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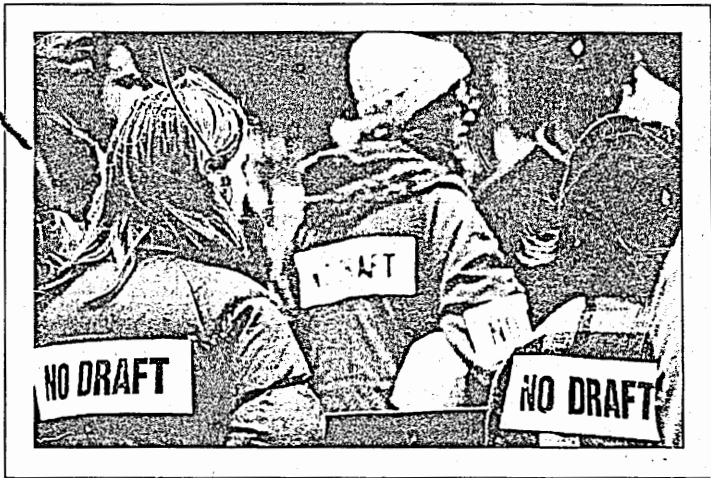
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Protesters demonstrate against Jimmy Carter's reenactment of the Selective Service System following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1980. Draft issues have affected students since WWII.

# War protesters consider military draft proposal

**Brendan Collier**  
 Daily Egyptian

U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., proposed legislation Jan. 7 to reinstate the draft in the event of a future war with Iraq or other nations. According to his website, his proposal is actually an anti-war statement.

Rangel, who voted against giving President George Bush the power to invade Iraq, suggests a draft would effectively slow what he calls "America's rush to war" by bringing a personal involvement to all citizens. According to Rangel, a disproportionate number of poor and minority groups comprise the enlisted force, shouldering the burden of war imposed by the country's rich and fortunate. He argues that today's lawmakers are out of touch with the American public, noting that only one of the members of Congress in favor of a war with Iraq has an enlisted child.

He also warns that the armed forces may be "stretched to the limit," if called upon to fight wars on multiple fronts, citing the fact that today's military is smaller and more streamlined than it was 10 years ago. He cited the fact that nearly 265,000 National Guard

and Reserve troops were called to serve in the Gulf War, a figure that may be even larger in the event of a future war in Iraq.

Some local anti-war activists, such as Father Joseph Brown, director of Black American Studies, agree with Rangel's philosophy.

"Anybody who can call that to our attention is doing us a great service," Brown said.

Brown, who spoke at a teach-in on Jan. 16, believes a war in Iraq will bring economic hardship on American families and small businesses, while the country's rich will remain stable for a longer period of time.

He said he considers this to be of particular importance, given Bush's assertion that the War on Terrorism will be fought over many years' time.

"Some responsible, prophetic voices in government and society need to say 'Excuse me, those who manage this war are at the least risk,'" Brown said.

Brown's great nephew, an active-duty soldier, was deployed to the gulf region last week.

In a random phone survey, Mike Hagen, a senior in cinema and photography, said that both war and the draft are wrong, and sug-

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 director, Black American Studies

gested drawing upon the existing troop assets stationed throughout the world.

"There are plenty of military people sitting around not doing anything," Hagen said.

Hagen's opinion is not uncommon. Dan Duffy, a sophomore in radiology, also disagrees with the concept of a draft.

"They got rid of it for a reason," Duffy said.

While these students don't agree with a military draft in the event of a war in Iraq, Hugh Muldoon, director of the Interfaith Center and organizer of the recent protest trip to Washington, D.C., welcomes discussion of the draft and its ramifications. He considers the talk of a draft to be a healthy and thought-provoking dis-

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# Faculty still not satisfied

Wendler to release University's strike preparation plans later this week

**Ben Bolkin**  
 Daily Egyptian

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler revealed some basic details Monday about how the University administrators will spring into action if there is a faculty strike, which includes taking several steps to keep classes from being canceled.

The preparations, scheduled for official release later this week, include measures aimed at keeping students in the classroom, Wendler said.

"Our goal, if there is a strike, is to get clarity for all students and all sections as quickly as possible," he said.

Negotiations between the Faculty Association and SIUC administration continued Monday. As of press time Monday, association spokesman James Kelly had nothing to say about the progress of the bargaining teams.

University spokeswoman Sue Davis said negotiations will resume today at 11 a.m., declining to disclose details about the latest round of talks.

The Faculty Association notified the chancellor last week that its contract will end next Monday, a step that allows the union to legally go on strike then if bargaining teams don't reach a contract agreement beforehand.

Deans and department chairs will choose substitute faculty in the event of a strike, Wendler said.

The union represents a bargaining unit of about 680 tenured and tenure-track faculty, with about 390 of these being dues-paying members. It is unclear how many would choose to join a walkout.

If qualified substitutes aren't available, administrators will attempt to place students in similar course sections, Wendler said. He said another option is

to provide students with readings courses.

Despite the uncertainty looming ahead, Wendler repeated an earlier promise to students: "All seniors will graduate."

Wendler also stressed the need for students to attend classes as they normally would, and not trust second-hand information about what sections may be canceled if there is a strike.

"The goal of the Faculty Association is to disrupt the University," he said. "The only reason to go on strike is to be disruptive."

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— Walter Wendler  
 Chancellor

Monday's negotiations continued under a cloud of uncertainty, one that included a resolution that the Graduate Council passed Thursday asking both sides to enter binding arbitration to avoid a strike. Binding arbitration requires both parties to work together

with a mediator, who gives guidelines that each side must agree to follow.

With less than a week remaining before a possible strike, neither side has asked for binding arbitration.

"At this stage, we have not requested binding arbitration," Kelly said.

But it remains a possibility, he added.

"Should the board request binding arbitration, we would certainly consider it," Kelly said.

Wendler said the administration's board would have to agree to binding arbitration, which would limit its normal bargaining powers.

"The bottom line is that I don't know that our board would be willing to give that away because they might give away some authority the governor has given," he said.

Wendler also said outside arbitrators may not completely understand SIUC's issues, adding that he wants to continue the ongoing negotiations.

"The people doing the arbitration context may not be fully aware of the context of our campus," he said.

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# Music enthusiasts can claim money from class action lawsuits

**Greg Cima**  
 Daily Egyptian

Any person who has bought a CD, cassette or vinyl album from January 1995 to December 2000 may be eligible for up to \$20 reimbursement.

Major CD retailers and distributors settled a lawsuit for price fixing in September and agreed to pay more than \$67 million in cash payments and about \$76 million in CDs.

Illinois was one of 43 states, commonwealths and territories involved in the lawsuit, and was

one of the initial investigators into corruption in the music industry. Florida, New York and the Federal Trade Commission were also involved in the initial investigation, and the FTC won a separate lawsuit seeking conduct relief from the distributors' minimum asking price (map) policy.

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\$5 and \$20 will be divided among the eligible applicants as long as the amount per person does not drop below \$5.

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Consumers can go to [www.musiccdsettlement.com](http://www.musiccdsettlement.com) to fill out applications. There can only be one claim per person, no matter how much was spent.

to provide about 7 million music CDs to plaintiff states in the Maine U.S. District Court lawsuit. The music will go to not-for-profit corporations, charitable groups, nursing homes and government groups such as schools and libraries.

Few consumers signed up initially, but Melissa Merz, a spokeswoman for Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, said the rate has picked up considerably in the last few weeks because of advertisements in national publica-

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Reid's lawyers angered by 'misleading' video

The attorneys for confessed shoe-bomber Richard Reid say a videotape released by prosecutors that shows a passenger jet exploding "had nothing to do with Mr. Reid's case."

Confessed shoe-bomber Richard Reid's lawyers say the video is "frightening."

Federal prosecutors included the tape in a pre-sentencing filing to show what might have happened aboard American Airlines Flight 63 had Reid detonated explosives in his shoe.

But the test shown in the tape was unrelated to the Reid case. It was done by Federal Aviation Administration in 1998 three years before Reid tried to blow up the flight over the Atlantic Ocean on Dec. 22, 2001, his attorneys say. The tape, made public Jan. 17, was widely broadcast on the major television networks.

Reid, 29, pleaded guilty in October to attempting to blow up the Paris to Miami flight. He pledged his support to Osama bin Laden and declared his hatred for the United States. Prosecutors had planned to show the video when Reid is

sentenced Thursday in federal court in Boston. Reid, a British citizen, faces life in prison.

### Mother's slaying said to be 'Sopranos' imitation

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Two young men killed their mother and tried to cover their tracks by chopping off her head and hands the way they saw it done on The Sopranos, authorities said Monday.

Jason Bautista, 20, and his 15-year-old half brother, who was not identified because of his age, were arrested over the weekend for investigation of murder, Sheriff Michael Carona said to the Associated Press.

Carona refused to say where Jane M. Bautista, 41, was killed but said a preliminary autopsy showed she was strangled. Her head and hands were found in the apartment she shared with her sons in Riverside, east of Los Angeles.

"I don't know what motive you could possibly give for killing your mother," Carona said.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Germans mark Auschwitz liberation anniversary

BERLIN — Germany's government and its fast-growing Jewish community marked the 58th anniversary of the Auschwitz death camp's liberation Monday with an accord putting the community on a legal par with Germany's main Christian churches.

Auschwitz-Birkenau survivors and victims' relatives gathered at the former death camp to commemorate the 58th anniversary of the camp's liberation.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and the head of the Central Council of Jews said the agreement should also underpin the fight against anti-Semitism and racism in modern Germany that Jewish leaders fear is becoming bolder.

### Sharon sits back and waits; opponent makes last-minute effort

JERUSALEM — Confident of victory in Tuesday's election, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon withdrew to his office on the last day of the campaign, while opposition leader Amram Mitzna phoned wavering voters in a desperate attempt to cushion what is shaping up as the worst-ever showing of the once-dominant Labor Party.

Israel's fourth election in seven years has inspired little passion, even though the direction of Israel's conflict with the Palestinians is at stake. Mitzna champions a quick withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and much of the West Bank, while Sharon says troops must stay there until Palestinian militants have been crushed.

## Today

High 48  
Low 32

Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Feels like the lower 40s.



