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NOVEMBER 19, 2001

Kwanzaa rolls into Carbondale

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

BETH COLDWELL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Children, teachers, parents, grandparents and friends gathered at the Eurma C. Hayes Center Saturday to celebrate Kwanzaa with a feeling of closeness, spirit, warmth and thanksgiving.

The pre-Kwanzaa festival was sponsored by Sassy Craftin' Sistas, a group of local artists. Deborah Perry, event coordinator for SIUC's Undergraduate Admissions and Sassy Craftin' Sistas member, said the craft festivals used to be held in the members' homes, but they wanted to extend the pre-Kwanzaa celebration to include children and more people in the community. This is when they decided to move the festival to the Eurma C. Hayes Center.

"Crafts start with the reading of a story, motion of music and dialogue with other people," Perry said. "Artists have a chance to express themselves in a variety of ways."

The basis for Kwanzaa is an observance of African harvests. Kwanzaa festivals celebrate the personal sacrifice and hard work of African farmers to achieve the joy, sharing and thanksgiving that comes from gathering fruits, vegetables and nuts.

Kwanzaa is also based on seven key principles, consisting of Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity) and Imani (faith).

During the festival, the children sat on the floor, mesmerized by storytellers Cecile McCarron and Gail Odaniell.

McCarron, a teacher at Lakeland Early



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carl Hughlett sings to people gathered at the pre-Kwanzaa festival at the Eurma C. Hayes Center on Saturday afternoon. Along with Hughlett singing, there was also a story teller, dancing and arts and crafts for the children present.

Childhood Center, read a story about an African boy named Kundi who negotiated with several people in his village to gather wire and other materials to make a galimoto, or toy. After she finished reading the story, McCarron helped the children make their own galimotos.

Odaniell, who tells stories at many elementary schools in the area, recited a traditional African tale of an anansi, or spider. She said it was important for her to choose the best African children's story for the occasion.

"I'm happy now that I have something to add to my list of stories that has more of an African-American theme," Odaniell said.

After Odaniell's story, the children made masks with ribbons and paper plates.

The teachers' aides also tied bright African headbands around the children's heads to wear while they learned Caribbean dancing.

Members of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority assisted the children with the crafts and dancing. President Karen Armour said she felt that the pre-Kwanzaa festival was a worthwhile

service project for the sorority.

"That's the most fun to me, to see [the children] have a ball," Armour said.

While the children were listening to stories, making crafts and learning dances, each Sassy Craftin' Sista displayed one of the key Kwanzaa principles along with her handmade products.

Debra Johnson-Jones, a clinical supervisor

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U.S. students lack grip on foreign affairs, panel says

Simon stresses need for foreign language in school curriculum

BEN BOTKIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

American students need an increased awareness and knowledge about international affairs, according to members in a panel discussion at the Student Center Auditorium on Thursday.

Two discussion panels talked about the necessity for young students to have a knowledge of world affairs and ways to promote interest in foreign countries at an event sponsored by the Public Policy Institute. Audience participation and feedback was a key part of the event, which had a "town hall" style of presentation during the panel discussions.

Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute, will submit ideas for

mulated from the discussion panels to various political and educational groups.

The first panel was comprised primarily of students from SIUC and other universities who have experience traveling in foreign countries such as Japan, Russia, West Africa and China.

The panel was moderated by Jeff Williams, a radio announcer at 91.9 WSIU FM, who said there are 115 foreign countries represented by SIUC's 1,789 international students.

Gaining knowledge about how other countries view international affairs was important, one panel member said.

"Every time I pick up a Russian newspaper, I see the world through a Russian's eyes," said Andrew Meissen, a student from the University of Illinois who has traveled to Russia.

Meissen also added that once students get a taste of international culture, they become permanently interested.

"Once you get started, you get hooked," he said.

The richness of world cultures are an experience that make life more complete, said Christopher Robertson, a philosophy student from Washington University in St. Louis.

As an analogy, he said that Italian food cannot be fully appreciated until it is tasted in Rome.

