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Dreary day brings fair turnout

Jackson County turnout not quite par, but OK

Arin Thompson
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Ms. Ahmadi will give an eyewitness account of Afghanistan before, during, and after the Taliban. She will address the role of Afghan women in national reconstruction and is a vocal advocate against the persecution of women. Belquis Ahmadi is a Program Associate for the Human Rights Law Group, Washington D.C.

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Preliminary trail plans spark concerns

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

The words on a sign posted along Illinois Route 13 between Carbondale and Murphysboro echoes the sentiments of some worried Southern Illinois property owners.

"Attention - No Greenways bike trail in our back yard. We won't sell," says the sign, posted by property owner Steve Maurer, who owns a little more than 26 acres located near the highway.

Maurer posted his sign to show his objections to preliminary plans for a proposed recreational trail route, which he says will cut through the middle of his property within 100 feet of his house.

The recreational trail is being planned by a task force working with the SIU Office of Economic and Regional Development, which was subcontracted to conduct planning. The SIU department will not construct the trail or make property acquisitions, said Loren Easter, the task force's greenhouse and trails coordinator.

The Office of Economic and Regional Development had an open house for comments and questions about the trail Monday at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center. Property owners were able to write suggestions for changes on maps at the meeting, but some residents remain concerned about the trail's preliminary path.

Current plans include more than 40 miles of trail around Carbondale, Murphysboro and various scenic locations throughout Jackson County. The trail was made with funds from a grant furnished by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Easter stressed that the task force wants to avoid building the trail through private property and desires to encourage property owners to sell their land.

"If there's a structure in the way, we automatically look for another option," Easter said. "This is a community project and takes the community's approval."

If the trail continues to run through private property after the additional planning, civic organizations such as townships and park districts will decide whether or not to have legal battles with private property owners, Easter said.

The task force is taking comments and suggestions until the end of April, and then it will make any alterations deemed necessary, he said.

Although the trail's planners are open to suggestions and feedback from property owners, Maurer remains worried about the future of his property.

"I'm going to fight until the bitter end," Maurer said. "I'm kind of opposed to it because the route would run along his driveway and take away from his home's peaceful atmosphere."

"His property is our property," Maurer said. "It's not that we're against bicyclists. We'd just like to be left alone." Maurer said he is concerned about the trail because the proposed location in the yard of his Pomona home might pose a danger to his dog.

"The kind of opposed to it because the route runs right through my front yard," he said. "If it was on government-owned land, I would feel differently about it." Regardless of whether the property owners will be accommodated or forced to sell, they plan to stay involved for as long as necessary.

"I'm going to fight until the bitter end," he said. "That's just the way I feel about it."

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The proposed bike trails were decided by the Task Force Plan here in Southern Illinois. The trail will span 43 miles; if it does go through as planned. The preliminary map is scheduled to be finished with final plan sometime in July after discussions with private landowners and other farming communities. The trail is not only a way to get around southern Illinois but will provide a scenic route around the area. Bikers can look forward to an 8-10 foot minimum trail surface with 1-2 foot shoulders. The surface will either be paved or fine aggregate.

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False information spurs early reaction
RLO allocations not finalized

Jane Huh
Daily Egyptian

The public gallery at Undergraduate Student Government meetings is usually empty, but at the last meeting before spring break, it was crowded as several members representing nine Student Government Organizations informed the members of the changes in RSO allocation:

"No matter what we do we have to report to, it's individual. What's wrong with going by USG's final funding?"

Walace and other administrators have mentioned the umbrella organization since the 1990s. walace said.

In the past, the student activity fee money has been allocated without accountability. This is a good chance for our students' money not getting wasted.

There were no objections from the committee about the allocated amount column made those groups think the money was allocated in USG's spring allocation process.

Meanwhile, the committee continues to work on dollar amounts and Wallace said some members have changed "financially" from the origin: allocation.

The SkySailing Club submitted proofs for new equipment costs, which were not making any requests. The SkySailing Club has worked on several projects with the Department of Public Safety, said Wallace.

The committee has worked on proofs to the committee, including new guidelines, which are not finalized.

