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Cuba delegation departs Friday

Focus of trip to discuss possible student, teacher exchanges

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU President James Walker, Paul Simon and a delegation of 29 others will leave for Cuba on Friday.

Walker announced plans for the revived trip, originally scheduled to leave in November, at the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday. The original trip was canceled by Cuban government officials two days before departure.

The Cuban government issued a statement saying it wanted to reschedule the trip because of "unplanned and unforeseen situations."

Members of SIUC, SIU-Edwardsville, the SIU School of Medicine and other local and state officials will discuss the possible exchange of Cuban students and teachers with Illinois institutes. They will also explore issues of education, agriculture, health and public policy relations with Cuba.

The trip will last four to 10 days, depending on the delegates' schedules.

Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute, was one of the first senators to initiate legislation aimed at improving relations with Cuba during his time in Congress. He said the United States should develop better relations with a country located just 90 miles off the American coast by participating in teacher exchanges, trade and tourism.

Although one goal of the trip is to discuss possible teacher and student exchanges between Cuba and the United States, Simon said it is unclear if the trip will be able to accomplish this. However, he said the ultimate goal of improving relations with Cuba will not be lost.

"But if nothing else, you end up with SIU officials with a greater understanding of the world," Simon said.

The trip was spearheaded when Ramirez de Estonez, leader of the Cuban interests section at the Swiss Embassy in Washington D.C., visited the University in October 1999. Estonez, the highest ranking Cuban official in the United States, discussed education, health and agricultural programs and research with SIUC officials during his Carbondale visit.

Estonez invited SIU officials to Cuba, said Scott Kaiser, spokesman for the president.

"We are hoping to open relationships mutually beneficial to Cuba and SIU," Kaiser said.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said he never received further word on the reasons the November trip was canceled. However, Jackson, a member of the delegation leaving on Friday, said he is optimistic the trip will run smoothly this time around.

"I hope so, but I'll entirely believe it when the plane lands in Havana," Jackson said.

CREAL SPRINGS TANK FARM

Plans to build an 87 million gallon petroleum tank farm has spurred heated controversy in Creal Springs, IL. Three large oil companies, the EPA, the federal government, counties, politicians and environmentalists are only some of the players in this year-long battle.

Tank farm causes big stir in small town

KATE MCCANN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

CREAL SPRINGS — Eighty-six-year-old Al Herpstreith parts the curtain with one trembling, gauged hand and peers out his kitchen window.

"They must be in a rush to be workin' on a Saturday," Herpstreith mutters, gazing at an orange hard-hat clad construction worker directing four earthmovers rumbling across the field in back of Herpstreith's home.

Herpstreith is a 24-year inhabitant of Creal Springs, a small town of modest homes and Baptist churches, scattered across acres of rolling farmland.

This isolated community of about 800 people was jolted into the media spotlight last year, with the realization that their newest neighbors would be 80 million gallons of petroleum products stored on a 47-acre tank farm.

The second part of what is referred to as the Centennial Pipeline project will convert a natural gas pipeline running from Louisiana through central Illinois to one that carries petroleum products.

On most days, the only signs of controversy boiling beneath the town's tranquil surface are hastily scribbled signs reading "No Tanks" dotting property near the site. Or the occasional, displaced-looking car with tinted windows whizzing down roads that are usually frequented by pickup trucks.

Herpstreith's home was the final parcel of land to be bought in anticipation of the project, totaling 300 acres bought by Centennial.

J. David Thompson Realty, which bought the land for the three merged oil companies spearheading the project, approached Herpstreith four times before he consented to sell last Dec. 12 for a price substantially more than his home's estimated worth.

After his wife's death three years ago, Herpstreith has lived alone with only the com-



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Al Herpstreith, 86, sits in the living room of a house that is being purchased from him by J. David Thompson Realty for a group of three oil companies. Herpstreith is a longtime Creal Springs resident who has come to accept the new face of industrialization that a large tank farm will bring, though some of his neighbors disagree.

pany of a part-time nurse, his dog and his oxygen tank, calmly awaiting what he predicts to be an inevitable trip to the nursing home.

"It ain't hit me yet really," says Herpstreith of his May 1 deadline to vacate. "If I was younger I never would have been in a hurry to sell."

His connection to the town stretches back to 1946, the year he and his wife Freda wed and began a tradition of visiting family in Creal Springs once-a-month.

Lazy afternoons spent fishing at the pond up the road, with his now-deceased brother-in-law, are his most vivid memories of those visits in a Creal Springs Herpstreith describes as "more together back in them days."

But the people he once knew as friends and neighbors are dead. The pond is still there, but it's surrounded by barbed wire. Residents caught fishing are subject to fines for trespassing on private property.

Directly across the road from Herpstreith's property on Doron Road, the Pulley house is a frenzy of activity. Documents, phone messages and e-mails regarding the effort to thwart the Centennial project lay strewn throughout the kitchen and living room.

Inside the home in which she has lived since the age of 13, Marguerite Pulley jots down legal advice coming through the telephone while rifling through documents from the Office of Pipeline Safety.

Even 11-year-old Rheena Pulley has taken a cue from her teacher-turned-activist mother, speaking to politicians about the cause and delivering a public plea at a tank farm hearing

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TANKS

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last year.

There are other neighbors whose homes border the site who are disgusted by the project, like Christina Weir, who doesn't want her five small children breathing in the estimated 87 tons of toxic emissions the tank farm will produce each year.

But in Kay's Sugar Creek Cafe, the town's only restaurant, sentiment towards the project is much more welcoming.

"Anything that comes here new is good. The working people will appreciate it," said owner Kay Kelley.

And then there's restaurant patron Bob Harper, who looks forward to increased revenue for the economically-depressed area.

"I'm proud it's out there — it brings money in," said Harper. "Course," he adds wryly, "I'd just as soon it be up in Chicago."

The Centennial project will bring about 12 permanent jobs to Creal Springs — however, they will likely be given to skilled workers from outside the town. Construction-related jobs will only create temporary employment for local residents.

But if the report released by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission two weeks ago is any indicator of what the future brings, then supporters of the project will be satisfied.

Conclusions of the environmental assessment report submitted by the commission dealt a crushing blow to opponents of Centennial, as it pronounced the 51-year old natural gas pipeline safe for abandonment, the first step preceding a conversion to petroleum.

Citizens Against Centennial Tank Farms, or CACTUS, have actively lobbied for a more extensive study, called an Environmental Impact Statement, to be conducted on the 51-year-old pipe, which they argue is ripe for calamity.

The group cites factors such as local seismic activity, the proximity of Shawnee National Forest and Crab Orchard Creek to the project and the pipe's accident-prone history. Through publicizing the issue, the group has garnered strong support from some local politicians and environmentalists.

But at least one resident remains isolated from the outside turmoil, at peace with his decision to regard Centennial as progress for Creal Springs, and to sidestep a battle he sees as futile.

"I'm not fighting it," Herpstreith says between whoezes. "I'm too old. Ya can't win off them big oil companies."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY
Lunch with an Author
John Shriver
author of "Structural Biology" noon
Interfaith Center

Public Relations Student Society of America Meeting
4:30 p.m.
Cambria Room-Student Center

Zoology Club
Dr. Burr - "Life History of Shanks" 5 p.m.
Life Sciences 3 Auditorium (1059)

Pi Sigma Epsilon Meeting 6:30 p.m. Illinois Room - Student Center

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WEATHER



WEDNESDAY:

Thunderstorms
High: 59
Low: 37



THURSDAY:

Rain
High: 41
Low: 39

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

An 18-year-old female reported her purse stolen at 10:30 p.m. Sunday in Wright III. The victim told police she had put her purse down in the hall while carrying bags into her room. When she returned for the purse, it was gone. The purse contained a cellular telephone, various credit cards, a camera and a wallet. Police have no suspects, and the total loss was placed at more than \$300.

Emile Anthony Rey III, 21, of Carbondale was arrested at 4:05 p.m. Monday at 850 Lincoln Drive and charged with driving without a valid license. Rey was also arrested on an outstanding warrant charging failure to appear on an original charge of a traffic offense. Rey was released after he posted a \$500 cash bond.

A residential burglary was reported to have occurred between 6 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. Monday in Mae Smith Hall. Reported missing was a lava lamp valued at \$35. There were no signs of forced entry, and police have no suspects.

CORRECTIONS

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, extension 228 or 229.

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1973:

Ed Carmel, a dummy made of clothes from the 40s and 50s, a Halloween mask and 40 issues of the Chicago Sun Times, was running for the office of Student Body President.

National Super Markets had a gallon of milk on sale for 19 cents, five loaves of bread for a dollar and a 6-pack of Pepsi, in 16 ounce bottles, for 69 cents.

UCLA was ranked first in the AP Men's College Basketball Poll with a record of 18-0. North Carolina State was ranked second with a record of 19-0.

Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane" was playing at the Fox Eastgate Theater, where all seats were a dollar.

