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Faculty to decide on contract

KATE MCCANN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Faculty Association members will cast a vote Thursday to accept or reject the final contract offer from the administration. The final tally will either end a year of tumultuous bargaining or launch SIUC into an unprecedented faculty strike.

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In labor negotiations, just because they say "final offer" doesn't always mean that's the case.

KEN FISHER
professor, radio-television

The administration presented its controversial final offer for the tenured and tenure-track faculty contract at a Jan. 18 mediation session.

However, some faculty members, such as radio-television professor Ken Fisher, are not persuaded that the offer will be the last.

"I'm new here and I don't know the whole history of everything, but I wasn't convinced," Fisher said. "In labor negotiations, just because they say 'final offer' doesn't always mean that's the case."

Fisher voted against accepting the contract at a Jan. 19 Departmental Representative Committee meeting.

"I didn't want management to believe it was a unanimous kind of vote," Fisher said. "We weren't just rubber stamping it."

The final vote from the DRC was 21-16 in favor of contract acceptance. However an earlier vote taken that evening, which ended in a 17-17 tie, was discounted because of procedural problems.

The committee's chairwoman, Lenore Langsdorf, will vote to ratify the contract Thursday, because she believes improvement toward the larger goal is most important, even at an undesired pace.

"The [final offer] isn't perfect. It's not even very good," Langsdorf said. "But it's a lot better than what we had before. And quality of education is what this is about."

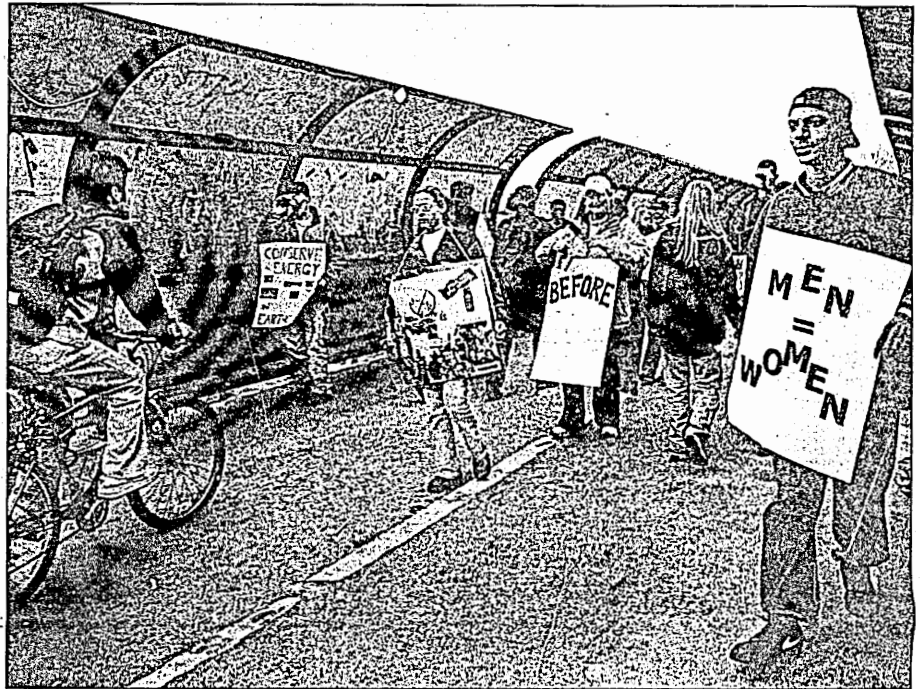
The committee's vote has no binding power but is treated as a recommendation to the general union membership.

Faculty are offered an average 11-percent raise during the next two years in the final offer. University officials said they will not surrender the power to cut faculty positions, an issue deeply embedded in the roots of the year-long conflict.

If the faculty approves the contract it will be sent to the SIUC Board of Trustees for final consideration at the Feb. 8 meeting.

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LENORE LANGSDORF
chairwoman, Departmental Representative Committee



EULALIE FRYE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sisavan Houghton's Art 101 class expresses their opinions regarding controversial issues Tuesday afternoon on the bridge connecting Brush Towers and campus. The project involved creating a billboard with a message and wearing goggles that symbolize how people view the world differently.

Renovation costs to increase

Additional funds to bankroll residence hall improvements

CODELL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As David Berezowski works on his laptop, he notices a few chips of wood missing from his desk. While the furniture in his Neely Hall room is getting old and worn out, he does not mind.

But, Berezowski, a junior in cinema and photography from McHenry, would mind paying an extra 6 percent of the normal price for renovations of housing.

However, University Housing will charge the extra money for renovations to various residence halls. The 6 percent increase is slightly higher than the 4.5 percent increase originally expected. The additions will include new furniture and carpeting.

"I'm not dying for new furniture," Berezowski said. "It's not worth it to me."

The renovations will take place during summer and will be ready for fall 2001. The additions include new carpeting and furniture on the second, third and fourth floors of Schneider Hall and the eighth through 17th floors of Mas Smith Hall. The carpeting and furniture will also reach the Trueblood Hall computer lab and Grinnell Hall. There will also be \$90,000 worth of carpeting headed toward University Park.

While most of the remodeling will take place on East Campus, some will also reach the West Campus when the tidal wave of carpeting hits Felts Hall, Abbot Hall and the "Last Resort" student activity room in Lentz Hall.

Glenn Stine, associate housing director for facilities, said many of the renovations will make the students feel more at home.

"We want to make it a 'warmer kind of setting," Stine said. While a "warmer" setting is a goal, there is also hope for a cooler

Former SIUC graduate student leaves legacy of music in her passing

BRETT NAUMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ekatarina Popova was six years old when she fell in love with the violin. She would later go on to captivate audiences as a violinist in her numerous recitals at SIUC and throughout the world.

On Friday, Popova died. The 30-year-old former SIUC graduate student ended her battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. She had been fighting the disease for three years.

It was 24 years earlier that the little girl everyone called "Katya" would pass by the local music shop in Bourgas, Bulgaria, enthralled with the violins in the store windows. Her sister, Margarita Tschomakoff, remembers her fascination with the instrument.

"We walked by the shop almost every day," Tschomakoff said. "She was somehow attracted to them," Tschomakoff said.

Her parents bought her the violin. She attended the music school in Bourgas where she received a musical and academic education through 12th grade. She then received her bachelor's from the Music Conservatory in the Bulgarian capital city of Sofia.

She graduated and toured with the Jeunesse Musicales, an international organization for young musicians. At 25, Popova decided to attend SIUC where she received her master's in violin performance.

School of Music Professor Michael Barta was impressed by Popova's abilities.

"She did what very few violinists do," Barta said. "Besides being a dazzling player, she was a serious scholar."

After she received her master's at SIUC, Popova went to Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind., to study under famous Italian vio-

FACULTY VOTE

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INCREASE

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environment. University Housing is spending \$3,162,000 on chillers to improve the air conditioning in residence halls. However, the changes to the chillers will take several years to install.

In addition to the changes made to increase the students' comfort, there will also be changes to meet their enjoyment. There will be additions of more cable channels. However, students are still being surveyed to see what channels should be added.

While the additions are for them, some stu-

dents like Berezowski think the additions are unnecessary.

"It just seems like a way to turn a profit," Berezowski said.

The rest of the renovations include new window screens on Mae Smith Hall, a new roof on Bailey Hall and a \$90,000 project to prevent fire alarm vandalism.

While students like Berezowski are skeptical of the improvements, Stine assures that all the renovations will be for the benefit of the students and they will be getting their money's worth.

"We're working hard to use the rate increases to provide better facilities for students," Stine said.

POPOVA

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linist Franco Gulli. She had completed her second year toward her doctorate when the news of her illness forced her to stop three years ago.

In 1998, Popova was diagnosed with the deadly Lou Gehrig's disease. The disease causes the loss of nervous control and voluntary muscle control. Lou Gehrig's disease destroys nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Popova eventually lost her ability to play the violin.

Popova moved back to Carbondale to be with her community of friends. School of Music Professor Paula Allison said friends rallied around Popova and her illness.

"It was amazing how people in the community came out for her," Allison said.

People wrote her letters, brought her soup and took her on walks. Popova was paralyzed before her death so her friends would push her wheelchair. Allison said Barta and Popova's friends picked out her best performances so she could listen to herself play the violin on CD. Friends in the community even dedicated a concert to her.

Allison spent a lot of time with Popova as her illness progressed. She said the roles of teacher and student were reversed as she witnessed the illness progress. The character qualities of Popova will always remain in Allison's mind.

"She was tenacious, strong and was full of spirit and spunk," Allison said. "She was a real role model and a tremendous violinist."

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1994:

- Police were searching for a 21-year-old Chester man who ran away from his parents' home and was reportedly seen twice near SIUC campus.
- The Dallas Cowboys beat the Buffalo Bills 30-13 in Super Bowl XXVIII.
- The men's basketball team fell to Bradley 68-62.
- SIUC President John C. Guyon lifted the ban against alcohol and gambling sponsorship.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Tri-Beta Meeting
5 p.m.
Life Science 2 Room
367

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

Women's Basketball
vs. Bradley
7:05 p.m.
SIU Arena.

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WEATHER



TODAY:
Cloudy
High: 41
Low: 26



THURSDAY:
Partly Cloudy
High: 37
Low: 19



FRIDAY:
Partly Cloudy
High: 42
Low: 26

POLICE-BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

- A 21-year-old female reported her purse stolen at about 11:50 a.m. Monday from the Agriculture Building after she left it unattended.
- A parking decal was reported stolen between 8 and 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Automotive Technology Department at the Carbondale Campus. Police have no suspects in this incident.

CORRECTIONS

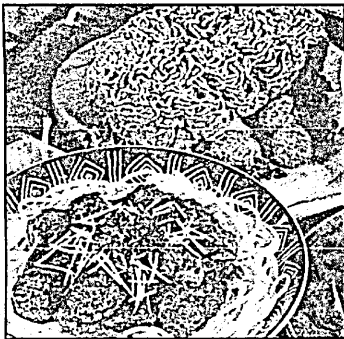
In Tuesday's story "Referendum challenged by student government," the headline should have read "Referendum challenged by student government members."

