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Check windshield wiper blades and wiper fluid level. Make sure tires are properly inflated.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Check anti-freeze coolant level.

> Keep your gas tank at least half-full.

Put extra weight in trunk or truck bed for rear-wheel drive vehicles.

> Remove snow from all lights (including brake and turn signal lights) and license plates.

Adjust headrests to ensure they are properly adjusted. Rear-end collisions are common in winter driving conditions.

Plan your route before you leave. Avoid hills, bridges and high traffic areas if possible.

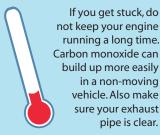
Avoid distractions such as talking on cell phones.

Officers can issue tickets for Speeding - Driving too Fast if the roadway conditions warrant the need to reduce your speed.



Keep simple emergency equipment in your car:

- blanket and extra clothes
- candle with matches
- snacks and water
- roadway flares
- a small shovel tow rope
- cell phone
- bag of sand or cat litter (to use for traction in case you get stuck)
- long jumper cables



Power outages often occur during winter weather. When traffic signals are not working, motorists are required to stop at intersections before proceeding.



USG chief of staff battles cancer



EDYTA BŁASZCZYK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Steve Turner, a senior studying aviation management, poses in front of a Boeing 747 Monday at the Southern Illinois Airport. Turner is the USG chief of staff.

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Steve Turner's life was put into perspective when a doctor told him he had a rare form of cancer.

Turner, Undergraduate Student Government's chief of staff, was diagnosed with liposarcoma, a rare form of cancer that develops in fat cells in deep soft tissue.

Turner said he went to see a dermatologist in September about a cyst on his groin, which other doctors had told him was a staph infection.

Turner found out that day, about a year and a half after the cyst first appeared, that he had liposarcoma.

"I didn't know it was cancer," said Turner, a senior from Chicago. "I thought it was something totally different and I treated it as something totally different."

Turner said he had surgery to remove the cyst in October, and doctors said he was lucky to have the cancer discovered in what they believe was its first growth. He said he would return to the dermatologist in two

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tors plan to announce a new vice

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about various issues.

Goldman said administra-

President Glenn Poshard.

finance by early February.

With the university in the midst

weeks to determine whether he would need chemotherapy or radiation.

USG Vice President Vincent Hardy said Turner has been able to make light of the disease, and he has basically been the same person he was before he was diagnosed.

"When he first told me, he didn't seem to be really upset about it," Hardy said. "He said, 'Oh, it's just cancer.' I think that helps because you can't really worry about things that you have almost no control over.

"People think once you get sick, you can't do anything," he said. "I think the key to getting well is to try to keep your life as normal as possible and not change too much in your

Turner is a flight instructor at SIUC studying aviation management. He said he will have to be checked for cancer for the rest of his life, and that could affect his ability to get a job after he graduates.

"When I found out it was cancer, it changed my life,"Turner said. "I'm a pilot and I've seen the world. It made me realize that there are some things in life that are very important and

Chancellor revives old position

held by Kevin Bame and Cathy

Hagler respectively. The position

would pay roughly \$155,000 annu-

the position would bring leadership

under one person at a time when the

university is dealing with a number of

construction and renovation projects.

Interim Provost Don Rice said

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there are certain things in life that aren't important at all.'

USG Senator Marcus King is no stranger to serving USG while battling an ailment. King has an enlarged heart and said he will likely have to get a pacemaker soon.

King said he is amazed at the way Turner has been able to go about his daily business.

"Looking at what Steve Turner does is pretty motivational," King said. "He just doesn't let things get him down. He just says, 'OK, these are the cards I've been dealt and I'm going to handle them.' That's one of the things I respect about him.'

If anyone in Turner's life can understand what he is going through, it is his former professor, Ed Phillips, who is a cancer survivor himself.

Phillips said he believed he could offer advice to Turner, which he did in a letter sent to Turner after finding out he had cancer.

"I just thought I had some personal things I could share with him," Phillips said. "I thought I could really help him in what he was going through."

Enrollment continues to slide, down 2 percent

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The university's enrollment fell 2 percent from last spring, continuing a steady decline in students that has seen enrollment fall more than 5 percent since 2004, administrators announced Monday.

The drop gives SIUC an enrollment count of 19,389, down 400 students from last spring's 19,789.

Administrators may find the figure less favorable than a 1.5 percent drop projected last week, but preferable to the 3.4 percent decline predicted in December because of advance registration numbers at that time.

Enrollment peaked in 1991 at 24,869 students, according to university records. By fall 2008, that number had fallen to 20,673. Enrollment numbers affect everything from faculty and staff salaries to building maintenance, meaning the drop causes worry for administrators across campus.

Despite a slight increase of 135 students from spring 2007 to spring 2008, the university has lost 1,100 students since spring 2004.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the flailing economy has played a significant role in the drop in students. Poshard said he is grateful the slide was not more severe.

"Nearly all public universities saw a decline in the fall, and I wouldn't be surprised if that was the case this semester," Poshard said. "It's not that bad of a drop in my judgment, but my judgment is that it is related to the economy."

Enrollment figures for all other state universities are not yet released, but the University of Illinois has reported a spike in enrollment. The university's enrollment for the spring semester increased 848 students, up from 38,007 last spring.

Tim Daugherty, vice president of John A. Logan College, said the institution's enrollment has also steadily increased during the past several years.

He said despite the more than 150 students that graduated in the fall semester, the school's tentative enrollment figures still reflected an eight-student increase.

"We were very pleased we didn't see a decrease and it continues an enrollment trend that is very upward and positive," Daugherty said. "Typically, community colleges become a choice of students during downward economic trends."