"In the past, the student activity fee money has been allocated without accountability. This is a good chance for our students' money not getting wasted."

Other RSOs, however, have no proof, and are looking for the added requirements.

"We're pleased with USG. Basically, we were pleased with how much [new equipment] costs. I think it's a good idea to show proof," said Molly Crow, an undeclared freshman from Milwaukee.

This year, USG will maintain $5,000 in the student activity fee account for next year.

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"We wish it was more," said Molly Crow, an undeclared freshman from Milwaukee.

The next finance committee meeting is set for 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, April 20.
International students may change constitution

Presidents of various international campus groups vote to discuss bill and constitution

Ivan Thomas
Daily Egyptian

Members of the International Student Center in the basement of the Student Center Tuesday night pondered the possibilities of a change to the current bylaws, which was carried out in the council.

Sadhu Hangadoumbo, president of the council, hopes to pass a bill so all members can vote for the executive members, not just the presidents of the individual international organizations. He also wants the executive committee to communicate with all of its members and notify them in advance about the election, which he believes should take place at a general assembly open to every ISC member.

"I want to bring ISC closer to its members," Hangadoumbo said. "Many times they don't even know who is elected to office, and I don't think that is fair."

Presidents of the various international organizations that make up the council gathered around a large table to discuss the bill, which contains possible amendments to the ISC constitution and by-laws.

Representatives of several groups were present, including the African Student Council, Asian Students and Friends, Latin American Student Association Linguistics and other groups representing Bangladeshi, Indian, Japanese, Arabic, Sudanese, Kenyan, Thai and Malaysian students.

Many of the executive committee members asked questions and raised concerns about guidelines and different aspects of ISC and the election process.

Hangadoumbo said there are two main objectives in determining how the bill will work. First they must find out what they think is infeasible in the bill, and they also have to know how to implement it once a decision has been made.

Even though the main focus of the meeting was to discuss the bill and the constitution, concern about council guideline was raised several times throughout the session. Many members felt that without this protection of the guidelines at the meeting, it was impossible for them to make a decision.

"The decisions we make here will affect the future apprehension of ISC," so I think we need to discuss the guidelines before we continue," said Was Kamal, president of the Malaysian Students Association. "If we make a mistake, then they will look back and blame us for the problem."

Another fear of some executive members was that if all members of ISC were given the opportunity to vote, then only certain groups like the Chinese, Indian and Japanese organizations would win the elections because of their large advantage in student population.

Aga Tong, vice president of Internal Affairs for ISC, thought the intentions of the bill were good, but said it will take a while before they can be considered.

I thought the bill to pass all international students to be involved was a good idea, but we have to think about it carefully," Tong said. "I think that in the long term it would work, but it would not in the short term because we have to do a lot of work such as checking to see that all students are enrolled in classes."

Because the members didn't all have a copy of the council guidelines, ISC has decided that it must have another meeting to discuss them.

"There are many mixed feelings concerning the bill, and the committee wants to make sure that the right moves are carried out," Hangadoumbo intends to give everyone the opportunity to vote for the representatives, and he will have to wait for a later date to attempt to convince his council to approve of it.

"They only want presidents to vote so one group will dominate," he said. "It's a right for anyone to vote."

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Civil Rights: L. Douglas Wilder, former Governor of Virginia, visits with Laura Gladney (far right) after his lecture, "Civil Rights in America: One Lawyer's Perspective," at the Lesea Law Auditorium on Wednesday evening. Wilder is the first elected black governor in the U.S. and currently leads efforts to establish a slave museum in Virginia.

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Commuter or non-traditional student, such as those that are older or of non-scholarship student, Rentfro was chosen by Kathleen Plekanski of Disabled Student Services because of his 3.0 grade point average.

Disabled student awarded for academics

SIUC student to be honored for excellence at banquet in April

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

Being legally blind from birth has not stopped Curtis Rentfro from achieving academic success his entire life. Rentfro, a freshman in herpetology from Royalton, recently added another award to his accolades. He received a $1,000 Art & Sammy Alkman Scholarship after meeting all the criteria and being voted the most deserving.

