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Celebrating CULTURE

African Student Council gives variety show Friday evening

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

From pulsating drumbeats to elaborate and casual fashions, the cultural show Friday allowed SIUC students and community members to see and hear what the diverse continent of Africa has to offer.

The African Student Council compiled several aspects of the culture to display to the campus in Ballroom D of the Student Center. For the two hours during which the event took place, the organization put on a show that consisted of improvisational skits, fashion and dances from the African culture.

"I have a lot of African friends and it's always good to learn about other people's country," said Tony Byrd, a junior in administration of justice from France who was attending the event for the second year. "Instead of just going to the movies you see stuff like how people dress and learn new things."

Examples of African dress were showcased not only by performers in the improvisational skit, and members of the Southern Illinois West African Drum Ensemble who were clad in a variety of African apparel, but also a show displaying African fashions. From the more casual



Dorcas Nene, a freshman in political science, performs 'impitobl,' an African traditional dance, along with several others during the cultural show for Africa Week Friday evening in the Student Center. The event, which was hosted by the African Student Council and lasted for two hours, consisted of skits, dances, poetry readings, singing and a fashion show to display the many different diversities of African culture.

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USG elections begin Tuesday

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

It's crunch time for students running for Undergraduate Student Government offices.

Only one day is left before voting begins, and candidates for the Freedom Party, Renewal Party and Students Unite Now Party are pooling all of their efforts to get students to the polls.

"We will have a table set up in Faner breezeway all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday," said Neal Young, presidential candidate for the Freedom Party. "We'll send people to key points on campus from there."

About 1,800 students voted in last year's election, according to Andrew Jackson, USG election commissioner. He expects to exceed that number by about 10 percent this spring.

The polls will open at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Students will be able to vote on candidates for president, vice president, senators and student trustee.

Paul Ray, the presidential candidate for the Renewal Party, said they will be passing out fliers and talking to people all day Tuesday and Wednesday.

Candidates were allowed to spend up to \$400 on their campaign but not within 100 feet of the polling centers.

Polling bins will be located in the Student Center, Morris Library, Grinnell, Lentz and Trueblood halls. The polls will be open until 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Students are only allowed to vote once and only if they can produce a

valid ID card. They will fill out a scantron sheet for USG positions and will circle their choice for student trustee.

The presidential and vice presidential candidates for the Freedom Party are Neal Young and Tequia Hicks. Paul Ray and Ray Gilmer are running for the Renewal Party, and Michael Rivers and Chris Peterson are running for Students Unite Now.

Bill Archer and Ed Ford are competing for the Student Trustee seat, which has a vote on the Board of Trustees.

After 6 p.m. Tuesday, the ballots will be secured in an undisclosed location in the Student Center. The election commission will be monitoring the polling locations and ballot bins at all times to prevent any misconduct.

The polls will reopen at 8 a.m. Wednesday. USG amended their constitution two years ago to give students two days to vote. Jackson said it has doubled voter turnout.

After the voting on Wednesday, the ballot bins will be taken to the basement of Morris Library where they are scanned and counted. Jackson said a closed-circuit video camera will project the tallies to a lobby where the candidates will await the results.

The new officers will begin their term on the last Friday of Spring Semester, when the current president, Michael Jarard, and vice president, Neal Young, step down.

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RSOs voice frustrations to USG

Funding process spurs debate

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Daily Egyptian

With elections for Undergraduate Student Government less than a day away, the process for funding Registered Student Organizations from student fees has become a topic of debate.

Presidential candidate Neal Young supports the current funding process constructed by USG, which sets up firm guidelines on how to obtain the money and how to spend it.

"The system will never be perfect, but the vast majority of RSOs are getting what they need," Young said. "We have worked very hard to make sure USG is responsive to the needs of RSOs."

However, he does think there is room for improvement. He said he is working during his final few weeks as vice president to help the RSOs who may not have been funded this year.

His opponent, Paul Ray, champions improving the guidelines for short term and possibly taking the account away from USG and setting up a separate board to allocate the money.

"It's too hard for RSOs to get their money," Ray said. "We should relax the guidelines so they can get their money back a little easier."

Many representatives from RSOs representing black student organizations went to Wednesday's USG meeting to voice their displeasure with the current process. They addressed many problems with the current guidelines and demanded a change.

Nancy Hanks, a senior in clemen-

tary education and the former president of Alpha Kappa Alpha, said she was unable to receive funding for her organization both times she asked USG for help.

She pointed out rules in the guidelines that were unclear and inconsistent. Several RSOs were unsure about USG's policy on banquets and uniforms. For some RSOs, uniforms are integral to their organization, and the language was unclear as to whether USG funded banquets.

Hanks also disagreed with how rigid the guidelines are, saying it is almost impossible to receive funding and put on a good event.

For example, RSOs are required to give a date and time when they hope to host an event before they will receive funding. However, she said, they cannot set a date and schedule entertainment when they do not know if they will have the money for it.

"I was glad to see some people finally came out and expressed their concerns to the senate about it," Ray said.

However, he said he was disappointed because it seemed that the senate still did not want to listen and was more interested in their business.

Former senator George Robinson resigned at Wednesday's meeting, citing the funding process as one of his reasons. He said that he is aggravated that RSOs have to beg USG for money when it is their money.

He said he disagreed with their constant inconsistencies and insistence on micro managing RSOs, and hopes the SOAF money is taken away from them and entrusted with the students.

The finance committee responded to their concerns by attempting some internal reforms in the commit-

tee. One of the members, Summer Edmonson, said there has been a problem of constantly losing funding forms, forgetting to schedule meetings with RSOs, and inconsistencies funding. She asked the chair of the committee, Rob Hobson, to step down.

Two senators, Mary Wallace and Jackie Westfall, who were formerly on the committee, were re-elected to do some "damage control" and attempt to fix things before the end of the year.

Senator Peter Normand, who recently tried to pass a referendum to change the guidelines, called for the chancellor to take the fee money away from USG, which has not been able to handle it for years. He said that set allocations will be a better system to allow RSOs flexibility.

"Without it, we could lose the talents and ideas that will inspire us and change the shape of this university," Normand said. "Stop letting seven people dictate what 18,000 will do on campus."

Young said people usually come to the meetings every year during election time. "I was kind of happy with it in the end," Young said. "I was most happy because I knew all of those people and talked to them. I've heard all of the complaints before, written down their comments and taken them to the funding committee."

He said all of the things they have mentioned are already in discussion to be changed, and he hopes to get them accomplished by the end of the year. "I'm glad they took the opportunity to voice their frustrations," Young said.

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• U.S. Marines on Sunday rescued seven American soldiers held by Iraqis north of Baghdad before rushing off to join in the battle for Tikrit, according to a Canadian reporter embedded with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Forces. Marines took custody of the Americans outside Samarra, a town about 25 miles south of Tikrit in north-central Iraq and 75 miles north of Baghdad. (cnn.com)

• Former prisoner of war U.S. Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch "seems to be in good spirits" and remains in satisfactory condition, according to an official at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington. Maj. Gen. Kevin Kiley, who did not provide details about Lynch's condition, said Sunday the injured soldier will recuperate at the hospital. He said he expects her stay could last at least a few weeks. (cnn.com)

• Gen. Tommy Franks said Sunday the Saddam Hussein government is now an "ex-regime," but he said he is reluctant to declare victory in the conflict because there is some resistance holding on throughout Iraq. In an interview with CNN's Wolf Blitzer that will be aired on Late Edition, he said the Iraqi army has been "destroyed" and "there is no regime command and control," but pockets of paramilitary and foreign fighters remain throughout the country. (cnn.com)

• The battle for Tikrit has begun, according to a reporter embedded with U.S. Marines sent to Saddam Hussein's hometown in north-central

Iraq. Matthew Fisher, a National Post of Canada reporter, told CNN on Sunday that a large number of Cobra attack helicopters were engaging Iraqi forces inside the city, and some 250 armored vehicles from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Unit had entered the city as well. (cnn.com)

• In an attempt to restore order in Iraq's capital after three weeks of war and days of looting, an opposition figure Sunday called on Iraqi civil servants to "build a new era for Iraq." Many of Baghdad's ranking police officers were on hand as Mohammed Mussen al Zubaydi urged them to help return security to the streets and halt a wave of looting. (cnn.com)

• The first joint British military and Iraqi police patrols have begun in Iraq as efforts continue to restore law and order. Local police, accompanied by British forces, have started patrolling in Basra and al-Faw in southern Iraq and moves are underway in Baghdad to recruit volunteers. (bbc.com)

• The World Bank has said it hopes that any aid to Iraq will not be at the expense of diverting resources from its other programmes. The Bank will be sending a team to Iraq as soon as the security situation permits to assess the scale of the reconstruction task, its President James Wolfensohn confirmed. At their weekend meeting, both the World Bank and the IMF accepted a request from the G7 group of leading industrial countries to become involved in the rebuilding of Iraq under the broad auspices of a new UN Security Council resolution. (bbc.com)



Attack on Iraq 27

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Saturday	Mostly Sunny	62/42		

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CALENDAR

Today

Guest Speaker: George McGovern
former U.S. senator
Public Policy Institute lecture series
Shryock Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

"Confessions of a Date Rapist" Video
presentation and discussion
Student Center, Mackinnon Room
Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Guest Speaker: Atherine Lucy Foster
first black student admitted to the University of Alabama
Public Policy Institute lecture series
Law School Auditorium
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

The Clothesline Project
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April 22 and 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

POLICE REPORTS
University

• Wayne Eugene Conner, 22, Casey, was arrested and charged with theft over \$300 between 5:38 p.m. March 28 and 2 p.m. April 8 at the Student Center Bookstore. He was unable to post bond and was transported to the Jackson County Jail.

