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The U.S. Congress granted $150,000 to the Southern Illinois Research Park, a small step in a 20-year project that will ultimately cost $40 billion.

Both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives approved the funding for the park that will be built adjacent to the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center on Pleasant Hill Road.

The park, when completed, will house about 236,000 square feet in 12 buildings. SIUC officials have estimated that the park will house 75 new businesses, mostly tech, and employ anywhere from 800 to 1,200 people.

Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Illinois, was a key player in securing the money from the federal government. Last year, the park received $300,000 for infrastructure and building from Congress.

Costello said most of the money for the project will come from state sources, like the $300,000 Illinois FIRST grant the school received.

"The federal government should be a partner in this project, though," Costello said, citing that there will be an economic boon for both the region and the state.

In September, the SIU Board of Trustees accepted a low bid of $795,673 from S.M. Burley Construction Co. of Murphysboro for infrastructure work such as signage, water, sidewalks and sewage. The infrastructure phase is expected to be completed within the year.

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To Lee Bachbaum, the Carbondale arts scene is clearly out of the loop. So to him, the Society of Photographic Education Midwest Region’s Conference is the fix for this artistic anemia.

In terms of getting exposure, this puts the SIU Photography Department on the map for the “A” spotlights,” Bachbaum said. “One of the drawbacks from being in Carbondale is that you are so far from the urban setting, which is where the arts happen. With this, it’s kind of like bringing the mountain to Mohammed.”

The conference will take place across Carbondale this weekend. It is being organized by SIUC’s Cinema and Photography Department. The event will feature a number of guest speakers, workshops and exhibitions.

This marks the return of the SPE conference to SIUC after nine years. Bachbaum, a graduate student in photography and graduate coordinator for the event, said one of the highlights of the conference will be the panel and slide show by keynote speaker Renee Cox.

Cox made a splash with her "Flipping the Script" gallery opening at the Brooklyn Museum of Art earlier this year in February. One piece in particular, "Yo Mama’s Last Supper," attracted the conservative trade of Wayne Rudolph Godshali that sparked yet another debate about indifference, art and religion.

One event that proves to entertain history buffs as well as photography players is Saturday night’s "The Railroad in the History of Photography." The panel discussion will include lectures from Bill Witcher, curator of transportation at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History; John Grecco, Center of Railroad Photography and Art president, and SIU history professor Michael Bandholtz.

The discussion will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center. Gayle Kob, coordinating chair for the conference, said all of the events, the railroad discussion will be the most accessible to the community.

"The approach that is being taken will be interesting and challenging for the community," Kob said. "I like to do things that make the interface between the community and the University stronger. The University needs to give back to the community and that’s what is happening here."

Aside from exhibitions displayed at the conference, there are a number of student shows opening in conjunction with the event. Photogonics, a student-run photography organization, is having its first Midwest Student Photography Exhibition.

The winning photographs will be displayed during a free opening at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Communications Building. Monica Baudhala, a graduate student in photography, was the winner of this year’s competition. The event is free and open to the public.

The SIUC Photography Department is hosting a speaker series next semester. The series will feature 15 different photographers and only SIUC students may attend.

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Shooting stars to light up area sky
Largest meteor shower in decades expected early Sunday morning

The night sky may be filled with thousands of shooting stars in the early hours of Sunday morning, if predictions prove correct.

Astronomers are saying the Leonid meteor shower will be one of the brightest since 1966. Astronomers are calling this year’s event a storm because of the increased intensity. During the 1966 shower, more than 150,000 meteors were reported an hour.

This year’s estimates range from 400 to more than 4,000 meteors an hour. The storm will peak shortly before 4 a.m. Sunday morning and could light up the sky from around midnight until dawn.

The Leonids are named for the constellation Leo because the meteors seem to radiate from the center of the constellation.