In Tuesday's story, "Tearful remembrance mark memorial service," it should have read a poem titled "Friendship" was read by Kahlil Gibran.

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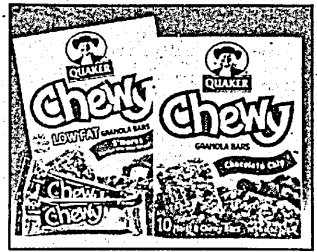


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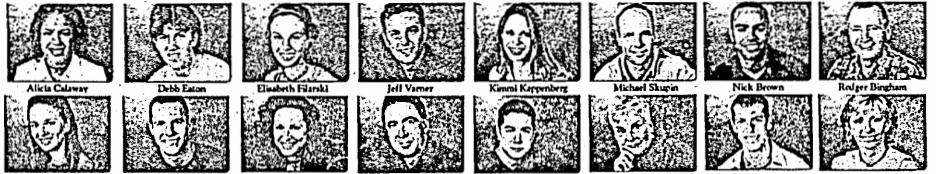


Survivor II: One down, 15 to go

Local spectators make predictions about future of show's contestants

ANDREA DONALDSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The cast of SURVIVOR THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK



Tribe. He ranked No. 3 as most liked on the SurvivorSucks.com website after the premier.

He ranks behind Colby Donaldson and Maralyn Henshey.

The quest for \$1 million began as the teams separated to search for their flags.

Hiking through woods and wading through water, both teams found and established their camp

sites. By the end of the first day tension was already lurking in the air of the Kucha tribe with friction between Debb and Kimmi, Debb and Jeff and Michael and Rodger.

After unsuccessfully starting a fire, the tribes came back together for an immunity challenge.

Winning the task, the Ogakor Tribe received matches and the immunity. The Kucha tribe were forced to

vote off one of their own — surprising to many, the tribe unanimously voted off Debb Eaton.

"She tried to hard," said Jerome Ragdsdale, a junior in electronics management from Rockford. "She was more worried about winning than getting along with everybody else."

Dietz accredited Debb's booting to the fact that she was described as a "loner" and "unso-cialable." He said the dynamics of the

SEE SURVIVOR II, PAGE 6

More than 45 million voyeurs perched in front of their televisions Sunday to watch 16 contestants, including one SIUC alumnus, begin their adventure in the Australian Outback as part of CBS's Survivor II.

Area viewers expressed a piqued interest in the show because of the new location and the local tie.

"I think it's terrific that we've got a person who is a local person from Murphysboro and a representative of SIU as one of the contestants," said Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and first-time viewer of Survivor.

Murphysboro native Kelly "Kel" Gleason, a 1992 graduate of radio-television, braved into the wild Outback as a member of the Ogakor

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Externship program sends students countrywide for spring break

LIZ GUARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Chicago Symphony; a youth church school or a Japanese restaurant are not usually designated spring break places, but they could be this year.

Twenty-four College of Liberal Arts students will be spending their spring breaks in places like these, although they might be considered crazy to sacrifice their only break during the spring semester to work.

Each year, the Alumni Association externship program sends students to different places around the country for spring break. This is not the typical tan-in-the-sand and drink-yourself-silly spring break. Students are sent coast to coast to spend their spring break working for a company in their future field.

The program is offered campus-wide, but each college is coordinated separately. The College of Liberal Arts is one of the most diverse colleges at

SIUC, which means more work for Pansy Jones and Jason Spaetti.

Jones, an administrative assistant in the COLA dean's office, and the college coordinator of the externship program, is constantly searching to match students to a sponsor. Student participation numbers in the program range from 25 to 50. This means Jones' job would be difficult without the help of her assistant, Spaetti.

COLA has a record low number of 24 students participating in the program this year. Jones believes this may be because students do not realize the program's benefits.

"I would encourage all students in the University to look at it [the program] closely. It's something that is offered but so many students don't know the real value of it," Jones said.

Spaetti, a graduate assistant in public administration from Carmi, aids Jones in finding a suitable match for each student. Spaetti and Jones interview students to get an idea of what kind of externship they are looking for.

Spaetti focuses on what the students want to

EXTERNSHIPS

• FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM, CONTACT THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AT 453-2408.

obtain contact ideas. He then calls companies all over the country and tries to sell them on SIUC and a particular student. If all goes well, the student will be matched to a company and he will be off to Nashville, Tenn., to work in the music industry or to Sacramento, Calif., to work for the highway patrol.

The program offers a variety of jobs for students in any field. The availability of jobs depends on the willingness of potential sponsors, but in its 14 years, the program has had a 100 percent placement rate each year.

Shelley Simpson, a senior in sociology from Wayne City, will be spending her spring break at

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Open forums at SIUE and Medical School

SIU President James Walker will be conducting open forums at the SIU School of Medicine and SIU-Edwardsville today. The first forum will be at 10 a.m. at the School of Medicine in Springfield. The second forum will be at 3:30 p.m. at the SIUE Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

The forums are to allow Walker to gain input from faculty, students and staff on the future of the University. Walker conducted a similar forum at SIUC Jan. 23.

Women's history month event deadline nears

Those interested in registering for Women's History Month events should sign up by Feb. 17. Exhibits include "Southern Illinois Women in Agriculture," a "Women's Hands in History" needlework exhibit and a high school poster and essay contest.

Contact Roxanne Conley at the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau at 529-4451.

USG proposes Student Activity Fee increase

Lack of funding accountability, decreased enrollment could hamper USG allocation responsibilities

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Despite a poor funding allocation history, Undergraduate Student Government is pushing for a \$10 per semester increase for the Student Activity Fee.

Funds collected by the activity fee are placed into the Student Organization Funding Account and distributed by USG to Registered Student Organizations during annual spring allocations.

Annually, more than 400 RSOs vie for funding. Adding to their clamoring is the average annual increase of 25 RSOs, resulting in complaints concerning fairness in funding.

USG President Bill Archer said USG and the Graduate and Professional Student Council have not received a decent fee increase since 1990.

At present, \$18.75 is collected by the Student Activity Fee from each student per semester.

Nancy Hunter Pei, director of Student Development, said the money would not be solely utilized by student government bodies. A dollar of the \$10 fee increase will additionally fund Rainbow's End, a daycare center on campus. Another dollar will additionally fund the campus safe-

ty program, she said.

Archer said the remaining \$8 will be split, with \$6.80 funding USG and \$1.20 funding GPSC.

With a move toward fiscal accountability, the budget for allocations continues to tighten — and may continue to do so during the next three years.

Because of previous difficulties in RSO funding allocations, Archer said \$50,000 from the activity fee may be given to Student Development by the Office for Student Affairs.

"This will go toward paying staff in Student Development," he said. "Mainly accountants, but staff in general."

Pei said the fee increase is an on-going discussion between USG and the Office for Student Affairs.

Student Development has not been directly involved in the discussion, but has a number of programs that could be affected by this move, she said.

"There might be some benefits for Student Development," Pei said. "If we were able to hire an additional accountant that could help due to the number of transactions that we handle, which is huge compared to what other simpler areas do."

The amount given to Student Development would increase to \$75,000 next year and finally increase to \$100,000 in the year following, Archer said.

Sarah Nungesser, executive director of the Student Programming Council, said she agrees with the \$10 fee increase but does not favor the incremental increase.

"The way I understood it, it was going to be \$50,000 and that was it," Nungesser said. "If you incrementally increase it each year, that's cutting right back into funding."

Nungesser said the fee increase would not directly affect SPC.

"We get a certain piece of the [funding] pie,"

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Halloween reveler in court for property damage

Second of two
SIUC students facing felony charges waives preliminary hearing

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

MURPHYSBORO — An SIUC student charged with criminal property damage waived his right to a preliminary hearing Tuesday, sending his case straight to trial.

Steve J. Fisher, an undeclared freshman from Mount Zion, is charged with property damage in connection with the Halloween riots. Fisher is accused of breaking the front window in Old Town Liquors, 514 S. Illinois Ave. He is one of two students charged with felonies stemming from the Halloween weekend.

Early morning of Oct. 29, a large piece of concrete was used to break one of the front windows on Old Town Liquors. The window was reinforced with glass, and though the glass was broken, the wire prevented the window from being broke out enough to provide entry

into the store.

The preliminary hearing takes place in felony cases to allow a judge to decide if a case should be sent to a trial. The state's attorney will present evidence showing probable cause that a crime was committed and the defendant committed it. By waiving the preliminary hearing, Fisher's case automatically goes to trial. No date has been set yet.

Brian Hommert, a sophomore in civil engineering from Glen Carbon, is also charged with criminal property damage. Hommert is accused of throwing the first rocks at the sign over Jimmy John's Gourmet Sub Shop, 519 S. Illinois Ave. Hommert's trial is scheduled to begin on Feb. 5 in Jackson County Circuit Court.

Fisher and Hommert are not the last to face repercussions for their part in the Halloween debacle. This week Carbondale Police began notifying suspects identified from the videotapes and still photographs taken during the Halloween riots of charges being brought against them. A complete list of those identified from the Halloween tapes will not be made available until the investigation concludes.



Gus says:

That's all they need, more money to squander.

OUR WORD

TEC will keep transportation programs rolling at SIUC

First built in 1938 and used as a World War II munitions office, the Automotive Technology facility in Carterville may finally see its last days, if the University fulfills plans for a Transportation Education Center at the Southern Illinois Airport. The TEC would bring the Automotive Technology and Aviation departments together in a single facility that would promote nationally renowned programs, increase enrollment and provide ancillary revenue to the region. First proposed in 1996, the TEC faces another possible five years or more before its doors may finally open. With all the inherent benefits, why has the TEC been so long in the making?

In a word, funding. The University presents a list of prioritized capital projects each year to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, which then compiles its list from colleges and universities around the state and decides who gets what. If a capital project for SIUC isn't number one on the overall campus list, chances are slim that it will end up on the IBHE list.