• Matthew D. Hopson, 28, Harrisburg, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage at 1:17 a.m. Friday in the 700 block of East Grand Avenue. He posted \$100 and his driver's license as bond and was released.

• Jesus Andy Quintana, 22, Chicago, was arrested on a Williamson County warrant for failure to appear in court on a charge of driving with a suspended license at 8:45 a.m. April 8. He was released on a \$300 bond.

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Atherine Lucy Foster
Civil Rights Pioneer
April 16, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.
Southern Illinois University
Law School Auditorium

On February 1, 1956, Atherine Lucy Foster made history as the first black student admitted to the University of Alabama. The university community reacted in hostility, and after three days of being bombarded with rocks, eggs, and death threats, Foster was suspended and later expelled "for her safety and the safety of other students." However, her courage made a dramatic change. Seven years after Foster's failed attempt at attending the university, the world watched the infamous "stand at the school house door" by Gov. George Wallace who vigorously—and unsuccessfully—opposed the court's ruling that the university must admit black students.

In 1989, Foster, a retired teacher, returned to the University of Alabama to earn her Master's degree as she had planned some 43 years earlier. Her motto is "to create harmonious relationships among people, to elicit peaceful relationships at all times, and to aid the world in reaching its greatest potential."

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Fraternity sponsors poetry, dinner, Mariachi music Saturday evening

Sigma Lambda Beta merge events for Mariachi Dinner

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

The main source of light inside the dim Dunn Richmond Center Saturday evening was the purple candles placed in the middle of each table.

The main source of inspiration was not the words of any famous lecturer or speaker but, instead, SIUC students who stepped to the front of the large room to share poetry with the large crowd.

"This poem was inspired by the Boxes and Walls exhibit and getting back to our roots," said Amanda Cortes, a senior in speech communication from Chicago, who stood behind the microphone and shyly and softly recited her poem. "It's an original piece and it's kind of close to my heart, so be kind."

Cortes was one of many students that shared both original works and the work of others during the Mariachi Poetry Dinner, an event sponsored by Sigma Lambda Beta as part of the fraternity's honorary week of events.

According to fraternity member Severo Cosyleon, both the poetry and mariachi band have occurred in the past, but it was the idea of fraternity president Ben Cosyleon to combine the two into one event.

He said the organization has been planning since October for



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Alejandra Blanco, Giezi Licardie and Erika Ochoa sing 'Volver' with Los Compadres mariachi band at a dinner put on by Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity Saturday in the Dunn Richmond Center. There were also poetry readings by various students at the end of the evening.

the event that offered not only an hour of poetry and two hours of Mariachi music performed by brass ensemble, Los Compadres, but also, free authentic Mexican cuisine.

"It's just a chance to listen to music and taste food from another culture," said Janeé Schuster, a junior in elementary education from Chicago. "The Mariachi is something that's not always on campus and the poetry was very interesting."

*— Janeé Schuster
junior,
elementary education*

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Whether performed in Spanish or spoken in English, the poetry was certainly a successful part of the event.

There were original pieces dedicated to mothers, beautiful

women as well as a memorable piece dedicated to a friend killed in a drunk-driving accident.

"Never a day passes that I do not remember the intricate design of your features and the passion you brought to life," SIUC student Maria recalled in her poem entitled "Never a Day Passes."

Not all of the night's poetry was written by the performer.

Carlos, a member of Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity, performed a borrowed piece that contained what he introduced as "some really good pieces of advice, in addition to taking audience members on Robert Frost's famous 'Road Less Traveled.'"

Members of the fraternity such as Leo Saucedo, were satisfied with this year's events, which reached the 120-person capacity of the Dunn Richmond Center.

He said that the fraternity hopes to rent out a larger facility such as the Civic Center so they can accommodate at least 300 people.

"Poetry is a very personal thing and just to listen to someone read you can find out who they are and what they've been through," said Saucedo, a junior in Information Systems and Technology from Chicago.

"Most people think that fraternities are all about partying and events like this show that that is not the case. A lot of people don't know much about Latinos, so it's one of our duties as a Hispanic fraternity to make sure people find out more about the culture."

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Peterson returns to USG ballot

S.U.N. party back on the ballot for Tuesday

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

There has been some uncertainty recently whether the candidates for the Students Unite Now Party would appear on the USG election ballot.

Vice Presidential candidate Chris Peterson dropped out of the race, and then jumped back in again.

Andrew Jackson, the USG election commissioner, received written confirmation Thursday that Peterson, vice presidential candidate for Michael Rivers, was dropping out of the race.

Jackson said he did not receive an explanation why Peterson had quit. Peterson was unavailable for comment.

The commission immediately scheduled a meeting for Friday to discuss the ability of Michael Rivers to run alone in the election.

The USG constitution specifies that the president and vice president must appear on the ballot as a team. If Peterson did not run, Rivers would not be allowed to either.

However, the day of the commission meeting, Jackson received another note from Peterson saying that he no longer wished to drop out of the race. He said he has been unable to contact Peterson to confirm.

Until he receives further notice, he said Rivers and Peterson will remain on the ballot for Tuesday's election.

A similar case took place two years ago when the judicial board disqualified presidential candidate Rob Taylor because his vice president was unable to run.

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Appreciation party surprises Bryson

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

There was no shouting "Surprise!" as Seymour Bryson walked into the Law School Auditorium Saturday afternoon — only the loud, echoing applause of a group of students and colleagues grateful for the work of a man who has dedicated 15 years to the Career Prep Program, which gives southern Illinois minority students in grades 6 through 12 the tools to get ahead in life.

Friends and family of Bryson, as well as his staff, had managed to keep the appreciation program a secret for the last few weeks, allowing for full shock when Bryson entered the room filled with people wishing to commemorate his efforts to the program.

"He's a real genuine guy," said Delores Smith, a Carbondale resident who has served on many committees with Bryson. "He's a real asset to the University in more ways than one. I don't think he realizes how much he has done for so many people."

Bryson said he was told his family was shopping and he was asked at the last minute to come to the Law School to speak for an African celebration.

"I am honored," he said. "It has been a pleasure to watch the program grow. Without the community and support for the University, it wouldn't have been as great."

In commemoration of Bryson, Carbondale Mayor Neil Dillard declared April 12 Seymour Bryson Day, which he asked SIUC students and the Carbondale community to recognize. Dillard said Bryson has held numerous positions in the University and has served on many committees in the community.

Bryson had the opportunity to listen to the testimony of several former Career Prep students, and a poem, violin selection and video commemorating him as "The Wind Beneath Our Wings."

Kyra Brown, a senior at Murphysboro High School and Career Prep student, said that because of Bryson's support and the program



Seymour Bryson embraces associate Hazel Graham after he walks in on his surprise party Saturday in the Law School auditorium. Students and colleagues honored Bryson for his involvement in the career prep program and his many other accomplishments.

herself, her grades and enthusiasm for learning increased. She said it helped her achieve her short term goal — graduating from high school, and in four years will have aided her in becoming a college graduate.

"I want to thank you for the commitment, dedication and love you have given to the program for 15 years," she said to Bryson. "We have learned respect for ourselves and the reality is that the program has helped more than you realize."

Alan Jackson, one of Bryson's

former graduate assistants, said that Bryson pushed him to succeed, for which he is grateful.

He said that while compiling a study, he asked a source how minority students could achieve success. The man replied that, like a turtle on a post, someone had to put him there.

"And that's what you did for me, Dr. Bryson," he said. "You put me on my post."

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Financial Aid Office posts assistantships

Hiring to be complete before end of semester

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

The SIUC Financial Aid Office will post the availability of 164 approved undergraduate assistantships for the next school year on its website and in the Financial Aid office today.

Financial Aid Director Daniel Mann said students can begin applying for positions this week, and he expects the hiring process to be completed

before the end of the spring semester. Hired students begin work the first day of the fall semester.

Mann said the extra months provided for the hiring process should iron out many of the kinks in the program.

"It's very labor-intensive to go through the process from application to hiring," he said. "So we are very happy there is a longer period of time to go through it."

The assistantship program, now in its second year, provides paid professional experience through interaction with faculty and professional staff related directly to a student's academic or career objectives.

"These are positions provided for undergrads where the can earn up to

\$800 a month working and getting career experience," Mann said. "They provide professional career opportunities."

The assistantship program pays \$400 a month for students working 10 hours per week, \$600 for students working 15 hours per week and \$800 a month for students putting in 20 hours per week.

