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The slipper didn't fit this time

Christopher Morrill,
 Daily Egyptian

It was a hard loss following a good season. The SIU basketball team lost its game Thursday to sixth-seeded Missouri — marking the end to an otherwise successful year.

The Salukis were able to keep it close against the Tigers, however, losing by only one point, 72-71, after not knowing whether they would even make the tournament.

The score was back and forth the entire game. The Salukis had many opportunities, but couldn't make free throws, capitalize on Missouri's numerous turnovers or stop its potent frontcourt.

With only four seconds left in the game, Rickey Paulding went to the line and made one out of two free throw attempts, giving Missouri a one-point lead.

After a mid-court timeout, SIU's No. 2 scorer in school history, senior Kent Williams, tossed a last-second three-point attempt into the air that clanked away, ending the Salukis' hopes for another run to the Sweet 16.

The regular season went a lot better as the Dawgs won 24 out of 30 games, swept all their home games and won the regular season title in the Missouri Valley Conference.

It seemed like the Salukis might have breezed through the league tournament, but this was not the case. Unfortunately, the Dawgs lost to Creighton in the championship game.

Due to late season wins over Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Creighton, however, the team earned an at-large bid into the Big Dance. An invitation to the tournament was in question enough that upon learning they were in, the team erupted into celebration.

SIU even garnered enough national attention to have an MTV documentary made about them that aired last night despite the loss.

Now, after all the blood, sweat and cheers, the pride of Carbondale is coming home.



SIU senior forward Jermaine Dearman is consoled by teammate Tony Young (right) after fouling out with 4.1-seconds left in Salukis' 72-71 loss to the Missouri Tigers in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The game ended a season that saw the Dawgs go undefeated at home and win the Missouri Valley Conference regular season title. SIU finished the season with a 24-7 record.

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USG supports House bill to repeal HEA Drug Provision

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 Daily Egyptian

The Undergraduate Student Government has taken a stand, joining more than 100 student governments across the nation, to "just say no" to the Higher Education Act Drug Provision.

USG passed a resolution Wednesday in support of a bill in the House that will repeal the provisions of the Higher Education Act that were implemented in 2000.

The provision requires students to answer a question about previous drug convictions on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid form. Admitting previous convictions prohibits people from receiving student financial assistance.

The Coalition for HEA Reform believes that the provision is dis-



Gus Bode
 But I used to buy pot with my financial aid.

crimnatory, because students from low-income families will be the ones forced to drop out of school because of the loss of aid.

"The worst thing that you can do to a student who might be having problems with drugs but who also wants to remain a student is to make him delay his education," said Bill Gaines, the co-director of CHEAR.

"A student who leaves is less likely to return and graduate. A student who remains in college is more likely to remain on a path toward a productive life instead of falling into a deeper pattern of abuse."

CHEAR contains 40 national organizations, such as the NAACP, and the American Association of People with Disabilities. It has joined with Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, that is active on 200 campuses to oppose the

Under the provision, financial aid may be revoked for a year with one possession conviction, two years with two convictions, and indefinitely with additional drug convictions.

The ineligibility period to receive financial aid for sale of a controlled substance is two years for the first offense and indefinitely for each subsequent offense.

The CHEAR website said, "The goal of the HEA is to make it easier, not more difficult, for all students to obtain a full education. To limit the students eligible for federal aid is counterproductive."

The resolution opposes the provision and said it is inconsistently enforced, and it only affects students who are honest about their history and has no system in place to make sure applicants are revealing correct information.

Almost 100,000 students have been denied financial aid because of a past drug conviction since the provision became effective, 35,000 in the 2002-2003 academic year.

Students who have gone through a drug rehabilitation program and passed two random drug tests can still

Fighting the drug provision

The U.S. House of Representatives is considering repealing the HEA Drug Provision Act of 1998. Here is a look at the history of the provision.

- 1965 - The Higher Education Act passes Congress to authorize the dealing with federal financial aid programs.
- 1998 - The HEA Drug Provision is passed. It delays or denies all federal financial aid for any drug offense.
- March 1999 - Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., introduces Resolution 1053 to repeal the drug provision.
- July 2000 - HEA Drug Provision becomes effective after passing through Congress.
- Feb. 2001 - Rep. Frank reintroduces legislation as Resolution 786 to repeal the drug provision.
- May 2001 - Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va., proposes amendment to strike the drug provision entirely. It failed in committee 31-16.
- February 2003 - Frank's resolution is introduced to repeal HEA drug provision. It is the same version as 786 and 1053.

Source: raiseyourvoice.com JOE MISHKINIS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

be eligible for aid. However, Gaines said there are two major problems with that clause.

"First of all, people who enter rehabilitation programs and they don't want to are not likely to complete them successfully," Gaines said. "Second, programs are not readily available and are very expensive, so students who will need aid to go to college probably would not be able to afford a private rehabilitation program."

U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., introduced House Bill 685 in February to repeal the HEA drug provision.

He introduced similar bills twice before, but he did not have the support of the Republican leadership

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NATIONAL NEWS

Marine helicopter goes down in Kuwait; 16 believed dead

A Marine CH-46 helicopter carrying 16 American and British troops went down near the Iraq-Kuwait border, television reports said Thursday night. Early reports indicate there were no survivors. There were no indications that it had come under hostile fire according to USA Today and the Associated Press.

For the second time in 24 hours, U.S. forces launched precision strikes on Iraq's capital Baghdad, leaving its ministry of planning in flames and Saddam Hussein's loyalists wandering when a promised full-scale blitz would begin. Meanwhile, in southern Iraq, U.S. forces rained artillery and rockets on Iraqi forces and crossed the border from Kuwait, signaling the start of ground war.

In Baghdad, instead of a widespread bombardment reminiscent of the 1991 war under a different Bush administration, specific targets — the main presidential palace and the ministry building — were struck by the second wave of Tomahawk U.S. missiles. The two buildings were hit almost simultaneously in a day bookended by morning and evening attacks.

There was no immediate word of casualties; the first attack killed one and injured 14, the International Red Cross confirmed.

The sentiments were distinctly different at Iraq's southern border, where infantrymen on the move, their weeks of waiting at an end, cheered as artillery shells screamed overhead.

Under the shelter of night, and with the support of heavy bombing, the 1st Marine Division entered Iraq at around 9 p.m. local time (1 p.m. ET). Traveling north in their armored vehicles, the Marines encountered some resistance from "rear guard" units; they opened fire with machine guns on an Iraqi T-55 tank and destroyed it with a Javelin, which is a portable anti-tank missile.

There were no American casualties.

FBI intensify interviews of Iraqis

WASHINGTON — The FBI on Thursday intensified its effort to interview thousands of Iraq-born individuals living in the United States in an effort to uncover any potential terrorists and

to protect the rest from hate crimes.

Several thousand FBI agents were being diverted from regular duties to do the interviews and man command posts at each of the bureau's 56 field offices to gather intelligence and respond quickly to any terrorist threats. A national command center was set up at FBI headquarters in Washington.

"We are bringing to bear the full weight of our resources, expertise, and partnerships," said FBI Director Robert Mueller to the Associated Press. "We are running down every lead, responding to every threat, coordinating with every partner, and doing our utmost to keep terrorists from striking back."

The FBI has new authority from Attorney General John Ashcroft to arrest people on immigration charges if they are believed to post a wartime threat.

The order took effect Feb. 28, the last day the Immigration and Naturalization Service and its enforcement laws fell under Justice Department jurisdiction. The INS ceased to exist the next day, when it was folded into the Homeland Security Department.

Ashcroft's decision, confirmed Wednesday by two law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity, gives more than 11,000 FBI agents and several thousand marshals new arrest powers. Previously, that authority was reserved for INS agents, some Customs agents and 35 police officers in South Florida under a program promoted by Ashcroft.

The FBI investigates major crimes and gathers domestic intelligence. The Marshals Service mainly tracks down and transports fugitives.

The law enforcement officials described the move as crucial in the fight against terrorism. Immigration charges frequently are used to initially detain suspected terrorists or sympathizers while other charges are developed.

The officials said it makes little sense for the FBI to delay arresting potential terrorists or spies while waiting for an immigration official to show up.

One Justice Department official said the powers would be used "only in appropriate situations, such as when the public safety requires prompt action."

The Iraqis expected to be detained have been under surveillance by the FBI and are believed to be sympathetic to President Saddam Hussein. Those who would be detained are in violation of U.S. immigration laws, mostly because of expired visas, the officials said to the Associated Press.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Jordanian taxi driver is apparent first Iraq war casualty

AMMAN, Jordan — The first fatality of the U.S.-led war in Iraq was apparently a Jordanian taxi driver who stopped to make a telephone call in an Iraqi building Thursday and was killed in a U.S. missile strike.

Business and travelers from Iraq said Ahmad Walid al-Bath, 33, was killed while calling his Baghdad taxi firm during one of his regular trips between the Jordanian and Iraqi capitals.

Al-Bath's younger brother, Rashid, told The Associated Press his brother died in a district called Kilo 160, about 155 miles west of Baghdad. The Jordanian government said it had no official confirmation of al-Bath's death.

Travelers from Iraq arriving at the Jordanian border crossing of al-Karameh also reported al-Bath's death in the opening air-

strike of the war. The travelers declined to give their names.

Earlier in Baghdad, Iraqi Information Minister Saeed al-Sahhaf said one person had been killed in U.S. raids on a customs compound and an Iraqi TV compound in western Iraq.

Rashid al-Bath said his family was worried about Ahmad because he had just crossed into Iraq when the American bombing started. Contacted by the family in Jordan, a cousin in Baghdad "waited for him at the taxi stand only to find the two passengers he had driven into Iraq pull over."

A second brother, Amjad al-Bath, said the passengers told the cousin "Ahmad got killed in a missile that landed in the building where he was, and that they could not find him under the rubble."

The two brothers said arrangements were under way to transport Ahmad's body to Jordan.