The shower is caused by the dust left behind from the Temple-Tuttle comet. The comet makes a complete orbit around the sun every 33 years and sheds small particles in the sun’s heat in face. This year, the Earth will pass through a cloud of particles left by the comet’s passage in the 1700s.

Scientists at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the branch that keeps track of meteors and asteroids, say this year’s event will be particularly spectacular because the earth is passing through a thicker than normal cloud of dust.

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LAWMAKERS REACH AGREEMENT ON AIRPORT SECURITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. — More than two months after Sept. 11, congressional negotiators reached an agreement with the White House on a bill to give federal employees the jurisdiction to screen security at the nation's airports, with the option of federal oversight over work done by private contractors.

The deal would require airports to comply with federal oversight for three years, after which individual airports would have the option of using private contractors for security matters.

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The Palestinian Red Crescent Society said one person was killed and 13 others were wounded as Israeli troops entered the area, accompanied by tanks and bulldozers.

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SIUC Police are investigating a criminal sexual assault reported to have occurred Saturday between 11 p.m. and 12:45 a.m. in a residence in the 2000 block of Campus Drive.

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The Israeli army said the action followed an operation in which a mortar strike hit the house of an exiled Afghani leader, King Zahir Shah, and Turkish officials during the past week before arriving in Islamabad Wednesday to continue his efforts toward forming a political arrangement between Afghan opposition groups.

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**Simon spreads Lovejoy with new novel**

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Assistant English professor honored with Whiting Award

**Brian Peach**

**Daily Egyptian**

Only 10 writers receive the $35,000 Whiting Award annually, and this year, one of SIUC's own was on the ceremony guest list.

Joel Brouwer, a poet and assistant professor of English in SIUC's English department, was recently named one of the nation's best emerging writers in the first Whiting Award for his first book of poems, 'Exactly What Happened,' and was surprised to be a recipient of the award.

'It's a terrific shock but a terrific honor at the same time,' Brouwer said.

Brouwer came to SIUC to teach poetry because he liked the school and book, Brouwer wrote a second, more polished book called after this overlooked activity.

'There's a support, and it's very big among the fans,' said former Sen. Paul Simon while he signs a copy of his book, 'Freedom's Champion.' Simon autographed copies of his book at the Student Center Thursday.

An old fashioned typewriter, "I felt more comfortable on a regular typewriter," Simon said.

Simon said he usually tries to write at least one page every day. While the process is slow, he said it gets the job done.

"There's no fail way to write a book," Simon said. "At least I haven't discovered it."
eating disorders the Monster dreams personal turmoil childhood traumas midlife crisis

There's monsters all around us, but not all are hiding under the bed. In 'Monsters,' a new play at SIU, we're shown some aren't as obvious. Promise Joy McGowan, Laura Schatzman, Katie Small and Kaeti Shields, make up the "fat" wife of Michael Wilson.

STORY BY GEOFFREY RITTER • PHOTOS BY MARY COLLIER

Not all monsters have fangs. Not all have square heads and boiling vomit from their noses. Not all are one-eyed and green.

In fact, says Alan Chevsky, there are some monsters lurking much closer than we think, and they aren't always stuck under the bed or crammed in the lock of the closet. Sometimes, they're near and dear — in our own dinner tables.

These monsters are much more subtle, Chevsky said, referring to the everyday monsters that inhabit the play "Monsters," playing the weekend at the Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater.

"These monsters lurk inside — in families, at work, inside of people. They're tangible things, but you can't always point and say, 'There's the monster.'"

And true enough, the monsters that inhabit this 90-minute collection of sketches written by SIUE undergraduates and directed by Chevsky portray the evils that lurk beneath the fabric of everyday life. From big brothers manipulating their little sisters to the "real life monsters" that inhabit this story, says Alan Chevsky, there are monsters all around us, but not all are hiding under the bed.

The production, which opened Thursday and runs through Saturday, is put on by the Student Theater Guild, an undergraduate theater organization dedicated to giving younger students more access to the stage. While the group has had its successes in the past — most recently with "The Vagina Monologues" last February — "Monsters" producer Adam Meyer said SCTG shot for something different with this production.