The assistantships are paid with \$819,000 set aside from this year's 18-percent tuition hike. Though the level of funding has remained the same, Mann said fewer assistantships are being offered this year because of an extra month of work.

Last year, the 187 available positions were not filled until the middle

of September. Mann said the number of available positions was decreased by 23 in order to accommodate an extra month of work — not because of budget cuts.

Mann said he expects an increased number of applicants due to the earlier selection. Last year, many department heads said only two or three students applied for certain positions.

"We think the reason we didn't have much participation in the fall was because it was started at the beginning of the semester," he said. "Many students had already arranged jobs and had positions lined up."

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Boxes and Walls addresses diversity, stereotypes

Student organizations presented how to break through the boxes and walls of perception

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

Red Neck, sissy, bull-dagger, dumb jock, porch monkey and wet back were just some of the terms scrolled across the walls that separated the rooms that were created by students to dispel different stereotypes.

Boxes and Walls, the experimental diversity museum was on campus April 7 through 10 in the basement of Grinnell Hall.

"Amazing." "Thank you." "All I can say is wow" and "Make this an annual event," are just some of the comments students had about the museum after walking through the half-hour tour.

Boxes and Walls was an exhibit for students and by students. The original program began at the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse where Thomas Harris, assistant housing programming coordinator for Diversity, first experienced it.

The museum included a black American room, women's room, Hispanic and an Asian room. Each group decorated and made a room that brought its perspective of how society treats them and perceived stereotypes. Each group had a representative from its organization to

explain what their room meant.

"It was great and a learning experience not only for the people who came through, but for the participants as well," Harris said. "The committee had a group of people, who didn't know each other, but they all had a common goal and it showed."

Preparation for the event began in February and continued until days before the event opened. All sets, props and concepts were the ideas of the students who also manned the exhibit. The only outside contribution for the museum was donated by Associated Lumber, which allowed students to do even more with the money saved.

Danny Ho, a junior in sociology and creative writing said he was reluctant to participate in the program because he was getting tired of doing "activist stuff and no one seemed to care."

"After seeing how the Hispanic room was so energetic, it made me excited and went to participate," Ho said. "Then, when I saw the crowds of people it was a new high for me."

The first room on the tour was the black American room, which stirred the emotions of the people who were called a "nigger," "jigaboo," "porch monkey" or "colored" as part of the interactive event. Before leaving the room the atmosphere was tense with emotional cries and looks of inferiority after people went through what others had gone through for years.

"My desire was by Thursday to have everybody crying," said Sheryn Knight, an undeclared graduate

student and co-coordinator of the black-American room. "After seeing people get emotional, I knew we were affecting them."

Next on the tour were the athlete and women's room, in which room attendants talked about the negative stereotypes placed upon them, and how they are offensive and untrue.

Following the women's room was the Hispanic room, where tour members were made to crawl through a tunnel, pick beans and get on their hands and knees — as if in front of immigration — so they could experience what Hispanic immigrants go through to get to America.

The Asian room followed with a dramatic skit of a woman whose family was murdered after September 11, 2001, then followed up with information about Asian Americans and how they are depicted in the media.

"The reaction of people was great," Ho said. "It seemed like people cared and learned a lot from the experience."

The last room in the museum was the gays, lesbians, bi-sexual and transgender room, presented by the Saluki Rainbow Network.

In the room, members of the SRN presented information about homosexuality and some of the laws against them. There were also skits preformed to show scenarios of what they go through.

Leah Reinert, a freshman in architecture from Decatur, said she was surprised so many people reacted so well.

"It was awesome being able to do something like this," she said. "To

open people's eyes was very fulfilling."

At the end of the museum participants were given a chance to express their feelings about what they had just experienced by talking and writing words of expressions.

"Once it was over everyone got a chance to express themselves and get stuff inside out and expressed to others," Harris said.

In the end, everyone involved in the exhibit, either as a participant or a tour member was glad it was able to be on campus and experience it.

Matthew Johnson, an undeclared freshman from Chicago, said he was not sure to expect of Boxes and Walls, but once it was over, he was glad he went through the experience.

"There were about nine of us in my group and after going through the first room, there were people crying and not wanting to continue on," Johnson said. "Words can't express how I felt after being a part of that."

Harris said he estimated that over 800 people showed up to experience Boxes and Walls and hopes that the numbers will continue to grow as long as it is at SIU.

Preparations for another run are already on the minds of many, with hopes of having it earlier in the school year.

"Bringing diversity to a predominantly white campus in this capacity was needed," Knight said. "It was an eye-opener to what everyone has inside of them."

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NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

One-man play to be performed tonight

"Moliere Than Thou" is a 90-minute, one-man play is scheduled to be performed tonight at 7:30 at the Christian Moe Lab Theater. The play features Tim Mooney, an actor and playwright, who is formerly artistic and executive director of Chicago's Stage Two Theatre Company.

Mooney, as Moliere, will perform routines from "Tartuffe," "Don Juan," "The Doctor in Spite of Himself," "The Precious Young Maidens," "The Misanthrope," and "The School for Wives" among others. Mooney's adaptations of Moliere's work are all written in a rhymed iambic pentameter. The box office will be open one hour prior to the performance. All seats are \$5.

American Red Cross to sponsor eight blood drives on campus this week

There will be eight American Red Cross Blood Drives on campus this week. There are scheduled to be blood drives at the following times and locations: from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Center; from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Recreation Center; from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Student Center; from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Student Recreation Center; from 12:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Thursday at Grinnell Hall; from 12:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Thursday at Lentz Hall; from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at Trueblood Hall; and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at the Student Recreation Center. Refreshments will be provided.

Canoe-paddling presentation on Campus Lake Wednesday

There will be a free canoe-paddling presentation from 12:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Campus Lake boat dock. Participants can learn the j-stroke, the pry and more. For more information, contact April Kosior at 453-1285.

Scholarship By and About Women to be celebrated Wednesday

Celebrating Scholarship By and About Women is scheduled for Wednesday. Paper presentations will be from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Ballroom A of the Student Center. A reception will be in Ballroom B from 3 to 4 p.m. Anyone may attend.

REGIONAL

Man stabbed at Murphysboro residence

A Murphysboro man was reportedly stabbed at about 11:30 p.m. Thursday at a residence on North 8th Street in Murphysboro.

Michael McMahon, 33, received several severe lacerations and was transported to St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro. After he was stabilized, he was transported by helicopter to the intensive care unit at St. Louis University, where he was in stable condition Sunday afternoon.

Mark Ward, 36, was arrested and charged with aggravated battery and attempted murder in connection with the stabbing and is being held in the Jackson County Jail. Murphysboro police said Ward was immediately located and identified as a suspect, and he was arrested without incident.

The stabbing is not the first arrest for Ward, who has been charged with theft, reckless damage to property, and 16 counts of forgery in Jackson County since 1993.

Murphysboro police could not be reached for comments Sunday.



Akeem Mustapha, a pre-med senior, argues with Luke Shofu during a skit Friday evening at the culture show. In the skit, which tells of how the kingdom of Mali in Africa was created, Mustapha plays an intruder who has conquered the people of the kingdom while Hufo plays the born leader of the kingdom who is trying to defeat the intruder and rule his own people once again.

CULTURE

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jeans and button-down shirt to the brightly colored robes and tall hats, the show provided the audience with a seldom seen style.

"I like my country and I want people to see more of it," said Nadiath Alabi, a sophomore in finance from Benin who performed in the fashion show. "It's good for people to come out and see what the culture has to offer and maybe they will begin to look at Africa in another way."

While the cultural event was largely a showcase of African design as well as dance performed by the Black Fire Dancers, the show also enlisted the participation of audience members. Volunteers, both children and adults were called to the stage where they strut their stuff to the fast-paced drumbeats performed by SIWADE.

In addition to the powerful visual aspects seen in the show, attendants

were also treated to the vocal and poetic skills of 2002 Miss Eboness Jarisa Williams, who performed a piece that addressed the issue of AIDS on the continent.

Whether they ventured to the show to see a friend such as freshman Derik Sims, or simply to learn more about an unfamiliar culture as Larisha Thompson did, those who attended the show were given several samples of dance, fashion and music of the African culture.

African Student Council president Freddy Kadima said he hoped to receive the same support for the cultural show next year, and was very happy with the outcome of the event.

"Our main point was to show people a different view and aspect of the continent," said Kadima, a junior in informational systems and technology from the Democratic Republic of Congo. "I think we helped to show people the reality of Africa."

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STEVE JAHNKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN
2002 Miss Eboness Jarisa Williams treats the crowd with one of her poems during the cultural show.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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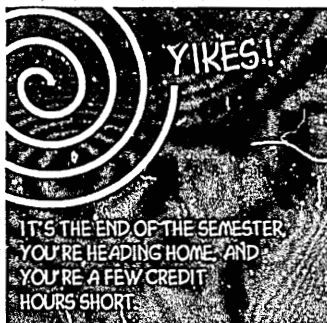
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Student puts seat in popular law school class up for grabs on eBay

Jennifer Peltz
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

DAVIE, Fla. (KRT) — Nova Southeastern University prides itself on teaching entrepreneurship and offering what a magazine survey called the nation's most technologically wired law school.

