored seven against the Sycamores, whom the Salukis last played on Jan. 11.

"It's going to help a lot," Dearman said. "When I play on the road, the crowd gets me going and I'm able to build that momentum."

Sophomore center Josh Warren, a possible candidate for replacing Willis as a starter who scored 15 points during Wednesday's win over the Panthers, said the upcoming homestand should help to alleviate the team's recent struggles.

"Now we're at home," Warren said. "I hope we can get it under control again and go from there."

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# SIU Water Dawgs hope for redemption

Swimming and diving teams to compete in final home meet

Christopher Morrical  
Daily Egyptian

It sounds worse than it really is.

With only one meet left for the season, the SIU swimming and diving teams have yet to win at home.

But that could all change Saturday when conference rival Southwest Missouri State comes to Carbondale.

"[SMS is] a very good dual meet team," said SIU men's head coach Rick Walker. "Very much like Western Kentucky, it's going to be tough to beat them."

"We've got to be on our game. We can't come out as emotionally flat as we did last weekend. We're going to be a little more charged up. It's going to be a good meet as it always is, so we're looking forward to it."

The Bears, whose men are 4-3 and whose women are 4-4, are considered by Walker to be the team to beat this year.

SMS is nationally ranked in 15 events, 13 of which are for men, by collegeswimming.com.

And if national rankings aren't enough, the Bears swept last week's Missouri Valley Conference Swimmers and Divers of the Week awards.

In response to that, the Salukis captured three of the four awards this week for their effort Saturday against Western Kentucky.

Suzanne Souders won for the women swimmers, Derek Helvey won for the men and Jake Sinclair won for the men divers.

This says a lot about the team, considering



The SIU men's swimming team had a poor outing against Western Kentucky last Saturday and hopes to do much better against Southwest Missouri State in its last home meet Saturday. Head coach Rick Walker said the team looked emotionally flat last week against the Hilltoppers, but this meet could produce more impressive results.

both Saluki teams lost to Western Kentucky, said Helvey:

"We have those guys that can go fast," Helvey said. "I'd still like to have the whole team win instead of me getting an award for being swimmer of the week. It's nice to have someone get up there and go that fast, but we still lost."

Getting that first home win might be in the cards for the Salukis. The Bears may be good, but the day before they travel to SIU, the team must make a trip to Arkadelphia, Ark., for a meet against Henderson State.

When the team climbs off the bus Saturday in Carbondale, it will have covered

more than 800 miles in two days, adding travel weariness to the already grueling meets. The Bears could be playing right into the Salukis' hands.

"You would think so," Walker said. "The team they are swimming are not as challenging. They can swim around an awful lot. Yes, it could play to our advantage, but it could turn out to be just normal."

Getting pumped up for the conference rivals should not be a problem for the Salukis, but if it is, there is an extra incentive. This is the last regular season meet for the team, so it's also the last regular season meet in the careers of the Saluki seniors.

"It's everything," said senior Danilo Luna. "We've been practicing all year long just thinking about this one meet. We really want this. It's not just our last year, it is the last year of the MVC conference. They're breaking up, so hopefully we do it."

Seniors David Likar, Jake Sinclair, George Oxinos, Amber Mullins and Luna will make their last regular season appearance and try for one last win before the championships Saturday at the Recreation Center pool. The meet against SMS will begin at 3 p.m.

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## Broken record

SIU senior guard Molly McDowell hits 300th career free throw in losing effort for Saluki women

Ethan Erickson  
Daily Egyptian

Frustration was evident Thursday night after the SIU women's basketball team squandered a 15-1 lead and fell to ninth-place Illinois State 65-56.

Head coach Lori Opp was bewildered. SIU (4-10, 0-6 MVC) shot 23 percent in the second half despite getting the ball inside with ease.

"We had easily 10 shots inside, bunnies, that we missed," Opp said. "We were too soft with it."

And Illinois State (4-11, 2-4 MVC) capitalized on that.

Leading scorer Taren O'Brien was held scoreless in the first half, but she hit numerous key shots when it counted to quash SIU's best chance yet to pick up its first conference win.

O'Brien scored the first four points of the second half for the Redbirds to trim her team's deficit to seven, then gave Illinois State its first lead since the score was 1-0 on two free throws with 6:46 to play.