"We wanted to step it up and do more of a production," said Meyer, a junior in theater from Aurora. "It all got put together this semester. We hammered out what we were going to do and decided that each piece had to portray a different type of monster. Then it was just finding an order [for the sketches]."

Although each of the pieces — mostly written by students and sometimes revealing, highlights of one include J.W. Priest's "Big Extinction Monster Battle," in which two Godzilla-like creatures debate the true meaning of humanity, and "Grandma and the Swiss Army Knives," penned by Theater Department professor David Redd. Other sketches were written by Michael Gonzales, Ketti Shudda, Eric Pals and Margie Fignaun, deal with topics ranging from starving artists to a mask obsession with having his wife gain weight. Woven together by narration, the pieces form a unique mosaic depicting the terrors that remain hidden in our society. And although monsters have always had a certain allure, Chevsky said, the monsters in this production appeal to a different level, and they demonstrate a truth through ideas that have always been popular among the public.

"Being scared is an extreme emotion, and people like it when those buttons are pushed," Chevsky said. "You get to experience these unknown regions, and you just get swept up."

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Unfunny 'Hal' about as shallow as they come

SARAH ROBERTS • DAILY EGYPTIAN

I don't know what it says about me that I was married by a Farrelly brothers movie.

That's generally not a whole lot less the case — a bit of incest, some bodily fluids, bastardhood and a handicapped midget or two. And while you laugh as much as you at least get the sense that the guys are trying to be funny.

But that's not the case with Bobby and Peter's latest offering, 'Shallow Hal.' It's billed as a romantic comedy and stars Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black as a pair of mates, but in the way you would think.

Bobby is Hal, a guy who, despite being nothing special in the looks department, only date model-caliber women. But he's only following the advice his dying father bestowed on him 20 years ago. Hooked up to a morphine drip, the good-renamed young Hal a golden nugget of wisdom — only chase gorgeous women with perfect bodies. And so he does, along with creepy best bud Mauricio (an obnoxious Jason Alexander), much to the chagrin of every woman in the city.

But one day Hal gets stuck on a bus in an elevator with scary self-help guru Tony Robbins (playing himself), who decides to do
Jennings and many others spring spends her off time across the dance floors of places with you might have caught the video for Blaire to a favor by hypnotizing him to see the hopeful Union with her husband and turned the deep connection the country had with the Holocaust.

*The enthusiasm for such a woman shown continued earlier this year when her production "Holy Ground," a compilation of stories from her childhood in Texas, played at the International Center and raised about $700 for the Lubbock project, she said. Because of the success of the production, along with her role on the behalf of the Lubbock based, she decided to retain "From The Holocaust" in hopes of raising more money.

The joy of performing, she said, is propelling her to embark on another project that she hopes to complete within a year: "Grice," a chronicle of the pain she experienced during a death of a family, with her bucket from a brain tumor, and she hopes it will prove as successful as her past efforts, she says, each of the programs touch on elements of universal human being.

*"From the Holocaust" will be at the Interfaith Center, 8 p.m. Saturday, for the performance is $10.
Auburn U. students decry racism at rally

BRIAN RUSSEL
THE AUBURN PLEASMAN (AUBURN U.)

AUBURN, Ala. (UPI) - Concerned Auburn University students and faculty gather around the Commons on Nov. 8 to demonstrate against recent intolerant actions and to demand the elimination of racism and discrimination at Auburn.

The rally was organized by the Auburn University Black Student Association, which sent out a call for protest on Nov. 6. The group said it was responding to recent incidents of racism, including a Student Union rally in which a student made racist remarks.

"We are here to show the Auburn community that racism is not accepted here," said Carrie Scott, a senior at Auburn.

The rally was attended by hundreds of students, faculty and staff, and was led by two key speakers: senior Amanda Slocum, who spoke about the negative impact of racism on the Auburn community, and junior Robert Johnson, who read a poem about the history of racism in America.

