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ANTHONY SOUFFLE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Gov. Rod Blagojevich makes his way through a crowd of people Wednesday afternoon in the Student Center after unveiling his Opportunity Returns plan, which will create jobs and bring economic development to the Southern Illinois region. Blagojevich announced an investment of \$30 million will be given to Morris Library to expand and renovate the facility.

## Governor visits campus

Blagojevich unveils plan to create more jobs in Southern Illinois

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Born in 1956, Rod Blagojevich grew up in Chicago and was taught work ethic by his blue-collar parents. At the age of 9, he began shining shoes to earn money.

As a teenager, Blagojevich worked in a variety of jobs, such as a meat packing plant and as a pizza delivery man.

"If it weren't for the chance to have those jobs, I wouldn't be here today," he said. "That's why we're here: to try to give people an opportunity to get ahead, to work better, more secure jobs and to support their families and to deliver on the dream of building a better life."

Wednesday afternoon in Ballroom D of the Student Center, Gov. Blagojevich unveiled the third of 10 economic regional plans to create new jobs in the Southern Illinois region.

"We cannot keep waiting for the economy to just turn around," he said. "I say it's about time we try to do something."

Opportunity Returns, the title of Blagojevich's economic strategy, includes seven specific areas tailored for the Southern Illinois region with the attempt of delivering results.

"The goal is jobs," Blagojevich said. "This will take a big effort, and the task is monumental."

The plan outlined with the governor's strategy is to modernize local business operations. He said six businesses would be involved in this task, which will create 305

Blagojevich to push FutureGen power plant

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jobs and retain 107 positions.

Tyjuan Cratic, president of the College Democrats, said he was excited to have Blagojevich at SIU and said he is 100 percent behind the governor.

"His plan will definitely stimulate growth," Cratic said. "It will be beneficial to the state by providing more jobs."

A \$150,000 grant will be given to help Pallet Solutions modernize the process it uses to make wooden pallets from recycled wood waste, which will save 13,000 trees each year. He referred to this as a win-win situation because it will also create smaller landfills.

Blagojevich said \$51 million will be spent on investing on local infrastructure. Also, by widening Route 13 from Carterville to Marion, a 6.2-mile stretch, he hopes to relieve congestion.

"We can make it easier to get here and stay

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## Police nab suspect in Herrin sexual assault

Suspect charged with five felony counts Wednesday

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Three days after a 12-year-old girl was allegedly sexually assaulted in Herrin, police arrested a previously convicted sex offender who they believe is responsible for the assault.

According to the Williamson County Sheriff's Department, police arrested 25-year-old Darrell W. Salyers Jr. at 4 p.m. Tuesday at a wooded campsite close to where the assault allegedly occurred. Police said they believe Salyers is homeless and had been living in the woods.

A caller who was able to identify Salyers from a police sketch aided the department in the arrest. The informant declined a \$1,000 reward and told police the money could go to the victim.

Salyers was formally charged Wednesday at the Williamson County Courthouse in Marion with three Class X felonies in connection with the incident. He was charged with predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, aggravated kidnapping and aggravated battery of a child.

If found guilty, Salyers could face a six- to 30-year Illinois prison sentence and be fined up to \$25,000 for each Class X felony conviction. Anyone convicted of a Class X felony is not eligible for probation.

He was also charged with two counts of failure to report as a sex offender in Williamson County, which is a Class 4 felony.

Although a Class 4 felony conviction normally results in a one- to three-year sentence in an Illinois correctional facility, Salyers could be sentenced up to six years because he has a prior conviction. He would also face up to a \$25,000 fine and 30 months probation.

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## Poll shows Southern Illinoisans' trust in media lacking

Only 11 percent of region fully believes in media

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part one in a five-part series looking at media credibility about six months after the Jayson Blair scandal.

Over the last several months, television personalities from Conan O' Brien to Geraldo Rivera have hurled jibes at the print media as they struggle to ride the wave of hysteria generated by the Jayson Blair scandal.

Although the media have recently taken several steps — including increased self-scrutiny and the dismissal of several distinguished editors — to help back the public's trust, the

results of a recent DAILY EGYPTIAN poll show it may take more to mend the gaping rift.

According to a phone survey of 100 local residents and SIUC students, only 11 percent of the public believes nearly everything that is printed in the media. And a sizeable portion — 44 percent — believes less than half of what the media says is accurate.

Not all the blame for the rise in skepticism can be thrust upon the shoulders of the disgraced former New York Times reporter. In fact, only 55 poll respondents even recalled the specifics of the scandal that revealed the 27-year-old Blair had been lifting passages from other news outlets and fabricating facts and sources.

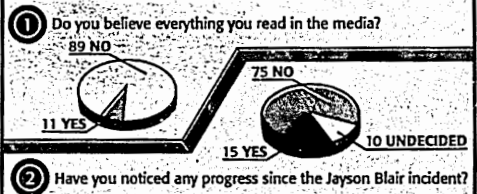
Seventy-five of those polled said they have failed to see any improve-

ment in media coverage since journalism's "Old Gray Lady" was rocked last May by the most egregious example of media fabrication, since upstart reporter Stephen Glass was dismissed from the New Republic in 1998.

While Glass's story eventually became the subject of both a novel and feature film — the recently released "Shattered Glass" — the Blair incident has bred a more piercing windfall of suspicion, given that it took place at one of the world's most prestigious publications.

George Foster, a Makanda resident who regularly reads the New York Times in addition to both the Southern Illinoisan and DAILY EGYPTIAN, said seeing an act of fabrication on such a large scale has prompted him to question the methods of all media outlets.

### MEDIA CREDIBILITY SURVEY



FRANK SOARES - DAILY EGYPTIAN

"If what is supposedly the most trusted newspaper in the nation has someone working for them capable of doing that, then who can say there aren't other reporters at other papers capable of doing the same thing?" Foster said. "I just think a lot of people in the media will do anything to get a story, and if that means lying

to the public, then that's what they'll do."

Foster also said while he is hesitant to place his trust in any of the folded stacks that arrive at his doorstep each morning, he does lean toward local coverage for accuracy.

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NATIONAL NEWS

**GOP senators plan marathon debate**

WASHINGTON (KRT) — Get your tickets to the U.S. Senate's A 30-hour marathon debate starts Wednesday and will go straight through to Friday. Republicans have orchestrated the "talkathon" to highlight Democratic efforts to block the confirmation of four of President Bush's judicial nominees.

No one expects to resolve the fight, but that won't stop lawmakers from keeping bleary-eyed Senate staff, stenographers, librarians, pages, cooks and police officers on a round-the-clock vigil. Senators on both sides of the aisle intend to add another chapter to the Senate's history.

Senators are resting up for their midnight shifts. Dozens of cots have been ordered for junior senators and will be placed in the Strom Thurmond room, named after the late South Carolinian. Blankets and pillows are being readied for senior senators who have cozy "hideaway" nooks in the Capitol. It's a return to the Senate of yore and lore.

This will be the first all-nighter since former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., kept the Senate in session to block a multibillion-dollar tax bill in 1992.

**Burger King apologizes to breast-feeding mom**

OREM, Utah (CNN) — Burger King has served up a plan apology to a woman who said she was ordered by a franchisee to stop breast-feeding her baby in the fast-food restaurant's dining room or leave.

Kate Geary said she was made to "feel like a criminal" for breast-feeding her baby girl Monday and asked the burger chain for an apology.

Miami-based Burger King Corp. issued a generic apology in a prepared release Tuesday.

"Burger King Corporation and our franchisee apologize for any inconvenience any of our guests experienced at our restaurant on Nov. 10, 2003," the release said.

The company said its employee was simply responding to the request of another customer who was uncomfortable with Geary breast-feeding at the eatery. Geary was never asked to leave the restaurant, the statement said.

"The general manager sent a female employee to speak with the woman and asked that she either cover herself or move to the ladies room," the company said in a prepared release. Geary contends she was fully covered.

Utah state law says a woman has a right to breast-feed anywhere.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**Government suspends journalists association**

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (CNN) — The government has suspended Ethiopia's only independent journalists association for failing to renew its license, officials said Tuesday.

"This is a major blow for free speech and press freedom in the country," said Kille Mullah, head of the 155-member Ethiopian Free Press Journalists Association (EFJA) for the past four years.

The move comes amid growing tension between the government and the EFJA over a controversial new draft press law in the impoverished country in the Horn of Africa.

The press bill, which could come into effect later this year, has been criticized as being "restrictive" by international press watchdog organizations. Among other things, it stipulates prison sentences for journalists who commit errors in reporting, requires all foreign publications to be vetted by the government before going on sale in the country and gives the government 30 days to reply to questions from journalists.

Getachew Gofa, an official who handles licensing at the Ministry of Justice, which imposed the suspension, said

the legislation had not been politically motivated. He also said the journalists group had been operating illegally.

**U.S. attacks insurgents in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) — U.S. forces launched two attacks on Iraqi insurgents late Wednesday, military officials said, hours after a bombing that killed at least 25 people at the Italian military police headquarters in Nasirya.

One attack occurred in western Baghdad and another in the southern part of the city, said Capt. David Gercken, a spokesman for the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division.

The attack in the western part of the Iraqi capital targeted guerrillas who had launched mortar shells at U.S. troops, Gercken said.

Those insurgents were trying to escape in a van when Apache attack helicopters struck, killing two people inside, the spokesman said. Three others were wounded and five detained, he said.

In the attack in southern Baghdad, an AC-130 Spectre gunship was called in to destroy a warehouse used by Iraqi insurgents to meet and plan attacks against U.S. forces around the capital, Gercken said. He said the number of casualties was unclear.

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CALENDAR

- Today
- Blacks Interested in Business
  - COBA Etiquette Dinner and Award Ceremony 7 p.m.
  - Old Main Restaurant in the Student Center

POLICE REPORTS

University

Terence Sean Davis, 20, of Chicago was arrested and charged with expired registration and failure to appear warrant on an original charge of operating a vehicle with a suspended registration at 7:03 p.m. Tuesday on South Logan Drive at Allen Hall. He posted \$250 cash bond.

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An unauthorized use of an ATM card resulted in theft of more than \$300 at Mae Smith. There are no suspects.

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A theft occurred between 1 p.m. Oct. 30 and 1 p.m. Nov. 4 at Southern Illinois Motor Spares, located at 2145 Suites Drive. A 1992 AMC brand flatbed ATV trailer estimated at \$500 was reported stolen from the front of the business.

William M. Hanby II, 27, of Murphysboro was arrested and charged with aggravated assault 2:07 a.m. Tuesday on the 500 block of South Illinois Avenue. During an altercation Hanby reportedly retrieved a Glock 32 semi-automatic pistol from his vehicle. The police were called and found the weapon inside his truck. Hanby was released from the Jackson County Jail after posting bond.

CLARIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS

In the Wednesday Nov. 12 editorial, "Don't make veterans pay for own memorial," the statement attributed to Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty, "Simply stated, the city does not have sufficient funds available to finance every worthy cause in the community," was not solely made in reference to the Carbondale Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2506's request for funding. Instead, Doherty said it was made as a generalization to the numerous funding requests the City received, which together totaled more than \$70,000.

In the Wednesday Nov. 12 page one photo text for "The Pride of the Veteran," it should have said "...bravely served our country in foreign wars." Also, corps was misspelled.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the errors. Readers who spot an error should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

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DAILY EGYPTIAN FILE PHOTO

Canadian National workers repair a section of railroad track on Feb. 23 that was damaged after a train carrying hazardous chemicals derailed in Tamaroa two weeks earlier, forcing the evacuation of more than 780 residents. A class action lawsuit filed by more than 400 Tamaroa residents against CN will be tried in state court, but there is a debate over which county will try the case.

## Residents' suit against Canadian National to be tried in state court

Residents debate location of county for trial

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The class action lawsuit filed by Tamaroa residents against Canadian National will be tried in state court, but which county will try the case is still being debated.

The 22-car train derailment spilled hazardous chemicals and caused the evacuation of more than 780 residents Feb. 9. More than 400 residents are involved in the class action lawsuit.

The railroad company wants the case to be tried in Perry County where the incident took place. But lawyers representing Tamaroa residents said St. Clair County would be a better choice.

Joe Leberman, lawyer from the Bryant and Kautz law firm, said St. Clair County has tried class action lawsuits involving hundreds of plaintiffs in the past.

"A class action lawsuit involving more than 400 people is going to tie up a lot of court time

and resources for Perry County," Leberman said. "It's a small, poor county, whereas St. Clair is a larger county, has more judges and has the resources to accommodate that kind of case."

"It will be expensive for Perry County to have a case like that handled there. You have to have more court help, clerk's office and more time for judges to hear those cases."