## Five-day Forecast

Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	39/20
Thursday	Partly Cloudy	42/22
Friday	Partly Cloudy	47/26
Saturday	Mostly Cloudy	50/38
Sunday	Few Showers	57/30

## Almanac

Average high: 40  
Average low: 21  
Monday's precip: 0"  
Monday's hi/low: 28/19

## CORRECTIONS

\* Monday's news brief, "Faculty open-info meetings," was erroneously placed in the DAILY EGYPTIAN after running in Friday's newspaper. The Faculty Association meetings took place Friday, not Monday. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

\* In the Jan. 27 of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the page 1 article "Public sex and indecency at SIU and other college campuses" the website cited in the story was incorrect. The information came from www.sexinpublic.org. The DAILY EGYPTIAN apologizes for this error.

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

## CALENDAR

### Today

Keyak Club weekly meeting  
Recreation Center Pool 7 to 9 p.m.

Pi Sigma Epsilon co-ed marketing fraternity new member night (all majors welcome)  
Student Center, Science Center 6 p.m.

## POLICE REPORTS

\* Yarnie Darnell Macklin, 18, Chicago, was arrested and charged with unlawful use of a weapon and Phillip Andre Lewis, 19, Matteson, was cited for underage possession of alcohol at 8:32 p.m. Friday in the overnight parking lot east of University Park. Macklin posted \$100 bond and was released and Lewis was given a pay-by-mail citation and released.

\* A cellular phone was stolen between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Friday from a residence in Abbott Hall. There was no forced entry and police have no suspects.

\* Personal checks were stolen between Wednesday and Friday from a residence in Brown Hall. There was no forced entry and police have no suspects.

\* A wallet and a cellular phone were stolen between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Thursday at the Recreation Center. Police have no suspects.

\* Alicia Shontay Haywood, 19, Belleville, was arrested at 5:22 p.m. Saturday at Bowyer Hall for failure to appear in court on original charges of theft and battery. She was unable to post bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

\* Brian Michael Dugan, 26, Oswego, was arrested at 5:38 p.m. Saturday in a south parking area of Thompson Point on a warrant for failure to appear in court on an original charge of operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. He posted \$200 bond and was released.

\* Jason D. Thomas, 21, Carbondale, was arrested at 12:48 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of East Walnut and South Wall streets for charges of driving without a license and disobeying a traffic control light and on a warrant for failure to appear in court for an original charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

\* Adam Fitzgerald Small, 18, Winfield, was arrested and charged with resisting a peace officer and criminal trespass to state property at 1:38 a.m. Sunday at Schneider Hall. He was unable to post bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

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# Inspectors say Iraq hasn't accepted disarmament

U.N. says inspectors need more time

Kristina Herrndobler  
Daily Egyptian

Reporting back to the United Nations, top weapons inspector Hans Blix said Iraq has not truly accepted the U.N. resolution demanding that it disarm.

"Iraq appears not to have come to a genuine acceptance, not even today, of the disarmament that was demanded of it," Blix told the U.N. Security Council Monday, according to a CNN transcript of the meeting.

Following 60 days of weapons inspections, Blix's 16-page report again concluded that they have still not found a smoking gun in the region, but he did pose questions that he says remain unanswered. In addition, he dismissed Iraq's 12,000-page arms declaration as little

more than a reprint.

"Regrettably the 12,000-page declaration, most of which is a reprint of earlier documents, does not seem to contain any new evidence that will eliminate the questions or reduce their number," Blix said.

Blix said inspectors have conducted about 300 inspections to more than 230 different sites. He said his inspections staff is growing, including 100 inspectors, 60 air operations staff, security personnel, communication, translation and interpretation staff and medical support. While Blix did not specifically ask the U. N. Security Council for more time, he did speak of a training course in session in Vienna, Italy, saying at the end of that course, 350 qualified experts will be available to draw inspections.

Blix's counterpart Mohamed ElBaradei said there was no evidence so far that Iraq was reviving its nuclear program, but asked for a few more months to complete the search.

Still Secretary of State Colin Powell said Saddam Hussein has "not much more time to

comply if he wants to avoid war, according to Chicago Tribune reports.

While Washington warns that time is quickly running out for Iraq, the U.S. administration's most loyal ally Great Britain is wavering in support.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair told the British Broadcasting Corp. that the inspectors should have the time they need to do their job. U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, agrees.

"The weapons inspectors have indicated that they need more time to complete their work, and I believe this is an appropriate next step in this process," he said.

But even Powell, who is commonly cast as the administration's most dovish advocate for peace, pronounced himself fed up with Hussein's defiance of U.N. demands and with key European allies for wanting to give the dictator more time.

"Inspection will not work," Powell said. But threats aren't only coming from the

United States.

In Iraq, a newspaper owned by Saddam Hussein's elder son said that American and British troops would return in "body bags" should they invade Iraq.

Despite rhetoric from both sides, Costello advocates for peace.

"Every effort should be made to resolve this situation by peaceful means, and I hope President Bush will continue to work with our allies abroad on a united approach," said Costello. "At the same time, it is necessary for the Iraqi government to cooperate fully with the inspectors to verify compliance with U.N. resolutions."

The 15-member Security Council will reconvene to discuss the inspectors' reports and begin debate on Iraq Wednesday, a day after Bush delivers the State of the Union address.

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# Bush to push domestic goals in State of the Union address

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Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — President Bush will use Tuesday night's nationally televised State of the Union speech to push an ambitious domestic agenda, even as he deals with war jitters and growing doubts about his leadership.

In a delicate balancing act, Bush will appeal for bipartisan cooperation on foreign policy in his role as a wartime president, while also advocating a partisan legislative agenda capped by a far-reaching plan to overhaul Medicare. The Medicare proposal is expected to offer prescription-drug coverage to senior citizens, but only if they agree to join health maintenance organizations or some other managed-care program.

Presidential advisers said Bush also would prod Congress to approve another round of tax cuts, speed up the phase-in of tax reductions that already have been approved and provide more federal money to religious charities. The speech, scheduled to last about 50 minutes, will be about evenly divided between foreign and domestic policy.

Although Iraq is likely to dominate the post-speech headlines, White House aides said the president would reassure Americans that the growing likelihood of war hasn't diverted his attention from the sagging economy and other domestic issues. He also will offer an update on the war on terrorism and the government's efforts to prevent another terrorist attack in this country.

"The American people expect us to be able to address problems both at home and abroad at the same time," one senior administration official said, insisting on anonymity.

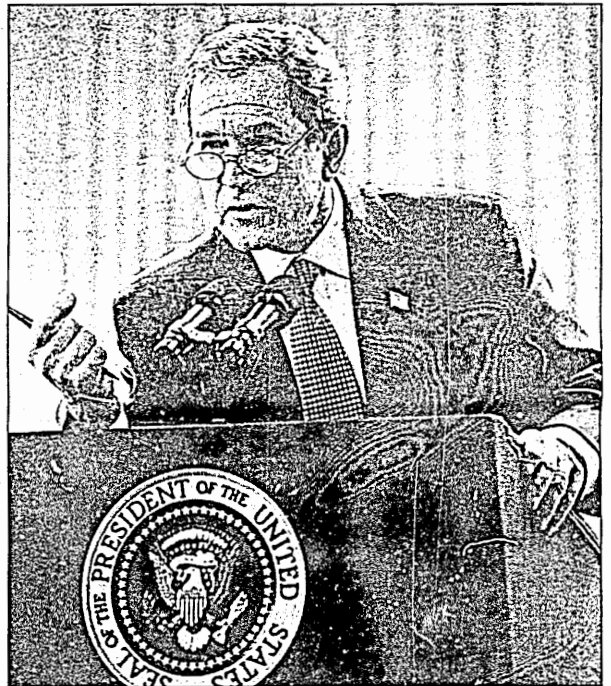
White House officials said Bush wouldn't call for war with Iraq or attempt to make a complete case for military action, but he would explain why he was losing patience with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. Spokesman Ari Fleischer said the president would devote relatively little time to Iraq.

"Most of the State of the Union will be about improving America's economy and providing greater access to health care for millions of American people, including senior citizens," Fleischer said.

Democrats didn't even wait to hear Bush before offering their rebuttal Monday.

"The state of our union today is anxious. The triple threat of war, terrorism and recession are combining to make Americans unsure about their future, and unclear about the course our nation is taking," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said at an appearance with House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

The top two congressional Democrats teamed up at the National Press Club for an early critique of the president's annual assessment to a joint session of Congress. All the major television networks are expected to carry Bush's speech live at 9 p.m. EST. Washington state Gov. Gary Locke will deliver the official Democratic response to the speech minutes after the president finishes.



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# Cold winter weather brings added precautions for pet care

**Samantha Robinson**  
Daily Egyptian

When the door opened, a black 10-month-old, 60-pound Labrador stood on his hind legs, jumping with excitement, trying to get outside.

Chihuly — named after a famous glass-blowing artist — just moved from Colorado with his owner Erin Humphreville, a sophomore in elementary education.

"He loves to run around outside," Humphreville said. "Our old house had a couple of acres of open land so he would go out and just run around until he got tired."

Coming from Colorado, Chihuly is used to the cold weather, but because of the small area around his home, he has to stay indoors more.

Humphreville said she does not really change the way she cares for Chihuly during the winter aside from the fact that she has to give him more baths.

Chihuly, like all other pets can get sick during the cold winter months, and with the recent low temperatures in the area, it is important to take extra precautions to ensure a pet's safety and well-being into the spring season.

Because Humphreville lives in a smaller house and the winter weather has been highly unusual for this time of year in Carbondale, she has to keep him occupied or he'll get bored.

"Because he has to be in the house, to keep him occupied I bought him new toys," Humphreville said. "I got him a couple of bones and toys that he loves."

Animals that are used to the outdoors have to spend most of the time inside during cold months, but, with a few precautions, owners

can let their pets outside and not have to worry about having a sick pet in the home.

The animal in most jeopardy of becoming sick from the cold is a dog, with ailments ranging from frostbite, hypothermia, sprains and footpads and gashes.

According to the website of the Illinois State Department of Animal Control there are several things to be done to ensure that not only dogs, but all pets, are safe during cold weather.

"A dog should be taken outside only for as long as it takes him to relieve himself. Even breeds like Chihuahuas and terriers suffer from the cold despite their seemingly warm fur coats.

"It is important that dogs are kept on a leash while in snow or ice. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season because they frequently lose their scent in snow and ice and easily become lost.

"Pets should never be left alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter and pets can literally freeze to death.