Kathleen Plekans, director of Disabled Student Services, picked Rentfro with the help of her staff because he has above a 3.0 grade point average, has been a long-time resident of the Southern Illinois region and was determined by the State Rehabilitation Agency to have a disability.

"There were a handful of other people who met all of those standards and we had a unanimous agreement on Curtis," Plekans said. "We didn't have anybody else who had obtained that level of perfection educationally. He was definitely one of the highest GPA's on our caseload of under-graduate students."

Rentfro was validation of both his high school and high school with a 3.0 GPA. He had never received a B in a class until his first semester at SIUC. He was not upset about, because he expected college to be more difficult.

"Adjustment was hard coming in, but I knew it would be," he said, adding that high school was nothing compared to what he found in college. He found a noticeable adjustment to the thousands of changes he has now.

Like other students with disabilities, Rentfro received additional help from DSS when it comes to much study and many tutoring services. DSS also answers his text and reads questions for Rentfro so he isn't at a disadvantage.

"I let [professors] know about my disability and keep communication up with them," Rentfro said. "I'll have any problems with the class, we work something out." Peach said DSS has been impressed with him and his standards are high to the goal he sets for himself. He added that he "operates almost independently" and needs little help from DSS aside from test taking.

"He has an extraordinary level of commitment and work ethics, things that diminish his disability to where it's almost not in the picture," Plekans said.

Addle from the $1,000 and change that will be bestowed upon him at an April 9 banquet, Rentfro has also been awarded nearly $2,500 in merit scholarships from the state and some businesses.

The Art & Sammy Alkman Scholarship is given annually by the Educational Council of 100, which was started in the 1940s and provides services to counties in Southern Illinois.

It contains of outstanding community leaders in the southern Illinois counties of Illinois, said Art Alkman, a professor emeritus in the School of Education and past executive director of the educational council. "It was instrumental in starting education in this part of the country, and provides services in the field of education that enhances education in southern Illinois."

Alkman said the group awards in scholarship to two students at the school each year. Other students are chosen by DSS and other places come out of the School of Education, and is usually given to a "non-traditional" student, such as those that are older or a military veteran.

Rentfro's experience at SIUC has been satisfying so far, and he says he fits in well at SIUC. He doesn't use an aid in going to his classes, and he said he'll be able to look anywhere because his schedule has him trekking across campus like everyone else.

"I probably wouldn't even notice that I was legally blind," Rentfro said. "I could walk right past you."

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Auto clubs make wheels feel good

Mark Lambird
Daily Egyptian

Enrich and strengthen your future possibilities!

Mark Lambird is a senior in automotive technology from Edwards and member of the club, said there will be three states and that it will take people 15 to 20 minutes to complete the check-up.

"Also, the clinic will let people know if there is something wrong with their car that might need some attention," Corey said. The students will check car belts, top off fluids and look for leaks under the hood.

Corey said the event is used to raise money for the club's annual trip to Detroit. The event is open to the public and has no cost but donations of cash, goods, or services will be accepted.

The event is for the students and donations will be accepted to the Motor City for a second inter-vision. Corey said. "It gives us a chance to see the city and meet people in some of the communities we will be working in." Corey said the probability program, said the trip is an opportunity for his students.

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of the group for directing Saudi supporters who participated in the Salhi supports-"The Automotive Technology Club is having its annual car care clinic Saturday at the Memorial State Park pavilion from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., where we can receive a free check-up.

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News
A stroll through The Four Seasons with a twist

Daniel Heifetz has been working on the cusp of the classical music world, breaking from tradition, embracing the unorthodox and sometimes facing the radicals, since the beginning of his career.
In 1971 Heifetz, an internationally acclaimed violinist, walked into a Manhattan prison in New York City to perform classical music for a prison population consisting mainly of blacks and Latinos.

"There was real hostility when I entered the place with my violin," he said. "Fellas, I want to play some soul music. Not black soul music, not Spanish-American soul music, but Jewish soul music," Heifetz said. "A big guy in the front row shouted out 'What the hell do the Jews know about soul music?' I said 'Fellas, I want to play some soul music.' A few big guys in the front row shouted out 'What is the sounds of the Jewish melodies?'