Victoria Valle, vice chancellor of enrollment management, said SIUC's drop was expected because spring numbers usually reflect the preceding fall semester.z

— Don Rice SIUC interim provost

The position, which Poshard "We have a number of building held form 1999 to 2003, would projects that are in various stages of supervise the university's executive planning," Rice said. "(Goldman) wanted one person to have over-sight over that." director of finance and executive director of administration, positions

The position will report directly to Goldman and serve as the top financial officer for the campus, Rice said.

Poshard said some of the duties he held in the position included plant service operations, fall security operations, financial operations and all purchasing decisions.

"It's an incredible task and I was trying to do some of that but I couldn't," Goldman said. "I need somebody to carry that ball and that is what this position is all about."

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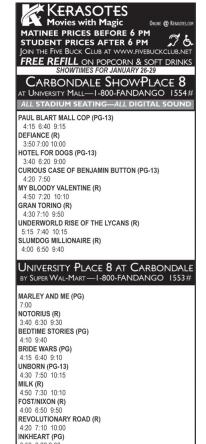
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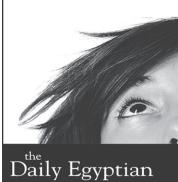
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Goldman said Bame is a potential candidate for the position, but the committee charged with the appointment has not met to discuss other candidates.

Poshard said the job was cut in 2003 because of a lack of state funding.

Rice said having one person in charge of all financial aspects of the campus would change it for the better.

"The university community will see a difference," Rice said. "Those of us who are in Anthony Hall will feel the difference. It will give us one person to talk to about various issues."

According to the position announcement, the job will be

responsible for accounting services, human resources and payroll, information technology, plant and services operations, bursar, labor and employee relations, event services, Center for Environmental Health and Safety, public safety and purchasing and accounts payable.

Brian Feldt contributed to this report.

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"It is roughly analogous to what we were down in the fall," Valle said.

Fall enrollment was down 310 students from the previous year's 20,983.

While the on-campus freshman and sophomore classes are up 226 students, the on-campus junior and senior classes have decreased 423 students from last spring.

University spokesman Rod Sievers said the drop in upperclassmen is most likely due to a drop in transfer students.

"After two years of community college, a lot of students elect to stay for a third year," Sievers said.

He said the economy might keep some community college students from continuing

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their educations at a four-year university.

Sievers said the university has improved its recruitment and financial aid programs in order to increase enrollment, but changes would not be seen over night.

Valle said communicating with students on a more personal level is something else the university is doing to boost the declining number.

"The possibility for personalization in our messages will be increased, so that students will be able to identify their interests and be recruited based on those personal interests and preferences," Valle said.

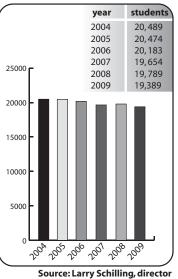
In an attempt to address the transfer student problem, Sievers said the university has opened seven system service centers at several community colleges in the region.

"(The centers) help them identify financial aid opportunities and classes that students will need to take, so they can ensure a more seamless transition from community college to a four-year institution," Sievers said.

Some students, such as Kenneth Gordon, a junior from Freeburg studying marketing, said enrollment could be decreasing because of the university's location.

"Illinois isn't really a state that out-of-state people come to," Gordon said. "And yet we have to compete with all the state schools up north. It's a big draw to get someone to come all the way from Chicago to down here."

Total spring enrollment since 2004



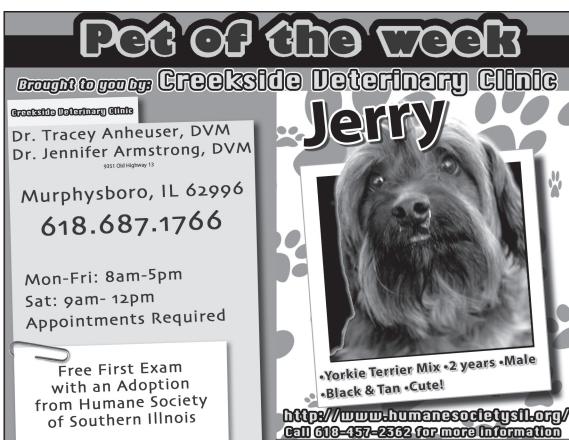
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Officials work to attract Iraqi students

SIUC one of 20 universities to participate in program

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University officials are hoping to see an increase in international student enrollment from one country in particular.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, and John Jackson, a visiting professor at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, returned Thursday from a recruiting trip to Iraq as part of a new educational initiative.

Dietz said SIUC was invited to take part in the Iraq Education Initiative, which aims to provide full scholarships for up to 10,000 Iraqi high school graduates to study abroad for five years.

Dietz said SIUC was one of 20 universities invited to participate.

The executive director of the initiative, Zuhair A.G. Humadi, is an SIUC graduate and a personal friend, Jackson said. Humadi is also a senior adviser to Iraq's vice president.

"The entire program was designed, conceived by and being run by an SIU graduate," Jackson said. "He's a former student of mine who has been a friend of mine for many, many years."

Dietz said the program carries the potential to educate tens of thousands of Iraqi students in western universities. The initial goal, he said, is to have 500 Iraqi students enter various universities in the United States this fall. SIUC received 76 inquiries, Dietz said, and the task now is getting back to the students who expressed interest.

Dietz said the university needs to address immigration and admission issues before welcoming those students who were interested in coming to SIUC.

Carla Coppi, interim director of International Programs and Services, said SIUC has roughly 1,500 international students, two of whom are from Iraq. Though there are only 13 full-time staff members, Coppi said the office is eager to attract more international students.

"Of course we want to increase international enrollment, but (this) is from a part of the world where we have not seen many international students over the last 20 years," Coppi said.

Jackson said one interesting experience in



PROVIDED PHOTO

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, right and John Jackson, visiting professor at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, left, stand together at the ceremony launching the Iraq Education Initiative in Baghdad. The initiative aims to provide full scholarships for up to 10,000 Iraqi high school graduates to study abroad.