"Thoroughly wipe off your dogs legs and stomach when he/she comes in and out. Footpads need to be checked, and because snow or ice encrusted in them can lead to bleeding.

"Food supply should be increased, particularly protein, to keep a dogs fur thick and healthy through the winter months.

There are other precautions that can be taken to protect pets from the danger of winter weather, but Mark Tichacek, a veterinarian at the Spears Animal Hospital on South Illinois Avenue, said one important thing pet owners should pay close attention to is antifreeze on the street.



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Chihuly flies through the air to steal a wooden stick from his owner, Erin Humphreville. Besides having to take more baths, Chihuly is hardly affected by the winter chill.

"Many people change their antifreeze in the driveway so it is important to make sure to discard it if properly because dogs and cats will lick up excess fluid," Tichacek said.

Because antifreeze has a sweet taste, animals are attracted to it though it is lethal when consumed

by dogs and cats.

Humphreville said while living in Colorado, Chihuly became immune to the cold weather so it does not bother him as much, but veterinarians say it is important to limit a pet's time outside.

"He still goes outside because he does not mind this type of weather

at all, he will still go swimming since we just came from out West he is used to a lot of snow," Humphreville said.

Tichacek said the highest number of cases seen at Spears are exposure ailments such as frostbite and the stomach flu in dogs.

"When it gets cold like here lately, the tips of cats and dogs ears get frostbite," Tichacek said. "It is important that pets are not left out too long no matter what type it is."

Veterinarians say it is also important to make sure pets get plenty of fresh water while keeping them as warm as possible.

Warming them up with extra blankets and a warm environment will help keep them from getting sick and having to go to the vet.

"If it is an outdoor pet, making a safe environment inside of the garage or in an insulated dog house is a good way to protect them from the elements," Tichacek said.

Paying close attention to a pet's environment and making sure it is protected during cold months is just a simple way to avoid having a sick pet lying around the house.

With Chihuly already a big puppy at 60 pounds, Humphreville is expecting him to gain at least 15 to 30 pounds.

"He's not full grown, but he is just as sweet as can be — just a big baby," Tichacek said. "He wants to go out and run around but he can't because of the school and busy street we are so close to."

When the door opened again Chihuly jumped up and went toward it. Humphreville looked back and he stopped dead in his tracks.

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## Non-association faculty voices opinion

**Andy Horonzy**  
Daily Egyptian

Faculty not aligned with the Faculty Association finally stepped out of the shadows Monday, when several faculty members signed their names to an e-mail calling for a compromise.

Referring to themselves as the "silent majority," the concerned faculty said in the e-mail they think the Faculty Association has chosen a poor time to make unrealistic demands given the dismal state economy.

One of the authors, assistant zoology professor Matt Whiles, said the e-mail originated when a small group inside the zoology department decided to end the silence of those who do not support the union.

"This could've been out a long time ago, but it just took time for someone to speak up," Whiles said. "I think many of the faculty are not favorable toward the Faculty Association, but I think everyone was waiting for someone else to take the lead."

Whiles said there were 43 names on the list as of 4 p.m. Monday, but additional names could be added later in the week if response to the e-mail is positive.

The e-mail says the signees' will continue to occupy their posts

because they strongly believe their obligations to students and their profession transcend any personal issues with administrators.

It also emphasizes that the Faculty Association only represents half of the tenured faculty and an even smaller proportion of the total teaching staff on campus.

The Faculty Association covers 680 tenured and tenure-track professors, but only about 390 actually pay dues to the union. Total, there is about 1,500 faculty members at SIUC including the School of Law and School of Medicine in Springfield.

One of the signees, philosophy professor Thomas Alexander, said he feels the opportunity for a resolution has

passed, but that the letter gets out an important message.

"The University is now facing a foolish and potentially disastrous situation and if there is a strike there's no telling how long it may last," Alexander said.

Whiles said he has no idea whether a strike will occur, but he remains optimistic.

"I know it sounds naive, but all there is to do at this point it cross my fingers and hope for some sort of compromise," Whiles said.

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## A soulful month of events offers history and culture

### The Souls of Black Folk, title for Black History Month 2003

**Jessica Yorama**  
Daily Egyptian

The history and culture of black people will be honored in February, as the nation prepares to celebrate its 73<sup>rd</sup> Black History Month.

During the month of February, SIUC and the Carbondale community fully intend to be participants in this celebration.

The Black History Month Planning Committee has planned a variety of events ranging from music and art to guest lectures. The committee of 15 members met early in the school year to plan events that would educate and entertain students as well as the community.

Although members of the council take pride in all of the events taking place, there are some events that certainly stand out. According to committee member Carl Ervin, there is a particular excitement about guest Ramona Africa, who will be speaking on the issue of nonviolence Feb. 11.

Performances of the classic play "Porgy and Bess" and other lectures including Professor Kevin Cokley's "To be or not to be black" are among the events planned for the month. Other events include a black expo that will provide educational

information and showcase the talent of the students and community members. Ervin said that numbers from last year's Black History Month events were an improvement and hopes that more individuals participate in the festivities.

"The month celebrates the recognition of a group that is often overlooked and makes up a great deal of the diverse group at SIUC," said Ervin, coordinator for Multicultural Programs and Services. "We want to expose people to the African-American identity and everyone's welcome. It's kind of like with a person's birthday. You appreciate the person all year but this is a special time to celebrate."

Those interested in taking part in the festivities of the month do not only have to look to campus events. As always, the community has a great deal of events planned for the month.

As early as this weekend, the community will begin with such events as a soul-food dinner at 6 p.m. at the Eurma C. Hayes Center. On Sunday at 4 pm, Hopewell Baptist Church will have a gospel music fest that will feature such groups as Voices of Inspiration and Conquerors for Christ.

The Hamarabee Institute dance group will make an appear-

ance for the second year along with other dance groups including one from as far as Missouri. The groups will be featured in a show at the University Mall Feb. 8.

According to Corene McDaniel, president and co-founder of the African-American Museum of Southern Illinois, which is located in the University Mall, these events are just the beginning of a month filled with events that will end in a quilt giveaway and auction.

The Daily Egyptian will also take part in Black History month. Following the theme, "Black Distinguished Alumni," the Egyptian will run feature stories on distinguished alumni throughout the month with the help of the Alumni Association.

Although alumni are the focus of the publication, there will be a variety of individuals and topics featured during the month of February, including community members and follow-ups on some of the events taking place during this honorary month.

"This time has been set aside for people to become more aware of the culture," said McDaniel. "We need to emphasize education. So much has been done in our culture, we need to teach history more than just one month and I hope these programs will help us to go even further."

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# Dean of Agriculture to step down

**Moustafa Ayad**  
Daily Egyptian

After 17 years of service as an administrator, Dean David Shoup of the College of Agriculture Sciences will step down to accept a faculty position effective July 1.

"It's a good time to take a break," he said. "Certainly I need a break, I think a lot of administrators feel like it's been some fairly tough years for all the deans because of continuous budget cut planning and continuous reorganization."

In the past three and a half years that Shoup has been a dean, the College of Agriculture has experienced a 22-percent decrease in its budget.

This is similar to many other colleges across the campus, but the college of agricultural sciences

is currently boasting the largest amount of faculty it has ever seen.

"We have lost a lot of money because of budget cuts, we don't have very much to operate on. In fact we don't have enough to operate," he said. "The only one reason why we do exist and operate today is because we went out and got those research dollars."

The college is currently operating on a level of a \$12 million budget. However, Shoup said that agriculture would still have only \$5 million if they had not gone out and searched for research money.

Even though \$5 million seems like a considerable amount of money



Shoup

for one University entity, Shoup said that you have to factor in paying 60 faculty and bills, leaving very little for outside activities and research.

Late last summer, Shoup asked the chancellor and interim provost if he could return to a research and teaching position. They agreed at the time that it would be better if he could request his return to the faculty when a permanent provost was found.

John Dunn was appointed to the provost office Nov. 1. Together, he and Shoup decided during winter break that Shoup would return to the faculty position and continue research into using ultra-violet rays and radiation for counter terrorism.

Shoup felt it was a good time for all involved parties that he relinquished his position at this time. He did say, however, that it was bad timing as far as the faculty strike was concerned but that his decision had nothing to do with the current conflict between the administration and faculty.

"I feel real confident that any one of our chairs or either of the associate deans are very capable of coming in here and doing a very good job," Shoup said. "I have been doing this for quite awhile; 17 years — that's a long time for an administrator. And the average life for an administrator is four or five years."

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## Wendler names task force

**Katie Davis**  
Daily Egyptian

Chancellor Walter Wendler recently appointed more than 20 people to the University budget task force, which will begin reviewing budget-cut recommendations today.

Department heads and deans, whom Wendler asked last summer to submit plans for budget cuts for the 2004 fiscal year, completed their recommendations in November for 5 percent short-term reductions and 10 percent long-term cuts.

Various student and faculty campus groups also recommended task-force appointments before the start of winter break.

Wendler was expected to announce about 10 appointments before the start of the spring semester. He said more members were necessary to provide the diverse representation he wanted.

"It would have been best if it were kept small, but it didn't work out," he said. "Their work is critical to the future of this campus."

Wendler did not know how long the process would take, only that he hopes to have it done before Gov. Rod Blagojevich announces his budget plans in March.

"The recommendations are literally six inches of paper. It's

a lot of copious material and it's going to take some time to get through it," he said. "This is a grueling process, and we're going to need patience, but we hope to finish before more bad news is announced."

Administration spokeswoman Sue Davis said the task force provides the opportunity for groups to participate in shared governance, though not all groups chose to participate. The Faculty Association declined membership.

Wendler, however, selected participants from the Graduate Council, Faculty Senate, Dean's Council, the Physical Plant, Civil Service and a variety of other campus organizations.

"The Planning and Budget Task Force is going to look at a lot of issues and make a lot of recommendations," Davis said.

Wendler said that while he intends to keep the meetings closed in the beginning, they may open as the task force nears the completion of its job.

"The meetings are not intended to be open, at least in the early stages, which is not uncommon," he said. "This is an advisory group and not subject to open-meeting laws."

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## Alumnus named new dean for School of Law

Peter Alexander to start June 1

**Lindsey J. Mastis**  
Daily Egyptian

Peter Alexander, professor of law at Pennsylvania State University and 1979 SIUC alumnus, was named dean of the School of Law Monday, and will start the position June 1.

