Kwanzaa rolls into Carbondale

Local children and artists celebrate African holiday with art, stories and song

Gail Melton, an instructor in the Department of Africana Studies, told the audience that Kwanzaa is an African holiday that celebrates the personal sacrifice and hard work of African farmers. Kwanzaa is also based on seven key principles, consisting of umoja (unity), kujichagulia (self-determination), ujamaa (cooperative economics), nia (purposethe future), kuumba (creativity), and imani (faith).

During the celebration, the children sat on the floor, listening to stories and songs. President Eurma C. Hayes and other guests joined in the celebration, and the children were given a chance to express their own ideas through art and crafts. The event was sponsored by the Student Office of African Affairs, the Office of Student Life, and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Kwanzaa is celebrated in the United States by members of the African American community, and it is a time to reflect on the values that are important to African Americans, such as family, community, and culture. The festival is held in the week of December 26th, and it is a time to reflect on the past year and set goals for the future.
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Men ‘dress-up’ to raise money
Twelve men dress in drag to fund music sorority scholarship

CARRIE RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Behind the stage in the Old Baptist Foundation, 12 men prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for a music sorority they believe in.

The guys competed in the first annual Mr. Sigma Alpha Iota Pageant to raise money for a new scholarship, which will be available to incoming members of the sorority. Before the show, the men stood backstage and avoided eye contact until they were invited onto the stage.

“Picture this: a woman with no legs, with a head that has no head. Oh, but that’s just the beginning,” said co-host Justin Davis, a sophomore in recreation and sports administration.

Davis played the part of Christina Abraham, a character from the show “2 Broke Girls.”

The first part of the competition was a costume event. The men dressed as characters from “2 Broke Girls,” each showing off their creativity.

Next was an event to test their knowledge of Broadway and TV shows. The audience had to guess a character from “2 Broke Girls” based on the clue given by the contestant. The contestants were asked to give reasons why they thought it was a good idea to dress up as the character.

One character that was chosen was Jax’s (Kat Dennings) father, Rich. The audience got a good laugh as the contestant dressed as Rich, complete with a fake mustache and glasses.

The final event was a dance-off. The judges were instructed to choose the winner based on how well the contestants performed and how well they were able to keep up with the music.

The audience was on the edge of their seats as they watched the contestants perform. In the end, the winner was宣布ed as the winner of the Mr. Sigma Alpha Iota Pageant.

The money raised will be used to fund a scholarship for an incoming member of the Sigma Alpha Iota sorority.

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New administrative position in Student Affairs is not a solution to enrollment woes

Student Affairs will have a new administrator come Nov. 28. SIUC will have an assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, whose chief responsibility will be admissions and recruitment. The main goal for the new position, as expressed by SIUC administrators, is to increase enrollment. The real question is why is a new administrator needed to do the job current student affairs officials should be doing?

SIUC experienced a significant drop in enrollment this fall, 954 students, or a 4 percent decrease from last year to be exact. Enrollment numbers typically released by day 10 of each semester are not always released on time. Accessing enrollment information is sometimes a burden because some officials either don’t know or cannot provide information. Trying to figure out who exactly does what is also a headache.

These problems may call for a shake-up in the department, but creating another administrative position will not cure the problems that already exist. This is also not the time to add another administrator, along with his/her six-figure salary, with the budget cuts happening and other positions taking shape in the University. A thorough evaluation of problems with enrollment management must be the first task.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN acknowledged earlier in the semester the correction made by Student Affairs concerning the non-waiverable $30 student application fee instituted last fall, which department officials admit played a role in the enrollment drop. A student-waiver was instated this fall. The DAILY EGYPTIAN praised Admissions and Records Director Walker Allen and Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and enrollment management, for fixing this problem. But this again raises concerns with the new position and problems within the department.

It was good that they corrected the waiver problem, however, it should not have been a problem in the first place. Administrators should have foreseen the need for a waiver to help students with financial troubles. Our Word focused less on placing blame and more on acknowledging the creation of solutions. That solution came about through coordination among current officials, not from a new position.

Dietz’s hiring last year, coinciding with the change in title to vice chancellor for Student Affairs and enrollment management, was supposed to result in “increased enrollment” through innovative recruitment and retention efforts. What we have seen thus far in those areas can only be construed as “paralyzing” efforts at best. The new position will take effect nonetheless.

