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Tastes of the world

International Food Fair serves up ethnic cuisine

Sean McGahan

Scents of chorizo, cinnamon and curry wafted through the Student Center ballrooms Wednesday, forcing an estimated 1,000 International Food Fair patrons’ mouths to salivate.

Thirteen international student organizations set up tables in the annual event, serving authentic native dishes from five different continents. Plates carried combinations of everything from sushi and tostadas to entrees from the entire world.

The event has been a staple of International Festival for more than 30 years, said International Student Council President Salman Mohiuddin. Mohiuddin, a senior from India studying engineering, estimated more than 1,000 eaters enjoyed an eclectic lunch.

He said the event is a time when people come together to forget their prejudices and embrace the culture of others.

Melahnie Springfield, a junior from Fairview Heights studying mathematics, had a plate with a taste of Africa, Japan, Fairview Heights studying mathematics, embrace the culture of others.

“Tastes of the world” was the theme of the annual International Food Fair at the Student Center on Wednesday.

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Rodney Jones may be $100,000 richer after winning the largest monetary prize in the nation for mid-career poets, but he is definitely not cockier.

The collection of poems — titled "Salvation Blues: 100 Poems, 1985-2005" — that won the SIUC English professor his prize leaves more to be desired, he said.

"I was really sort of disappointed when I put the book together because I thought I had written a lot better than that," he said. "I know it sounds terrible, but when I put the book together I had always wanted to write great poems, and I looked at those and thought, those aren't that great."

A panel of notable names in poetry, including former Poet Laureate of the United States Robert Pinsky, respectfully disagreed with Jones earlier this month, naming him the 2007 recipient of the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award.

The self-described 171-year-old said he just finished watching the SIU men’s basketball team defeat Wichita State University when he received a call from the judges Feb. 3.

He said the news made him feel excited, but also a little out of it. "It probably knocked me off my stride, you know. It seems to me that if people really criticize you and tear you apart, it does the same thing as getting praise. They both throw you off," he said.

Jones has become more used to the latter since he started writing poetry as a 19-year-old student at the University of Alabama. He said he hated poetry in high school, but he came to find a comfort and freedom in the art form.

"Poetry tends to be a clarifier for me," he said. "I see a lot of things that individual people experience, but that aren't socially said that often."

Even so, he said he is not trying to change anybody's mind with his work. "I'm not sure I write with a purpose other than the hope that I might say some interesting things," he said. "I don't have any kind of dream of being able to socially convert anybody who's not an idiot, and what use would it be to convert an idiot?"

Alison Joseph, an associate professor of English, was on the panel that recognized Jones, but said she did not have to be an advocate for her colleague's work. "They'd already made up their minds pretty much," she said. She said what sets Jones apart as a poet is his humor. "I think a lot of people have this notion that poetry readings are very serious affairs and that they're dull, they're boring. Not Rodney. You never know what's going to come out of that mouth of his," she said.

Helena Bell, a second-year graduate student from New Orleans studying creative writing, agreed. "Humorous poetry is practically impossible to write, and to see him do it so easily is a little infuriating, but in a good way," she said.

Jones said he does not have any plans for the prize money because it is not his. "I'm in a family, so I do know that it's not my own money — it's the family's money," he said. "Whatever money I get is pretty much in that pot."

He said he did treat himself with an American Series Fender Telecaster guitar. "That'll be my celebration," he said. "That'll be my personal money."

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Sean McGahan

SIUC English professor
Six soldiers die in separate incidents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four U.S. soldiers were killed and two others were wounded Wednesday during fighting northwest of Baghdad, the military said. Two other U.S. deaths were reported earlier.

The Task Force Lightning soldiers were attacked while conducting combat but the details were not immediately available, where U.S. and Iraqi forces have been battling the anti-government insurgency.

Three of the soldiers died from wounds sustained after explosions near their vehicle, but the location was not immediately released. The fourth soldier died later at a military medical facility.

Separately, another U.S. soldier died Wednesday after being wounded by small arms fire from insurgents while on patrol northwest of Baghdad, the military said.