"It is essential that we address and challenge these issues of racism and discrimination," said Slocum. "We must stand together to create a more inclusive and respectful community."
Salukis primed for big season

Defense chief concern for talented men's basketball team

JAY SCHWAB
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU men's basketball team is hoping to establish itself as a powerful team this season, and for the Salukis, the journey starts on the inside.

"The Salukis will strive to capitalize on one of their strongest group of frontcourt players in years to rise back to the top of the conference and make a bid to return to the postseason this year,"Returner Jermaine Dearman and Sylvester Williams give SIU a pair of reliable forwards, and the presence of Virginia Tech transfer Roland Roberts will add a new dimension that the Salukis haven't possessed in several years.

"I think we've always tried to get the ball inside but this year if we get it inside we have a lot better chance of scoring," senior guard Kent Williams said. "If you get the ball inside early in the game and it's working their team is going to have to sort concentrate on that and it should open up everything outside."

If that happens, Williams — SIU's top returning scorer — and the rest of the Saluki guards should be in for some enjoyable nights this winter. But SIU's offense will be more inside-oriented than it's been in past years.

Roberts, who converted on seven of his eight field goals attempts in the Salukis' final exhibition game, is a very physical guard who will give the Salukis a legitimate shot-blocker on defense and a quality inside scorer and rebounder. Weber believes that his normal strength could actually turn into a negative in certain situations.

"My feet is foul trouble with him," Weber said. "Is

Saluki women's basketball plan for successful season

Conference tournament, defense main focus

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Last Opp doesn't want to change her recipe for a successful season after seeing her team play in two exhibition games.

"We've seen them in two exhibition games and exhibitions are to test what works well together and what doesn't," Opp said. "The coaching staff decided that the starting lineup used in the exhibition games proved to work well.

The lineup for the 2001-02 Salukis will be 6-7 foot forward Geshla Woodard, junior guard Molly McDowell, senior guard Hillary Phillips, 6-foot-2-inch center Jodi Heiden and senior guard Holly Teague.

"For right now, the lineup's set," Opp said. "That worked well for us in both games and we'll go ahead and stay with it."

Opp is looking for contributions from the entire team for the upcoming season. But sophomores center Tiffany Crutcher and freshman guard/forward Danette Jones will serve as first substitutions, as Opp said they both proved themselves in the preseason.

Teague, last year's MVC Newsleader of the Year, and McDowell, the team's top returning scorer, are also expected to lead the Salukis this season as a scoring pair in the backcourt and as co-captains.

The Salukis are lacking in pure numbers, with only 10 eligible players. Junior forward Katie Breeger is expected to miss up to eight or nine months after undergoing ACL reconstruction. Junior forward Danielle Lawery will be out a few weeks with pneumonia and sophomore guard/forward Angela Tolbert won't play this season due to undisclosed personal reasons.

But Opp said the team is still working on combinations and substitutions and what players will play better together than others. Opp also noticed some trouble with the team's defensive skills during the preseason.

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Webber ready to stir up competition

Bruce Weber is entering his fourth season as head coach of the SIU men's basketball team with a 51-39 record since taking the job in 1995. Weber recently spoke to DAILY EG"PTIAN reporter Jay Schulz about his upcoming season.

DE: This year you've really emphasized defense and playing hard. If those things happen, do you feel like you have the horses to reach at least a possible MVC title and NCAA bid?

BW: As I think it comes down to depth and injury, but I feel that only not only do we have Robin [Robards] as a specimen and a strong, inside force, but you also have Jermaine [Dentmon] whose done well already in our league and I think he's matured and gotten better. And then you have Sylvester [Willis] who played major minutes early and I feel good about our front line, and I've got to believe those three guys will be one of the best three-power foreward power fronts or centers in the league.