Saidou Hangadombou, an international student from Niger, Africa, said the media can affect what Americans learn about foreign countries, and pointed out that the media usually does not cover foreign events unless they are disasters.

Simon stressed the need for realistic ways to foster interest in students.

And practical ideas brought up by the audience and panel included student trips abroad, encouraging study abroad programs and additional foreign language requirements for students.

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Ramadan dawns bright with new moon Friday

Holy month brings peace and harmony for Muslim people

JANE HUH
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For Muslims, this time of the month signifies more than a nearing of winter.

Following the age-old lunar calendar, the month of Ramadan began Friday with the new moon. Because it starts with the new moon, the holiday can take place in any season.

The month of Ramadan, or Holy Month, gives people of the Islamic faith an opportunity to reaffirm their faith by abstaining from food, drink, sex and other activities that may hinder an individual's pursuit to righteousness.

"We try to be righteous as much as we can and stay far from anything that may be wrong," said Ebtihal Elshaikh, who is in Carbondale with her husband, and SIUC student from Egypt.

Muslims fast from sunrise to dusk. At sunset, family and friends gather to enjoy a meal together to break the fast.

"It's a good month to make good relationships with others," Elshaikh said.

Ramadan brings a real sense of how the hungry and unfortunate individuals go through in their daily lives, said Munira Sigma, a graduate student in physics from Rajshahi, Bangladesh.

Fasting is one of the main supporters of the five pillars of Islam. The other pillars are believing in Allah and his prophet,

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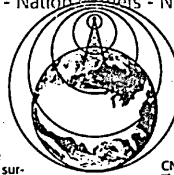



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Who knew Quidditch would be so popular?

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," the hugely anticipated film about a young British wizard, exploded onto the North American box office scene with a record \$93.5 million in sales in three days after its release. The studio estimates make Harry Potter the new record holder for three-day sales, after it surpassed 1997's "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" record of \$72.1 million. The movie, based on the best-selling series by author J.K. Rowling, reportedly cost Warner Bros. \$125 million to produce. "Harry Potter" averaged \$25,467 a theater and played on a record 8,209 screens, nearly one-fourth of the United States' total. Shooting for the Harry Potter sequel has already begun. The weekend is planning to have the sequel in theaters the studio before Thanksgiving next year, and is hoping to do the same with the third movie in 2003.



Navy searches for 2 sailors from sunken oil tanker

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Navy is searching for two missing sailors aboard a sunken ship that is suspected of smuggling Iraqi oil in the Persian Gulf, according to CNN. Three members of the Samra, a merchant ship sailing under a United Arab Emirates flag, were also missing and one was found dead. The ship, sitting low in the water, was spotted early Sunday morning by the USS Peterson, a part of the Operation Northern-Southern Watch missions, keeping an eye on ships sailing in and out of Iraq. Security found 1,700 tons of Iraqi oil on the ship. U.S. officials believe the sinking was not an attack on U.S. personnel aboard the ship, but possibly overloaded or weather-related.



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Taliban offers to surrender Konduz

KONDUZ, Afghanistan — Taliban leaders in Konduz offered to give up control of Konduz to the United Nations. A group of Afghan tribal elders announced in Peshawar, Pakistan, that the Taliban commander of Afghanistan's northern section, Mullah Dadullah, and Konduz governor, Haji Omar Khan, have agreed to surrender. Northern Alliance Gen. Atiqullah Baryalai, leading the fight in Konduz, said about a hundred Taliban fighters have defected. Dadullah and Khan said they are willing to surrender their weapons and all non-Afghan fighters to the United Nations. The two men also support the loya jirga—a traditional council in which the Afghans construct their government.



Three sailors dead in ship explosion

LONDON — Three crew members died after an explosion erupted on a cargo ship off the coast of western Australia Sunday. Four crew members are reported missing. The Australian Coast Guard reported that the ship was headed for the port of Dampier in western Australia. Due to the rough winds, authorities have reduced the search effort. However, a tug boat and vessel continues to search for the four missing members. The cause of the explosion remains unknown. The Australian Transport Safety Board are leaving for Dampier to investigate the explosion.

