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The slipper didn’t fit this time

Christopher Morrical, Daily Egyptian

It was a hard loss following a good season. The SIU basketball team lost its seventh game of the year to Missouri on Thursday to clinch the Missouri Valley Conference regular season title. 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.

It seemed like the SIU basketball team might be home for the season after a 72-71 loss to Missouri 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.

After a last-second three-pointer from Missouri’s No. 2 scorer in school history, Ken Williams, the Dawgs were unable to score on Missouri’s last possession. With only 0.1 seconds left in the game, Rickey Paulding went to the line and made one of two free throws, giving Missouri a one-point lead.

The regular season went a lot better as the Dawgs went 24-7, won all their home games, and won the regular season title in the Missouri Valley Conference.

SIU senior forward Jermaine Dean is congratulated by teammate Tony Young (right) after fouling out with 1.1 seconds left in the game. Dean was the SIU’s No. 2 scorer in school history, but couldn’t make free throws on Missouri’s last possession, giving Missouri a one-point lead.

Steve Jahnke, Daily Egyptian

Valentin N. Donnalis, Daily Egyptian

The Undergraduate Student Government has taken a stand, joining more than 100 student governments across the nation, to say no to the Higher Education Act Drug Provision. USG passed a resolution Wednesday in support of a bill in the House that would repeal the provision of the Higher Education Act Drug Provision that were implemented in 2000.

The provision requires students to seek and sign a contract that agrees to a zero-tolerance policy on drug use. If caught, a student would lose eligibility to return to college. A student who remains in college more likely to succeed due to a productive life instead of falling into a deeper pattern of abuse.

The CHEAR website said, “The goal of the HSA is to make it easier, not more difficult, for students to obtain a full education. To limit the student-eligible for federal aid is inadvisable. The resolution opposes the provision and said it is unnecessary for students who are honest about their history and has no system in place to make such students eligible for federal aid.”

Student who have gone through a drug rehabilitation program and passed two random drug tests can still be eligible for aid. However, Gaines said there are two major problems with this clause. “First of all, people who come out of rehabilitation programs and they don’t want to go to college because the provision has turned them away.”

USG supports House bill to repeal HEA Drug Provision

Fighting the drug provision

The U.S. House of Representatives is considering repealing the Higher Education Act Drug Provision Act of 1998. Here is a look at the history of the provision...
Spring Savings!

Meet Steve & Marie, owners of The Auto Shop, Carbondale's most trusted mechanics for over 10 years. The Auto Shop is family owned and operated and they know what it takes to keep your vehicle running. "Our customers are our family! We take pride in making sure that we are able to earn our customers' trust. Our goal is to make sure that we keep our customers' most valuable possessions and that is why we care for it like it were our own. We also care for it like it were our own." The Auto Shop offers diagnostic testing, so we can be sure your vehicle is happy. Meet Steve & Marie, owners of The Auto Shop, Carbondale's most trusted mechanics for over 10 years. The Auto Shop is family owned and operated and they know what it takes to keep your vehicle running. "Our customers are our family! We take pride in making sure that we are able to earn our customers' trust. Our goal is to make sure that we keep our customers' most valuable possessions and that is why we care for it like it were our own. We also care for it like it were our own." The Auto Shop offers diagnostic testing, so we can be sure your vehicle is happy.

FBI intensifies interviews of Iraqis

WASHINGTON — The FBI on Thursday intensified its effort to interview thousands of Iraqi-born individuals living in the United States in an effort to uncover any potential terrorists or spies for Saddam Hussein's regime.

Wednesday's raid.

FBI investigators major players and offers domestic intelligence. The Marshals Service mainly tracks down and apprehends fugitives. The law enforcement officials described the move as crucial in the fight against terrorism. Immigration charges frequently are used initially to detain suspected terrorists or sympathizers while other charges are developed.

The officials said it makes RICO sense for the FBI to deny amnesty to potential terrorists or spies while an immigration arrest occurs.

International News

Jordanian taxi driver is apparent first Iraqi war casualty

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

Relations and travelers from Iraq said Ahmad Wael al-Alwi, 32, was making the phone call to his family during one of his regular trips between the Jordanian and Iraqi capitals. At Alwi's death, the first Iraqi war casualty, he was at the Jordanian Press. His brother died in a district called Kibios, about 15 miles west of Baghdad. The Jordanian government said it had no official confirmation of Alwi's death.