Heifetz said, 'Let's cut the BS, I want to play some soul music.' I proceeded to play this classical piece on Jewish melodies. When I finished, these guys were crying," Heifetz said.

As part of Shroyek Auditorium's Symphony Series, Heifetz and The Classical Band will bring his interpretation of Vivaldi's The Four Seasons at Shroyek Auditorium. The performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2.

Heifetz has been featured on several prominent television and radio programs. He has captured first prize at the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. Heifetz said his approach to the Vivaldi concert creates an entirely new concert experience for the audience.

"Most people usually hear it in a sense that is familiar with the piece. However, I do not play it in a way that is familiar to the public. I strive to make every performance unique," Heifetz said.

Vivaldi wrote concerts for each of the seasons. They work similar to stage directions in a play, altering not only the performers, but also the audience to what the sounds in the music represent.

"For an audience that may not be familiar with the piece or those who want to learn more about this very familiar piece this is a great approach," Godsell said. "It is just an amazing experience. We don't go for petty. We don't make everything sound nice. Basically it is doing exactly what the composer asked," Heifetz said. "If it is dog, the violins are screeching the instrument to make it sound like a dog. It is a really different approach to making it come alive."

"Heifetz's interpretation, in a sense, is breathing new life into the piece. With a wailing intensity in classical music across the country and many big city orchestras putting the pinch, young blood is exactly what is needed," Godsell said.

"Vivaldi wrote concerts for each of the seasons. They work similar to stage directions in a play, altering not only the performers, but also the audience to what the sounds in the music represent. As an audience that may not be familiar with the piece, the performers and the audience work as a team to bring the music to life," Godsell said.

"We are trying to pair up classical music with a book to bring in younger audiences who might not be accustomed to classical music," O'Connor said. "We tried to do varied performances.

"Part of it is our mission to the community that we offer a variety of programs," O'Connor said. "All over the country symphonies are having trouble. Conversely, we are doing fairly well here."

O'Connor said this is because the Symphony Series is fairly new, only in its second year, and the manner in which the series presents classical music. She said college-age audiences aren't just familiar with the names and music of classical artists.

"A lot of people don't know those names or understand the music. Just a select few," O'Connor said. "And that audience in fact is dying off. Without young people coming into the symphonies it will die away."

Since the first run of the Symphony Series, the number of performances has increased from four shows to six. Ticket sales have been healthy, and securing performers such as Heifetz and The Classical Band help make
Fairport Convention coming to Copper Dragon

Looking for a more traditional band to come through on the local bar scene? Look no further than Fairport Convention, who will headline at the Copper Dragon on March 30. The band, well known for their folk music, promises to capture the essence of the Beatles' heyday.

Nickelback tickets go on sale

Ticket purchasers are stepping up the game for the band's upcoming tour. Their tickets are selling out fast, with some fans purchasing them for resell.

Black Eyed Peas to headline Spring Thing on April 20

The Black Eyed Peas, known for their catchy music and energetic stage presence, will be headlining the Spring Thing on April 20 at the Student Union. Tickets are available online.

Oscar: the great American circus

There's something about Oscar time that brings out the best of American cinema. Maybe it's the simple celebration of film—arguably the art form of our time—that makes Hollywood have that Candyland of the world. Or perhaps it's just the simple pleasure of the Academy Awards, the Academy actually giving the best true American fashion, the film—arguably the art form of our time? KA Beautiful Mind... Like Jennifer Garner, the best director of the year! This year, though, Oscar's new sweetheart—have a best director sweep the awards. Will it be Atman or Liev Schreiber? Maybe, but she'll have to beat out Judi Dench, who can be a big threat, even when Oscar winners appear to have the award already in hand. It's all makes for great water cooler fodder, and we all know how much we love our pointless debates. But this year's Oscar faror fester American reverting back to their former celebrity-obsessed selves?

Not really. This is our way of life, and the movie industry—this is a good life when the best picture community of "The Last Of The Mohicans" and "The English Patient" become a nationally discussed issue.