So when first-year law student Ryan Vescio got himself a spot in prominent professor Bruce Rogov's coveted constitutional law II class next fall, what did he do?

Put it up for auction on eBay.
"Rogov's Constitutional Law 2 Class" appeared this week on the virtual auction block, sandwiched between AA batteries and a commemorative stamp panel.

Vescio offered to trade classes with "the lucky winner" of a semester with Rogov, known for representing the Palm Beach County Canvassing Board in the 2000 presidential election dispute and celebrity lawyer F. Lee Bailey in his disbarment, among other high-profile clients.

The auction was, Vescio says,

intended just to lighten the mood at a school clenched with pre-exam tension.

"We study about all these serious, stern topics, and everybody, I think, needs to just have a joke now and then," said Vescio, 23, who grew up in Melbourne, Fla., and graduated from the University of Central Florida last year.

But to Vescio's surprise, some fellow students took his joke seriously. The offer drew 19 bids of up to \$225 before the law school administration told Vescio Wednesday to cease and desist. He promptly did.

"We were impressed by the entrepreneurial nature of it, but offended ... that this is making a mockery of what is a serious attempt to create equal opportunities to take classes," said associate dean Pat Jason.

Rogov couldn't be reached Thursday.

Registration in the roughly \$23,000-a-year program generally is first-come, first-served, with some preferences for a given

sequence of courses. Night students get preference in night classes, and day students in day ones.

A student can't assign his or her spot to a classmate, though students have been known to try to trade through well-timed dropping and adding.

To Jason, the auction strained the boundaries of Law Center rules calling for "professional" conduct, particularly since he used the school's e-mail system to spread the word of his auction.

Vescio sent out an e-mail apology Thursday. Jason said administrators don't plan disciplinary action against him but will tell students to stop soliciting class swaps through school e-mail.

Ebay generally would stop a sale such as Vescio's, questioning whether the seller truly owned the item and could deliver it in eBay's required 30 days, said spokesman Kevin Purselove. But with about 12 million items for sale in a given day, the online auction service often doesn't spot a questionable offer until alerted to it, he said.

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OUR WORD

Which trustee is witch?

Many people voting for this year's student trustee say they are voting for the "lesser of two evils," a statement that leaves us wondering which one is which.

The student trustee is in charge of representing Carbondale students' opinions at Board of Trustee meetings. The BOT makes the tough decisions for all of SIUC. There is also a trustee from Edwardsville. Only one of the two students will have the right to vote this year.

Both Bill Archer, a senior in business, and Ed Ford, a undeclared graduate student, have been on campus a long time and know a lot about the affairs of SIUC. Archer plans to continue his education at SIUC Law School in the fall. He was accused of smoking marijuana and of creating a circus-like environment in the USG office and meetings during his tenure as president of Undergraduate Student Government. Archer ran for student trustee last year and we did not endorse him because of his previous problems. Ford has been involved in Graduate and Professional Student Council for years, serving as president in 1999. His term was quiet, marked only by a fight against fee and tuition increases.

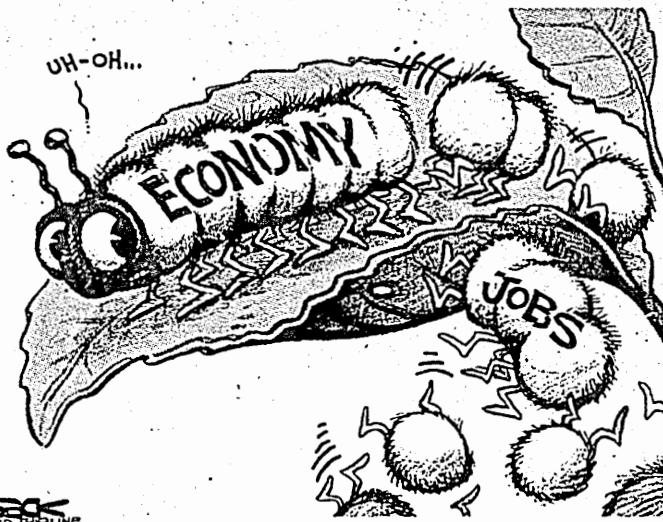
We endorse Bill Archer, but not by much.

Both are strong candidates. Ford has displayed long-term interest in SIUC by attending many BOT, USG, GPSC and Carbondale City Council meetings. He knows what's going on around campus and Carbondale because he's around all the time. His three goals as student trustee include examining expenditures by shifting the larger percent of SIUC's money from tuition to state-allocated dollars, working to gradually increase those state monies and to take a closer look at the University expenditures in general, focusing on one plan instead of trying to do too much. Ford, who has been on campus for eight years and has already earned a master's degree, knows what he's talking about. But Ford is a non-traditional student, and we wonder if he represents what most SIUC students are looking for.

We endorse Bill Archer, but not by much.

Archer has demonstrated growth during the last year, and we're giving him a chance to prove that he can do what he says he will do. He says he wants to address issues such as lowering tuition, increasing parking, generating student interest in Springfield lobby days and improving technology on campus. In addition, his experience as both an undergraduate and graduate student at SIUC display a continuing interest in the welfare of this University. One thing Archer must remember is that the audience he will be addressing is not USG or undergraduate students. Ford knows his stuff; we hope Archer won't let us down.

Neither candidate is evil, but both have histories at SIUC and are well-known by many students. Either way, we encourage students to select their "lesser" on Tuesday.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Sodexho bill will hurt jobs

Paul Wells
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My father works at a large hospital in South Carolina as a contract employer for the globally run, French-based contract company known as Sodexho. Another client of Sodexho happens to be the U.S. Marines. In response to the growing anti-French sentiment that came about from that country's stubborn refusal to support Bush's war, congressmen from Georgia and Florida have taken to the House floor to request that Donald Rumsfeld cancel the Marine's contract with Sodexho. Sixty other congressmen have signed the petition, and only time will tell if the request will come to pass.

The strange thing about this proposal is that the division of Sodexho that works with both my father's hospital and the Marines is entirely American run. If the contract were cancelled, about 110,000 Americans would lose their jobs immediately. Some of these people are over in Iraq right now fighting for their country. Sodexho matches the income these soldiers receive from the Marines. If the contract is cancelled, they will lose their jobs along with their supplemental income. As another example of the generosity displayed by Sodexho, they have contributed 4,000 pounds of food for the hungry in my father's community alone. This, in addition to the jobs of Sodexho's thousands of non-Marine employees, will be put into jeopardy if the contract is thrown out. Is this what soldiers and taxpayers should get in return for their enormous investment of time and money into the American machine,

all because some politicians decided to jump on the anti-French bandwagon to collect a few votes for the next election? The interest of U.S. citizens has once again been superseded by the interest of their supposed representatives.

This particular example is only part of a much larger conundrum. Like bad doctors, the leaders of the world continually attempt to fix the symptoms of a disease whose roots they cannot see or choose to ignore. Now they are nursing imaginary symptoms as well. Will canceling Sodexho's contract with the Marines have any positive effect at all? Only the opposite is true. It will compound the problem by further straining our relations with a key ally, by hurting the economy by hurting a huge corporation and leaving thousands of Americans out of work.

If politicians want to look for cures, they should look to the ills of mass consumption, to the foreign policy that installs dictators, then wages war with them when they get out of hand, to the economic imperialism that has created an anti-American backlash, to the current practice of leading by force and not by example, and, most importantly, they should listen to the words of their people that are being muffled by anti-ideological asphyxiation. Leaders must be questioned in order to avoid the silence, stagnation and oppression that pervade the world scene. If not, bombs will continue to explode over the Baghdads of the world, and the people of petty politics will continue to scratch and scramble to do their part, to get the vote.

Paul is an undeclared sophomore. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose yours."

Harry S. Truman

WORDS OVERHEARD

"No matter what happens, it's not going to be a good year. The governor has changed his numbers three or four times in the last three or four months."

Sen. Dave Loeckel
R-Oltonville
on the latest state budget crunch numbers for SIUC

COLUMNISTS

Supporting the troops

"Why of course the people don't want war... But after all it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, a parliament or a communist dictatorship... Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy: All you have to do is to tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger."

Hermann Goering, Hitler's right hand man. For anyone out there who still considers the phrase "support our troops" to be anything more than government-speak for "shut your mouths and go along with our decision to murder Iraqis," consider the following: The 2004 budget that recently passed the House will cut funding for veterans' health care and benefit programs by nearly \$25 billion over the next 10 years.

Today, over 28 million veterans are currently receiving benefits from the Veterans Administration, and there are 70 million more who have applied to receive them. With even more cuts, who knows how many will get the assistance they need and deserve.

These days, we are constantly told that we must support the brave soldiers who are fighting in Iraq to "preserve our freedom" and "liberate the Iraqi people"—it's patriotic, after all. This is not a new refrain. In all truth, it is a necessity: what soldier would fight a war to "preserve American hegemony" or "liberate Iraqi oil." And what better way to gain the support of the American people than by engaging their natural love for their countrymen (and women)?