Meanwhile, SIU's leading scorer, Molly McDowell, was on the bench after picking up two quick fouls.

She checked back in as O'Brien was draining those two foul shots, but it was too late. Illinois State had seized the momentum.

The two teams traded buckets for two minutes, but the poor-shooting Salukis could not compete with the hot hands of Illinois State.

SIU led by one with 5:19 to play after Dana Pinkston buried a long two-pointer from the top of the key, but an 8-0 Redbird run sealed the seventh straight loss for SIU.

O'Brien scored five of those points. She drilled a three-pointer over the outstretched arms of Hillary Phillips, bringing the Redbird bench to its feet.

SIU later cut its deficit to four points with just over two minutes to play, but O'Brien found Erin Keeney in front of the Redbird bench for a three-pointer that sealed the game for the visitors.

The inability to finish inside was crucial. "I had some layups that I completely missed," Berwanger said. "And I'm at a point where I shouldn't be doing that any more."

The increased Redbird defensive intensity was also critical.

"Illinois State stepped up their defensive intensity a little bit," Opp said. "I don't want to say that it was all credited to us not executing."

The first half was a different story. The Redbirds started off shooting as cold as the air outside.

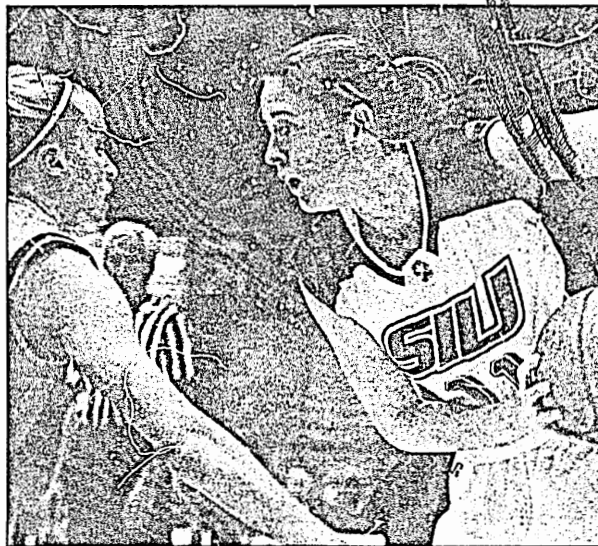
Illinois State missed its first nine shots while McDowell dazzled the crowd. She scored two of her points on a lay-up where she faked a pass, freezing the Redbird defenders and allowing the senior guard to float to the basket.

McDowell led the Salukis in scoring with 22, but only four of those came in the final 12 minutes of the game.

O'Brien's 13 points fronted a balanced Redbird offensive attack.

The Salukis will attempt to bounce back from Thursday's showing Saturday against Indiana State at 4:05 in the first half of a men/women doubleheader at the SIU arena.

The Sycamores (12-3, 5-1 MVC) routed Evansville 87-70 Wednesday night and have an average winning margin of 15 points.



MARY COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU senior guard Molly McDowell holds onto the ball while being defended by Illinois State's Taren O'Brien during Thursday night's game. The Salukis fell to the Redbirds 65-56, their seventh consecutive defeat. During the game McDowell, who led all scorers with 22 points, sank her 300th career free throw at SIU.

A big reason for their dominance is Courtney Mennen. The 5-foot-9 senior guard scored 31 points and knocked in seven three-pointers at Evansville—and she played the game with a broken index finger on her shooting hand.

Freshman guard Melanie Boeglin, who leads the league in assists, complements Mennen well.

"[With] her ability to get after perimeter players, especially the opposing team's point guard, she really creates a lot of havoc," said Sycamore head coach Jim Wiedie. "She has

the ability to dominate a little bit more offensively and defensively."

But despite all of the firepower at his disposal, Wiedie is still leery of the Salukis' potential.

"I think that they're better than maybe what their record indicates," Wiedie said. "Any time that you don't get off to as good a start as you would like, the law of averages goes in your favor."

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## Saluki men won't take Indiana St. lightly in round two

SIU seeks to extend home winning streak to 21 games

Jens Deju  
Daily Egyptian

It has been just 13 days since the SIU men's basketball team last faced Indiana State, and both teams have gone in opposite directions since then.

Since squeezing out a 69-61 victory at Terre Haute, Ind., on Jan. 11, the Salukis have played three extremely close and intense games.