Pierre Leclerc, CN director of communications, said the company believes the case should be tried in Perry County because St. Clair County is much farther away from Tamaroa.

"We think that would be fair for those people to have the litigation in the location where the incident happened," Leclerc said. "It makes no sense to do the litigation in a county where there's no connection with the plaintiffs and the witnesses and the derailment."

Leberman said the motion to move the trial to Perry County will be filed in early December. The county should be chosen by February or March.

"Once that's decided, then we'll get into trading discovery and information about the cause of the derailment and the effects of the chemical spill on the town and townspeople,"

Leberman said. "The railroad is not willing to exchange that type of information until all of the other issues are settled."

Leberman said he plans to use experts to discuss why the train derailed, the effects of chemicals and the amount of chemicals left behind from the spill.

Tammy Kellerman, paralegal assistant for Bryant and Kautz, said residents are seeking compensation for the evacuation from their homes, medical problems and decreased property value.

"They're really upset with the railroad," Kellerman said. "They don't like how they were done with them. They feel like the railroad lied to them from the very beginning."

"When they were all told they could go back in town, they were under the understanding that all of the chemicals had been taken out, and actually they were still there in railroad cars. So they're a little upset with that."

Kellerman said the suit could take two to five years to be settled.

"They're impatient with the lawsuit," Kellerman said.

"They want it all over, but that's going to take time."

## Tree honoring Poshard Foundation unveiled Wednesday

Pat's Kids, Poshard Foundation collaborate to raise money for abused, neglected children

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A small crowd gathered at Morris Library Wednesday morning for the unveiling of the building's Christmas tree and to hear the story behind the book that sits beside it.

Radio host Pat Benton and Glenn Poshard, former vice chancellor for Administration and founder of The Poshard Foundation, spoke briefly about the book and honorary Christmas tree that are located on the first floor of the building.

More important than the tree itself are the ornaments, which represent donations to two charities hoping to provide Christmas for area children.

The book on the table beside it contains

a compilation of letters and holiday wishes from 50 area children, wishes that have bound two groups, Pat's Kids and The Poshard Foundation, together to grant.

The two groups joined for the second year to grant the holiday wishes of area children who have been abused and neglected.

After last year's successful collaboration, the groups joined once again in hopes of helping at least 600 children.

The Poshard Foundation, which was founded by the former senator, serves abused, abandoned and neglected children in seven area shelters and agencies.

Though the foundation does its best to serve the basic needs of local children, Poshard said there was some difficulty when it came to providing Christmas gifts for all of the children.

Poshard said he approached Benton with the idea for providing assistance during the holidays.

"We do our part to help from day to day," Poshard said.

"But one thing that has always been dif-

ficult is making Christmas a special occasion for these children. As much as we tried to help, we always came up short.

"I told my good friend Pat Benton, 'I wish there was something I could do to help give these kids a Christmas,' and without a moment's hesitation he said, 'I can help give them a Christmas.'"

Shortly after, Benton began Pat's Kids, a program he promotes during his morning show.

He encouraged listeners to help him in his quest to raise money for children in need. Benton's initial goal was to help at least 30 kids and raise at least \$3,000. In the end, Benton raised \$53,000 and helped 300 local children.

The success of last year's program not only encouraged him to sponsor the program for a second year but also increased response from the community.

This year, Morris Library decided to join the number of businesses and other sponsors in helping with the program.

The tree gives everyone the opportunity

## Governor pushes for FutureGen power plant

Blagojevich aims to revitalize Southern Illinois Coal Economy

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Bringing FutureGen to Southern Illinois is one way Gov. Rod Blagojevich plans to revitalize the economy of Southern Illinois.

During Wednesday's unveiling of his economic revitalization plan for the Southern Illinois region, Opportunity Returns, FutureGen was one of the initiatives the governor outlined.

"We want FutureGen in Southern Illinois," Blagojevich said to the hot and crowded audience in the Student Center Ballroom.

FutureGen is a \$1 billion research initiative that will partner the efforts of the federal government and the industry to build a 275-megawatt, emission-free, coal-fired electric and hydrogen power plant.

The governor said the plan would be an environmentally sound way to create energy. One of the main components of FutureGen is the emission sequestering, which will contain virtually all pollutants underground in geological structures.

He said coal mining and oil drilling in Southern Illinois have created ideal geologic areas to permanently store carbon dioxide emissions.

The FutureGen initiative is based on a partnership between the federal government and the private sector.

While the governor had an idea of which industry partners are being considered by the state, he said he was not at liberty to divulge those names.

Blagojevich said before a private sector partnership is finalized, the location of the site needs to be secured.

"The first thing we need to know is whether or not the Bush administration can sign-off on FutureGen to be located in Southern Illinois," Blagojevich said.

Illinois is one of the states lobbying to house the FutureGen project. While Illinois is being considered, the site location of FutureGen will not be determined until next year.

Blagojevich commended U.S. Congressmen Jerry Costello, D-Ill., and John Shimkus, R-Ill., for their efforts to bring the federal project to Illinois.

"We are working hard lobbying the federal government to make the case that Southern Illinois is the best place for this project," Blagojevich said.

to make a donation to the fund. A donation of any amount can be brought to the library and will go directly to the fund for helping children.

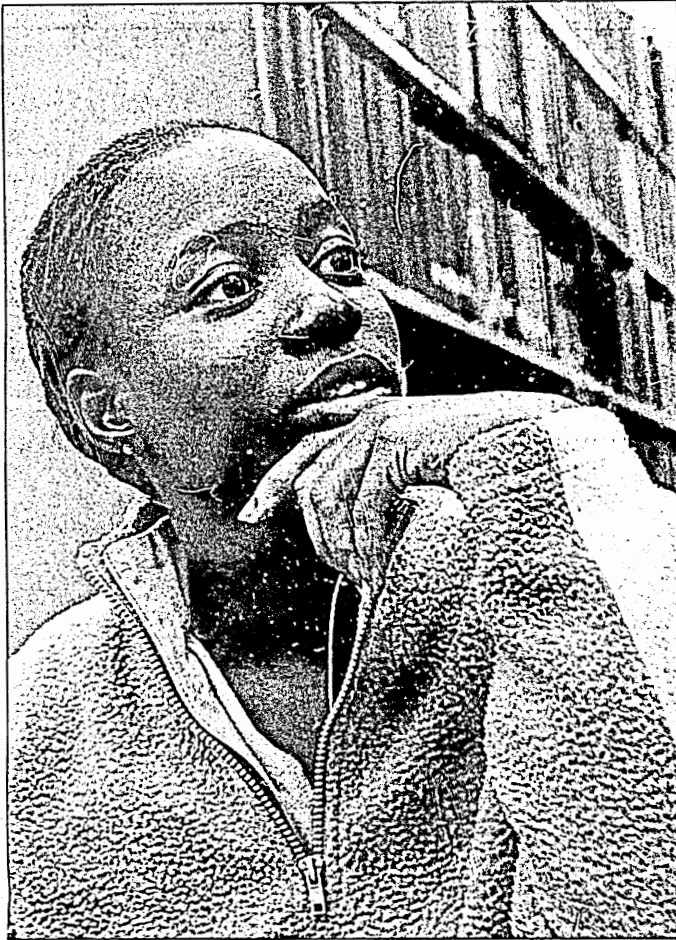
An ornament will then be placed on the tree, honoring the tax-deductible donation. Donors can pick up the ornament for their own tree anytime after Dec. 19.

Cristy Stuepega, development officer for Morris Library said she was amazed by the selflessness of the children whose letters are listed in the book.

"Most of these children are not asking for clothes or toys," Stuepega said. "They are asking to make the holidays better for their parents and families."

"A letter from one girl read, 'I've learned it's not how many presents you get but how you feel inside.'"

Donations can be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the library or at the circulation desk during the weekend.



Nwamaka Anaza, a senior in paralegal studies from Ibo, Nigeria, discusses why she came to SIUC to study. Anaza is the recipient of the Sen. Penny Sevens Women's Public Service Endowed Internship Award, which awards her with in-state tuition and fees. The award also guarantees her a nine-week internship in Springfield and covers part of her expenses during the internship.

# Just plain Amaka

Nigerian student wins scholarship for hard work and dedication

story by RACHEL LINDSAY

When she was a child, Nwamaka Anaza, known to her friends as just plain Amaka, said she wanted to be a doctor. A fear of math kept her from that particular dream, so when it came time to pick a profession, paralegal studies offered her the closest alternative.

"Just going out there and helping people, I think that's really cool," Anaza said.

Anaza, a senior from Nigeria, will graduate this spring after only three years in the United States. She traveled to America alone at age 17.

Carolyn Smoot, director of paralegal studies, said Anaza was one of the top students in the program. According to Smoot, Anaza, 20, excels at everything she does.

"I knew she was the kind that took the bull by the horns and got the job done," Smoot said. "But when I realized how pleasant she is and how much of a can-do person she was, and then I found out how old she was and she was working two jobs, and it just really struck me — she's extra-special."

Anaza grew up in Ibo, Nigeria, but she will tell you she comes from Delta, the village her parents came from. The move from Nigeria to Carbondale was an ordeal for Anaza. She said she chose SIUC because her father is a University alumnus.

"It was kind of nice to walk in his footsteps," she said. "He's really neat, and I was like, 'OK, let's see what makes him different.' So I came to school here."

Anaza has attained a host of awards, such as Dean's List and Who's Who in American College Students, but calls them annoying because they do not have monetary awards.

"I wish I could say I paid my way through school," Anaza said. "But I can't because no matter how hard I work or how many scholarships I get, it will not pay my way through school."

This year, Anaza has worked two jobs to pay for school, one at the Recreation Center and one as a student assistant. Although she lives off campus with her brother, Emaka Anaza, 22, and her parents help with tuition, she still must pay for room, board and books. She said it is

very hard to make ends meet sometimes, especially since international students are restricted to 20 hours a week of work.

She is also the recipient of this year's Sen. Penny Sevens Women's Public Service Endowed Internship Award. The award covers in-state tuition and fees for one year in addition to assisting with the expense of a nine-week internship in Springfield.

In light of the recent raises in tuition, Anaza said the scholarship would alleviate some of the financial hardship on her family, who has been supporting her with tuition money, a rate of two-and-one-half times the in-state tuition for international students, for the past three years.

"You have to think about back home," Anaza said. "How are they living? How are they coping? They're sending money to you. Are they starving just to send you to school?"

Anaza studies an average of six hours daily, saying she cannot meet the expense of a C.

"The money is so hard that you have to work even if you're not doing well," Anaza said. "And you cannot afford not to do well because you need your grades to stay high."

Her current grade point average is 3.8, even though she took more than 15 credit hours nearly every semester as well as attending summer school.

Last summer, she took 12 credit hours. She called the library her second home.

Although she said she fits in now, the transition to America was difficult for her. She cited weather as one trying experience.

"I hate the cold," Anaza said. "In Nigeria, we only have two seasons — rainy and sunny. Here they have four, and I had never been anywhere cold in my life. And I came in August when it was really close to winter. I was like, 'What is this? This is horrible!'"

When she arrived, Anaza said she had to buy a "whole new closet." In Nigeria, culture clothes added variety to her attire, but most were meant for warmer weather.

The food also gave Anaza some difficulty. Used to fresh produce and spicy seasoning, she said American food had no taste for a long time. The fast-food mentality also gave her a little trouble.

"Here everything is either frozen or in cans," Anaza said. "It took a while to get used to the food here."

Although she took a while to get used to the food, the language did not give her much trouble. In Nigeria, most people speak at least broken English as a first language, although the dialect differs from place to place.

"Most people don't know we speak English in Nigeria," Anaza said, "because we almost have 287 languages, and English brings us all together."

She also speaks Lagos, the language of her parents' hometown.

According to Anaza, the hardest part of coming over to America was leaving her family. She said she is very close to her parents, four brothers and one sister, but she misses her mother the most.

"I would say everything I do today is because of her," Anaza said.

"My mom and my faith in God keeps me going. He does more than I ask for."

Anaza has only been home once in the three years she's been here.

Although she misses her family, Anaza said she doesn't plan on going home when she graduates law school, saying she changes her mind constantly.

"I think I'm leaning more toward going home," she said. "It all comes back to helping your country or helping your continent. So I always have to think about back home, first thing."

Smoot said she admired Anaza for her hard work, loyalty and pleasant nature. One of the main reasons Anaza

stands out, she said, was the enterprise she shows while pursuing a goal.

"She was always out looking for anything she could and really took the initiative to help find ways to help support herself," Smoot said. "She's done it now — she's got a whole year paid. It just goes to show that if you work hard, there's resources out there."