Originally from New York, Alexander received his undergraduate degree in political science at SIUC. While on campus, he was also student-body president.

He earned his law degree from Northeastern University and has been a professor at Pennsylvania State University's Dickinson School of Law since 1992. His appointment is subject to approval by the SIUC Board of Trustees.

When Thomas Guernsey, former dean, left SIUC early last fall for Albany's Law School, W. Eugene Basanta, law professor,

took over his duties.

Basanta was appointed interim dean last July, and has gotten to know Alexander during the search for a new dean. He is pleased with the committee's decision to bring him back to SIUC.

"[Alexander] was very interested and very excited to be coming here as the dean of the Law School," Basanta said. "I think it's great that we have somebody whose undergraduate degree is from here and is coming back to be the dean of one of our colleges. They got somebody who I think will be a great dean for the law school and I just couldn't be happier with it."

Alexander is specialized in bankruptcy law. He currently serves on the editorial advisory board for the American Bankruptcy Institute's Law Review and was recently inducted into the American College of Bankruptcy.

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Alexander

## NEWS BRIEFS

### ON CAMPUS

#### Faculty Association events

The Faculty Association is planning two events this week that are open to students and community members.

The association will have an informational picket from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Free Forum Area near Anthony Hall.

The union will also have a rally from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday on the steps of Shryock Auditorium. All are welcome to attend the events.

#### Women, pump up

"Strength Training for Women" runs from 11 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays Feb. 3 through Feb. 19 at the Student Recreation Center Fitness Forum. Cost is \$36 for a SIUC Student, SRC member, or emeritus and \$53 for anyone else.

The program includes a general orientation on the use of the Nautilus Equipment. A variety of training techniques will be presented. For more information, call Instructional Programs at 453-1263.

### CARBONDALE

#### Get creative, kids

Carbondale-area children in 2nd grade through 8th grade may register for a series of creative poetry workshops offered at the Carbondale Public Library. Workshops will meet Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. Feb. 10 through April 14 in the library meeting room.

Children will work in small groups divided by age and will be directed by SIU graduate students and Ms. Pat, the children's librarian. Children will listen to, play with, write and read poetry. Children may register now at the library circulation desk. For more information, call the Carbondale Public Library 457-0354.

#### Domestic violence workshop begins Feb. 5

A workshop titled "Screening for Domestic Violence: Health Care Issue" will begin at 8 a.m. Feb. 5 at the Carbondale Civic Center.

Speakers include Dr. Marian R. Sossenti, a physician and survivor of domestic violence, Dr. Kevin Dorsey, who will report on a survey of domestic violence taken in a local emergency room, Camille Dorris, director of the Women's Center, and Lori Crenshaw-Bryant, Staff Attorney from the SIUC Law School Domestic Violence Legal Clinic.

Registration is free and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call Wella Addison at 618-684-3143, ext. 303 or e-mail her at health@dchdonline.org.

### REGIONAL

#### Specialized cookies beginning Feb. 4

Students can learn to bake special-occasion cookies, hot-dog cookies, cookie pizzas and basic cookies at a Rend Lake College course. The class meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 4 and Feb. 6 in the Benton Consolidated High School Room 109. Cost is \$12 plus a small supply fee. To register or receive more information, contact Director of Community Education Dawn Gibson at 437-5321, ext. 267.

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### OUR WORD

## Six days to go

Miscellaneous thoughts regarding developments in the Faculty Association and administration soap opera:

Late last week, the Faculty Association released contract proposals to the public. We are glad to see that the union has decided to shed light on the issues and the negotiation process. The information meetings served as a useful way of, at least, providing an increase understanding to these turbulent times.

The association should continue to openly communicate about its position, especially if members want support in the event of a strike. That being said, the DAILY EGYPTIAN will not publish the details of the proposals, which were handed out for public consumption Friday.

After review of the proposals, it is clear that the association and administration still differ greatly on striking issues. But at this point, that is all we will report on the details of what both sides are asking for. These are sensitive issues that belong at the bargaining table and dragging proposals for salary increases through our news pages would only hinder the progress. Besides, the negotiation teams are meeting on a daily basis and the proposals are subject to change from day to day. This is a bargaining strategy and should be left to those who are currently strategizing.

Chancellor Walter Wendler publicly stated that he was unhappy about the Faculty Association releasing its proposals. He earlier stated that he had nothing to hide and was giving as much as possible to faculty salaries and other issues. The DAILY EGYPTIAN is confused by these contradictory remarks. We see nothing wrong with sharing the process given that a strike could occur in less than a week.

Although we appreciate this small step the association took to open up, we still want more. We want a list of union membership and we want to know who will strike. We've said this all before and we will continue to say it.

On page 7 you will find a letter signed by 43 faculty members opposing a strike. The DAILY EGYPTIAN applauds their action. It's good to know there are individuals out there who are willing to attach their names to something they feel strongly about.

As for the Faculty Association and administration, we're still waiting, (although not patiently) and there are six days left.

## Little 's' has it

To capitalize or not to capitalize? We know many of you have had many sleepless nights pondering this perplexing issue.

So we're going to settle it once and for all.

By a 6-4 vote, the DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial board has decided that it should be southern Illinois, not Southern Illinois.

Why, you might ask?

It's not that we don't love southern Illinois or think any less of southern Illinois. Many of us call this region our home. But is it right to capitalize one region but not the other? We don't think so.

"Why take up this issue?" you might ask. After several letters to the editor and a serious debate about the logistics of southern Illinois (is it simply a direction in Illinois or a location?) we decided it was time to put this matter to rest.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN has long capitalized the "s" in southern but failed to capitalize the first letter of other regions. Are we better than they are and therefore feel the need to capitalize-"ou" southern but not "their" northern?

We believe there is a much larger issue here that is two words and starts with an "I" and "C."

Yes, it's what those folks in Chicago have come to know as the inferiority complex.

To put it in plain words: We southern Illinois folk feel inferior to you big-city people so we must put you down (attack you with low-crease) very chance we get. Is it right? We don't think so. We believe every region is on the same level and therefore all regions get a lower-case. That's how the Chicago Tribune does it, the Peoria Journal Star, and now, so will the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Hopefully, we can all come together as one in Illinois and put all this divisive northern, central and southern nonsense behind us. Life's too short to get crazy with the I.C., so put it to rest so you can finally start getting what you need most — some sleep.

## Strike Ballot

The Faculty Association and the University administration are using our education as a bargaining tool. Feel powerless? Vote here — we'll publish the results January 31.

- YES, the Faculty Association should strike
- NO, the Faculty Association should not strike

### comments

- Put the ballot in an envelope and drop it in any campus mailbox, addressed to the Daily Egyptian, Mailcode 6867
- or
- Drop this off in the ballot box in the front office of the Daily Egyptian, Communications Building Room 1259
- or
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### GUEST COLUMNIST

## Bargaining teams need a solution

Rob Heise  
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I can hear Mr. Rogers opening his show, singing those familiar words:

"It's such a good feeling, a very good feeling  
It's such a happy feeling, to know you're alive  
And when you wake up ready to say ..."

... I think I'll have a strike today!

HOORAY for the Faculty Association for standing by their word! Mom always told me, "Rob, be a man of your word." The faculty said it would be willing to strike on or after Feb. 3. According to the statement by spokesman Randy Hughes, associate professor of mathematics, they are still willing!

HOORAY for the administration! They are sticking by their guns! Mom always said, "Rob, be a man of conviction." The administration has been saying over and over that it is not capable of giving the teachers what they ask. This is when they call the faculty's bluff!

Hoorary for the students, we get to get screwed by them both? As a student at SIUC, I think that I have the right to address both parties.

First, I'll speak to the association. Folks, I agree you should be paid a reasonable sum. You should be given raises that at least reflect changes in inflation.

You have, probably, the easiest jobs in the country, though!!! You have all of the benefits that come to high school and elementary school teachers, but you don't have to baby sit! You get summers off, holidays off and terrific medical benefits! But it is absolutely true that it takes special qualifications to do your jobs, which is why you all should be paid well for what you do.

Just as it is true with you that it takes a qualified professional to teach college courses, it should have been true from the beginning with respect to the job of doing negotiations! For a long time the association has said, with pride, that they weren't going to waste money by hiring professional negotiators. This is one place that your arrogance got the best of you. There is a reason that people get paid specifically for

the purpose of negotiating deals; it's hard! If you would have hired negotiators at the beginning, it is a distinct possibility that negotiations would have been approached in a more aggressive manner, and a conclusion reached long ago. Instead you didn't start the full-court press for a contract until after the fall semester began.

New to the administration, in the illustrious words of Al Pacino's character in *Scent of a Woman*, "F--- YOU, TOO!" I came to this school in the fall of 2001 for many different reasons, but among them are the following: (1) SIUC offered a marketing major, (2) it was one of the more reasonably priced schools in the state and (3) the College of Business is nationally accredited. Essentially, SIUC had my major, a reasonable reputation (at least enough to be accredited), and I could afford to pay for it. It turns out that SIUC is not the only school with a marketing major. Thanks to the substantial tuition increase incurred this year (18 percent), in addition to next year's ridiculous increase (17 percent), SIUC is no longer reasonably priced. And do you really want me to discuss reputation, in light of the current situation?

Mr. Wendler, since you started this job, you've been chanting on and on about your "Southern at 150" campaign. What about Southern at 133? I know that this is not entirely your fault, but it is time that you took Harry Truman's lead and shout from the rooftops that "The Buck Stops Here!" Get it done! Don't make the students suffer!

I'm frustrated with this situation, mostly because there is nothing I can do about it, except for to write a letter to the newspaper. I would imagine that both the Faculty Association and the administration are frustrated, too. I don't care about their frustration, though, because neither of them are the ones that will lose out in the event of a strike.

Get it done!

*His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.*

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Maybe this world is another planet's Hell.”

Aldous Huxley

### WORDS OVERHEARD

“As long as it isn't on the front steps of the library or the clock tower, I really don't care where people do their thing.”

