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Sadler enters Republican race for U.S. Congress

Lincoln Drive to receive makeover

Construction likely to begin late 2002

The section of Lincoln Drive between the Student Center and Route 51 will be straightened and widened later this year, paving the way for the planned 2004 construction of a field house and new general classroom building.

The intersection will sport a easy left-turn lane turning onto Route 51 and two additional lanes turning onto Lincoln Drive. A "go around" will ease the traffic.

The new street is laying the groundwork for two new proposed facilities that will be located on either side of the street.

The new football stadium will incorporate most of the student services that are now available in Woody Hall; about 60 percent of the new facility will be geared toward non-athletic activities. The other facility will be a general classroom building.

Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard and the SIU Budget Officer are solidifying plans on how to pay for the new facilities this year.

Poshard said he's pleased because SIUC is right on track in terms of implementing the first stages of the land-use plan, a long-term plan to overhaul the University's appearance.

The land-use plan was developed with the help of Civitas, an outside consulting firm, and focuses on revamping housing, increasing signage and lighting and beautifying the campus.

The contract with Civitas was not renewed this summer, Poshard said, because there wasn't enough money available to do so. But he's confident that the importance

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U.S. rejects war status for captives

GUANATANAMO BAY, Cuba — The United States Secretory of Defense Donald Rumsfeld Monday ruled out classifying the 158 prisoners being held in Cuba, including Australian David Hicks, as prisoners of war. He said there was "no ambiguity" about their legal status, contradicting the view of the Senate's Armed Services Committee, who wants a special tribunal to clarify whether some of the captives deserve protection under the Geneva Convention.

Mr. Rumsfeld said it was a "hypothetical question at this time" whether the Afghan-born Hicks, accused of fighting with the al-Qaeda network in Afghanistan, would return home to face trial. The prisoners, whom the U.S. says are terrorists belonging to al-Qaeda or the Taliban, come from 25 countries.

The Bush Administration hasn't yet decided their future or identified all countries represented.

Asked about recent comments by the British Foreign Secretary Straw that he needed to reach a face-to-face trial at home, Mr. Rumsfeld indicated that foreigners from friendly nations might be allowed to return home, but said repatriations would not be automatic. Officials expect the U.S. to interrogate the captives for months before deciding their future.

Investors want proof business is improving

NEW YORK — When Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan testifies this week that additional interest rate cuts were unlikely, Wall Street analysts may not be alarmed because they've already seen evidence that the economy is stabilizing.

But that has yet to happen. After a month of lackluster fourth-quarter results and guarded forecasts, investors still lack solid confirmation that business is improving. And so stock gauges such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq composite index eased 1 percent.

"People feel like the Fed has given the market all the medicine necessary," said Mark Riddell, portfolio manager of Northern Select Equity Fund in Chicago. "In effect, we're waiting to see the Fed's work up. So far that hasn't happened. But I believe it will."

Six al-Qaeda killed at hospital siege

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Six al-Qaeda fighters who had barricaded themselves inside a hospital in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar were killed in an attack Monday, Afghan and U.S. forces attacked with grenades and automatic weapons.

The wounded fighters bunched themselves inside one of the hospital's wings when the Taliban flew Kandahar in December. They were in a group of 19 al-Qaeda members who were brought to the hospital for treatment shortly before the city fell to opposition forces Dec. 7.

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Wood stirs up controversy with Pro-Choice ad

‘Selma & Louise’ blasts opponents abortion stance

Ari Thompson
Daily Egyptian

Thelma changed her name and she’s not driv­
ing cars off cliffs anymore — now she’s fight­ing male Republicans too and rival­ling abortion.

She became the subject of a controver­sial ad that Lt. Gov. Corinne Wood, a Republic­an abortion.

In it, he says that he will vote to support rea­sonable restrictions on abortions, parental noti­fications, a waiting period and a ban on partial birth abortions.

Barb Brown, Franklin County Circuit Court, stated that the ad might be the only way for Wood to woo mod­erate Republicans.

“Jim Ryan and O’Malley, ‘oppose abortion even in the cases of rape and incest.’”

“Democrats and the pro-choice candidates need to bring their voices forward.”