Although she eventually wants to attend law school, paralegal studies gives Anaza the opportunity to gain experience for her future job. She said the major was good for those who want to do something different. The internship she won will allow Anaza to work in public service, something she said is dear to her heart.

"I think doing that will just give me a real first-hand experience," Anaza said. "Just being from Africa, where so many

people are suffering — maybe I won't be dealing with people that are suffering, but just serving the public and having an experience of how it works, I think it gives me an experience of how things work in the legislative government and how I can begin to develop myself for the future ahead."

Anaza also participates in numerous extra-curricular activities, such as the Organization of Paralegal

Students and African Student Council, leaving her no time for a social life.

"For international students, everything you do, you have to have a reason to do it," she said. "And you have to think ahead because if you don't do something right, it's going to really back on you. And you have to do it right and do it better than most people do it. I work really hard."

In addition to her major, Anaza has a minor in history with an emphasis on African studies. She said she chose history so she could learn more about her continent.

"When you come here to America everybody goes, 'Oh, your from Africa! Have you met this girl from Kenya? Have you met this girl from Tanzania?'" Anaza said.

"They think because you're from Africa, you should know everybody."

"I just thought being in Nigeria, it's like being in America. They don't really tell you anything about Mexico or Canada; they just tell you about America. And that's how it was. They just told me about Nigeria."

She also wants to learn about her home so she can help alleviate the problems.

"When you back home in Nigeria, you don't see anything wrong in where you're from," she said. "When you come here to America, you see the way the press portrays places like this and you think, 'Is it really like this? You start having to think about things in two different perspectives.'"

Smoot said she has enjoyed having Anaza as a student and will hate to see her graduate this spring.

"I have some students who think it's a challenge to work and go to school," Smoot said. "Just look at what she's put up with and what she's done."

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Right, Paul Williams, known as Plus, discusses when he is to perform with BTO Talent Show stage manager Kevin Winsead before his performance of 'If I Could Go Back' Tuesday evening. Williams was awarded third place.

# BTO sponsors talent show

SIUC students showcase their talents

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In the midst of the darkness of the auditorium, the spotlight shone on the featured performer. To show their appreciation for the singer, students put a modern twist to holding lighters up in the air. The audience swayed their hands back and forth with lighted cell phones in hand.

The Black Togetherness Organization sponsored its first talent show Tuesday in the Student Center Arena. The organization plans to sponsor the talent show annually. Sixteen different acts of singing, dancing or rapping were performed for about 250 audience members.

Judges were seated in the front row to determine the first, second and third place winners. To even

be a part of the contest, participants had to audition for BTO in the lower level of Grinnell Hall prior to the show.

And now the audience waited in anticipation as the results for the winners were announced. Third place was awarded to Paul Williams (also known as Plus) who performed an original rap song titled "If I Could Go Back."

The song portrayed experiences and objects that are reminiscent of the 1980s and early 1990s. Williams has been rapping for nine years and performing for four. He has rapped at Hangar 9 on various occasions and worked with Under Ground Hip Hop Radio. He also plans to release an album, Catch 22, Jan. 1. He spoke of his reaction to performing in front of the crowd.

"I didn't think about it," said Williams, a freshman in business from the south side of Chicago. "I



MEREDITH MERCIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman Shannon Aaron, known as Ms. Shannon, fills the Student Center Auditorium with her emotional rendition of "Natural Women" at the Black Togetherness Organization Talent Show Tuesday evening.

just get up and do it as long as people are feeling me."

The second place award went to Lavon Charles. He sang "Ain't No Sunshine" and was accompanied by Danielle Harvey and Chris Mathien. This was Charles' first time performing.

"I didn't come expecting to win," said Charles, a sophomore in computer engineering. "I just came for the experience."

The first place winner, Legirtha Smith (also known as Gi Gi), sang "I Must Tell Jesus." She also performed with the Voices of Inspiration Gospel Choir. Kanitra Keaton and Neffisatu Dambo, who also sing with the choir, accompanied her. She has been singing with the choir for four years and has sung for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Talent Show and for the Ms.

Eboness Pageant in 2001. She said she didn't expect to win.

"I lost my voice at a singing workshop, and I almost didn't perform," Smith said. "I was not expecting to win at all."

The show opened with a performance from the Voices of Inspiration Gospel Choir. After the group finished singing, the masters of ceremonies Krystal Trotter and James Berry, both members of BTO, began introducing the acts. A variety of talent was showcased. The first performer, Trevor Morris, played the guitar while singing an original song, "I Called My Mom Last Night." Others rapped self-written lyrics, danced or sang songs by music artists.

"There was a great turnout with a lot of diverse performances," said Smith, a senior in management

information systems from Chicago. "It showed a lot of talent on campus."

After the first nine talents, a short intermission took place where the audience members could come onto the stage and show off their dance moves. The show then resumed, and the final seven acts concluded the show.

Beadz, a sophomore in radio-television from the south side of Chicago, was one of the performers in the competition. He jokingly said he had been robbed but continued to say he thought the contest was judged fairly because different people like different things.

"A lot of hard work was put into the event," said Berry. "BTO didn't have any outside help."

"We hope to have an even bigger, better turnout next year."

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## THEIR WORD

# LGBT rights should be supported

Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — Last Sunday, U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., received a standing ovation from the crowd as he concluded his speech supporting gay rights.

As a member and advocate for the gay community, Frank was invited to speak on the University of Michigan campus at a meeting sponsored by the recently formed Stonewall Democrats. He promoted honesty concerning sexual orientation while acknowledging the discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender teenagers face when they decide to be open regarding their sexual preference.

The congressman addressed a major part of his political agenda: his opposition to the Defense of Marriage Act, the state legislation passed in 1996 that defines marriage as only legal if it is between a man and a woman. It is the responsibility of the university community to oppose this legislation and join Frank in his support for the LGBT community and their right to legal marriage.

Similar legislation has already been enacted in 16 other states. This has been part of a disturbing trend nationwide that has led to the increasing marginalization and discrimination towards the LGBT community. The university community should recognize this legislation as blatantly intolerant and morally incongruent with a free and fair society.

Furthermore, opposing the Defense of Marriage Act should not be a matter of sexual preference. All students,

All students, no matter what their sexual persuasion or which organizations they belong to, must collectively condemn the effort to deny gay and lesbian couples the right to marriage.

no matter what their sexual persuasion or which organizations they belong to, must collectively condemn the effort to deny gay and lesbian couples the right to marriage.

In order to be even more effective in showing support for this issue, however, students should take an active stance behind this issue.

Attending or planning events similar to the one sponsored by the Stonewall Democrats, writing to state and federal legislators or simply familiarizing oneself with LGBT issues are all great ways to advocate and help support gay rights.

Frank moved many members of the Ann Arbor, Mich., community as he discussed the obstacles he faced as a Jewish, gay man striving to be a U.S. representative. His visit to the university demonstrates a progressive stance towards all members of our community and a noble effort in the fight for LGBT rights. This is an issue in desperate need of attention, and by playing a more substantive role in the debate, the university community can help spread acceptance of gay rights in the United States.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

United States Declaration of Independence



## COLUMNIST

# There are monsters under my bed

Kodee update:

It appears Dan Kennings, Kodee's father, will likely be home in December. He has, for now, secured a 15-day leave for sometime in December and is hoping to be back permanently in February. Obviously, Kodee is excited about this and as far as everyone knows, Dan is OK. The worst injury he has suffered thus far is a glass bottle to the head.

In the meantime, Kodee has taken it upon herself to dig regulation foxholes in the backyard. Her guardians, Matt and Colleen, are not too fond of this, which s.t.e. does not understand. If the foxholes are regulation, Kodee does not see a problem with them.

Not surprisingly, Kodee has become increasingly adventurous, wanting to go to all types of places by herself. And, like any child, she is sick to death of school and the "dumb" things teachers tell her to do.

She has also become quite an entrepreneur, building up a sizable stack of cash.

The source of that money is confidential, but she said she plans on using it to bring her father home. Someone told her a flight to Iraq costs \$500 dollars, so she wants to raise that amount to rent a plane, fly it over to Iraq and recover her father.

Kenningsology

You know what? There's monsters under my bed. They come out when it's dark in there. Some of the monsters make noise and some don't because they're sneaky.

I hate sleeping in there because the monsters are big and move into shadows. There's this thing that I hang coats on that looks like a dragon when the lights are turned out. I get so scared that sometimes my mom



Kenningsology

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sleeps with me.

The monsters wait for kids to get out of bed and then they grab you. If you can't get away then they take you to the under world and make you stay. Matt says monsters will take socks as a bargain. I throw lots of socks under there but I'm too scared to see if it works.

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The monsters live in the closet to. I always make sure its shut but the monsters open it or slide under it. How they do that I don't know. My dad used to make the monsters run away because he would use his soldier voys. I hate when he yells at me in his soldier voys and so do the monsters. After he did that they would love me alone.

I miss my dad. When he kills all the bad guys Air Force One will bring him home. I'm tired of waiting.

Jack [Matt] has a soldier voys. He sounds like my dad. Sometimes he yells at me and it sucks. Jack was a soldier and he was good at his job. Sometimes I wish my dad wasn't so good at his job. Then he could come home faster. He needs to yell at the monsters to make them go away.

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## WORDS OVERHEARD

“You can get five to 10 years of experience in a year or two using the technology you have here.”

Burnell D. Kraft  
SIUC alumnus, class of 1956,  
explaining the benefits of the new Burnell D. Kraft Trading Room  
to the College of Business and Administration Friday

COLUMNISTS

# Who creates the United States' bad image abroad?

Last week, we started examining four influential factors creating the United States' bad image abroad. They included foreign policy, army stationed or participating in military operations abroad, U.S. companies expanding abroad and products of the U.S. entertainment industry spread all over the world.

It was argued that because of its foreign policy, the United States appears to have no respect for other countries. In choosing tools for foreign policy, the United States neglects diplomacy and relies heavily on its army because of lack of interest from its politicians. The launches of numerous military operations, especially those carried out unilaterally, build the image of invader and world bully. The foreign policy and the army open the way for U.S. companies to penetrate the treated regions.

To provide long-term stability for economic activity in those regions and keep an eye on possible competition, the army creates military bases. There are U.S. military bases positioned on every continent.

They create a feeling of dependence in the local population and ultimately add to the negative attitudes toward the United States.

The U.S. companies experienced in the free markets rarely meet significant competition in the new market of the recently "conquered for democracy" regions. Usually, they manage to easily impose their products on people who had never imagined or needed such products before. Through massive advertisement only they can afford, they create desires people cannot satisfy. Often, they try to change values and destroy traditions. It is not rare for them to exploit local workers in sweatshops.

A few examples follow:  
When McDonalds came to Bulgaria, the company bought a bookstore that had been a landmark for the capital downtown for years. It turned the bookstore into one of its restaurants. The ILRF accuses Exxon Mobil of allowing the Indonesian military to use the company's construction equipment for digging mass graves and of knowingly benefiting from the forced relocation of villagers in order to accommodate the company's facilities. Mobil has exploited the huge natural gas reserves in Aceh, Indonesia, since 1971.

The website Killercrooke.org claims eight union leaders in Coca-Cola plants in Columbia were killed and hundreds of workers have been tortured since 1989.

The National Labor Committee for Worker and Human Rights contends that in Bangladesh, workers, some as young as 10, labor for 14 to 15 hours a day seven days a week for as little as 8 cents to 19 cents an hour making Winnie the Pooh shirts for Walt Disney Co. and Wal-Mart.

Amnesty International reports U.S. companies face lawsuits for complicity in human rights violations.



## Eye on Earth

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Next time you go shopping at Wal-Mart, you might ask yourself why they have such low prices. Ask also whose sweatshop labor you are profiting from. You might want to visit Sweatshops.org, too.

The frustration and disappointment U.S. companies often bring to people abroad is transferred to the U.S. general account.

As the fourth major United States image builder, the entertainment industry, has a particularly powerful role.

Everywhere, people watch American movies — in many places, actually, the majority of the movies shown are American. The youth grow up watching American pop culture on television.

The image of opulence people abroad contemplates contrasts painfully with their own poverty.

The behavior and morals they are offered have little attractiveness. Imagine a mother or a father in a "developing" country who is being urged to accept the "freedom" model and who evaluates this "American" model based on the movies or on MTV. Who would want his or her daughter to be like the women on MTV? Who would want his or her son to follow the example of Jackass?

The perception of America as shown by the entertainment industry makes it absurd for a significant number of people to embrace anything American, democracy included.

The image thus created, by entertainment and by other companies, by the army and by the foreign policy, develops the attitudes people abroad have toward the United States. These negative attitudes sometimes turn into negative actions. Terrorism is the worst example.

Naturally, people in the United States do not like these attitudes and actions and consider them anti-American.