Iraq was time spent with the first international graduate of SIUC, Saad Jabr, a native of Iraq who graduated in 1951. Jackson said Jabr and

Humadi are close friends who have worked hard to retain a strong connection with the university.

"We went out to his house one evening and

met with him and visited with him and had a great time talking about his days at SIU," Jackson said.

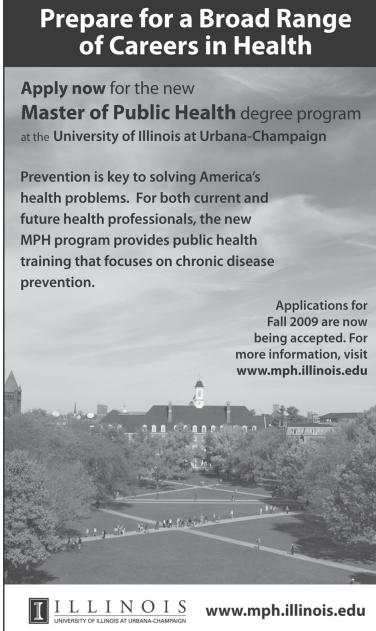
Dietz said Iraqi students spoke about hope for the future instead of the oppression of the past. The students talked about how they wanted to better themselves and their positions in life, as well as give back and help rebuild Iraq, he said.

"It was all about hope, opportunity and the future," Dietz said.

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— John Jackson visiting professor at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute









Job-killing recession racks up layoffs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The recession is killing jobs at an alarming pace, with tens of thousands of new layoffs announced Monday by some of the biggest names in American business — Pfizer, Caterpillar and Home

More pink slips, pay freezes and other hits are expected to slam workers in the months ahead as companies desperately look for ways

'We're just seeing the tip of the iceberg the big firms," said Rebecca Braeu, economist at John Hancock Financial Services. "There's certainly other firms beneath them that will lay off workers as quickly or even quicker.'

Looking ahead, economists predicted a net loss of at least 2 million jobs — possibly more — this year, even if President Barack Obama's \$825 billion package of increased government spending and tax cuts is enacted. Last year, the economy lost a net 2.6 million jobs, the most since 1945, though the labor force has grown significantly since then.

The unemployment rate, now at a 16-year high of 7.2 percent, could hit 10 percent or higher later this year or early next year, under some analysts' projections.

Obama called on Congress Monday to speedily enact his recovery plan, warning that the nation can't afford "distractions" or

With the recession expected to drag on through much of this year, more damage will be inflicted on both companies and workers.

The mounting toll was visible Monday as roughly 40,000 more U.S. workers got the

Pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc., which is buying rival drugmaker Wyeth in a \$68 billion deal, and Sprint Nextel Corp., the country's third-largest wireless provider, said they each will slash 8,000 jobs.

Home Depot Inc., the biggest home improvement retailer in the U.S., will get rid of 7,000 jobs, and General Motors Corp. said it will cut 2,000 jobs at plants in Michigan and Ohio because of slow sales.

"We are seeing no improvement in labor market conditions," said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets

Economics. "This year could be as bad as last year in terms of layoffs."

In response to deteriorating business conditions, Caterpillar Inc., the world's largest maker of mining and construction equipment, disclosed nearly 20,000 job cuts, most of which already have been made. They include 5,000 new layoffs of white collar workers, which will occur globally by the end of March.

Earlier actions included the elimination of 2,500 Caterpillar workers through a buyout offer announced in December, the termination of about 8,000 contract and temp agency workers, and the reduction of 4,000 full-time factory workers through firings and buyouts.

Texas Instruments Inc., which makes chips for cell phones and other gadgets, will cut 3,400 jobs due to slumping demand. The Dallas-based company said Monday it will slash 12 percent of its work force — 1,800 jobs through layoffs and another 1,600 through voluntary retirements and departures. And Brooks Automation Inc. said it plans to get rid of 350 jobs, or 20 percent of its work force It will be the second round of cuts for Brooks, which makes software and equipment for chip manufacturers.

Oilfield services provider Halliburton Co. said it will eliminate jobs in markets particularly hard hit by the recession, though it didn't provide details. Its larger rival Schlumberger Ltd. said last week it will cut up to 5,000 jobs worldwide in the first half of 2009 and consider further reductions this spring.

The flurry of layoffs comes on the heels of similar action by big-name companies just last

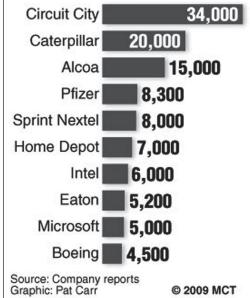
Microsoft Corp. said it will slash up to 5,000 jobs over the next 18 months. Intel Corp. said it will cut up to 6,000 manufacturing jobs. And United Airlines parent UAL Corp. said it would get rid of 1,000 jobs, on top of 1,500 axed late last year.

And there's no end in sight. In a survey by the National Association for Business Economics, 39 percent of forecasters predicted job reductions through attrition or "significant" layoffs over the next six months, up from 32 percent in the previous survey in October. Around 45 percent in the current survey anticipated no change in hiring plans. About 17 percent thought hiring

A new report by the placement firm Challenger,

Downsized

The number of U.S. companies saying they will cut jobs is growing. Firms that have announced the highest number of layoffs so far this year:



Gray & Christmas found that companies are often turning to a creative combination of measures to cut costs — beyond layoffs. Those measures include pay freezes or reductions, forced vacations, travel cutbacks and the elimination of year-end bonuses.

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"Many companies cannot cut their payrolls as deeply as they have in previous downturns, simply because they did not do as much hiring during the most recent expansion," said John Challenger, president of the firm. "As a result, they are forced to find alternative ways to keep costs down."

Not all the economic news was as grim Monday. Sales of previously owned homes and a separate barometer of economic activity each logged unexpected gains in December. But economists didn't view them as signs of improvement.