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BW: As I think it comes down to depth and injury, but I feel that only not only do we have Robin [Robards] as a specimen and a strong, inside force, but you also have Jermaine [Dentmon] whose done well already in our league and I think he's matured and gotten better. And then you have Sylvester [Willis] who played major minutes early and I feel good about our front line, and I've got to believe those three guys will be one of the best three-power foreward power fronts or centers in the league.

WE: You've got Kent [Williams] who's an established veteran, who is going to be a solid point guard in the league, but we've got to have someone to back him up so we don't have to over-exhaust him. You've got Tyrese [Buck] who scored some points last year, but has got a great young guard on our team in Brad Korns, who's a good shooter. Darren Brooks is as talented offensively as anybody, and then you've got a Senior Hameister who played very well as a freshmen.

DE: I think we're starting to get enough bodies to make a run, but for me what happens with the seventh, eighth, ninth man will be the key to whether or not we can get into the NCAA tournament. The United States, at Saint Louis, at George Mason. That'll be determined by the bench.

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It's the Holly and Molly show

Saluki backcourt players share more than just love of game

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Junior guard Molly McDowell and senior guard Holly Teague are quite a tandem in the backcourt for the Salukis. But the duo shares much more than their love for basketball.

McDowell and Teague live in the same apartment, along with two other players, sophomore center Jodi Heiden and junior forward Katie Bevernage. Basketball and other Saluki athletic posters cover their walls. A Net basket-ball game is hung over the door, and basketball-shaped flower pots, picture frames and a clock are scattered around.

Teague and McDowell shared their friendship at the same time they started their basketball careers at SIU. Teague came in from Poplar Bluff, Mo., in 2000 as a transfer from Three Rivers Community College. McDowell joined the Salukis in 1999 after a standout prep career at Nokomis High School.

Last year, Teague received the honor of MVC Newcomer of the Year, the first Saluki to achieve the distinction since 1999. Meanwhile, McDowell averaged 13.3 points per game to become the Salukis' second leading scorer, and led the team with 52 steals.

Teague and McDowell are now looked at as SIU's top returning stars. Obviously, the pair has chemistry. After one season of playing together, they decided to become roommates. Both feel living together has improved the team's camaraderie.

"It's the Holly and Molly show. We just go through so much," Teague said. "We're roommates, we share every-thing and I think that's a really big plus for us being on a team together, too."

Teague and McDowell said they have their share of arguments, spending so much time together. But McDowell said they know each other so well that they can simply say what's on their mind without worrying how it will be taken.

McDowell said being close off the court has several advantages.

"If Saluki's going to help a ton and our record is going to show it," McDowell said. "When you know so
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it going to be like the ball in the china shop, where he gets the ball in the paint, he makes his little move and then everybody falls down and he becomes the guy who all the officials pick on. To me it's a little bit scary."

Drumman has been impressive in preseason practice and SIU's two exhibition games, and seemed with Roberts and Willis, the trio should give most SIU opponents some match up headache.

Weber has harped on veterans like Drumman and Williams to maintain their offensive production from past years while taking fewer, better quality shots. But SIU's most pressing concerns revolve around the defense.

The Sabbits weren't a particularly solid defensive team last year, and though they've focused on shoring up that area in practice, Weber said Opp, who has other.~

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"As a team we want to improve defensively," said Opp, who has been slowed in the preseason while coping with a rare liver condition.

"I'd say that's probably our main area right now that's not very strong. But I think over time, once we work together more as a team, I think they're going to get better and more comfortable with each other."

Coach Weber considered an improved Geshia Woodard the star of the exhibition games.

"We won't place her as a staff, particularly in the game of Geshia Woodard in both games," Opp said.

Woodard, now a senior, hasn't seen much playing time over the past three years. But this year's exhibition games showcased a more aggressive, intense Woodard.

"That's probably what we were most pleased with was Geshia Woodard and also the team's intensity and their effort," Opp said.

Woodard said she is looking forward to the season, which begins tonight at Athens. There are several things Woodard said the team needs to focus on.