Travelers from around the world report that Jordanian border crossing of al-Karameh also reported Alwi's death in the opening article of the war. The travelers declined to give their names. Earlier in Baghdad, Iraq's information minister Sumeil al-Dehby said someone had been killed in a U.S. raid on a customs compound and an Iraqi TV compound in western Iraq. Baghdad is also the site of a family meeting on Wednesday because he had just crossed into Iraq when the American bombs fell on Baghdad in early morning.

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Peace becomes puzzling

Veteran presents art to protest war
Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

"A Carbondale man is presenting an artistic mural to protest 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 showing 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 village and is known as a symbol of peace. A copy tapestry has hung outside the U.N. Security Council since 1985, but was stored with a blue banner with the U.N. logo during recent briefings with weapons inspectors and on Baghdad. He said we go through the puzzle to make the different world.

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Trial for murder of John A. Logan student to begin in June
Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

The jury trial of a Carterville man charged in the death of a 7-year-old Carterville boy is set to begin June 17.

Benjamin Aaron Burns, 29, of 906 Pearl 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 Carbondale and dumped his body in a marsh at the bottom of Fountain Bluff, a rock formation near Route 3 south of Carbondale.

Strum, who lived in Carbondale, was shot May 5, where the court will deliberate on the murder.

The prosecution, led by Deputy State's Attorney Michael Harper, 24, said Burns was involved in a domestic dispute that ended with the death of Strum.

Burns has 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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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.

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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 parole in 1995, but he had not served his sentence because of good time allowance and time served. Woods was sentenced to six years in prison and four years probation.

Woods has a status hearing June 25.

Maurice Harper, 24, Murphysboro, a former student at Illinois Community College, was sentenced to 23 years in prison, Jan. 21, for a guilty verdict for four counts of murder in Timmons' death. He was the second suspect in the shooting death and allegedly provided the murder weapon.
They spend their nights dancing and taking off their clothes, but their life is not only about stripping.
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 an article about the remodeling of Lentz Dining Hall last March but a题材 error occurred, and the one who was interviewed was the remodeling of Pancakes Out.

Out of the students who participated in the Old National Trust Company, He has given me more advice on balancing the budget decision,

Drummer, banker. The goal is to have "student input on what will make the university better," said Neill, who turned into Neill's biggest fan.

Samantha Robinson

Coach for "all four years, remembers how Neill played on O'Boyce's football team, here, said Neill. Also, he considers Harlem's greatest influence on him being a child different from others his age. He was business oriented, said Neill. He learned the tricks of the trade while listening intently to a local stockbroker.

Neil'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.

Nick has followed his footsteps as a stockbroker before starting his own investment firm. His business background helps him to understand what it means to work in money and how money moves.

Growing up in Carbondale, Neill attended Carbondale High School and graduated with a football and baseball and track record. Tom O'Boyle, Neill's high school football coach, remembers the defensive back that played on his team during the 1970s.

"I was a football player, 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 still having fun in life. Neill is currently working as a financial consultant and backgrounder extensive enough to make him the biggest fan.

"This is just the way my family is — just get involved; Neill," said his sister.

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

"I was a cemetery plan in town," said Neill.

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University Housing offers students study options
Students to give input on new housing plan
Samantha Robinson

University Housing plans to update its housing quality for students with a program 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

"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."

Aide from focus groups, an extensive, in-depth survey will be available for all SUI students to garner community suggestions.

The first in the series of renovations was the redesigning of Lakeview Hall. The next step is a better living experience for students.

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.

For information about this event contact Jackie Keane at 453-6813 or 457-0660.

Kayak clinic teaches moves Wednesday

Outdoor Adventures Program will host a free kayak clinic from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Recreation Center Pool. Participants will learn kayaking techniques and open water moves. For more information, call April Keiser at 453-1285.

Army of Darkness to play in Student Center Thursday

Army of Darkness will play at 7 p.m. March 28, 8 p.m. March 29, and 7:30 p.m. March 30 in the Student Center Auditorium. The Renaissance Pictures production was directed by Sam Raimi and starred Bruce Campbell. Running time is 81 minutes.

Tickets are $3 for adults and $3 for general admission.