“Those voters in the Illinois’ highest office, Walker heads to D.C. for State of the Union

State representative invites Walker to attend

Brad Brondensma
Daily Egyptian

When President George W. Bush approaches the voting booth at the Capitol to widow the State of the Union address, SIU President James Walker will be there to hear it firsthand.

Walker was invited by U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, to attend. Members of Congress are allowed to bring one guest to the address.

Walker will be the first SIU president to attend a State of the Union address.

Steve Tomaszewski, press secretary for Shimkus, said that Shimkus’ invitation to Walker should be no surprise.

“The Congressmen has worked with, and dis­cussed issues with, President Walker since his arrival as SIU,” Tomaszewski said.

Walker will be grateful for the opportunity.

“I’m very honored to be invited by Congressman Shimkus to join him in Washington to hear President Bush speak to the American people and members of Congress on the state of our nation,” Walker said. “This is a unique opportunity for me and for SIU to be pres­ent in Washington for this very important address.”

While in Washington, Walker plans to meet with members of the Illinois Congressional dele­gation to discuss funding for future students and attend a pre-speech reception at the U.S. Capitol.

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Pkosbard endorses Vallas for governor

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Glen Poshard, the narrow loser of the 1998 gubernatorial race, officially endorsed Democratic candidate Paul Vallas in Springfield Monday, a move that analysts estimate will help him win downstate votes.

Poshard, who swept the downstate region in 1998, said he could not sit on the sidelines any longer, but had to endorse the candidate he believes is the most qualified for the state’s top job.

Now the vice chairman for administration at SIUC, Poshard contemplated another run for governor this summer, and was consider­ing Vallas as a potential running mate. When Poshard announced in August he wouldn’t run, Vallas approached Poshard with the same offer.

This signals a 20-year relationship that started when Poshard was an Illinois state senator and Vallas was executive director of the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission.

Poshard said that’s where he first was impressed with Vallas’ ability to grasp complex numbers. Vallas would sometimes stay until 3 a.m. battling bud­getary issues.

With the state in a fat track into red ink, who better to tackle the issue than someone with that experience? Poshard said.

He said that the two most important issues facing the state are the budget and education, two areas he said Vallas has “tremendous experience.” Vallas was CEO of the Chicago public school system, where he balanced the school system’s $3.5 billion budget.

“No one in the state has the quality and experience he has on these issues,” Poshard said.

Mike Lawrence, associate director of the Public Policy Institute, said he thinks the endorsement will be valuable to Vallas in the downstate region, especially west of I-70. He point­ed to Poshard’s popularity in the region and that most downstate voters probably view the candidates as candidates of the same party. Poshard’s sup­port may help Vallas garner those undecided Southern Illinois vot­ers.

Through Democratic candidate Roland Burris grew up in Centralia and attended SIUC, Lawrence said he’s not sure that Southern Illinois identifies him as a downstater.

Burris could not be reached for com­ment. The Chicagoans, U.S. Rep. Rod Blagojevich, D-Chicago, and Michael Bakalis, another Chicagoan, are both characterized as Chicago candidates. They could not be reached for comment.

Brendan Reilly, spokesper­son for the Vallas campaign, said that Vallas was honored to receive Poshard’s endorsement and that he thinks Poshard’s support will be crucial in securing downstate sup­port.

Poshard said Vallas will play a key role introducing Vallas at events in Southern Illinois.

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Inn't it still winter? Nick Sabha, a freshman in music from Northbrook, takes advantage of Monday afternoon's perfect Frisbee weather in the field north of Brush Towers. Several other students were in the field hitting baseballs and playing catch during the afternoon, when highs in Southern Illinois reached 70 degrees.

Walker heads to D.C. for State of the Union
Alcohol poisoning

Lecture scheduled to discuss dangers

Erika Blackman
Daily Egyptian

Witnesses said 19-year-old Joe Bianz didn't appear injured after his lifeless body was found in his fraternity room at Indiana University. The frantic efforts to resuscitate him failed, and in the early hours of Dec. 15, 1998, Bianz was pronounced dead.

According to a pathologist, his blood-alcohol level was .206, more than twice Indiana's legal limit.

Alcohol poisoning is a danger on college campuses, and as a result, SIUC residents have decided to organize a lecture that will discuss alcohol poisoning and the increasing danger involved with students that don't report instances when an individual near them is experiencing alcohol poisoning.