Jonathan Smith  
freshman in education, on public sex acts on campus

# Open letter penned by group of non-union faculty

To the University and southern Illinois Community:

This letter represents the views of many faculty members who have been relatively silent about the ongoing contract negotiations between the Faculty Association and the Southern Illinois University Carbondale administration up to this point. Although the Faculty Association claims to represent the entire faculty in this process, we would like to emphasize to the students and the southern Illinois community that this organization only represents roughly half of the tenured or tenure-track faculty and a much smaller proportion of the total teaching staff on campus. Many of us have not joined the Faculty Association because we simply do not share the views and spirit of that organization and believe that other voices for representation currently exist. We are particularly concerned about the outside influence of the Illinois and National Education Associations on the Faculty Association's actions. We can only interpret the influence of these groups as direct outside intervention on negotiations that should be kept within the university community.

In light of recent events and the threat of a strike, it is time

for many within the "silent majority" of the faculty to speak out. It would be folly to attempt to voice a single, coherent group opinion on these events. Most of us are sympathetic to some of the views of the Faculty Association. Furthermore, we acknowledge that the administration has not played their cards well at times in the bargaining process; for example, by failing to place any of the new tuition dollars into the bargaining pot. However, given the dismal state economy and some signs that the current administration is headed in the right direction (e.g., recent efforts to aid both undergraduate education and research on campus), the Faculty Association has chosen a very poor time to make unrealistic demands of SIUC. It is distressing that a group representing far less than half of the total teaching staff at SIUC can have such a profound negative impact on the university's students and all of us who ultimately depend on their success and well-being.

We regret the divisiveness that is now apparent and that will only get worse if a strike occurs. We in academia should enjoy a spirit of collegiality that allows us to work effectively to serve our students and the academic community. It is unfortunate

that the current leadership of the Faculty Association has chosen to demonize a new administration that has not yet had adequate time to prove itself and has also had to deal with a dismal state budget situation. It is our perception that the Faculty Association is trying to make our new administration pay for past administrative blunders, even though the guilty parties of past wrongs are long gone. We feel this administration should be given a reasonable amount of time to prove itself before being judged.

We, as a faculty and as a university, are at an important crossroads. If a strike occurs, we, and those who share our views, will continue to occupy our posts as teachers, academicians, and researchers. We will do this because we strongly believe our obligations to our students and profession transcend our personal issues with administrators. We came to this university to educate students and pursue research in our fields; these are our priorities and we strongly feel they should be shared by all of our colleagues. If we were to place our personal desires above those of the students and the university, then our professional responsibilities become forfeit and our foundation of academic freedom will most assuredly crumble.

Sincerely,

A cross section of concerned SIUC faculty

**Laurie Achenbach**  
Professor of Microbiology

**Thomas Alexander**  
Professor of Philosophy

**Robert Allison**  
Associate Professor, School of Music

**Frank Anderson**  
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**John Groninger**  
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**Randall Hahn**  
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**Karl Willard**  
Assistant Professor of Forestry

## LETTERS

### Thanks to SIUC

DEAR EDITOR:

This is a letter that is long overdue. I must thank those who have inspired me to return to college and to those continuing to speak words of motivation after learning the fact.

Of course I should inform you as to why I have returned to college and give you some information on my decision to complete a degree in T.E.S.O.L. (English as a second language).

While serving in the United States Air Force I spent a year of my enlistment in Korea. I found my experience with the Korean people to be a wonderful life event that I will treasure forever, and it was something I wanted to "pay forward." After completing my service with the US Air Force I gained employment at SIUC and while working on campus I discovered the International Programs Services department on campus. It offered various programs regarding SIUC International students. I chose the English in Action program, which I believed is called "English Partners" now. It is a program where you

meet with an International student once a week for an hour, just to talk, work with English conversation or just to chat about anything that comes to mind. The hour a week meeting is good conversation or at times it leads to a friendship that includes meeting the student's family and friends, sharing a meal, etc. Over the 17 years that I have worked on campus I have met so many wonderful students — a "treasured experience" that shouldn't be limited to me.

I have always enjoyed sharing my time with International students but within the past year I learned that the Linguistics department offered a program to teach English as a second language. Discovering this information made me realize this was my calling in life. This decision to pursue a degree led me to change my life direction and plow forward into my new future. I have been excited about the prospect of teaching overseas and it seems like the semesters can't fly by fast enough! I know, "You'll get burnt out." No way! I was in China for two weeks in August of 2002 experiencing a wonderful faculty with my constant inspiration and my batteries are fully charged!

Lastly, thanks to all of the faculty and staff I work with, SIUC instructors who have taught me,

all the wonderful Christians at the Vineyard Church, my friends, and to my biggest inspiration and the reason for it all: **Danni.**

**Steven Barringer**  
SIUC Physical Plant Employee/Linguistics Major

### Both sides need to think of students in bargaining

DEAR EDITOR:

While I'm sure that both the Faculty Association and the administration at SIU have their reasons for not coming to some kind of agreement that will stop the chance of a strike, it saddens me that neither side is really considering why they have a job in the first place: the students. Let's face it; if the student body wasn't present at this University, no one on either side would have anything to complain about. I am a 28-year-old undergraduate and it is my

dream to complete my bachelor's of science degree. Does Chancellor Wendler believe that refunding my tuition "in the case of an extended faculty walkout" will get me any closer to my goal or make me feel any better?

I have had lots of difficult decisions to make in the course of my life, the biggest of which was probably moving down to Southern Illinois to pursue my dream, leaving everything I know behind in northern Illinois. I did so with the belief that I was going to be getting a quality education, which would (hopefully) lead to a career I was proud of. I will tell you one decision that will not be difficult to make at all: If the faculty strikes and any of my classes are canceled, I will not be returning to SIU. I am asking other SIU students to consider taking the same action and make that decision known to "the powers that be." The fact is, the student body holds a lot more clout than they realize. The Faculty Association and the administration can play hardball all they want; there just might not be anyone left here to care.

**Janette Bugner**  
Junior in chemistry

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# RSOs take PRIDE in leadership conference

## All RSOs eligible to participate in day-long leadership conference

**Valerie N. Donnals**  
Daily Egyptian

Registered Student Organizations at SIUC will learn what PRIDE is all about Saturday at Student Development's annual Spring Leadership Symposium.

Personal responsibility, Respect, Involvement, Diversity, and Education will be the central topics of this year's conference. SIUC faculty members such as Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute, and Katie Sermersheim, director of Student Development, will sponsor the sessions.

"Each session will focus on leadership skills and instilling pride and tradition in the organizations," said Paulette Curkin, coordinator for student development.

All RSOs are invited to attend, but Curkin said they are restricting attendance to 60 to allow for a more focused group of officers and leaders of the organizations.

Andy Morgan, the housing program coordinator, sent out emails and fliers to cultivate interest in the event, which they participate in every year.

He said the conference is a great way for students to gain skills needed to lead other residents on their floor or in their building.

The majority of the participants are student resident assistants, but hall council representatives, members from the Black

Together Organization and Residence Hall Association members will also attend, taking up half of the available seats for the conference.

Registration is still open and forms are available at the Student Development office on the third floor of the Student Center.

Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Old Main Lounge, and five sessions will be take place throughout the day with a break for lunch. Students will form teams at the beginning of the day and decide which presentations they would like to attend.

Three presentations will be conducted during each session. The speakers will put together their own presentations dealing with a general theme, such as respect or diversity, but narrow it to a specific topic.

Students will be able to choose which presentation they would prefer to attend, but Curkin said it would be an advantage for each team to spread out and cover as many presentations as possible.

During each session, the presenters will drop pieces of trivia about the University. At the end of the day, a trivia test will be given to each team, and the team who gets the most answers correct will receive a \$20 gift certificate to a bookstore for each member.

Morgan said he thinks the symposium is a great opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills.

"The symposium is a great way to broaden their perspective on the areas of leadership and meet other student leaders," Morgan said.

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# SQL Slammer worm slithers through campus computers

## University Housing loses Internet access during weekend

**Carrie Roderick**  
Daily Egyptian

SIUC was hit by the SQL Slammer Server computer worm Saturday.

Wesley Will, network specialist for Information Technology, said the worm, also known as Sapphire, originated in Eastern Europe last week and has been infecting the world ever since, not excluding SIUC.

Will said the worm exploits vulnerabilities in Microsoft SQL 2000 servers and spreads by scanning the Internet for susceptible systems.

"It tries to find other machines that are vulnerable to this, and does it at such a rate that only one machine having this on campus is enough flooded traffic to shut the whole campus down," Will said.

Will said the campus had 14 machines infected with the worm, saturating the network. The entire campus server connection was shut down Saturday and part of Sunday until the machines the worm were detected. He said it's like trying to communicate a whisper in a room full of people screaming — impossible to be heard.

"We shot off the dormitory authentication system, Rez-net, to stop the [worm] from spreading," Will said.

He said the campus had to wait for Cisco Inc. to make and provide the parts to fix the problem, and expects machines to be running today. Cisco makes a large percentage of the equipment that runs the Internet and created Rez-net.

"Nobody's going home really in network

engineering until this is fixed," Will said. "They've been here all weekend."

Charles Campbell, associate director for Information Technology, said network engineering had more than 20 hours of overtime during the weekend.

Will said the department is understaffed because of the hiring freeze in the state of Illinois. Attempts to notify student resident assistants of the worm were successful in alleviating stress to customer service staff so more attention could be given to the situation.

Morris Library has its own section of the network and was able to get back online because it doesn't use Microsoft servers. This brought an increased number of students to use the Internet at the library. Campbell said students can also access the Internet in the various public-school laboratories.

He said this will not be the last problem for Rez-net users.

"I encourage them to be patient, but once we get everything back up and running we still have the overall problem of bandwidth saturation primarily from the residence halls," Campbell said. "A lot of this is attributed to the students running the peer to peer applications, such as Kazaa that are downloading music and music videos."

Fixing the virus will not fix the bandwidth congestion problems that students experience, which is not related to the worm. Campbell said the virus added to this problem.

Major companies using servers have also lost access to the Internet.

"This is going to be a major economic smack in the head," Will said. "Some websites that are now shut down lose thousands of dollars per minute every minute they are down."

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# Cal Poly student found unconscious in dorm; dies at hospital

**Andy Fahey**  
Mustang Daily (California Poly State U.)

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (U-WIRE) — "No Mom, don't come up. I'll be fine." Those were some of the last words California Poly State University computer science freshman Jason Hawkins told his mother, Jackie, before he died Thursday at Sierra Vista Hospital. He was 18.

Hawkins became ill on Jan. 17 with what he thought was the flu, experiencing symptoms such as vomiting, Jackie said.