CARBONDALE

Community to perform play for church benefit

The comedy fare "The Miss Trip" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. March 13 and 14 in the Church of the Lutheran. School Auditorium in Murphysboro. Both performances will be at 7:30 p.m. April 20 and 21 in the Church of the Lutheran in Murphysboro. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for seniors and young people.

Performers will be given to Christ Lutheran Church Building for March 13 and the Church of the Lutheran Church Building for April 20. For information about this event, contact the theater director at 618-322-2001. Students include a group of junior and senior adults, a group of high school students and some others who are acting in the play.

Student Center

Harry Potter visits Student Center tonight

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, which will be shown at 7 and 10 and 3 p.m. March 19-21 in the Student Center Auditorium. The Warner Brothers Video is distributed by Columbia Pictures.

Running time is 161 minutes. Cost is $3 for students and $5 for general admission.

Post James Kimbrell to speak tonight

"A townsman poet James Kimbrell will read a selection of poetry and other works tonight at the Student Center Auditorium in Faxon Hall as part of the Visiting Writers Series. Kimbrell's first book, 'The Yellow Rose,' was chosen by Charles Wright for the 1997 National Poetry Series Award.

Other prestigious accomplishments for Kimbrell include winning the Whittier Award of the Academy of American Poets Prize. He became a recipient of the James Dickey Award for his poetry in 1979.


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Congrats to Harbough's for 2 great years and 15 years of live music. What a great asset to Community. For more information call 457-0660.

Admission & Bally Ride on your Birthday

Bally Ride $1.50 off Fri., Sat., Sun.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
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 monies 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 students 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 lumping them together 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 hear 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.
**Columns**

**Life behind the counter**

I may not this job, I was work-

ing at a fast food chain (I'm a

counter boy and have been for 2

years). To say the least, I was

not looking for this job. I had to

it, however. I have a college

that I am interested in going to,

but I have to work to pay for it.

Every day I am standing at the

counter, I see people who are

tired, upset, or just have a bad

day. They come to the counter

to vent their frustrations, and I

am there to listen to them. I

not really enjoy my job, but I

know it is necessary to pay for

college. I am hoping that when I

graduate, I will be able to find a

job that I enjoy and that pays

more.

**Fearless Pondering**

BY ABIGAIL WHEELLEY

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.

It doesn’t matter that the cashier at the grocery store is on an average shift at the video store, had four people yell at her for the last hour they had to accommodate. When working at a shoe store, a customer stood out of breath from talking. The PBC usually take four out of her frustrations on me, or just didn’t have a shoeshine. When working at a shoe store, my co-worker got bar food from lunch, and in the interest of light and lazy, couldn’t figure out the extremely com-

plex task of entering a purchase name with corresponding numbers into the register to approve a check, and the customer stood out of breath from talking. The PBC usually does hit or her own, but is rarely appreciated for it.

It is tempting at times to snide, rude and demanding to those working there. I try to keep in mind that a PBC is first of all a person. So treat them the way you would want your friend or family to treat you, and they will treat you with respect.

**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, however, and hold to the highest esteem those who have served in the armed forces and southern Illinois communities who have supported studies that have been cut. For those who are not members of those forces, I will remember them, their immedi-

ate and extended families and friends, in my prayers.

I encourage you to share your friends in the days ahead. They proudly serve our nation, our communities and our families, as always.

I believe this to be the true meaning of the flag, and to think otherwise is to take one of the most prideful events in American history and to treat it as a symbol.

Chancellor W. Wendler

**War is terrorism**

**You’re either with us, or you’re with the terrorists.**

- George W. Bush

The images of Sept. 11 seared into our memory. The shock, anger, and grief that we all felt watching the endless terror and so many innocent lives will not be easily forgotten. In the face of the inhumane atrocities that September morning were broadcast on television, the PBC and the New York Times, but they are one example of the violence terrorists use to inspire fear and hatred.

It seems clear that we have no other choice but to respond. As we move forward, we must be careful to not allow our fear to lead us down paths that only encourage the terrorists.

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, the United States went to war, first with Afghanistan, and soon with Iraq in that order, in order to, 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 television, nor did they occur in one fell swoop — yet they did occur, and at the hands of the US military.

This leads to the question: Is war different from terrorism? Terrorism is the use of violence to achieve a political goal. DDoS action falls into this category. I am not one to believe in the power of DDoS action, I believe in the power of the true believers. The US government is simply using its soldiers to fight the on-going battle of terrorism.