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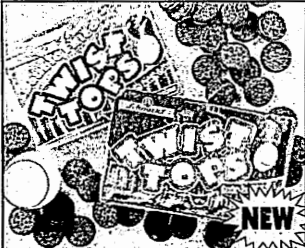
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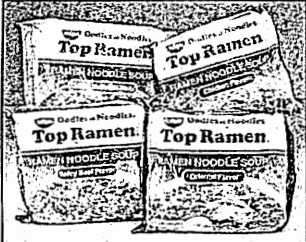


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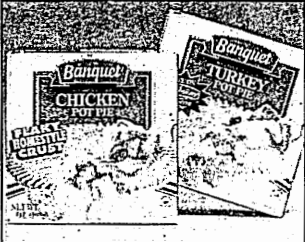
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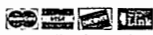
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Carbondale ward system battle moves to court

Civil rights could be violated by the City's current at-large system

MARK LAMBRID
DAILY EGYPTIAN

objections to the Carbondale Electoral Officers Board Friday ruling that two conflicting referendums could remain on the ballot.

The objections question constitutionality of the decision and conflict of interest with Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan. Ford and Taylor filed the first referendum in December, which if approved would divide the city into four wards, keeping the number of council seats at four.

SIUC professor David Kenny and City Council candidate Corene McDaniel filed the second referendum in January. The referendum, also known as the hybrid ward system, if approved would divide the city into four wards and increase the council by two members, who would be elected



on an at-large, or city-wide basis.

The referendums would only affect City Council races and would not change the mayoral election. The mayor is elected on a city-wide basis.

In the first objection Taylor and Ford questioned the constitutionality of the statute City Attorney Paige Reed based her opinion on.

Ford and Taylor's objection asked the court to review the interpretation of a statute. The objection raised the question as to whether the statute hindered the city's ability to change from an at-large system to a ward system.

The second objection concerned Flanagan's position on the board. The objection stated that a conflict of interest was apparent because Flanagan supported the hybrid ward system and she was running for City Council.

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Two SIUC students are challenging the City of Carbondale's stance on two ward system referendums slated to be voted on in the April 3 election.

Ed Ford, a graduate student, and Rob Taylor, a Carbondale City Council candidate, filed two



Bradley Eakins, a sophomore in engineering technology from St. Charles, is surrounded by construction while looking for information on the first floor of Morris Library. Scaffolding lines the ceiling of Morris Library in preparation for asbestos removal.

JESSICA KOLB
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Abatement project disruptive to students

CARLY HEMPHILL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sitting under the temporary ceiling in the northeast corner of Morris Library, Rachel Morales finds it hard to study with the tapping of hammers and buzzing of electric tools overhead.

Although the library is a place students go to get away from distractions while studying, the renovation in Morris Library is disrupting the quiet atmosphere as construction progresses.

Morales, a senior in foreign language and international trade from Edinburg, Texas, has resorted to other quiet places, such as the Student Center, to avoid the distractions of the construction.

"I know it has to be done, but it's inconvenient," she said.

The \$900,000 abatement project began its first phase in Morris Library in January. The noise comes from workers building scaffolding so they can climb into the ceiling to remove asbestos. Asbestos, which was used in older buildings for insulation, can be dangerous in large amounts if it is inhaled.

Now several subcontractors hired by Fitch and Fitzgerald contracting firm are sealing in the area with a rubber membrane and two layers of plastic

sheets before the abatement will begin.

During the removal of the asbestos, there will be elaborate safety precautions to ensure Morris Library patrons will not be affected by the mineral. Care will be taken to prevent the leakage of water and numerous air-quality tests will be conducted during the renovation, said Jim Fox, the interim dean of Library Affairs. The air tests are done by a machine that takes air samples all day to measure the asbestos fibers in the air. The printouts of asbestos levels the office of Library Affairs receives each morning has shown the levels to be well under a dangerous level.

"If they ever reached a point that was dangerous, they would stop the project immediately and clear the building," Fox said.

This is the third abatement project Fitch and Fitzgerald has contracted for Morris Library, and the company has never had any problems with high levels of asbestos.

In addition to the noise, there are metal poles holding up the plywood deck the workers are standing on, making it more difficult to move around the computers and sit at the tables.

Cindy Leibfritz, a junior in English from Chicago, said she wishes the renovation could have been done in the summer, when not as many students are in Morris Library.

But students and the public will benefit from this small inconvenience once the project is completed in May or June. The ventilation, air flow and lighting in Morris Library will be improved after the ductwork is cleaned out, said Fox.

The arrangement of the study areas and the computers will also be more convenient for the public.

"It gives us the opportunity to organize space more efficiently for the public," said Susan Logue, associate dean for library support services.

The improvements will not only be noticeable to library users, but also to the staff. The building will be maintained more economically after the removal of the asbestos. The computer connections will be rewired so that the staff can rearrange the computers in the undergraduate library.

"What we'll notice is that we'll be able to do modifications to run wires for electricity at less expense," Fox said.

Right now, computers are connected to the network using power poles and extension cords, which are continually in the way of the staff, Fox said.

Morris Library is maintaining its regular operations and hours during the renovation and students still have access to all materials of the undergraduate library.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Scholarships available for SIUC women

The Carbondale branch of the American Association of University Women is offering four \$350 scholarships, plus a one-year AAUW membership to women currently enrolled at SIUC and continuing or entering any field of graduate or professional education.

The awards can be utilized beginning June 1. Preferences will be given to local students, and one award is reserved for a non-traditional student.

Applicants must submit a letter including a résumé, current or planned enrollment status, major, achievements, financial status and a statement of professional goals before March 25.

For more information, contact Marcia Anderson at 453-3321.

Mail hosts version of 'The Dating Game'

A real-life version of "The Dating Game," with mall employees as contestants, will start at noon today in the Grand Court of the University Mall. Paxton Guy from WVAZ FM will host the mock dating show which is open to the public in honor of Valentine's Day.

Field trip to see waterfowl

The Shawnee Audubon Society is sponsoring a field trip to Memet Lake from 7:30 a.m. to noon Saturday to view waterfowl. Members of the public are welcome to come, free of charge.

The group will meet in the parking lot in front of the conservation office at Memet Lake. Those attending should bring binoculars and dress for the weather. There will be some easy hiking.

For more information call 564-2079.

Signing ceremony for new faculty contract today

A signing ceremony for the newly-approved contract between the administration and the Faculty Association will take place at 9:30 a.m. today at the Student Center Vermillion Room.

SIU President James Walker and interim Chancellor John Jackson will be in attendance, joining members of the Faculty Association and members of the negotiating teams to honor the event.

Make way for the Queen: Mavis Staples pays tribute to Mahalia Jackson

EMILY OSTENDORF
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Joseph Brown has more than a dozen Mahalia Jackson albums in his home and a Mavis Staples poster hanging on his office wall. To call him a fan of these two singers would be an understatement.

"I have my ticket squeezed up in my hand," Brown said. "I will be there; that's not a question."

Brown, director of Black American Studies, has used Jackson's music in his teaching for 35 years to illustrate the importance of gospel and "church music" to the African-American culture.

"It's more than just singing. It's kind of the key that unlocks the door to the culture," Brown said.

Ann Marie Shepherd, vice president of the



graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, was first introduced to Mahalia Jackson's music in college, where her choir director exposed her to many types of music, including gospel.

Shepherd, like so many others, sets Jackson apart as a "dynamic gospel singer, with a lot of soul and conviction." Jackson is known as the Queen of Gospel.

It was this vocal passion that drew people to Jackson's music, but for Shepherd, it was something more.

"She was a Christian lady," Shepherd said. "I think that influenced my great appreciation. She cared about people."

Mavis Staples, who will be taking the Shryock Auditorium stage on Thursday evening, is also a fan of Jackson's music. She met Jackson at age 11 when they first sang together.

At age 15, Staples began traveling with her family on gospel caravans, touring the United States during the Civil Rights era. In a Toronto Sun interview, Staples told a reporter, "Being with my family made things easy. Daddy would tell us to abide by the rules — if a place said, 'For coloreds,' that's where you go. But I hated it!"

"We'd pray and ask the Lord to keep us strong 'cause sometimes it'd hurt so bad."

Credited with being one of the first American singers to bring black gospel music to a worldwide, multiracial audience, Jackson is also associ-

TRIBUTE TO MAHALIA JACKSON

MAVIS STAPLES WILL PERFORM HER TRIBUTE TO MAHALIA JACKSON AT 8 P.M. THURSDAY AT SHRYOCK AUDITORIUM. STUDENTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS MAY PURCHASE HALF-PRICE RUSH TICKETS FOR \$10 AT THE SHRYOCK BOX OFFICE A HALF-HOUR BEFORE THE SHOW. THE EVENT IS LOCALLY SPONSORED BY ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY.

ated with the Civil Rights Movement. She is remembered for singing "I Been 'Buked and I Been Scorned" to an audience of 200,000 on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. This song preceded Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

Jackson spent time with the Staples family

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OUR WORD

City council election is too important for students to ignore

Throughout the next two weeks, the DAILY EGYPTIAN will feature profiles of the nine people running for the Carbondale City Council, helping our readers learn about the men and women who are vying to represent the city. With the primary election for the two council positions approaching on Feb. 27, this is the best time to become acquainted with the issues the candidates plan to push if elected.