According to SIUC Police Lt. Todd Sigler, students are not reporting instances of alcohol poisoning because they are scared they will get in trouble with the police.

Sigler said the caller and the victim would not be arrested unless police were to find a warrant for them or the alcohol caused their behavior to change, resulting in aggressive behavior or damage to property.

"If someone cannot take care of themselves and needs medical assistance, that's our priority," Sigler said.

Kenneth Culson, the alcohol and drug coordinator from the Wellness Center, was hired 10 months ago from the University of Illinois to counsel students and provide lectures in classrooms and residence halls.

Culson said alcohol poisoning doesn't occur often, and since it is relatively rare, students often do not react properly. The results are grim.

"The alcohol's chemical makeup causes a physiological impact on a person and say causes a person system to shut down," Culson said.

According to Culson, 300,000 people ranging from the age of 18 to 22 will die of an alcohol-related event, and one person per week dies from alcohol poisoning throughout the world.

Culson remembered when one of his clients at the University of Illinois died from an alcohol overdose.

"His parents came and just kept asking why," Culson said.

Artie Haley, the head resident assistant of Allen Hall, said roommates need to be aware of alcohol poisoning and need to know what to look for.

"We know that kids are drinking, and it's harder to know what they are doing," Haley said.

"But when they come back to the residence hall, we feel that they are our responsibility." Haley also noted there have been not been any instances of alcohol poisoning in his building.

"Alcohol poisoning is an inexcusable science," Culson said. "Just don't drink yourself to oblivion."

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Recession crisis hits home

Financial situation affects universities in Illinois and Arizona

Kova Gaston Daily Egyptian

Recession has hit universities across the nation targeting several budget, hiring, policies, insurance costs and financial aid. At the end of December 2001, Illinois Gov. George Ryan announced a series of cuts to mitigate the state's $500 million budget deficit. Illinois public universities took a $25 million hit, with a $22.8 million cut to SIUC.

As a result, there will be a marked decrease in tuition revenues because of dropping enrollment numbers. SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendlcr is considering a summer class reduction and purchasing new equipment. The recession and the accompanying budgetary challenges face SIUC and will have a direct impact on our campus.

Walter Wendlcr SIUC

Overwhelmed classrooms have also resulted from the hiring freeze. While upper-class classes had a student enrollment as many as 90 students will be enrolled. Interdisciplinary classes have students numbering as few as 20 students. Even graduate students are forced to teach classes that the department would normally hire. Faculty members are asked to phooeying pages a week and have been prohibited to distribute hand-outs in class.

Robert said this creates a climate that's debilitating. He has positions open for senior analyst and entry level communication technicians in the budgeting department to ask administration for exceptions to fill those positions because he knows they will deny him.

The schools are successfully coping with the current recession crisis but an administrative lapses will affect them in the future. However, Wendlcr is positive it will not cause permanent damage to SIUC.

"I believe we will weather the storm," Wendlcr said. "We'll clearly going to be over the next year or two."

By Anthony Colarossi

Today's hobos hit the Web, then hop the train

By Anthony Colarossi The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. (KRT) -- CSX freight train crews travel through Orlando's Church Street Station, and 19-year-old John Snyder eyed him like a fanatic who just spotted a fox. Everyone around the train is standing still and looking at Snyder, who starts chasing the train-bound locomotive. He sticks out an arm, grabs a ladder and pulls himself aboard ... the locomotive.

For Snyder and what rail enthusiasts say is a growing contingent of young freight-train riders, this is a life hanging out in whatever city they can find the tracks take them, tumbling for spare change, diving into garbage bins if they get too hungry. And when they're ready to move on, they "catch out" aboard a slow-rolling freight train.

"It's free. And it's safer than hitchhiking," Snyder says. "It's almost like an addiction."

While Snyder speaks of a romantic and liberating life on the rails, he continues almost constant danger when he's riding. There are thieve, train gangs, angry railroad police called "bills" and, of course, the ever-present peril of being sliced in half by the steel wheel of a 130-ton train.

In all, 463 people were killed in the United States while trespassing on trains or on railroad property in 2000. But Snyder dismisses the dangers as threats to the "wrong crowd," he says. "We're working harder to keep people away from the tracks."