So Congress passes a resolution to show its support for the troops. And the next day it cuts benefits for veterans. Of course, history tells us that this is nothing new: our country has almost traditionally turned its back on veterans. In fact, from the very start, veterans have been cast aside once the war was through.

Take Daniel Shays and the so-called "Shays' Rebellion." After leaving their farms to fight in the Revolution, former Continental soldiers like Shays returned home to poverty and debt. They appealed to the government that they had bled for, but it gave them only promises of the pay that it owed them. Hundreds were thrown in jail for their debts, and when the farmers and soldiers rebelled, they were crushed by the military.

In 1932, over 20,000 veterans of the Great War (despite due to the Great Depression) marched on Washington, set up shantytowns and attempted to petition Congress for early payment of the bonus they had been promised.

Congress squashed the bill designed to give aid to the soldiers, and then showed how much



Free Thought Forum

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the US government "supports its troops." The US military attacked the shantytown, burning buildings and gassing the veterans and their families. Two veterans were shot to death.

During and after WWII, our government tested nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons on US soldiers (as well as civilians) in an effort to determine their effects on the human bodies. Troops were made to march through ground zero immediately after a nuclear bomb went off, and biological weapons were tested on soldiers at sea. These practices have caused an astounding rate of cancer in affected veterans—and birth defects in their children. Even when it was not "performing tests," the US has put the health of its soldiers in danger by using chemical weapons.

In Vietnam for example, our country dropped the defoliant known as "agent orange" throughout the jungles. Vietnam vets, in addition to suffering the consequences themselves (migraines, skin rashes, liver complications, and cancer), these men have passed on their government's poison to their children. As one veteran relates, the war was over, "I got married, had Billy and Johnny... Then Billy grew up and that... pesticide... they dropped on us came back to haunt me and my kid. He has five... scars on his body from cancer."

Of course, the military always claims it did not know the effects of the poisons it has used on US troops (which, of course, is precisely why they were doing the testing). Yet it flagrantly continues to use weapons that are believed to cause harm to its soldiers. The US still uses depleted uranium munitions (manufactured right here in southern Illinois) that appear to be closely related to the "Gulf War Syndrome" that haunts so many veterans (and, once again, their offspring) to this day.

So if the US government doesn't support its own troops, why does it make such a fuss over those who are perceived as not doing so? Why does the media wing of the military-industrial complex do the same? Perhaps Hermann Goering has the answer.

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

Martha Burk analogized with John the cross-dresser



Bayshore Drive

BY MIKE ESTES
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A Completely Hypothetical Situation:

Enter John—a single 28-year-old male who weighs approximately 400 pounds. Though never attaining a girlfriend, John considers himself straight, although he's always had this bunting fantasy to dip himself into a red-laced negligee with matching pumps, and prance around his living room.

One illustrious morning, John is overwhelmed with his secret urge and drives himself to the local shopping mall. He stands in front of "Wanda's Wonderful Floss Apparel" (the most popular lingerie chain in the nation) for almost an hour, until he finds the courage to enter the store.

Though barely fitting between the aisles and clearance racks, John scours the store for larger outfits. Many onlookers including the hour-glass saleswomen look on with perplexity and wonder as John holds many ones and two pieces to his chest and crotch and shakes his head. Upon filtering what he believes the most likely of candidates, he politely asks an employee for access to the dressing room. The baffled and cat-tongued vixen vacates a small boxed area inadequate for a man half John's size.

He changes himself—an arduous chore without straps and laces in the way and a full-body mirror just asking to be elbowed. The saleswomen gather and whisper to each other, while some of the shoppers pretend to shop longer listening for grunts—everyone wants to tell their boyfriends and husbands this one when they get home.

At last, John removes himself from the dressing room, dressed again in his street clothes. He optimistically asks the employees (who have now assembled themselves in an obvious huddle, though continuing to make-believe fold and straighten particular items) if there are larger outfits in the back that he may try on. He is told the store's policy to carry up to a size "extra-small", and that they were sorry.

Now here's where things get strange. John starts yelling discrimination charges at the women—he's

embarrassed and feels he has been victimized in some way. One inspired employee suggests many "bigger" women stores in the mall to care for John's needs, but John begins swearing, and reminds the girl that WWFA is the premier lingerie chain in the nation, and what other stores have to offer is irrelevant.

Mall police armed with trusty flashlights are summoned and eventually escort John from the store. It is not a pleasant sight.

But it's not over. It just so happens John is also a liberal activist and visits the WWFA headquarters in Marion (I used to work at a restaurant in Marion, so it's cool) while a thong, I mean a thong of models are on hand for the company's biggest runway-marketing show of the year.

John begins to picket outside and protest. Other overweight cross-dressers join him and soon there are minority equal rights groups fresh off Augusta National's front lawn to support John's brigade.

In closing, I'm interested in what you the reader have to say about John's dire need of sexy nightwear, and if the world will cease to spin if women cannot play a ridiculous course/game in Georgia. Be brief, long, insightful; or just tell me my column sucks; and I should find a rock and some shade—humor is always appreciated when dealing with politics... you could become a DE Star next week. (Wow!) But please hurry, I'm not sure Martha Burk can wait for the statistics on this one.

Bayshore Drive appears Mondays. Mike is an alumnus of SIUC with a B.A. in cinema. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

The 2004 budget that recently passed the House will cut funding for veteran's health care and benefit programs by nearly \$25 billion over the next 10 years.

LETTERS

Story didn't focus on problems with drivers license policy

DEAR EDITOR:

I was struck by your story on "State lifts policy for truck drivers." Instead of researching the problems that people have because they are not allowed to drive, your reporter interviewed a student with a dependent that does have a driver's license. Your reporter also interviewed Carla Coppi from the ISS office who replies that they will help out students in an emergency. Of course they will and there are a lot of other nice people in Carbondale that will. However because of this your report is suggesting that not having a driver's license is not such a big problem. So I have a question: how many American

students do you know without a driver's license? My wife not having a driver's license is a big handicap for my family.

For example if my wife has to drive me to hospital at two o'clock at night ISS will be closed. My wife does not want to bother the same people every time if she and my daughter have to get somewhere where the bus cannot take them.

Anywhere outside Carbondale is out of question. Just at certain places within Carbondale when the bus is running the break route. Besides, because I have to drive my family everywhere it costs me a lot of time I could use to study instead. What is most important to me though is who is going to drive my daughter to school when I am in class? She is only three-years-old so she might be a bit young for the school bus. Maybe she should stay at home so my wife does not have to get out of the house until my daughter is four or five years old?

I believe your reporter should have focused on

these sort of problems instead and the reason why Illinois is one of the few states that require people to have a social security number to obtain a drivers license in the first place. Why have Illinois legislators not done anything before about this problem? Finally something really worth looking into is: Do policy makers in Illinois or Washington actually think that by stopping my wife to drive my daughter to school is reducing the terrorist threat?

Marinus van Kuilenburg
graduate student

War in Iraq is war on terror

DEAR EDITOR:

"We will live in peace, we will live in safety; we will be the herald of democracy and freedom for the world." That's what Marc Torney said this past

Monday. Knock, knock...we already were.

It is amazing how many people want to be critical of President Bush because of this war. People also want to compare him with Clinton, but it's like apples and oranges. Bush is doing something that will lead to the eventual good for our nation even though many don't see it while Clinton was busy getting fellatio performed on him. So many people want to criticize our nation for this war also and say that it is wrong, but those of you who are doing it at need to realize that this is a war on terrorism. Then people say that it is wrong because innocent people are losing their lives, but how many innocent people lost theirs on Sept. 11? If you really want something to protest about, set up shop in front of an abortion clinic. That is where innocent lives are being taken...pro-choice you say? Well I say this is a pro-choice war. Oh and by the way, God bless America.

John Cooper
supervisor, pre-major

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U.S. military doubles production of MREs for soldiers

Dave Levinthal
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (KRT) — French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte said a hungry soldier does an army no good. Heeding that need to feed, the U.S. military has doubled production of its meals ready to eat, or MREs.

The pre-packaged meals withstand drops from helicopters, submersion in fetid water and 120-degree temperatures to provide

soldiers with calorie-rich beef stew, meat loaf or chicken tetrazzini, a drink and dessert.

"If you look at the history of war and how a successful army travels on its stomach, it's amazing how efficient and useful they are," said Lee Ferrell, who as president of Longlife Food Depot in Indiana has sold surplus MREs for more than 20 The Defense Logistics Agency, which provides food and other supplies to soldiers, authorized 24 different MRE menus for 2003, said Frank

Johnson, agency spokesman. All come with a spoon, salt, chewing gum, hand cleaners, matches, toilet paper and flameless heater to warm the pre-cooked meal.

While none are gourmet, modern MREs have evolved substantially from the military's original government-subsidized chow.

Congress first authorized mandatory rations for U.S. sailors in 1794, providing a pound of bread, a pound of salted fish and an ounce of gill oil per day. It also ordered that

sailors "be allowed one-half pint of distilled spirits per day or, in lieu thereof, one quart of beer per day, to each ration."