"He never got sick," she said. "I don't think he knew how sick he was."

Hawkins slipped into a coma sometime between Jan. 19 and last Monday. His roommate,

who had been away for the weekend, discovered Hawkins unconscious in their Tenaya Hall residence at about 5:30 Monday evening.

Doctors said they thought Hawkins had some kind of infection that put him into a diabetic coma in which his body shut down. His blood sugar level reached as high as 2,250 milligrams per deciliter. Sierra Vista doctors had never seen anything that high before, Jackie said.

A normal blood sugar level for a non-diabetic person is less than 105 when an individual hasn't eaten for a number of hours and less than 120 two hours after a meal, according to the Web site familydoctor.org/handouts/075.

The high blood sugar level caused Hawkins to suffer brain damage, although doctors were unsure if it would have been permanent.

"I know (the high blood sugar level) led to everything but I don't know what caused it," said physics sophomore Aryn Hernandez, a close friend to Hawkins for eight years.

Doctors won't know for sure if diabetes or an infection caused the abnormally high blood sugar until Tuesday's autopsy results are analyzed. Hawkins, who had no history of medical problems, had a complete physical examination last June that showed no sign of diabetes, said his father, Steve, in an e-mail.

Hawkins never awoke from his coma, but doctors were optimistic he'd survive when he responded to medication Wednesday and his body began to restart itself.

"We were all kind of hopeful on Wednesday," Hernandez said. "Thursday I don't know what

happened; it just collapsed. It was just it."

Hawkins grew up in San Dimas, Calif. After visiting the campus last spring, Hawkins knew that Cal Poly was the place for him, his father said, and did not bother applying anywhere else, despite his parents urging him otherwise.

He began attending Cal Poly during last summer's Jump-Start program and worked as a host at Vista Grande Restaurant.

To some, Hawkins was independent and quiet, but those close to him saw a more social side.

"He was a pretty laid back, easy going guy, but he liked to have fun," Hernandez said. "He was someone you could talk to if you needed to."

"He was a fun-loving guy," he later said. "He was pretty social. He liked to laugh. He was fun to be around. He's a good friend of mine."

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Less than 1.1 million people have signed up nationwide, including about 46,000 Illinoisans. About 8.8 million can register nationwide before the funds dwindle to below \$5 per person, at which point it all goes to music-related charities.

No proof of purchase is necessary to file a claim. Merz said the court could, however, require a random audit to check the claims system.

The FTC's victory was strictly for conduct relief, but the lawsuit companies settled last year for monetary relief as well.

Though not all states were involved in the lawsuit, any person in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa is eligible for reimbursement, even after death.

A person can file on behalf of the deceased on the website and claim back a small portion of a loved one's purchases.

"The distributors will no longer be able to coerce retailers into raising their prices," Merz said.

Merz said "everyone likes to listen to music" and the goal of the lawsuit was to protect consumers from non-competitive pricing.

According to a court complaint by the plaintiff states, the policy originated as traditional CD retailers responded to the threat of discount retailers, such as Best Buy, Target and Circuit City, by pressuring distributors to implement the minimum price policy to reduce cost competition and help maintain high profit margins.

Despite the settlement, the companies have not admitted to participating in any illegal or unethical behavior.

Retailer defendants in the lawsuit include Tower Records, Musicland Stores and Trans World Entertainment. Defendant distributors include Capitol Records, EMI Music Distribution, Virgin Records America, Priority Records, Time Warner, Warner-Elektra-Atlantic, Rhino, Universal, BMG and Sony.

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discussion for a sometimes-preoccupied young generation.

"Who's making the decisions to send you over there? That is the point that Rangel is making — it's the white guys up there who are millionaires," Muldoon said.

While Muldoon encourages discussion of Rangel's proposal, he does not believe a draft would considerably lessen the chance of war.

"A lot of times these decisions on drafts and deferments were based on cronyism and influence and so forth. I don't see any reason that would be different now," Muldoon said, referring to the Vietnam-era draft.

"I do not think the burden of the draft would be shared equitably the whole way across the social, economic and ethnic classes.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has stated repeatedly in press conferences that there is "virtually no chance" of a draft, and added his opinion that drafted Vietnam vets added "no value, no advantage, really, to the United States armed services."

Under current guidelines, a military draft would affect males aged 18 to 25. A draft would be enacted when the volunteer military can no longer supply enough troops to a military action. Congress and the president then pass legislation to enact a draft, and a lottery ensues, starting with 20-year-old males. The Selective Service is required to deliver the first draftees within 193 days of enactment.

While a draft call to service all males aged 18 to 25, Rangel's talk of a draft calls upon all Americans to ponder their role in war.

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The Draft

Franklin Roosevelt signed in the Selective Service in 1940, creating the country's first peacetime draft. Here's a look at the Selective Service since then:

- Nov. 1940 - Oct. 1946 - 10,110,104 men inducted to fight during WWII.
1948-1973 - Draft continues to fill military vacancies during both peacetime and war.
June 1950 - June 1953 - 1,529,539 men inducted to fight during the Korean War.
August 1964 - February 1973 - 1,857,304 men inducted to fight during Vietnam War.
June 30, 1973 - Last man drafted, US converts to all-volunteer military.
March 29, 1975 - Selective Service System put in "deep standby" and men no longer have to register for the Selective Service.
January 21, 1977 - Jimmy Carter grants pardon to Vietnam-era draft evaders.
Summer 1980 - Jimmy Carter reinstates the Selective Service in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Professors report grade inflation

Anne Gleason Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN (J-WIRE) — Grade inflation has been long debated. While some evidence exists to support the argument, many people in academics still dismiss the idea.

On the national level, a survey performed on undergraduates at institutions across the country revealed the percentage of students receiving grades of A- or higher grew from 7 to 26 percent between 1967 and 1993, according to the report. But similar conclusive evidence has not been found at the University of Illinois.

The grade point average cutoff for recipients of the Bronze Tablet, an honor awarded to the top 3 percent of graduates in each college, varied by no more than two-tenths of a grade point for each college between 1976 and 2001, Swanson said. Despite the lack of evidence, many professors who have worked at the University throughout the past decades have observed a noticeable difference in grading standards.

Professors indicated the start of grade inflation was in the '60s, during the Vietnam War.

"Nobody wanted to be responsible for having a kid drafted, so they gave higher grades," said Linda Klepinger, an anthropology professor who has taught at the University for 30 years. "It's hard to go back to the original scale once it's crept up."

Students today do not face stress levels as those faced by students growing up during the turmoil of the Vietnam War and the rise of the drug culture, said Im Carmen, political science professor.

With the addition of student evaluations many years ago and Web sites today like Pick-a-prof, which allows students to view grading histories of all professors at their university, students are obtaining more control over their grades.

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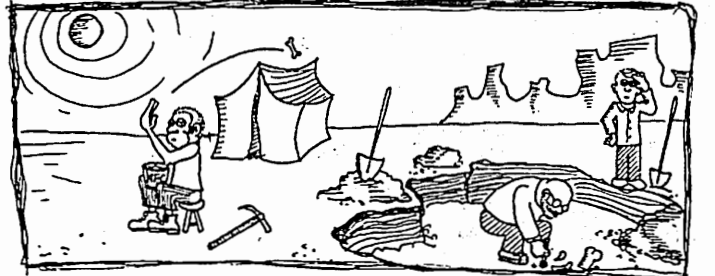
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Daily Horoscope

**JAMES BOND (AGE 72) COMES OUT OF RETIREMENT TO FIGHT... OLDFINGER!**

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"The name's Bond. Could you help me lift this blasted gun, darling? I like myself stirred, not shaking..."

**By Linda C. Black**  
 Today's Birthday (Jan. 28). You can be the mastermind for a huge project this year if you really want to be. Go ahead. It'll be fun, and it'll further your agenda. Besides, they need you. They've got the energy and the motivation. You've got the technical brilliance.  
 To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.  
 Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - Overexuberance could do more harm than good. A critical older person wants to know if you can control yourself. Earn new respect by proving that you can.  
 Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - The person who signs your check is in a generous mood. If you point out an extra service you've performed, you might get a bonus. Sad stories might work, too.  
 Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 9 - Allow yourself to be surrounded by an air of mystery, as if there's a secret sorrow you can't divulge. It'll bring out the best in your friends.  
 Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - What can it all mean? Why is everybody looking to you? They all think you can do it all, find a way, using their energy. Be shrewd.  
 Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) - Today is an 8 - You're known for your enthusiasm. It's one of your finest qualities. But a little reality creep into your computations. It'll improve your odds.  
 Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) - Today is a 5 - Keep moving things around until you get your environment just right. Meanwhile, a conversation about an old hurt helps you see what you learned.  
 Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 9 - Go over your agenda early to keep from running all over. Something you were going to get over there can be found, or delivered, over here.  
 Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 4 - Keep your wits about you, and don't lose your good sense. Don't spend the money as fast as it's coming in, or you'll be left with nothing. Do the math.  
 Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 9 - You may find it helpful to run, ski or ride your bike. Exercise will help keep your mind clear and keep you from becoming overwhelmed.  
 Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Untangle a mess by carefully sorting through the facts. As secrets are revealed, a truth may emerge that's different from what you'd believed.  
 Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Don't make more promises than you can keep. It's wonderful to be popular, but don't spread yourself too thin. And don't let your friends keep you out too late, either.  
 Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - The pace is quick, so don't spend much time asking questions. Play your part as rehearsed and achieve the goal.