This is the proverbial monkey wrench for the \$35 million TEC project. Morris Library, which serves the entire campus, is in need of repair, and the digitalization of the Communications Building is a definite priority.

But the TEC should be a priority as well. The Automotive Technology program was ranked first in the nation in 1999. However, despite the accolades, the program is in danger of losing its industry certification because of inadequate facilities.

How inadequate are the Carterville facilities? How about pipes so rusty there is no clean water, students and faculty must bring it in themselves. Or the lack of a simple women's restroom. It would be a shame indeed to lose a certification that brings more than \$1 million of industry donations with it because there weren't enough restrooms. It bears repeating here that the facility in question was built over 60 years ago as a "temporary" building used as a munitions office during World War II.

The Aviation Management and Flight department would also benefit enormously from the TEC. Currently, there isn't the classroom space at the SI Airport for current students, forcing them to shuttle back and forth from the main campus and the airport six miles down Route 13. The lack of facilities also limits the number of students that can enter the program, which has a long waiting list. At a time when SIUC is looking for ways to bring new students to the University, the TEC looks to us like a no-brainer.

For the community, the Center's 1,000 seat auditorium as well as its Corporate Training Center would play host to any number of transportation industry conferences throughout the year, bringing the extra revenue for local businesses with it.



But, as with all things regarding funding, there is a political aspect to the TEC project. SIUC has had three different presidents since the project was first proposed, each with their own set of goals and priorities. After the Morris Library and Communications Building projects are funded, there seems to be nothing stopping President Walker from putting the TEC at the top of his list.

The Transportation Education Center is on track to be the campus' top capital projects priority for fiscal year 2003. While this seems like a long way off, it should be noted that SIUC plans its budgets two years in advance. That the TEC is on this timeline bodes well for the project's completion in the not too distant future.

A university is improved, enhanced, when it not only rebuilds weak programs, but also strengthens successful ones. The TEC will preserve the national renown of SIUC's automotive and aviation programs, and keeping it at the top of the capital projects list will show that a better education for students is, as it always should be, the University's top priority.

COLUMNIST

Student housing is unacceptable

In mapping out its future, Carbondale needs to start with the obvious.

On Saturday, the city conducted a Millennium Retreat at the Carbondale Civic Center. The objective of the day-long brainstorming and prioritizing sessions was to pinpoint areas that can be improved in Carbondale by 2010.

A plethora of intriguing ideas were hatched by the 200 community participants, including adding a teen center, an aquatic center and a museum honoring Carbondale's railroad heritage.

The problem is, there's a major, decades-old problem that needs to be addressed first.

The year is 2001, and off-campus housing conditions for SIUC students remain deficient in most cases, and deplorable in many others. The student-dominated neighborhoods in Carbondale are a major eyesore for the city and have a demoralizing effect on the students who live there.

This issue has been talked into the ground for years, with minimal results. If the city continues to gloss over addressing substandard housing conditions during the next decade, Carbondale will be demonstrating unambitious planning and a lack of regard for the city's lifeblood — the students.

True, many students worsen housing conditions with excessive littering and wear and tear, but finding motivation to keep living quarters clean in the midst of filthy, broken-down shacks is difficult to come by.

City Councilman Brad Cole remembers his days as a student at SIUC a few years back, and the unseemly conditions that he lived in.

"The cockroaches got such an attitude, even when you turned the lights on they didn't care,"

Cole said.

All joking aside, more stringent enforcement of housing codes would be a logical place to start reform efforts. If nothing else, cracking down on negligent landlords should be a no-brainer for the city. And the sooner the better.

"When people move here, what is the one thing they absolutely have to have?" said Cole. "You've got to have a place to live. If they don't have a nice place to live, they're not going to come here."



Guest Column

BY JAY SCHWAB
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Precisely the dilemma for city and University officials who would love the economic jolt a major enrollment increase would carry, as well as for students alienated by having few affordable housing alternatives that they would not be embarrassed to have their friends and relatives see.

So what's the solution? Cole would like to see the city offer more incentives for landlords to construct new properties. He suggested the possibility of the city paying to tear down dilapidated buildings for free if the landlords promised to replace them

with new places.

Unfortunately, it is up to the landlords to cooperate. As history has shown, it is a tough sell to expect landlords to replace tried-and-true moneymakers with newer places that require sizable investment to construct. And as Cole said, "in this town, it takes time to get things done."

But ignoring a problem has never been a solution to anything.

The city has come a long way in the past few decades. Alumni who return to Carbondale after several years away marvel at the expanded commercial enterprise in town.

But a ride down one of the numerous decrepit streets in student neighborhoods quickly shows them that — unfortunately — one of the city's biggest black eyes has only become more pronounced with time.

The answers to rectifying Carbondale's housing shortcomings are not easy. But if the city stands pat on this issue, Carbondale will regress into a laughingstock, filled with neighborhoods reeking of neglect and exploitation.

There is much that can be accomplished during the next decade as Carbondale wisely dedicates itself to continuing to progress.

But if resurrecting student housing neighborhoods gets lost in the shuffle, Carbondale will have blown a tremendous opportunity to make the city one that students and community members alike can be proud of.

Jay Schwab is editor-in-chief at the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Crowd behavior at basketball game disturbing, childish

DEAR EDITOR:

On Jan. 20, 2001, I went to a basketball game at the SIU arena. The game was SIUC against Indiana State. I was bored that day so I decided to go to the game. This was my first game at SIUC. I entered, got my ticket, and set down. The game was very fun at first. The students were very involved. They were clapping, singing, shouting, cheering, and standing up.

SIUC made a few baskets, and so did Indiana State. Then I noticed that player number three on Indiana State's team was substituted for another player. He was an African-American boy about 6'2". The first time he was put in the game the crowd called him ugly shouting "You are ugly!". I thought that was kind of mean, but I did not think too much of it. Then he made a basket for the second time. They then called him "buckwheat" repeatedly.

As I looked around to see who the people were saying this, to my amazement, it was the SIUC band. I also noticed that Caucasian people were the only people saying this. I quickly looked at the band director to see if he was going to take any control of his misbehaving students, but he said nothing. I got up and left the game.

My feelings were really hurt. I feel that their behavior was very disorderly, disrespectful and childish. In the future I hope I can enjoy a game without dealing with these types of issues.

Jennifer L. Lee
 freshman, undeclared

OVERHEARD

They make it more athletic. Not just stupid little high school cheer stuff.

Kelly Garman

Cheerleading captain, on the presence of males on the squad

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Tecumseh's Dream may be heading for Shawnee National Forest

BURKE SPEAKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A prophetic 200-year-old dream once thought obsolete is poised to come true in Southern Illinois for an estimated 50,000 American Indians across the nation.

The Shawnee National Forest is being considered as a location for a nationwide educational conference, uniting thousands of American

Indians and non-American Indians alike. The conference, slightly based on the 1801 American Indian vision called Tecumseh's Dream, is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 11 through Oct. 14.

U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Becky Banker said Forest Service officials have briefly discussed the event with the organizers, two Detroit-based American Indians who wish to remain anonymous. This stems from

the need for the gathering to represent an entire community of people and not just two organizers.

Banker said they have not initiated any concrete plans at this time, but if or when they do, the Forest Service must first look at the environmental effects of such an assembly. As Tecumseh's Dream would be the single largest convocation in the Shawnee's government-owned history, an environmental analysis is needed before deciding where in the forest it can occur.

"We haven't even started doing anything about it yet," Banker said. "If they do decide to come here, we'll have to take a look at the environmental effects from it first."

SIUC American Indian graduate student John Rivera, who is helping with the gathering, said the conference is still in its planning infancy and at this stage, organizers are trying to unite as many people as possible for a

peaceful meeting.

"It's not going to be a protest, it's not a march or anything like that," Rivera said. "This is to get Indian and non-Indian educators together for a peaceful conference. There's Tecumseh's Dream, Crazy Horse's Dream, Sitting Bull had his dream; they've all had the same dreams at different parts of our history to bring people together."

Tecumseh's Dream was Shawnee Chief Tecumseh's vision of uniting 50,000 American Indians to stop the white man's encroachment upon their lands. Before this could happen, Tecumseh's headstrong brother allied some warriors before Tecumseh returned from a trip, which resulted in a massive loss against William Henry Harrison's army. After the defeat, the dream was considered dead.

The 2001 unification is slightly different, with education, human and civil rights, health and environmental issues

being discussed. Also, organizers are aiming for 50,000, as the original dream calls for, but Rivera said they "just want a good turnout."

The gathering also invites non-American Indians to learn and understand from those living on reservations. The Shawnee Forest was picked because of Tecumseh's tie to it, and because of its central location in what American Indians call Turtle Island, the land mass that stretches from the tip of Alaska to South America.

The Shawnee conference would not be the only American Indian convocation in the country. A festival for all tribes occurs in Bear Butte, S.D., each June.

Rivera stressed that the Shawnee gathering "benefits American Indians in that they're trying to solve some of the problems that exist on and off reservations."

"Anytime people gather together in a peaceful atmosphere a lot of good things happen," Rivera said.

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Two local churches share common mission

Merger of denominations focuses on unity

EMILY OSTENDORF
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jason Klemm's church family just added a few more members.

Klemm, a senior in political science from St. Louis, attends Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church while at SIUC.

A recent nationwide merger of the Episcopal and Evangelical Lutheran denominations expands his community of faith while away from home.

In July, legislation passed at a

convention of the Episcopal Church allowed the denomination to be joined with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

As a result, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, 402 W. Mill St., and Epiphany Lutheran Church of All Saints, 1501 W. Chautauqua St., joined together in what they call "a call to common mission."

The merger means that both denominations may share clergy as needed, that communion may formally be shared across denominational lines and that programs and support will be shared by both. They will pray for each other's church leadership and also share certain holy days.

In addition, Saint Andrew's and Epiphany Lutheran will share hospital visitations and youth group programs.

This agreement became reality for the Evangelical Lutheran Church after 15 years of planning with the Episcopal Church, said Terry Graunke, pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church.