If the department does some serious streamlining and hires a creative applicant, the position may work out. If not, the University will be stuck with additional bureaucracy that can’t be as easily solved as the waiver issue. The new enrollment chief, who or be or she is, had better be ready to work over the long haul.
COLUMNS

Southern Illinois is not worried of anthrax ... get over it

Guest Column

by BURKE SPEAKER

Attention Southern Illinoisans: You don’t have to worry about national or international terrorists to spread anthrax in any of your hidey-holes from the rest of the world. Not that there isn’t a lot of it around. Since anthrax first emerged at a Florida media center and later appearing in the mail to various U.S. Senators and NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw, the attention it has turned to bio-terrorism. There’s no question that in our current world, safety is a concern. But unlike the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s testing for a possible smallpox virus, the Senate seems eager to back off. But it’s that same kind of attention holding our attention to anthrax.

It was Bill Gates if the anthrax outbreak is linked to Osama bin Laden or homogenized terrorist tactics to pull the country into a deeper sense of despair. Either way, it has something for everyone to watch faster than the anthrax. People are placing their mail in the microwave before opening it. Some newspapers have reported people lancing letters they received. The recent news of white powder mysteriously popping up across Southern Illinois and other states in the Midwest and Northwest, Nope, it’s anthrax, or so says the burgeoning number of people and the Department of Public Safety, which is not true. The Department of Homeland Security has made it clear that all anthrax is not real. Sometimes, Southern Illinoisans are suddenly worried of terrorism. Until that time, though, Carbondale wasn’t worried one little bit, even by the Crescent.

The latest Southern Illinois had the retirement office of the County Burger Nook. So the Johnston City report white powder — what he interpreted as positive anthrax — scattered on the mailroom floor. Local police and fire departments provided the retirement room Wednesday, quarantining those who might have handled the stuff. Officials came dressed in biohazard suits and were oxygen masks. Review this paragraph again.

BURGER NOOK: JOHN STONE CITY

Also Wednesday, workers at a Maying plant in Herrin called authorities about a suspicious envelope that had a “jewelry substance” in it. And a month ago, another quantification was imposed on a few rooms in the Wham Education Building, STC, after white powder supposedly turned up on a piece of furniture. At the same time, a Jackson County official told the mail to say powder was on their mailroom case not worthy of the Cops.

Let’s review. Anxieties was mainly targeted in New York and Washington, D.C., not on furniture in Wham or, of all buildings in this expansive nation, the bathroom of anyplace called Burger Nook. The reason? So the mainstream media system news of an anthrax scare for everyone to fear. If small-town America has something to worry about it’s criminal traffic, terrorism. The whole point of terrorism is to instill fear in government or citizens, so their lives are disrupted as they would “keep the peace.” And as shown at least the Southern Illinois, there’s more concern than need.

Disappointingly, now BUC is fueled by the Department of Public Safety and the Center for Environmental Health and Safety; they’re holding workshops today and Tuesday to educate the police and other anthrax concerns and how to re-engage the mail safety. Here’s a suggestion to the BUC: Put OUT THE FLAT and DON’T BE SUCH A NEUROTIC PANST!

So get over it, honest-to-goodness hopeless-nature citizens of Southern Illinois. Don’t worry. You’re not worried of an anthrax outbreak. You’re lucky to have the Cops. And be thankful you’ve got Burger Nook.

Burke is a senior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Heavenly Night Show: The meteorites and me

Guest Column

by MARK LAMBIRD

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The first time I remember starring at the sky was when Haley’s Comet passed in 1986. I know that the comet’s passage was particularly spectacular; it was not even visible to my naked eye. But store more than the comet, I remember being 7-years old and being absolutely fascinated by the stars. So the sky, marveling at the wonders of the heavens since 1966, so I began to watch the Leonid meteor shower I had awaited this shower for 100 years and marveling at the night sky with streaks of blue, green and red. I had awaited this shower with as much anticipation as the millions of people that lifted this weekend to watch “Harry Potter.”

A group of people from the DAILY EGYPTIAN and a few others made the trek over to the Murphyboro to the middle of the Mississippi flood plain, north along Route 3, far away from the lights of the city. We arrived a little after 1:30 a.m. only to find a few in a corn crevice from town to her home. She was 16 and an artist, again a sky, marveling at the wonders of the heavens, and the passage of 86 years old. She could tell the sky, marveling at the wonders of the heavens.