It's not now should we get so involved that we forget we have soldiers dying overseas, but there is no question of that too.

The average American is much more than a movie lover, and we should believe.

And their words are true. If those souls from Sep. 11 were still with us today, I bet some of them would be thinking about what J. Lo will be wearing, too.

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What happened to "The Royal Tenenbaums"? Did any of the voters even bother to watch "Black Hawk Down"? Did anyone even care? But in true American fashion, the Oscars all come down to politics in the end. That's why we're going to see Russell Crowe and "A Beautiful Mind"... like Jennifer Garner, the best director of the year!

Celebrity boxing and Britney's American is much more balanced. It all makes for great water cooler fodder, and we all know how much we love our pointless debates. But this year's Oscar faror fester American reverting back to their former celebrity-obsessed selves?

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Big Wu and Strangefolk will be playing at the Copper Dragon next week.

Short, sweet and to the point

Bands to bring their own brand of jamming to the Copper Dragon

Geoffrey Ritter Daily Egyptian

You could call them the Clash's version of a jam band.

God knows, the post-Phish market could use something of the sort. After all, look at what this peculiar genre has evolved into—a celebration of 15-minute songs, no concern for loss of time and place, just keep on jamming.

And going, and going. There's no accounting for taste, of course. But you have to give some credit to the Big Wu and Strangefolk, two bands from almost opposite ends of the country who have managed to turn the jamming tradition into something a little more digestible to the layman listener.

Accessibility may be another of their revolutions, the band listing ticket prices set at $22, not a bad deal.

In fall 2000 the band upped its act even further by replacing a member with singer/guitarist Lake Placid, 

Strangefolk began its journey toward national acclaim as an acoustic duo in 1991 in the state of Vermont, steadily building a reputation for flowing, grassroots songs and eventually adding bass and drums during the same year. Eventually releasing four well-received albums, the band diligently built its fan base by performing as many as 200 shows a year. For an unfor-

The Byrds were one of the most important bands in the history of rock and roll, with a string of hit songs and albums that established them as one of the leading bands of the 1960s. The group was formed in 1964 and consisted of Mike Clarke, who was one of the band's original members. The group released many successful albums, including "Mr. Tambourine Man" and "Turn! Turn! Turn!" The Byrds were known for their unique sound and their ability to blend rock and roll with folk and country elements. They were also one of the first bands to incorporate country elements into their music, which helped to pave the way for other genres such as country rock and folk rock. Overall, the Byrds were a hugely influential band who helped to shape the sound of rock and roll during the 1960s.
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This is not Heifetz's first time visiting the University. He played at Shryock more than 20 years ago when he was cutting his teeth in places like Austin and SIU.

He said he can still remember the look of the prison room he performed in 31 years ago — the wire jutting out from the walls where prisoners had ripped clocks from their faces during riots. Heifetz said he has learned many things that he has carried with him since that early performance.

"It taught me the biggest lesson at the beginning of my career. That you don't need any education, you don't need any sophistication to get the power and the message of classical music; if the music is delivered on a basic level of guts and human experience with enthusiasm. It just goes right to anyone's heart."
Resident Evil rates just above being a zombie

**Codell Rodriguez**

*Daily Egyptian*

"**Resident Evil**" is a movie that had a right to be fearsome. The movie, which is based on a popular video game series, stars Milla Jovovich as the lead in "The Fifth Element," as a secret agent with no memory who accompanies a group of special agents from the evil Umbrella Corporation into a situation that will drive a diner party with the cut of "Cocoon."

First, the producers of this film actually had George Romero as the writer and director of the film. Then they fired him. That's right, the man behind "Night of the Living Dead," the movie that defined the art of walking-dead-films, was actually canned by a group of guys that want zombies. The replacement was Paul Anderson, who is behind films such as "Event Horizon" and "Street Fighter," which was also directed by Paul Anderson. However, in the end, it still couldn't please many people besides fans of the video game. The reason "Resident Evil" is beyond the other translations is because it has the ability to rely on plot, characters and action rather than just the popularity of the game. However, the name probably isn't hurting.