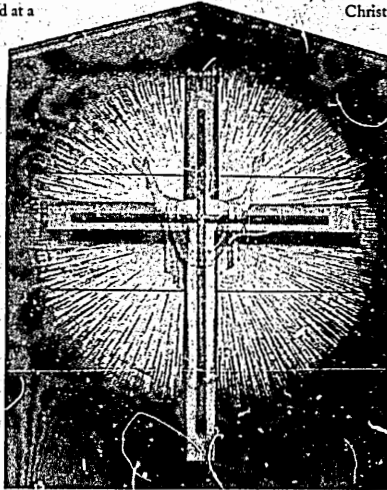


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Episcopal and Lutheran denominations nationwide merged in attempts to strengthen bonds between the two faiths. Although the two congregations will not be holding joint services, the 300 members will collectively participate in church functions.

in the eyes of church leaders.

"We are still different churches," Ihiasota said, "but now we can work together as partners."

SURVIVOR II

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tribes and being a team player is very important.

"All of us work in human environments regardless of our jobs and so that human interaction is very, very important," Dietz said.

Ragsdale said he thinks local boy Kel has a good chance of doing well because of his military background and his ability to give and take orders.

Mike Skopik agreed with Ragsdale and went so far as to say that Kel will last to be at least one of the top five survivors.

"I think he's going to be one of the better ones because he's low key," said Skopik, a sophomore in plant and soil science from Kankakee. "He hasn't made a lot of noise on the show so far."

No one can be exact on who will survive, though many people have made predictions. A Chinese astrolger on the Internet predicted that Debb Eaton would be the first to be voted off and Kimmi Klappenberg to be the survivor. The site had Kel ranked as the eighth person to be kicked off saying he was represented as the "Year of the Monkey" and would lose because of "infigthing."

Becky Alyea, a campus minister from Wheaton, said she couldn't predict the winner, but hoped farmer Rodger would win.

"It would be cool if he won because it seems like he is pretty low key and willing to get along with people," she said.

Though people might have different ideas about who will outlast the struggles, they still agree that the show has gained a lot of followers.

"I think it will get a bigger audience [this year] because of the added wildlife and risk," said Ragsdale.

Two years later, missing U. Idaho student's family, friends still looking for answers

JULIANA EDWARDS
IDAHO ARGONAUT (U. IDAHO)

MOSCOW, Idaho (U-WIRE) - On Christmas Eve, the Hendrick family of Lewiston, Idaho, usually celebrated togetherness and the birthday of their youngest child Wil.

But this Christmas, the Hendricks wept as they mourned for their missing son. It has been two years since the disappearance of Wil Hendrick, a 25-year-old University of Idaho drama student on Jan. 10, 1999.

Friends and family have several theories - a mysterious witness, a single shoe found on the side of a road and many questions - but no answers.

The family has even accepted the help of psychics, and endured the false sightings and rumors common in missing-person cases. They have also endured the absence of their son and two years of not knowing.

INTO THIN AIR

Wil Hendrick was last seen on C Street leaving a friend's party to attend another party in an upstairs apartment. Katy Payne, a friend of Hendrick's, was the last person known to have seen him.

"I blame myself a lot, I naturally blame myself. I wish that I wouldn't have left him," Payne said.

While the case has never been officially declared a homicide, the clues left behind have caused Hendrick's parents to suspect foul play. Hendrick's car, a 1984 Pontiac, was found in the parking lot of the Moscow Hotel one day later, on Jan. 11. Hendrick's parents and his partner, Jerry Schut, do not believe the condition in which the car was found fits Hendrick's personality. The car was parked crooked and outside the lines, with the doors unlocked and the keys left in the ignition.

"Wil was a creature of habit. He would lock his car even in our driveway," said Keith Hendrick, Wil's father.

"Wil had been working as a janitor and had building keys. If the keys were lost it would cost several hundred dollars to re-key those buildings. And his car was parked badly. Wil was like an old lady - he always parked his car perfectly. And being the child of two cops, he knew not to drink and drive."

Schutz, who lived with Hendrick, said at first that he wasn't worried when he didn't come home that night.

"Wil didn't drive drunk, so if he had been out partying he would just 'crash (on a couch) at the

party," he said. But by late afternoon Sunday, Schutz began to get seriously worried. By Monday, a missing person report was filed at the Moscow Police Department.

"Wil was happy, our relationship was wonderful, he was looking forward to graduation, he had no reason to take off on a walk-about," he said. The two had been together since 1994 and were planning a commitment ceremony in May.

In the beginning, Hendrick's parents were concerned that he had gotten lost or injured while walking home intoxicated. They felt he was in serious trouble.

"We thought it was hypothermia. He had fallen into a creek walking home (once) before and a deputy had rescued him because he didn't want to drive (drunk)," said Leslie Hendrick, Wil's mother.

His parents now believe that Hendrick was the victim of a homicide.

"If it was an accident or hypothermia, we would have found his body by now," Keith said.

While searchers have never found his body, they did find a single black Nike tennis shoe, which is what Hendrick was reportedly last seen wearing. A psychic, using dowsing rods, directed searchers to the shoe, which was found on a road south west of the gravel pit in Pullman.

Leslie said searchers avoided touching the shoe, so as not to destroy the evidence.

Schutz later identified the shoe and said he felt "99 percent sure that the shoe was Wil's."

'SOMEONE OUT THERE KNOWS'

The Hendrick family believes that someone out there knows what happened to their son.

"People don't just vanish. We have felt all along that someone out there knows. It could have been an accident, but whatever it was we just hope that someone will come forward so we can find his body and bury our son," his mother Leslie said.

"When I first became a father I used to say if anyone hurt my children I would kill them. But now that something has happened to my son, it hurts so much all you want is to just find him so you can bury him and then turn it over to God," said Hendrick's father, Keith, fighting back tears.

YELLOW RIBBONS HAVE YET TO FADE

Wil Hendrick's former drama teacher, Kelly Quinnett, still wears a yellow ribbon on her coat to remember Hendrick.

"He was so precious. He was a beautiful free spirit, if you ever felt down, he made you feel better," she said.

Tech surcharge benefits graduate students

CARLY HEMPHILL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Graduate School is directly seeing the benefits of the technology surcharge, which the Graduate and Professional Student Council voted to oppose in 1999.

The SIUC Graduate Technology Surcharge Advisory Board has awarded \$43,000 in grants to four departments with the money generated from the surcharge.

The Department of Educational Psychology and Special Education, is one of the departments that is experiencing the benefits: purchasing five computers, software and a printer that will be placed in Wham.

The surcharge, which is about \$25 a semester per graduate student, was instituted last year to create an annual revenue so that technology for graduate students could be improved.

"The surcharge is one way to make sure students on campus have the best technology that's available," said John Koropchak, the dean of the Graduate School.

The surcharge advisory board accepted proposals from faculty and graduate students during the fall semester. The board awarded the grants in December.

The board received 20 proposals and awarded four grants to faculty and graduate students based on the impact of the project on the graduate student population.

Along with grants given to the Department of Education, money will be used to purchase new technological equipment for Art and Design, Anthropology and Integrated Microscopy and Graphics Expertise

students, or IMAGE.

The \$11,000 addition in the Department of Education will assist graduate students with analyzing statistics. Dennis Leitner, associate professor in the Department of Educational Psychology and Special Education, hopes that the new statistics software will help graduate students with their thesis or dissertation.

The School of Art and Design is receiving about \$11,000 to further develop a multimedia facility for graduate students in this field.

Kay Zivkovich, an assistant director in the School of Art and Design, said the main purpose of the new equipment is "to offer students more diversity in technology today."

The Anthropology Department received \$5,000 to buy computer equipment that will handle digital sound recordings and map-making. The sound recordings will help graduate students analyze tape-recorded speech.

The IMAGE facility, a central research shop in the Office of Research and Development, received \$15,000 to purchase a large format printer. John Bozzola, the director of IMAGE, wrote the proposal for the printer so graduate students could use it for presentations. The printer will allow students to print posters in one large document, instead of many sheets.

"It's a capability that didn't exist anywhere in Southern Illinois, let alone the University," Bozzola said.

The money earned by the surcharge will not only improve the graduate school, but also the University.

"It will increase the level and quality of technology available to students so that they're at the cutting edge when they leave the University," Koropchak said.

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To: University Honors Students

From: Scott R. Furtwengler
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Date: January 31, 2001

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Carbondale residents learn how to save energy

BRENDA CONLEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With many complaints of rising utility bills, Carbondale residents received some comfort by learning how to save energy and lower their utility bills Tuesday.

Local energy experts presented "Energy Efficiency in Action" as part of the Carbondale's Rebuild America, a partnership sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave.

The partnership is aimed at promoting energy efficiency in industrial, commercial, residen-

tial, academic and public building in and around Carbondale.

Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Energy Processes, Manohar Kulkarni, is the program director for Rebuild Carbondale.

"In the '70s with the oil crisis, energy conservation received a bad connotation," he said. "What we are trying to say is that we are not asking people to reduce their comfort, but to show them how to balance efficiency, save energy, while keeping a level of comfort."

Kulkarni understands that energy is essential, especially in cold weather, but emphasizes the importance in recognizing the impact of how energy, the environment and the economy all tie

in together.

He looks at the California energy crisis and thinks Carbondale can prevent any similar problems by being knowledgeable of the environment and saving energy.

Residents were given free energy-saving kits that could save them \$150 in utility bills if used properly. The kits were donated by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and Ameren CIPS.

The kits included three fluorescent light bulbs, specialized weather stripping, a hot-water-conserving showerhead, and a kitchen faucet aerator.

Dan Brames of Associated Lumber, explained how efficient windows will keep heat

in the home.

"Many homes that are 20 years and older have windows that are single paned, cracked and have poor insulation," he said.

Windows that have aluminum coverings, which keeps air out, and that are sealed with two panes are the most efficient, said Brames.

Maintenance of heating and cooling equipment by changing the filters is one area where homeowners fall short, said Francis Pass, a local energy expert of Pass Heating and Cooling.

"Most people don't have the revenue to make some of the changes to their homes," Pass said. "But many people don't know that one reason they are paying higher utility bills is because they don't change the filters on their equipment."