"Keep the party hats in boxes and the Champagne in the cellar," said Bernard Baumohl, chief global economist at the Economic Outlook

Iraqi prime minister expects faster U.S. withdrawal

Robert H. Reid THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister said Monday he believes the United States will withdraw its troops more quickly than the three-year timeline set down in a U.S.-Iraq security agreement. The United States, meanwhile, suffered its biggest single loss of life in months when two helicopters crashed, killing four service members.

An agreement negotiated under former President George W. Bush's administration called for U.S. combat troops to withdraw from Baghdad and other cities by the end of June, with all American forces out of the country by the end of 2011.

President Barack Obama campaigned on a promise to remove all combat troops within 16 months and has asked the Pentagon to plan for "a responsible military drawdown from

Iraq."
With planning under way, Prime cal rally south of Baghdad that he believes the end of the U.S. mission "will be brought forward" and that Iraq must bolster its own forces to meet the challenge after the Americans leave.

The Shiite-led government pushed for a faster U.S. pullout during last year's negotiations on the security agreement, overcoming longtime Bush administration opposition to a fixed withdrawal schedule.

Al-Maliki has been campaigning actively on behalf of his allies for next weekend's provincial elections, promoting his image as the leader who restored stability and ended what many Iraqis see as a U.S. military occupation.

At the same time, however, U.S. officials in Iraq have cautioned that a hasty departure of the 142,000 U.S. troops could reverse the decline in violence and undermine Iraq's efforts to establish a stable government.

"I think the spirit of compromise, of accommodation, of focus on institutional development — all of that would run the risk of getting set aside" with a hasty withdrawal, outgoing U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker warned last week.

U.S. commanders are carefully watching Saturday's elections for members of provincial councils as an indicator of whether Iraqi factions are willing to resolve their differences politically instead of on the battle-

Violence is down sharply since last vear after a U.S.-Iraqi offensive broke the power of Shiite militias and after many Sunni gunmen abandoned the insurgency. U.S. military death tolls have fallen to a fraction of levels seen at the height of the war.

A U.S. military statement said the two helicopters crashed about 2:15 a.m. in northern Iraq but did not specify where or say whether they collided. The statement said the crash did not appear to be a result of hostile fire.

Iceland's government topples amid financial mess

David Stringer

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

REYKJAVIK—Iceland's coalition government collapsed on Monday after an unprecedented wave of public dissent, plunging the island nation into political turmoil as it seeks to rebuild an economy shattered by the global financial cri-

Prime Minister Geir Haarde resigned and disbanded the government he's led since 2006. Haarde was unwilling to meet the demands of his coalition partner, the Social Democratic Alliance Party, which insisted on choosing a new prime minister in exchange for keeping the coalition intact.

"I really regret that we could not continue with this coalition, I believe that that would have been the best result," Haarde told reporters.

Iceland has been mired in crisis since October, when the country's banks collapsed under the weight of debts amassed during years of rapid expansion.

Thousands of angry citizens have joined noisy protests against

the government's handling of the economy, clattering pots and kitchen utensils in what commentators some called the "Saucepan Revolution.

The value of the country's krona currency has plummeted, hitting many Icelanders who took out special loans denoted in foreign currencies for new homes and cars during the boom years. In

addition, Iceland must repay billions of dollars to Europeans who held accounts with subsidiaries of collapsed Icelandic banks.

Haarde's government has

nationalized banks and negotiated about \$10 billion in bailout loans from the International Monetary Fund and individual countries.

Haarde — a fiscal conser-

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Iceland's Prime Minister

ployment and rising prices. Though largely peaceful, the protests have seen Reykjavik's tiny parliament building doused in paint

Icelanders upset at soaring unem-

and eggs hurled at Haarde's limousine. Last Thursday, police used tear gas to quell a protest for the first time since 1949. Haarde said last week that he

wouldnot lead his Independence Party into the new elections because he plans to seek treatment in the Netherlands for his cancer.

Following discussions with Haarde, Iceland's figurehead President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson said he would hold talks with Iceland's four other main political parties late Monday before asking one of the organizations to form an interim government.

On Tuesday, he is likely to ask Foreign Minister Ingibjorg Gisladottir, head of the Social Democratic Alliance, to govern with smaller opposition parties until new elections are held. Gisladottir said she wouldn't agree to take part in a national government composed of all five major political parties.

New York

U.S. administration will engage in 'direct diplomacy' with Iran

UNITED NATIONS — President Barack Obama's administration will engage in "direct diplomacy" with Iran, the newly installed U.S. ambassador to the United Nations said Monday. Not since before the 1979 Iranian revolution are U.S. officials believed to have conducted wideranging direct diplomacy with Iranian officials. But U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice warned that Iran must meet U.N. Security Council demands to suspend uranium enrichment before any talks on its

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result.

Struggling automakers to face billions in produce greener cars

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama wants automakers to make greener cars at a time when General Motors and Chrysler are hanging by the thread of a massive government loan and auto sales have plummeted to their lowest levels in more than two decades. Obama's plans could bring smaller cars, more hybrids and advanced fuel-saving technologies to showrooms, but car shoppers will probably pay more upfront because the new rules are expected to cost the hamstrung industry billions of dollars.