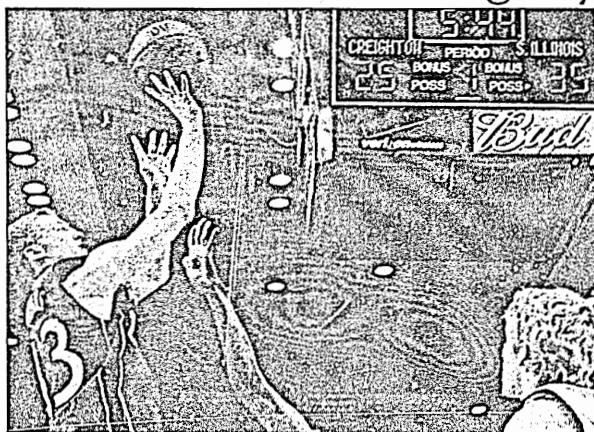
First there was a five-point victory against Wichita State. Then came a nine-point loss at No. 10 Creighton that was much closer than the final score. The third game was a 10-point overtime victory Wednesday night at Northern Iowa.

Indiana State, on the other hand, has not played a close game since meeting the Salukis as it has lost its last three games by an average of 15 points. Overall, the Sycamores have lost five in a row and eight of their last 10 games.

The Salukis have won six of their last seven games and will be putting a 20-game home winning streak on the line Saturday when the two teams tip off at 7:05 p.m.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said that despite the Sycamores' (5-12, 1-5 Missouri Valley Conference) recent struggles, the team remembers how hard they were to beat a couple weeks ago. It is not going to be looking past Indiana State regardless of its deficiencies.

"They're limited offensively and I've heard [head coach Royce Waltman] talk about it, and it's obvious if you look at the stats. So we've got to limit their easy baskets and not let them get their



STEVE JAHNKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU senior guard Kent Williams puts up a shot against Creighton last Saturday. Williams said the Salukis do not plan on looking past Indiana State when they play host to the Sycamores Saturday evening at the SIU Arena.

heads up and get some confidence," he said.

"A lot of times you fear that if you beat a team at their place you'll lose a little motivation, a little edge. But we had to grind the game out, and fight to win. I think that's fresh in our mind that it'll probably be a hard-fought game."

Even though Indiana State is scoring just under 59 points a game and is hitting just 39.9 percent of its field goals, it is able to stay with teams because of its defense.

The Sycamores are holding opponents to just 66 points a game and are led by one of the Valley's top defenders in Marcus Howard.

The last time the two teams played, however, the Salukis (11-4, 6-1 MVC) were able to score plenty on Howard and were led by their talented trio of guards.

Kent Williams, Darren Brooks and Stetson Hairston combined to score 46 of the Salukis' 69 points and said the key to that was simply wearing down Howard during the course of the night.

Hairston said that is a strategy the Salukis will try to implement yet again on Saturday.

"Just keep moving, keep screening, running around and hopefully he'll get tired over the

course of the game," Hairston said.

Williams said that while the Sycamores are one of the stronger defensive teams in the Valley, their style of play is relatively simple.

Because of that simplicity, the Salukis simply need to show up and play, and not worry about being fooled out on the court.

"They keep things pretty simple and they just run man-to-man on defense," Williams said, "and they have just a few sets on offense, so basically it's going to come down to just who outplays each other and that's kind of the way we've approached their type of play."

"There's no gimmick defenses or little set plays that they have to try to get you or anything. It's all just about playing."

Williams is fresh off one of his better games of the season as he scored 22 points against Northern Iowa with 16 of them coming in the second half and overtime session.

Weber said he told his players they actively needed to get the ball to Williams more often because he has hit 63 percent of his three-point attempts since starting MVC play.

He was pleased Williams was able to step up when needed against the Panthers and hopes he continues to use the smart judgment he did in the closing minutes of the game.

"He's our go-to-guy and he makes big shots and he has since he's been here," Weber said. "He wants the ball at the end of the game and [Wednesday] night again he had a big three and then he made an and-one to tie it up and so he's the guy that we want to have the ball at the end of the game."

The Salukis hope it doesn't come down to a last-second shot again and that they can simply extend their home winning streak to 21 games without the high drama of their recent contests.

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