They said Ahmad, who had driven taxis between Baghdad and Amman since 1997, is survived by a wife and a 10-month-old boy.

Today



High 57
Low 35

Partly cloudy most of the day, clearing off in the early evening.
Highs in the upper 50s.

Five-day Forecast

Saturday	Partly Cloudy	57/39
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	62/46
Monday	Partly Cloudy	62/44
Tuesday	Thunderstorms	66/36
Wednesday	Rain Showers	57/35

Almanac

Average high: 51
Average low: 30
Thursday's precip: 0"
Thursday's hi/low: 66/45

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Today

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Cafe Melange
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

German Table-Stammisch
Corner Diner
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

POLICE REPORTS

No items to report.

CORRECTIONS

In Thursday's edition of Pulse, the wrong ads ran for Hanger 9, Galsby's II and Headquarters on pages 6 and 7. The correct ads for these businesses appear on page 11 of today's newspaper.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

Readers who spot an error should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

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Peace becomes puzzling

Veteran presents art to protest war

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

A Carbondale man is presenting an alternative means to promoting peace today at a local coffee house.

A veteran of the first Gulf War, James Throgmorton is presenting a "puzzle for peace" tonight at 7 at Longbranch Coffee House, 100 E. Jackson St. He is donating the puzzle as a community project to "get people together and think."

The subject of the puzzle, Pablo Picasso's "Guernica," is a mural made after the bombing of a Spanish village by the same name in 1937. Generalissimo Francisco Franco allowed the village to be bombed as practice for more than three hours by Nazi Germany's air force, killing and injuring 1,600 civilians.

The painting depicts the terror inflicted on the villagers and is known as a symbol for peace. A copy tapestry has hung outside the U.N. Security Council since 1985, but was covered with a blue banner with the U.N. logo during recent briefings with weapons inspectors and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Throgmorton, a computer consultant, intended to leave the pieces out for the community Thursday night, but decided to wait until

more people were on hand to see the project. He said the NCAA tournament may have been to blame for the low turnout.

"The SIU game is probably at fault," Throgmorton said, jokingly.

Throgmorton said he was deployed three times during the Gulf War and knows what it is like to be on the ground and see bombs crashing down. He said his current project is to get people to think and he will invite the whole community in support of peace and the soldiers in the Middle East.

Throgmorton said it is too late to change the course for war right now, but he hopes people will be able to choose a different fate for future generations. He said the course is set for Iraq and we are "really going to kill people."

"Every American I've talked to is against this war," Throgmorton said.

He said a goal from the project is to have soldiers and peace advocates working together. He said he came up with the idea for presenting the puzzle after hearing about the painting being covered at the U.N. Security Council.

"It's symbolic about what we can do in the community for peace," Throgmorton said.

Throgmorton said he is a patriot first and foremost and believes the country can still have peace, even after a military campaign on Baghdad. He said how we go through the country will make the difference.

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James Throgmorton spreads peace at the Longbranch Coffee House Thursday night with poetry and a Picasso puzzle in protest of the war with Iraq. James chose a puzzle with an art piece from Picasso titled Guernica, which was a painting that Picasso used to express his view against World War II.

Local man sentenced 12 years for role in shooting

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

A Murphysboro man was sentenced to 12 years for a weapons charge Thursday morning in connection with the late May murder of a Carbondale man near a Murphysboro housing complex.

Daron Woods, 27, was found not guilty of first-degree murder but guilty of felony possession of a firearm January 29 in the shooting death of Kenji Tipton, 23, near Bridgewood Housing Development. A Jackson County Jury deliberated for about 5-1/2 hours before delivering the verdict.

Woods was found guilty of felony possession of a firearm, which is normally punishable by two to five years in prison. He was eligible for 3 to 14 years because he was on supervised release from a 1995 conviction for charges of sale and distribution of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to six years in prison and four years probation. He was also convicted of aggravated assault with a firearm in 1994.

Herb Lantz, Woods' attorney, said in January he believed Woods would not likely spend more than five years in prison if given the maximum extended sentence because of good time allowance and time served. Woods presently has credit for 239 days served.

Maurice Harper, 24, Murphysboro, was sentenced to 25 years in prison Jan. 3 for a guilty verdict for four counts of murder in Tipton's death. He was the second suspect in the shooting death and allegedly provided the murder weapon.

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Trial for murder of John A. Logan student to begin in June

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The jury trial of a Cartersville man charged with the early-August murder of a John A. Logan Community College student is set to begin June 17.

Benjamin Aaron Burns, 29, of 906 Pear-St., is charged with two counts of murder in connection with the death of Ryan D. Strum, 22, of Elk Grove Village. Burns allegedly shot Strum at a trailer in Cartersville and dumped his body in a marsh at the bottom of Fountain Bluff, a rock formation near Route 3 south of Gorham.

Aisha Pearl Robinson, who lived with Burns, was initially charged with concealment of a homicidal death, but was released at the preliminary hearing after Jackson County Judge David

Watt found there was not sufficient evidence to proceed with a trial.

Police said two campers found Strum's body Sept. 2 fished in about six inches of water with two under blocks chained and padlocked around the neck and left ankle. A sleeping bag was also found near the body.

Michael Ryan, a detective with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, said in Burns' October preliminary hearing the body had badly decayed but examination indicated Strum bled to death. Examiners also found two fractured ribs on the right side and a bullet hole through the body's pelvis.

Ryan said Robinson told police she heard an argument between Strum and Burns and what sounded like four gunshots. She said Burns placed Strum's body in the bathtub,

cleaned the area of the shooting, and collected the bullet casings, Ryan said in October.

Police said Burns confessed to shooting Strum after an argument about \$1,500 loaned to Burns for a cannabis-growing operation that police had confiscated. Burns then told investigators that Robinson was not comfortable with Strum living at the trailer and Burns was going to tell him to leave, Ryan said.

During questioning by Alex M. Fine who was Burns' previous public defender, Ryan testified that Burns indicated Strum was a cocaine dealer who had sold to Burns. He said Burns also indicated he previously saw Strum in possession of a gun.

Ryan also confirmed under examination from Fine that Burns told police Strum had stepped forward after being told not to and Strum was

allegedly using some substance the night before the shooting.

Fine also questioned whether Burns' familiarity with Sgt. Robert Burns, of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, who had known the defendant and his father, influenced his decision to confess. Ryan said the defendant had been advised of his Miranda rights and chose to speak.

Fine has withdrawn from the case because of a conflict of interest involving a client in another murder trial.

Burns will have a status hearing May 5, where the court will determine if the case is ready for trial, and his final pre-trial appearance is June 9.

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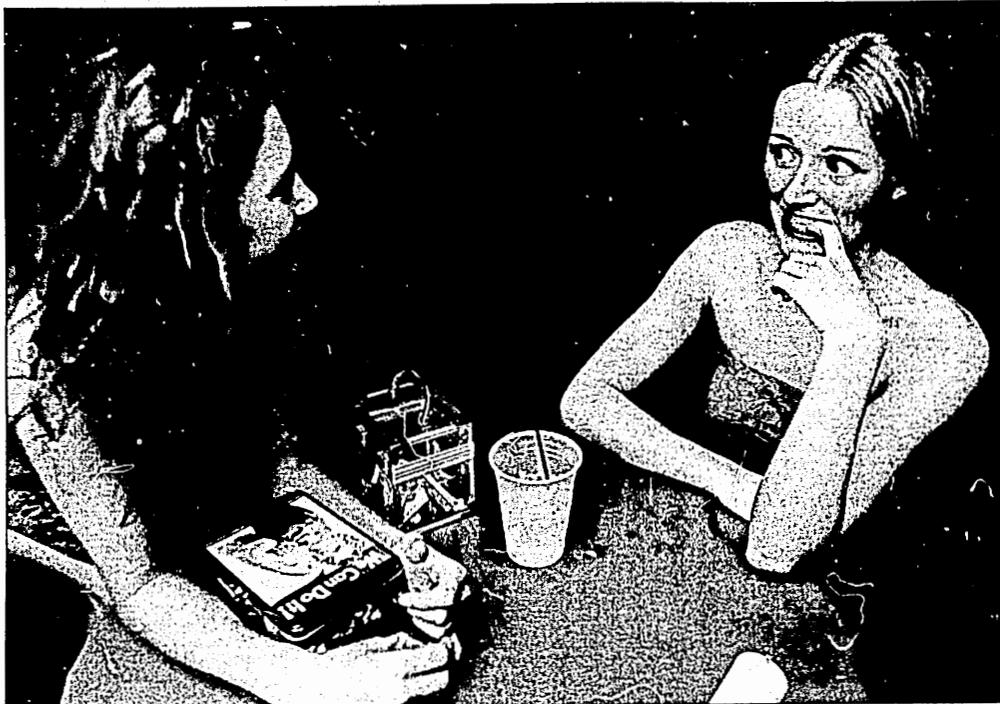
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(From Left) Tiffany Oertel and Veronica chat after Veronica's performance. The tip box, which Oertel clutches in her hands, displays Rosie the Riveter, a symbol that stood for the encouragement of women to enter the workforce in World War II.

AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Taking it all off

They spend their nights dancing and taking off their clothes, but their life is not only about stripping

story by KRISTINA DAILING

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of seven stories that focus on individuals who dedicate their days to sleep and their nights to work. They work midnight shifts, the graveyard shift, and these stories will explore the makings of bartenders, dancers and hospital workers once the sun goes down. Some of the strippers did not want to give their real names for privacy reasons.

Tiffany Oertel carries around a small tin displaying Rosie the Riveter, a World War II symbol that was used in a campaign to encourage women to join the workforce.

The words, "You can do it" are printed across the picture of a woman flexing her muscles.

The tin is filled with folded bills: ones, fives and tens that she has received from customers tipping her for her service.

But the tips aren't just left on the table. Customers walk up front to the stage with the money in their mouth and she takes it from them using her breasts or her teeth.