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Prosecutor opens Illinois impeachment trial

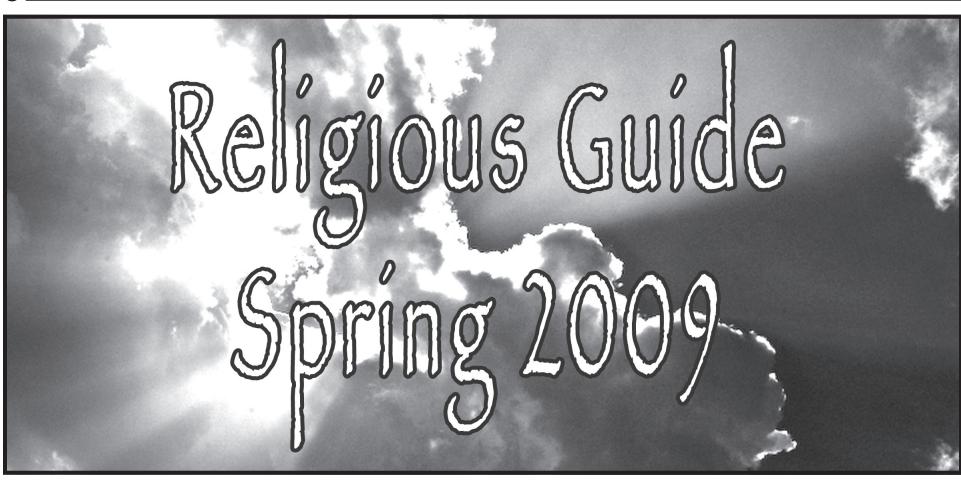
SPRINGFIELD — The prosecutor in the impeachment trial of Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich says his goal is not to punish the governor. Instead, David Ellis says the goal of impeachment is to protect citizens from someone who has "repeatedly and utterly abused the powers of his office."Ellis was picked by the Illinois House to present the case in a Senate trial. Senators will decide whether to convict the governor and remove him from office. In his opening statement Monday, Ellis said he won't try to prove Blagojevich committed a crime because it isn't a criminal trial.

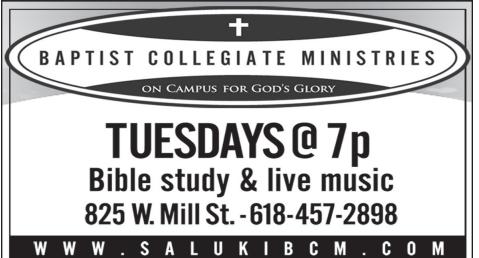
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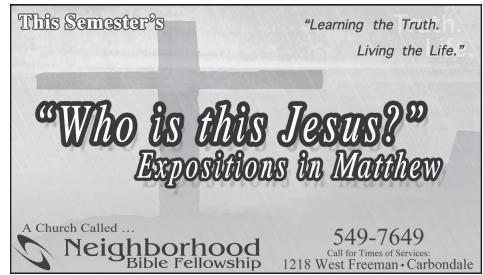
Former Guantanamo prisoners in al-Qaida shows risk of release

SAN JUAN— The re-emergence of two former Guantanamo Bay prisoners as al-Qaida terrorists in the past week won't likely change U.S. policy on transfers to Saudi Arabia, the Pentagon said Monday.

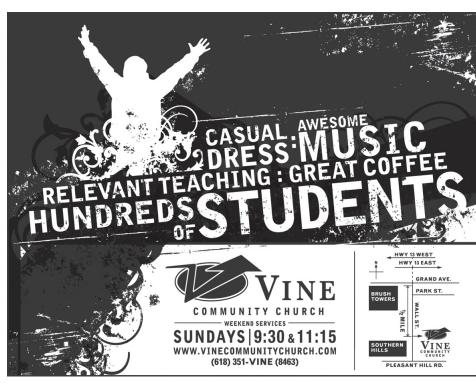
More than 100 Saudis have been repatriated from the U.S. military's prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to Saudi Arabia, where the government puts them through a rehabilitation programdesigned to encourage them to abandon Islamic extremism and reintegrate into civilian life.

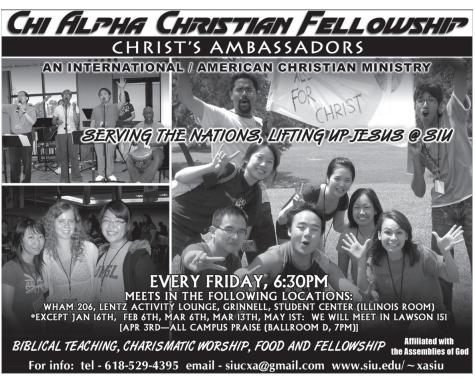














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QUOTE OF THE DAY

watching from the treadmill, I probably would have fallen off the treadmill.

Oprah Winfrey

upon hearing that Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich considered appointing her to Barack Obama's vacan U.S. Senate seat.

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Our Word

The beginning of a beautiful friendship

The university's four unions have banded together to negotiate changes to the draft of the sexual harassment policy.

The Association of Civil Service Employees, Faculty Association, Graduate Assistants United and the Non-Tenure Track Faculty Association are meeting with representatives from the SIU Board of Trustees 10 times to debate a policy that affects every person who attends or works for this university.

By sitting down together to discuss changes and suggestions, the groups can expedite the process, clarifying discrepancies in real time without waiting for other groups to meet and for moderators to explain complicated points.

The Daily Egyptian hopes that, by meeting collectively and often, the groups keep their April deadline, giving the Board of Trustees the opportunity to vote on the policy when all the university constituents are in town and avoid making shady decisions when SIUC is conveniently empty during the

Transparency is of foremost importance. Secrecy can only bring a worse stigma to an issue that has already tarnished SIUC's image.

Jim Clark, a representative of the Illinois Education Association, has served as moderator for all SIUC unions since 1997.

JAY ROLLINS | DAILY EGYPTIAN

He called these meetings unprecedented.

The Daily Egyptian hopes this will be the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

In all of his years here, he has never seen the unions band together this way, except for collective bargaining agreements.

AP STYLE

With great hope comes great responsibility



In arguably the most quoted line of Barack Obama's inaugural speech, he mentioned a word that never fails to make children groan.

"What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility," he said, eloquently paraphrasing the same thing my mother said to me before we got a puppy.