Often, because of misunderstanding patriotism, some forget to ask why they exist. Instead of reproaching to foreigners for having them, it might be a better idea to look at their causes and ask for accountability those who create the bad image.

*Eye on Earth appears every Thursday. Ana is a graduate student in foreign language and literature from Bulgaria. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.*

# Be ungrateful and blame America first: Part I

This article represents the first in a two-part series dedicated to those individuals in this country who make it their duty to bash, discredit and defame the name of the United States of America. Part II of this series will print next week.

I have asked people outright, "Overall, in world affairs, is the United States the 'good guy'?" If you have to think at all before answering this question, then I suggest you pack your bags and move to France.

It is sad that certain seemingly well-educated Americans can luxuriate in their comfortable, middle-class lives in a coffee shop in suburbia and at the same time complain about how bad things are in the United States and how evil Americans are.

These are the same people who complain their rights are being trampled by the PATRIOT Act, yet are still allowed to protest every weekend and spread outright lies about the Bush administration without the slightest fear of ever being arrested (or run over by tanks like at Tiananmen Square or executed like in Saddam's Iraq).

These are the same people who claim corporate America is the root of all evil as they shop at Wal-Mart, sip \$4 lattes in Starbucks and wear shirts made by Abercrombie and Fitch.

These are the same people who claim the United States has to bow down to the fictitious "international law," obey anti-Americans like Secretary General Kofi Annan and submit to the will of the impotent United Nations before honoring the national security and interests of the United States.

These are the same people who take Michael Moore, Noam Chomsky and Paul Krugman seriously.

These are the same people who say 9/11 was America's fault.

Yet, these are the same people who claim to be ardent patriots.

Who could I possibly be speaking of? None other than the off-the-deep-end left-wing extremists who are ungrateful for everything they have and blame America first for all that is wrong in the world. These views primarily exist on college campuses, where these extremists can afford to believe in a pie-in-the-sky world that does not really exist.

DAILY EGYPTIAN columnist Ana Velitchkova (author of "Eye on Earth"), who placed the blame on U.S. troops for massacres of Taliban soldiers committed by the Northern Alliance, is a crowning example of the "blame America first" crowd. (Although unjustified, these massacres were done in vengeance for atrocities committed by the Taliban on the Afghani people. Curiously, she neglected to mention that.) Blaming the U.S. troops is unconscionable, and they deserve an apology from Ms. Velitchkova.



## Political Hot Zone

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But this is not the only example of Ms. Velitchkova's unabated America-bashing. Just read any one of her articles. (When you are finished reading, avert your eyes six inches to the left.)

What is more unbelievable to me is Ms. Velitchkova is a guest in our country. Criticism of our country is always welcome (no matter who you are or where you are from), but "bashing" is never welcome. The United States has shown graciousness in allowing people from all over the world to receive an education here. Instead of being grateful, Ms. Velitchkova hurts insults.

My grandparents were from the former Soviet Union. Both were captured by Nazi Germany and forced to work in labor camps until the end of World War II. After the war, instead of going back to the USSR, they came (with nothing) to the United States because of the ample opportunities this country had to offer them. They were so grateful to have been offered this privilege to come to the United States. Today, I owe everything I have to their hard work in a country that offered them the opportunity to be successful.

It would be nice if people like Ms. Velitchkova showed the same gratitude.

Of course, the issue is not whether these Liberals have the right to say what they do. Everyone has the right to be ungrateful and make fools of themselves. America's laws allow that (unlike the countries these extremists defend). But, by the same token, I have the right to expose them for what they truly are.

However, it is clear that people with Ms. Velitchkova's mindset are never going to show any gratitude whatsoever. Fair-minded people know this country has more to offer than any other country on earth.

Those individuals (natural-born citizens, immigrants, guests and otherwise) who do not realize what do not have to stay here. If you somehow perceive America as the root of all that is unjust and wrong in the world, then maybe it is time for you to pack your bags. No one here is going to stop you.

*Political Hot Zone appears every Thursday. Alex is a senior in microbiology. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.*

## LETTERS

### Kenningsology is 'precious'

DEAR EDITOR:

It has been far too long since the DAILY EGYPTIAN included Kodee Kennings in the paper. I missed last week's column, so I went back and read it yesterday.

I swear this child is just so precious. Every time I read something by her, I just sit back and in awe of her.

She has such a knack for pointing things out that we adults take for granted or just never think about.

I especially love her question about God running out of fingerprints.

Now that was a good question. Aww, the matters of a child's heart are

really something, aren't they? She definitely makes readers think.

Jane Madden  
Marion resident

### Keep Kodee's column coming

DEAR EDITOR:

I am pleased with the DAILY EGYPTIAN's choice to add Kodee Kennings as a columnist. She has a distinctive talent for writing, and it is nice to see a college newspaper open up and welcome a budding journalist.

I am not normally a fan of columnists, but Miss Kennings is quite a little writer.

This latest column titled "Heaven and other questions" was so adorable.

It put a smile on my face that I wore all day long.

The questions she has were very good. I think my favorite was the fingerprint question.

If Miss Kennings keeps on the track the DAILY EGYPTIAN staff has set her on, I believe she will go very far.

I am quite amazed at the extent of her inquisitive nature, and I am impressed by her attitude and her bravery for carrying on while her father is away.

I sincerely hope she keeps writing, and I sincerely hope the DAILY EGYPTIAN keeps printing Miss Kennings' columns.

Cara Brandon  
Carbondale resident

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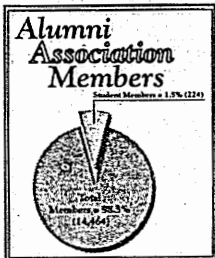
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# Public Relations Student Society of America partners with Alumni Association

Groups target student membership

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SEAN LEWIS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU Alumni Association has partnered with an RSO to increase its student membership, which currently makes up 1.5 percent of its 14,464 members.

Six students with the Public Relations Student Society of America and Pyramid Public Relations are working with the Alumni Association to launch a campaign next semester informing students of the benefits of joining the association.

Michelle Suarez, director of member services for the Alumni Association, said a teaser campaign will be launched at the end of this semester.

"This group has managed the planning process and made all of the decisions from the creation of the slogan, to choosing the vehicles by which the message will be delivered," Suarez said.

Pyramid Public Relations is a student-run firm that partners with four to six different businesses and organizations a semester to challenge and improve its member's public relations skills.

Edward Buerger, associate vice chancellor of Alumni Services, said students would be most effective in acquiring student alumni memberships.

"Students understand what is important to other students and can best articulate the numerous benefits that can save fellow students a couple hundred dollars each year when they become members of the SIU Alumni Association," Buerger said.

Jessica Ellison, a junior in speech communication from Bethalto, and Kristen Wells, a sophomore from Belleville, are co-representatives for the campaign. Part of Ellison and Wells' responsibilities are organizing meetings between the members of the student organization and the public relations department of the Alumni Association.

"We've had a few promotional events here and there this semester, but we plan to launch the campaign at the beginning of next semester when students return to school," Ellison said.

The organization has recruited during Family Weekend, Homecoming Weekend and also at the University Bookstore from Oct. 8 through Oct. 10.

Wells said a lot of the students she encountered were unaware they could join the Alumni Association.

"The Homecoming and bookstore selling were a great success on giving memberships, and family weekend was successful on letting students and their parents know that they can be a student alumni," Wells said.

Greg Scott, director of Alumni Services and professional

adviser for PRSSA, said students know how to approach their peers better than anyone else.

"We enjoy working with students and listening to what they have to say," Scott said. "We thought it would make a lot of sense to turn to our current students. We've already reaped the benefits."

The six students involved with the campaign have become members of the Alumni Association themselves.

Wells said the biggest advantages in joining are the discounts available on books and apparel at University Bookstore.

"My biggest surprise came when I realized that I was actually receiving the money that I paid for the membership back in savings," Wells said.

The students have created advertisements featuring student members of the association, which will be posted on campus next semester. They also plan to distribute promotional T-shirts.

Buerger said the PRSSA students have lived up to their reputation as one of the most professional student organizations at SIUC.

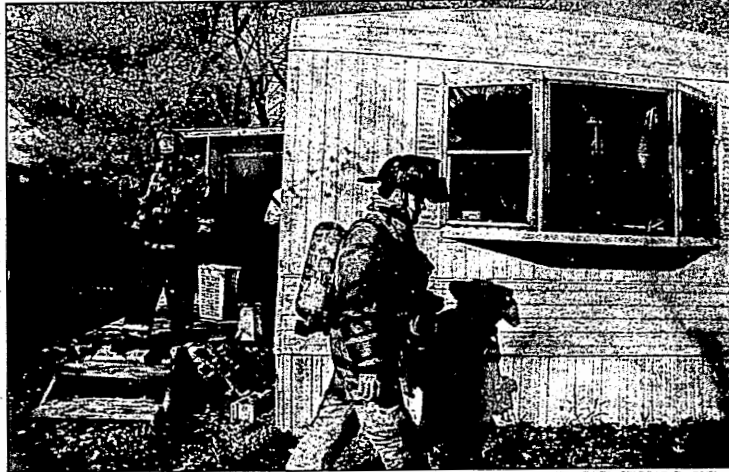
"I've met with the PRSSA students twice in the past six weeks and was impressed with their pride in SIU, as well as their commitment to fellow students becoming members of the SIU Alumni Association," Buerger said.

Student memberships are \$15 a year, and the benefits received include discounts on SIUC imprinted apparel and merchandise, hotels, Six Flags Amusement Park tickets, local restaurants and textbooks purchased at University Bookstore.

Buerger said student alumni membership coupled with graduate student membership gives the SIUC community a stronger voice in building a quality university.

"I am very appreciative of PRSSA accepting a critical role in helping build a stronger association through student membership," Buerger said. "Their commitment and love for SIU has been evident throughout our partnership."

For more information on membership benefits, visit [www.siu.alumni.com](http://www.siu.alumni.com).



ROBERT LYONS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale firefighters put out a fire Wednesday afternoon on the 600 block of East Searing. No one was in the home at the time of the fire. Firefighters indicated early on they believe the fire started in the kitchen of the residence.

## POLL

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"They just seem like they would be less likely to have a reason to deceive you," Foster said. "I think reporters at the national level have a lot more to gain from breaking a big story."

And Foster is not alone in his skeptical disposition.

Among those polled, 48 said they were more likely to trust the local media — only 34 said national publications — while 10 were undecided. Of the national media shortcomings that the respondents listed, the most frequent were sensationalism and overemphasis on overseas events.

"I think they just hype everything up," said Shaun Chokshi, a freshman in German education, "and usually to unlikely levels."

Not that the local media did not register their own set of deficiencies. While many of the respondents voiced little to no criticism of local coverage, some said attempting to form news from nothing and rehashing old stories were areas of concern.

"It just seems like all the newspapers tell the same story, and you would think maybe it would vary a little bit, but it doesn't," said Kristen Kelech, a freshman in landscape design. "It's like they were told to say a certain something."

Samantha Reynolds, a Carterville resident who regularly reads both the Southern Illinoisan and Carterville Courier, said she thinks seeing the same stories repeated in different papers is not a deterrent but rather a testament to the work ethic of those publications.

"I think it's a good thing when all the papers try and beat one another on a story or try and do a better job of writing it," Reynolds said. "They could probably do even better if they had the money of some of the bigger papers."

Chokshi mirrored Reynolds' favorable attitude, saying he thinks the local media are often hamstrung by a lack of resources and access to impartial news events.

"I'm really not too against the local media," Chokshi said. "They just seem to have a narrow amount of coverage. I'd also say they're covering a lot of stuff that is bias."

And while it is fairly common for reporter bias and personal politics to bleed into news coverage, editors are also being forced to wade into the murkier terrain of fabrication.

In 1981, the Washington Post was forced to return a Pulitzer Prize after it was disclosed that its winning entry — Janet Cooke's harrow-

ing story depicting the struggles of an 8-year-old heroin addict — was entirely fictitious. Ben Bradlee, the Post's former executive editor, later told the Los Angeles Times he found it near impossible to monitor the methods of each of the reporters on his staff.

"If a reporter is determined to willfully deceive you, you're going to be deceived," Bradlee said.

Likewise, when the New York Times published a page-one account of how Blair had repeatedly printed stories of what it labeled "widespread fabrication and plagiarism," all Times executive editor Howell Raines could do was shake his head.

"This system is not set up to catch someone who sets out to lie and to use every means at his or her disposal to put false information into the paper," Raines told The Associated Press.

Both Raines and Times managing editor Gerald Boyd eventually resigned amid the turmoil of the scandal, an action that William Recktenwald, an SIUC journalism professor and former reporter for the Chicago Tribune, said he does not think will tarnish their venerated reputations.