Sundance film festival: indie haven, Hollywood sellout?

ANDREW VAN BAAL
THE DAILY AZTEC (SAN DIEGO STATE U.)

SAN DIEGO (U-WIRE) — It's 7 o'clock in the evening, and Abravanel Hall's grand foyer is bustling with a steadily growing influx of film enthusiasts, ticket-holders strolling in with ease, waiting-list hopefuls coming in for a respite from the cold Utah air and media foot-soldiers armed with the latest in digital recording technology forming a line to photograph the red-carpet entrance of the festival's stars.

This is the opening night of the 2001 Sundance Film Festival, the well-known American showcase of independent films. The crowd is ushered inside Salt Lake City's most opulent concert hall for the opening-night premiere screening.

Inside, there's a collective sigh of disappointment when the audience is informed that Sundance founder Robert Redford is filming overseas and won't be able to introduce the festival this year. Nevertheless, the opening night suffers no lack of grandeur in the absence of its namesake, the

Sundance Kid. The film "My First Mister" is shown in a multi-tiered symphony hall, the cast and crew on hand to celebrate, with the prospect of a great opening-night party at the Salt Lake convention center immediately afterward.

Elaborate as all this might sound, Sundance hasn't always been the spectacle it has become. At its inception in 1981, you'd probably know nothing about it unless you happened to be in Park City at the time, when Redford and friends used to run up and down Main Street begging people to watch the films. Since then, Sundance has evolved at an incredible rate. And with it, the entire landscape of independent filmmaking has changed.

In its strictest definition, an "independent" film is one that is financed outside the studio system. This implies nothing about content, but those films that have to look outside Hollywood for funding generally do so because they won't get made in Hollywood & emdash their commercial appeal is deemed too risky. Hence, independent films tend to have a certain edge that sets them apart from mainstream films. With each passing year, the accusations grow stronger & emdash how "indie" can the country's biggest film festival be these days?

Independent artists and fans find outlet on PasteMusic.com

CONRAD LUCAS
VANDERBILT HUSTLER (VANDERBILT U.)

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (U-WIRE) — The story of the independent artist is long and fabled. Most established stars have their own tales of woe concerning the days when they struggled to achieve recognition. However, those typical methods of achieving success and getting others to listen may be changing.

PasteMusic.com, a Web site dedicated to helping independent artists achieve recognition, has become a pioneer in promoting independent artists who have yet to find their commercial niche.

The Web site was conceived by longtime friends Nick Purdy and Josh Jackson, both 29. The site is legally based in Atlanta, their hometown, but is completely virtual, which means there is no headquarters. It's a three-man band in a matter of speaking, but they don't meet on a daily basis. Purdy resides in Seattle, Wash., Jackson lives in Sioux Falls, S.D. and their other partner lives in Chicago, Ill. Their distribution center is in Chapel Hill, N.C.

"We started the Web site because Josh and I were good friends with a band called Vigilantes of Love, from Athens, Ga.," Purdy said.

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Georgetown prof says Ashcroft lied in U.S. Senate testimony

TIM SULLIVAN
THE HOYA (GEORGETOWN U.)

WASHINGTON (U-WIRE) — A Georgetown University professor has alleged that Attorney General nominee John Ashcroft questioned the professor's sexual preference during a 1985 job interview. The allegations have added to the controversy surrounding the appointment of one of the country's most outspoken conservatives to President George W. Bush's Cabinet.

Paul Offner, a research professor at the Georgetown Public Policy Institute, says that Ashcroft asked him if he had "the same sexual preference as most men" during a 1985 interview while Ashcroft was governor of Missouri.

"I said that I did," Offner said. As an applicant for the position of director of Missouri Health Services, Offner said he was asked only two questions, one about his sexual preference and another about drug use. Offner said that he also denied ever having used illegal drugs.

Offner, 58, who is now married, was subsequently not hired for the position.

Ashcroft, who has been tapped to head the Department of Justice as the nation's chief law enforcement agent, and his aides have denied he ever asked a question about sexual preference to Offner.

"That question was never asked of Paul Offner or anyone else," Carl Koupal, one of the directors of Ashcroft's gubernatorial transition team, said in an interview with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Offner, a Democrat, said he decided to come forward with the allegation after Ashcroft asserted in confirmation hearings in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee that he had never used sexual preference in determining of whether or not to hire potential employees.

Offner also said that he had recounted the interview to several associates immediately after it occurred.

He said that the reason he came forward with the allegations was not to allege that Ashcroft is anti-gay but rather to question his truth-telling ability.

Representatives from the White House Press Office did not return phone calls placed Monday.

A spokesperson for Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), who chairs the Senate Judiciary

Committee which must approve Ashcroft's nomination before it can be voted upon by the full Senate, said that Hatch has always supported the nomination of Ashcroft and would continue to do so. She also said that Hatch has not laid out a formal schedule for the confirmation process but would like to have the committee confirmation vote sometime this week.

As part of his research, Offner is involved with the Institute for Healthcare Research at GPMI, focusing specifically on health care, particularly Medicaid, in inner cities.

He said that he has received mixed reactions since coming forward with his allegations.

"People who hate Ashcroft think I'm terrific," Offner said. He also said that he has gotten several calls and e-mails labeling him as a "troublemaker and pervert."

"It's a very hot issue so I've been inundated ... Last Thursday I think every news outlet had contacted me," he said. "For two days, I haven't moved."

Offner is a former Wisconsin state senator and representative who holds degrees from Amherst College and Princeton University. After a failed bid for the Congress, he held various government positions including stints as deputy

director the Ohio Department of Human Services, legislative aide to former Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), chief Health and Welfare adviser to the Senate Finance Committee and head of Washington, D.C.'s commission on Health Care Financing. He joined the Georgetown faculty in 1999.

Offner's allegations have added to the firestorm of controversy surrounding Ashcroft's appointment, which has drawn criticism from several groups including abortion rights advocates, African-American and gay groups, who have protested that Ashcroft would not uphold the nation's laws but instead enact his own personal conservative agenda.

Ashcroft has said that as attorney general he will enforce the nation's laws, even those he disagrees with. Before his nomination as attorney general, he served in the Senate as one of the body's most outspoken conservatives. He also served as Missouri's governor and attorney general before his election to the Senate. He lost a reelection bid in November to Mel Carnahan, the deceased Missouri governor who died in a plane crash weeks before the election. His wife, Sen. Jean Carnahan (D-Mo.) was selected to serve out his term.

Security concerns about UC-managed labs lead to call more scrutiny of contract

ANDREA O'BRIEN
DAILY CALIFORNIAN (U. CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY)

BERKELEY, Calif. (U-WIRE) — Citing concerns about security at the nation's nuclear weapons laboratories, the chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee said he plans to review the contract between the University of California and the federal government.

The University of California Board of Regents voted unanimously Jan. 18 to renew its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy to manage Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories.

U.S. Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., however, called the deal "suspicious and highly irregular."

He asked DOE and UC officials to submit

documents regarding the contract by Friday and said he may hold a public hearing on the matter.

Jeff Garberson, a UC spokesperson, said the university is complying with Tauzin's requests.

"The general position has been that (the university) is pleased to continue operating the labs as public services with no gain and no loss for the university so long as the federal government would like it to," he said.

The board chose to extend the current contract, which expires in 2002, to 2005. The contract requires the university to hire outside experts to advise the university on security management.

"The university has always responded, with the labs, trying to make the appropriate corrections," Garberson said.

Tauzin, however, said the deal was rushed through before his committee had completed an investigation of security lapses at the labs.

"What was the rush?" he said in a statement. "Why not take some time to review all of the allegations before committing the federal government -- and taxpayers -- to a five-year, \$125 million contract? I think the deal is very suspicious."

Despite two high-profile incidents in the past year -- the arrest of former scientist Wen Ho Lee and the temporary disappearance of hard drives containing nuclear data -- the DOE announced in October it would begin negotiations to continue the contract.

"The university responded in good faith to a decision by the U.S. Department of Energy to exercise an option in a contract that already exists," Garberson said. "The provisions in the

contract allowed the Department of Energy to extend the university's operation of one or more of the labs for as long as five more years, until 2007."

In July, a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee recommended the department terminate its contract with the university to manage the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Tauzin also criticized the contract because it had never been opened up for competitive bidding.

Garberson said while there has been no competitive bidding, the federal government never felt it was necessary.

"Each time the contract has come up, the federal government has decided the university should continue it, but in many cases with changes to the contract to meet changing federal standards," he said.



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the Methodist Children's Home in Mt. Vernon. Simpson is not sure what her duties will be at the school, but said the program is a strong resume builder and an exceptional asset to SIUC.

Spaetti participated in the externship program in 1999 and found the program to be rewarding. He spent his spring break at the Illinois State Museum.

"It's a good opportunity for students, it lets them get hands on experience and get their feet wet," Spaetti said.

USG

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Nungesser said. "If the pie increases, hopefully, our piece of the pie increases."

The idea of an increase is not being taken lightly by those involved. Despite input coming from Student Affairs and student organizations, the burden rests on USG to decide whether to request the fee increase.

USG MEETING

USG WILL BE MEETING AT 7 P.M. TONIGHT, BALLROOM B, OF THE STUDENT CENTER.

"If we don't get the fee increase, after we fund SPC and the USG office, we're not going to have hardly any money to give out," Archer said. "The problem is with the funding we have now, and with the enrollment of fee paying students going down, it puts us in a huge bind."

Police stay tight-lipped about Dartmouth homicide investigation

MARK BUERISKI THE DARTMOUTH (DARTMOUTH COLLEGE)

HANOVER, N.H. (U-WIRE) — New Hampshire Attorney General Philip McLaughlin revealed little more about the Zantop murders Tuesday except that an arrest is "not imminent," but deemed the Massachusetts Hall investigation "irrelevant."

McLaughlin said the investigation of the bloody handprint in Mass Hall turned out to be unrelated and that, as of now, they "have no idea" who committed the horrendous crime.