Americans, not unlike my 7-yearold self, clamor that we can do it; we can be trusted with certain duties; we want and deserve the fruits of these labors.

But responsibility looks like one thing when you're gazing into big, watery cocker spaniel eyes and quite another when you are staring down the "special present" Sparky just left on the carpet. For all of us, the call of our new president means something different, but for none of us does it mean something easy.

For journalists, it means we must put aside our personal hope in favor of the scrutiny that some members of the media sacrificed in their coverage of the Bush administration's actions after Sept. 11.

Award-winning reporter and media critic Kristina Borjesson authored a book called "Feet to the Fire" in which she interviewed 21 influential journalists to break down media shortcomings in the lead-up to the war in Iraq. The problem, Borjesson said, has a lot to do with a prevailing failure to question power.

"There's this virtual reality that's created by speeches and statements. If there's nothing there to counter it, it becomes the (public's) perception. And everybody acts on the percep-

tion. Whether it's real or not, it's now treated as real, so it becomes real," she said in a 2006 interview.

Perhaps those journalists did not ask hard questions, enough questions or the right questions. Perhaps some of them were asking, but people did not want to listen to the answers.

Either way, it cannot happen again.

There is an undeniable current of emotion surrounding Barack Obama. One need only watch the footage of his inauguration, the 2 million people stretched out for miles in the freezing cold to chant his name, to understand the enormous hope attached to this president.

But even as we are hopeful, we must be vigilant. We must cover Obama's plans and policies as fairly, with as much scrutiny, as we might have wished the media of six, seven, eight years ago had possessed. In its own way, this is the journalism

of true patriots: a journalism that is not hopeful, not blinded by its joy or tripping over itself to capture the obvious historical significance of this moment. We need a journalism that is curious, tenacious, enterprising, innovative and always objective.

Nothing in life is perfect, and journalism is a perfect mirror of life. We will not always get it right. There will always be networks and newspapers with a known conservative or liberal bias. But the fundamental basis of solid reporting cannot be spun and must not be allowed to disappear.

We would cheapen the accomplishments of this president if we did not question him. And we would undervalue our worth as Americans, as people, if we did not remember we deserve answers to those questions — even the ones we personally might rather not ask.

Petty is a senior studying journalism.

WEEKLY WENGER

Give when it hurts



The economic crisis is causing cutbacks everywhere. From personal budgets to state funding for education, people are trying to spend less. Hard times bring hard choices.

Last week, President Barack Obama announced another giant stimulus plan. He promised the money would be used to create jobs and the spending would be closely monitored and the information available to the public.

The plan is facing some heavy backlash, especially from people saying it won't work. Doomsday predictions of a stock market falling like an anvil, unemployment shooting up to double digits and property values being cut in half abound. Admittedly, spending money to save money is, for the most part, a bad idea.

However, a recent letter from Bill Gates posted on his foundation's Web site makes a strong point for spending when it is hard. During the last year, the Gates Foundation, the largest charitable organization in the country, lost gobs of money when its assets decreased by 20 percent.

Despite the heavy loss, Gates pledged to increase the foundation's spending from \$3.3 billion to \$3.8 billion. He reasoned that the long-term benefit from the work done with the money would be worth it.

"Although spending at this level will reduce the assets more quickly, the goal of our foundation is to make investments whose payback to society is very high rather than to pay out the minimum to make the endowment last as long as possible," Gates wrote.

In many ways, the stimulus plan is the same; while spending now is hard and in many ways idiotic, it is the long-run effects that are important. Just as Gates points out, sometimes the payback to society is of higher worth.

Many believe if a bank or business is failing, it should be left to die. The absence of such establishments will give way to opportunities for others to rise up. Perhaps on a micro or individual level this is true. No one wants the coach to keep the armless goalie on the soccer team.

But what the nation faces is not at all micro or individual. It involves millions of people. It involves the failure of multiple institutions, not just one or two. Allowing so much in our economy to fail would be more akin to letting most of an army starve and then expecting the soldiers to fight a war.

Gates has chosen to spend now when times are the hardest because he views what his foundation does as too important to stop. Obama is also choosing to spend because he views the creation of jobs and the stabilization of the economy as too important to sit idle.

In other circumstances, if the lion of a depression were not stalking in the grass, this idea would be ridiculous. But as stated before, hard times bring hard choices.

Sometimes a bad decision is better than inaction.

Wenger is a senior studying journalism and Spanish.

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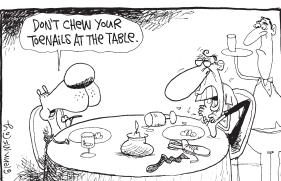


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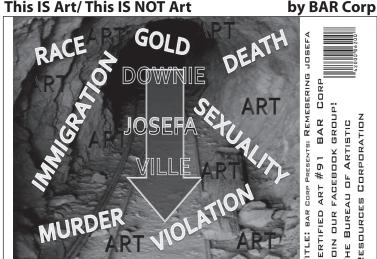
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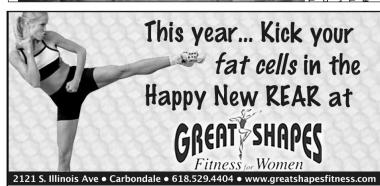
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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — You're in a very dreamy mood this year, which is perfectly fine. If you're going to make something of this amazing condition, however, learn how to take good notes immediately upon awakening.