"They are two journalists who were well respected before, and I think they will be after, too," Recktenwald said. "They had somebody who was admittedly out to fool people, and it's really hard to protect yourself when you're dealing with that."

Walter Jachnig, director of SIUC's School of Journalism, said he thinks the individual cases of plagiarism and fabrication are not the core of the problem; rather, it is the credibility problems sown into the roots of journalism.

"Reporting is an imperfect process," Jachnig said. "It's not like reporting science or cases of law; it depends on a number of things going right and going right at the right time. Also, there is a lot of pressure on reporters to generate stories that others don't have, and that's when stories get embellished and exaggerated."

In this ultra-competitive era, it is becoming increasingly difficult for reporters to suppress their journalistic drive to get the best story in order to maintain accuracy, Jachnig said.

"This is a very complex world, and reporters have the job of boiling that world down to just sentences and paragraphs," Jachnig said. "And

that can't hold all the complexities of that world."

And that world consists of more than just the nation's highest circulation newspapers, which are not the lone publications afflicted by plagiarism and fabrication. Recktenwald said that Jim Romenesko, who maintains a media news website for the Poynter Institute, often calls attention to infractions committed by reporters at lower-profile papers.

"Probably about once a month, you'll see a story on there about someone getting dismissed from a lesser-known paper for plagiarism or for making something up," Recktenwald said of the site run by the former Milwaukee Magazine editor.

In addition to working under the glare of the nation's biggest spotlight, Recktenwald said another reason reporters such as Cooke, Glass and Blair faltered was their urge to overcome their relative inexperience. All three were in their mid-20s at the time their various exploits were brought to light, and all three soon found themselves forever exiled from their profession.

"For the number of years they were working, they got caught pretty quick," Recktenwald said. "Most reporters go their whole career without getting caught. And once you're caught, of course, you're out of the business forever."

Yet while some reporters are willing to risk both their own personal ethics and their careers to produce groundbreaking stories, others risk even more. Of the more than 3,000 embedded journalists who covered the recent conflict in Iraq as war correspondents, at least 15 died in the line of duty.

That type of sacrifice led many of the poll's respondents to rank the coverage of the conflict at the top of a list of what the media has done well. Also making the cut were timeliness, in-depth political coverage and variety of news coverage.

"A lot of them were willing to put their lives on the line for their country in Iraq, and I think that speaks pretty well of their devotion to their readers," said Jamila McGahee, a Carbondale resident. "They may gear their writing and coverage a little bit too much toward advertising, and the whole business may revolve too much around money, but the bottom line is that their job is hard. I know I wouldn't want it."

## Gus Bode



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# make a man out of me

This reporter takes her turn as a 'suicide' drag king during Saluki Rainbow Network's annual fall drag show

story by LEAH WILLIAMS • photos by STEPHANIE MOSIR

You're sitting in a chair inside the women's bathroom. Five "drag kings" hover above you. One is gluing facial hair and drawing sideburns on the side of your face. Another is trying to figure out what to do with your curly red hair, pondering if the hairstyle should be Billy Ray Cyrus or Willie Nelson. A bandana is found, so Nelson it is. The others are trying to piece together an outfit that conceals your, um, most feminine parts.

The kings only have 15 minutes to unravel 21 years of living as female. One by one, the kings are rattling off last-minute advice. Be sure to slouch. Bend your knees. Strut. Place a hand on your belt

buckle. Smirk.

And do not smile. That's too girly.

While placing the finishing touches, one of the kings points out the irony of the situation.

"Isn't it funny that five girls are teaching one girl how to be a boy?"

You're going through a Suicide Drag, one of the many acts the Saluki Rainbow Network provides for its annual drag show Friday in the Student Center. The Suicide Drag gives members of the audience the experience of being transformed into the opposite gender. This year, it's your name that was called, you are pulled backstage and the Chicago Kings have been assigned to convert you into Sleazy Wonder.

The only problem you have with your new apparel is the aftertaste of your mustache.

"I am eating my hair!" you tell one of the kings.

"You're not supposed to eat your hair!" you hear a voice say.

This response prompts you to spit out the synthetic hair fibers that have crept inside your mouth.

"There is no time to be nervous once the transformation is complete. The lights dim, and you are rushed to the stage. You join your "female" partner onstage and within seconds, "Time of Your Life" begins. Time to strut your sexy male stuff.

## Girls as boys just wanna have fun

Chicago Kings co-founder Mr. Big wants to clarify the difference between Sex and the City's character and herself.

"Not quite like that, bigger than that," Pig joked.

Genre-lia jokes aside, Big said the reason the Chicago Kings was founded in February 2001 was to combat the lack of activities for lesbians.

"There really wasn't anything going on for lesbians in Chicago on a regular basis, a place where they could go have fun and meet people," Big said. "We thought that a drag king show would be a great way to start the scene up, and we had no idea that it would get as big as it did and last as long as it did. We ended

up doing more than one show every once in a while. It started with two or three shows every month, and it has been going on like that for the last three years."

Fellow Chicago King Pussy Galore, who provided a "much-needed feminine touch" to the act, said her group tries to perform an unconventional drag show.

"Chicago Kings are gender-based entertainment," she said. "We do theatrical pieces and performance arts. We like to do sex-positive, gender-positive shows. We like to create an environment where people can feel comfortable playing with their gender. It's not just drag anymore."

The ensemble cast of the Chicago Kings accepts Saluki Rainbow Network's offer to showcase their act at Friday's drag show in the Student Center Ballroom. The group performed a variety of songs, including "I'm Too Sexy," "Material Girl," "Get C.T." and the group effort "Bye Bye Bye."

The combination of song and dance is all a part of the group's charm.

"We like to put a lot of choreography and storytelling into our songs. Most of the stuff we are doing is good, clean fun. It's not particularly politically motivating, just good crowd pleasers," Big says.

Area acts also join the Chicago Kings onstage. Southern Illinois' own Blanche DuBois said this year's show differed from past performances because the Chicago Kings offered a new dynamic to the act. DuBois also said the blending of drag kings with queens gave the audience a more exciting show.

Over 25 years ago, DuBois depended on the kindness of strangers as the drag queen performed for the first time.

## Dirty dancing

Your first experience as a drag king is under way. As the song plays, you summon the powers of Patrick Swayze and pray to God you don't fall. Your usual shy, reserved self has been melted, and you have broken out of your shell. You have thoroughly channeled your inner ham.

You dance and lip-sync to the song's making, overemphasized



Members of the Chicago Kings perform their closing act Network.

gestures during the appropriate moments. You hold up the fake gold necklace, imitating rap music videos.

You dance a little with your duet partner, confused as to who is supposed to lead. You both disperse to work opposite ends of the stage. The advice the kings gave you is constantly running through your mind. You begin to ponder if you are doing OK. Are you acting like a man?

The crowd is cheering, so you figure you are doing something right. A lyric in the song calls for you to lose control. On a whim, you resolve to play with this line. As the

voice booms above you, you drop to your knees and totally cheese up the line.

All of a sudden, someone runs up to you and places a dollar bill down your shirt. Realizing there could be major profit in this endeavor, you make your way through the crowd to conclude your performance. You decide to give the company you came with a closer look at your transition. Both of them, who were equally surprised your name was randomly drawn, laugh as you dance around them.

You continue your path around the tables. Millions of emotions



Maxx Hollywood, a member of the Chicago Kings, throws off his jacket in his performance of "Get Off by Prince during the Saluki Rainbow Network's annual drag show Friday.



Pussy Galore strips out of her attire shocking fellow Chicago Kings during their act. Galore, who provides a 'much needed feminine touch' to the act, said her group tries to perform an unconventional drag show.



in front of a sold-out crowd during the annual drag show hosted by the Saluki Rainbow

are flooding toward you. You are excited, but at the same time you are wondering how much longer the song will last.

### A different way of life

Chicago King Cody Feldt understood the pressure a life onstage may bring.

"I was nervous," said Feldt, whose stage name is Cody Pendant. "We try to be PC, let as many people have as much fun as possible. I don't want people to think that I am misrepresenting the song."

As Feldt found out, an SIUC crowd was an exciting and wel-

coming experience to perform for. During Feldt's performance of "Baby Got Back," the audience exploded when the first few lines boomed over the PA system. They continued to cheer throughout the song.

"It was a really great crowd, good energy and great participation," Feldt said. "They loved every minute of it."

Despite the popularity, the road to a life in performance arts has not always been a smooth one.

"I was going to major in acting in college, but I had a professor tell me there were no parts for me," Feldt said. "So a friend of mine was a drag queen, and he got me onstage."

Feldt said dressing in drag helped ignite the transformation between genders.

"It is also the start of my transition from female to male," Feldt said. "I am much happier now. The first time I put on facial hair, it was like 20 years clicked into place. I was staring at the person I knew who I was, and I was also the first transsexual that I ever met. And it scared me to death at the same time. There is such an overwhelming, great, happy, joyous feeling to actually have your body represent who you are internally, to start to align both external and internal. It is just phenomenal. It has been a beautiful transition."

Feldt also said the support of the Chicago Kings has helped through the alteration.

"These guys have been there behind me 100 percent," Feldt says. "I don't know that I could have done it without them. This is my family here."

Fellow Chicago King Zack Hoff said she joined the group after she witnessed a live performance.

"I saw them onstage and immediately knew this. I had to find out when, where, how," Hoff said.

"The whole nine yards. They were incredible."

Looking back at her first performance with the Chicago Kings, Hoff admits she felt a little apprehensive before she performed, but all that was over the moment she took the stage. Hoff has since performed at 70 venues and is performing in almost 100 acts.

"I haven't stopped yet," Hoff said. "It's work, but it's not. We

put in a lot work rehearsing and choreography, but it is fun. We were excited to come to Carbondale because it was south of where we lived, and we get to bring drag to an audience that may not normally get to see it."

Though drag king shows may not be as popular as the drag queens, Hoff said drag king performances have seen an increase in popularity, a trend, she says, that will continue into the future.

"Drag kings are going to be as popular as the drag queen," Hoff said. "It has taken longer for drag kings to come out of the closet. I think it is odder for people to see women dress up as men than it is for them to see men as women because they think it somehow had not been as long. Drag kings have been around for a long time; it hasn't been in-your-face as much."

SRN co-director Jenae Williams said drag shows allow participants to play with sexual identities.

"I think it is important for everyone to come see a drag show because it is a non-threatening way to explore gender identities and different roles in societies," Williams said.

Hoff said the more popular drag king shows come, the more improved the world will become.

"I think society is going to be better for it," she said. "It opens people's minds and it blurs gender, and that is what we are trying to do. We want people to think that it is not important what gender you are; it is how you carry yourself and how you feel comfortable. It's just what it all comes down to."

### The spotlight has dimmed

The three-minute song is over, and you take your position offstage. The same drag kings who helped you through your brief transition congratulate you on your performance. In a "Wayne's World" fashion, they bow down to you. You laugh along with them and wish them good luck on the rest of their show. Never fully departing from your reporter position, you remind them you will be back to do final interviews at the conclusion of the night's performance.



One of Southern Illinois' own drag queens, Blanche DuBois, performed a few songs Friday night at the Student Center. DuBois is an active member in the drag culture, and she also performs at the Upside Downtown located at 213 E. Main St. in Carbondale.

Williams gives you a big hug and tell you she was so glad your name was drawn. Your bashful side comes back, and you sheepishly shrug and tell her it was no big thing.

You retreat to the bathroom, and proceed to pull off your faux goatee. Sleazy Wonder is no more. You know soon you will have to return to your life of reporting on government meetings and on-campus events, but you will always remember your brief encounter as a member of the opposite sex. It may not be the pinnacle moment of your life, but it will definitely make an interesting story to tell future grandchildren.

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\* Note: Unless otherwise noted, the names listed are stage names.



Chicago Kings member Harley Poker



Chicago Kings member Harley Poker lip-syncs to The Bee Gees' 'Stayin' Alive' Friday night at the Student Center.


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**GOVERNOR**

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here, and this will make it more likely for businesses to invest here," Blagojevich said.

Along with bringing new businesses to the Southern Illinois region, he stressed the importance of improving education and educational facilities throughout the area.

"The Morris Library is ranked as one of the nation's top 100 libraries," Blagojevich said. "However, its facilities are in need of an upgrade."

Blagojevich said an authorization investment of \$30 million would be given for the expansion and renovation of Morris Library to add three new computer classrooms, an Internet cafe and a study room.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said he was happy to have the governor on campus and was pleased with his plan.

"He made some great points today. I am pleased with the topic of Morris Library and exceedingly happy with the transportation idea."