Police Blotter

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• SIUC Police are investigating a residential burglary that occurred between 2 and 2:45 p.m. Thursday at Schneider Hall. The victim told police \$527 in DVDs were taken from the dorm room. There was no sign of forced entry and police have no suspects in the incident.
• An unidentified suspect threw a water balloon through a window at 11:13 p.m. Thursday at Wright Hall.

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• Francisco Javier Pena Gutierrez, 20, was arrested at 7:30 p.m. Friday and charged with retail theft for allegedly stealing a Sony Walkman from Wal-Mart, 1450 E. Main St.

Calendar

TODAY

SPC Concerts Committee meeting
Mondays, 6 p.m.
Activity Room A-Student Center
SPC TV Committee meeting
Mondays, 6 p.m.
Video Lounge- 4th floor of Student Center
Skydiving Club meeting
Nov. 19, 6 p.m.
Kaskaskia room-Student Center
American Marketing Association general meeting
Nov. 19, 6 p.m.
Italian Village

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Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1247, or faxed to 453-8244. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

Corrections

Friday's article titled "Research Park ropes more cash," should have stated that the Southern Illinois Research Park will ultimately cost \$40 million. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, ext. 252.

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Welcome to

Pet Cemetery

Faithful Friends Pet Cemetery serves as a final resting place for 'man's best friends'

GINNY SKALSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After undergoing open heart surgery, Mary Ann Hagler's doctor ordered bed rest and prescribed a dosage of cuddly companionship for her and her husband, Eugene, who was also ill.

So their daughter researched numerous breeds of dogs before choosing a Chinese pug for the Murphysboro couple, a tan dog with a black mask known for its extroverted personality.

And thus began the Hagler family legacy of Princess Diana Hagler (Nov. 1987 to Oct. 1998).

"She just crawled up into our husband's lap and crawled into our hearts," Mary Ann said.

Princess Diana clung to the Hagler family, becoming more like a daughter than a pet. She accompanied the Haglers on RV trips to all 50 states and watched Mary Ann freshen up each morning, even demanding that her wrinkled face be wiped off too.

So when Princess passed kidney stones and didn't fare well after the surgery, the Haglers knew what they had to do. She was put to sleep, leaving behind a heartbroken family.

The family visited Crain Funeral Home, located on old Route 13 in Murphysboro, and purchased a pet casket for their "little girl" and a plot of land at the home's Faithful Friends Pet Cemetery.

"We felt so much like she was a part of our family for so long," Mary Ann said. "We owed it to her because she gave us so much love and affec-



MARY COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tracy Kaiser, of Carbondale, straightens the flowers on her dog Casey's gravesite at Faithful Friends Pet Cemetery on Old Route 13 Saturday morning. Kaiser adopted Casey in 1988, but said goodbye to her last June when she had to be put to sleep because of cancer.

tion."

Funeral Director Bill Crain established the pet cemetery for families like the Haglers in 1994, after a client requested a place to bury a family pet. Faithful Friends is now the final resting place of about 35 cats and dogs.

"Most people consider the pet a family member," Crain said. "[When a pet dies] it's very upsetting to a lot of people; it's a very emotional thing."

"We continue to have a lot of people come and visit the cemetery months, even years after the pet dies."

The pet cemetery is tucked away from the reg-

ular cemetery, resting on a hillside that overlooks a small, man-made pond. A handful of granite markers memorialize cats and dogs. Many of the graves don't have markers, and are represented by the indentation of the land where they were buried. Flowers decorate some graves along with an occasional bone, evidence that the families visit their dogs and cats long after they've passed on.

Pet owners who experience a death in their animal family are usually referred to Faithful Friends by local veterinarians or through the yellow pages — it's the only listing under Pet Funeral Services. Many of the pet owners who select

Faithful Friends are renters or transient, not owning property to bury their beloved animal, but others are just extremely loving pet-owners who wanted to have a proper resting place for their pets.