She puts the money in her tin and finishes dancing on stage.

Oertel, a sophomore in photojournalism from Wisconsin, may go home with \$13 or she may go home with \$700. But for most strippers, that is the risk they take.

Oertel, 19, has been stripping for a little more than a year, and said she loves her job.

"To know that you have that much power over people is really a rush," Oertel said. "I'd rather be here on weekends than out drinking."

"Here" is The Gallery Showclub LLC in DeSoto, where Oertel and 13 other girls between the ages of 18 and 25 spend at least three nights a week taking off their clothes while dancing for the customers from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

They dance several times throughout the evening to two songs at a time. They can pick their own music and dance with their own moves.

At the Gallery, the strippers are strictly paid through their tips, which can range anywhere from \$10 to \$700, depending on the size and makeup of the crowd.

"College guys don't tip too well," Oertel

said. "But you get some older men and regulars who buy you drinks and tip you well."

The women can accept drinks if they are of age, but they are cut off if they are drinking too much.

"Veronica," who did not want to reveal her real name, started working at the Gallery in September.

She moved to Carbondale from Arizona where she stripped in a club for about a month.

When she was in the Gallery one night with a male friend, Oertel encouraged her to apply for a job.

"She made it sound so great and I knew the money was good," Veronica said. "I was only making about \$6.50 at my other job."

She filled out the application, came back for an audition and was offered a job.

A job that she still enjoys after working for seven months. She said it has boosted her confidence more than she could have ever imagined. And she said she has noticed that it has helped the other girls' self-confidence too.

Now going out on to the stage to strip is just like going out on a stage to perform in a play.

"One of the glorious parts of this job is that you can live two lives," Veronica said. "When I am on stage I am acting."

When I am done, I go home as myself."

But for many of the girls working at the Gallery, it wasn't easy when they took their clothes off on stage for the first time.

"Angela," 20, a student at John A. Logan, said she was shaking for her audition because she had never danced before.

Now stripping and dancing on stage is what she does. It's just her job.

Veronica said the first time she ever stripped she had to have three shots just to relax enough to actually go up on stage.

"I was so nervous the first time," Veronica said. "But now I just go out there and perform."

But stripping is not an easy profession to have, especially when it can be viewed in a negative light.

Veronica's parents do not know where she works. She said she does not think they will get mad, but she thinks they probably would not want to know.

"I'm afraid I would get a negative reaction," Veronica said. "But they really don't have too much of a say in my life because I am 23."

Oertel said her family does know that she strips, but her mom always asks if she has gotten a new job yet.

Families are not the only people with whom the women have to deal. Many of the strippers attend SIUC or spend time in the community. Oftentimes people who come into the establishment do not always follow the rules.

"People will recognize what you do, not who you are," Oertel said. "And they treat you like it is always your job."

We are normal people too."

The Gallery is a no-touch club. So while the girls can perform a lap dance and accept tips, the customers are not allowed to grab or fondle the strippers. And the women said that customers sometimes have to be reminded of the rules.

"I tell them there is no touching, no kissing, no grinding, no blowing, no smelling or they get an elbow in the face," Oertel said.

But stripping is not what Oertel wants to do for the rest of her life. It is a way for her to pay her bills and pay her way through school. She said a lot of the girls have bills to pay and want to go to school.

"Some people may look down on it but it is how I pay for school," Oertel said. "You may work at Best Buy, but I do this."

Many of the women are not bothered by the comments that they hear about strippers. To them it is a job, like any other job.

Oertel works Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday every week and attends classes 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday every week. She has little time to sleep, but she is okay with her chaotic schedule now.

Part of why many of the strippers enjoy working at the Gallery is because they can set their schedules around classes and other obligations.

"I actually have the perfect schedule," Veronica said. "My boyfriend has night classes and I work at night so we have all day to spend time with each other."

Although Veronica works as a stripper now, she is doing so to get herself out of debt and to save up money to go back to school, like so many of the other women working at the club.

She hopes to someday be a music teacher.

And Oertel wants to work for a magazine someday.

But for now, they have the time and opportunity to be strippers and they are enjoying the chance to meet new people and lead their

"double life."

"You can't do this forever," Oertel said. "You have to do it while you are young and beautiful, and that's what we are doing."

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AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Veronica gets her groove on during her performance Wednesday evening at the Gallery Showclub in De Soto.

Councilman marches to beat of different drum

Drummer, banker seeks 3rd City Council term

Jackie Keane
Daily Egyptian

Editor's Note: The DAILY EGYPTIAN had planned to run all City Council profiles during the week of March 17 through March 21. However, because of a scheduling conflict, Steven Haynes' profile will run Monday.

City Council candidate and Carbondale native Mike Neill peaked an interest in the stock market while he was in eighth grade, a time when most kids were concerned with girls and school dances.

Mary Ellen Dillard, Neill's eighth grade teacher, remembers him being a child different from others his age. He was business oriented, said Dillard. He learned the tricks of the business trade while listening intently to a local stockbroker.

Neill's interest in business drove him to succeed throughout law school and his professional career as vice president and trust officer of Old National Trust Company, where he runs a trust department that controls \$70 million locally.

Neill has returned to Carbondale as a stockbroker before starting his own investment firm. His business background keeps him skilled in working with money and how money moves.

Growing up in Carbondale, Neill attended Carbondale High School where he played football and baseball and ran track. Tom O'Boyle, Neill's high school football coach for all four years, remembers the defensive back that played on his team during the 1970s.

"Unlike a lot of players, I am not so surprised at him," said O'Boyle. "He made the most of everything he had." O'Boyle said he is looking for Neill to become mayor because he is cut along those lines.

Decades have passed since Neill played on O'Boyle's football team,



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Mike Neill, a candidate for City Council, sits behind his desk at Old National smiling as he talks about his children who are aspiring musicians. Neill is running for his third term on the council.

yet the two still keep in touch. Their roles, however, have reversed. Neill is the financial consultant and the executive of O'Boyle's will.

"He has given me more advice than I have given him," O'Boyle said.

Neill went out of state for college, as many students do, but returned to Carbondale soon after. Only a year later, he jumped into the political streets of Carbondale and served on the Carbondale Park District Board, a starting point suggested by his sister. His family taught him that getting involved and helping the community was important.

"This is just the way my family does it — just get involved," Neill said.

Today, Neill is running for his third term as a councilman.

Neill said he believes that he is the best candidate because of two reasons: He is a Carbondale native and he is 42 years old. That means 42 years of knowing people here, said Neill. Also, he considers

the resources he has gained from his professional and educational background extensive enough to allow him to point out important balancing of the budget decisions that might lead Carbondale into a larger budget hole than the one it is already in.

"The debt Carbondale is racking up is getting really large. It is up to \$50 million," said Neill. "We need someone like me to point that out."

During the few hours of the day that do not include attending City Council meetings or sitting behind the desk on the third floor of the Old National Bank building, Neill works hard at being a father.

He spends his free time either coaching his 10-year-old son Colin's athletic team or jamming to Green Day with 15-year-old daughter, Chelsea. His son did not want him to run because it meant time away from home, Neill said. But now that Colin's father has decided to run for City Council, he has turned into Neill's biggest fan,

cheering "dad, you got to win!" said Neill.

Neill, who will begin playing the guitar within the next several weeks, could make the Neill family a 21st century Partridge Family, joke's Neill. Neill and his daughter spend quality time playing the drums to Green Day and 70s rock songs. Playing drums with his daughter brings back memories of the days when he was part of the Yogi and the Boo Boos Band, a college band for which Neill played. In addition to the drums, Neill plays some bass.

"What I really want to do instead of a debate with Sheila Simon is have a battle of the bands," said Neill.

Whether Neill wins or loses his seat, he will remain in Carbondale for a while, but for how long?

"I own a cemetery plot in town," said Neill.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Harry Potter visits Student Center tonight

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets will be showing tonight at 7 and 10 and 3 p.m., 7 p.m., and 10 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium. The Warner Brothers Picture is directed by Chris Columbus. Running time is 161 minutes. Cost is \$2 for students and \$3 for general admission.

Poet James Kimbrell to speak tonight

Acclaimed poet James Kimbrell will read a selection of poetry and other works tonight at 8 in Moore Auditorium in Fanner Hall as part of the Visiting Writers Series.

Kimbrell's first book, "The Gatehouse Heaven," was chosen by Charles Wright for the 1997 Kathryn A. Morton Prize in Poetry. Other prestigious accomplishments for Kimbrell include winning the Academy of American Poets Prize twice and becoming a recipient of a Ford Foundation Fellowship.

He will be reading from two books, "The Gatehouse Heaven" and "3 Poets of Modern Korea," both his own pieces of work.

For information about this event contact Judy Jordan at 453-6813 or 457-0660.

Kayak clinic teaches moves Wednesday

Outdoor Adventure Programs will host a free kayak clinic from 7 to 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Student Recreation Center Pool. Participants can learn Eskimo rolls, paddle techniques and open water moves. For more information, call April Kosior at 453-1285.

Army of Darkness to play in Student Center Thursday

Army of Darkness will play at 7 p.m. Thursday; at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. March 28; and at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. March 29 in the Student Center Auditorium. The Renaissance Pictures production was directed by Sam Raimi and starred Bruce Campbell. Running time is 81 minutes. Cost is \$2 for students and \$3 for general admission.

CARBONDALE

Community to perform play for church benefit

The comedy farce "The Moss Trap" will be performed at 7 p.m. March 28 and March 29 at Christ Lutheran School Gymnasium in Jacob. Donations are accepted. The performance will be at 7 p.m. April 4 and April 5 at the Liberty Theater in Murphysboro. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for anyone 12 and younger.

All proceeds will be given to Christ Lutheran Church Building Fund. Concessions will be available at this detective mystery, a sequel to the play "Register Here," performed in 2001. Characters include a group of hillbillies, refined ladies, a colonel a butler and an attorney.