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 — Join with a group who share your values. Tasks that are way too hard for one or two people to do are achievable when you play as a team. Get yourselves organized.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — **Today is a 6** — Something impossible happens, much to your surprise. How could this be? Well, perhaps the method is one you should consider. Affirmations and prayer both work.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Don't believe what somebody said or what you used to think. Trust your intuition instead, regarding your next achievements. Go for what turns you on.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — It's possible for you to reach at

least one of your goals today. If you're not there yet, give yourself credit for what you've done. Then get back to work.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is

a 7 — You could be watching a star being born. Provide encouragement. This person has cheered you on in the past. Return the compliment

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Don't take off completely into your fantasy world. Keep at least one foot on the ground. Others want you to share your brilliant insights with them.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Follow through with yesterday's plans. If you don't have any, make some

up and then follow through with them. Catch this magic moment. Finish what you've started. Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today

is a 5 — This is another good day to stay

in bed, snuggled up cozy and warm. If

you have a cold, there's your excuse. If you

don't, you're preventing one. Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -Today is an 8 — Don't be surprised if you have a life-changing experience soon. You might realize something you believed simply isn't true. Or something

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -Today is an 8 — Follow through with what you said you'd do, even if it costs vou more than expected. It's very important now to let people know you can be

you thought would never happen does.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — All of a sudden you understand God as a scientist. With the data you've accumulated, everything makes sense. If this doesn't happen right away, keep studying.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — It seems like a miracle, but it's really simple. Somebody else is doing something for you that you don't know how to do. Be appreciative, but don't faint.

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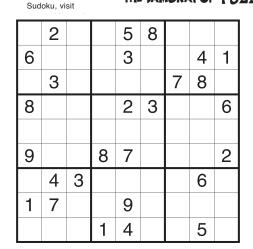
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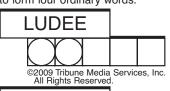
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Junior transfer comfortable in new role

Scott Mieszala

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Karlee Myers made a big jump to the SIU women's basketball team from community college in California, and her performance has come a long way since the start of the season.

Myers, a junior forward, was signed late in the recruiting season last spring, and as the season progressed her role and production have increased. She had a season-high 11 shot attempts Saturday at Illinois State, and her season-high in points with 12 came Jan. 17 against Drake, an overtime loss that stands as the closest the Salukis have come to a win during their eight-game losing streak.

"Karlee is a spark plug. She gets it, and I've been looking for somebody off the bench, and she's it," head coach Dana Eikenberg said. "She's so accepting of her role and she's kind of the kid that you look at and if you're picking sides, she gets picked last, but she's the one who's going to kill you."

Myers hails from Chico, Calif., and before coming to SIU (4-12, 0-7 MVC) she played for College of the Siskiyous, which is a community college in Weed, Calif.

The difference between SIU and College of the Siskiyous is sizeable, Myers said.

"Basketball is your job here," Myers said. "There's a lot more time put into it because it's a whole different level, but it's been a fun experience — definitely a difficult one, but it's been a good transition."

During the first eight games of the season, Myers

played 12 minutes per game, shot 1-for-6 from the field, and totaled eight points and nine rebounds.

Over the next five games, Myers' minutes per game increased to 17.4 and she shot 7-of-14 with 4.2 points per game and 3.4 rebounds per game.

She has seen the floor the most in the last three games with 25.3 minutes per game on 8of-24 shooting and 8.7 points per game.

Myers also had some key buckets in the overtime loss to Drake, including a driving layup in the second half that knotted the score at 55-55, which happened to be the first tie score in the game since it was 11-11.

The 3-pointer she hit in that game had been the fourth attempt she had tried all season, but shooting beyond the arc is something Eikenberg said she plans to put Myers in position to do more.

Myers said she had to improve her strength, conditioning, rebounding and defense when she joined the Salukis, and Eikenberg said Myers has come along well.

"Quickness and strength and the speed of the game are things she continues to adapt to. She has a unique knack around the rim to make some shots that most people don't anticipate her making," Eikenberg said.

Myers said she was willing to accept whatever role she was given and continues to gain more confidence as she adapts to the higher level of competition.

"I never thought I'd play Division I, so I knew I was going to have a role on the team," Myers said. "And so I just had been talking to them and they told me my role and I've just been accepted. I want to be there for my team and everyone has to understand their roles to be a team."



Saluki forward Karlee Myers moves the ball downcourt during SIU's 75-51 loss to Illinois State University Saturday at the Redbird Arena in Normal.

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Saluki Insider

New Orleans Saints linebacker Dan Morgan announced Monday he plans to return to the gridiron after a series of injuries forced him to retire. What is the all-time most impressive comeback from an athlete?



smcgahan @siu.edu Alonzo Mourning's dramatic return from kidney surgery made me a fan of the tenacious defender. He seemed like a different player after the comeback — and not in a bad way. It seemed like he valued his time even more and was really able to embrace the team concept as he helped the Miami Heat to a championship.

Michael Jordan's comeback in Game 5 of the 1998 NBA Finals is one of the most improbable I have ever seen. Stricken with a case of food poisoning, Jordan dropped 38 points as he battled a tough Utah Jazz defense, a raucous crowd on the road and, apparently, a bad meal.





The execs in Boston said Roger Clemens' career was almost over when he left, and he bounced back and won three more Cy Youngs over 11 seasons. Wait; does the fact that he most likely juiced tarnish the comeback? Yeah, that's probably no good. Well, my Nos. 1 and 2 are Josh Hamilton's comeback from drug addiction to do what he did last year, and Kobe Bryant's public image's comeback after the thing in Colorado and what Phil Jackson wrote about him in his book.

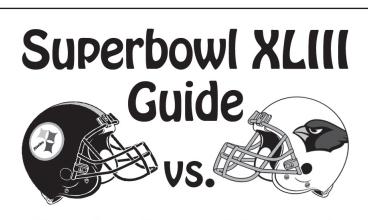
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Illinois State head coach Tim Jankovich said the team benefitted from a rare cold-shooting performance from SIU. "I thought they had some pretty good looks. I thought we had a little good fortune," Jankovich said. "I don't like to live on good fortune. I'd rather live with a hand in the face. Overall, we did a good job of (defending the 3-point shot)."