Carbondale is just as much the students' city as any longtime resident. The University is the lifeblood of this area and the interdependent relationship we have with this community means it is crucial students play a role in deciding who would best represent them.

We have done it before. Students turned out in droves in 1997 to vote, and then repeated the record numbers in 1999. Motivated by the barren age and towing problems, student turnout has shot up since 1995. In 1999, turnout in student-dominated precincts almost tripled from 1995, leaping from 462 to 1,212. The students of the last few years have realized how much influence council members can have in their lives and this year

should be no different. Problems with shoddy student housing? Take it up with your council member — they are the ones who can directly bring about change. Bring up anything you feel is important to making Carbondale a better place to live. And now is the perfect time. With nine people competing, there is ample

opportunity to find two candidates who you think best represent the students' interest.

With another record turnout by an informed student body, the students are guaranteed representation on the City Council

Students should also be prepared to vote knowledgeably about the two referendums that will appear on the ballot. The referendums want to change the current at-large system to a ward system, in which members will be elected from certain districts or wards. Though the two referendums propose slightly different ward systems, they both would create more opportunities for a student council member to be elected.

This election is too important to be uninformed when Feb. 27 rolls around. As the University and the city continue to function hand-in-hand, each election serves as an opportunity for students to choose their representation. So get to know the candidates, and ensure that the needs of SIU students are a major consideration in Carbondale's future.

COLUMNIST

Take the time to reflect on your African heritage on V-day

Since this is Valentine's Day, I think a topic of love would be most appropriate for my column. You know the funny thing about love is that it is pretty selective in all its choosing. There is always the one loved and the one not loved as much. It's kind of interesting because it was once debated whether or not Africans in America could be capable of such emotion. I am kind of curious about that myself.

Can we? Can people who have been through so much in terms of oppression and the ongoing genocide of the black male in America truly know and express love to each other when we are so focused on ourselves and not one another. Can people whose identity was stolen really know who they can love?

Can Africans afford to see ourselves as individuals and not worry about the state of our people all across the world, considering our economically deprived state all over the world? Half of us in Africa are dying of AIDS and civil wars in the Greater Horn of Africa and Central Africa have endangered the political stability and cultural unity of all our nations of people.

In America, we are seeking to separate ourselves on the basis of class and gender attacking the respective sects of the "Black" problem, while being constantly oppressed by the European way of life in America (i.e. George Bush, Ashcroft, the police, the Supreme Court, the Federal Reserve Bank, the American university system and Republicans.) Where is racial unity? Where is the love?

On one day we are to appreciate the ones we love and wish to spend the rest of our lives with, or at least the rest of the night. But can we gain solace in that temporary joy when our sisters and brothers in Africa are dying, where families are being torn apart and the rage of capitalism has us seeking emotional refuge in the purchasing of one another's hearts. We are a nation suffering and maybe Valentine's Day should be our day to reach back and send some love to our ancestors, recognizing that there is a world that extends farther than us to Africa, to the Caribbean, and to each other.

I know. You are saying, "Be real, how is this going to help us

by acknowledging this LOVE of each other?" I'm glad you asked. Think of it in this way: If we learn to love ourselves then our validation as a people will not be dependent on the way others perceive us. We can see examples of this all across the world, even as local as the University. A group love would allow Africans to see the connection we have with each other and the pathological occurrence of oppression and racism toward us, not individually, but as a people.

Africans in America usually see themselves as being distinct from Africans in Africa. Why, I don't know, but acknowledging the similarities of a people in two parts of the world with pretty much the same problems and the same labels should be throwing up red flags in many aspects of our life.

How can people in different parts of the world be influenced if not shaped by the same claims of inferiority and immorality not be the victims of the same phenomenon?

We go to college, we get a degree and suddenly we are different than the ancestors and family members who came before us, making this possible. We buy our girl flowers not

thinking of the queen made to pick cotton for the master, or the Mammy forced to see the miss enjoy her new Valentine bracelet. We have to carefully examine everyday occurrences with consciousness, and be prepared to challenge their practice and the definitions that the mass majority of this country accepts, and most classes here ignore or perpetuate.

On Valentine's Day, we should find the love by acknowledging that we are all children of Africa and that our community extends farther than our hometown, our state or our alleged country. We have to acknowledge our lost loves in the people we never see and can only hear in our dreams, reciting a language we can't understand, but feel.

MY NOMMO appears on Wednesday. Tommy is a senior in political science and philosophy. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



My Nommo

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LETTERS

Front row fans far from funny at Saturday's game, says loyal Saluki

DEAR EDITOR:

I am a loyal Saluki basketball fan. I have enjoyed coming to basketball games for several years now. I was very excited to go and be in attendance for the Saluki vs. Creighton basketball game on Saturday, but was appalled by what took place just minutes before tip-off. I was eagerly awaiting the game for some time and was at the SIU Arena before the doors even opened on that Saturday afternoon. The fraternity known as the "Pikes" (I do not know their official name, or care to for that matter) came prancing into the game minutes before tip-off flashing their greek letters across their minuscule chests.

This group of men were insistent that they had reserved the first four rows in the "Dawg Pound" in the area that we usually call "home." We then got pushed to relocate from the area so these "clowns" could throw their frosted-tipped hair into the camera lenses. My friends and I are always in attendance for each and every home game and for this to happen was a disgrace. It's great for both the team and the University to pack the Arena and I, as a fan, try to recruit fans to the games, but these aren't the fans we need to see supporting not even our school, but ESPN.

At about one minute and 20 seconds to go in the game with Salukis down by about 18 points, the few remaining "Pikes" in attendance decided that it was a good idea to scream because the substitutes were coming in. Call me crazy, but this doesn't seem like a happy moment to me, especially after falling to Creighton on national television. I also do not know the policy on Arena seating but I do know that you are limited to one seat per student ID, and I went to get my ticket a day in advance. So, unless there was a block of "Pikes" going to get tickets earlier than mid-afternoon on Friday, I do not know how they received four rows of seating right under the basketball hoop.

Where were these guys against Ball State University and Murray State University? At the tanning booths?

Russell R. Boersma
 senior, industrial design

Students need to be aware of WIDB radio

DEAR EDITOR:

I was recently made aware that we have a radio station on campus, and I am not talking about TAO. WIDB is our campus station, run by students for students. Unfortunately, the majority of the students on this campus do not know about WIDB. Because they have no FM signal, they can only be heard in the Student Center, on channel 5 on University television, and on the web at www.widb.net. I just want to say that students need to be aware that WIDB is out there. It should be played in the residence dining halls and they should be at school functions playing their music for the students. If we don't support WIDB now, we may not have it in a few years. It is up to us the students to pay attention and listen in. The more listeners, the more they improve. The more they improve the prouder we will be that we have a radio station like WIDB.

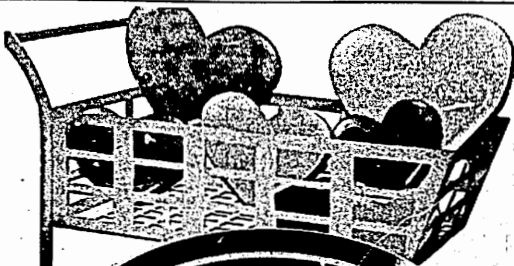
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At the Chocolate Factory, between Golconda and Dixon Springs, colored chocolate is coated into molds using a paint brush. This method allows color to be separated exactly for cartoon characters, animals or chocolate hearts.

STORY BY KELLY DAVENPORT PHOTOS BY ALEX HAGLUND

GOLCONDA — Chocolate makes Linda Meherg happy. When she's not playing gospel music or preaching to customers about cocoa beans and cocoa butter content, she's up to her elbows in the sweet stuff. See Linda smile as she lifts the lid on a huge vat of syrupy chocolate and you get the feeling she never has a bad day at work.

And Linda would like to think her shop, The Chocolate Factory in Golconda, spreads love — through its sunrises sprinkled with dew, covered in chocolate and a miracle or two.

Call her Mrs. Willy Wonka, because she wants to "make the world taste good."

"You know what?" Linda says, as she surveys her kitchen — the piles of specialty molds, the 300 pounds of melted chocolate swirling in a vat. "We don't get sick of chocolate here!"

About 20 years ago, Linda attended a chocolate-making demonstration and jumped into the business herself. Today, The Chocolate Factory — located about 50 miles southeast of Carbondale — draws customers from all over Southern Illinois and ships its handmade treats cross-country. The shop's guest book has names from as far away as California and

Washington. This time of year, it's Valentine's Day rush, with two weeks of heavy sales leading up to V-Day. "You get tired of hearts, though," Linda says, painting green chocolate into a mold of a Stegosaurus. "But with

Easter, you have rabbits and eggs and all kinds of other shapes."