His link to the world of train-hopping comes from hanging out one of the few libraries wherever he happens to be and surfing the Web for a collection of sites and e-mail lists that boast these wanderers.

He logs onto one site that features gritty pix of train-trippers who didn't make it.

It's impossible to say how many hobos and train-hoppers are rising the 173,000 miles of railroad in North America. Estimates range from 1,000 to 20,000, with growing numbers of Web-savvy kids taking to the rails.

Snyder is one of them. He can tell you how many hobos and train-trippers there are, how to catch one riding, what cities and towns the train-trippers like.

But no one is keeping count. Hobos often ride "under the radar," Snyder says. "We're working harder to keep people away from the tracks."

"I always like being different from people," he says. "I felt I was different from people because of what I've been through."

A drug-related debt and some threats of incarceration led Snyder to leave Nevada. Said that was more than a year ago. And that's about the time that a friend of his named Andrea showed up.

"I love her," he says. Andrea, although he doesn't use her last name, has her own train story. When her boyfriend landed in Elko, Nev., and has been there ever since. One day in early January, he hopped off a train and landed in Orlando.

"I'm not really running away from anything," he says. "But it's hard for me to trust people."

He enjoyed partying in new towns and moving in without asking questions. But all of this, Snyder enjoys the view. Of all the places he's seen, Oregon is the most scenic to travel by freight train.

"Hobo called a bawdy-sounding TV," Snyder says, dressed in a dusty pair of black overalls and layers of sweatshirts and jackets. "I just like traveling. That's why I do it."


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Our Word

Gunshots sound out safety alarm

The City of Carbondale is known for its tranquility and rural hospitality, but not all is well in our fair community. Last year saw a disturbing increase in the number of gunshots reported in the area, according to Carbondale Police statistics. About 140 incidents were reported in 2001, nearly twice as many as in 2000.

The police attribute the rise in gun shootings to increased drug activity in the area. The city’s east side was reported to have the most concentrated activity. But if you think it’s just an east side problem, think again. Drug violence is a problem everywhere, including quaint Carbondale. Around our nation, drug violence has crept into shady suburbs, next to the safety havens of the middle-class. We tend to let at the problem only from an urban standpoint, but we need to start looking in our own backyard. We need to recognize that this is not just a ghetto problem. This is a social problem that is beginning to ripple to every American citizen.

This problem is not just relegated to any one area in the city or the region. The entire community has to focus on this problem. The Daily Egyptian, which reported Friday on the issue, will make the effort to explore in-depth why this violence is happening and the reasons behind it. We will also look for solutions. One solution, as pointed out by the police with respect to the shootings, is for people to report it as soon as it happens.

In some cases, the shots are not reported until days later, thus hampering the police in their investigation. If people want crime out of the neighborhoods, they have to help. The easiest way for crime to spread is for the community to sit silent. We cannot be silent. Nor can the entire community to be silent. We cannot be silent. Nor can the

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Guest Columnist

Monkey’s death raises doubts about HIV research

Jason Baker & Kathy Guillermo www.petastories.org

The death of a monkey recently made headlines around the world. He was part of what was originally touted to be a promising vaccine trial for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), carried out by Harvard researchers.

This monkey, and all the animals that have lived the journey from the discovery of AIDS in 1982 until now, are tragic reminders of the best way to learn about human disease is by studying people.

One of our colleagues at Temple for the Ethical Treatment of Animals decided to do something about it. He volunteered several years ago for a human HIV vaccine trial, in which he still participates. He knows that whatever the researchers learn from his blood and from the data collected will help them learn more about helping other people. Ultimately, studies like these will bring us forward in the fight against this devastating disease.

And of course, he has the luxury, if one can call it that, of being a volunteer. The monkey who just died was taken against his will, caged and deprived of fresh air, sunshine, freedom of movement, companionship of others of his troop—just about everything that would make his life worth living. Instead, he could only stare, day after day, at the bars of his isolated prison, and beyond those, at the barren walls of a sterile room in a laboratory.

He was officially named monkey number 798, as though he didn’t feel the chill of the steel bars and yearn to touch and groom a companion, as though he was just a non-living “sample.” In 1999, he was injected with the trial vaccine, and from then on, experiments regularly shot him full of virulent forms of HIV. Like all the monkeys in the trial, he tested positive for HIV but didn’t develop symptoms. The experiments transt Brend a success in medical journals, all the while probing, prodding and repeatedly jabbing the monkeys with needles, with no adverse effect.