The soldier was wounded while on patrol and was taken to a combat hospital where he died. The soldier's death pushed the death toll for the month to 23. More than 2,000 U.S. soldiers have been killed in combat in Iraq since the war began in March 2003.

Reversal in Bush case

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush speaks to a news conference in the East Room of the White House in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday.

A Washington judge on Tuesday reversed course and said he would call three CIA witnesses to testify.

Washington Judge Reggie B. Walton said the CIA was able to call three witnesses to testify about classified national security issues in the slaying of six British military personnel in September 2003.

The judge also dismissed a contempt motion filed by the CIA. Walton said the government did not have the evidence it needed to convict the five men of war crimes.

The Bush administration has large-scale plans to build and use nuclear weapons, according to a new report.

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The new age of wireless

By A.P. HAGLER

It seems that everywhere you turn in the world of technology, some new product is coming out and touting its revolutionary “wireless” capabilities.

Computers, cell phones, game consoles and even toys are going wireless. If the makers of high-tech gadgets have their way, all the wires connecting us to each other, to the Internet, to our printers, scanners, Bluetooth-enabled headsets, to our TV, and even to our power grid will soon be a thing of the past.

Wireless as a generic term, though, usually refers to wireless Internet access. Connecting to a network via a cable is becoming the exception rather than the rule in many homes and offices. More and more wireless “hot spots” are popping up at many locations, including many homes and offices. More and more wireless “hot spots” are popping up at many locations, including coffee shops, fast food restaurants, public buildings, college campuses and apartment complexes, to name just a few.

However, even as wireless proliferation seems poised to skyrocket, and it is basically Wi-Fi without the encryption on their access points. Home users, fearful that someone might use their connection without their knowledge, are enabling WEP encryption on their access points. What this means for us is that although there are more and more access points, there are less and less open access points for us to actually use, which is a shame.

To combat this, several initiatives have formed whose collective aim is to create as many open access points as possible in urban areas. Arguably the most popular of these organizations is FON, which subsidizes router purchases that are used to provide open access for other FON members.

Another technology, though, is starting to make its way into new laptop computers that also aims to provide an alternative for mobile Internet users. The technology is commonly referred to as WiMax, and it is basically Wi-Fi without the access points.

Of course, this new technology uses access points, but these access points are integrated into cell-phone towers and similar structures, and are far more powerful than traditional access points, allowing people to have Internet access at a much greater distance (up to 70 miles away). This technology is being considered as a possible method for getting high-speed access to people who are outside of cable and DSL coverage areas, as well as a high-speed connection for mobile users.

Right now the technology is still in its infancy. Companies are just starting to build the necessary infrastructure, and it is basically Wi-Fi capability.

Eventually, WiMax or some variant may replace traditional Wi-Fi altogether and we’ll have so much Wi-Fi proliferation that we’ll be able to get a signal almost anywhere. We will all look back in wonder at the days when we had to plug in to the network, just as many of us remember dialing “9” to get Internet access. The days when we had to plug in to the network, just as many of us remember dialing “9” to get Internet access.

Another thing to note is that Ross and Hill both wrote lyrics, a feat the drummers usually stay out of. Some of the lyrics seem as though there was a conscious effort to make words rhyme, though it works and isn’t too tacky.

Honestly, Hella isn't for everybody. Those who prefer drum solos and loud chaos will love Hella, whereas those who aren’t familiar with the band so damn good.

With three extra musicians, Hella sounds a lot cooler — than any drummer and faster — and make it sound way cooler — than any drummer out there. To put it into perspective, Hill to drums is like Les Claypool to bass.

With three extra musicians, Hella rocks hard and singer Aaron Ross, Hella sounds incredibly coherent and understandable. With the addition of guitarist Josh Hill, bassist and keyboardist Carson McWhirter and singer and guitarist Zac Hill, Hella sounds incredibly coherent.

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OUR WORD

SIU Web site old, broken

As SIU accomplished nothing since November 2006, well, nothing important enough to update the SIU system’s Web site, it seems.