"We're not ruling in or out anything." However, he said, "I can assure the public there is progress being made."

He refused to comment on any specifics of the crime scene, the killings, or whether the police had potential suspects, but did say the documentation of the Zantop residence would likely be finished Tuesday.

He said the residence will continue to remain closed after the documentation is complete. He said the findings from the forensic investigation are being processed quickly, but that the results would not be released to the public.

McLaughlin maintained that the investigation team still could not rule out the possibility that the Zantops were victims of a random attack.

He also said did not know whether "one or two people or a small group of people" were the perpetrators.

McLaughlin said, "24 hours ago" the police "began to appreciate the extent to which these events were going to be scrutinized by the media," he said. Because of that, the state will continue to hold news conferences daily at noon until further notice, he said.

He could not speak to how long the investigation would take before an arrest is made, saying "I don't know where we'll be Friday."

Some news organizations reported that there was a

small apartment attached to the Zantops' home that was sometimes rented out. McLaughlin said he knew of no such apartment.

The kitchen and lounge in the basement of Massachusetts Hall Monday were blocked off for a brief period around 3:30 p.m. as the N.H. state police forensic team investigated a handprint-sized blood stain that was found on a chair in the kitchen by a custodian.

McLaughlin said he did not think it would be "possible for the president of this university to be more cooperative."

McLaughlin said he is entrusting campus security to Safety and Security and the Hanover Police, but that there was no reason for unreasonable alarm.

Meanwhile, Audrey McCollum told The Dartmouth that she received an email from Susanne Zantop at 8:33 a.m. Saturday, possibly narrowing the time frame in which the murder could have occurred.

Bob McCollum said he had checked his and his wife's email accounts late Friday night, at around 10:30 or 11:00 p.m., and there was no message from Zantop.

Then Saturday after around 1:00 p.m. when the McCollums returned home from skiing, Bob McCollum checked the email accounts again and found a message from Susanne Zantop about a political matter.

The McCollums regularly received emails from the Zantops concerning political issues, Bob McCollum said.

Also, Audrey McCollum had told The Dartmouth Monday that the woman who cleans her home said that she heard a car enter the McCollums' driveway at approximately 11 a.m. Friday morning, idle in front of the door, and then drive away.

At the time, McCollum thought the car was suspicious because she and her husband very rarely receive unannounced guests. Her housekeeper then later realized that it may have been the meter reader. The housekeeper called the electric company, and they said they did have a reader at the home at that time.

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N.C. State U. study finds middle school science textbooks full of errors

RUTH CARLITZ THE CHRONICLE (DUKE U.)

DURHAM, N.C. (U-WIRE) — Rife with inaccuracies, poor readability and egregious errors, middle school science textbooks may be inhibiting students' learning and are due for vast improvement, according to a recent study out of North Carolina State University.

John Hubisz, a visiting professor of physics at NCSU, examined in detail 12 popular middle school physical science texts that currently reach about 80 percent of American middle school students. The books ranged from the latest editions to those that are 10 years old.

Some of the more humorous errors found by the study include a photograph of singer Linda Ronstadt described as a silicon crystal in the 1997 edition of "Exploring Physical Science," published by Prentice-Hall; a photo of the Statue

of Liberty that appeared backwards in four separate editions of the same book; and the placement of the equator as far north as Texas in South-Western Educational Publishing's "Science Links."

"It's not so much the errors as it is the sheer number," Hubisz emphasized. "Students are not able to see any kind of continuity ... The thing is that (these books) don't teach science."

The Durham public school system does not use any of the books reviewed in the study. This year the system adopted Glencoe's

"Science Voyages" series, but for the past five years it used Glencoe's "Science Interactions," a book which was harshly criticized in the report.

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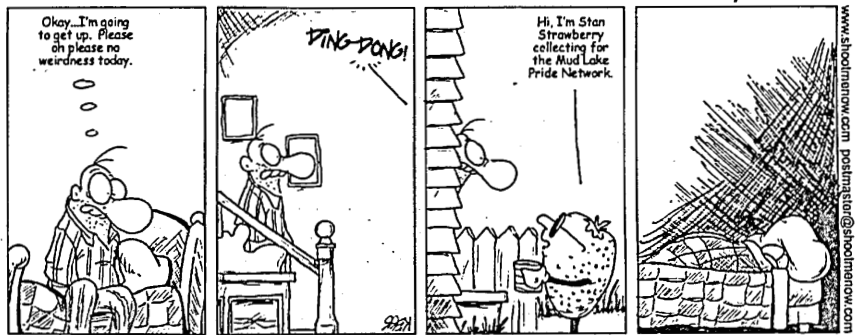
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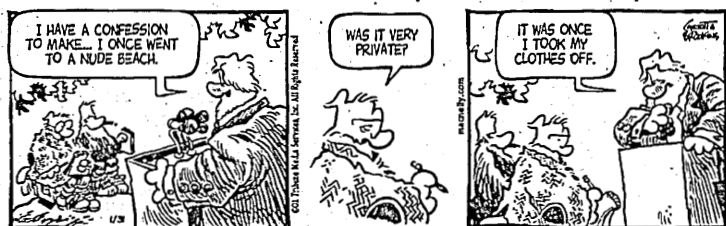
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"We got a big win there last year, we played well, and hopefully we can come in there with the same determination and attitude and get a win," said senior forward Abel Schrader, who had 17 points in last year's victory. "A win is what we need."

Weber said last year's win was a totally different situation than what will come tonight.

"Last season, we played an exceptional game, but it was the second time around and we understood how they played," Weber said.

"It will be interesting to see how we react to it. Our older guys last year understood how they played, it's a tempo type thing where you have to break their press, but now make them guard you in their half court defense and

exploit their weaknesses." Creighton head coach Dana Altman likes to apply a lot of defensive pressure and force some early turnovers to force an uptempo style of game.

Saluki sophomore center Jermaine Dearman knows he'll have to do a better job of getting back on defense before Creighton can get the crowd involved.

"I think it's all going to be about energy," Dearman said. "If we can get some steals for some easy baskets, that'll take the pressure off of us a little bit."

The mental aspect may prove to be more critical than athletics.

"It's a lot of preparation. [Creighton] is different than anyone else in the league," Weber said. "Our kids have become much better students of the game, we've talked about being a smarter team and they are starting to do that."

Correction

In Tuesday's story, "Davys place well at Saluki Invitational," it should have read Andrew Tepen did not place in the 400 meter dash. THE DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

Texas_Arlington upsets No. 6 Arizona State in opener

CHRIS MOORE
THE SHORTHORN
(U. TEXAS-ARLINGTON)

ARLINGTON, Texas (U-WIRE) — Clay Gould said his Texas-Arlington Mavericks baseball team is used to playing top level opponents. Arizona State coach Pat Murphy said UTA was not to be taken lightly. UTA won its season opener Friday, beating the No. 6 Sun Devils, 5-3, at Packard Stadium in Tempe, Ariz., before rain canceled the remaining two games of the three-game series.

"Our guys know now they can play with anybody," Gould said. "When you can take on a team that has two or three All-Americans on it, it definitely means a lot."

The teams are looking to reschedule the canceled games. Gould said nothing is definite yet but the makeup games could be played in April at Allan Sax Stadium.

The Mavs won the game with two runs in the ninth inning. Their bottom four hitters got four straight hits off Ericson All-American closer Eric Doble with senior third baseman Levi Ness driving in the winning run.

UTA took the early lead with three runs in the second off Arizona's top starter, Jon Switzer. Junior right fielder Jason Severson got two of his three runs-batted in during that inning.

The Sun Devils scored two in the fourth off sophomore pitcher Pierce Lovelace, and shortstop Dennis Wyrick's RBI in the seventh tied the game.

Arizona did not give up without a fight. It loaded the bases with no one out in the eighth, but third baseman Mike Lopez hit into a double play to kill the rally.

The Sun Devils loaded the bases again in the ninth with catcher Casey Myers, last year's Pac-10 Player of the Year, up next. But sophomore pitcher Clint Fought forced the RBI leader to ground out to senior second baseman Craig Martin to end the game.

"He got himself into some trouble with walks and hit batters," Gould said, "but we got the two out hits and they didn't."

The team will play No. 20 Texas on Tuesday in Austin. Dave Engleson is scheduled to pitch for UTA. Texas' starter has not been decided.

Eyes of Big 12 on Nebraska in hunt for baseball title

BRIAN WELCH
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS-AUSTIN)

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) — As the 2001 college baseball season gets underway, the Big 12 Conference looks to produce several teams with national aspirations.

The league, which sent three teams to the College World Series in the past two years, has enough talent again to provide a close conference race.

"We have great respect for our conference," said Kansas head coach Bobby Randall. "I look over this conference and I am just amazed by it."

And who wouldn't be? Five Big 12 teams made the 2000 NCAA Regionals including regular season champion Baylor, two-time Big 12 Tournament Champion Nebraska, Texas, Texas Tech and Oklahoma.

So who will wear the Big 12 crown come tournament time this season? It looks like a five team battle, and here's who is in on the hunt:

***Nebraska**
Nebraska, who ranks in the top seven of every national poll, is coming off a school-best 51-17 season that ended one game short of a trip to Omaha. The Cornhuskers incorporate a deadly balance of pitching and power into their attack. Anchored by preseason All-American Shane Komine, who went 11-4 with a 2.24 ERA, and an NCAA leading 159 strikeouts, and sophomore standout Jamie Rodrigue (9-4, 2.64 ERA), coach Dave Van Horn has a solid 1-2 punch in his

pitching rotation. On offense, the power is generated by first baseman Dan Johnson (.368, 21 home runs), designated hitter Matt Hopper (.353, 21 home runs), and second baseman Will Bolt (.350, 41 RBIs).

***Baylor**
The Baylor Bears (45-17) should be in the hunt thanks to preseason All-American closer Zane Carlson. Senior Kelly Shoppach (.296, 10 home runs) leads the Bears' offense with the help of first baseman Mike Huggins (.312, 6 homers) and third baseman Matt Williams who hit 19 long balls in 1999. Coach Smith's squad is ranked 16th nationally and trying to make its fourth straight NCAA appearance.