Then, suddenly, monkey 798 got sick and, after a year of debilitating, wasting AIDS symptoms, he died. Some experimenters are right back where they started: they have no HIV vaccine, and once again, the terrible suffering of animals has brought us no closer to stopping or preventing the disease.

A physician who writes about modern, non-animal methods of research, Murray Cohen, believes that AIDS experiments on animals will never bring a cure or prevention for the disease. “The reality is that all attempts to develop animal models of AIDS have failed dismally,” says Dr. Cohen. “AIDS researchers are recognizing more and more that to understand AIDS, humans must be studied.”

He pointed to the researchers’ own statements over the years: “The lack of appropriate animal models for HIV research makes the application of animal research to human uncertainty,” and “No animal models faithfully reproduce (HIV) infection and disease in humans,” and “there is no predictive animal model for HIV infection in humans,” and “Animal models do not fully mimic the characteristic illness pathology of humans, HIV infection.”

Even so, more money than the entire budget of a small developing country goes into animal studies on HIV/AIDS every year. Every year, more animals are made sick, while the number of AIDS cases worldwide, particularly in Africa and Asia, increases.

Then why do many animal research critics continue to defend, support and promote it?” Cohen asks. “Because it is a lucrative business, and participants are keen to distance themselves from the government AIDS-animal research gravy train.”

If what Cohen says is true, an HIV vaccine will be a long time coming. For everyone’s sake, experimenters should find better, more accurate methods of research that will help people without harming animals.

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COLUMNIST

An open invitation to Matthew Hale

Outlaw Nation

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DEAR REY. HALE,

If there’s anything you’re taught to me, it’s to respect and acknowledge your fellow man. If he’s a little kid, getting pumped and called a “boomb” by a big group of football players, I should intervene. If you see a fellow student who is distant and isolated, who always has his headphones on, listening to bizarre German heavy metal, I should inter-vene. If you see someone who is regularly scours the Bible searching for just the right phrase to take out of context or take far too literally to support their racist, hateful message, I should intervene. If you see, perhaps, someone who would have maintained in your realm, Rev. Hale, but I’m not here to battle you in the same old insular. No, sir. I’m not here to bathe you in the past. But I fed it necessary to share with you, one of our most infamous alumni - well, you’re like that rash through the commons area.

DEAR EDITOR,

I am reminded of the 18 months I spent on the island of Okinawa when I was in the Army. It was an island 67 miles long and barely a mile wide (on average), there were supposedly so many islanders of Japanese spoken that someone on the northern shore of the island could not maintain a conversation without being heard at the southern end. So a bellwise if you were ever discovered that some terriblyhip urbanset the whole mess in motion by trying to manipulate the language to disguise the mundane act of talking to one another.

Rich Black is an graduate/undergraduate secretary in the Department of Philosophy. His surnames do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

Reflecting the community no excuse for graduate prayer

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RICH BLACK

Ebonics one specialized language of many

Without the dialogue, a pair of baggies and overstuffed jersey is little more than hapless camouflage.

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Bikers have responsibility too

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I am responding to the letter from Brandon Collier appearing in the Daily Egyptian. I see little logic or evidence even for a specialized culture has been in the military or worked in the Counter-culture. It is necessary to find a common ground upon which to communci-cate, yeah, it’s pretty lynchin’ to, with a wink and a nod, “talk the talk,” basically we have to “recognize the lazer word all we who are, in fact, know try to do, but we don’t succeed in the world. The sin is knowing that.”

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Letters
Battle over energy papers invites suspicion
What's the White House hiding?

By James Kunshnn Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Congress wants to know who met with White House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Joe Barton, R-Texas, after it was revealed that a political lobbying effort directed at Enron was going on in Energy and Commerce, even after some of Bush's allies are said to have been warned by law enforcement officials that such efforts could violate federal law.

The White House energy task force in private last year — especially with the White House's interest in the Enron collapse.

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Guy's guy proves nice fit for gold medalists

Lynn Zinszner
The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS (KTAP) - They are one in this relationship where each side looks to the other in complete deferment.