"Resident Evil" does not feature any of the characters from the game but actually acts as a sort of prequel to the storyline. This was actually a good move because it keeps the fun-lovers happy and doesn't exclude the people who do not what is going on.

The story begins when a very naughty person breaks a container holding the deadly T-virus, a chemical used in genetic experiments. The person really has the fun when the computer that runs the underground laboratories known as "The Hive," goes apcy and deals with the problem rather harshly. Not to reveal too much of the plot, but one thing leads to another and a special force until ends up being chased by a bunch of zombies and skinless dogs.

The chase is part of the reason this movie does not need the game as a catch. It is full of cheap scares from beginning to end, some of them being silly shocks, like the lights turning on or a goofball team member sneaking up behind another as a joke. This is one way the film is very faithful to the game. Until the end, viewers are not safe from the possibility that something is going to jump out at them.

The lack of any of the characters from the games may upset some of the fanboys, but a couple quick shots of a naked Milla Jovovich should shut them up. As for average movie-goers, they do not leave the theater feeling better about themselves as intellectuals, but they may be laughing about the monsters next to them spitting out a mouthful of popcorn.

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Ian McKellen’s changing faces and changing roles

Glen Lovell
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At 62, Ian McKellen — who has trod the boards as Hamlet, Richard III and the enigmatic Salieri in “Amadeus” (for which he won a 1981 Tony) — finds himself the idol of J.R.R. Tolkien enthusiasts of all ages. The veteran British actor has been nominated for an Oscar for his performance as the good wizard Gandalf in “The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring.”

“I knew it was going to be a huge hit right away,” says the actor, recalling his first New York screening. “Within 15 minutes I forgot I was in the film, and the people around me who hadn’t read the books were crying.”

McKellen found mid-life movie stardom after a distinguished career with England’s National and Royal Shakespeare companies. He was nominated for a best-actor Oscar in 1998 for playing the anguished James Whale in “Gods and Monsters.” We caught up with the actor, who was knighted in 1991 and maintains his own website (www.mckellen.com), at a friend’s home in Los Angeles. He’s stateside for pre-Oscar interviews and talks with director Bryan Singer about “X-Men 2,” which begins shooting in Vancouver in May.

Q. Sir Ian, you may be the first knight with a website.
A. You may be right. The site was suggested to me four years ago to publicize a Shakespearean quarto, but I think this will be a good chance to put down everything I’ve got in the cellars; my comments on the last 40 years. It saves me the choice of having to write an autobiography. In January, there were 12 million people who looked at the site, mainly because of “Lord of the Rings,” of course.

Q. You didn’t make your screen debut until age 29, and stardom came 30 years later.
A. The one big element that no actor can deny is their career is luck, chance. Whilst my contemporaries — Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay and Alan Bates — were regularly appearing in movies and having great success, that just didn’t happen for me. Not having a bookish side to me, I had an awful lot to learn as a stage actor. And then great theater parts start coming. I was talking to Peter Jackson for a long time before we finally got on the same wavelength.

Q. Around then you appeared as Death in Arnold Schwarzenegger’s “Last Action Hero.”
A. I took any part I could get. I did walk-ons, tiny parts. Friends thought I was crazy. But over that period I began to treat the camera as a friend rather than as an inter­viewer. The film of “Richard III” was my calling card in the grown-up film industry, and I began to get offered really good parts. So now, rather late in the day, I’m in the happy situation that those peers of mine were in 30 years ago.

Q. Gandalf must have been a nice change. You’ve specialized in villains — from Iago to Rasputin. Does it help you get to play a good man because writers are allowed to be an insider. I’ll participate in digital-effects fantasies?
A. Oh, I don’t look at them that way at all. I think the success of “Lord of the Rings” is that it isn’t fantasy. The story­telling that director Peter Jackson has adopted is to make you think you are actually there and that this was at one time a real world.