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Students, community protest war in an eye-opening fashion

I n the Student Center dining area it was business as usual—with one slight exception. In Baghdad—up in flames—was on every television. And the sound of explosions flooding from nearby speakers added to the everyday lunch chatter.

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 bodies, wanted to send.

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

A few bodies outlined in chalk lay on the ground, a crowd gathered. Besides a few outspoken comments, the only sound was as silent as the protesters, who some with signs, others with fake blood on their faces, said everyone was saying a word.

“The idea of a silent vigil was just that we are speechless,” said Raphael Rechichy, a junior from Chicago. “This is happening. This is an unnecessary war.”

Doug Dyhulupo was also speechless. A junior studying political science from Shawnee Town, Dyhulupo said the whole protest was simply “tactless looking.”

“I don’t know what to think of this,” he said. “The first thing I think of though is what I wanted 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 pool.” More blood on their black clothes, more white chalk on the cold concrete, more murmurs—more blood.

Tomey said the whole protest was simply “crazy looking.” Dylukopp said the whole protest was “widespread.”

As a junior studying political science, Tomey said he doesn’t know what to think of the protest. “Just because this is America, they can do this. Iraq doesn’t have this right.”

Tomey admitted 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 it is happening.” Tomey said. “And this is nothing. This is 300. Can you imagine what 250,000 dead bodies looked like in the Gulf War?”

Whispers and silences, blood and black. That is what the mood was at the first protest. But when the candles burned 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 undeniably perish in Iraq, but moreover it was about sending a loud and clear message to the American government.

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Peace Corps gets more ISU grads

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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 Illinois and ISU alumna Nicole Lamers said in addition to the economic climate, graduates may also be looking to volunteer because President Bush's 2002 State of the Union speech communication. "This has been really stressful, so I've worried and concerned, just like everyone else. This is a terrible war in a series of bad events."

Tired and upset, but not hopeless, the protesters say they will speak out against this war, even if it is too late. And they say the growing number of new faces at the protests keep them motivated to what they say may be a 'wasted war' for everyone.

A different protest

Today will bring different light on the same war as Carbondale High School students support the U.S. at the protest. Just one year ago, the Khrimdoblener was created.

John Needham, 14, said he and his classmates got permission to gather outside of the school and begin the protest. "It was a small town, roughly 500 people. There was no running water and no electricity most of the time. It's amazing how quick you learn to adapt," he explained.

Of all the people who begin the application process, only about one out of ten will actually serve a term for the Peace Corps, Roskelley said. "It's really stressful to have been brought in, and then being rejected by the Corps," Lamers 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.

The Peace Corps, founded in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, has sent thousands of volunteers around the world to work on projects to help meet the needs of developing nations. The Peace Corps serves in 136 countries, with the mission of promoting peace and understanding, and as a result, is one of the most respected and well-loved organizations in the world.

Volunteers are commissioned as Peace Corps officers and are granted certain rights and responsibilities, including: the right to an adequate salary, the right to an adequate living allowance, the right to an adequate support system, the right to an adequate level of health care, the right to an adequate level of safety, and the right to an adequate level of recreational opportunities.

The Peace Corps also provides a unique opportunity for personal and professional growth. Volunteers return home with a valuable set of skills and experiences, including cross-cultural experience, language proficiency, and job training.

Volunteers are typically age 18-30, with no upper age limit. They must be U.S. citizens, hold a high school diploma, and have a minimum TOEFL score of 550.

For more information about the Peace Corps, visit their website at peacecorps.gov or call 1-800-724-2587.
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 hour of red and white alerted everyone that Christmas was well on its way. In March, the same complimentary color helps to remind students of another popular celebration — Player’s Ball/Kappa Carnival.

Although there will not be any present handed out or cash sung, there will be no shortage of entertainment for attendees of these events.

“It’s just a great experience that reminds people of the party of the city,” said Charles Onwuka, 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 start off with the Kappas Slam with doors opening at 5 p.m. today in Union Gym. The competition this year 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 drum point-shoot-out.

The game is just the warm-up for several other events that are part of the week that Kappa alphas’ week of no sleep get-peeked.

The Kappa carnival will take place from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. Saturday at Sun Rec Center playing field.