A poorly maintained site, like it or not, is a reflection of an apathetic university that is way behind the times.

Drivers, please be cautious

A third car accident has struck Carbondale this year and pedestrians — or at least should — continue to hesitate at the crosswalks on campus and on city streets.

Some drivers on campus make it difficult for pedestrians to take advantage of the crosswalks because they don’t pay attention to their surroundings or they don’t follow the walk-signal.

On campus, police reported nine accidents have involved pedestrians, resulting serious injuries since 2002.

Drivers — please take note of the incidents of the past two months. It’s not hard. Just drive safely.

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WORDS OVERHEARD

“I’ve opened all the drawers, and there’s no more money.”

John Dunn

SIUC’s interim chancellor on the financial state of the university.
Dear Editor:

Recently, students were asked how the Senate should vote on the proposed increases in tuition and fees. Well, it’s true that the university does need money to make needed repairs and improvements, to pay for rising utility costs, to pay faculty and staff and to help fund Saluki Way. On the other hand, students need money as well to afford supplies, books, hot sauce and the like. There are many things that can be done to help the university’s finances, and I suggest that we get students involved. Make a documentary about SIU and Carbondale. Use Career Services to help local or visiting high school students discover what they want to major in, and then have them sign up to see what an average day for a student in that major would be like. These ideas may or may not be helpful, but I’m sure there are many SIUC students with their own great ideas for helping the university. The university could even make a suggestion box that would allow students to voice their opinions and suggestions online. I am sure that there are many things that can be done to help the university, but tuition and fee increases won’t help SIU students or improve enrollment.

April Robinson
undecided freshman
With her face flushed, Dana Ekenberg passes the sideline at SIU Arena.

The Saluki coach will often wave wild hand gestures or have words to share her pleasure or displeasure with her travel team.

"She is the epitome of interest," SIU guard Erica Smith said.

That intensity comes out in her players.

“They keep coming at you,” said Bradley coach Paula Roscher, after her team lost to the Salukis 55-50 Friday night. “They’re just a balanced team that can hit you in a lot of different ways.”

Ekenberg has helped the Saluki women’s basketball program rise from the basement of the Missouri Valley Conference to first place in just three years.

The Saluki (15-9, 1-2) are on pace for their first winning season in 13 years, and Ekenberg is a leading contender for MVC Coach of the Year after a preseason poll picked the Salukis to finish seventh in the conference.

Since starting the year 3-7, the Salukis have won 12 of their last 14 games and have the No. 1 defense in the Valley, allowing 62.4 points a game.

“It’s a really great feeling,” Ekenberg said. “I’m really proud of our kids. It’s great to see them map the benefits of such hard work.”

It’s almost hard to believe less than three years ago, the Salukis finished 3-24 and last in the MVC.

The game inside and outside from every position.”

Part of SIU’s success also stems from the coaching staff’s strong ability to adjust. Ekenberg often sees situations that suit her system best. Moore, a two-time all-order guard, is a cover from the point guard position, and she pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds. Moore can control the dribble with tiny jukes and spins that make her a difficult defensive assignment.

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Junior guard Jayme Swore plays defense against Bradley University guard Jim Brown during Friday night’s game. The Salukis are the No. 1 defensive team in the Valley.

Coach Dana Ekenberg and guard Jayme Swore hold hands during the "The Star-Spangled Banner." Monday afternoon at SIU Arena, the entire Saluki women’s basketball team holds hands during the national anthem before every game.

In a lot of teams, I’ve been on, it’s more tense. Here, there’s just a mutual respect for each other.”

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Ekenberg had help from Carrie Moore, Jayme Swore and Erin Peak who followed their coach from her old post at the University of Minnesota-Katonah to Carbondale.

Motivational leader

Ekenberg, who enjoys being around and around, often searches for ways to maintain their team’s focus. While she said one-all order guard, Swore, is a cover from the point guard position, and she pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds. Moore can control the dribble with tiny jukes and spins that make her a difficult defensive assignment.