Soldiers won't find a flask in modern-day MREs. But among the main courses ordered for 2004 are veggie grillers and Mexican macaroni and cheese. Those meals will include dried cranberries, molasses cookies, carrot cake, cheese spread with bacon, and peanut M&Ms.

Fish dishes, though frequently requested by soldiers in surveys,

have proved difficult to preserve and package, Johnson said.

Incidentally, the U.S. military has not increased its scheduled order of the comparatively bland "humanitarian daily rations," Johnson said.

The cousin of the MRE, these bean salad and lentil stew packages fed undernourished Afghans during U.S. military campaigns in 2001 and 2002. The standard schedule of humanitarian rations for 2003 is 500,000 individual packages.

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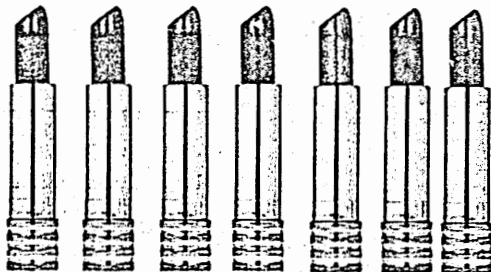


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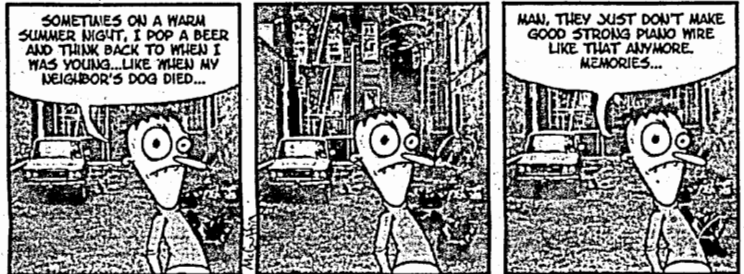
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Daily Horoscope

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Today's Birthday (April 14). This year you have a natural talent for making good business decisions. You also have a natural charm and can expand your influence. Take on a partner, or rely more on one you already have.

To get the advantage, check the day's ratings: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Take on your responsibilities with enthusiasm. If you don't know how to do a job, don't worry. You'll learn quickly.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You're not big on putting your feelings into words, but you could do that now. Somebody who's been blue would love hearing from you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Friends won't let you stay sad for long, even if you're in a pensive mood. See if you can get one of them to help you clean house. That'd make you feel a lot better.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Keep more of your coins in your pocket by finding a fabulous deal. You'll have to know what you're looking for and act quickly once you obtain it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - The more you do, the more you'll earn, so put your brains to work. You don't want to get much dirtier, so working smarter is a better choice.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - Love is the most powerful force in the universe, as you may already know. Use it to help yourself stay on track in these unsettled times.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're not big on doing without. You want what you want. This is a good day to practice, though - so you might as well go shopping!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You want things to stay pretty much as they are. If that's not happening, be alert. Your input can make an impact.

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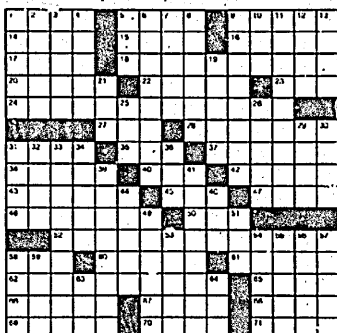
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 - Actress West
 - Moves slowly
 - Uneven cut
 - Nevertheless
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 - Olympian's sword
 - Wise man
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 - of a buyer
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 - Anderson of Jethro Tull
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 - Cereal grain
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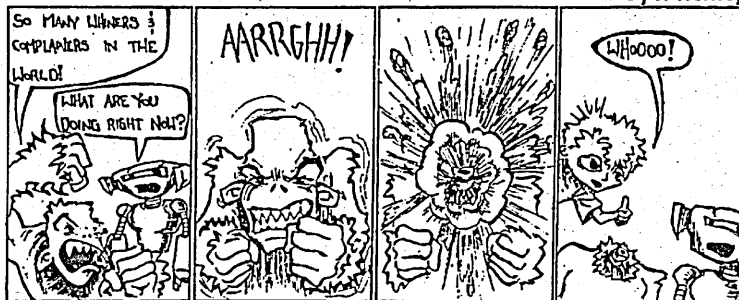
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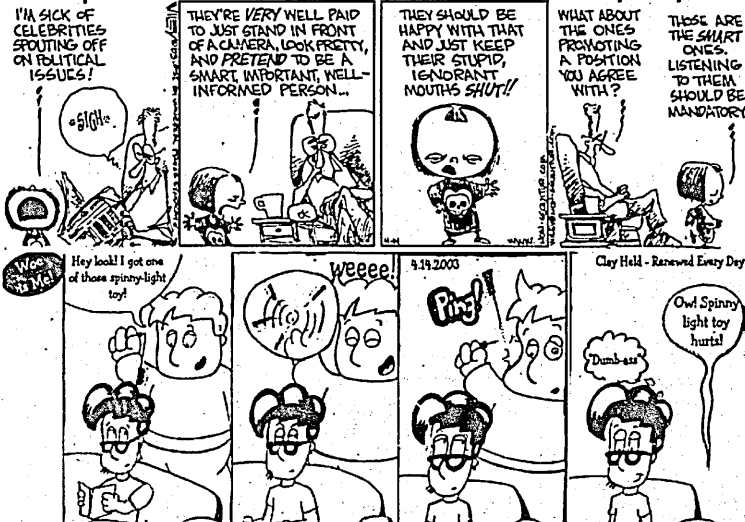


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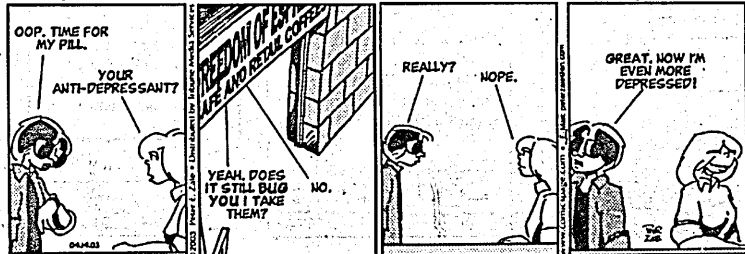
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Saluki men's golf looks to continue surprising success

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

After a strong performance at last week's Branson Creek Invitational, the SIU men's golf team is eager to one-up itself at the Billiken Invitational in Madison, which takes place today and tomorrow.

On paper, SIU seemingly had little chance for success at Branson last week, but proved itself by finishing second ahead of the top-flight competition there and surprising many.

"They were posting scores on the board after Monday's round when we were tied for the lead and Arkansas State's coach, I overheard him say, 'where in the hell did they come from?'" senior Grant Goltz said.

The looks of astonishment also came from fellow golfers.

"They kind of treated us like we were podunk," Goltz said. "The first

three or four holes I was playing with the guys and they wouldn't say much to me. After about seven or eight holes, I had most of them down two or three shots.

"That's when they finally started loosening up and being pretty cool guys."

Goltz, who finished eighth, along with fifth-place Josh Wheeler, led the Saluki charge in the Show-Me State, braving tough conditions in addition to the competition.

"People might not understand what went on, but in the second round it was 22 degree wind chill and we were tied for the lead playing against Wisconsin and Nebraska, plus there was Arkansas State, Sam Houston State. They're all in the top 130 in America," Goltz said.

The Salukis have been steadily improving through the spring season, but never finished near the top of the heap before Branson, and with only two tournaments left before

the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, SIU could be peaking at the right time.

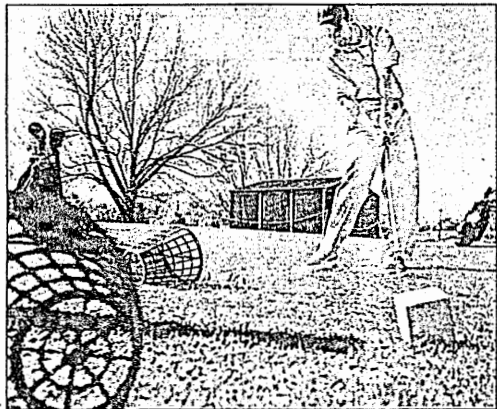
"The confidence is so high right now," Goltz said. "It's not going to be the exact same team going over to St. Louis, I know that. This did so much for us, because we've been kind of down this spring."

Next on SIU's agenda is to defeat some old nemeses.

"We want to win it. We got a second and we played some heck of a teams. There's several teams in here that we've not beaten recently," head coach Leroy Newton said, singling out Southeast Missouri State and the host Billikens. "But we're getting closer to them."

"After finishing second, the only next step for us would be one, if we can pull it off."

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SIU sophomore golfer Roger Welch hits some balls during Thursday's practice before the Billiken Invitational, which starts today. The Salukis placed second in the their last tournament.

SOFTBALL

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11th Saluki to hit a pair in one game.