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

“We’ll be dancing and everything will be free,” said Brian Lamade, a senior in marketing from Country Club Hills. “We just want people to socialize and interact. Members hope they will receive the usual gear from alumni, 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 Shirk 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 Onwuka said the Player’s Ball has changed slightly over the years and that the present step-show format will be one that they will stick with during upcoming years.

“The event used to be all about competing for the player of the year,” said Daniel Hall, a 2002 graduate of SIUC. “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 said Kappa member Daniel Hall will sponsor the event that features several Greek organizations from various campuses. There will also be appearances from dance groups and performers from the Chicago area.

Mike One, a Chicago rapper in collaboration with Liberty Music, who is a self-taught musician and former band member will be featured that evening.

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 Onwuka said, “I think the highlight of the week is sailing 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 recruit.

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

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 December by President George W. Bush, "green card" holders who join the military can become naturalized U.S. citizens without a mandatory waiting period.

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, but I was able to 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 renewed 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 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 obtaining his green card, he joined the Navy. I didn't join the Navy, but that's what Burian told me I might go faster once I enlisted.

When he arrived, his English was still too poor, so the Navy put him in a five-week course to help him brush up. About 20 other foreign-born were in his class, including recently enlisted recruits from Vietnam, Cambodia, Mexico, India, Peru and Russia.

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

With naturalization certificates 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.

"Our kind of 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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Leo (July 23–Aug. 22) • Today is an 8 • Your mind may be far away, but your body should be at home. Something needs your attention before you go fitting off. Maybe you just have to park.

Virgo (Aug. 23–Sept. 22) • Today is a 6 • Your ability to concentrate should be high, so ignore distractions. The puzzle is picking up, but you don't need to pedal speed for quality. Do it at your own pace exerting patience.

Libra (Sept. 23–Oct. 22) • Today is a 6 • Another's arrogant attitude is a little hard to take. Should you tell him or her to buzz off? Not likely. You're too busy reaping the benefits from a lucky break.

Scorpio (Oct. 23–Nov. 21) • Today is an 8 • You're tough, but so is the other guy. Don't leave anything unachieved. Build up to imagine what might happen in advance given you an edge, so use it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22–Dec. 21) • Today is an 8 • You're getting luckier in love, and more decisive, too. You may even choose to settle down with someone who never sits still.

Capricorn (Dec. 22–Jan. 19) • Today is a 7 • An upcoming domestic project may require some help from your friends. You've bailed them out lots of times before, so don't be afraid to ask.

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Excitement surrounds Saluki men's tennis season

Healthy SIU squad looks to finish top three in the MVC

Zack Greglow

Daily Egyptian

SIU's men's tennis head coach Mike Jeffrey is ecstatic about the dawn of the spring season and it has nothing to do with the fact that warmth will finally find us and make its way to Carbondale after being plagued with frigid 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 the program that had a black outlook in the 2000-2001 season, Jeffrey has seven players that he believes can help the Salukis to a top-10 national ranking as early as spring 2002.

"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 how much they like our team this year. We have seven players who all have great potential."

The Saluki tennis team is part of a tennis team made up completely of foreign players and one that looks to show a marked improvement this year.

SIU men's tennis player Peter Bong, a junior from Blacktown, 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.

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Christopher Merrell

Daily Egyptian

The SIU baseball team could not have asked for a bigger motivational factor than the district it just got to play in before the Mountain Valley Conference season began.

Senior pitcher Jay Joiner threw 78 pitches in eight innings, allowing only two hits — of which one was a home run — and two walks.

"Senior pitcher Jay Joiner did great," Jeffrey said. "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."

Starting pitcher John Keller (1-3, 5.83 ERA), Dejonto (1-3, 7.50), Tien Norrick (1-0, 3.00) and Andrew Wiedes (0-0, 3.00) — four 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 7-9 record — all of which has come on the road — and a hot streak that saw them overcome opponents 31-18 in their last four games.

After losing their first six games, the Panthers have turned things around with the help of junior Armando Lara (3-3) and junior Chad Sorensen who has hit .559 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 SIU's offensive barrage in their matchup with Panther pitching slowing off so far this season.

UNI has a 6.81 team ERA and SIU's pitcher has an ERA better than 6.2.