Along with the library, SIUC will also see improvements in the transportation department. According to Blagojevich, \$2.1 million will be given to design and create a new transportation center. The automotive and aviation departments will be combined in hopes of preparing workers and students for jobs.

Paul Sarvela, interim dean for the college of applied sciences and arts, said he could not control his happiness with Blagojevich's plan for the transportation education center.

"It is fantastic for students and superb for the region," Sarvela said. "We think it will be a business magnet."

Mayor Brad Cole said the expansion to Morris Library and the transportation system will improve the entire region.

"If it is good for Southern Illinois, it is good for SIU," Cole said. "It will be great for the entire region."

In addition to including SIUC in the economic development plan, investing in regional community colleges will also occur.

Shawnee Community College will receive \$2.2 million to build the Metropolitan Regional Education Center, and Rend Lake College will be given \$1.7 million to create a Career and Applied Technology Center.

As part of the governor's plan, \$12 million in grants will be made available to businesses as a way to cover training costs for employees. Federal government will also provide \$15 million to job training programs.

Blagojevich said promoting the use of reusable energy is top priority by revitalizing the coal industry. His goal is to locate FutureGen, a coal-based power plant, in the Southern Illinois region.

"We will continue to work to attract FutureGen, a 10-year, \$1 billion federal project," Blagojevich said.

He encouraged attendants to call or write local congressman and senators in hopes that FutureGen would be part of the Southern Illinois region.

The next area of Blagojevich's plan focuses on investing \$250,000 to create a tourism education and training programs in six community colleges and universities in the region.

As part of promoting tourism, \$50,000 will be invested in the creation of the Southern Illinois Golf Trail, which will promote the region's courses across the nation.

Blagojevich said another \$3.2 million would be invested to the upgrade of the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds in hopes of attracting year-round events and bringing more revenue to Perry County.



ANTHONY SOUFFLE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Along with the money given to Morris Library, Blagojevich said SIUC will be given \$2.1 million to design and create a new transportation center. The automotive and aviation departments will be combined and housed there in hopes of preparing workers and students for jobs.

The final part of the plan focuses on helping small farmers in Southern Illinois better market products. The Farmers Packaging Company in Edwards County will be given \$25,000 to help create a larger facility.

"This will help them expand their operations, produce more bacon and create new jobs," Blagojevich said.

Shawnee Hills Winery Cooperative will receive \$25,000 to expand operations and market products.

Blagojevich said in 1990, there were five wineries in Illinois, and currently there are 39, 13 of which are located in the Southern Illinois region. He mentioned the importance of local wineries to the region's agriculture and tourism industries.

Blagojevich appointed Rep. Larry Woolard, D-Marion, to be the Southern Illinois region's economic development team, who will coordinate and oversee Blagojevich's plan.

"We have been working for quite a while, but we didn't know where the money would come from," Woolard said. "The main thing is jobs, which involved good education, health care and businesses."

Woolard is excited the plan will go into effect soon and said figuring out how to keep the children who become educated in the region to stay in the region.

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# ASSAULT

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Salyers was convicted in 1999 by a Williamson County jury of two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse of a minor. He was incarcerated at Menard Correctional Facility in Chester and released on parole in July.

The victim said she was beaten and sexually assaulted between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday by a man who was armed with a knife. She told police she was playing in the woods just east of Fifth and Van Buren streets with a 13-year-old female friend.

According to police reports, the victim told police the assault occurred when the unknown suspect approached the two girls. Both girls ran from the attacker, but he caught up with the 12-year-old.

She described the suspect as a white male in his 30s or 40s who is between 5-foot-10 and six feet tall and weighs between 150 pounds and 170 pounds with a thin build. She told police he has a scar on his face, a lightly tanned

complexion, a dark moustache and short, very dark black hair.

According to police reports, the victim said her attacker was wearing blue jeans, white shoes and a multi-colored jacket at the time of the assault.

Salyers' arrest comes less than a week after Tamaroa resident James E. Joseph Jr. was arrested in connection with the Perry County sexual assaults of two 10-year-old girls and a 20-year-old woman and the attempted robbery of a 14-year-old girl. Joseph, who is also a convicted sex offender, was charged with four counts of Class X felonies.

In light of the recent sexual assaults of minors in Southern Illinois, the Williamson County state's attorney's office plans to aggressively pursue convictions on multiple charges for Salyers.

Salyers remains incarcerated at the Williamson County Jail in Marion on \$500,000 cash bond. His preliminary hearing, which will determine whether probable cause is evident for each charge, is scheduled for Dec. 1 at the Williamson County Courthouse.



JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

(Left) junior Sabrina Smith and sophomore Brittini Bribriddges volunteer time to help the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha with Pamper Night Tuesday in the basement of Grinnell Hall. Hard-working SIU students were treated to manicures and back massages to help relieve stress.

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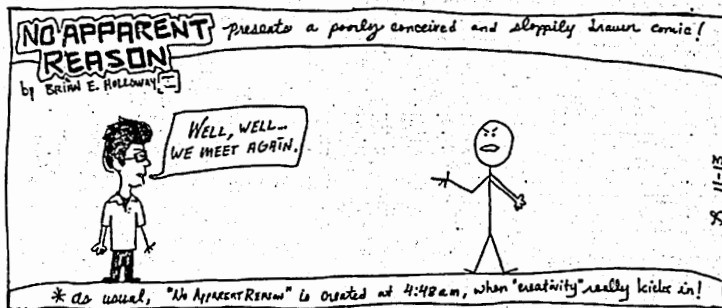
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**Daily Horoscope**

By Linda C. Black

**Today's Birthday (Nov. 13).** Foreign contacts can help you develop your talents and your self-esteem this year. Love is enhanced by travel, and vice versa. Money's not a problem, but don't gamble. Your best bet is a sure thing.

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

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 5 - A quiet evening at home is a luxury you can afford. If you get into fixing the place up a bit, you'll both be refreshed as a result.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 6 - How will you ever achieve the dreams that you and your loved ones share? Discipline and practice, that's how. There isn't an easier way.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 4 - This is a good day for making money, and making sure they're enough. You sometimes resist the budgets you set, but this time you can stick to them.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 9 - You're very attractive today, in a self-assured, smoldering way. Continue to do your job, but make time for a romantic interlude, too.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 6 - How's your intuition working? Might as well give it a try. Use it to solve a puzzle at home, or to find something that you've lost.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 7 - Don't stay home and worry about something you'll never fix. If you look at it from a broader perspective, you may learn to live with it.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is a 5 - If you can manage to stay on the boss's good side a little longer, you'll get more responsibility and maybe even more pay. It's good exercise, too.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 10 - You're looking good, and your intuition should be working remarkably well. Launch a project you've thought about for a long time, and well as spontaneous adventures.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 5 - By now, your investigation should have revealed the perfect thing for you to get. Don't think about it any longer. Move quickly to secure the best.

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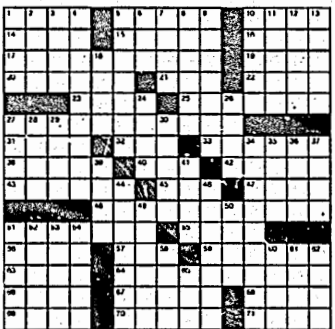
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 20 Do cobbing  
 21 Tool with teeth  
 22 Make headway  
 23 Lima's nation  
 25 Dry wind from the Sahara  
 27 Imaginary  
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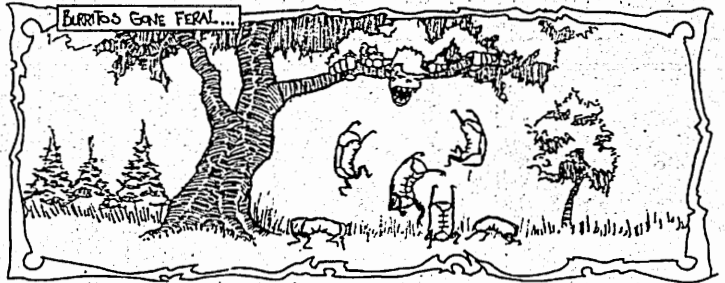
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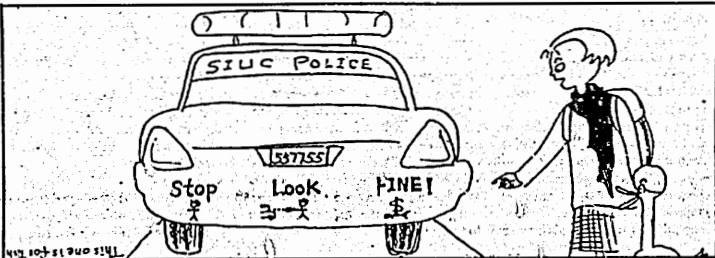
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## Buyin' into the system

story by ZACK CREGLOW

The word "believe" is what started the SIU football program. It was its exodus. Those seven letters were the only tool Jerry Kill had at his disposal when he first took over as head coach three years ago. He couldn't tell recruits about the great Saluki winning tradition — there was no such thing. Nor could he brag about the great facilities at the school — they didn't exist.

Believing was his mission statement. He preached it to every soul who wanted to listen around the SIU program — recruits, the administration, the community and even the players who were on the team.

"I told them they might not win a game the first year," Kill said. "But we will get there if they just believed in us.

"We got kids who wanted that challenge. We didn't beg kids to come here. The ones who stayed are the ones who benefited.

Believing takes a while. People have to get comfortable with the other before trust develops into believing.

Joel Sambursky didn't have the luxury of having time to develop trust with Kill. In a way, Sambursky had to take a leap of faith to trust Kill. His college plans were supposed to have been materialized. It was to quarterback instate Division II power Northwest Missouri, the whole "local boy does good" story. It would have been a grand story too, but Kill still boarded a plane and flew to Liberty, Mo., and ruined those plans.

Sambursky was at a wrestling practice. The heat was cranked up in the gym and in strolled Kill, dressed to impress, looking all chipper wearing his suit attire. The two escaped the heat and moseyed over to the football office where Kill told Sambursky what he could do for SIU and, despite experiencing bad seasons, what the program would be, not could be.

"He told me how much he believed in me," Sambursky said. "They weren't just recruiting tools. They were more than just words. He still tells me that."

Believing was not always easy. The program was in shambles — literally and figuratively.

"Let's just say it didn't represent the University in a positive fashion," SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said.

When he gave Kill a tour during his interview for the job, Kowalczyk failed to find the light switch that was hidden somewhere in the scattered mess inside the weight room.

"I didn't want him to see it," Kowalczyk said. "It was not in a good situation. It was not something you wanted to represent the school."

The condition of the practice field near the SIU Arena was indescribable because, basically, there was nothing to describe.

In Kowalczyk's best recollection, he can remember walking out there and being able to count the blades of grass in the field — there were only three.

Finances were so scant the equip-

ment managers had to drive across Carbondale to do laundry.

Kill's situation wasn't any better. After signing his John Hancock on the dotted line to become SIU's 19th head coach, one would think he'd be living well off. That may be the story now — nice house, fridge full of food and, most importantly, heating. At first, though, what was just described was a stark contrast to the poverty he and his assistants lived in. But in Kill's eyes, he had to bring in a loyal staff, and he learned how loyal his guys were when they were at the bottom.

"We were staying in some apartment on campus where the heater didn't work and the snow was piled up on the ground. We about froze to death," Kill said. "There were eight of us staying in two apartments. It might have been the best thing. We ate together, talked together and were all separated from our families. We had to lean on each other.

"But our office was a mess. Everything was a mess, and I don't like messes. I did my job to clean the mess."

The program was the biggest mess. The remnants of the previous coaches left many poor players, many with poor attitudes.

"Before Kill came, we'd have people fighting in the locker room," senior linebacker Eric Egan said. "I there were a lot of 'F' guys. We called them 'the disease of me.'"

Some players left, but there were still players like Egan, Tom Koutsos and George Mooney who were willing to give this idea of believing a shot. Sometimes, they soon figured out, you have to regress to progress.