The chocolates from Linda's shop come from Nestlé stock that is tempered — heated, mixed and cooled — to make it silky and rich. The process changes the composition of the chocolate, which is already rich in cocoa butter, the ingredient that adds flavor.

"If it makes a mess and melts in your hand, it's good chocolate," Linda explains.

And Linda's chocolate keeps the doors to her shop swinging. "Almost everybody's a regular," says Josh Crain, a senior in cinema and photography, who has worked the counter here for seven years. "Chocolate puts people in a good mood."

Chocolate's been an in-demand aphrodisiac ever since Columbus took chocolate beans back to the New World. Soldiers have carried the morale-boosting treat into battle since the Civil War. And ancient Incas used it as currency. Now doctors suspect chocolate prevents heart disease, because

it contains an artery-cleaning component similar to that found in red wine.

Everyone's still in lust with congealed cocoa fat, says Amy Bullock of Eddyville, who had to learn to curb her passion for the sweet treat while on the job. But just a little.

"Linda told us we had to eat our mistakes," she says. "So that got me over the feeling of wanting to chow it all."

Amy makes many of the desserts from molds, painting liquid chocolate into the forms and injecting fillings from a pastry bag. Then the trays gel in the freezer before jetting out fresh to the rows of candy jars in the shop.

"I couldn't do bonbons at all when I first started," laughs Amy, who has worked part-time at the shop for the last year. Now she whips out boxfuls of orange cremes in a couple of hours.

But why chocolate for Valentine's Day? Herin resident Gigi Gould knows. "It means love."



Linda Meherg and Cindy Allen, both of Dixon Springs, work to fill molds with chocolate in the kitchen of the Chocolate Factory on Saturday morning. Preparation for Valentine's Day begins about two weeks prior to February 14.



House bill would offer merit-based funding

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A bill that would provide scholarships for students with a B-average or better has been reintroduced to the Illinois House of Representatives, after the Senate failed to vote on it last year.

Rep. Louis Lang, D-Skokie, reintroduced the bill on Feb. 5. He said he believes the bill would have passed last year if a vote had been called in the Senate.

The bill would offer students with a B-average or better a full scholarship to state universities and community colleges or a grant for up to \$4,700 to private universities in the state. Students would have to maintain the B-average

to continue receiving the funding. The Higher Education Scholarship Act, the B-average bill, was passed 74-32 in the House last year with four additional amendments. "It hasn't changed. It's still a good bill," Lang said.

Lang estimates the plan would cost \$170 million. Many states including Arkansas, Kentucky, California and Georgia already have programs similar to the B-average that are based on merit.

Critics of the bill argue that the program could take funding away from need-based scholarships for low-income students. Lang said with proper budgeting the state can afford the program without taking money from need-based funds. Lang referred to the

argument of it taking money as a "red herring." "I don't know how you could say you can't afford \$170 million to send 100,000 college students to school in the state," Lang said.

Low-income students who achieve a B-average or better would be eligible for the program, which would allow the need-based funds that would have gone to them to assist other students.

The Legislature is not the only group discussing merit-based funding. At the Feb. 6 Illinois Board of Higher Education, the board tossed around a similar idea.

Don Sevensen, director of communications for the IBHE, said the board is not addressing any actual proposals on the topic, but did discuss it as a hypothetical question during the

meeting. Executive director Keith Sanders presented the proposed next steps for maintaining Illinois' top ranking given by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. During the presentation, Sanders also brought up other options the board could consider.

One of the major issues was ensuring high school students are adequately prepared for college. Sanders threw out an idea to the board of using cash incentives to urge high school students to take college preparation courses and standardized tests, like the Prairie State Exam, Sevensen said.

High marks in college well on exams or receive high marks in college preparatory classes could be offered aid for college.



EUALISE FRYE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Meri Clark purchases a heart at the Student Center McDonald's Tuesday. Hearts cost \$1 and up, depending on the color, and benefits go to the Ronald McDonald Children's Charity.

Have some heart today

Fundraiser targets students to give to charity

STACEY ROBINSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Everyone walking into the Student Center McDonald's can see the love students are sharing this semester, as the walls are plastered with more than 2,000 little pink, red and gold hearts donated by students for charity.

McDonald's, along with various other organizations like Six Flags of St. Louis, Coca-Cola and others, hosted the 2001 Give A Little Love program. The event, which began on Jan. 26 and ends today, was part of the annual Heart Fund-raiser for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Tina Compton, general manager for the Student Center McDonald's, said this is the second time they presented the charity for McDonald's. She said the event is sponsored every year before Valentine's Day to raise money for charities.

"Last year we only sold about 600. We've more than doubled our sales this year," Compton said.

The money raised in the Student Center goes directly to the RMHC

Grant Fund, and will be used in local schools and organizations.

Last year McDonald's reported that funds from the grant bought computers for seven pre-Kindergarten classes, science education equipment, funded the D.A.R.E. Program, National Night Out (anti-crime, drug, and violence program), Accelerated Reading Programs in two schools, provided for updated library services, educational field trips, and aided Operation C.A.R.E. Bear (Christmas for 26 families and gifts for 82 children).

Syndi Tichenor, a junior in civil engineering from Sullivan, who works at McDonald's, said whenever students came to her register she would tell them what it was for. Tichenor and her son both purchased hearts.

"I think it's a good charity, but next time we should strive for a red one or gold one," Tichenor said.

The hearts were priced at \$1 for the pink, \$5 for red and more than \$5 for gold. Upon receiving the donations, McDonald's displayed a heart with the name, business, staff members or organization, showing that they supported the Heart Fund-raiser. Compton said the fund-raiser is

also a competition among all the local McDonald's. Whoever sells the most hearts receives a prize.

Jermaine Nelson, a junior in electrical engineering from Chicago, and Carla Daniels, a graduate student in instructional multimedia from Gary, Ind., both said they thought the fundraiser was a good way to get students and the community involved.

"I buy one every year," said Daniels. "Everyone should share if they are able to because you never know when you will be in need."

Everyone should share if they are able to because you never know when you will be in need.

CARLA DANIELS
graduate student in instructional multimedia from Gary, Ind.

Nelson said it was an opportunity for students to be motivated to do something special for Valentine's Day.

"I did it for a friend who is very close to me, just as a remembrance of our friendship," said Nelson.

Although the heart program ends today, students can still give donations and have the chance to retrieve their hearts by the weekend. McDonald's extends their appreciation to everyone who donated this semester and looks forward to next year.

"Students have been great, most of the hearts we have come from them," Compton said.

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EULALIE FAYE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SMASHING: Jeremiah Monk, 8, and Grace Senneff, 7, construct pinch and coil pots at the Craft Shop Tuesday. Marisa Spooner leads pottery lessons for children age 7-12 every Tuesday.

Two classes combine to form 20th Century literary history course

Students to learn about contemporary authors

LIZ GUARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The classic stories told by Virginia Woolf, Sam Beckett and James Michener may now be taught in the same classroom.

The English Department has combined two classes, American literature and British literature, to form a new course called Literary History of Britain and the United States from 1900 to the present.

Elizabeth Klaver, director of undergraduate studies and assistant professor of English, said the department began to notice that it was becoming difficult to separate the literary history of America and Britain. The two countries' literary histories are closely knit and both include sev-

eral of the same famous authors. Klaver said she first recognized the problem when she noticed T.S. Eliot's name being mentioned in both the American literature and British literature classes.

"T.S. Eliot is an American author, but he lived in England for most of his career, and he was being taught in both classes," Klaver said.

Courtney Wind, a lecturer in English who recently received her master's degree, recalls taking the two classes separately. She said she was not sure about the change because of the wealth of material covered in the two courses.

"[The classes] cover so much material that I think students might miss out on some things," Wind said. But Klaver assured that students would be missing out on any material or have to repeat material.

"Students should feel confident that we will accommodate them," Klaver said.

Edward Brunner, professor of English, wanted to combine the two classes for several reasons. Brunner

said that 20th Century American and British literature have more in common with each other than the 19th and 20th centuries of each.

The American literature course began teaching the history from 1865, and the British literature course in 1800. Brunner said it seemed that there was never enough time to study contemporary literature, and that the courses would always end around 1970.

"That was OK in 1985, but now it's 2001, and students need to have enough time to learn about all the new literature that's out there," Brunner said.

The new course will begin to be offered in summer 2001, and a couple of changes are anticipated.

Brunner said he hopes the course will allow students to get away from prepackaged anthologies or textbooks.

"Hopefully it won't be limited to just novels and we can get into reading autobiographies, travel writing and various other kinds of writing," Brunner said.