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Q. What do you think your chances are for an Oscar?
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A. I saw Gandalf as a scholar, a man of the countryside — and yet a loner on a mission. You’ll see that increasingly strongly in the next two films. “The Two Towers” and “Return of the King.” The fun of the first film is in Gandalf measuring up to situations persuading Bilbo to give up the ring or handing over responsibility to Frodo, or riding off to face Saruman, his old fr­i­end who’s gone wrong.

Q. You’ve been called the new Obi­Wan Kenobi.
A. I don’t see the connection frankly between Gandalf and that part. If anything George Lucas couldn’t have imagined “Star Wars” if he hadn’t read Tolkien. I think we rather pre-date “Star Wars.”

Q. Do you find it ironic that after so much stage work you’ve found acclaim in digital-effects fantasies?
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getting as far into this tournament as we can.

Korn said there will be "a lot of opportunities that Weber could be scratched away by a powerhouse program, but we're optimistic that our team will stick around.

Sophomore forward Brad Korn noted that Weber has already had the opportunity to move up. "It's a great coach, but also from an administrative standpoint, he's just a jewel to work with, and you don't get that all the time."

The Salukis players have all heard the stories that Weber could be scratched away by a powerhouse program, but are maintaining hope that their coach will stick around.

The Salukis just hope they can get to next year, and that Dearman will be recruiting class that year. "When that matter comes up, when something like that happens, it's his business," Williams said. "For him, it's a job. For us, it's a problem. He's got to do whatever he can do for his family."

But sentimentality is a major factor in the decision, Williams thinks Weber will be back for at least another year.

"Me and Jermaine [Dearman] will be seniors next year, and we were his first recruiting class that he had to go to all year," Williams said. "I think he would like to stick around to see us graduate and see us end our careers here. I think that means a lot to me, because I know what kind of person he is and I know things like that mean more to him than wins and losses."

For now, Weber and the Salukis are sitting on the exciting reality of the NCAA tournament. But once the offseason arrives, the Weber soap opera will be even more difficult to brush aside. Call it the price of success, but on the other hand, it's a sweet, sweet song.

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Michael Brenner
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The sun began baking the SIU men’s golf team Sunday’s tournament in New Orleans, heating their skin, but warming up their clubs. The Salukis shot a two-round score of 610 at the New Orleans Sportspace of Methodist Hospital Classic, placing them fourth in that first tournament of the spring.

Senior Brad Dunker led the Saluki charge, shooting a 150 (74, 76) and finishing 10th individually. Although it was his third top-10 finish of the season, he feels he could have done better. “The first round I played really well, and I probably gave back three strokes,” Dunker said. “The second round I started off strong and was six over par through the first five holes. I finished in the top 10, but it is something that I have to improve on.”

Mike Smith shot a 78 in the first round before recovering with an impressive 75 to finish with a score of 153, good enough for 23rd place. Despite those things, head coach Grant Golfe (76, 79, 75) shot a 156 to top off an extraordinary team effort.

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Stanek looks to slap MVC in face

Jeff Stanek is a senior first baseman on the SIU baseball team. He is a four-year starter and currently is one of the team leaders in hitting and has helped propel the Salukis in an 11-4 start. He recently took some time off to speak with Jen Deje of the Daily Egyptian.

DE: How would you describe yourself as a player?
JS: I'm pretty social, have a pretty good social life. I like to hang out with the guys on the team, I have friends and we go out and have a good time.

DE: Do you try to model yourself after any other players?
JS: Cal Ripken is always an inspiration to a lot of baseball players because of how hard he works to be in the game every day. I'd say he's a pretty good inspiration.

DE: What's more exciting, the World Series or the College World Series?
JS: I'd say the College World Series because it's just the atmosphere with all the students and stuff is just a lot better. In my college sport, it seems like all the college major championships are a lot more exciting, a lot more fun to watch.

DE: What do you think has been the key to the team's quick start this year?
JS: Dedication in everything. Dedication in the weight room, wanting to be here, wanting to do extra work, wanting to win.

DE: What has been the difference between this year and last year?
JS: Depth. The depth we have this year, the amount of pitching we have, the amount of extra position players...not only do we have good starters, we have good reserves who can come in and do the job.