That's the setup Joe Ostermeier and Ben Smith, picking up a story shaded Rockies Tiger in an airport, knowing it is their job to follow his hockey players and bring it to his head.

"I'm not sure I'll even get over to the pillows and the teddy bears," Smith said.

And then there's the players, 20 women ranging in ages from 16 to 20, gathered in the Stone and on their room listening to Smith use metaphors and references that might as well be in Latin.

"We were in Finland and he walked into the locker room and said, "The hay is in the barn," said defense-

man A.J. Maceo. "We all looked around and said, "What does that mean?"

Smith never leaves out as the obvi-

ous choice to coach the U.S. women's hockey team. When he retired in 1996, he had coached men's college hockey for 26 years. The first time one of the USA players cited as a practice he turned around and walked off the rink out of respect.

"He's a guy," said defenseman Sue

Murphy. "He's a guy's guy, too."

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Come sail off the edge

SIU Sailing
Club more than floating around
Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

When thinking of sailing, it's easy to imagine a relaxing, serene scene like the one described in the song "Come Sail Away." But to SIU Sailing Club Commodore Christopher "Tophcr" Mueller, sailing is better described as "living on the edge." "People think of sailing most often as something you do leisurely," Mueller said. "But going out and racing is a whole different ballgame. There's much more to it than just going out and floating around."

Mueller is referring to the competitive sailing regattas, or meets, in which the club competes. "There are times when you're in the boat and the wind is tipping it over," Mueller said in describing regatta competition. "You have to be on the other side piking out. Basically you're laying parallel to the waves."

Most regattas take place at Crab Orchard Lake, where SIU sailing club members race against themselves and other members of the Carbondale Lake Sailing Association, or C.O.L.S.A., in small sailing boats ranging from 14 to 22 feet long. The club also attends regattas at Lake Carlyle, which is about two hours north of Carbondale. In a regatta, as many as 12 boats race each other on a triangle course. But most regattas, including the ones SIU competes in, are on a smaller scale.

Mueller said a fleet of at least 12 boats would be needed to compete at large regattas against other universities. SIU's fleet currently has seven competition-ready boats.

The club also needs more people. It currently has 30 members, 15 to 20 of whom Mueller describes as "very active" in the organization. Most are graduate students, but the club is looking for more undergraduates so it can compete against other universities, namely the University of Illinois and Washington University in St. Louis. "The club is looking for sailors of any skill level, not just experienced and competitive ones. 'We do both competition and instruction,' Mueller said. 'We have boats that will cater to almost any level.'"

Sailing club membership costs $25 per semester, $40 for two semesters or $65 per year. Anyone interested can e-mail Christopher Mueller at cmueller@siu.edu, or visit the club's website at www.siu.edu/~sailor.

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Sports Briefs

ON CAMPUS

Tigers trounce Salukis

The SIU women's tennis team was routed by the University of Missouri at a dual meet in Columbia, Mo., Sunday. The Salukis failed to score any points against the Tigers, who won every match in convincing fashion.

Soswa falls in final

SIU freshman Lukasz Soswa fell 6-1, 6-3 to Indiana State's David O'Connell in No. 5 bracket finals of the 2002 MVC Men's Individual Tennis Championships in Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday. Soswa was the only Saluki to make the winner's bracket this weekend, defeating Southwest Missouri State's Sean Kemble 6-4, 6-3 in Saturday's semi-finals.

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Gray jumps a personal best

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

Deciding to be a student-athlete is a major decision to make, but that choice becomes a little easier for a natural like Samantha Gray. For Connie Price-Smith, a former Saluki and assistant coach, deciding to stay with the team was a natural progression from high school.

Gray began her track and field career in the sixth grade. Her focus has always been the high jump, but once she went to high school, she started to run track as well. "When I first started, I wasn't sure if I wanted to do it, but jumping just came naturally to me," Gray said.

Recently, Gray set a personal best record at the McDonald Invitational with a jump of 5 feet 9 1/2 inches, which qualified her for the NCAA Championships. Her jump was a 2 1/2 improvement on her all-time best.

Gray said when she goes to a competition, she tells her coach place the bar where she thinks it should go. "I don't like to know what the height of the bar is," Gray said. "By doing this, she keeps her mind clear and doesn't have to focus on clearing a specific height.”