When I went west last night to watch the Leonid meteor shower I couldn’t help but think of my Grandmother Luna, who passed away only 10 years ago. The Leonid meteor shower was the greatest show on earth or in the heavens since 1966, so I began to make my own Grandmother Luna.

Early Sunday morning the day that I had looked 7 years old, recalled. This time the meteor event was the Leonid meteor shower. I remember the night sky with streaks of blue, green and red. I had awaited this shower with as much anticipation as the millions of people that lifted this weekend to watch “Harry Potter.”

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As we turned east onto Route 3, my mind started to wander and the sky began to grow bright with flares of Murphibo and everything my Grandmother Luna had done with me.

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LETTERS

Customers, beware of food terrorism

Dear Editor,

I am writing to bring to your ur­
namentation of a local grocery store, which I call a store. Last Sat­
week I stopped by the 7-11, and bought a small bag of the 7-11, and
made a nit out for myself. Then, I took the next morning, I began to see a
real bad street with dirt and debris. Without knowing what was wrong, I suff ered
down the road. Early that evening, I noticed that the bag in the package on the
top of the 7-11, I thought for a few minutes, but with no anthrax.

Hannah Bae

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Understanding children’s aggression: an important part of education

Dear Editor,

In reference to the nationwide debate on the education is the fact that 3% of aggressions is children and poor school

Satcha Candhe

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Daycare term misused

Dear Editor,

The Child Development Laboratories appreciated the coverage of our visit by the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The daycare program, I have quality early childhood education and base it on the theories of the term “daycare” when referring to our program or so any

Sara Stadnik

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director Child Development Laboratories

The Children’s Development Laboratories
The belly dancer is a Nicaraguan from
New York. Most of the servers are Suriname, Illinois. And only one of the
four owners of the new Middle Eastern restaurant in Carbondale, Dar Salaam, is
Middle Eastern.

But don't mistake the ethnic diversity for a lack of authenticity. The owners are proud of the
efforts they've made to have the Middle East meet middle America in their

"Dar Salaam is a Southern Illinois melding-
guy," said owner Nina Dunavan, a tall
woman with long black hair and a twirling skirt, as she busied herself around the restaur-

In addition to her greeting cards, Jones has also written and illustrated a children's book called "Children of the Rain." The book is a light-hearted tale about a small boy who refuses to tie his shoelaces. Jones writes and illustrates the book herself, and sells it at Dar Salaam to benefit Nicksa Haven, an AIDS relief agency in Africa.

Erica McGowan crafts small picture
frames of Kemetic or Egyptian queens and "Chapeaux par Erica," or "Hats by Erica." She also makes scarves and bath salts.

McGowan said she started mak-
ing the products when she recognized a need for more small gifts related to black and international women.

"I want to touch all nationalities and ethnicities," McGowan said.

Sister Audrie Humphrey and Debra Perry combine their craft-
ing skills to create cloth dolls with painted faces, which they have been making for 15 years.

Humphrey said that when she and Perry opened their nursery, Audry, they were inspired to create a doll line. Humphrey has also written and illustrated a children's book based on Audrey.

"Just the way she laughed and the
day she dealt with her problems — I
based her on that spirit of child-
hood," Humphrey said.

In addition to crafts and games, the festival also featured local gospel
ging. Ten-year-old Matthew
Wilson, a member of the Southern Illinois Children's Choir, received
ing applause after he opened the music portion of the festival by
singing "Sanctuary.""It makes you feel that God is

"Crafts start with the reading of a story, motion of
dance, and music and dialogue with
other people. Artists have a chance to express them-
selves in a variety of ways,"

Deborah Perry
event coordinator, Undergraduate Admis-
sions
When audience members made comments, Harvey Welch, a former vice chancellor for Student Affairs at SIUC, spoke briefly about the need for students to be friendly with their peers from different countries.

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Cemetery

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Mohammed, prayer, charity and pilgrimage to Mecca, situated in Saudi Arabia.

While the adults refrain from food and drink, children learn to gradually accommodate to the practices of the faith. Hence, children must fast during the day.

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Ancient Japanese art of Raku taught at Student Center

Story by Jarrett O. Haag

Angela Defore slipped into an old brown flannel shirt and a pair of leather gloves to shield her skin from the glowing heat of her Raku creations that rested on the kiln’s shelves.