Families must bring their pet to the funeral home in a solid box or purchase one of the plastic pet caskets the home sells. Lined with a beige satin sheet trimmed in orange lace and a matching pillow, the shells range in price from \$85 to \$500, depending on size.

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Men 'dress-up' to raise money

Twelve men dress in drag to fund music sorority scholarship

CODELL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Behind the stage in the Old Baptist Foundation, 12 men prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for a music sorority: they dressed in women's clothing.

The guys competed in the first annual Mr. Sigma Alpha Iota Pageant to raise money for a new scholarship, which will go to an incoming member of the sorority. Before the show, the men stood backstage and awaited their cue to present themselves to the filled auditorium.

"This is quite disturbing," said Justin Davis, a sophomore in radio-television from Sugar Grove.

Davis played the part of Christina Iliasham Rabdull. All the men in the competition adopted drag personas to make the show more humorous. The names ranged from Cay Jen, who was supposed to be from New Orleans, to Lezby Friends of San Francisco.

The first part of the competition was casual wear. The "ladies" entered the auditorium and strutted down the aisle to music and flirted with various people in the audience.

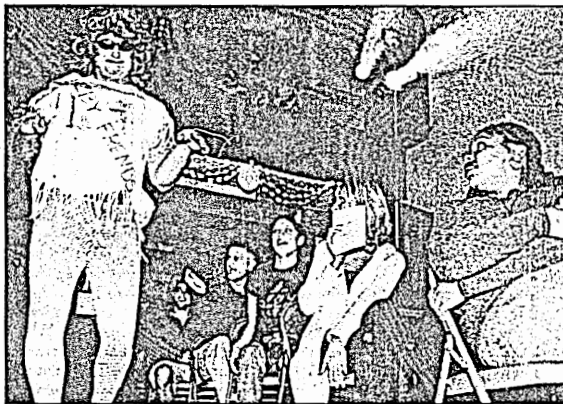
"It's kind of humiliating but fun," said Brandon Sparrow, a sophomore in aviation flight and management from Macomb.

Most of the contestants in the competition were either music students or connected to music in some way. That was obvious when the competition reached the talent competition.

One character named Juanita Filamahola did a one woman, or man, band act with a fiddle and drum which brought the crowd to clap in rhythm.

Other talents included an act with a hula-hoop, a dance to the theme song from "I Dream of Genie" and in the case of Ivana C. Humeck, a display of fruit-eating talent.

After a brief intermission, the competition moved to the formal wear and interview round. Each contestant was escorted down the aisle



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lezby Frien's (Senior Doug Daugherty) makes her debut at the Mr. Sigma Alpha Iota Pageant on Saturday night at the Old Baptist Foundation. The pageant was held as a fund-raiser for a scholarship for an incoming member of the Sigma Alpha Iota sorority.

with members of the sorority who also dressed in drag. During this event, the audience repeatedly emitted sounds of shock and disgust as the contestants gave their raunchiest answers possible.

"Ahhh, that was disgusting," said co-host Todd Revoldt after one of the responses. "This is not a PG-13 show guys."

One of the questions asked was if the contestant could do anything with Tom Cruise, would they get a full body massage, a foot massage or a kiss. This question was directed to Juanita, whose Latin persona was initiated by Mike Bruno. Juanita chose the foot massage.

"Back in Tijuana I had to do a lot of street walking," the senior in music said, resulting in an auditorium filled with laughter.

After the interview round, there was another intermission with the girls of the sorority dancing to N'Sync's "Dirty Pop."

Individual prizes were awarded for categories

like best formal wear and Miss Congeniality. In the end, Lezby Friends walked away with the crown.

"It's just such a privilege to be Mr. Sigma Alpha Iota," said the brawny-built Friends portrayed by Doug Daugherty. "I'm learning things about myself I never knew."

At the end of the night, the sorority collected nearly \$400 for the scholarship. Jeanne Millikin, a junior in music business from Pinckneyville and member of the sorority, said the night was a success and hopes they can do the show every year. While everyone put hard work into the show, it wouldn't be possible without the guys, according to Millikin.