University Housing offers students survey

Students to give input on new housing plan

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

University Housing plans to update its housing quality for students with a project that will take about 15 years, said Ed Jones, the director of University Housing.

The first step in reaching that goal is to have student input about

the type of housing they would live in themselves.

"We want student input so they can tell us what they want," Jones said. "The students here today will be able to look back 20 to 25 years from now and know they made this happen."

Aside from focus groups, an extensive, in-depth survey will be available for all SIUC students to garner cosmetic suggestions.

The first in the series of renovations was the remodeling of Lakeside Latte and Last Resort in the basement of Lentz Dining Hall last November, which were born out of

student consultation

"Instead of me answering the question of what I want, I turn it around and ask the students what would they like housing to look and feel like," Jones said, "so that is the essence of the survey."

The survey will be available March 21-28, and will allow housing to move forward with plans on restructuring the entire housing system by 2015.

Out of the students who participate in the survey, 15 will be chosen at random to win prizes, one of which is a grand prize of a \$500 gift certificate

to University Mall.

"Everybody has an opinion and we want students to know that people will take theirs into account," Jones said. "Those who do participate have an opportunity to make a difference."

Reporter Samantha Robinson can be reached at srobinson@dailyegyptian.com

Students who want to take the housing survey can log onto www.facilityplanners.com/survey/siucstudent

ENTRY LEVEL POSITIONS JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MURPHYSBORO, IL

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Merit Commission will accept applications for entry-level positions of Deputy Sheriff Police Officer, Deputy Sheriff Jail Officer and Dispatcher from March 9, 2003 until midnight, March 26, 2003 ONLY.

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OUR WORD

Making 'cents'

The President of the United States has advisers. If it's not too good for the President, it shouldn't be too good for the Undergraduate Student Government.

However, their dispute is with the pay of this person. The current USG adviser works in Student Development and is paid a salary for that. Her job description includes advising USG. But next year, Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, wants to change things. Right now there is something called an administrative secretary, whose job it is to keep the Registered Student Organizations organized. This person is paid out of other monies, but for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, this person's salary will begin coming out of the Student Organization Activity Fee funds. These funds, which totaled about \$1 million last year, are money students pay each year in activity fees. The two accountants are already paid out of this fund, making a total of about \$50,000. A third salary will bring the total to about \$75,000.

After this money is taken out, along with money for Rainbow's End, the Fine Arts program and the Campus Safety program, USG and the Graduate and Professional Student Council split the leftovers. Last year USG received around \$500,000.

USG's complaint was that they didn't want to pay for this person out of their own pocket. That makes "cents." We disagree with the idea of paying out of student funds. That money is earmarked for student activities toward a person who assists one organization. It should be allocated by USG for activities for students. That's what we're paying for. While Rainbow's End, the Fine Arts program and Campus Safety program benefit all students, an administrative secretary benefits only the RSOs.

True, \$75,000 out of \$1 million isn't much. And USG still gets about half a million to give to RSOs for activities. And keeping them organized is a remarkable job. We don't argue that this person should be paid. But we disagree with the argument for doing so. Dietz said that this act is in accordance with what other universities do. Um, sounds like that old spiel, if your friends jumped off a bridge would you do it, too?

In addition, of those more than 400 RSOs on campus, all have advisers. Only a handful of those are paid, and they are the advisers to the Black Togetherness Organization, the Resident Hall Association, the Student Programming Council, the Inter-greek Council and the Pan-hellenic Council. None, including USG's adviser, is paid out of SOAF monies.

If two accountants for USG and one administrative secretary for all RSOs must be paid out of the SOAF money, let's at least have a better reason than, "Other universities do it that way."

USG needs an adviser, just as many with high responsibility do. But we question whether this person's pay needs to come out of SOAF funds and wonder if maybe Dietz needs an adviser this time — one who can give good logic advice.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Anti-Americanism in Spain

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While some students basked in the sun in such places as México, I found myself going to an alternative destination... Barcelona, Spain. During my time in Spain, I had an opportunity to speak with a variety of people. We would sit around, drink wine, and have long, in-depth conversations about the global situation. First, I talked to a Frenchie about her views. She was *100%* Pro-Chirac and cited how the U.S. is trying to rule the world through its forceful globalization policies. Then, she brought up 9-11 and made the remarks, "America deserved it" and "America needs to wake up". Later on, I discovered that this was what many Europeans felt. I tried to comprehend why she thought this, but I failed to sympathize with her thought processes. At the end of our conversation, I wasn't angry at her remarks, because I realized that she was truly a biased, close-minded individual. Next, I had a conversation with an English girl. I mentioned the whole "deserved it" portion of the French girls' spiel and she lost it. We went on to discuss how globalization is just a stepping-stone in the evolution of the human race. But, Europeans detest the fact that the "evil hands" of the American government have pushed globalization upon them. Now, with a war approaching, European anger towards globalization policies has manifested into outrage over the conflict with Iraq. One night, I bumped into an American girl. I asked her how she was handling the anti-Americanism.

She expressed her anger while telling me about a Spanish woman who spit on her in the metro for speaking English. I watched Spanish news while there and saw a program about how the Kurds are preparing for a takeover after Saddam is ousted. It bore a striking resemblance to when we were assisting the North Atlantic Alliance in Afghanistan. CNN would never air what was shown in the program. When I saw this, I had an epiphany: a major reason why people have different opinions about this global situation is because of their different experiences with the media. CNN and Al-Jazeera are biased. BBC says "Crisis in Iraq". CNN says, "Showdown Iraq". Note the difference. What I am trying to say is that the media may give everyone a distorted impression about what is happening globally. Throughout my stay, everyone I spoke with was against the war, as I have always been. I almost attended an anti-war rally...with caution, but it rained. I have never felt the way that I feel now towards NATO, our country, the media, and real public opinion. My vantage point of the world changed drastically. The world is watching. My message to all the students here at SIU is, "Abra sus ojos (open your eyes)" and look what is happening around you. My suggestion is...learn a foreign language, look at a map, travel, be aware of global problems that exist, watch BBC instead of CNN, and most of all...speak out.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When you have to kill a man, it costs nothing to be polite."

Winston Churchill

WORDS OVERHEARD

"This gives the opportunity for incoming freshmen and their parents to set their budgets accordingly and understand what they're facing."

Rep. Mike Bost
on House Bill 1118,
which would put a limit on tuition increases

COLUMNISTS

Life behind the counter

I quit my job this week. I was working at a video store here in town, (name withheld for obvious reasons) and it wasn't too bad. The work itself was easy, clean and honest, and my co-workers were nice for the most part. But, like all jobs there were the obvious down sides. The most important was that I had become, again, the Person Behind the Counter or a "PBC". Being a PBC means that the way your night goes depends on the whims of the people who come up to your counter. In the three weeks that I worked, I had two radically different customers.

One became angry when we wouldn't (and couldn't) test his DVD of Jackie Chan in the movie *Tuxedo*. He looked at my manager and said sardonically "Well, Jeff, as much as I think that sucks, I guess I'll have to take it." This is probably a very nice man in real life, but when talking to a PBC he became rude and selfish.

On the other end I waited on a kind man with his grown son who took the time to ask me if I was a student and what I studied. It was so refreshing to simply be acknowledged as a real person, someone with a life beyond the counter space in front of me. What is disturbing is that it was the first time in an accumulated four years being a PBC that any one has taken the time to ask me anything about myself.

We all know PBCs; they stand behind a counter and wear name tags. They are often depicted in cartoons and sitcoms as zit-faced, rude and unable to do anything right. We often take pleasure in making them miserable and relating the stories in anecdotes to friends. The PBCs are actually very hard-working people, doing the only job available to them. They make your food, approve your driver's license, open credit card accounts for you and they have more control and less dignity than any one really knows.

I have been the PBC at a fast-food counter and two major retail stores, with a couple of small gift shops in between. Being the PBC means that most people



Feckless Pondering

BY ABIGAIL WHEETLEY
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consider you less than human. The uniform, whether actual or implied with a dress code, symbolizes the lack of humanity. Complicated computers and buying and selling systems keeps the confidence and the possibility of being seen as competent at bare minimum. And the requirement to keep smiling avoids any fantasy of self worth from growing. The PBC will bag your groceries, bring you your soup and take your money for your gas; but don't mistake their smiles for happiness or true feelings of goodwill — they hate you. They hate you because you are demanding and rude.

The 'PBC' will bag your groceries, bring you your soup and take your money for your gas; but don't mistake their smiles for happiness or true feelings of goodwill — they hate you.

On an average shift at the video store, I had one out of four people yell at me for late fines they had accumulated. When working at a shoe store, a perfectly nice mother of four took out her frustrations on me because I

didn't have a shoehorn. While working selling hand bags, my co-worker got back late from lunch, and in the interim I became light headed and dizzy and couldn't figure out the extremely complicated method of entering a persons name with corresponding numbers into the register to approve a check, and the customer stormed out. The PBC usually does his or her own best, but is rarely appreciated for it.

It is tempting at times to be snide, rude and demanding to those working these jobs. But try to keep in mind that a PBC is first of all a person. So treat that person as you would want to be treated and treat them well.

Feckless Pondering appears every other Friday. Abigail is a sophomore in English. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

War is terrorism

"You're either with us, or you're with the terrorists."

- George W. Bush
The images of Sept. 11 are etched into our collective memory. The fear, anger, and grief that we all felt watching the senseless end to so many innocent lives will not soon be forgotten. While the infamous attacks of that September morning were broadcast live into our living rooms, they are but one example of the violence terrorists use to inspire fear and hatred. It seems clear that no matter the "cause" that the perpetrator of such violence was fighting for, there can be no justification for mass murder.