DE: How much motivation did being picked second to last in the MVC give you guys?
JS: Without a doubt, it gave us probably the most motivation. You kind of expected it with the year we had last year, but just with everything we had coming back and some of the guys who were ineligible last year coming back, it's kind of like a slap in the face. It's real motivating. We want to really show them what we're made of, what we're worth.

DE: What was the key to the eight-game winning streak you guys had earlier this season?
JS: Playing solid defense, hitting and pitching. We had pretty much all three going for us. Some games pitching was there, some games hitting was there. We just kind of picked each other up.

DE: What do you think of the fact you guys already have 11 wins when you only had 19 last season?
JS: It's nice, but we're kind of disappointed that we let a couple slip away, so we feel we could have a couple more. We're pleased with how many wins we have now, but we kind of want to shoot for more. Play every game to win. Expect to win.

DE: Favorite actor?
JS: I'll say Robert DeNiro.
DE: Favorite movie?
JS: "Casino."
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Bruce Weber a man in demand

Jay Schwab
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With the time winding down against Georgia this past Sunday, Saluki head coach Bruce Weber banks plays at the team from across the court. Since the Salukis' sudden success, rumors of Weber being lured away from Carbondale to a big name school at the end of this season have grown out of the woodwork.

When opportunity knocks, a diamond dog will answer

Saluki newcomer mimics idol, takes advantage of opportunity to start for SIU

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

On June 1, 1925, New York Yankees first baseman Wally Pipp was forced to leave a game due to a stomach illness caused by a three-eyed mole named Lou Gehrig. Gehrig would not relinquish his spot for the remaining 20 seasons, while Pipp suffered a lifetime of oblivion and trivia lore.

If anyone can relate to Pipp's unfortunate story, it is the Saluki baseball team. Maurath, a standout for the Salukis a season ago, was sidelined by an injury before this season. In his place came Justin Merchant, a junior college transfer and Dubuque native. Maurath has returned to the lineup in a limited designated hitter role, however, he does not appear he will be standing in left field anytime soon because Kovzan has come out of nowhere to become one of the brightest stars on the Saluki squad.

Each of Kovzan's successes can be attributed to the way he has always tried to mimic his idol, Gehrig. He has looked up to the Hall of Famer his entire life and Gehrig wore the No. 4 jersey before his illustrious career started. The one thing that Callahan thinks Kovzan character the most is the way he takes a pinch. Callahan said that a lot of players were nervous not wearing a hat, but Kovzan's never was confidence at the plate.

The thing that Callahan thinks Kovzan's biggest difference between a baseball follower from the area has to sit back and wonder, "Where have you all been all season?"

I mean it's not every day that leg­endary coach Bob Knight is over in awe of a Saluki team than the Salukis are in awe of Bob Knight. Talk all you want about being a "mid­major." You can test that in the truth. While we at it, throw out all the RPI nonsense. Just look at the lines. Don't think what you should have to crunch numbers as a measuring stick.

Quite often one off week in mid­February, this year's Salukis have proven time and time again that they can fart out play some ball. Fellows Valley's new coach Mr. Cusick demonstrated that as well.

Still, prior to this week, the national media would have rather hyped one of your run-of-the-mill fifth and sixth place teams from power conferences before a legitimate team from a less-notarized league.

At times it gets downright disrespectful, it's not always pretty often. Then again, that's why the media sits and

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Cinderella Salukis? Hardly. Overlooked Salukis Bingo.

Throughout the country Salukis fans are becoming more contagious than a yarn in that boring morning class of yours. People are starting to figure out what in the world is a Saluki is. The national media are running campus. And when someone speaks of Jermaine Dearman, they no longer call him guy who beat Wally Pipp.

Meanwhile, any half-knowledgeable basketball follower from the area has to sit back and wonder, "Where have you all been all season?"

I mean it's not every day that legendary coach Bob Knight is in awe of a Saluki than the Salukis are in awe of Bob Knight. Talk all you want about being a "mid-major." You can test that in the truth. While we at it, throw out all the RPI nonsense. Just look at the lines. Don't think what you should have to crunch numbers as a measure.