Drug incidents skyrocket at U. Washington dorms

MIKE BROWN
THE DAILY
(U. WASHINGTON)

SEATTLE (U-Wire) - Arrests, citations and warnings for illegal drugs have increased by almost 900 percent since 1996 in the University of Washington residence halls.

Campus-wide, the combination of illegal drug arrests, citations and warnings has increased from 35 in 1996 to 200 in 2000. In the residence halls alone, the number has increased from five to 49 in the same five years.

Police records indicate most of the incidents involved marijuana rather than harder drugs, such as cocaine or LSD. The data was provided by Sgt. David Girtz of the UWPD and was analyzed by The Daily.

The trend is consistent with data recently released by the U.S. Department

of Education, which listed the UW as having the fourth highest number of illegal drug arrests in the nation. The statistics listed only arrests for illegal drugs through 1999. According to the report, on-campus arrests for illegal drugs increased from 29 in 1997 to 127 in 1999 at the UW.

It is unclear the degree to which the increase in drug-related incidents is attributable to increased illegal drug use on campus or increased law enforcement efforts. Girtz was unable to explain the increase and did not know of any policy changes that may have caused the increase.

UW Police Chief Vicky Peltzer, who has been police chief since August of 1999, was also unable to explain the dramatic increase. She said she has not implemented any policy changes that could have caused the

increase nor was she aware of any policy changes made by her predecessor, Roger Serra, that might explain the increase.

"We are a very proactive department, but I'm not aware of any policy changes," said Peltzer.

Despite the consistent increase in drug incidents, Peltzer said illegal drugs do not overly plague the UW. She attributes most of the incidents to non-students.

"We feel that approximately 80 percent of the incidents involve non-students. We are an urban campus and a lot of people from the surrounding area come onto campus. I don't believe the UW has any larger problem with illegal drugs than other universities in similar circumstances," said Peltzer.

The current record-keeping system does not track whether suspects are students at the UW. There are plans under way

to improve the system, and Peltzer would like to be able to positively identify incidents involving students versus non-students.

Of the drug-related incidents inside the residence halls, Peltzer attributes the increase more to a strong focus on community policing than on increased drug use. She also points out that just because the incidents took place in the residence halls does not mean students were exclusively involved.

The UWPD has officers monitor the residence halls. Peltzer found that some officers were not spending as much time in the halls as she felt was necessary.

"I have really, really strongly encouraged officers assigned to the residence halls to spend time in the halls. I want the dorm officers to know what is going on inside the dorms," said Peltzer.

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Intervenors argue affirmative action helps many races.

JEN FISH
MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

DETROIT (U-Wire) — As the lawsuit challenging the University of Michigan Law School admission policies heads into its final day of witness testimony later this week, the intervening defendants Monday attempted to show that affirmative action is not a black-and-white issue — literally.

Opponents of affirmative action, including the plaintiff's counsel, the Center for Individual Rights, have contended that race-conscious admissions can be detrimental to Asian-Americans because they are not typically classified as underrepresented minorities.

"Asian-Americans clearly benefit and are clearly not harmed (by affirmative action)," said Howard University law Prof. Frank Wu. Because

the term "Asian-American" encompasses many different countries, Wu told U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman, to call all Asians overrepresented is misleading.

For example, the passage of Proposition 209, which ended affirmative action in California, has eliminated the representation of certain Asian groups — such as Filipino students — at the University of California at Los Angeles altogether.

It is widely acknowledged, Wu said, that Asian-Americans have been held up as a kind of "model minority." While this may seem positive, Wu warned that the positive stereotypes of Asian-Americans carry with them a negative counterpart.

But CIR lawyer Larry Purdy disputed this point, saying outside the courtroom that "I don't think any of the positive things you hear about Asian-Americans are then used in a negative way,"

a point he attempted to make during cross examination.

Wu testified that the stereotype of Asian-Americans as a "model minority" not only promotes discrimination but also pits Asian-Americans against blacks in the affirmative action debate.

Because of the success of some Asian-Americans, Wu said, the group is "brought into this debate and held up as if to say, 'They made it, why can't you?'" to blacks.

Wu said he was also troubled by the stereotype because it causes backlash against Asian-Americans. Hate crimes against Asian-Americans, he said, increased after the passage of Proposition 209.

"Asian-Americans have benefited tremendously from affirmative action and in addition, we wanted to make clear that the Asian-American community has overwhelmingly taken a position

of refusing to be used as a vehicle for racist insults towards other minorities and, in particular, black people," said Miranda Massie, lead counsel for the intervenors.

Also testifying Monday was Faith Smith, President of Native American Educational Services, a private college. Smith said the dropout rate for Native Americans is high at conventional colleges.

She added that affirmative action programs are necessary to educate mainstream society about Native Americans, and it also helps to "change the quality of people working in our community."

The University also recalled Education Prof. Stephen Raudenbush, who reiterated his earlier testimony criticizing the analysis of CIR witness and statistician Kinley Lantz, who maintained that there is no statistical model that can measure the extent to which race is used in admissions decisions.



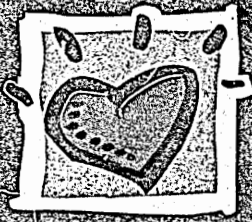
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Kenny said the issue could be considered a civil rights issue. Until the late 1980s Springfield had an at-large system of electing council members to the City Council. At the time no minority had been elected to the council. The issue was taken to court and the court ruled the at-large system was in violation of civil rights because all the council members had been from the same area of Springfield.

Kenny said the issue is also very important to students and minorities in Carbondale.

"If students and minorities get behind this issue it will pass and they will have a chance to gain political power in the city," Kenny said.

Kenny said that you can see the unequal distribution of power in Carbondale by driving through the northeast side or the southeast side of town. He said the conditions of roads, sidewalks and drainage in these parts of town are neglected more than those in the southwest section of town.

This is a chance to change

the system Kenny said, and students and minorities have the most to gain.

"This is the most significant political battle for students in the history of the city," Kenny said.

Ford said the Jackson County Circuit Court will be exploring the same issues that were brought before the Electoral Board. If the court rejects the objection or rules against it, there is a possibility they will continue the fight.

"We will have to look at the time constraints, before we would decide to appeal," Taylor said.

This will make the second time Ford and Taylor have taken the ward issue to court. The first was last summer after the board rejected their first referendum. The board rejected the referendum because the referendum would be on the ballot during a general election.

Ford and Taylor filed an objection to this ruling; however, the judge's ruling came on Nov. 8, one day after the election. The judge ruled the objection was a moot point because the election had already passed.

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throughout her life, and Mavis grew to admire Jackson as a mentor and role model. They sang together again during a gospel program in New York City in 1969. In 1997, 25 years after Jackson's death, Staples had the honor of inducting her into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

In 1999, the Staples Sisters were also inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The group was made famous for her hits such as "I'll Take You There," "Respect Yourself" and "Let's Do It Again."

Shepherd said that Mavis must be "in touch with her [Jackson] in spirit." This great appreciation and conviction towards Jackson's music is what Shepherd says will make

Thursday evening's concert enjoyable.

"Mavis is very effervescent ... and she's a sexy lady," Shepherd said. "She sings with so much soul and enthusiasm."

Several students from Brown's Black American history class will have the chance to meet with Staples during a sound check before the show. Brown said when he announced this special opportunity, "the hands shot straight up" for volunteers.

Shepherd is also looking forward to seeing Staples in concert. She is anticipating hearing her old favorite songs, including "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," which made the No. 69 slot of the Billboard Top 100 in 1958, and "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen."

"If you can make it through 'Nobody Knows the Trouble' Shepherd said, "and not ball your eyes out, you're a very strong person."

CUBA

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Jackson said his reason for going on the trip is to offer information about SIU and discuss with Cuban officials and educators about the possibility of exchanging students and faculty with the University.

Cuba is interested in much of the research being conducted in Illinois, including agricultural areas such as soybean and pork production, Jackson said.

SIU's trip to Cuba is a follow-up to a trip made by Gov. George Ryan in October 1999. Ryan was invited to talk to Cuban President Fidel Castro and is the first sitting governor to visit Cuba in 40 years.

The United States and Cuba have a long history of bad relations, which flared up again last year when 6-year-old Cuban refugee Elián Gonzalez was caught in a legal battle between his Miami relatives and his Cuban father.

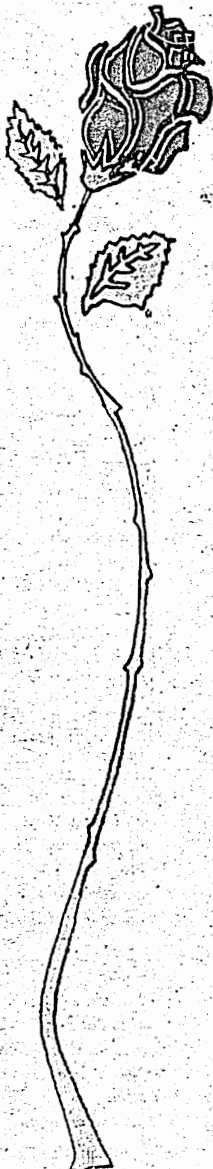
When Gonzalez's mother drowned en route to Florida, United States and Cuban officials vied over the legal rights of the boy. Gonzalez was eventually sent back to Cuba to remain in the custody of his father.