The Saluki center fielder had been struggling at the plate, but after regaining her home run stroke over the past few games she feels she is finally contributing to the team's success.

"I look forward to every at-bat thinking 'all right, I can do it again,' Damico said. "I'm not necessarily looking for a home run, but I know I can hit the ball now."

The offensive surge is something the Salukis needed this weekend as star pitcher Amy Harre was less than stellar.

Harre was tagged for 13 hits and six earned runs in 12 1/3 innings of work. The sophomore did manage to strike out 12 SMS hitters and was credited with two victories to raise her record to 17-4.

Blaylock said she spoke with Harre prior to the series and told her things were not always going to come as easy as her last three starts have been as Harre has won them all by the eight-run rule.

"SMS believes they can hit her, and they attacked the ball," Blaylock said. "I told her these are weekends that you play their offense and defense comes to play and they have all year."

While Harre was off, senior pitcher Renee Mueller was golden, shutting out SMS (18-19, 7-9 MVC) in the second game. She allowed just three hits and pitching the final 1 2/3 innings of Sunday's final game to pick up her second save of the season as the Salukis were able to sweep SMS for the first time since 1995.

SIU third baseman Haley Viehhaus said it was important for the Salukis to finally take three from a team they should sweep after mishaps against Bradley and Drake.

"We haven't really been able to

do that," Viehhaus said. "We did it against Indiana State, but it was really important to do it against Southwest because we haven't done it to them in a while."

The win moved the Salukis into second place in the MVC just ahead of Wichita State, which had some trouble with Northern Iowa and now sits at 12-5 in MVC play. Illinois State is still leading the way with a 14-2 league mark.

Doehring, who went 7-of-10 this weekend with a home run, three doubles and four RBIs, said the Salukis should always play with the same fire they did this weekend.

"We should go out every game and have a lot of confidence in ourselves and play with a lot of intensity," Doehring said. "Because we seem to really pull some things out of the hat whenever we do that."

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BASEBALL

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SIU starter Andrew Weber (1-3) lasted only 4.2 innings before being relieved by the bullpen.

Kowzan came up big again, finishing the day 5-for-9 with a run scored, a double, a triple and two RBIs. Andrews and Boldt tallied four hits apiece and Finigan got on with three of his own. Barnett did not register a hit, snapping his streak at 19.

Going into the fourth game, the Salukis were once again going for a series win.

Kowzan yet again laid into the ball for three more hits in the Salukis' 10-4 win. He totaled eight hits and five RBIs for the series while Boldt swatted nine hits and two RBIs.

"I did all right," Kowzan said. "I hit a lot of balls hard and hit a lot of balls right at people. I felt really good at the plate. I was seeing the ball well, stay-

ing back and keeping my hands up." The SIU offense accumulated 30 runs on 50 hits, and Saluki relief pitching allowed only one run in 14 1/3 innings of work.

"Our starting pitching was not as good as it was last weekend against Illinois State," Callahan said. "Our bullpen, once again, kind of mirrored what we did against Northern Iowa a few weeks ago when our bullpen came in and did such a great job."

The Salukis (20-14, 11-4 MVC) are now in second place behind Wichita State in the MVC and will now have the week off, but play Southwest Missouri State in Carbondale beginning Friday. The Bears, who are just behind SIU in the standings, will have to face Saint Louis and Missouri before making the trip.

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SPORTS FLASH

Scotten leads SIU at Sea Ray Relays

Freshman Ray Scotten improved upon his NCAA regional qualifying performance from last Friday by clearing 17-9 in the men's pole vault invitational for third place. The mark is a Saluki outdoor record and a career best for Scotten. He vaulted 17-1 on Friday.

SIU finished fourth in the 4x1500m relay, and Chris Cine was 12th in the hammer throw with a heave of 170-7.

For the women, the relay squad consisting of Lecretia Akins, Noa Bettler, Ty Davis, and Korty Dunbar finished seventh in the 1600m sprint relay (3:56.83). Akins, Bettler, Davis and Kelsey Toussaint also teamed up for a 17th

place finish in the 4x400 (3:50.99). Inna Turevsky recorded a 14th place finish in the long jump (18-7). Katy Ritten was 19th in the shot put with a mark of 44 feet and 2.75 inches.

SIU men's tennis thwarted by WSU

The SIU men's tennis team was shutout 7-0 by the Wichita State Shockers this past weekend in Wichita, Kan. The Salukis did not record a single match victory.

SIU fell to 4-4 overall and 1-3 in the Missouri Valley Conference. The Salukis travel to Southwest Missouri State for another MVC matchup Sunday at 11 a.m.

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SIU women's tennis splits in weekend series

Salukis blanked by SW Missouri St., regroup to down feisty Wichita St. squad

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

Don't judge a team by its number — or lack thereof.

SIU didn't have to be told that, especially since it wanted to even its weekend record after losing to Southwest Missouri State 7-0 on Saturday.

But they still had to face the wrath of a depleted five-player Wichita State squad. The match that embodied that notion most was the No. 2 singles match. SIU's Maria Blanco was waged in back-and-forth war with Ana Exeni to the brim of the physical and mental exertion their bodies would allow.

The battle was also a preview for the Missouri Valley Conference Freshman of the Year, as both players are considered leading candidates.

With her eight fellow Salukis — all of them already finished with their matches — standing by cheering on her, Maria Blanco and Exeni traded points for a heated three sets.

But Exeni, who was once down 4-2 in the third set, was able to muster up what should have been her fifth win and take the set by one point, claiming the match 6-4, 2-6, 7-6. The match outlasted every other one by about twenty minutes.

While Maria Blanco was noticeably bothered by the loss and was later consoled by her teammates, she was also one of the heroines in the win. Her earlier teaming with her sister Alejandra Blanco in No. 1 doubles was an important win that allowed SIU to pull out the decisive double point that bumped SIU to a 4-3 win.

SIU is now 7-12 overall and 4-2 in

the MVC after this weekend's play.

"I knew Wichita was going to be tough," SIU head coach Judy Auld said. "They only had five players, but a lot of the time, the team rises to the occasion. I knew we'd have to compete really hard."

"It was a good team effort. Zuzana [Palovic] really pulled out a crucial match and Jessica Knitter was the same way. We had good matches from a lot of people."

Palovic defeated Natalie Guzman 6-2, 3-6 6-1, while Knitter downed Wendi Webster 4-6, 7-6, 6-1.

Against SMS, the Salukis faced a more experienced squad that has three seniors compared to the Salukis' none.

"[SMS] is a solid team all around," Auld said. "I knew they would be extremely strong. Those seniors pulled out some crucial matches for them. I was hoping we could pull out some matches here and there and squeak by, but a lot of things can happen in two weeks [MVC tournament]."

"You always got to go into things optimistic and think you are going to pull off some upsets and win."

SIU could even be closer to beating a team of SMS capabilities from what Alejandra Blanco said.

She said she thinks that the Salukis' 7-0 defeat is very deceiving and thought it didn't show they way [SIU] actually played.

The lone match win against the Bears was from the pair of Blancos. They defeated La Zozrashuili and Cassandra Godfrey 8-4.

"The thing is we have been working very hard on doubles," Alejandra Blanco said. "I don't think we were practice them as much as we should



STEVE JAHNKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU freshman Maria Blanco returns a volley from her sister Alejandra during warm-ups prior to the start of their doubles match against Southwest Missouri State Saturday morning at the University Courts. The tandem claimed the only victory of the day as the Salukis fell 7-0 to the Bears.

before. Now that we are, that is helping a lot."

And spring fever even affects tennis. Auld said she noticed a little bit of its adverse effects on the improved SIU squad in this weekend's matches.

"It is the end of the season and the end of the semester, and a lot of the players are tired and are having problems finding their focus," Auld said. "It could be because we were playing at home, but I don't think that is it. I just think at some points, people just

get worn out."

But while a split in most cases would just be acceptable, Auld is able to take much solace in looking at the Salukis dramatic improvement from earlier in the season, which has allowed SIU to turn some heads in the league.

"You gotta look at where this team has come from," Auld said. "In the fall, we were kind of a team in disarray. They have come a long, long way since the fall semester. I am very proud of them and how they have continued

to play very hard.

"Most of the players have turned their game up. They are going hard and going after their shot. That is how I want them play. I want them to go for their shots. I don't want them to back off and play tentative and hope their opponent is going to lose the match. I want my players to win the match."

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Room for improvement

SIU women's golf finishes ninth at E. Kentucky, hopes for more at MVC Championships

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

The Saluki women's golf squad finished out its regular season Saturday with a ninth-place finish at the Eastern Kentucky Lady Colonel Classic, but hard work will be needed if the team wants to win the Missouri Valley Conference Championship next week.

SIU did not have a practice round to prepare for the course in Richmond, Ky., because Abigail Johnson's professor would not let her reschedule a test, but this was only one of many factors putting the team at a disadvantage.

"A lot of things were not going our way last week," head coach Diane Daugherty said. "We didn't get a practice round, and I think that affected them the first round. I don't think they ever adjusted to the greens. They were just really different. They were very fast going downhill and very fast going uphill."