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, the United States went to war, first with Afghanistan, and soon with Iraq in order, it said, to prevent further terrorist acts: in order to keep the peace. In doing so, the US has violently murdered thousands of innocent civilians in Afghanistan, and the civilian losses will be far greater in Iraq. These murders did not take place on national television, nor did they occur in one fell swoop — yet they did occur, and at the hands of the US military.

This leads us to the question: Is war different from terrorism? Terrorism is the use of violence or the threat of violence to achieve a political aim. Do our nation's actions fall into this category? Imagine two circumstances. One: Your family member is at work, calmly going about their daily activities, when suddenly their life is ended by a plane crashing into their building. Two: Your family member is at work, calmly going about their daily activities, when suddenly their life is ended by a plane dropping a bomb onto their building. Would you feel immensely different about the two scenarios? Does it matter to you that one is called "terrorism" while the other is called "war"? Does the title make you loved one any less dead?

Dress terror in whatever guise you choose; adorn it with uniforms or wrap it in guerrilla's rags; outfit it with the latest technology, or use leftovers from the last war. Use economic sanctions to starve and maim through lack of medical supplies. Use bombs, planes, guns, or missiles. Take hostages. Torture. Hate. No matter the package death comes in, it is still terror. The US government is quite simply using violence and the threat of violence to force other nations into compliance with its political aims.

Can we justify our attacks on these nations, and more importantly, on their civilian populations? To attempt to do



Free Thought Forum

BY MARC TORNEY
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so is an insult to the nearly three thousand Americans who lost their lives on September 11th. If the mass murder of September 11th cannot be justified (and it certainly cannot), then surely all the September 11ths created by this country are likewise indefensible. Mass murder is mass murder, no matter who commits it, or for what cause.

When war is waged, it does not only affect another army, other soldier. Despite the Pentagon's claims about "smart bombs" civilians becoming "collateral damage," war only knows violent weapons and murder. No matter how horrible Saddam Hussein is (and he is quite horrible), most Americans would agree that we have no quarrel with the people of Iraq. Yet, in order to remove Saddam from power, we are willing to accept the loss of countless Iraqi lives, as well as the lives of our own soldiers. What will we gain from this?

Our leaders talk of pragmatic issues: nation building, liberation, and ridding the world of a menacing tyrant. Yet even if their motives are of the most innocent and benevolent nature (and all evidence shows that they are not), they do not validate the slaughter of thousands or even millions of human beings. Lives that are extinguished half way around the world are no less valuable than lives half way across our country. We are told that casualties, both civilian and military, are the necessary byproduct of war. Yet would we accept that of our civilian population? How many American lives, not just soldiers, but civilians, would we forfeit for such a venture? Yet our leaders still seek to wage terror.

So, when Bush says, "you're either with us, or you're with the terrorists," remember, the difference is merely a matter of terminology.

Free Thought Forum appears Mondays. Marc is a junior in history. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Chancellor Wendler responds to war

DEAR CAMPUS COMMUNITY:

As I write this, we have learned that the war has started in Iraq. We know not what lies ahead or what the ultimate consequences might be. I acknowledge, respect, and hold in the highest esteem those in our campus and southern Illinois communities who have suspended studies or work to serve in the nation's armed forces. I will remember them, their immediate and extended families and friends, in my prayers. I would encourage you to remember them in the days ahead. They proudly serve our nation, at a cost not yet tallied, at a price born of need, paid for with courage, in anticipation of a benefit that they may never realize, but most assuredly, we will. This is a most honorable commitment and among the highest callings to which a man or woman may respond.

Earlier today I was dramatically reminded of this when a faculty member told me that one of his students was called up, and that in preparation for this noble service he prepared a will. This 19-year-old son and brother, friend and classmate, prepared a will.

In these difficult times, please make an extra effort to extend a hand of friendship to our international students and scholars. They face the same fears and anxiety we do, magnified by distance from friends and family. In the same way, almost all our ancestors, certainly mine, were strangers in a strange land. Be respectful. Be friendly. Be considerate. May and I have our lives enriched each Tuesday, when we have lunch with many international students and scholars studying here. Whether they are from Japan or Jordan, Australia or Austria, they come together to learn about each other and about life in this country. Threads of international understanding that develop on our campus today, may generate a better, more clear, more real understanding of our common passions and our shared concerns. International students

certainly enrich our lives and broaden our understanding. I ask that you extend every kindness to those who may need extra support in the days ahead.

As part of our on-going Emergency Preparedness Planning, led by Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Foshard, we have worked for many years to make this campus as safe as possible. Much work has been done all across campus and in our communities to prepare for emergencies and disasters. Those efforts leave us well prepared. As cities and government agencies across the state and nation renew their security efforts, we too have reviewed policies and procedures with your safety in mind.

It is my hope that the wisdom of the ages will serve us well in these difficult times.

Godspeed to all, but especially to those prepared to make the highest sacrifice.

Sincerely,
Walter V. Wendler,
Chancellor, SIUC

War resolution mishandled at City Council

DEAR EDITOR:

Your report on the Carbondale City Council's mishandling of the Resolution Opposing a War Against Iraq was mistaken in referring to "heated debate." On the contrary, the shocking thing about Tuesday's council meeting was that there was no debate at all, heated or otherwise. The resolution was placed on the council's agenda by a majority vote two weeks ago, but when its turn came, the mayor opened the discussion by requesting that discussion be closed. President George Bush says U.S. troops in Iraq are "defending our freedom." But who will defend freedom of speech here at home?

Lee Hartman
Emeritus, Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures

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A graphic protest

Students, community protest war in an eye-opening fashion

story by KRISTINA HERRDOBLER

In the Student Center dining area it was business as usual—with one slight exception.

Baghdad—up in flames—was on every television. And the sound of explosions floating from nearby speakers added to the everyday lunch chitchat.

The daily noise followed the SIUC students out the door, until they stepped outside where they were met by a large, silent crowd. Some students said they felt surprised or shocked by the display they saw Thursday afternoon. After all, it isn't everyday that people lie dead in a pool of blood on the SIUC campus.

But that was the very message war protesters, who pretended to be dead and poured fake blood on their body and face, wanted to send.

"Watching the news, Americans see bombs being dropped. We may see the bright lights and even the fires, but what we are not going to see is the human casualties from this war," said Marc Torney, a senior studying history from Wheaton. "That is exactly what people are seeing today. That is why we are out here."

As a few bodies outlined in chalk lay on the ground, a crowd gathered. Besides a few outspoken comments, the onlookers were just as silent as the protesters, who some with signs, others with fake blood on their faces, said everything without saying a word.

"The idea of a silent vigil was just that we are speechless," said Raphi Rechitsky, a junior from Chicago. "I'm speechless at the atrocities that are happening. This is an unnecessary war."

Doug Dyhrkopp was also speechless. A junior studying political science from Shawnee Town, Dyhrkopp said the whole protest was simply "crazy looking."

"I don't know what to think of this," he said. "The first thing I think of though is what I watched the morning of Sept. 11 on live television.

I am in support of our troops. No matter what, we need to support our men and women who give these people the right to do this.

As time marched on, more bodies were added to the "death toll." More blood, on their black clothes, more white chalk on the cold concrete, more silence.

And then 3-year-old Hesther Kuilenburg shouted out, "Mommy, there is a fly on your shoe." Her mom, Nicola, laughed quietly. "She is way to young too understand this," Nicola said. "But we don't believe in pretending. She has seen how angry we both are," Nicola said of she and her husband, Marinus, who is a graduate student studying political science.

The Kuilenburgs are in America because of Marinus' studies. Otherwise they would be attending similar protests in the Netherlands. Nicola admits she is half British, a half she said she is ashamed of.

"Now, I would rather say I am Dutch than admit I am British," she said.

Nicola said everyone in the Netherlands, including the press, is against this war — a war that started Wednesday night despite protests in the United States and abroad.

"But most Americans I've spoken to here are also against the war," Nicola said. "All our friends are against this war."

Even with encouragement from American friends to speak out against war, Nicola said she and her husband had a tough time deciding whether they should do it publicly in America.

"We are foreigners, so we had to think of the consequences," she said. "I mean what if there were consequences for our visas? We thought about what was more important: not saying anything or fighting out against it."

Jackie Westfall, a junior studying philosophy from Energy, said the protest was a "good display of true patriotism."

"It is nice to see anything besides apathy," Westfall said as she watched the protesters lay lifelessly in front of her.

Kyle Gansaver, a high school senior from Centralia, was visiting SIUC to do research at the Morris Library. He and his friends said the display wouldn't keep them from coming to SIUC because, "there are going to be people like these



MOLLY PARKER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Anti-war protesters pretend to be dead and put fake blood on their faces. The message they sent, however, was real: they don't support United States' actions against Iraq. The staged protest was sponsored by the Southern Illinois Peace Coalition Thursday afternoon in an effort to promote peace.

everywhere."

Still, Gansaver does not agree with the protesters. In fact, he agrees with the war.

"I personally think we need to go to war," he said. "Just because this is America, they can do this. Iraqis don't have this right."

Torney admits that may be true, but it doesn't justify war, he said.

"If Americans aren't going to see the bombs dropped by their elected officials, then we are going to bring it home to them and show them what is happening," Torney said. "And this is nothing. This is 10. Can you imagine what 250,000 dead bodies looked like in the Gulf War?"

Whispers and silence, blood and black. That is what the mood was at the first protest. But when the onlookers cleared and the dead were revived, the protests weren't finished.

The protests continue

At 4 p.m. plastic buckets created drums that were played louder than a high school band's cadence at Carbondale's Town Pavilion. This protest was still about those who will undoubtedly perish in Iraq, but moreover it was about sending a loud and clear message to the American government.

"Not in our name," they pledged in resistance. It was the same pledge the group core has been making since the United States started dropping bombs in Afghanistan.

They've said it every Saturday while holding signs on the corner of Main and Illinois streets. They said it in Washington, D.C. at a national protest in January. And they said at several teach-ins, protests, marches, vigils, meetings, signs and speeches.

The war marches forward and so do the protesters.