Despite difficult relations in the past with Cuban officials, Keith Sanders, executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, is confident that the people of Illinois can build stronger ties with Cubans as a result of the trip.

Sanders said he would like to lift the blanket the United States has put on Cuba and believes the people of Illinois and Cuba will be able to engage in new enterprises.

Illinois colleges have a high enrollment in students taking English as a second language and Hispanics represent a growing minority in Illinois schools, he said.

Cubans typically speak both Spanish and English and Illinois would like to recruit a number of Cuban teachers who would teach Spanish or English as a second language.



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Natalie, Hanni, Jenny, Angela, Jill, Amanda and all my Sigma sisters - have a great Valentine's Day! Love, Franciene

To Merideth, my loving wife, Happy Valentines Day, Kirk

LJE, Not only are you a great friend and boyfriend, but you are a great roommate as well. I love you very much, and look forward to our trips together, Love MR.

Michelle S. & all the girls at the Alpha

Gamma Delta house. Love, Mom, Dad & Brian S.

To Bob I'll love you for ever even though you deflate me when company comes over. from, your blow up doll

Meu Amor, Eu te amo sempre. Projecto & C.A.M. co-director

To Dawn P. the woman I love and my partner for life. Happy Valentines Day!, Love Justin

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Love, Chris

Christelle, you're so beautiful and sweet. I just want to

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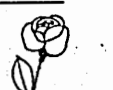
With nectar sweet as honey A syrup of flowing silk Like a bubbly kind of lava As smooth as cold real 2% milk

Ahhh, the sweet taste of love.

Love, Mouse Man

To Julie, You get out there and find a stinking Valentine. Your Valentine + Roommate - Amy

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every position. SIU lost just four seniors, with only two being position players, from last season's 41-22 ballclub. So tossing in six newcomers, and an injury returnee from last season, gives Blaylock all the reason to be upbeat.

"We're excited, we're ready to stop practice and actually start to play," Blaylock said. "We look for good things, you know you always have to get out on the field and do it, but we're very, very hopeful that we're going to have a good year."

Leading the barrage for SIU, which is tabbed fourth in the Missouri Valley Conference preseason poll, is senior pitcher/designated player Erin

Stremsterfer and senior center fielder Marta Viefhaus. Both are preseason first-team All-MVC selections.

Stremsterfer led the Salukis in hitting last season with a .281 average, seven home runs and 22 stolen bases. The double threat returns from a 15-7 season on the mound. And the fact that her 0.80 ERA was the third highest out of four pitchers on the team shows the pitching staff's dominance.

Viefhaus, SIU's all-time home run leader, has taken a break from the long-ball swing in order to improve as a contact hitter.

Stremsterfer and Viefhaus, along with fellow seniors Amanda Rexroat, Julie Meier, Chiara Calvetti and Hallahan will be key contributors as the veteran leaders.

But it's a large core of underclassmen that could push the Salukis ahead of the pack this season. Newcomers Mary Jaszczak, a phenom prep pitcher, Tara Glasco, a blue-collar competitor and twins Adie and Haley Viefhaus — younger sisters of Marta — all proved they could excel at this level in the fall.

Blaylock also inherited talented transfers Tahira Saafir and Elissa Hopkins.

Saafir, a sophomore infield transfer from Lewis University, won a state championship at Thornwood High School and will be one of Blaylock's key middle infielders, while the junior Hopkins, a John A. Logan transfer, provides depth and a gun in the outfield. Hopkins sat out in the fall with a dislocated thumb.

Saafir actually transferred to SIU last year, but opted to stay away from the game for a year. In finding Saafir, Blaylock did not have to go far.

"She came to my door," Blaylock explained.

The addition of Adie Viefhaus will come as a bit of a relief for junior catcher Karrie Fortman. Because of an injury to catcher Andrea Harris last season, Fortman was forced to handle all of the catching responsibilities, starting in all 18 MVC games.

Blaylock said Fortman and Adie Viefhaus will swap playing time at first, and then, whoever starts to swing the bat better will get the nod since they are both so effective defensively. Harris will see time as a designated player because of her shoulder problems.

Creighton University narrowly edged the University of Evansville 183- to 180 for the distinction of league favorite, with Illinois State University (157) and SIU (142) closely behind. The parity this season is similar to last year, where three teams finished in a tie for first place in the regular season standings.

But the Salukis are more concerned with where they finish, not where they're picked at the start.

"To tell you the truth, I personally don't pay a lot of attention to rankings. I think that every year underdogs come up to win," Hallahan said. "I'm not worried about the rankings."

2001 Southern Illinois University Saluki Softball Schedule

February

16-18	Mississippi State Tournament	Starkville, Miss.
16	vs. Drexel	Noon
17	vs. Tennessee Tech	1 p.m.
17	vs. Winthrop	3 p.m.
18	vs. Texas-Arlington	Noon
23-25	Troy Cox Invitational	Las Cruces, N.M.
23	vs. Oregon	10:15 a.m.
23	vs. Baylor	7:45 p.m.
24	vs. Texas A&M-CC	10:15 a.m.
24	vs. New Mexico State	2 p.m.
25	vs. Iowa State	12:15 p.m.

March

3-4	Southern Classic	Carbondale
3	vs. Bradley	12:30 p.m.
3	vs. Butler	2:30 p.m.
4	vs. Northern Illinois	12:30 p.m.
4	vs. Indiana	2:30 p.m.
9-11	National Invitational Tournament	San Jose, Calif.
9	vs. California	10 a.m.
9	vs. Iowa	4 p.m.
9	vs. UC Santa Barbara	6 p.m.
10-11	Playoffs	TBA
13	at St Mary's *	1:30 p.m.
17	Drake *	Noon
18	Drake *	Noon
20	Southeast Missouri *	2:30 p.m.
24	at Northern Iowa *	Noon
25	at Northern Iowa *	Noon
29	at St. Louis	3 p.m.
31	Wichita State *	Noon

April

1	Wichita State	Noon
4	Evansville	3 p.m.
7	at Illinois State *	Noon
8	at Illinois State *	Noon
11	Western Kentucky *	2:30 p.m.
13	SW Missouri	5 p.m.
14	SW Missouri *	Noon
16	at Southeast Missouri *	4 p.m.
18	at Evansville *	5 p.m.
21	at Indiana State *	Noon
22	at Indiana State	Noon
28	Bradley *	Noon
29	Bradley	Noon

May

2	vs. Mississippi (Cape Girardeau, Mo.)	5 p.m.
4	at Creighton	5 p.m.
5	at Creighton *	11 a.m.
11-13	MVC Tournament	Omaha, Neb.

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1	CREIGHTON (183)	Jays
2	EVANSVILLE (180)	Blue Jays
3	ILLINOIS STATE (157)	Blue Jays
4	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (142)	Blue Jays
5	SW MISSOURI (117)	Blue Jays
6	NORTHERN IOWA (102)	Blue Jays
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While they are ready, that does not mean there won't be some butterflies the night before the meet.

"The main thing that'll be going through my mind is excitement, I can't really hold a thought in my mind on Wednesday night," Munz said. "I'm usually too excited to fall asleep, I just kind of sit there, lay in my bed for awhile and just kind of imagine how it's going to go."

Teammate Luke Wotruba said he also has a hard time sleeping, but knows once he gets to the pool, everything will be just fine.

"We're a good team, maybe the best on campus," Wotruba said. "(The student) might as well come check us out and see what we have to offer."

If anyone has more anticipation for Thursday than the men's team, it is the diving team since all the returning members were forced to redshirt last season and therefore missed the MVC's.

"I'm kind of nervous," said junior Breanne Hay. "Coming from a year off,

it's kind of like a first meet again, but we're all ready, we're excited."

Diving coach Donnie Torres said his team is ready both physically and mentally for Thursday.

"Last week they were nervous, now this week they're more focused because the meet is this week," Torres said. "The adrenaline is pumping because it isn't next week, it wasn't last week, it's this week."

Last, but not least, are the women swimmers. The Salukis, who have won six of the last seven MVC titles, have as much confidence going into the meet as anybody.

"We're going to win," said freshman Kyria Kershner. "Whoever's going to try to take us down is dreaming."

Besides the fact they have dominated inside the pool, the Salukis have made an effort to become even closer outside of the pool.

"We've been doing a lot of team bonding things, hanging out together," Gerardi said. "We've been seeing each other a lot, a lot of activities out of the water which I think is helping."

One of the things the team has done all year long is make signs supporting each other which are displayed along the pool deck.

"It's totally mental," said sophomore Amber Mullins. "Everybody just gets together and makes signs. I think it's more of an intimidating thing for the other team. On Thursday when they come, we're going to have signs all over the pool."