**JUMBLE**  
 THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
 by Henri Arnold and Mike Argilston

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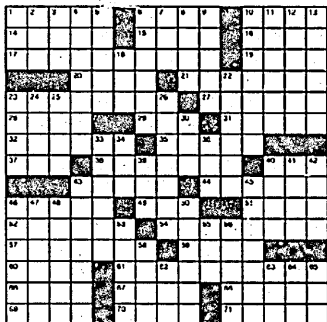
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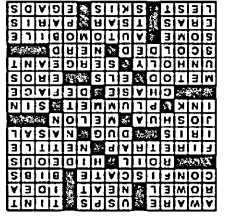
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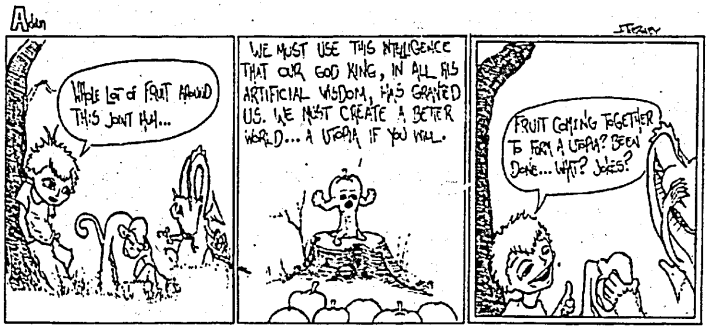
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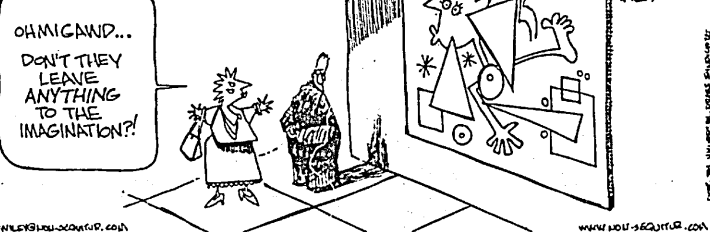


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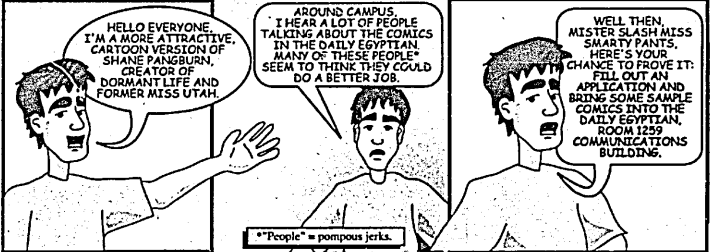
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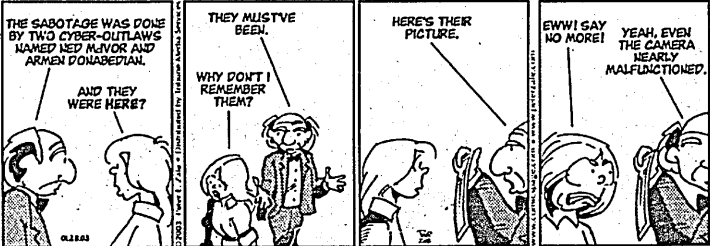
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WOMEN	MVC		Overall		MEN	MVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L		W	L	W	L
Indiana St.	6	1	13	3	Creighton	7	1	17	2
Creighton	5	2	12	4	S. Illinois	7	1	12	4
Wichita St.	5	3	11	6	Wichita St.	1	1	11	5
SMS	5	3	9	8	SMS	6	1	10	6
Drake	4	3	9	7	Evansville	3	4	7	9
Evansville	3	4	9	7	Bradley	3	4	7	11
No. Iowa	3	4	8	8	Drake	2	5	7	11
Illinois St.	3	4	5	11	No. Iowa	2	6	5	11
Bradley	2	5	6	10	Indiana St.	1	6	5	13
S. Illinois	0	7	4	11	Illinois St.	0	8	1	15

**Tuesday's games:**

Drake at SMS, 7:05 p.m.  
 Wednesday's games:  
 Creighton at Indiana St., 6:05 p.m.  
 Bradley at S. Illinois, 7:05 p.m.  
 Wichita St. at Evansville, 7:05 p.m.  
 No. Iowa at Illinois St., 7:05 p.m.

**Tuesday's games:**

M. Tenn. St. at S. Illinois, 7:05 p.m.

**Thursday's games:**

Creighton at Illinois St., 7:05 p.m.  
 Drake at Indiana St., 7:05 p.m.  
 SMS at Wichita St., 7 p.m.



SIU sophomore guard Stetson Hairston battles an Evansville player in a game earlier this month. The Salukis are among four teams in the Missouri Valley Conference with only one loss, while the Purple Aces are shocking all the critics and are currently tied with Bradley for fifth place in league.

**SPORTS FLASH**

**Ilievski falls in final**

Freshman Bojan Ilievski, the only SIU tennis player to advance to the Missouri Valley Conference individual championships finals, fell 6-1, 6-4 in No. 6 singles. Julian Angel Botero was the only other Saluki to make it past the first round, defeating Creighton's Richard Gonzalez 6-3, 6-3 in No. 3 singles. The team will begin its dual meet season Friday at Louisville.

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much."

The Salukis have yet to face SMS, whom they first play when they travel to Springfield, Mo., on Feb. 8, but have played the other three teams already. As for the rest of the teams, Creighton has yet to play Wichita State or SMS.

At the same time, the games that have been played between the four do lead to a kind of pattern.

SMS lost to Wichita State. Wichita State then lost to SIU. SIU went on to lose to Creighton. Creighton went on

the road and lost to — Evansville?

That's right, the Purple Aces.

Of all the teams in the MVC, Evansville, which was picked to finish dead last in the preseason poll, was the one to knock off the then-No. 10 Bluejays.

SIU senior forward Jermaine Dearman said he didn't believe it when he was told that Creighton was no longer undefeated in MVC play. Adding to the disbelief was the team that pulled off the win.

"I was shocked," Dearman said. "I had to see it with my own two eyes. I was like, 'yeah right, no they didn't.'"

Even though the upset puts the Salukis on equal footing with the now

17-2 Bluejays, Williams said it is still too early to start looking toward the March 1 rematch with Creighton.

If the Salukis look forward and ignore the rest of the conference, they might be the ones who get knocked off and see their season go down the tubes.

"It's all about us taking care of business," Williams said. "It does help us and give us some motivation saying, 'Ihey, now we don't have to hope for a miracle. Something just happened.' Now we've got to take advantage of what's been given to us."

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giving for a chance to play with the big boys. The rest of the teams in the league all have losing records.

The only way the Valley is going to get two teams into the NCAA tournament this year is if the Bluejays stay on their current pace and another school knocks them off in the league tourney in March.

When SIU earned an at-large bid to the Big Dance last year, it was due in large part to the Salukis' win over Indiana and their regular-season sweep of Creighton.

This year, SIU's strength of schedule is considerably weaker, and when it did get a chance to play a quality non-conference opponent, it usually didn't fair very well. The NCAA selection committee will not look too kindly upon road losses at

Illinois-Chicago, Charlotte and Saint Louis.

There will be the ESPN Bracket Buster Challenge game in late February against a decent mid-major foe, but a win in that contest may not be enough. If SIU wants to march to madness again this year, the road will presumably go through Creighton.

The best thing for SIU could be if the Bluejays only have two losses on their record when they come to Carbondale on March 1. It would go a long way in improving the conference's image and RPI, plus it would make a win over them that much more important.

After his team fell to Creighton earlier this month, SIU head coach Bruce Weber said that he wouldn't be surprised if the Bluejays went undefeated in conference play. That point became moot last week when the Purple Aces pulled off the "Thrilla in Evansville."

That doesn't mean that Weber or any of his players are rooting for Creighton by any means. Senior guard Kent Williams said he pulls for the Bluejays in non-conference games, but when it comes to league games, the Salukis are rooting for whichever team can help them the most.

"When it comes to conference games, it doesn't really matter anymore as far as RPI," Williams said. "We're trying to win a title."

Judging from the Bluejays' play thus far this season, they will not need too much extra help vanquishing their conference foes.

And with any luck, Creighton will come to SIU with plenty of confidence. Saluki fans would love nothing better than to wipe that stupid smirk off of Kyle Korver's face.

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# Fate delivers Byrne to SIU

Old connections help bring Ireland native to the Saluki men's track and field squad

Zack Creglow  
Daily Egyptian

The story of long-distance runner Joe Byrne's arrival is a fated one.

It began on March 24, 2001, otherwise known as "Lew Hartzog Day."

Fans, families and former athletes from all over the world gathered to honor the legendary SIU track and field coach.

One of his former athletes, Tom Green, had something to more than just his greetings to share when he engaged in a conversation with current track and field coach Cameron Wright.

Green brought forth the name of a young runner he was coaching from his hometown of Downpatrick, Ireland named Joe Byrne and mentioned that it would be wise to keep an watchful eye on him.

Wright did just that by calling and e-mailing to start a correspondence in a diligent effort to get Byrne on the SIU campus.

Coach Wright worked very hard and went beyond his own power," Byrne said. "He got me because this is an awesome place. The facilities are great. The staff is great."

The work paid off. On Jan. 18, Byrne wore maroon shorts and a jersey trimmed in white.

Using a smooth, effortless stride that is loaded with a powerful kick, the freshman finished second in his first-ever collegiate race, the 3,000-meter run.

His talent is evident but hard work will be what will inevitably allow him to use all of his gifts.

"He is a hard worker," Wright said. "He's got a lot of talent, a lot of untapped talent. I think he is the kind of kid that is to continue to really improve. He's very young. He is going to have a lot of success here. We are real excited

he is here."

Byrne's blue-collar work ethic and genuine sincerity has already made him popular among fellow Saluki runners.

"He is a great guy," said fellow long-distance runner Eli Baker. "He gets along with everybody. It seems he makes the extra effort to get to know a person and become good friends with them."

Though he misses his homeland, his personality is helping him get used to the new culture and laws. One of the toughest transitions has been the legal drinking age. In Ireland the legal age is 18.

"I miss my friends, and I miss drinking and stuff," said Byrne, who drank—in true Irish tradition — Guinness back home. "It is a different culture. The people are different. We don't really have house parties back home. [Back home] I'd just prefer to go to the bar for a few quiet drinks."

Byrne has not had too much trouble adapting after his teammates made him feel at home quickly.

He said the team he is now apart of at SIU is most close-knit squad he has been on.

"Coach [Green] told coach Wright I would fit in well here," Byrne said. "I think he was right."

After his stay in Carbondale, he plans to take a degree in physical education back to Ireland and teach.

Which seems to be the just thing to do, since the man who taught him to run is the reason why he is here.

"We never would have heard of Joe," Wright said if Green never mentioned Byrne. "I'd say this was a one-in-a-million chance."

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Joe Byrne found himself as a member of the SIU track and field team with the help of his former coach Tom Green. Green, a former Saluki runner, told current coach Cameron Wright about Byrne in March 2001.

## Saluki women venture outside of conference tonight



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SIU junior forward Stephanie Brown dives for a loose ball during the Salukis' 81-60 loss to Indiana State Saturday. The loss dropped their conference record to 0-7. SIU will now take a break from league play as it faces Middle Tennessee St. at 7:05 tonight at the SIU Arena.