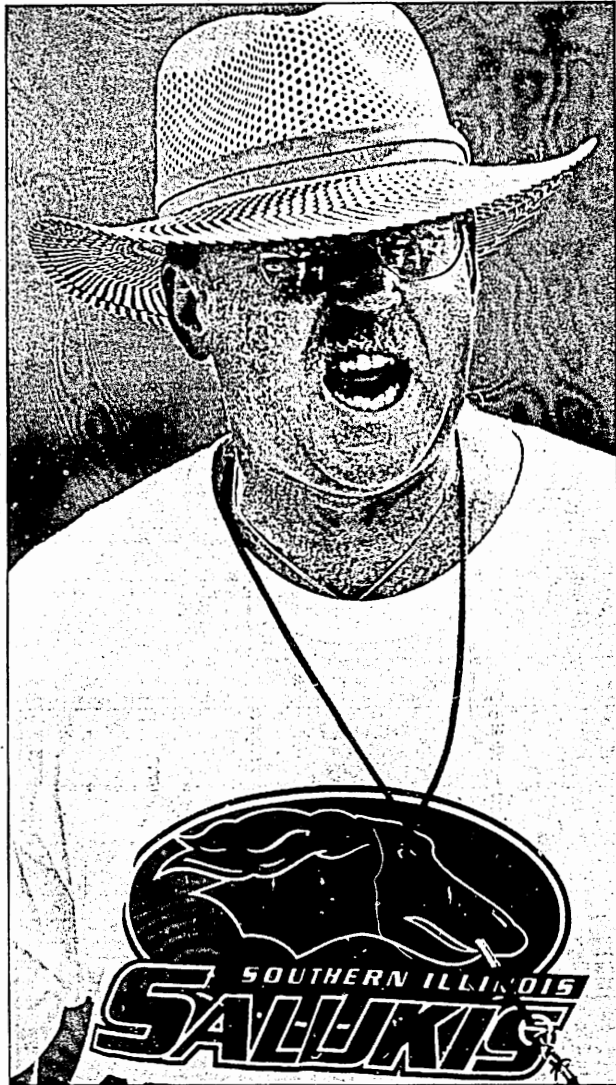
"He tells you how it is," Egan said. "He is kind of funny. I mean, he knows how to handle the media and people around the program. But when it comes to the players, it is no b.s. If you do, then you are not going to play."

The same theory of taking a step back to take one forward applied to the program just the same.

The team nearly had to start a true freshman at quarterback in Kill's first season — Sambursky. He was slight and not physically mature enough for the gig at the time, but despite that, many could argue he was still better than the two guys ahead of him — Kevin Kobe and Mladen Williams.

"I'd be lying if I said I never doubted," Sambursky said. "But that was a more spur-of-the-moment thing. I knew more long-term that we were going to get this thing going."

The team was going through



Since coming to SIU two years ago, head coach Jerry Kill has taken a 1-10 football team and turned it into a 10-0 squad on the verge of making the playoffs for the first time in 20 years. DAILY EGYPTIAN FILE PHOTO

possibly its worst season ever. People didn't have to read or watch the news to know what had happened. The story was the same week after week — the Salukis getting whipped. And for many of the new recruits, this was the first time they had ever lost. That isn't an easy feeling to suddenly adjust to, especially on the sidelines. But the players still had that promise from Kill to hold onto.

"I lost five games my entire life, and then I lost 10 in our first year," Sambursky said. "It was hard losing eight games straight like we did.

"It sucked, but I believed." Kill's biggest belief was building the program correctly, though the smart moves he was making were overshadowed by the 1-10 record SIU posted in Kill's first season. Sure, he could have started freshmen and won one or two more games, but those players would have lost a year of eligibility in the process.

"If you look at dominant programs, they play with like 22 redshirt seniors," Sambursky said. "Good programs redshirt. That is extremely important for a program."

Things finally started to click in 2002. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers put up lights so the squad could have night games, and the team finally saw this concept of believing start to materialize.

The Salukis finally started showing

life, and people watched a good show. The offense had a dangerous arsenal; the defense was dangerous to put on the field in most games.

Against Western Illinois, it was apparent just how far this program had come. Outmanned, outsized and over-matched, the Salukis still dug deep and believed in one another as they pulled out a last-second 54-52 win against the national power Leathernecks.

"We had some big wins last year," Sambursky said.

"It made us say, 'Hey, we can beat these guys.'"

It was a typical season for a team that showcased so many young starters. There were the ups and then the huge down at the end of the season when turmoil struck after numerous injuries diminished the roster.

After the games when SIU would fall apart somewhere near the end, Kill would remind his players they were close but still not there. But at some point, soon, they would be.

The administration and Athletic Department provided the necessary backing for SIU to get where they dreamed to be, but according to Kowalczyk, Kill was the pied piper behind everything. The lights being put up — Kill's doing. For the most part, so was installing new rubber turf at McAndrew and a laundry room being built for the sports programs to use.

Fans started to buy into the Salukis just like the players had two years prior to this season. The makings of a great team were there, and all those players who believed finally got the dream they wished for.

To most, a 10-0 record with one game left in the season seemed like a crazy pipe dream, even with a team stocked on offense and an improving defense.

"It usually takes five to six years. I truly think it is a miracle," Kill said. "I don't think I've seen anything like this in my entire life."

But that record is not shocking in the least to any players. After going 4-8, Kill told them their No. 1 goal for this season was not to just give Koutsos and the other seniors their first winning season at SIU. It was to take the national title back to Carbondale the first time in two decades.

And they believed.

"It is an amazing turnaround," Sambursky said. "It is the best story in college football. Some thought we'd be a little above .500, but we want to win a national championship. This is something I'll be 80 years old and be telling my grandkids about."

"But we believed this was going to happen."

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# Calhoun a real Conn artist

Dick Weiss  
New York Daily News

STORRS, Conn. (KRT) — The college basketball season hasn't even begun yet and the parade of national media to this suburban campus north of Hartford has been matched only by the string of NBA scouts that scurry around Huskies' practices.

That's the kind of frenzy that occurs when you're the nation's preseason No. 1. But last winter, interviews and layup drills and chats with scouts were the furthest thing from Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun's mind.

The 60-year-old Calhoun discovered he had prostate cancer on Friday, Jan. 31, the day before UConn played Boston College at Gampel Pavilion.

"I had just taken a routine physical and my doctor said, 'I don't like your enzyme count,'" Calhoun says. "So they went in and took the spores out. A half-hour before practice, he called with the test results. He said, 'You have prostate cancer. Four of 12 spores you've got were cancerous.'"

The news shook up Calhoun a lot more than any matchup with Syracuse.

"I'm one who's always believed that in life God gives you an open book," he says.

"You write the script. I think you have some control in your life and I was going to be in as much control of a situation I had no control over. The doctor talked with me. He said, 'You're anxious to get this done. How about within the next couple weeks?'"

"How about this afternoon?" Calhoun replied.

Boston College clocked UConn the next day. Calhoun's mind was elsewhere. He finally told his team he needed surgery Monday afternoon, just before they were ready to leave for Virginia Tech.

Calhoun underwent surgery on Feb. 6 to remove the prostate. He was released from the hospital Feb. 9 and within days was back in the office.

He made a remarkable return Feb. 22 for the team's matchup with St. John's at Gampel. There were posters and banners all over the student section known as Calhoun's Corner, and the coach received a three-minute ovation when he walked in the gym. "It was really chilling and reaffirmed what I felt," he says. "I was really a lucky person."

Calhoun has a career record of 647-296 in 31 years. He coached the Huskies to a national championship in 1999, an NT championship in 1988, his second year on the job. He's made four trips to the NCAA regional finals and eight regular season Big East titles. He has transformed UConn from

a regional Yankee Conference team into one of the Top 10 programs in the country. And, as George Blaney, a close friend who has been an assistant here the past two years, likes to say: "He did it in Storrs."

Calhoun came back from the surgery last season to coach his young team to 23 wins and a Sweet 16 appearance. He has a chance to give UConn even more glory this March. The Huskies are filled with stars — future lottery picks in shot-blocking junior center Emeke Okafor and guard Ben Gordon. Okafor, a dean's list student from Texas who will graduate after just three years, is the preseason favorite to win National Player of the Year honors. He could have gone in the NBA lottery the past two years, but chose to finish school. "Everybody's talking about green," he says of the money he turned down. "I am about many colors."

Okafor and Gordon are the latest in an assembly line of NBA players to pass through this program. Calhoun has produced 16 NBA players, including forward Donyell Marshall of Utah, Olympic guard Ray Allen from Seattle, guard Richard Hamilton of Detroit and Carbon Butler of Miami. Guard Kevin Ollie just signed a \$15 million deal with Cleveland to play alongside LeBron James and center Jake Voskuhl signed a \$5 million deal with Phoenix.

This season, UConn can go 10 deep with quality players, including sophomore forward Denham Brown, the second-leading scorer on the Canadian World Championship team, and 6-10 Charlie Villanueva, a multi-dimensional McDonald's All-American from Blair Academy (NJ), who was one of the Top 5 prospects in the country.

The Huskies have three New Yorkers — Gordon, Talick Brown and Villanueva — on their roster and have commitments from future McDonald's All-Americans Rudy Gay of Archbishop Spaulding in Severn, Md., the No. 1 ranked player at the Nike All-American camp this summer, and point guard A.J. Price of Arroyo Valley, the best player on Long Island.

Calhoun could have parlayed his success at UConn into a \$2 million deal with South Carolina three years ago. He has a vacation home in Hilton Head, but his heart still belongs here. "I want a home," he says. "I go to Hilton Head and I love the place. But Connecticut is my home. I'm part of the fabric. I love it."

Just last summer, when the Red Sox held a Connecticut rally at the state house, they named Calhoun the team's No. 1 fan in the state. He commands a huge turnout wherever he goes — more than 10,000 showed up last summer to watch a charity game

between UConn alumni at Mohegan Sun and he even has his own bobble-head doll.

His program is strong enough to endure almost any crisis, including the bombshell that dropped last spring when the ACC raided the Big East, eventually plucking Miami, Syracuse and Boston College from the conference.

The defections left Big East football in an unstable condition. UConn, which has spent \$90 million on a 42,000-seat state of the art football stadium in South Hartford, felt the pain again when longtime AD Lew Perkins left to take a lucrative job at Kansas. But UConn was proactive, persuading Jeff Hathaway, a one time assistant AD at UConn, to come home from Colorado State.

The Big East has since reinvented itself, too, forming a 16-team, two division confederation with Louisville, Cincinnati, DePaul, Marquette and South Florida that could make it the best basketball conference in the country in 2005 and bring back some of the magic that was there when Calhoun came into the league in 1987.

"My first year at UConn, I walked into the Big East meetings and I was in the same room as P.J. Carlesimo, Rolfie Massimino, Lotic Carnesecca, John Thompson and Rick Pitino," Calhoun says. "We met for nine hours, fired all the officials after six, then reinstated them all by the time we left. It was that kind of fun."

Calhoun did take a parting shot at BC, though, for what he felt was a betrayal by the Eagles, who pledged allegiance to the Big East after the initial round of ACC expansion, then bolted for new surroundings as soon as they got a chance. "I have no desire to play Boston College," Calhoun says. "We won't play them."

There is even the possibility UConn could participate in a Big East double-header at the Fleet Center in BC's back yard in the near future. That's Calhoun. He's always been a fighter for causes he believes in. And he believes UConn deserves to be mentioned in the same breath as elite programs such as Duke, North Carolina, Kentucky and Kansas.

All he has to do is look around Gampel to see how much success he has already achieved — and how much he can still accomplish. He took the mike last month as his team ran through drills for the fans during the traditional Midnight Madness session and pretty much summed up it all up.

"If you look at banner to my left," he said, pointing to the 1999 NCAA championship banner, "what we want to do is put another one right next to it."

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see [Baker] there than get a chance to score points."

The Salukis have had trouble much of the season with staying close together in a pack. They get separated during the race and don't have that aid to help push them to the finish line.

Byrne, who has been SIU's top runner most of the year, said it is

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regular season championship and went to the NCAA tournament. It is one the most respected programs now, and based on its recruits, it should be strong for at least another five years.

Football will be in the playoffs and may even play host to a post-season game. Jerry Hill is one of the hottest — no, I don't mean like that — coaches in football.

imperative that his teammates stay as close to the lead pack as possible so the Salukis can cut down their gap and finish with a better score.

"We'll try to stick together as long as we can," Byrne said. "Ten kilometers is a long way to stay together."

One runner Byrne expects to see near him for much of the race is Doron Giat.

The senior ran one of his best races of the season at the MVC meet after struggling for much of the year. He

is still near his peak shape and may compete for a spot on the all-region team, which goes to the top 25 placers.

One extra motivating factor for Giat at the regional is it will be his final collegiate cross country meet.

"We can run better [than at conference]; we definitely didn't run well," Giat said.

"It will be hard without Eli, but we can beat some individual people there. To have a [personal record] would be good."

He has taken a laughingstock of a football team and turned it into a winner and the first 10-0 team in Gateway history. Especially after raiding Auburn, the program is looking good for the next few years.

Less than a year ago, volleyball shocked the Valley to finish second at the MVC tournament.

It is in eighth place now, but I guarantee the team will not get any worse.

Softball made it to the Sweet 16 and shows no signs of slowing down. Based in the best venue in

the Midwest, Saluki softball is not going anywhere.

In addition to all that, baseball was one win away from a Valley crown and nearly made it to the NCAA tournament.