Coming later this week





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ONLINE, siuDE.com: Check out the SIU track and field team's results from its recent meet at the University of Illinois.

TUESDAY

Men's Tennis

Dawgs earn two titles, No. 2 preseason ranking

West, Leonenko win flights

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The SIU men's tennis team is learning that good performances will lead to great expectations.

The Salukis were selected to finish in second place in the Missouri Valley Conference, but head coach Dann Nelson said it would not mean anything until the team hits the court.

"It's nice to get a little recognition from the other teams and coaches," Nelson said. "We know we can play with anybody in the conference, but it means nothing. Preseason polls just don't matter at all."

The second place projection is the team's highest since being selected to finish second

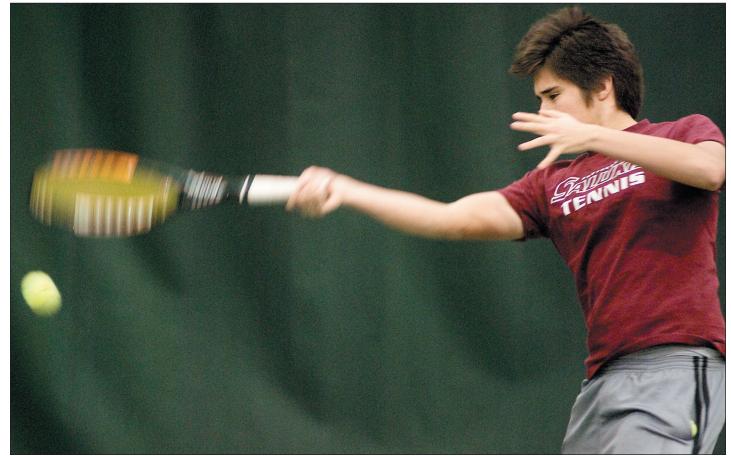
The announcement comes two days after the team captured two individual titles at the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Tournament Sunday in Des Moines, Iowa.

Freshman Eric West captured the Flight 3 singles title by defeating Illinois State's Skip Span in straight sets, 7-6, 6-3. The tournament marked West's and the team's first action since the International Tennis Association's Central Regional tournament.

West earned a semifinal bid in the consolation round before bowing out to Maor Aumueller of Nebraska, who eventually won the flight's championship.

Junior Anton Leonenko took home the other individual title by knocking off Drake's Richard Lau, 7-6, 6-3, 6-2.





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Sophomore Sebastian Rubiano hits the ball during practice Jan. 20 in the Sports Blast. Rubiano won the consolation round in the Flight 6 Singles last weekend at the MVC Individual Championships in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Salukis' success was not limited to singles action.

West and Leonenko teamed in Flight 1 doubles play and earned a trip to the quarterfinals before falling to Illinois State's top doubles team. In Flight 2 doubles, Sebastian Rubiano and Hugo Vidal teamed for a Dann Nelson quarterfinal appearance of their own before SIU head coach being defeated by Drake.

Nelson said he has high expectations of a team that returns five players who were new to the team last season and have adapted to their roles early this season.

"They have grown and they have matured," Nelson said. "They are learning a lot more about what to do in certain situations on the tennis court and what not to do."

The emergence of West and the return

of senior Felipe Villasenor, who captured the Flight 4 singles title in the consolation bracket, could turn SIU into a conference title contender.

Nelson said if all goes right, the Salukis could be a force in the Valley.

"We have a really good core group, so it seems that we have a lot of the ingredients to make a good run this season."

Men's Basketball



Shooting slump stalls Salukis

Missed 3-pointers a rarity for SIU

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Down by six points with 20 seconds remaining in the game, Cariton Fay eyed an open 3-point attempt that would have cut Illinois State's lead in half to give SIU a glimmer of hope in the game's waning moments.

Fay misfired and the ball fell into the hands of Champ Oguchi, all but ending the Salukis' chance for a road victory Saturday

While missing from beyond the arc was a common occurrence in the SIU men's basketball team's 70-63 loss at Illinois State — the Salukis shot 3-for-15 from downtown — the continuous clanking of outside shots has been a rarity this season.

"It's not a situation where we took bad threes; we took very good threes down the stretch," SIU head coach Chris Lowery said after the loss

The Salukis rank ninth among Division I teams in 3-point shooting percentage at 39.9 percent and have ranked as high as sixth in the nation. However, the team has struggled with its long-range shooting in the last game and a half.

After shooting 5-for-11 (45.5 percent) from the 3-point line in the first half of its 58-47 win against Indiana State on Wednesday, the Salukis shot 2-for-7 (28.6 percent) in the second half but held on for an 11-point

The team was not as fortunate in its sevenpoint loss against Illinois State on Saturday.

The Salukis were unable to connect from long distance when they needed to the most as the team was held without a 3-point field goal for the final 8 minutes, 46 seconds of the game. The inability to hit its outside shots was one of the reasons SIU fell short of its comeback bid

Illinois State guard Lloyd Phillips said the Redbirds' stifling defense was a determining factor in denying SIU several 3-point makes.

'We played real unselfish, played good 'D' and we got a win," Phillips said.

In the offseason, the NCAA moved the 3-point line back one foot to 20 feet 9 inches. And while the numbers have not shifted drastically in either way on a national scale, SIU has found a way to improve its outside

Without a consistent low-post presence, SIU's ability to knock down the outside jumper has kept it competitive in many of its games. Last season, SIU had forward Randal Falker, a presence in the paint that averaged 13 points per game and shot 54.5 percent from the field. The double teams Falker drew did not help the Salukis from beyond the arc though, as they shot 34 percent from the 3point line last season.

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Saluki guard **Kevin Dillard** tries to maintain control of the ball after grabbing a rebound as Redbird guard Emmanuel **Holloway pressures** him during SIU's 70-63 loss to Illinois **State University** Saturday at the **Redbird Arena in** Normal.

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