Dawgs face MTSU, try to snap eight-game losing skid

Ethan Erickson  
Daily Egyptian

When a team is 0-7 in conference play, change is very welcome.

The SIU women's basketball team will attempt to use change to its advantage when it hosts Middle Tennessee State tonight at 7:05 in a rare late-January non-conference game.

"I think it will get us out of our rhythm a little bit," said senior guard Molly McDowell. "We know a lot about the teams that we're playing in our conference, so to play a non-conference team I think will give us a little break from our conference schedule."

The Salukis, in the midst of an eight-game losing streak, are hoping to get some offensive production out of someone other than McDowell, the only Saluki averaging double-figure scoring.

McDowell has been even more effective of late, averaging more than 18 points per game over her last five outings, but her teammates haven't done enough to turn any of those games into wins.

One of those teammates who seems poised for a breakout performance is Tiffany Crutcher, who showed flashes of brilliance Saturday in an 81-60 loss to Indiana State.

The junior center scored six inside

points in a span of just more than a minute in that game and is recovering from an injury that limited her minutes and kept her out of the starting lineup.

"That may make a difference because Tiff is usually a presence for us in the paint," Opp said, adding that Crutcher will return to the starting lineup, replacing Jodi Heiden.

And on a team with deficiencies in scoring and rebounding, Crutcher's resurgence would be more than welcome.

"Anything we can get out of our post players is gonna help," McDowell said. "And I think once she gets back at 100 percent, that's definitely going to be a huge help to us."

The 6-foot-2 junior's presence inside could be even more important given Middle Tennessee State's apparent lack of size. Only one starter stands at 6-foot or taller.

The Lady Raiders are a guard-dominated team, led by Patrice Holmes, a converted point guard who leads her team in scoring, rebounding, assists and steals.

"She just has great court awareness, great vision, handles the ball exceptionally well, is a tremendous passer and a good floor leader," said Lady Raider head coach Stephany Smith.

The 5-foot-9 sophomore is the third highest scorer in the Sun Belt Conference, averaging 15.8 points per game.

"She's a great athlete and has a knack for the ball, and she likes to be around the ball," Smith said. "She's not the one that stops the opponent in

transition, so she has the freedom to go to the boards."

And go to the boards she does, snatching eight rebounds a game in her seven conference contests.

The Lady Raiders enter the game sporting a deceiving 10-9 record. They have faced some stiff competition, falling to four top-25 teams, including a 79-61 defeat to No. 3 Kansas State.

"I think we're better than what our record indicates," Smith said.

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### MVC STATS

#### Women's Basketball

Scoring		
Player, School	PPG	
Mennen, Indiana St.	18.8	
Müller, No. Iowa	18.5	
Dixon, Wichita St.	18.4	
Gray, Evansville	17.8	
Neneman, Creighton	16.9	
Budner, Wichita St.	14.6	
Swisher, No. Iowa	14.4	
Bennett, Drake	14.3	
Bailey, Bradley	14.1	
McDowell, S. Illinois	13.3	
Hays, Evansville	13.2	
Lingor, SMS	12.5	

# TUESDAY SALUKI SPORTS

SCHEDULE  
NBA

Celtics at Pistons, 6:30 p.m.  
Hawks at Knicks, 6:30 p.m.  
76ers at Bucks, 7 p.m.  
Nuggets at Blazers, 9 p.m.  
Jazz at Kings, 9 p.m.  
Warriors at Sonics, 9 p.m.

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**Get them while they are hot**  
Student tickets in great demand; forces new policies

Ethan Erickson  
Daily Egyptian

The SIU Athletics Ticket Office is urging students to pick up their men's basketball tickets in advance to avoid long lines.

The new student ticket-distribution policy came about after hordes of students swarmed the SIU Arena's ticket windows just before the Jan. 15 game versus Wichita State, the first home game after the start of the spring semester.

"We want them to get them early just so they don't have to stand out there in those long lines," said ticket manager Brad Pietz. "We only have two windows open for student tickets, and we had over 1,700 students show up before the [Wichita State] game last Wednesday."

A committee of Athletic Department officials met and decided that in order to reduce crowding outside and so that the number of available tickets could be better estimated, student tickets would be distributed in advance.

Student attendance is up dramatically this season. In the three home games that took place while school was in session, an average of 1,500 students showed up.

With all of these students at the game, confusion as to where to sit was inevitable.

"We had a lot of students in the building for the very first time last Wednesday for the Wichita State game, and a lot of them had no idea where they were supposed to go," Pietz said. "We had a lot of students trying to sit in the



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Students line up to get their tickets for the basketball doubleheader against Indiana State Saturday. With a surge in demand for tickets, the ticket office will begin giving out student tickets for the Salukis' final two weekend games on the Thursday before the game. Tickets are free to students with a valid student ID.

chair back seats. We had a lot of students trying to sit in the bleacher seats on the sides, and all those are reserved seats."

The end zones, the bleachers behind the basket in the upper and lower levels are the designated student seating areas. Sections A, U, AA, UU, L, K, LL and KK are the student seating areas.

Another change that begins with Wednesday's game against Bradley is that student seating will now officially be general admission in the student sections.

"What we're going to do is strike out the seating assignments for the students," said Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk. "It will be first come first served on game days."

The only exception is that the few non-season ticket holders in student sections will not be displaced.

Student ticket sales will undoubtedly be high for the final home game, March 1 versus No. 16 Creighton.

"The advance sales for Creighton are better than any game we've ever had here, at least under my watch," Kowalczyk said.

Pietz said he's expecting a big turnout on

the Thursdays before the Creighton and ESPN Bracket Buster games.

"I'm expecting students to line up at 10 [a.m.], if not earlier," Pietz said.

The doors will open at 8 a.m. for students that wish to line up early.

Kowalczyk said that students are an integral part of the college basketball experience and that they should support the team positively.

"We're tremendously pleased with the student support," Kowalczyk said. "They make a difference in the games. They provide the energy. They provide the excitement and we need them to be there and to be good sports."

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Student tickets for the remaining Saturday games can be picked up the Thursday before the game beginning at 10 a.m. at the main athletic ticket office in Lingle Hall inside the SIU Arena.

For the non-Saturday games, students can pick up their tickets in Lingle Hall anytime during regular hours.

## COMMENTARY



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## Stop hatin' Creighton

When the SIU men's basketball team lost at Creighton a little more than a week ago, Saluki fans' extreme dislike for the Bluejays instantly turned into more a passionate hatred.

Not only did Creighton blemish the Dawgs' league record, it gained a leg-up in the Missouri Valley Conference race. Saluki fans wanted nothing more than to see the Bluejays fall and fall hard.

And there is nothing harder than losing to Evansville, which is exactly what Creighton did Wednesday. The Purple Aces proved that Kyle Korver, the Bluejays' superhuman senior forward, was a mere mortal.

Everyone in the Valley breathed a collective sigh of relief, followed by an outburst of laughter. There were calls for Creighton to be officially excommunicated — of course most of those came from the Daily Egyptian sports desk.

Now that the initial shock and joy of the Bluejays' first conference loss has subsided, Saluki fans must realize that it is time to do the unthinkable — root for Creighton.

What the Dawgs, and the rest of the conference for that matter, need is for the Bluejays to keep winning. Let's face it, this season the MVC is sucking more than Divine Brown.

Creighton and SIU are tied atop the conference and Wichita State and Southwest Missouri State are still hanging around, beg-

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## There is a logjam in the Missouri Valley Conference

Four teams in MVC have just one loss

Jens Deju  
Daily Egyptian

Half a game.

That is all that separates the top four men's basketball teams in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Creighton, SIU, Wichita State and Southwest Missouri State sit atop the standings as each has just one conference loss. Creighton and SIU are tied for first at 7-1, and the latter two are tied for third at 6-1.

After that, the rest of the conference is having an off-year. Perennial MVC doormat Evansville is tied with Bradley for fifth with identical 3-4 marks in league play.

They are followed by Drake (2-5), Northern Iowa (2-6) and Indiana State (1-6). Sitting in last place is Illinois State, which is 0-8 in MVC play and 1-15 overall. The Redbirds are easily the most disappointing team in the Valley as they were picked to finish fourth in the preseason poll.

The most overachieving team so far is SMS. The Bears were picked to finish eighth after losing four senior starters from last season's squad.

SMS head coach Barry Hinson either wasn't expecting big things from his squad, or just wanted to throw the rest of the league off track at the

conference's yearly Media Day in October when he said he was shocked his team had received a third-place vote in the preseason poll.

"I want to find the guy who picked us third and smoke a little bit of what he's smoking," Hinson said at the time.

Now it appears as if the voter wasn't too far off.

Another surprising thing about the young conference season, at least according to SIU senior guard Kent Williams, is that there is such a disparity between the top of the league and the bottom rung of the MVC ladder.

"Usually the whole league is so equal, it's just like stairs going up," Williams said. "The losses are just one away all the way down ... the biggest

thing is there's such a drop off. There's six teams that they're just pretty much fighting for the bottom and it's just kind of surprising that it's happened that way."

It doesn't surprise Williams that Creighton, SIU, Wichita State and SMS are at the top of the league.

He feels the next few weeks will be crucial to how things eventually turn out as the big four start facing off against each other.

"We're going to see some teams go one way or the other because we're all going to start playing each other now," Williams said. "It seems like us four at the top haven't really played each other too

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### U-Card events for the Week of January 27th thru February 2nd

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**Wednesday: 29th**

- Spring Into Shape Student Center- Saline Room - 6:00pm
- Contact Wellness Center - 536-4441
- Sponsored by: Student Recreation Center
- Backpacking the River to River Trail - Trip dates: Feb. 1 & Feb. 2
- Mandatory Pre - Trip Meeting Adventure Resource Center - 7:00 pm
- Contact: Outdoor Adventure Sports & Athletics Category

**Friday: 31st**

- Program 453-1285
- Sponsored by: Student recreation Center
- Winter Camping Clinic Adventure Resource Center
- Sports & Athletics Category
- Contact: Outdoor Adventure Program 453-1285
- The Little Angels

**Saturday: 1st**

- SISO Pops Concert With Ink Sports - Shryock Auditorium - 7:30 pm
- Performing Arts Category
- Contact Shryock Auditorium 453-2787
- Sponsored by: Shryock Auditorium

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