***Texas**
Meanwhile at Texas, the "Eyes of Texas" are upon the Cornhuskers in 2001 as the Horns try to land their second straight trip to Omaha. Coach Augie Garrido's team lost three key pitchers to last season's professional draft but has reloaded with a recruiting class ranked fifth nationally.

"We'll rely on a recruiting class that includes quite a few freshmen," Garrido said. "Freshmen are going to play a prominent role for us."

***Oklahoma**
Besides the Horns, Oklahoma is also ready to take on the conference with a "mix" of hitting and pitching. Austin Mix (10-2, 4.92 ERA) heads the group, which only lost three hurlers from 2000. Speedy Jerome Godey (3.53) should set the table for new additions Greg Dobbs and Charlie

Fraser, who both can hit the long ball.

***Texas A&M**
The Aggies (23-35) should also compete in the conference race, so long as they are able to avoid the injuries that plagued them a year ago.

"It's probably been the longest summer and fall that I've ever had to experience," said Texas A&M head coach Mark Johnson. "I find myself eager to get this thing started."

The Aggie pitching staff was hampered by injuries last season. Jeff Freeman (.345, 1 HR) is a key returner while outfielder Carlos Sepulveda attempts to fill the shoes of 1999 All-American Daylon Holt. Austin native Khalid Ballouli (4-9, 4.25 ERA), Todd Deiningner (8-6, 5.23) and closer Chris Russ will need to step up if the Aggies want to win.

***Oklahoma State**
After taking his first four teams to NCAA Regionals and a College World Series, Oklahoma State head coach Tom Holliday finally came down to Earth last season.

"We were faced with rebuilding last year," he said after a 36-22 season. "So this year's team is built around the returning offense we did have."

And the Cowboys do return some offensive punch with seven players who lit 300 or better last season. Leadership will come from four-year starter Jimbo McLaughlin (.342) along with a number of other top newcomers. Josh Merrigan (8-2, 2.91) and other young arms will need to lead the Cowboys on the mound to make a run at the title.

Minnesota prepares for Big Ten life without Bauer

SARAH MITCHELL
MINNESOTA DAILY (U. MINNESOTA)

MINNEAPOLIS (U-WIRE) — Until the Minnesota men's basketball team tips-off against its next Big Ten foe, Gophers coach Dan Monson said he can't be sure of how the team will perform without forward Michael Bauer.

But one thing does seem certain — the loss of the 6-foot-8 Bauer will have a huge impact. "It's going to cost us some games down the road and I'm disappointed for our players because of that," Monson said. "They've worked very hard to put themselves in this position. Right now it's gotten a lot harder for them."

Bauer broke his left forearm in Minnesota's (15-5, 3-4 Big Ten) 83-68 loss at Purdue on Saturday. The redshirt freshman had surgery to insert plates and pins at Fairview-University Medical Center on Sunday and was released from the hospital on Monday.

It will be three months until Bauer will be able to do anything basketball-related. Monson said Bauer faces six weeks of recovery followed by six weeks of rehab.

Gophers forward John-Blair Bickerstaff knows the feeling of being separated from the game.

Last year, a knee injury ended Bickerstaff's season prematurely.

"The first week dealing with pain is the hardest part," Bickerstaff said. "He has to find a way to occupy himself so he's not sitting there thinking about basketball."

While Bauer recuperates, the rest of Gophers showed up at Williams Arena in a better emotional state on Monday, ready to prepare for their game at Iowa on Wednesday.

"An injury like that, to see a teammate in pain like that really hurts the rest of the people on the team," Gophers guard Shane Schilling said. "(Monday) people are little bit more upset."

"We have to rally up and come together more than we were all year and find a way to make up for what we lost with Michael. We still have a chance to achieve our goals."

BURLESON'S RETURN
With the loss of Bauer, the Gophers are down to just eight scholarship players, but only seven of those are healthy.

Gophers guard Kevin Burleson is still battling a sprained left ankle. Burleson suffered the injury in the Gophers

78-74 overtime defeat of Indiana on Jan. 20.

The sophomore did not dress for the Gophers game against Iowa on Jan. 24, but did make the trip to Purdue last Saturday. While Burleson said "it hurt, but it wasn't too bad" during pre-game warm-ups, Mackey Arena would not be the place for his comeback. Burleson played just two minutes against the Boilermakers.

"When I went out there I thought the adrenaline would take away some of the pain away, but it didn't work," Burleson said. "I can't really defend nobody."

"I was a little sore after the game, but they said it was going to be like that after the game. Hopefully I will be ready by Wednesday."

When the Gophers face Iowa Wednesday, they will be looking to earn their first Big Ten road win this season and to stop a two game conference skid. They will also be looking for major contribution from Burleson.

"We're hoping that Kevin is back and has a very good game because we can't afford not to have him," Monson said. "He tried it on Saturday and just wasn't quite ready."


"He's not 100 percent, but he's enough that when you're down to seven guys without him he's going to play, unless he aggravates it, he's going to play on Wednesday."

Only through trial-and-error will Burleson learn if he's ready or not.

"I think I'm going to try every game. I have to," Burleson said. "I want to be out there so bad. I'm going to keep doing this treatment and if I get out there and can't defend I'm going to have to come out. I want to be out there."

GAME TIME CHANGE
Minnesota's game at Northwestern on Feb. 6 has been changed from a 6:30 p.m. start time to an 8:30 p.m. start time. The game will be televised on ESPN2.

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While Bauer recuperates, the rest of Gophers showed up at Williams Arena in a better emotional state on Monday, ready to prepare for their game at Iowa on Wednesday.

"An injury like that, to see a teammate in pain like that really hurts the rest of the people on the team," Gophers guard Shane Schilling said. "(Monday) people are little bit more upset."

"We have to rally up and come together more than we were all year and find a way to make up for what we lost with Michael. We still have a chance to achieve our goals."

BURLESON'S RETURN
With the loss of Bauer, the Gophers are down to just eight scholarship players, but only seven of those are healthy.

Gophers guard Kevin Burleson is still battling a sprained left ankle. Burleson suffered the injury in the Gophers

One game at a time

Women's basketball not looking past last-place Bradley

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Fresh off perhaps its most convincing win of the conference season, the SIU women's basketball team knows it cannot look past Bradley University in tonight's 7:05 contest at the SIU Arena.

In fact, the Salukis only other conference win this year came against the Braves in a nailbiter on Jan. 5 at Roberson Field House.

In their earlier matchup, the Salukis pulled out the 63-62 victor, but SIU head coach Lori Opp remembers how the Braves (6-11, 1-8) narrowly missed opportunities in the closing minutes that would have won them the game.

"This is a team as hungry as we are for a win," Opp said. "We can't look past anybody at this point. Bradley is playing well right now, and we need to play with the same intensity that we did on Saturday if we want to win."

Bradley most recently lost to fourth-place Creighton University by five points on Saturday, something that gave Opp more reason to believe Bradley is better than their record shows. And the Salukis (5-13, 2-7) have yet to win back-to-back games this season.

What are the Salukis' concerns against Bradley?

"They're very scrappy, they play with a lot of heart, they play with a lot of determination," Opp said. "They just don't have the numbers that a lot of people have the luxury of, but they're well coached and they play real hard."

And while Saturday's win was crucial to the Salukis' hopes of making the Missouri Valley Conference Championships in March, Opp, while conceding the tournament is one of the team's goals, said, "Right now,

we're just taking it one game at a time."

A win tonight would put them into a tie with Indiana State University for seventh place in the MVC standings. A loss would drop them into a tie for last place with Bradley. So consistency remains to be seen in the form of good play for SIU.

Sophomore Molly McDowell sees improvement along those lines.

"We're working towards being more consistent as a team," McDowell said. "And to get more consistent as a team we have to get more consistent as players."

But Opp is unsure that her team will be able to build on Saturday's win. "We've come back after ball games before," Opp said, "had good practices, and then didn't show up for the next game ... they work real hard at practice, but we're young, so we never know who's going to show up."

In Saturday's win, the Salukis received great bench-play from freshman Jodi Heiden's 18-point effort along with her eight rebounds. Senior Terica Hathaway scored 20 points, well above her 12.9 per game average. For the Braves, junior Sara Bailey is second in the conference in scoring with a 19.2 points per game average and junior Lora Weber leads the conference in steals with a 2.53 average.

But McDowell realizes this is a winnable game.

"They're going to have a hard time matching up with us," McDowell said. "They pretty much play five guards at all times, so we need to take advantage of that. We need to have our post step up like we did the other day, and if we do, I think we'll hurt them a lot."

GAME TIME
• THE SIU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM HOSTS BRADLEY UNIVERSITY TONIGHT AT 7:05 AT THE SIU ARENA.

BASKETBALL

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Originally, Weber said he wants to at least get a split on the road this week, but mentioned that somewhere down the line his ballclub needs to pick up a couple road wins after dropping two consecutive home games to Illinois State and Bradley earlier this month.

There's no doubt the Saluki players are looking for more than a split this week, but in order for that to happen, they'll have to show they are better than their 1-5 road mark indicates.

"I'd like to win both games, obviously, but they're both good teams, they're both big games for us and they're both on the road where we've struggled this year," said senior guard/forward Abel Schader.

Altman's squad has endured the same road woes as the Salukis, going 2-5 away from home. He said being labeled the

team to beat in the Valley didn't help any, but added his players haven't helped themselves by the poor road play.

"We've given a lot of teams confidence, I think," Altman said. "I think teams have been ready for us. I think that we've kind of had a target on our back."

"Anytime anybody is picked to win the league, then everybody gets a little more excited to play them. People have got up for us, they've been prepared and our guys haven't met the challenge."

The Salukis have their target set on duplicating last season's result at Creighton, and are hopeful of having a couple more wins under their belt when the Bluejays roll into the SIU Arena 10 days later.

"The good thing about the preparation is that we play them again in 10 days, so it won't be totally new in 10 days," Weber said. "Hopefully that will help us, having them twice in that 10-day period."