As U.S. and ally soldiers fight in sandstorms in the Middle East,

“Watching the news, Americans see bombs being dropped. We may see the bright lights and even the fires, but what we are not going to see is the human casualties from this war. That is exactly what people are seeing today. That is why we are out here.”

— Marc Torney senior, history



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Michael Stucky, 6, of Carbondale, braved the rain with his father, Nathan, who is holding on to a section of caution tape that encircled the Carbondale Federal Building as a form of protest against the war with Iraq Thursday afternoon.

The crowd circled the Federal Building with caution tape. It was still raining, the temperature was dropping, and it was only 5:30 p.m., 2 1/2 hours before the protest in front of the building was supposed

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POLICY

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in the House. It was never brought to the floor for a vote, according to Gaines.

The HEA is periodically reviewed by Congress to ensure adequate funding and access to college for millions of Americans, and Gaines said that the review this year will force Congress to address the bill.

USG believes that the provision punishes people twice for the same crime, and also propagates discrimination. Almost 55 percent of people convicted of drug charges are black, even though they only represent 13 percent of illegal drug users, according to the USG's resolution.

The provision allows for this same disparity for people receiving financial aid to enter the higher education system.

USG supported the representative's resolution, and will send its resolution to Illinois' representatives on Capitol Hill and other student governments across the state.

Ken Culton, the alcohol drug coordinator at the Wellness Center, said that he teaches students the effects of drug use, including the legal aspect of it. He said any law prohibiting usage would be a deterrent to students.

"Students have already had drugs impact them in a negative way," Culton said. "Losing financial aid is simply part of that package."

U.S. Rep. Mark Sauder, R-Ind., who introduced the provision, has

stated that he still supports it, but thinks that the Department of Education has been too strict in its implementation.

He said it was intended to penalize students who were convicted on drug charges while enrolled in college, but did not mean to deny students aid retroactively.

A national day of action is scheduled for April 10 in support of Frank's bill. College campuses nationwide are expected to show support for the event, and a press conference will be held at the Capitol Building with speeches from the co-sponsors of the bill and other education policy advocates.

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PROTEST

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to end. But when 9 p.m. rolled around, leaving the public eye certainly didn't mean the protesters were finished for the night.

Next, they were to meet at the Interfaith Center where leftover food from the "Meat-Out day" dinner would be waiting on them. They planned to spend the night there for some quiet time they hoped would bring a little peace to their lives in the midst of what they called confusion.

"I haven't had a lot of sleep in the last couple of days," said Heather Howley, a graduate student studying

speech communication. "This has been really stressful. I am worried and concerned, just like everyone else. This is a terrible move in a series of bad events."

Tired and angry, but not hopeless, the protesters say they will continue to speak out against this war, even if it is to no avail. And they say the growing number of new faces at the protesters keeps them motivated to what they say may be a winless war — for everyone.

A different protest

Today will bring different light on the same war as Carbondale High School students support the U.S. troops outside of their school from 8:

10 to 8:25 a.m.

John Needham, 14, said he and his classmates got permission to gather before school to support a cause he said they believe in.

Though Needham said his class agreed the war was about President George Bush "finishing what his dad couldn't," he said the war is a just one.

"We think we should have the war because they push us around a little bit and we need to take out Saddam Hussein and free Iraq from its dictatorship."

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Peace Corps gets more ISU grads

Annie Spiro
The Daily Vidette
(Illinois State U.)

NORMAL, (U-WIRE) — More Illinois State U. graduates are joining the Peace Corps as a result of the current economic situation, a rise in political interest, and a desire to be involved in international development, Peace Corps Campus Representative for University of Illinois and ISU alumna Nicole Lamers said.

In addition to the economic climate, graduates may also be looking to volunteer because of President Bush's 2002 State of the Union

Address. Through the address he urged American citizens to devote 4,000 hours or two years of service over a lifetime, Public Affairs Specialist in the Chicago regional office Scot Roskelley said.

"Bush continues his push for more Americans to do volunteer work. This is having an impact on interest in the Peace Corps," Roskelley said.

After Lamers graduated with a bachelor's degree in German and French education in 1996 she decided to join the Peace Corps.

"I had always had an interest in international development," she said.

After the mandatory three month

training program Lamers was sent to Kalfou, Cameroon for two years.

"It was a small town, roughly 500 people. There was no running water and I had no electricity most of the time. It's amazing how quick you learn to adapt," she explained.

Of all the people who begin the application process, only about one third of them will actually serve a term for the Peace Corps, Roskelley said. The most important personal characteristics to have are being open to communicating with people, being cross-culturally sensitive, having an open mind and patience, Lamers said.

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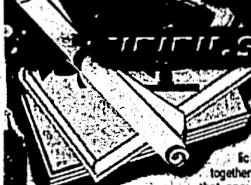
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Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity to step out at the Player's Ball

SIU fraternity plans week-long celebration

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

Months ago in December, popular hues of red and white alerted everyone that Christmas was well on its way.

In March, the same complimentary colors help to remind students of another popular celebration — Player's Ball/Kappa Carnival.

Although there will not be any presents handed out or carols sung, there will be no shortage of entertainment for attendants of these events.

"It's just a great experience that reminds people of the parties of the

city," said Chukwuemeka Okonmah, a graduate student in rehabilitation services from Maywood and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Since the beginning of the week, Kappa Alpha Psi has been planning a variety of events during a time commonly referred to as Player's Ball weekend.

The weekend will shoot off with the Kappa Slam with doors opening at 5 p.m. today in Davies Gym. The competition that starts at 6 p.m. will showcase city basketball players, as well as local talent in a competition that will include a slam-dunk contest and a three-point shoot-out.

The game is just the warm-up for several other events that are part of the week that Kappas titled "a week of no

sleep get peeked."

The Kappa carnival will take place from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. Saturday at Sam Rinella playing field.

Fraternity members encourage people of all ages to attend the Kappa carnival, which has been a regular event in the community since the 1970s.

"We'll be barbecuing and everything will be free," said Bryan Lamar, a senior in marketing from Country Club Hills. "We just want people to socialize and interact."

Members hope they will receive the usual great attendance from students and community members at the main event that Saturday night.

Just as much of a tradition is the Player's Ball, occurring for the 13th consecutive year at Shryock

Auditorium. Doors will open at 4 p.m. for the event that will take place from 5 p.m. through 8 p.m.

Members such as Okonmah said the Player's Ball has changed slightly overtime and thinks that the present step-show format will be one that they stick with during upcoming years.

"The event used to be all about competing for player of the year," said Daniel Hall, a 2002 graduate of SIUC from Chicago. "There would be a lot of bell bottoms and flamboyant suits, but there started to be a lot of controversy attached to the term 'player.'"

But it was always just comedy," Comedian Leon and Kappa member Daniel Hall will sponsor the event that featuring several greek organizations from various campuses. There will

also be appearances from dance groups and performers from the Chicago area. Mic One, a Chicago rapper in connection with Liberte Music, who is a self-taught musician and former battle rap artist will be featured that evening too.

The Kappas will sponsor an after set with music from several Chicago area disc jockeys at the Arena from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Members such as Okonmah said, a highlight of the week is visiting with Kappa alumni, members from different campuses and others in the large crowd who attend the popular event.

"A lot of alumni come down and it's like a big reunion," said Okonmah.

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Foreigners' numbers in U.S. military could rise

Aldrin Brown
The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. (KRT) — Pvt. Erika Lezama-Bucio of Santa Ana is not your typical U.S. Army paratrooper.

For starters, the soft-spoken 19-year-old soldier appears smaller than her stated size of 4 feet 11 inches tall and 100 pounds.

Second, Lezama-Bucio is still a citizen of Mexico.

She is among roughly 31,000 foreign nationals serving in the U.S. armed forces.

Under an executive order signed last Independence Day by President George W. Bush, "green card" holders who join the military can become naturalized U.S. citizens without a mandatory waiting period.

For Lezama-Bucio, a Mexico City native who enlisted in the Army after graduating in June from Santa Ana High School, the opportunity for expedited citizenship came as an unexpected perk.

"It benefits me, and soon it will benefit my family," she said during a recent visit home. "I'll be able to help my mom to get citizenship, and my dad, too."

Federal law requires that most foreigners wait five years after obtaining their green cards before they can apply for citizenship. Backlogs often extend the wait.

Bush's July 4 order came in response to the war on terror and his desire to help the military meet recruitment goals in anticipation of open-ended, worldwide conflict.

Last year, about 2 percent of the U.S. armed forces were made up of noncitizens.

Since 1997, roughly 8,000 foreigners nationwide have joined the military each year. Defense officials expect that figure could rise under the new rules.

Service members who are non-citizens are barred from obtaining a security clearance, being commissioned as officers or working in more sensitive assignments.

That rule has slowed the career of Yan E. Burian, a native of the Czech Republic, who joined the Navy in 1997 after immigrating to the United States two years earlier.

Burian, 30, grew up in a family of merchant marines, surrounded by movies and literature about the sea and great naval battles.

From a young age, he wanted to be a naval aviator, so less than a month after receiving his green card, he joined the Navy. "I didn't join the Navy for my citizenship, but they told me it might go faster once I enlisted."

At the time, his English was still too poor, so the Navy put him in a five-week course to help him brush up. About 20 other foreigners were in his class, including recently enlisted recruits from Vietnam, Cambodia, Mexico, Italy, Peru and Russia.

After myriad paperwork glitches and bureaucratic red tape, Burian finally received his citizenship in October.

With naturalization certificate in hand, he's got until his 31st birthday in August to be accepted to Officer Candidate School, or it will be too late to become a pilot.

"This is kind of my only shot," Burian explained, adding that he would like to become a linguist if he doesn't qualify for flight training.