A different Saluki will step up each night. Junior forward Dana Ekenberg is known for her defense and leadership.

Junior guard Jayme Swore plays defense against Bradley University guard Jim Brown during Friday night’s game. The Salukis are the No. 1 defensive team in the Valley.
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410 E. Hester
410 1/2 E. Hester
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703 S. Illinois #101
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703 S. Illinois #202
703 S. Illinois #203
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410 W. Oak 2,3,5
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202 N. Poplar #3
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406 S. University #1,2,4
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703 W. Walnut #1
703 W. Walnut #2

Two Bedroom

503 N. Allyn
607 N. Allyn
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408 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #1 & 2
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501 W. College #5,6,7
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509 W. College #4
305 E. Crestview
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303 W. Elm
113 S. Forest
115 S. Forest
303 S. Forest
718 S. Forest #3
500 W. Freeman #2-6
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109 Glenview
507 S. Hays
514 S. Hays
408 E. Hester
408 1/2 E. Hester
410 E. Hester
703 W. High #1,2
208 W. Hospital #1
703 S. Illinois #202
703 S. Illinois #203
401 S. James
611 W. Kemncott
903 W. Linden
507 1/2 W. Main #B
207 S. Maple
906 W. McDaniel
908 W. McDaniel
300 W. Mill #1-4
405 E. Mill
405 E. Mill
409 E. Mill
400 W. Oak #1,3
402 W. Oak #E
501 W. Oak
707 W. Oak
300 N. Oakland
505 S. Oakland
511 N. Oakland
602 N. Oakland
1300 E. Park
202 N. Poplar #1
507 S. Poplar #1-3,5,6,7
301 N. Springer #1-4
913 W. Sycamore
919 W. Sycamore
1619 W. Sycamore
404 S. University #1-2
404 S. University #1-2
404 S. University #1-2
404 1/2 S. University
404 1/2 S. University
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504 W. Walnut
820 W. Walnut #2
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804 W. Willow

Three Bedroom

503 N. Allyn
607 N. Allyn
609 N. Allyn
408 S. Ash
410 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #2,3
506 S. Ash
514 S. Ash #1,3,6
405 S. Beveridge
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge
503 S. Beveridge
506 S. Beveridge
507 S. Beveridge #2-5
509 S. Beveridge #1-4
513 S. Beveridge #1-4
515 S. Beveridge #2 & 3
209 W. Cherry
309 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #1
405 W. Cherry
501 W. Cherry
606 W. Cherry
614 W. Cherry
405 W. Cherry Court
406 W. Cherry Court
407 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Cherry Court
409 W. Cherry Court
300 E. College
303 W. College
309 W. College #1-4
312 W. College #3
400 W. College #1-4
407 W. College #1-4
409 W. College #1-4-5
501 W. College #1 & 3
503 W. College #1 & 2
507 W. College #1-3
509 W. College #1 & 3
810 W. College
807 W. College
809 W. College
305 E. Crestview
506 S. Dixon
113 S. Forest
115 S. Forest
303 S. Forest
603 S. Forest
500 S. Hays
503 S. Hays
508 S. Hays
507 S. Hays #1
509 S. Hays #1
212 W. Hospital
610 S. Logan
413 W. Monroe
400 W. Oak #2
6299 Old Murphysboro Rd.
506 S. Poplar #1-7
509 S. Rawlings #1,7
519 S. Rawlings #2-5
820 W. Walnut #1
504 S. Washington
501 S. University #2

Four Bedroom

503 N. Allyn
410 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #3
405 S. Beveridge
409 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
503 S. Beveridge #1
506 S. Beveridge
507 S. Beveridge #2-5
509 S. Beveridge #1-4
513 S. Beveridge #1-4
515 S. Beveridge #2 & 3
209 W. Cherry
309 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #1
405 W. Cherry
501 W. Cherry
606 W. Cherry
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By Linda Black