"It's so wonderful they were willing to do it," Millikin said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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Man shot and killed in hunting excursion

A Collinsville man was accidentally shot and killed Friday by a member of his party while he was deer hunting in Williamson County.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Department responded to the shooting at 11:30 a.m. on North Bend Road, located north of Colp. They found Darren Kennedy, 33, wounded from a 12-gauge deer slug. Kennedy was taken to Herin Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 8:20 p.m.

The Sheriff's Department issued a statement stating foul play is not suspected and the incident is being classified as an accidental shooting.

Williamson County Sheriff Tom Cundiff reminds the public to use extra caution when in the woods during hunting season. Cundiff also wants hunters to exercise gun safety while going after game.

Senator Fitzgerald looking for winter interns

The offices of U.S. Senator Peter Fitzgerald are accepting applications for the Winter 2001 Internship program. College and law students who have an interest in U.S. government should apply. The internships will begin around Dec. 15 and continue until May 15. To apply, send a cover letter and resume to the appropriate office:

Chicago - Office of Senator Peter Fitzgerald, Attn: Julie Grisolan, 230 S. Dearborn #3900, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

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Springfield - Office of Senator Peter Fitzgerald, Attn: Michelle Wood, 520 S. Eighth St., Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Dixon - Office of Senator Peter Fitzgerald, Attn: Jason Anderson, 115 West First Street #100, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

New coffee stand opens

The campus coffee shop Jaguar Java has expanded into Woody Hall. Jaguar Java III opened today and will be in operation from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays in the Bursar's Office, located in the basement of Woody Hall.

In addition to brewed coffee and espresso drinks, the coffee shop also serves hot chocolate, iced, bagels, muffins and coffee-flavored frosty drinks.

DAILY EGYPTIAN VOICES

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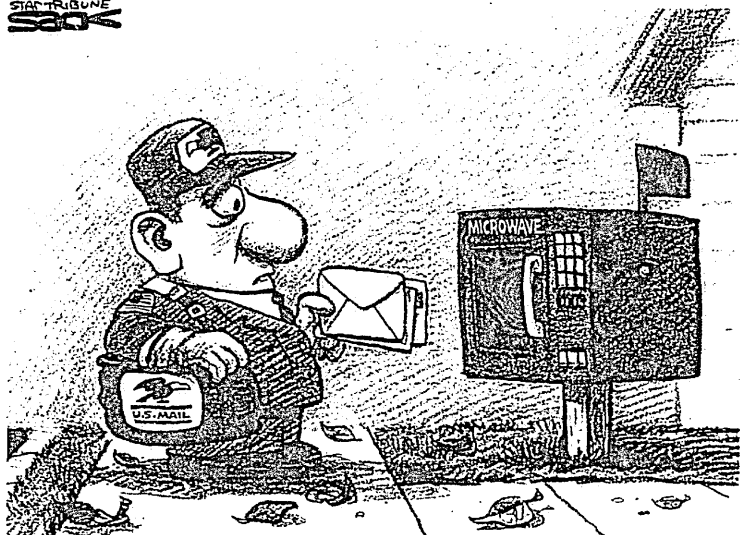
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it."
- Patrick Henry

YOUR WORD

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OUR WORD

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 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 instituted 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 "passive" 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, whoever he or she is, had better be ready to work over the long haul.

COLUMNISTS

EDITOR'S NOTE: "TALES FROM OZ" WILL APPEAR IN TUESDAY'S EDITION.

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

Guest Column

BY BURKE SPEAKER
bspeaker@hotmail.com

Attention Southern Illinoisans: You're not that important for national or international terrorists to spread anthrax in any of your rinky-dink hometowns. No, seriously.

Since anthrax first emerged at a Florida media outlet, and later appearing in the mail of various U.S. Senators and NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw, the nation's attention has turned to bioterrorism. There's nary a postal worker who doesn't worry about safety. And lately, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is prepping for a possible smallpox threat, and the Senate seems eager to back them. But it's that now-in-anxious spore holding our attention to CNN.