Defore, an undecided junior from Joliet, was one of eight people learning about the ancient Japanese art of Raku. With a pair of metal tongs in hand, she was ready to remove the 1,700 degree dishes from the shelves. She said she has done some metal work so the firing process was not new to her, but she had never worked with clay.

“This is different and new and I thought let’s try it,” Defore said. “I had never done the wheel before, it was kind of tricky at first.”

Greg Cochenet, a graduate student in ceramics, teaches Raku in the Student Center Craft Shop. According to Cochenet, the word Raku means enjoyment.

Raku is a firing process the Japanese invented in the 1600s. It adds colorful and unique finishes to the surface of ceramics.

“There is endless experimentation possibilities in just how you do it and there really is no right way,” Cochenet said.

Before the Raku firing, a glaze is applied to portray the students made in the previous weeks of the class. The glazes, containing various metallic oxides, cause different colors to emerge during firing. The glazes are usually a mixture of clay and flux, which acts as glue and holds the glaze to the pot.

Defore picked the ceramic pots up with the tongs one by one and gently placed them in small metal trash cans used as reduction chambers. The reduction chambers contained a half-inch layer of sawdust and were covered with a layer of twisted newspaper rolled around the edges of the inside of each can.

Smoke poured out the instant the red-hot dishes were placed into the combustible materials. After the reduction chamber was full, none of the pots could touch each other. The lid was placed on the top, sealing the fire within from the oxygen it needed to burn.

A few seconds later, Cochenet opened the lid and leaped back as a fireball belched from the can.

“It helps the atmosphere reduce

Greg Cochenet (far right) shows some of the students in his Raku class various samples of ceramics that have been glazed and fired. Each piece can be coated a different way to produce a unique color effect.

Photos by Steve Jahnke

Nathan Sandberg, a senior in ceramics from Jamestown, NY, steps back as he watches the reduction chamber. The rush of pure oxygen into the closed chamber can cause fire bursts like this one.

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by lighting all the combustibles," Cochene said.

The cracks are penetrated by smoke while the pottery is in the reducing atmosphere causing
the cracks to turn black.

"There's different effects you can do," Cochene said. "You don't normally have to cover your
molding chamber and it just produces different effects.

The smoke from the burnt sawdust and newspaper filtered out of the cans after
removal of the lids. Cochene shielded his face from the smoky smoke as he removed the dish-

es from their reduction chamber.

Some students sprayed their pots with water before they were dipped into a five-gallon buck-
et of water for cooling. The spray also produces a different effect, Cochene said.

Cochene rotated a dish as Aaron Mach sprayed it with water. As he sprayed, a rainbow
of colors formed on the surface of the pot.

"Spray some on the inside," Cochene said, exposing the opening of the dish to Mach's
spray bottle. "That one's got some nice color in it.

Cochene dipped the rest of the pots into the bucket. The class watched with anticipation as he
finished each reduction.

Reni Hill, a senior in physiology from Newton, Mass., said that watching his friends rem-

ove the pots and put them on a mettalic grate.

"Oh look at that," Hill said. "This is so

awesome.

The kiln was set up on the patio on the south side of the Student Center. It consisted of a 55-
gallon drum lined with fire-proof insulation. Independent from the drum were several layers of shelves. The drum had two long handles welded onto each side allowing it to be lifted off, exposing the shelves. The drum sat on top of four layers of fire bricks, which allowed room
for the large propane burner.

Mach, a freshman in mechanical engineer-
ing from Houston, Texas, said he enjoyed the Raku class because it was something new to
him and unusual pottery was so predictable.

"I never tried this before," Mach said. "I thought it was something different.

According to Cochene, Raku is a fun, but those participating should be careful around the

intense heat. He recommends wearing long

sleeved shirts, long pants and shoes, instead of

shorts. He also said women with long hair

should tie it back.

Cochene said those taking the class do not have to be artistic. He said it is a good way to

learn something new and have fun doing it.

"I wouldn't worry at all if you've never touched clay, never touched the potter's wheel," Cochene said. "It's really just a time to have fun and it's a good experience."

Angela Defore, an undecided junior from Joliet, carefully removes pieces of pottery that have just
undergone the Raku firing and is preparing to place them in the reduction chambers. The pieces
can reach temperatures up to 1700 degrees.

Georgetown

Arab student group protests

ROXANNE TINGER

THE HOG (GEORGETOWN U.)

WASHINGTON (U-WIRE) - Young Arab Leadership Alliance protested Israeli check-

points and American involvement in Israel by creating a mock checkpoint, showing their opposition and

distributing informational flyers at a demonstration in Red Square on Tuesday after-

noon.