Women's head coach Jeff Goetz said for the Salukis to continue to win, every single person has to step up — from the sprinters to the distance girls to the divers.

"If you're seeded 10th, you better step up and take eight, if you're seeded 14th, you better be 10th. Everybody needs to move up," Goetz said.

Senior Melanie Williams put it bluntly when it came to describing SIU's mindset for Thursday.

"Definitely focused, ready," Williams said. "We're ready to win a championship."

WATER DAWGS

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Faith keeps husker assistant at Nebraska

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LINCOLN, Neb. (U-Wire) — Hanging from a wall behind Ron Brown's desk is a saying that reads, "We are not all winners and we are not all losers. But all of us are choosers."

For Brown, those choices have led him to Nebraska. And it doesn't appear that he's leaving anytime soon, no matter how glamorous the job offer may be.

The latest big name to come calling with a job offer was Dick Vermeil, coach of the Kansas City Chiefs. Though Brown was tempted, he turned the offer down.

Brown has repeatedly chosen to stay at Nebraska, at the same rung on the coaching ladder he's been at for 14 years. It's not your typical coaching move, but, then again, Brown's not your typical football coach.

His use of one-liners is comparable to how many times Nebraska goes to a five-receiver set. He doesn't use catchy phrases or clichés.

And he refers to his religion like most people talk about the weather.

On this Saturday night, Brown is scheduled to speak at Faith-Westwood United Methodist Church in Omaha. People enter the sanctuary, their anxious chatter a contrast to the usual near-silence of a church.

When Brown finally walks in at 8:20 p.m., loud applause follows him. Brown, who speaks at several engagements throughout the state every year, smiles and begins his address. This is Brown's

real passion.

"Football is an opportunity to use a skill and talent that God has given me to share what I think are the most important things in life," said Brown, who admits to using football as a platform to express his Christian feelings. "There is a thrill involved in that. I live for those opportunities."

Brown's confidence is evident as he stands at the podium. His ensuing testimony focuses on devotion to God and touches on the dangers of alcohol, drugs, gambling and premarital sex. He speaks confidently, like a minister, nothing like a football coach.

He seems completely secure with who he is and what he is doing.

"My ultimate goal in coaching is to allow Christ to coach through me, so that when people see me, they're seeing Christ," Brown said. "That's more important than seeing Ron Brown."

When Brown completes his testimony almost two hours later, the crowd files out silent, inspired. One man labels Brown's speech, "intense."

Intense, indeed. Brown lives for more than Nebraska football, and he's not afraid to tell people about it.

"One thing I've tried hard not to do is separate my coaching from who I am," said Brown, who received public backlash last year when he spoke out against homosexuality. "Some people have a problem with that. They want me to separate my coaching from my faith in Christ. I can't do that. That would be a huge hypocrisy. You have to be who you are."

Brown, who wasn't initially attracted

to the coaching profession, came to Nebraska in 1987 from Brown University, his alma mater.

The move from the Ivy League to a college football power was a significant one, but the position did have its drawbacks.

Brown is the receivers' coach in an option offense that regularly wins rushing titles. The Huskers have only promoted six receivers/tight ends to the NFL in Brown's 14 years. NU's wideouts are more known for cut blocks than diving catches.

Because of the drawbacks, NU appeared more like a stepping stone than a final destination for Brown.

"When you're a young coach, the so-called advice that you get in the profession is 'don't stay at a place more than three years,'" Brown said. "Paid: the resume, set yourself up to be this big-time head coach."

Whatever the advice, Brown didn't take it.

"For a while, I was buying into all that, but I began to see that God had a much different plan for my life," Brown said.

Brown's door has been knocked on by the likes of Brown University, who offered a coaching job, Florida State, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Chiefs. Coach Brown, who Frank Solich said was one of many Husker coaches who received opportunities at other programs, was widely respected in his field.

"He's very articulate, a very positive person," said former Brown Athletic Director John Parry, now at Butler. "His faith is part of his strength. It's just part of who he is."

XFL: Bringing new meaning to the X

Just when you thought the marketing "gurus" had milked the letter X of every last drop of metaphorical and acronym-ical meaning, along comes Vince McMahon, ready to serve up his dose of extreme, as if anyone even knows what it is anymore.

It was ESPN's X-Games. Then Pepsi's Generation NeXt — eXtreme this and eXtreme that — and now, of course, we have eXtreme football players. But how can these XFLers, who could never make an NFL roster or who've tried and already failed, be any more extreme than animals such as Ray Lewis?

The XFL has what the NFL covets in a young WWF fan base, which in this day and age, appears to be what the NFL is losing every year. What the XFL lacks, and would kill for (or prefer one of their players to be), is a Lewis-type thug who dominates the game.

That the XFL was beaten in the ratings by Disney's Parent Trap shows how shifty McMahon's target audience is. The Nielsen ratings dropped from a 10.3 to a 5.1 in a one-week span. What happened?

Was it the lack of talent that caused people to opt for the fairy tales of Walt Disney? Kids have short attention spans, maybe that's it. Or perhaps the reality of 22 Rudy's chasing a football isn't all that appealing to the masses. And I probably just insulted the real Rudy.

When former-Bear Rashaan Salaam can tally 158 yards in a game, be skeptical, be very skeptical. Any league in which this is possible is one that grays lack talent — a term foreign to the XFL. Did Salaam get that many yards in his entire career as a Bear?

What would you rather watch, the clean-cut Brain Urlacher lay out an unsuspecting back or some ejected-from-the-game XFL ruff-raff throwing a sideline tantrum? And where are all the brutal plays McMahon promised us? At least he is smart enough not to run his season parallel to the NFL's. That would only expedite this make-believe league's failure.

On top of that, McMahon is trying to pass this league off as "real." And with all the silicone on the sidelines of these games, how can that be? Not to mention the phony work each episode's producers try to pass off as in-between-play reporting. The acting is worse than afternoon soaps, which is really what this farce of a league has turned out to be.

McMahon tried to make it clear from the start that these games wouldn't be scripted. And with the pay around \$50,000 a game — with incentives for things like winning — he seems to have ended up with a communist-China-turned-cyber-capitalist system. But anyone who doesn't believe that all the sideline drama of this "game" is scripted — as is misled as a 10-year-old boy who thinks the same of the WWF. And believe me, there are plenty of kids who think this stuff is real. It's time their fathers sat down with them and had a talk.

And even if all the sideline antics are real, how can anyone expect real football from the people who brought us the likes of King Kong Bundy and Jake the Snake Roberts? But now we have the XFL equivalent in HeHateMe, Thoro, Big Time and Raybo, among others. What is a raybo? And who Hates Me?

Las Vegas Outlaw running back HeHateMe — former Western Kentucky Hilltopper R&D Smart in real life — should hate himself for losing to the Salukis, 52-14 on Nov. 20, 1999. That was his final game in college.

Soon, he will play his last "extreme" football game, and expect the freak show of McMahon's circus to have an ending, as abrupt as Dumbo's mother going psycho. And maybe then, the X will no longer mark the spot.



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SIU track and field freshman Noa Beitler credits healthy diet, strong practice effort, for record-breaking performance

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Have you had your McDonald's break today? You can probably be sure that Noa Beitler hasn't.

The freshman SIU track and field athlete resists the traditional American temptation of bingeing on fast food, instead relying on a healthy diet and that played a part in her record-breaking performance in the 800 meter run last weekend at the Iowa State Invitational.

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Gus says: You'd think a runner would like fast food

"I ate good at home, so when I came [to America] it was hard," said Beitler, referring to her native country of Israel. "Most of the people are going to buy fast food, which is a problem and I'm trying not to do it."

Beitler's time of two minutes and 9.16 seconds shattered an 11-year-old SIU record in the 800 set by Rosanne Vincent.

"It's always good to be good," Beitler, a major in industrial design, said simply. "Especially when you're a freshman, because no one knows what you can do."

Beitler finished eighth in the race, which included 11 NCAA qualifiers.

"I tried to do my best," Beitler said. "[The other runners] started really fast, but I know that I have my own pace and I just tried to stick to that."

"I just kept moving and moving and they were tired."

SIU women's track and field head coach Don DeNoon provided a plethora of reasons for her success.

"She's for real. Why is she for real? Because she's focused and she pushes herself so hard in practices and she's confident," DeNoon said. "Those are the three assets of an athlete that just makes you say 'Oh, God, bring them on.' I wish I had people that were confident and worked

hard and have the material to work with — you don't always get that."

"She's easy to work with and she's a good communicator."

DeNoon also credited Beitler's healthy diet to her achievement.

"The fortunate thing is she's got a social life for sure, but she puts it in perspective," DeNoon said. "She really wants to be a quality athlete and she's not going to do anything that's going to mess that up. She's very conscious of her food intake."

Beitler is already looking forward to

more success.