"Last year, we didn't finish the season as the conference leader for rebounds and Woodard said one goal for this year's team is to do so, along with shining at some other improvements.

"We're really just focusing on playing together with everybody being able to contribute. It's not like a one man game," Woodard said.

"We're working on our defense a lot to make sure we box out and get to the board. But I think we should be pretty good this year. I guess we'll see what happens when we play Nebokaska."
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The Missouri Valley Conference is often referred to as a grinder league, with good reason, as it features top players such as Illinois State’s Tashie Bryant, Indiana State’s Kelvin Black and SIU’s Kent Williams.

This season, SIU wants to show the league can be dominated by the big men as well, as the Salukis enter the season with three legitimate post players in forwards Jermaine Dearman, Sylvester Williams and center Ron Roberts.

Dearman and Roberts, a 6-foot-6-inch, 240 pound transfer from Virginia Tech, are expected to be the focal point of the frontcourt with Williams and sophomore Brad Krom also making their presence felt.

"If we have a good team and we want to be a good team, we usually have to be a good defense," Williams said. "We complement each other pretty well, if we can learn to pass to each other a little better, I feel like we can get a little high-low game. We got some good players and we ought to score a lot of points."

Adding Roberts and a more experienced Willie gives Dearman the help inside he hasn’t had since he teamed with Derrick Tioston and Chris Thoresson during the 1999-00 season.

"I was talking to Coach and he was telling me coming at people and keep messing with each other in just play as hard as we can," Dearman said. "We should be able to beat all the teams in rebounding and beat the other team up the floor because we’re pretty quick and we’re big."

The three will not only help each other out, as the Salukis new inside force should fire up some of the marksmen such as Williams, Marcus Belcher and Darren Brooks.

"I think we down there will just open up the shots will come if opponents decide to double-team Roberts and Dearman down low and leave the other Salukis in places to shoot," Roberts said. "They’re going to be able to knock down some shots and as the season gets going, when teams start to double-team us, the goals are going to have to be able to knock down those shots from the perimeter."

The frontcourt has its first chance to show what it can do as the Salukis welcome Belmont University insight in their first game of the season.

While the entire SIU team will be psyched up to get their season underway, probably none will be as ready to go as Roberts, who had to sit out last season after transferring from Virginia Tech.

"I’m really excited, the nerves have kind of worn off a little bit after the exhibition games," Roberts said. "I’m really excited to get out there and play with these guys."

And the rest of the Salukis are really excited to play with their new frontcourt.

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Senior Saluki setter looks to close season on positive note

CINDY HARRING Daily Egyptian

Megan Baustuck, who reached 2,000 assists in Jess graduating at the end of the semester, is practicing for her final game as a Saluki this weekend.

Senior Megan Baustuck runs to set the ball at practice Thursday afternoon. Baustuck, who will be graduating at the end of the semester, is practicing for her final game as a Saluki this weekend.

"She has been one of the best kids I have had an opportunity to coach," Stringer said. "With Megan it's not just her role as a setter, it's her role as a person as part of your team."

Baustuck enrolled at Jefferson College and was named a second team NJCAA All-American. When it came time to further her volleyball career, SIU seemed to be the perfect fit.

Saluki head coach Sonya Locke likes Baustuck ability to learn new things rapidly.

"It was perfect and Jenny [Noel] got a chance to be her hook shot,• Opp said. "She's a second team setter." SIU seemed to be the perfect fit.

Some statistic dut the Salukis could not have in mind was the fact they were entering the "She is a workhorse, has great agility and quickness." Stringer said. "She just had all the ingredients of a setter."

"Our goal right now is to give these teams a positive influence for their teems," Stringer said. "With Megan it's not just her role as a setter, it's her role as a person as part of your team."

Baustuck's ability to learn new things rapidly. Stringer refers to Baumstuk as one of her best kids and one of the best kids she's ever had. Opp said, "I'm going to try to do it all at the same time and I did my best for the good of the team."