"The Panthers also have only one pitcher with more than one win," Jeffrey said. "I don't care what these stats say. We know the Panthers have that. We just don't care what our ERA is, we know they are going to see some quality arms on our end. Our guys have some quality arms on the mound.

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Saluki softball tackles first MVC road series

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The SIU softball team is ready to play after having to post-off all weekend due to weather, which cost the program a chance to go 1-0 in the four-game series at Bradley.

"We're usually up for conference rain-out and being rusty," said leadoff hitter Jeffn:y said. "We're got a chance to take advantage of our new four-game series at Indiana State (5-10, 1-2 MVC) it will be the first conference road game for the Salukis.

"We were up for our four-game series," third baseman Haley Verplas said. "That's extra motivation to win. Coming on the road is a big challenge, but if we come out here and pick up two wins, we can bring home a win.

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SIU women's tennis takes depleted squad into Memphis

Salukis will have five healthy bodies this weekend

Jack Creglow
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Salukis are a tricky thing.
Sometimes streaks can be good - other times they're not. But most of the time, SIU's two sides usually weigh each other out.

That is under a person is talking about the SIU women's tennis team, which has been plagued by a streak of bad luck as of late.

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

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

Trapani, the Missouri Valley Conference co-Freshman of the Year last season, has been battling a hip injury, and her absence will be felt on the court.

Coach Judy Auld hoped that the spring season would be the first time she would be able to utilize the squad she believed could have a 50-50 record or better, instead of 2-7 if injuries had not immensely depicted squad's moral vibe.

"It is, but it's 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 what it is, but all I want is a clean shot to try and sell the team better than schools.

If there is any positive that an be taken out of this is the fact that more players will be able to gain competition, especially the freshmen.

As Auld said, "We just need to get through this streak and get back into the lineup."
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 Rickey Paulding was in the hole. Southern Illinois senior Jermaine Dearman stepped to the line, braced himself and hit the RCA Dome floor.

Unfortunately for Dearman, the Salukis’ season had come to a ground with him. Mu so the chaplain of the Salukis, the play was ruled a block. Paulding hugged his two paws 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 how he and many SIU players thought it was a foul and defended the call.

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

After freshman definitely had position, Brooks said.

SIU guard Steven Hamon backed up saying he had no idea why the play was called a block.

Hamon had stood there the whole time, Dearman said. And that was just astounding to me.

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.

“This really didn’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 tram head coach Bob Warren.

The general tone sentiment was that it should have never come to that point. SIU players quickly followed any condemnation of the call with an expression of regret over the way they shot only 32 percent from the floor, or the fact they allowed an 11-3 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 at the back of his memories of his career, said he will remember the Tigers Georgia fired up, a hot 3, and that didn’t happen or we made mistakes, we were playing and there was a chance to go to the Sweet 16.

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Dawgs fall just short

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

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Daily Egyptian

INDIANAPOLIS — If the Salukis were going to go down, they would have preferred it somewhere else.

With just 1.3 seconds remaining on the clock and trailing 77-71 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 that he has done numerous times throughout his Saluki career.

Only this time it didn’t go in.

Then the ball bounced off the rim and landed harmlessly on the floor of the RCA Dome.

Williams said his stomach turned almost in a state of shock while No. 6 seed Missouri had their look of a team buckled to have not lost.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said following the game thatlick had been on the Salukis side all season, and this is the first time they have not made the play at the end in a game.

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

Thus was his last and final shot for his storied career, make that shoot and we move on," Weber said.

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

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

He decided then he was going to 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 18 points, four assists and four rebounds.

Fellow senior Jermaine Dearman, who was playing his first-ever college game at home and was disheveled to the point of Indianapolis, led SIU with 17 points, but he had to sit out the final 4.1 seconds of the game.

Missouri junior Rickey Paulding, who finished with 19 points, would hit out of two free throws with 2.4 seconds remaining on the clock on a controversial blocking call.

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 for the last game of his career and not to be able to see it," Williams said.

Despite the way it ended, Dearman said he had 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 he deserves," Dearman said. "We played about as well as we could the last 20 seconds and the game."

Paulding said the Tigers didn’t understand the Salukis and both teams just came out and played and that it was clear who was the better team.

But he had his way and won the game.

"We’re going to play together and execute our game plan and make plays down the stretch," Paulding said. "They’re definitely a good team and to play like that, it’s just hard to do.

With five minutes left, things looked like they

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