That is the resume of a thriving athletic program. Women's basketball is still women's basketball, but no one's perfect. Excluding that flailing program, SIU Athletics has become the envy of Midwestern mid-majors.

And that is enough to mess up anyone's head.

# Marlins' McKeon named NL Manager of Year

Clark Spencer  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI (KRT) — Trophy engravers are making a mint off the Marlins.

The late- to have his name etched in metal: manager Jack McKeon.

McKeon was named the National League Manager of the Year on Wednesday in voting by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

"This is the year of the Marlins," said McKeon, whose achievement was added to the team's burgeon- g haul of postseason awards.

McKeon, 72, became the second manager to take the helm of a team in midstream and steer it to a World Series title.

"When I came here, I said I wasn't a miracle worker," McKeon recalled of the comment he made May 11 when he assumed control. "Yet, in my mind, I believed we could win."

The Marlins, 16-22 when McKeon replaced Jeff Torborg, went 75-49 under his stewardship to capture the NL wild card, got past the San Francisco Giants and Chicago Cubs in the NL playoffs and knocked out the New York Yankees in the World Series.

Dontrelle Willis was voted NL Rookie of the Year, Derek Lee and Luis Castillo were awarded Gold Gloves and third baseman Mike Lowell landed a Silver Slugger award as the best hitter at his position in the NL. Juan Pierre, who led the majors with 65 stolen bases, automatically will snag the Lou Brock Award.

McKeon had his name added to the list Wednesday in voting that

was done after the regular season. He joined the Yankees' Bob Lemon as the only managers to win the World Series with a team they took over during the season. Lemon did it in 1978 when he replaced Billy Martin.

For a couple of reasons, McKeon said his latest honor is "sweeter" than the Manager of the Year award he won with the Cincinnati Reds in 1999. For one, that team didn't win the World Series. For another, he was fired after the 2000 season.

McKeon had remained out of baseball since, spending his days at home in North Carolina, smoking cigars aboard his trusty tractor and longing for another chance to get back in the sport. In May, the founding Marlins turned to, in his own words, "an old goat" to perform a baseball version of CPR.

"I wanted one more crack," said McKeon, who had spent all of his adult life in baseball but, despite four previous stints as a major-league manager, had never taken one to the playoffs.

The Marlins blossomed under McKeon, who became the third-oldest manager to lead a team. He turns 73 on Nov. 23 and will manage the team next season.

He is asked constantly about his age and found reason to chuckle when a reporter asked him during the playoffs in Chicago whether he thought Orzle Guillen, who is 39, might be too young to be a manager. Guillen was named the Chicago White Sox manager last week.

"Holy cow," McKeon said. "He's too young. I'm too old. Where's the happy medium here?"

## » SPORTS FLASH SIU softball receives five letters of intent

The SIU softball team received five letters of intent Wednesday, the first day of the early signing period that lasts until Nov. 19.

Signing letters of intent to join the Salukis were outfielder Tiffany Dismore (Lafayette, Ind.), infielder Lauren Haas (Bremerton, Wash.), outfielder/infielder Chelsea Petty (Pinckneyville), outfielder Krystal Stein (Nashville) and shortstop Becky Wegmann (St. Louis).

Dismore played at McCutcheon High School and has been named team MVP the past two seasons. As a junior she hit .448 with four doubles, three triples, 14 runs batted in, 19 stolen bases and 18 runs scored.

Haas hails from Olympic High School and was nominated for the 1999's High School Heisman after hitting .455 as a junior. With her summer league team last summer, Haas


hit .387 with 21 stolen bases and 53 RBIs.

Petty played at Pinckneyville High School and as a junior hit .396 with 16 extra-base hits, 26 stolen bases and 30 RBIs. She was on the ASA 16-and-under team that took second at the ASA national tournament.

Stein comes to Carbondale from Nashville High School, the same school that produced current Salukis Amy Harre and Jenny Doehring. As a junior, she hit .500 with six extra base hits, 12 RBIs and 38 stolen bases.

Wegmann played at Oakville High School and hit .411 with 17 extra-base hits, 15 stolen bases and 21 RBIs as a senior. She teamed with Petty on the ASA 16-and-under team that took second at the national tournament.

The Salukis, fresh off a 39-14 season that saw them make the NCAA tournament and finish in the Sweet 16, begin their season in early February at the Triple Crown Invitational in St. Augustine, Fla.



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» MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

# SIU has something to prove at regionals

Salukis look to rebound from disappointing showing at MVCs

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They're better than a fourth-place team, and they know it. They thought they proved it earlier in the season when they won two races and took second in another.

None of that seemed to matter going into the Missouri Valley Conference meet, however, as the SIU cross country team was picked to finish fourth by the league's coaches.

The Salukis were determined to disprove their critics but instead proved them to be quite prophetic as SIU tied for fourth at the Valley meet two weeks ago in Waterloo, Iowa.

Now as they prepare to race at the Midwest Regional Saturday, the Salukis are hungry to show their early-season success was not a fluke.

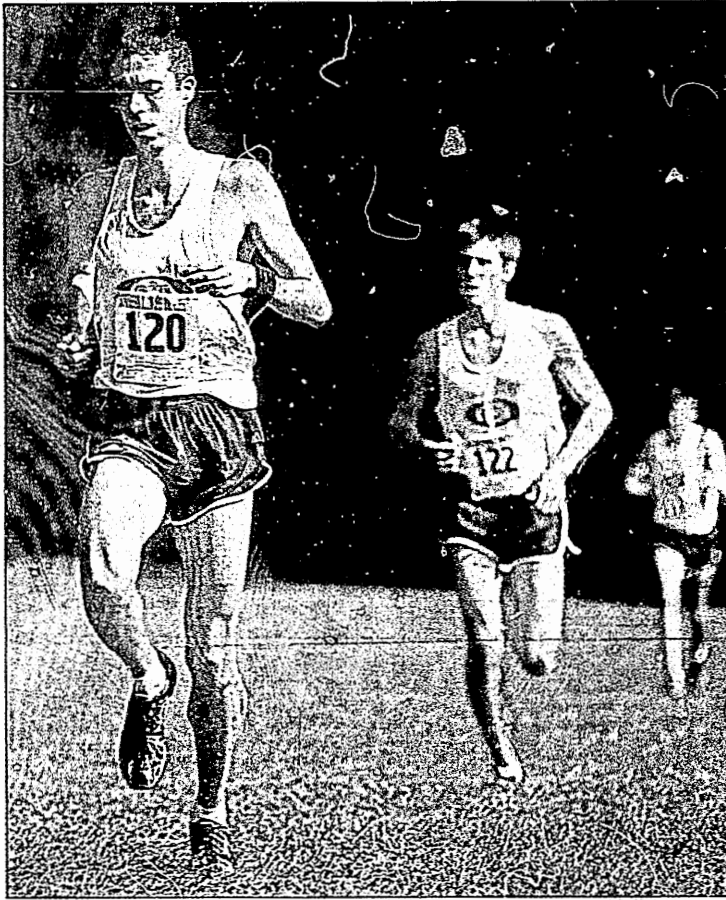
"It's a big, big race for us," said sophomore Joe Byrne, who finished fifth overall at the Valley meet. "We got beat by Wichita State, we got beat by Drake [at conference]. There was no doubt we were the second-best team; it just didn't happen that day. We just want to go out and prove it on the course."

The Salukis do not foresee any kind of letdown following the conference championship, which they usually consider to be the most important meet of the season. They expect to have a good showing this weekend and maybe turn some heads. However, they will have to do it without one of their top runners.

Junior Eli Baker, who was the team's No. 1 runner at the beginning of the year, will not compete in Stillwater, Okla., after re-aggravating a stress fracture in his left leg.

In place of Baker, SIU will turn to Hunter Sheldon and Kyle Monroe to become the fifth scorer. It isn't the first time the pair has been depended upon for points.

Baker missed the Pre-National meet a month ago after he originally sustained the stress fracture



DAILY EGYPTIAN FILE PHOTO

SIU senior cross country runner Doron Giat will compete in his last collegiate cross country meet Saturday at the NCAA District Championships in Stillwater, Okla.

injury. The absence was obvious as the Salukis placed a disappointing 32nd out of 35 teams at the race. Sheldon, a freshman from Vernon Hills, finished 210th, and Monroe, a freshman from Springfield, placed 231st.

The pair will use that meet as an experience-builder for this weekend's meet. They understand the pressure of being depended upon for points and know they need to stick as close to their teammates as possible.

"We're not going there to try and win; we're going in to see how we can do," Monroe said. "It's nice to move up a spot on the team ... but I'd rather

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» COMMENTARY



Waterloo and other great losses

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## Best in the Valley?

I went to see my shrink the other day, suffering from the effects of a previous concussion, depression, alcohol poisoning, an accidental pickle juice injection and, above all, a hangnail.

But it was for more than that — something not related to self-inflicted injuries and dry skin. My head was a mess.

Eager to find the problem and get me the hell out of the office, Dr. Tut tried a little word association.

- "Football," he said.
- "Crunch," I said.
- And he continued: Run — from the police. Pass — the butter. Choke — Bobby Knight. Disaster — The butterfly ballot. Genius — Alan Greenspan. Hope — Universal health care. Saluki — Greyhound with rabbit ears.

SIU — Halloween. SIU football — craptacular. SIU sports — laughable. This is where he stopped. "I think you are living in the past," he said. "Bobby Knight has not choked anyone for a few years, Alan Greenspan is hardly a genius, the Carbondale Police have made sure Halloween will never be fun again and, believe it or not, SIU football is No. 2 in the nation. "Not only that, but Saluki sports as a whole are pretty respectable."

Could he be serious? Had I been in a self-imposed mental blockade for that long?

Could SIU have gone from the laughingstock of the Missouri Valley Conference to an elite program in the few years I had been there?

I drove away from his office in a daze, went immediately to the newsroom and morgued a few stories.

"Hey Saluki fans...GO CRAZY!" one of them said. "Volleyball takes Valley to Brink," said another.

I went back to my office and saw a Saluki Sports Extra titled "Dawgs dancin' again."

Just like that I snapped back to the present.

There was no denying it. Not only has SIU become respectable, it has become, at least in the past year, the best program in the MVC/Gateway Conference.

Five of the six major sports — football, men's basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball — have finished in second place or better in their respective conferences, something no other MVC school can boast.

Suddenly, football is pulling its weight, and the Saluki is something to be feared.

Men's basketball won the MVC

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» MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Salukis sign Centralia's star forward Matt Shaw

Paperwork for Clemmons signing hits snag

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It's official. Centralia phenom Matt Shaw signed a national letter of intent Wednesday to join the SIU men's basketball team beginning next fall.

Shaw, a muscular 6-foot-6 forward, averaged 18 points and 10 boards last season for the Orphans, and Saluki head coach Matt Painter is excited at the prospect of Shaw matching the paint in the SIU Arena for four years.

"He has a huge upside," Painter said. "He's got great hands. He's the best I've seen in a long time at sealing. He just does a great job of sealing in the post and getting position and getting the ball right in front of the basket. He dunks all the time; dunks on people and he's just a kid that has gotten better every single year.

Shaw also promises to draw local fans the same way former SIU star Kent Williams did in his four-

year career. "I think he's gonna be a kid that is gonna bring a lot of people from the Centralia area and the Southern Illinois area because he's local but also because he's a good player and they just want to see him play because of his skills."

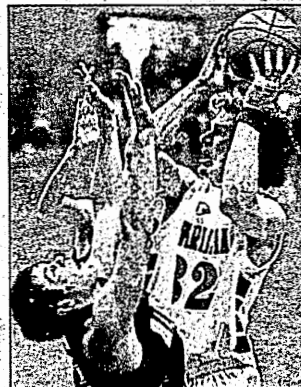
Indianapolis native Wesley Clemmons, a 6-foot-3 guard, is expected to make his commitment to the Salukis official soon, but a snag in the paperwork prevented his signing from being finalized Wednesday.

The Salukis will add Shaw and Clemmons to the roster, and 6-foot-5 Belleville guard Mike Dale is another probable addition if he can gain his eligibility while he sits out this season to adjust to college.

That leaves SIU with one available scholarship to use in the spring signing period.

As is usually the case at this point of the recruiting season for the Salukis, Painter is looking to fill out his recruiting class with a seasoned big man.

"We will continue to try to get that big guy, but we're just not gonna take a big guy," Painter said. "If we can't get the 6-9, 6-10, 250-pound kids that we like, we're gonna sign somebody of quality. We're just not going to take someone just because they're big."



BRYAN HUNT — CENTRALIA MORNING SENTINEL  
 Centralia star Matt Shaw jumps higher than an opponent in a game last year.