Thoughts from a cluttered mind

The first thing I have to say is, it's about time.

In case you have no idea what I'm talking about, that was in reference to the University finally deciding to quit talking and actually get something done in regard to the new softball facilities.

The team has been the epitome of patience as they have waited longer than any sane person would for the new facilities, and while the plans are still not set in stone, the only thing standing in its way is the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Switching gears to men's basketball, it's been almost two weeks since Jermaine Dearman hit that miracle three pointer at the buzzer to defeat Missouri Valley Conference leader Indiana State. One thing still sticks in my mind.

It wasn't the shock of seeing Dearman hit a long range shot, it's not the pandemonium that ensued with fans rushing the court to celebrate with the players, it wasn't even the disbelief of seeing my buddy Tom hit the shot to make him a millionaire for a day.

What stood out in my mind was the way that Dearman celebrated after his prayer was answered.

He seemed lost as he ran from one side of the court to another, looking for the perfect spot to celebrate before he finally found it, or should I say before everyone finally caught up to him and piled on top.

I laughed to myself as Dearman looked as confused as the participants in the Papa John's halftime promotion at games where they are blindfolded, spun around and then must try to find the person dressed as a giant slice of pizza.

Women's hoops also had something happen recently to peak my interest.

During halftime of a recent loss to Indiana State, head coach Lori Opp delivered a rather unusual speech.

Halftime speeches are usually rah-rah type of talks meant to bring up the morale and get the team ready to go, but Opp's speech was definitely out of the ordinary.

"I told them, 'if you don't understand who the doormat is of the conference, I'm talking to the doormat,'" Opp said.

While that may have caused a weaker team to fall apart, the Salukis proved they are made of stronger stuff and came back to win their next game 70-55 against MVC foe Illinois State University.

If SIU is the doormat of the conference, then on that day Illinois State was the dirt you sweep underneath the mat and hope your mom doesn't find out about it.

Next I will tackle the recent dismissal of four baseball players for failing to make the grade.

I understand it is not easy to balance schoolwork with all the responsibilities of being a collegiate athlete.

However, along with the responsibilities come privileges.

Scholarship athletes don't have some of the worries of normal students such as whether or not they'll be able to afford next month's tuition bill or how much blood plasma they'll have to sell in order to buy that last science book.

In addition to usually not having to worry about the monetary aspects, student-athletes also have tutors, a study table and a computer lab just for ath-

letes.

There is no excuse for anyone to not be able to maintain the minimum 2.0 grade point average requirement to compete, let alone four from the same team all at the same time.

While SIU baseball head coach Dan Callahan shoulders some of the blame, he said the players also brought it on themselves.

"From what I've seen, it's a lack of effort, it's a lack of discipline, it's not a lack of intelligence," Callahan said.

Coach Cal put it best when he said it's disturbing and embarrassing and that's not just to the baseball team, that's to the entire athletic department and to the entire University.

Switching to a positive note, it was refreshing to actually see a crowd at the couple of swim meets. It's about time people started coming out and giving the team the support they deserve.

This past week's crowd even gave a couple of standing ovations as the Salukis once again beat a MVC opponent into submission.

It was definitely a different environment from past meets where the crowd only consisted of parents and significant others of the swimmers.

Hopefully, the fans will continue to come out because they can rest assured the Water Dawgs will continue to win.

If you are still reading this, you might be wondering why I've gone on rants about so many different topics instead of just choosing one and sticking to it.

The reason you can best be summed up in a quote that I use on a daily basis.

"Of all the things I've lost, my mind is what I miss the most."

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THE VALLEY WOMEN'S Basketball Standings									
REGULAR SEASON		Conference Games		All Games		Per.		Per.	
W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L
Southwest Mo. State	7	1	899	11	4	778			
Drake	6	3	889	11	4	763			
Northern Iowa	7	2	778	12	5	706			
Creighton	5	4	556	11	7	411			
Evansville	5	4	556	9	8	519			
Wichita State	4	4	444	16	11	353			
Indiana State	3	6	333	16	12	333			
Southern Illinois	2	7	222	5	13	278			
Illinois State	2	7	222	4	14	222			
Bradley	1	8	111	6	11	353			

THE VALLEY MEN'S Basketball Standings									
REGULAR SEASON		Conference Games		All Games		Per.		Per.	
W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L
Indiana State	7	1	728	15	5	750			
Bradley	6	3	667	11	7	611			
Illinois State	5	3	625	13	4	765			
Creighton	6	4	600	14	6	700			
Evansville	4	4	556	10	10	500			
Southern Illinois	4	4	500	10	9	526			
Drake	4	4	500	8	9	471			
Southwest Mo. State	4	5	444	18	10	444			
Wichita State	3	7	222	17	11	389			
Northern Iowa	1	8	111	4	16	200			

Saluki Women's Basketball

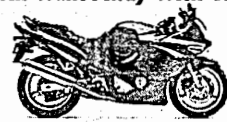
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Salukis tackle tough assignment with Creighton

SIU tries to snap Creighton's unbeaten home streak

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU men's basketball head coach Bruce Weber will use the same approach with his players to the season's most challenging conference opponent as he did with the Indiana University game.

Play loose, play free and maybe things will fall your way.

SIU will face Creighton University tonight at 7:05 at the Omaha Civic Auditorium in Omaha, Neb. The game will be the first end of a two-game road trip as the Salukis will go to the University of Evansville Saturday.

The Salukis (10-9, 4-4) will have a tough test after winning just one road game against a Division I opponent, while the Bluejays are a perfect 9-0 inside

the Omaha Civic Auditorium. "There are so many games that are 'what ifs,' and we didn't do it," Weber said. "Now we got to find a way to upset somebody, go to Creighton and somehow get a win. We got to at least split this next road trip and play well at home and take care of business."

Creighton (14-6, 6-4) will present a daunting task, as the Bluejays have made the NCAA tournament in each of the past two seasons and were the pre-season favorite to win the Missouri Valley Conference crown this year.

But the last SIU visit to Omaha was a successful one. Last season, the Salukis won their fifth straight with a 92-83 win at Creighton.

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JUSTIN JONES - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Toshay Harvey, a transfer student from Houston, had high expectations when coming to the SIU basketball program, but his stats have yet to live up to the much expected impact he was supposed to bring to the Salukis. Harvey, Tyrese Buie and Marcus Belcher are all going to have to step up and hit some vital buckets for the Dawgs if they expect to win in Creighton tonight.

SIU Salukis vs. University of Creighton

Wednesday, 7:05 p.m.
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in Omaha, Neb.

Radio broadcast on "Big Dawg," 95.1 FM WXLX

Series Notes:

Creighton leads the overall series 36-24 after the two teams split a pair of games last season. SIU has won 11 of the last 23 games at Omaha and won on the Bluejays home court last season.

The word on the Salukis:

The Salukis are coming off a 65-61 home victory against Drake University last Saturday. SIU will embark on the first of a two-game road trip tonight at Creighton and will need to win at least one game to stay in the Missouri Valley Conference hunt.



(10-9, 4-4)

Projected SIU starting lineup:

- #2 G - Marcus Belcher (Jr.) 6-0
- #33 G - Kent Williams (So.) 6-2
- #45 F - Abel Schrader (Sr.) 6-4
- #12 F - Josh Cross (Sr.) 6-4
- #11 C - Sylvester Willis (Fr.) 6-6

The word on the Bluejays:

Creighton is one of the toughest teams in the conference to beat on the road. This season, the Bluejays are 9-0 at home and are riding from a 78-69 win over Illinois State University last Saturday.



(14-6, 5-4)

Projected Creighton starting lineup:

- #5 G - Ryan Sears (Sr.) 6-0
- #23 F - Terrell Taylor (So.) 6-3
- #25 F - Kyle Korver (So.) 6-7
- #4 G - Ben Wizer (Sr.) 6-2
- #12 C - Alan Huss (Sr.) 6-9

Bottom Line:

The Salukis, who have struggled on the road, will have their toughest battle of the year away from SIU Arena. SIU has won there in the past, and if they can contain Sears, the Salukis can put themselves in a position to win.

Salukis have ten days and four big ones

COREY CURICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ten days, four games, three opponents.

In the next week and a half, the Saluki basketball squad meets with tonight's opponent — Creighton — twice, with a road date at the University of Evansville and a home meeting with Southwest Missouri State University jammed in the middle of an important string of Missouri Valley Conference contests.

And speaking of jammed, both SIU and Creighton, as well as Evansville and SMS for that matter, are battling it out in the middle of the pack in the MVC.

All of the above-mentioned schools have four losses, except for SMS, which has lost five. Creighton however, has six league wins to Evansville's five and the Salukis four.

But the scheduling process this season makes these next 10 days a key fac-

tor for the Salukis, as far as earning a top seed for the conference tournament March 2-5 in St. Louis goes.

"They're all teams that are in the middle of the pack with us," said SIU head coach Bruce Weber. "We talk about there's a time in the season where teams go one way or the other, and this is important to see if we can hang in there and stay up in that upper group."

Creighton head coach Dana Altman, whose team was tabbed the preseason league favorite, is also concerned about the postseason implications these next 10 days bear.

"We're both kind of in the same position; we desperately need wins," said Altman, whose team is in fourth place at 14-6, 6-4. "It'll be big games, both nights, for both teams."

The obvious advantage for Creighton tonight is that they are at home, where

they are a perfect 9-0 this season. The Bluejays cannot afford to slip at home with a road game at league-leading Indiana State looming Saturday.

For the Salukis, who were part of SIU's 92-83 upset victory last season at Creighton, they realize what it takes to win in the Omaha Civic Auditorium in front of a hostile crowd.

"Their crowd is crazy, real crazy," said sophomore center Jermaine Dearman. "I remember going there last year and it was kind of like Bradley."

And you can bet the Bluejay fans have not forgotten the 'W' the Salukis stole in their venue last season. Their coach certainly isn't. Weber said Altman was still talking about how well SIU played in Omaha at the league meeting last spring.

They're all teams that are in the middle of the pack with us.

BRUCE WEBER
head coach, SIU men's basketball

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