One Saluki able to adjust to the greens was junior Amy Rankin, who led her team for only the second time all spring, shooting two 77s after an opening round 81.

"I wasn't expecting anything," Rankin said, adding that her score of 235 was her lowest 54-hole total. "I kind of just went out and played the course instead worrying about different shots."

Another bright spot was Stefanie

Pate, who shot a 240. Unfortunately for the Salukis, Pate was competing individually, and her scores didn't count toward the team total. If she had played in the team competition, SIU would have finished fifth.

Mid-American conference rivals Toledo and Eastern Michigan tied for first, and the Rockets beat Eastern Michigan in a playoff for the win. Individually, Lee-Ann Pace, the winner of last month's Saluki Invitational, tied for first.

Despite the unimpressive finish by her team, head coach Diane Daugherty said the Salukis are in a good position heading into the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, which start Sunday in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"I felt good about the Missouri Valley. We're the underdogs for the first time in the last two years," Daugherty said, adding that, in the coaches poll, she voted for her team to finish fourth in the event. "Do I hope that we end up fourth, definitely not. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose because we're not the favorites."

"When you are the favorites, that's just a lot of pressure and you play with a lot of pressure on your shoulders."

The Salukis are hoping a week of intense preparation will help them sneak up on the competition. Many team members were even on the golf course Sunday, their day off.

"We're gonna work hard on the short game," Daugherty said. "The short game is what saves you and how you can score. I told them to ducks in a row as far as school and plan to spend a lot of time at the golf course this week. We're gonna work hard."

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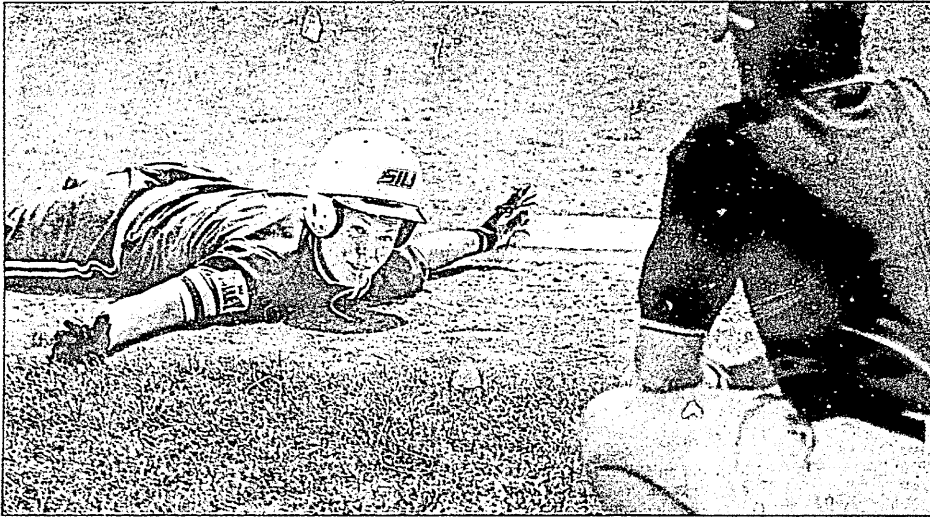
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SIU junior shortstop Jenny Doeiring shows her disappointment after head coach Kerri Blaylock confirms she was tagged out at third on a close call during game one of a doubleheader against Southwest Missouri State Saturday at Charlotte West Stadium. Doeiring went 7-for-10, with a home run, three doubles and four RBIs as the Salukis swept the series from SMS.

Saluki softball team sweeps SMS

SIU continues slugging its way into record books

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

For the second consecutive weekend, SIU sophomore Kelly Creek has damaged school property.

After putting the first dent into the scoreboard at Charlotte West Stadium on a home run against Drake, Creek hit another opposite field shot off the board in SIU's 7-0 victory over Southwest Missouri State Saturday.

The Salukis won their other two games Saturday and Sunday against the Bears in come-

from-behind fashion by identical 4-3 scores, sweeping the three-game series and improving their record to 28-6 and 12-3 in Missouri Valley Conference play.

SIU head coach Kerri Blaylock joked after Saturday's games that Creek is going to have to start paying to fix the scoreboard.

"I asked Kelly how much money she had in her checking account because we need to start repairing the dings," Blaylock said with a smile.

Creek was not the only Saluki to hit a home run in what is becoming a power surge in the record books of SIU. Louis and junior short stop Jenny Doeiring also hit home runs over the weekend while sophomore outfielder Maria Damico hit two in the 7-0 victory.

For the season the Salukis have hit 34 round

trippers, which is just three behind the SIU single-season record of 37. Wichita State has hit 40 dingers this season, which is the current MVC record, including six in a single game against a school named Friends last week.

In contrast, when SMS first baseman Staci Wartie went yard on Sunday, it marked just the third home run given up by the Salukis all season.

Louis' home run was her eighth of the season, tying the SIU freshman record set by Marta Viehhaus in 1998. Louis was unaware she had tied the record, but said she hasn't taken Marta Viehhaus' mark away from her.

"It's not fallen yet," Louis said with a smirk.

With her two home runs Damico became the

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SIU baseball takes three of four from Bradley

Offensive explosion helps Salukis blow away Braves

Christopher Morrill
Daily Egyptian

Like a squadron of marksmen, the SIU baseball team completed a shock and awe campaign of hitting against the Bradley Braves, taking out several pitchers along the way as they invaded Peoria.

SIU head coach Dan Callahan said last week he wanted to see some offense from team members other than catcher Toby Barnert and outfielder Sal Frisella.

Apparently, they got message.

In a pleasant turn of events for SIU, it was the rest of the team scratching out runs and RBIs

for the Salukis during SIU's 3-1 series win at Bradley. The wins give the Salukis their 20th win of the season and a league-leading 11 wins in the Missouri Valley Conference.

"We've got some guys that haven't been an integral part of the offense that came through and started swinging it this week like we thought they could," Callahan said.

The opening game saw Saluki ace Jake Alley (4-1) doing it again, pitching seven shutout innings and picking up his third win in three starts. Callahan said Alley did not have his best stuff, but was able to pitch through it.

The offense collected 13 hits in Friday's game, but some of the runs scored in the 10-2 win came in an unorthodox manner. With the bases loaded in the second, Bradley starter Craig Hawkins beamed the next two batters, giving the Dawgs the

lead for the rest of the way.

P.J. Finigan, Nathan Boldt, Matt Brewer and Toby Barnert all picked up multiple hits.

Saturday's doubleheader saw the two teams split with SIU winning the first game.

Barnert registered two more hits in the first game, extending his career-high hitting streak to 19 games while teammates Ross Kowzan and Nathan Boldt both went 3-for-4. Greg Andrews also had a multi-hit game as the team won 8-3 and racked up another 14 hits.

The second game of the twin bill saw the bottom half of Bradley's lineup have its way with the Dawgs' pitching. The Braves' Nos. 7, 8 and 9 hitters went 4-for-8 with five runs scored, two home runs and three RBIs in Bradley's 6-2 win over SIU.

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Williams shines at Portsmouth

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

It took Kent Williams four years to establish himself as a legend in southern Illinois, but it took him only four days to make himself a household name in Portsmouth, Va.

Williams and his team, Sales Systems Ltd., were crowned champions after winning all three of their games during this weekend's Portsmouth Invitational, which is an NBA proving ground for many of the nation's top seniors.

Williams was his team's top scorer in the championship game, scoring 17 points in 26 minutes and shooting 60 percent from the field.

Though thrilled with his big numbers, Williams said winning the championship was just as gratifying as showing off for the 181 NBA scouts present at the tournament.

"That's a pretty big deal to the people there. It's hard to describe how the tournament is," Williams said Sunday. "A lot of local people come watch it and the people coaching it take pride in it. So when we won the championship, it was a big deal for us, and for me to have a big game in that meant a lot too."

Williams said the key to his team's success was the way every player, including himself, shared the ball — something he hopes the scouts noticed, even if some of his teammates did not put up the huge numbers those on other teams did.

"Our team was a lucky team in that we didn't have too many selfish players," Williams said. "A lot of teams had that problem where everyone is trying to show the scouts what they can do."

Williams hopes scouts viewed his unselfishness, along with the fact he only committed four turnovers during the tournament, as a testament to his ability to play point guard.

But from what he heard, the scouts came away more impressed with his shooting and work ethic than anything.

He said scouts told him they were pleased with his 50-percent field goal percentage during the tournament, but were equally interested his ability to shoot NBA three-pointers.

Williams flew back into Carbondale Sunday and is preparing for what could be the most arduous part of the NBA scouting process — the waiting game.

He expects it will take a few weeks before scouts inform him of whether he will be one of 60 players invited to the Chicago workouts in June, which is usually a must for any player hoping to be drafted.

Though he was satisfied with his play in Virginia, Williams still would love to get one more shot to strut his stuff for NBA scouts, and hopes that opportunity will be in the Windy City.

"I feel like I played all-right and I got to show them a little bit of what I can do," Williams said. "But it would be nice if they could still watch me play more."

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