During the 2001 season, Gray won both the indoor and outdoor conference championships and placed 16th at the NCAA Championships. This year, she hopes to accomplish even more. "Since last year, I've put in a lot of work and I know what my coach expects from me," Gray said. "There is no pressure on me, but they push me to do my best.”

In order to accomplish her goals, Gray practices 4 1/2 hours on weekdays and 2 1/2 to 3 hours on the field. This is in conjunction with studying and actual class time.

Gray said that she always plays three sports, including basketball and volleyball. When she said, "We just want Latrice to continue working hard and don't go for competition and compete with Price-Smith." Being an athlete takes a lot of dedication, but, in the process, it can be fun and rewarding. Gray has her hands full, but she's seeing the results of her hard work.

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Latrice Gray, a junior from Woodlale, competes in the high jump at the McDonald’s invitational on Saturday. "I’ve been running since the 6th grade, and it kind of stuck. It’s something I happen to be good at," says Gray.

After Gray graduates, she plans on working directly in her field. If she does not get straight into the job market, she will go to graduate school. The Olympics are not at the top of Gray’s list of post-collegiate aspirations, but she said her mom and her friend tell her if she has the chance to compete, she should go for it. "It would be really tough, but it depends on how good I do this year and next year," Gray said.

Next up for Gray is the Indiana Invitational this weekend. As for the rest of the season, Gray and her coach anticipate upcoming events where she can improve on her height.

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Steady play needed from Saluki leaders

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The University of Evansville has arguably been the top rival of the Saluki basketball team dating back to the team’s run as college division powers in the 1960s. These days may be coming to an end soon.

President Stephen Jennings said the university is taking its "turn" look at athletics in years, which will include major considerations of dropping to the Division II or III level, according to a recent article in the Evansville Courier & Press.

A decision is expected from the school by May 1.

The school’s athletic department is reportedly nearly $2 million in debt, and basketball attendance has sagged as the Purple Aces have struggled the past few years. With only about 2,200 students, UE is one of the smallest Division I schools in the country, though its basketball program has a rich tradition.

Evansville men’s basketball head coach Jim Green told the Courier & Press that UE’s problems have arisen because the school hasn’t fallen in line with a disturbing trend in college sports.

"There’s an arms race going on in college athletics," Crowe said. "Everything has to be bigger, better, best, and it’s wasted money. That shouldn’t be what it’s about."

If the SIU Athletic Department is seeking to be more customer-friendly, maybe Wednesday should be Blackfield Night at the SIU Arena.

That way, former Evansville fans in town can be sure to shield their eyes from the apprehension that enters nearly every time a Saluki toes the free throw line.

That’s a cynical marketing scheme, but maybe it’s time for extreme measures now that SIU’s season-long free throw shooting meltdown can be directly traced to a loss that has strained the Salukis’ season.

It’s become evident that Bob Gunfield, who missed all of his free throw shots in SIU’s 67-64 loss Saturday at Northern Iowa, isn’t going to do team work on his free shooting. Exercising it as he can be seen watching Roberts’ free time after time, as much as the Salukis benefit from Roberts’ scoring punch, shot blocking and overall physical presence, the squandered free throws are a huge SIU concern.

What the Salukis can withstand is erratic play from guys who are looking to in leaders. For SIU’s Aluma Belcher and Sean Williams.

Although SIU isn’t short on skillful performers, when Belcher doesn’t come to play, the Salukis are vulnerable. Head coach Bruce Weber recently said Belcher — not more prolific scorers like Williams, Roberts or Jermaine Deurman — has to be the MVP for the Salukis to be successful.

The season has unfolded in recent weeks, it’s hard to dispatch that assessment. "Looking at SIU this season, the common theme has been success from Roberts," Belcher didn’t score in the Salukis’ loss at Wichita State, and was silent for almost the entire night in Saturday’s loss to Northern Iowa. Belcher also had more turnovers than assists versus the Panthers.

But Belcher has made drastic improvement this season. "I think that’s a big change guy. The ultra-competitive guard was disgraced under the UNI loss with what he possesses at the Salukis becoming last after going on modest winning streak. Williams is a point guard, but he has to be an emotional catalyst. His fit and intensity on a nightly basis is needed to prod the Salukis along."

At 7-2 in the Valley, the Salukis are exactly...