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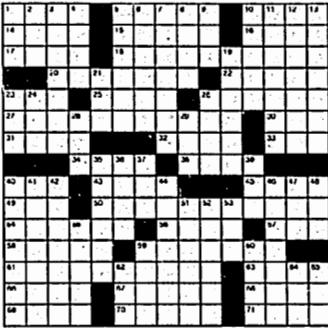
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Excitement surrounds Saluki men's tennis spring season

Healthy SIU squad looks to finish top three in the MVC

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

SIU men's tennis head coach Missy Jeffrey is ecstatic about the dawning of the spring season and it has nothing to do with the fact that warmth will finally find its way to Carbondale after being plagued with horrid weather during the winter months.

The reason the third-year coach is giddy is because this spring season is the turning point of the men's tennis program.

After taking the helm of program that had a bleak outlook in the 2000-2001 season, Jeffrey now has seven players that she believes could lead the Salukis to a top-50 national ranking as early as spring 2004.

"We are now starting to get a team built up," Jeffrey said. "I am even getting input from the Carbondale community out here and people are coming up and telling me that we should have a great team this year. We have seven players who all have great potential."

Her players have matched the enthusiasm. The Salukis endured a long offseason because of the poor weather causing a cancellation to what would have been their first home match of the spring season and they are antsy to get the ball rolling.

SIU has not played a match since Jan. 31 when they were blanked by no. 34 Louisville, which was officially the first dual match of the spring. The Dawgs were scheduled to begin play in the actual spring season on March 5 against Murray State in Carbondale but the showdown was canceled because of inclement weather.

"I think we just haven't been able to play much because of bad weather so we are looking to see how much all this practice has helped improve us," said sophomore Lucasz Soswa.

Senior Gian Carlo Remigio, who had a superb fall season after being burdened with injuries last year, says the team is ready to rid itself of the thought of last spring's injury-plagued campaign.

"I think the team is pretty excited. We are urgent and hungry to play and we are pretty prepared. And we are 100 percent," Remigio said. "This year we are definitely a much stronger team than last year."

After finishing the past two seasons in ninth place in the Missouri Valley Conference, the league coaches predicted the Salukis to finish in sixth in a preseason poll.

Jeffrey thinks her players are capable of a much higher position though.

"Our season goal is to finish in the top three," Jeffrey said. "That means our biggest challengers to do that are Drake, Illinois State and Wichita State. And we need to beat two out of those three teams to do that."

The leader of the pack for the Dawgs is once again junior Peter Bong. He receives the honor of playing each team's top stud at the No. 1 singles spot. Senior Alon Savidor and Soswa follow him at Nos. 2 and



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SIU tennis player Peter Bong, a junior from Blackburn, Australia, delivers a serve to a teammate during practice Wednesday. Bong is a part of a tennis team made up completely of foreign players and one that looks to show a marked improvement this year.

3 positions, respectively.

Bong was 5-13 during the spring season last year, but he was competing at the ripe age of 18. In the fall, he was able to improve his mark 4-6 against No. 1 singles foes.

"Peter came here and played at No. 3 singles and had a very good record of 13-9. He had a really good record his freshman year, but got bumped to No. 1 last year," Jeffrey said. "He did struggle with it, but that is not surprising considering the fact he was 18."

"He is much more prepared this year than he was last year. He has a lot more power in his game, his serve is bigger and his return is much better."

Soswa broke his finger late in the fall season after punching a

fence, but he said he is completely healed and has not encountered any ill effects.

The bottom three of the singles lineup starts with Julian Angel Botero at No. 4, followed by freshman Bojan Ilievski and Remigio.

Ilievski is an interesting prospect for Jeffrey and has shown a considerable amount of talent already. Jeffrey is excited that she will be able to start him off at a lower seed and let him build a solid record — and his confidence, something she did not have the luxury of doing for her younger players the past two years.

"It is easier to build stability that

way, instead of throwing players into the fire," Jeffrey said of being able to bring players along slowly. "Bojan's strengths are his serve and his return serve. He has some very strong weapons."

His arsenal had some pop and his talents guided him to the finals of the MVC Individual Championships Jan. 25-27 before falling to Ivan d'Angence of Indiana State 6-1, 6-4. The championships were his first-ever collegiate action.

Remigio is also confident coming off a solid fall campaign that found him winning the consolation bracket at the MVC championships.

With this spring being his final season ever, it is now or never for Remigio — and he has a simple, yet effective plan to how he wants to go out.

"I want to win as much as I can because I am a senior. I think I am more confident after the preparation I had from weightlifting," he said.

This weekend is an ideal time to express all this excitement on the courts as the Dawgs play host to conference foe Evansville and a superb junior-college squad in Vincennes, Ind.

"Evansville is our first conference match. They have a squad that has about four players that are about the same in terms of talent," Jeffrey said. "We have seven athletes we believe that are close in talent. We have to go and get that doubles points."

"We have to get that first conference win."

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Diamond Dawgs ready for conference season

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The SIU baseball team could not have asked for a bigger motivational factor than the shutout it got just one game before the Missouri Valley Conference season began.

Wednesday, junior pitcher Josh Joiner threw 78 pitches in eight innings, allowing only two hits — both of which were erased on double plays.

SIU head coach Dan Callahan said if there is such a thing as setting the tone, Joiner did it. Now the team is just hoping to build off of it.

"This year, we've got a good pitching staff," said junior pitcher Jerel Deitering. "All of us could get a little better. Josh pitched an awesome game (Wednesday). I think the rest of us could use what he did out there and work on our own game."

SIU's starting pitchers — Jake Alley (1-1, 6.53 ERA), Deitering (1-2, 5.30), Tyler Norrick (1-0, 3.00) and Andrew Weber (1-0, 3.00) — focus will be on the Panthers of Northern Iowa who come to town Friday at 2 p.m. looking to continue an impressive winning streak.

The Panthers bring a 7-7 record — all of which have been played on the road — and a hot streak that saw them outscore their opponents 51-18 in the past four games.

After losing their first six games, the Panthers have turned things around with the help of junior Armando Lara (.373) and junior Adam Boeve who has hit .529 in the last four games to bring his season average up to .328.

Despite the Panthers ever-increasing offense, the Salukis do have some advantages in this series. The Diamond Dawgs hold a 25-13 series lead, having

split four games last season.

There is also the possibility of a Saluki offensive beating due to this season. UNI has a 6.81 team ERA and no starting pitcher has an ERA better than 6.28.

The Panthers also have only one pitcher with more than one win — Kory Kelchen (2-1, 8.18 ERA).

"We're going to see some good pitching over the course of the weekend," Callahan said. "I don't care what their team ERA is. I'm sure they don't care what our ERA is; they know they are going to see some quality arms on the mound. We're going to see some quality arms on the mound."

With the Panthers' pitching the way it is, the Dawgs should be able to score a few runs, but will have to overcome an offense that has struggled to this point of the season.

The team is hitting .276 and is led by junior first baseman Josh Markle (.351, six-game hitting streak) and Sal Frisella (.345).

"At the beginning of the season, we were a little inconsistent being inside all the time," said senior outfielder Ross Kowzan. "It's a lot different being outside practicing. Being outside and hitting live is helping out a lot."

"We're starting to come around, see the ball a lot better, starting to put the ball in play. Right now, we're hitting the ball really well as a team."

The Salukis were rained out of their practice Thursday, but Callahan said the team would be more pumped knowing they were finally playing a conference game.

"I think we're ready to go," Callahan said. "I really do."

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Saluki softball tackles first MVC road series

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

The SIU softball team is ready to play after having all week to contemplate its disappointing series-closing loss to Bradley Sunday.

The Salukis have an opportunity to clear the memory of that defeat from their minds this weekend with a three-game series at Indiana State (5-10, 1-2 MVC). It will be the first conference road game for the Salukis.

"We're usually up for conference games," third baseman Haley Viehhaus said. "There's that extra motivation to win. Going on the road is a big challenge, but it's one that we're definitely up for."

As challenges go, this one shouldn't be too much of one for the Salukis, who are currently ranked 30th in the nation, according to the National Fastpitch Coaching Association.

The Sycamores, on the other hand, are picked to finish dead last in the league. SIU was admittedly not mentally prepared in the Bradley loss, but head coach Kerri Blystock doesn't expect that to happen with frequency.

"It's all in your heart and in your mind getting ready to play," Blystock said. "If you can't get up for every game, you probably don't need to be playing Division I college softball. I talked to the kids about that and we haven't had a problem. In 17 games, I consider us having maybe played two bad games. Honestly, I think we come to play most of the time."

The reason SIU (13-4, 2-1 MVC) has had so long to ponder its last performance was beyond its control. The torrential downpours early Wednesday

morning forced cancellation of that afternoon's doubleheader against Tennessee-Martin because the outfield had too much standing water.

The two teams were able to settle on a makeup date — April 8.

All this time off shouldn't cause the team to show any rust, though. The Salukis had a light practice Wednesday and were scheduled to practice hard the next two days in preparation for the Sycamores.

"I'm not too worried about the rain-out and being rusty," said leadoff hitter Jenny Doehring. "You gotta be able to adapt to changes. We would have loved to play (Wednesday), but we didn't."

The Sycamores, losers of 10 of their last 12 games, are led offensively by Sarah Kothe, who bats .323. She is the only player on the Indiana State roster who hits better than .300. The Sycamores were shut out in four of their last eight games, and scored one run in another one of those contests.

By contrast, SIU boasts a much more potent offensive attack, as evidenced by a 9-0 win over Bradley Saturday in five innings in the inaugural game at Charlotte West Stadium.

The Salukis know that if they play to their capability, wins will come.

"We go into every weekend trying to have three of the best games that we can and hope to come out of there with three wins," Doehring said. "As long as you play hard and you play focused, then the wins will take care of themselves."

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SIU women's tennis takes depleted squad into Memphis

Salukis will have five healthy bodies this weekend

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Streaks are a tricky thing. Sometimes streaks can be good — other times they're not. But more often than not, the two sides usually weigh each other out.