"Our intention was to center dialogue and create the side of the issue you don't see," YALA executive

board member Kate McDonald said. "You hear about terrorism but you don't hear a lot about occu-

pation. We attempted to educate Americans on their actual involve-

ment in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

YALA members dressed in military fatigues acting as Israeli soldiers

nagged the checkpoint in the Red

Square archway. Students either walked unaffected through the

"Israeli" side of the checkpoint near-

to White Grinnan, or traveled through the "Palestinian" side and

were asked for identification.

YALA members portraying Palestinians dressed in black were

stopped, questioned and verbally harassed, with the mock Israeli

soldiers sometimes imitating physical harm.

The Department of Public Safety arrived on the scene and DPS

Chief William Tucker told YALA leadership to discontinues asking

people to go to one side or another.

Other students and campus organizations said they felt insulted by

the demonstration in light of the recent events and attacks as well.

Jewish Student Association President Adam Gold, who has

served in the Israeli army, said: "The Jewish community in general feels very attacked. The truth is [that] part of being Jewish is being pro-

fended."

"Especially in the months after the Sept. 11 attacks, we feel we

should become closer and more of a community and instead they

[YALA] try to segregate and point fingers at us," Gold said.

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Spring break costs to drop after attacks

We don’t really know what was going on. Then a HazMat van pulled onto the runway. Two police officers got out and escorted a man in a biohazard suit to the plane. They told us a woman had opened a magazine containing a white, powdery substance and reported it to the flight attendant.

Justin Shores
Journal of University Pennsylvania

Dr. Gerald Finizio said the area of exposure was small and people who may have been in Willamette Hall needed to worry about having been exposed.

"The health risk is pretty minimal at this point," Finizio said. The people who may have been exposed — the police, the people in the office, the firefighters — didn’t need to worry.

University officials said there is no threat to the campus community. "So don’t be alarmed," they said. "We’re doing all that we can and things are going well."

Saylor said two student workers were taken to the campus medical office from Curry’s office when the letter arrived, but they were later released. "They were really scared," he said. "We’re making sure they’re okay."
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Three basketball players fouled out in 41-point defeat

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Too many fouls and two rebounds were the SIU bigger downfall as the SIU women's basketball team stumbled to an 0-17-4 loss in its season opener Friday at the University of Nebraska.

Three SIU players fouled out, leaving the Salukis with only six players in the final minutes as SIU lost its eight season opener.

Gershia Woodland, 5-foot-11 senior guard, was fouled out for SIU as the Saluki's instrospect game-by-game 20-point lead was cut to 19-4 30 rebounds.

As a team, SIU was outrebounded by Nebraska 38-40.

The most glaring statistic was the fact that Northeast took 30-72 shots, but Nebraska didn't do much better, shooting 37 percent.

The main difference in the game was that Nebraska scored and didn't change, while the Salukis went up and down on the offensive boards.

The Salukis came out strong in the beginning of the second half, cutting the lead to 31-29 with 13.6 left in the game. However, the Cornhuskers were in charge, finishing out a 17-7 run to make the score 77-60 with 2:40 minutes left.

Woodland fouled out with 5:37 left as Nebraska continued to put on the offensive pressure. Miller and Teague fouled out within 20 seconds of each other as the Cornhuskers' 9-2 run to close out the game.

Targa said play-calling from the Big 12 Conference had a mental effect on the Salukis.

"We came out as a team and I think we were intimidated," Targa said. "We just couldn't do that."

The Salukis still led, 65-62, with 6:52 left in the game.

Woodland picked up his first foul with 6:19 left in the half, the Cornhuskers went on a 23-8 run to finish the half with a 48-36 lead.

Senior guard Holly Teague was overcome by the foul trouble incurred:

"Their fouls on Gershia early in the game killed us," Targa said.

The Salukis, playing without injured guard Molly McDowell, shot 33 percent from the field for the game, but Nebraska didn't do much better, shooting 37 percent.

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"We had a lot of turnovers," Targa said. "Their next greatest is at 7:52 as the AUI Arms when the Salukis took the lead against Saint Louis.

The Billikens opened up a 34-point lead on a possession that saw them get a 7-0 run against SIU. The Billiken's lead was up to 40 points on a 3-0 run.