"I hope people understand what she's done, she's been un:ihlc to do a lot of things offensively dut Britton wouldn't."

Megan Baustuck made her debut as a Saluki setter.

"The Salukis took game four, forcing a fifth ar.d sixth game for the first time in the MVC."

Senior Megan Baustuck has set the ball at practice Thursday afternoon. Baustuck, who will be graduating at the end of the semester, is practicing for her final game as a Saluki this weekend.

"We initially tried to keep things as simple as possible," Locke said, "but Megan as intelligent person and player. We were able to do a lot of things effectively that Britton wouldn't run."

Baustuck had to learn new sets quickly at SIU, but she not only accomplished that, she also provided a positive influence for her team."

"She's a very intelligent person and player. We were able to do a lot of things effectively that Britton wouldn't run."

"Megan is very encouraging. A lot of people get a little nervous about anything back. She's very positive."

Both matches begin at 7 p.m. at Davies Gymnasium.

This leads to the biggest problem for the Salukis. In order to compete in the tough Missouri Valley Conference, SIU needs to have an improved inside game to complement its outside game.

"Woodard, who averaged 17 points and 10.3 rebounds in two exhibition games this year, has improved greatly since last year and should supply some senior leadership that the young pups will need," Opp said.

"Woodard worked hard over the summer and came in with a different attitude that has helped her game improve," Opp said.

"She went out in the first two exhibition games and played well," Opp said. "If she can keep it rolling, we should have a pretty decent inside game."

"Tiffany's bread and butter is going to her hook shot," Opp said. "She's got a nice little hook shot. That's what she's most successful with. Her serving work, I know, will continually improve."
Salukis look to play role of spoiler
SIU football hopes to knock Western Kentucky out of playoffs

Men's basketball opens season tonight with home game against Belmont

Jay Schweb

Basketball Preview

Saluki Basketball opens season tonight with home game against Belmont

Jay Schweb

By nature, the SIU men's basketball team isn't a particularly gregarious bunch. The Salukis have plenty of talented players, but not many of them are too into the chest-leading, chest-bumping or fist-pumping that some other teams favor.

Not a big deal. Not according to SIU head basketball coach Bruce Weber, who was diagnosed with the Salukis' low-key demeanor during an exhibition last week, and has told his players he expects them to come out of their shell pronto.

"The thing that was disappointing is a mature team will find ways to get energy, even though the game means nothing," Weber said. "We're trying to get better. Hopefully we can find a way to get that energy." Weber expects senior leaders like Relan Roberts and Marcus Belcher, along with junior Kent Williams, to be among the catalysts of a more jacked-up group of Salukis when the team opens the regular season with a 7:05 p.m. contest against Belmont tonight at the SIU Arena.

Sophomore forward Brad Korn is one of SIU's players who can appear nonchalant at times, but said he thinks it's time for him and his teammates to exhibit more outward passion during games.

"We don't have a lot of wild, outgoing personalities on the team, but sometimes you have to make sacrifices," Korn said.

Korn is also at the heart of another one of SIU's concerns — play off the bench. Through the Salukis' two exhibition games, Korn, freshman Darce Brooks and others expected to contribute off the bench have been led by theExample of how to properly cite this article

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"We're trying to get better. Hopefully we can find a way to get that energy," said SIU head basketball coach Bruce Weber.

"There's going to be nerves there, but they're going to make us up for it in front of the fans," Weber said.

"If you want to compare them to someone in our league it would be Evansville or it would be Drake." The Bruins' top two players are 6-foot-6-inch seniors Wes Barrtor and post player Adam Senn, who referred to tonight's opener as a "scary game," noting SIU's big guys will have to be prepared to guard the perimeter.

Brad Korn leaps over his opponent during the Salukis' last exhibition game. The Salukis begin their season against Belmont tonight at 7 p.m.