That is unless a person is talking about the SIU women's tennis team, which has been plagued by a streak of bad luck for more than a year.

It will be no different this weekend when the Salukis travel to Memphis after learning freshman Zuzana Palovic will be unable to compete for SIU because of a neck injury.

SIU is scheduled play against three schools in Memphis, including nationally ranked Troy State. The Dawgs will also be without the services of sophomore Kari Stark, who is out with a back injury, and Tana Trapani.

Trapani, the Missouri Valley Conference co-Freshman of the Year way back in 2000-2001 when she compiled a 28-4 record in No. 4 singles, has been battling a hip injury for more than a year.

Stark has recently begun her aqua therapy to improve his back injury and hopes to be back hitting in the near weeks.

Coach Judy Auld hoped that the spring season would be the first time she would be able to unveil the squad she believed could have a 500 record or better, instead of 2-7 if injuries had not intervened.

All the Salukis want is an opportunity to field the best talent possible.

"The people who have been playing are playing good; their games have really improved," Auld said. "We just haven't been able to play the people we have in their proper position. We are playing injured, and I am having to retire people. Right now, we are not healthy."

"It is frustrating in the fact that we still haven't been able to put the best team we have out there on the court. If we win, great and if we lose, well that is how it is, but all I want is a clean shot

to put my best team out there."

If there is any positive that can be taken out of this is the fact that more players are able to get competition, especially the freshmen.

As Auld said, a marked improvement is noticeable in her players' games.

"This past fall at the Missouri Invitational, the Murray State Racers embarrassed the Salukis by winning six of the eight possible matches.

When the two squads hooked up again on Feb. 28, the Salukis turned the tables and destroyed MSU 5-2 — with two solid competitors injured and starting one walk-on.

Even though SIU was blanked in multiple games when they trekked to Florida to take on nationally ranked schools Florida Atlantic and Florida International, Auld thinks all the matches were competitive.

SIU will open play up in Memphis at 2:30 p.m. Friday when they take on the 65th best team in the country, Troy State.

On Saturday, the Salukis compete against Memphis at 9 a.m. and finish up with the Saint Louis Billikens at 2:30 p.m.

"Memphis is strong this year. This is the strongest they've been in a couple years, so I really anticipate a strong team and really good competition," Auld said. "Troy State is nationally ranked and will be the third ranked team we've played this semester. Even Saint Louis is coming in with a strong squad."

"I have this philosophy that the only way you get better is by playing better schools."

With just five players left on the immensely depleted squad, moral victory is something SIU may have to live with until the others are able.

"What I have been trying to get across the players the whole semester is we are not playing at full strength," Auld said. "The players are going to see a big improvement just like when we beat Murray State a couple weeks ago. We have got to get through this weekend and next weekend and not have any more injuries and get people back into the lineup."

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were turning around for SIU as it had a six-point lead, but the Tigers responded by going on an 11-0 run that the Salukis never quite recovered from.

Missouri head coach Quin Snyder said he told his team at a timeout that the game was at a delicate point and they had to want to win. He said that desire is what separates a winning team from a losing one.

"When you're not playing your best basketball, emotion and toughness are what you have to dip into to win," Snyder said.

One area where the Salukis were clearly outgunned was in the post as Missouri center Arthur Johnson finished with 24 points and 11 rebounds and forward Travon Bryant added 13 points and six rebounds.

For the game, the Tigers outrebounded SIU 41-29.

The inside players for Missouri also made it a long day for the Salukis, blocking six SIU shot attempts and misdirecting several others.

"Definitely, they were one of the

most physical teams we played this year," Williams said.

Next up for Missouri is a matchup against No. 3-seeded Marquette, which defeated Holy Cross 72-68 in overtime earlier in the day at the RCA Dome.

The two teams will play Saturday with the winner advancing to the Sweet 16.

As for the Salukis, while Williams, Dearman and David Carney's careers are now over, things are just starting for other players like Darren Brooks, Stetson Hairston and Josh Warren who combined for 33 points in Thursday's loss.

Brooks said the Salukis had several doubters coming into the campaign and the team was able to prove them wrong by making it to the NCAA tournament for a second consecutive season.

"You look back on it, we still had a good season," Brooks said.

"People doubted us coming into the season because we lost Rolan Roberts. It's just been a fun season and I'm looking forward to next year."

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Dawgs fall just short

SIU loses to Mizzou as last-second shot clangs off rim

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INDIANAPOLIS — If the Salukis were going to go down, they would have preferred it no other way.

With just 15 seconds remaining on the clock and SIU trailing 72-71 in the first round of the NCAA tournament, senior guard Kent Williams got the ball off the inbound and put up the potential game-winning shot as he has done numerous times throughout his stellar career.

Only this time it didn't go in.

The shot bounced off the rim and landed harmlessly on the floor of the RCA Dome.

Williams and his teammates stood almost in a state of shock while No. 6 seed Missouri had more the look of a team thankful to have not lost.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said following the game that Luck had been on the Salukis side all season, and this is the first time they have not made the plays at the end to win the game.

He said he especially felt for Williams, who he has often referred to as "the franchise."

"You wish for Kent's sake, for his storied career, he makes that shot and we move on," Weber said.

But he did not make the shot and the only place the Salukis (24-7) are moving now is back to Carbondale with a bad taste in their mouths.

Williams said the final play was actually designed for sophomore Darren Brooks, but he got open and was guarded by Ricky Clemons, who is three inches shorter than Williams.

He decided then he would take the shot.

"I figured it was about as good a look as you

can get," Williams said. "I just didn't knock it in."

For the game, Williams finished with 16 points, four assists and four rebounds.

Fellow senior Jermaine Dearman, who was playing his first-ever collegiate game in his hometown of Indianapolis, led SIU with 17 points, but he had to sit out the final 4.1 seconds of the game after fouling out on a controversial blocking call.

Missouri junior Ricky Paulding, who finished with 19 points, would hit one of two free throws to give the Tigers (22-10) the winning margin.

While Williams was clearly disappointed with the way his career ended, he said he was equally disappointed Dearman did not get to end his career on the court and had to watch the final seconds tick off from the bench.

"It was tough I know for Jermaine to sit there on the bench the final game of his career and not to be in there and be involved," Williams said.

Despite the way it ended, Dearman said he has no regrets and he is just happy he was able to play a good game in front of his family and friends.

"It's something that happens," Dearman said. "We played our hardest. We left everything on the court and that's all you can ask for."

While the No. 11 seed Salukis were an underdog entering the game, they never played afraid of Missouri. The two teams fought back and forth with neither team allowing the other to get too far ahead. The closeness of the game is obvious by the fact the lead changed hands 20 times throughout the contest.

Paulding said the Tigers didn't underestimate the Salukis and both teams just came out and were not going to give the opposition anything. He said the difference in the game was that his team was able to make the plays when it counted.

"We just had to play together and execute our game plan and make plays down the stretch," Paulding said. "They're definitely a good team and we had to fight for a win."

With five minutes left, things looked like they



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 SIU's Jermaine Dearman (right) falls to the floor after colliding with Missouri's Ricky Paulding. Dearman was called with a foul, and Paulding sunk one of two free throws to give the Tigers a 72-71 lead. A missed three-point attempt by Kent Williams sealed the victory for Missouri.

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Salukis' season ends on a controversial charging call against Tigers

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INDIANAPOLIS — The game was tied, there were five seconds left and Missouri's Ricky Paulding drove to the basket. Southern Illinois senior Jermaine Dearman stepped in his path, braced himself and fell to the RCA Dome floor.

Unfortunately for Dearman, the Salukis' season hit the ground with him.

Much to the chagrin of SIU, the play was ruled a block, Paulding hit one of two free throws and the Tigers advanced to the next round.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said he saw the play as a charge and expressed disappointment in the officials for what he, along with many SIU players, thought was a failure by the referees to let the players decide the outcome of the game.

"You always hear that the officials will let the players make the plays at the end," Weber said. "To be honest, I thought it was going to be a charge.

I thought we were going to have the ball, or it's a no-call with three or four seconds left."

After the game, Paulding said there was enough contact to draw a foul and defended the call.

But SIU sophomore Darren Brooks, who had just gone around a pick and had a good view of the play, said it was a charge.

"Jermaine definitely had position," Brooks said.

SIU guard Stetson Hairston backed him up, saying he had no idea why the play was called a block.

"Jermaine had stood there the whole time," Hairston said. "He was just standing there."

Dearman, the man who was called for the foul, said he had his feet set and that it was an offensive foul. But at the same time, he was hesitant to blame the outcome of the game on the referees.

"You really don't want to blame the outcome of the game on the refs," said Dearman, who did not

learn he was called for a block until he was picked up off the floor and given the bad news by teammate Josh Warren.

The general team sentiment was that it should have never come to that fateful play. SIU players quickly followed any condemnation of the call with an expression of regret over the way they slot only 52 percent from the line, or the fact they allowed an 11-0 Missouri run to nullify a six-point lead in the final five minutes.

Kent Williams, who played his final game in an SIU uniform and finished the season as the school's second all-time leading scorer, said that while he wishes the referees would have let the final seconds go by without blowing a whistle, he understands that calls go both ways.

"Those things happen with calls all year long," Williams said, shrugging off the call as a cause for the loss. "It goes your way; it goes the other way sometimes. You can't blame the refs for the call."

But the play is etched in the memories of the

team and could be for a long time to come. Fan favorite David Carney, the team's seldom-used third senior and team captain, said the Dearman block may never escape his memory.

When asked what he will remember 10 years from now when he looks back at his final game as a Saluki, Carney said he will think through a ton of what-ifs, most notably the play that gave Missouri the lead.

"It was a questionable call. They always tell us at the captain's meeting that the players are going to decide the game. To make that call, it's just hard to take," Carney said.

"I'll probably see that call in the back of my head, just thinking if that didn't happen or if we made free throws, we'd be playing Marquette for a chance to go to the Sweet 16."

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