Today's Birthday (02-15-07): Your assignment this year is to finish the projects and gather up money that's owed you. This may not sound like much fun at first, but it can be quite rewarding. 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 7. Today is a time to reflect on your experiences. It's not too late to change your plans. Sometimes, it's better to be patient.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8. A group you've known and loved for years does you a world of good. Discuss your joy, your hopes and your fears. Allow friends to help you heal.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8. Take the opportunity to upgrade your public presence. A new power suit could very effectively communicate your new status.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7. Reach out and take advantage of new opportunities. Don't do it in person, however. Have somebody else do it for you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8. Some days are all talk and no action. This day, it's the other way around. You'll catch up with all the chores you'd been putting off, and then some.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7. You'd rather be in a secluded spot, expressing your affection. If normal chores interfere with that, jot down a few notes for later.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6. Think about putting something in order of anything, either. Your opinion will change at least once before you make the right decision.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5. A cozy, comfortable feeling alternates with bouts of anxiety. One minute everything's fine, and the next minute you wonder. Better be low for a couple of days.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7. Life is about learning, as you may have noticed. Some things, you learn the hard way. Doesn't matter, a lesson is a lesson, and you're getting smarter all the time.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6. Temporary frustration gives way to something more like sheer delight. Don't give up when you run into a wall, there's a secret door.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7. You have many valuable items hidden around your premises. Show the folks who see them as clutter that they're really cold, hard cash. Sell something.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7. New friends clue you in on the easiest ways to accomplish your objectives. You've been doing some things the hard way, as you may have suspected.

Sudoku

By Michael Mepham

Level: 2 Hard

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

0 9 1
2 3 8
4 5 7
9 1 2
7 8 6
5 4 3
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3 5 4
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5 4 2
6 1 7
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1 2 4
8 5 3
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7 9 1
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6 8 9
3 4 2
2 9 8
7 6 5
5 1 2
4 3 9
8 7 6
3 2 9
1 5 6
9 4 8
6 7 4
1 3 8
2 5 9
9 1 5
7 2 4
8 7 3
4 6 2
3 8 5
5 9 6
1 4 2
7 5 9

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**FOOD CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

Shemarah Israel, a junior from Nigeria studying biological science, was one American native who said the event reminded him of home.

"It’s a lot like the Taste of Chicago with all the variety of food and everything," she said.

Keelia Fowler, a junior from Jamaica studying speech communication, worked at the Caribbean table. She said the most popular dish was her Jamaican beef patties.

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The Boruas of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is investigating how the 18-year-old got the pistol.

"You can buy long guns at 18. That’s not a problem. The hard part is we’re going to check at where he got the gun," said Lori Dyer, in charge of the local ATF office.

Omerovic said Talovic never displayed any sign that he knew who sold these guns to him, she said.

Less than 48 hours after the shootings, police tape was removed from the parking lot as the mall reopened, although it was up to each shop owner whether to resume business.

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"It’s just unexplainable," Kiernan said Wednesday. "He was just walk- ing around and shooting everybody he saw."
Sports

The annual NCAA All-Star Weekend starts Feb. 16 at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nev. The weekend consists of the rookie/sophomore game, skills challenges, the dunk contest and the game itself. What is the must-see event of the weekend?

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“Easy the race between 67-year-old Dick Bazalet and Charles Barkley. I don’t know how it will turn out, but I’m excited. Now the rest is secondary, but it’s always fun nonetheless.”

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Pretty soon, those promising rookies and unknowns will start to get their reps in exhibition games, giving the fans more reason to hope. Today marks the first day to register for a fantasy baseball team on Yahoo!, and another step closer to the day that feel much closer.

Remember Russ Ortiz?