"Field is real shaky out there. I can't really explain it," he said. "I haven't really looked for my shoes. They're telling me to be more aggressive and I think it's just a matter of getting more comfortable out there in front of the fans."

In Belmont, the Salukis are facing a team that should struggle to match up against SIU's top guys, such as Williams and post player Roberts and Jermaine Dearnman. But the Bruins will try to negate disadvantages in athleticism with intelligent play and a barrage of three-point shooting, which has become their claim to fame.

"They spread you out and they run motion — they're going to make us up for it," Weber said. "If you want to compare them to someone in our league it would be Evansville or it would be Drake." The Bruins' top two players are 6-foot-6-inch seniors Wes Barrtor and post player Adam Senn, who referred to tonight's opener as a "scary game," noting SIU's big guys will have to be prepared to guard the perimeter.

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"We're going to go in there, work hard and play good," said SIU head basketball coach Jerry Kill and his coaching staff concerning Western Kentucky's an awfully good football team," Kill said. "The key to Western Kentucky is their great speed — they all can run and they're all physical and they're all reckless. We're glad some of them guys are getting out of there, but they're a playoff team.

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Kwanzaa rolls into Carbondale

Local children and artists celebrate African holiday with art, stories and song

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Children, teachers, parents, grandparents and friends gathered at the Erurma C. Hayes Center Saturday to celebrate Kwanzaa with a feeling of closeness, spirit, warmth and thanksgiving.

The pre-Kwanzaa festival was sponsored by Sassy Craftin’ Sisters, a group of local artists. Deborah Party, event coordinator for SIUC’s Undergraduate Admissions and Sassy Craftin’ Sisters member, said the craft festival was held to be in the members’ honor, but they wanted to extend the pre-Kwanzaa celebration to include children and more people in the community. This is when they decided to move the festival to the Erurma C. Hayes Center.

“Crafts start with the reading of a story, motion of music and dialogue with other people,” Party said. “Artists have a chance to express themselves in a variety of ways.”

The basis for Kwanzaa is an observance of African heritage. Kwanzaa celebrations celebrate the personal sacrifice and hard work of African-Americans to achieve the joy, sharing and thanksgiving that comes from focusing on the families, neighbors and community.

Kwanzaa is also based on seven key principles, consisting of Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purposes), Kuumba (creativity) and Imani (faith).

During the festival, the children sat on the floor, mesmerized by storyteller Cecilie McCanon and Carol Odaniell, who tells stories at many elementary schools in the area, invited a traditional African tale of an ant, or spider. She said it was important for her to choose the best African children’s story for the occasion.

The first panel was comprised primarily of students from SIUC and other universities who have experience traveling in foreign countries such as Japan, Russia, West Africa and China.

The panel was moderated by Jeff Williams, a radio announcer at WMSU, who said there are 175 foreign countries represented by SIUC’s 1,789 international students.

Gaining knowledge about how other countries view international affairs was important, said panel member.

“Every time I pick up a Russian newspaper, I see the world through a ‘Russian eye,’ ” said Andrew Melzer, a student from the University of Illinois whose parents traveled to Russia.

Melzer also added that once students get a taste of international culture, they become permanently interested.

“Once you get started, you get hooked,” he said.

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Debra Johnson-Jones, a clinical supervisor

Carl Hughlett sings to people gathered at the pre-Kwanzaa festival at the Erurma C. Hayes Center Saturday afternoon. Along with Hughlett singing, there was also a story teller, dancing and art and crafts for the children present.

The month of Ramadan, or Holy Month, gives people of the Islamic faith an opportunity to reaffirm their faith by abstaining from food, drink, sex and other activities that may hinder an individual’s pursuit to righteousness.

Ramadan dawns bright with new moon Friday

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Carl Hughlett sings to people gathered at the pre-Kwanzaa festival at the Erurma C. Hayes Center Saturday afternoon. Along with Hughlett singing, there was also a story teller, dancing and art and crafts for the children present.

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