"I hope that next year I can do a lot better and break my own record," Beitler said.

She also realizes what the means are to those ends.

"I'm working so hard, so I need to eat good," Beitler said. "I'm keeping on my diet. That's something that's in my country, we eat good."



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Noa Beitler, a senior in industrial design from Israel, practices her moves on the Recreation Center track Tuesday afternoon with the rest of the Saluki track team.

SALUKI SPORTS NOTES

Aztec Invitational rained out, women's golf finishes ninth

The SIU women's golf team finished ninth overall at the Aztec Invitational after rain caused the final 18-of-36 holes to be canceled Tuesday.

The invitational, which took place on Barona Country Club in Lakeside, Calif., was won by the University of Michigan and Brigham Young University, who both finished with scores of 311. Kent State University took third with a score of 317. The Salukis scored 328 and were led by junior Alison Hiller, who tied for second-place individually with a score of 74.

Undefeated sisters lead Nebraska tennis

VINCE KUPPING
DAILY NEBRASKAN (U: NEBRASKA)

LINCOLN, Neb. (U-WIRE) — They don't look the same, they don't act the same, and they don't play the same.

One has blond hair and is shorter than the other, a redhead with several body piercings.

One spends her time studying, while the other isn't as concerned about schoolwork.

One is loose on the court, a finesse player; the other is focused and is an intense, power player.

The only common bonds are the freckles and the incredible tennis talent. But the attachment of Rebecca and Leslie Harvey, sisters separated by a year, is unbreakable — when one finishes her match early, she immediately shifts her attention to the other's match.

The Harvey sisters, a large part of Nebraska's tennis future, are absolutely inseparable.

"We are each other's success, we are each other's fan club, we are each other's motivation," Rebecca Harvey said. "It's just always been that way for us."

Since arriving at NU last fall, the freshmen have taken the Nebraska women's tennis team by storm.

Leslie has been vntoppable this spring, posting a 5-0 singles record with her all matches being decided in two sets, the closest 6-2.

Playing at the No. 1 spot last weekend for her third consecutive match, the younger sister is fast becoming a top contender for the No. 1 spot during Big 12 play.

Rebecca Harvey also has had no problem with the opposition in her first year of college tennis.

The elder sister, who attended the Air Force Academy last year but didn't play tennis, is 4-0 this spring at the No. 5 and 6 singles spots.

Like her sister, Rebecca Harvey has yet to drop a set. In Sunday's match, she didn't give up a single point in her match, winning 6-0, 6-0, as well as her doubles match, 8-0.

Add the Harveys' numbers up, and collectively they've won 18 sets and lost none.

To post that spotless record, the Harveys have made great strides since they arrived on campus last fall, Coach Scott Jacobson said.

"It's night and day from the (first) tournament we went to in September in Wichita to today," he said. "There's just no comparison."

Jacobson credits the sisters' improvement to their work ethic.

"They are the type of kids that are going to constantly get better because they really don't have a second gear," he said. "When they come to practice, they only know one speed and that's full speed."

Both sisters credited the coaching staff and the rest of the team for their vast improvements. Leslie Harvey mentioned her serve and mentality on the court, while Rebecca Harvey said the coaches helped her with her backhand and speed on the court.

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The time has come for the water Dawgs

SIU swimming and diving teams prepare to claim crowns at MVC Championships

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 DAILY EGYPTIAN

All year long, the SIU men's and women's swimming and diving teams have been working themselves to the bone in anticipation of one meet.

That meet is the Missouri Valley Conference Championship, which takes place Thursday through Saturday at the Recreation Center pool.

The Saluki men's team is looking to regain the crown, which was theirs for five straight years before Southwest Missouri State University stole it from them last year.

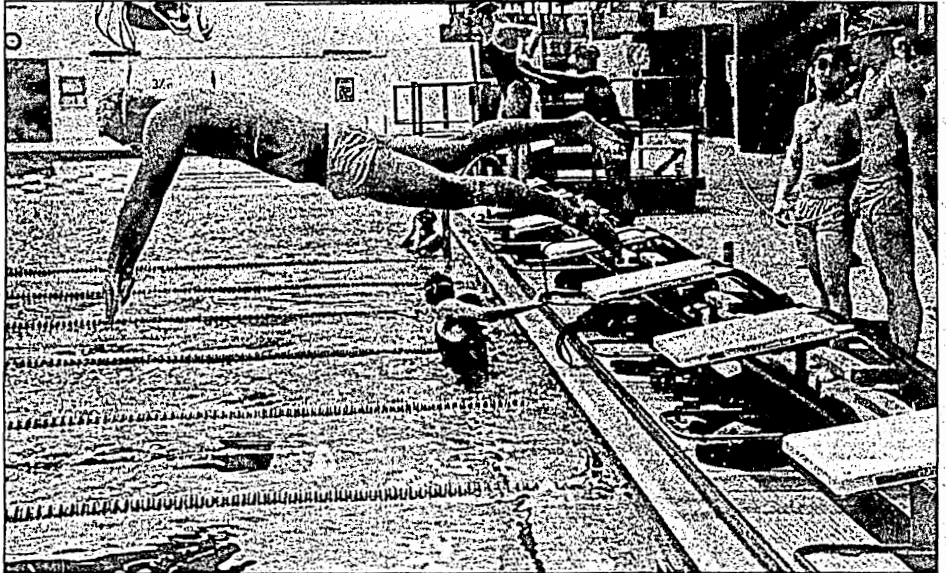
"We're ready to go," said junior Matt Munz. "We're just trying to stay focused, not let any distractions get in the way, just keep the goal in mind to win the MVC Championship back."

The women's team, on the other hand, is gunning for its fourth straight title which would make this year's senior class the first in MVC history to win the championship in each of their four years.

"It'd just be fantastic if we can do it," said senior Dena Gerardi. "It would mean a lot to the seniors. Our class is real close. It just has to be done, it will be done."

While the women are favored to win, the men are considered to be the underdogs even though they have destroyed just about every team they have faced this season.

Although they aren't favored, their success



EULALIE FRYE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

The men's swim team dives in for a short practice in preparation for the MVC Championships Feb. 15-17. The MVC Championships will be held at the Recreation Center pool.

has given them a certain amount of confidence heading into Thursday.

"We pretty much know that we're going to win," said freshman Matt Glowacki. "It's going to be hard, we all have to swim fast, but we

know we'll do really well."

SIU men's head coach Rick Walker said his team is ready and full of anticipation for a shot at revenge against Southwest Missouri State.

"They're pretty much like a time bomb just

waiting to go off," Walker said. "They're just waiting for the day that somebody says OK, it's

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Who's on first? Saluki softball enters season 18 deep. And all these Dawgs can play.

SALUKI SOFTBALL PREVIEW

COREY CUSICK
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Just call Kerri Blaylock Costello.

Because the toughest aspect of the second-year Saluki softball head coach's job this year won't necessarily be knowing who to play, but rather who not to play.

"If you asked me to give you a starting lineup tomorrow it would be pretty hard," said Blaylock, whose Saluki team is only two days away from its season-opener at the Mississippi State University Tournament on Friday.

"I wouldn't want to be her," said one of Blaylock's senior first basemen, Netty Hallahan.

Blaylock faces a dilemma that most head coaches can only wish for. And while she is certainly not overwhelmed by the abundance of talent lurking throughout her 18-player roster,

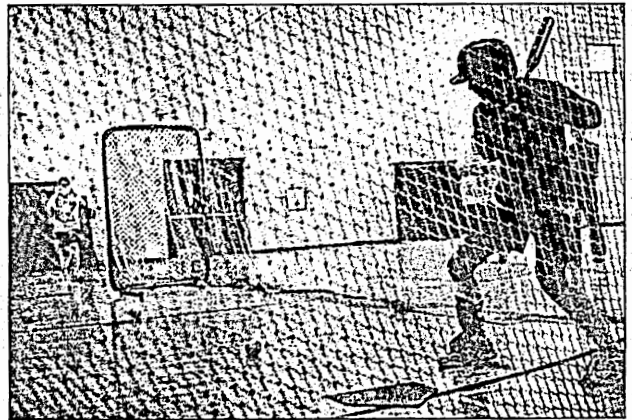
she is a bit perplexed about how she intends to utilize all of their talents.

"I told the kids that normally you have 12 or 13 kids that you figure will get regular playing time, and then three or four that are pretty much limited. I really think we have 18 that are going to get a lot of playing time."

And Blaylock isn't the type of coach that sugarcoats her players by saying one thing at the beginning of the season just to appease them, and do another once the season actually kicks off.

"Coach is a no-nonsense person. We have a lot of talent and she is not joking," Hallahan said.

The reason for Blaylock's uncertainty is because the Salukis are extremely deep — at



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Netty Hallahan, a senior first baseman for the Saluki softball team, takes a swing at the ball indoors during practice Tuesday afternoon. The softball team will open up its season this Friday at Mississippi State with 18 players all fighting for time on the field.

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