If Coffin makes two field goals, he can also pass Ron Miller’s school record of 307 points. Former SIU men’s basketball coach Bruce Weber led the University of Illinois to an overall record of 18-9 and a fifth place standing in the Big Ten this season. After leading his team to the brink of a national championship in 2005, Weber and the Fighting Illini are on the bubble for the NCAA Tournament.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE
Feb. 16 Southern Miss Tourn. 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 17 Southern Miss Tourn. 12:00 p.m.
Feb. 18 Southern Miss Tourn. 11:00 p.m.
Feb. 23 Central Michigan 2:00 p.m.
Feb. 24 Central Michigan 1:00 p.m.
Feb. 25 Central Michigan 1:00 p.m.
Feb. 26 Tennessee-Martin 2:00 p.m.
March 2 Northern Illinois 2:00 p.m.
March 3 Northern Illinois 1:00 p.m.
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MEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
Feb. 16 Drake 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 18 Creighton 7:05 p.m.
Feb. 24 Evansville TBA
March 1 MVC Tournament TBA
March 2 MVC Tournament TBA
March 3 MVC Tournament TBA

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
Feb. 16 Missouri 2:05 p.m.
Feb. 18 Missouri State 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 25 Missouri State 7:00 p.m.
March 3 Wichita State 2:05 p.m.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?
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"I'm total garbage. No one ever cares anymore because it's meaningless game. Now I'm out the biggest Saluki fan in the world but if I'm going to watch a dunk contest I won't ever see the best in the world like Kobe Bryant, Lebron James and so forth. However, I just want to watch Tyrus Thomas dunk after telling me he's in it for the money."
Saluki Banter: Annual NBA All-Star weekend starts Feb. 16. What is the must see event? Page 15

Batter (almost) up

Scott Mieszala

What does the phrase "pitchers and catchers report!" mean? Nothing, really. Usually, they are the ones going to Florida and Arizona. But Wednesday marked the day fans are allowed to mark the day fans are allowed to attend Spring Training. Now fans are allowed to attend Spring Training.

Last season, both World Series teams stumbled their way into the playoffs. The Tigers went 36-38 against the All-Star break, and St. Louis nearly lost the National League Central to Houston. So if they can win it, they will really have a chance. Usually the team that gets hot heading into the playoffs is the team that wins it all. So if they can win it, then, well, most teams can win it. And it’s OK to hope out of nowhere. MLB.com's countdown now lists the first spring training game at 12 days and some hours away.

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Saluki infielder Bret Maagari

threw a ball during baseball practice Jan 23 at the Abe Martin Field. The Salukis will play in a tournament at Southern Mississippi this weekend.

Jeff Engelhardt

DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU baseball team is ready to get back outside again. The Salukis [1-2] returned from DeLand, Fla., Sunday after taking on Stetson for a three-game series. Stetson outscored the Salukis by nine in their weekend tilt.

Back in Carbondale, temperatures were in the 30s and the harsh weather forced SIU to make the adjustment to outdoor practice facilities.

Saluki coach Dan Callahan said it's too tough to go outside for a while only to come back inside.

"After going to Florida, playing three games, it's difficult for us to practice because we can't take the regulations into effect," Callahan said. "By the time Friday rolls around, we'll be excited about playing again."

SIU is set to play in a three-day tournament at Southern Mississippi this week. The Salukis take on Southern Mississippi Friday before finishing up with Louisville Sunday.

Southern Mississippi should be the toughest competition for the Saluki as the Golden Eagles were picked to finish fourth in Conference USA this season. The Golden Eagles are led by junior all-conference second baseman Troy Sutton, who has a .285 batting average last season.

The Salukis will try to contain Sutton and jump-start their offense as well.

Sophomore second baseman Scott Elsenhofd went 2-for-5 with a double, an RBI and a run scored Feb. 10. Elsenhofd said the Salukis are looking to build on their performance from the Stetson series.

"Usually, we're going to swing a little better than we did and we need to execute a little bit better offensively," Elsenhofd said. "It's the first couple games of the year so that's going to happen."

With Elsenhofd among the five returning starters, the SIU underclassmen are trying to make their mark as well.

Pitching was a strong point for the Salukis last weekend. Sophomore Cody Adams allowed one unearned run in the second game of the series. Adams also struck out five in the win.

Senior shortstop Michael Finigan recorded two hits in his first collegiate game Feb. 9.

Finigan said he's learning how to become a better batter with each game.

"In the first game a lot of people were nervous, including me," Finigan said. "It was my first real college game and it's so much faster than high school so we didn't know what to expect."