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Swimmers, divers hold onto third after day two

Northwestern Invite challenges SIU

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The Saluki swimming and diving teams faced tough competition at the Northwestern Invite, which took place Friday through Sunday.

The Saluki men's and women's teams finished the second day in third place.

For the men, the teams finished 295 points behind the Irish (321) and Panthers (334). The Panther men's team finished with 93 points, while the Salukis finished with 154 points.

The men's team's standout performer was Derek Helvey, who placed third in the 100 backstrok after winning the 100 freestyle and 200 free relay. Helvey also earned a spot on the 400 freestyle relay.

The women's team finished third in the 100 butterfly after winning the 200 freestyle relay. They also placed third in the 400 freestyle relay.

SIU's top finishers included senior Menghini and Edoardo Daelli fourth in the 100 breaststroke, and senior Joel Hanger and Devin Aikins placing third in the 400 individual medley.

"We're a more balanced team than we've ever been this year," senior Menghini said. "I also think we're better shooting team than we've been the past few years."

While tonight's game is big for both teams, the Salukis can't allow their enthusiasm to detract from maintaining their morale in the first round of the season.

"We're going to be in trouble," senior Joel Hanger said. "It's his first [Division I] game and it's going to be a tough one."

"We've got to win one of the top two teams on the other side of the pool, likely to be Illinois or Georgia Tech, in the final round."

The opportunity tonight for the Salukis to position themselves favorably for Las Vegas is just too good to pass up, according to coach Bruce Weber.

"Our goal is to play on Saturday night in Las Vegas, and that means either the championship game or the third-place game," Weber said. "We've got to win one of these two games, but that's the one thing we want to do.

"We're in a good position now, and we're going to be in trouble," Weber said. "It's his first [Division I] game and it's going to be a tough one."
Freshmen play beyond their years

Brooks, Hairston emerge to help Saluki basketball win opening over Belmont

JAY SCHWAB
DAILY EDITION

A best-case game from freshman guard Darren Brooks on the offensive end would've left them on the outside looking in.

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All-to-familiar story: Salukis worn down in second half of game

JANE DEU
DAILY EDITION

On paper, the SIU football team's 36-6 loss to No. 12 Western Kentucky appears to have been a blowout.

What that story does not show is how close the Cats came to ending the Hilltoppers' playoff hopes Saturday in Bowling Green, Ky. Western Kentucky (8-3, 2-1 Conference) entered the game needing a victory to keep their playoff hopes alive, as a loss would have left them on the outside looking in.

With that in mind, the Hilltoppers figured to come out full of emotion and looking to make a statement against the fledgling Salukis. However, it was the Salukis who came out with the intensity and held a superior Western Kentucky squad to only nine first-half points. The Salukis outscored Belmont 13-4 to close the half with a 46-39 advantage.

Belmont head coach Rick Byrd's team hung tough with the Salukis despite being outmatched athletically, but said SIU's defensive tenacity in the second half took in toll.

"They got in the passing lanes more, got more pressure on the ball and it affected us," Byrd said. "I think pressure defenses are afraid of offenses even in the year."

The Salukis probably should have put the game away when they were up 62-48 and had a fast break.

The Hilltopper defense gave the Salukis, as SIU only surrendered 182 total defensive yards on the day.

"Kurocin played very hard and to get that against this defensive football team, that's a heck of a dang accomplishment," said coach Jerry Kill on the postgame show. "I think he'd of got the first down and they come back and they score and then when you're down like that, you either try to just keep it close.

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Opportunity knocks for Salukis in St. Louis

Men's basketball to play early season game against Billikens

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DAILY EDITION

SIU's basketball season is only a few days old, but the Salukis have already reached a crucial juncture.

There will be lots at stake when the Salukis meet Saint Louis in a 7:10 p.m. matchup tonight at the Savida Center in St. Louis.

Tonight's game serves as a first-round matchup in the Las Vegas Invitational, an eight-team tournament that SIU will look to Las Vegas to compete in Thursday through Saturday. The tournament began tonight with four games as on-campus sites.

Not only will defeating a Conference USA opponent like Saint Louis on the road provide the Salukis with a nice early season victory, but it would also put the Salukis in excellent shape to earn a chance at either Georgia Tech or the University of Illinois in the final game of the Las Vegas tournament.

SIU's first game in Las Vegas is on Thanksgiving Day matchup with Iowa State. Regardless of how the Salukis do in that one, if SIU can;}