The FBI isn't sure if the anthrax outbreak is linked to Osama bin Laden or homegrown terrorists anxious to pull the country into a deeper sense of despair. Either way, it's working. Fear is spreading faster than the anthrax. People are placing their mail in the microwave before opening it. Some newspapers have

reported people ironing letters they receive. The nation is terrorist-crazy.

The recent cases of white powder mysteriously popping up across Southern Illinois are a prime example. Strangely, the white powder can't be baking soda or chalk, flour or Comet. Nope, it's anthrax, or so says the burgeoning number of men and women reporting what turn out to be false anthrax threats. Somehow, Southern Illinois is suddenly worthy of terrorism. Until this year, though, Carbondale wasn't even worthy of the Gap.

The latest case in Southern Illinois had the restaurant owner of the Country Burger Nook in Johnston City report white powder — what he interpreted as possible anthrax — scattered on the men's room floor. Local police and fire departments swarmed the restaurant Wednesday, quarantining those inside for two and a half hours. Officials came dressed in biohazard suits and wore oxygen masks. Review this paragraph again.

BURGER NOOK? JOHNSTON CITY?!!

Also Wednesday, workers at a Maytag plant in Herrin called authorities about a suspicious package that had a "powdery substance" on it. And a month ago, another quarantine was imposed on a few rooms in the Wham Education Building at SIUC, after "white powder" turned up on a piece of furniture. At the same time, a Jackson County couple called the FBI to say powder was on their mail. In all cases, no anthrax.

Let's review: Anthrax 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 splatters news of an anthrax scare for everyone to fear. If small-town Americans continue to succumb to irrational fright, terrorism has won. The whole point of terrorism is to instill fear in government or citi-

zens, so their lives are disrupted as they wonder "can it happen to me?" And as shown at least in Southern Illinois, there's more concern than necessary.

Disappointingly, now SIUC is fueling the fear. In conjunction with the Department of Public Safety and the Center for Environmental Health and Safety, they're holding workshops today and Tuesday to answer questions about anthrax concerns and how to open your mail safely. Here's a suggestion: JUST OPEN IT AND DON'T BE SUCH A NEUROTIC PANSY!!!

So get over it, honest-through-hopelessly-naïve citizens of Southern Illinois. Don't worry. You're not worthy of an anthrax outbreak. You're lucky to have the Gap. And be thankful you've got Burger Nook.

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Heavenly light show: The meteorites and me

Guest Column

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The first time I remember staring up at the sky slack-jawed in awe was when Haley's Comet passed in 1986.

It was not that the comet's passage was particularly spectacular; it was not even visible with the naked eye. But more than the comet, I remember being 7 years old, standing beside my great-grandmother Luna. She told me about the time she saw the comet in 1910 riding in a horse carriage from town to her home. She was 16 then and looked again to the sky, marveling at the wonders of the heavens, and the passage of 86 years did little to dull her memories.

When I went last night to watch the Leonid meteor shower I couldn't help but think of my Grandma Luna, who pissed away 10 years ago. The Leonid meteor shower was promised to be the greatest show on earth or in the heavens since 1966, so I began to make plans.

Early Sunday morning the awe that I had felt at 7 years old was rekindled. This time the stellar event was the Leonid meteor shower, which painted 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 lined up this weekend to watch "Harry Potter."

A group of people from the DAILY EGYPTIAN and a few others made the trek west of Murphysboro 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 that the show had already begun.

It was not long before we were on our backs staring at the sky. The sky was not exactly clear, but enough of the sky was visible that we could see a patch over the top of our small gathering of friends.

Soon after we had settled in, people began to point to the sky where meteorites went by.

It was a new experience for almost everyone who denied their bodies of sleep Sunday morning.

The climax of the night was when a brilliant fire ball lit up the entire sky much like lightning does during a summer thunderstorm. The only difference was the silence that was left in its wake.

It was spectacular. The entire trip was worth just that one shot.

Its stellar tail hung in the atmosphere for what seemed like five minutes. We could see its iridescent footprint being blown in the winds of the upper atmosphere more than 60 miles from where we were laying.

Not five minutes later, more people a-rived and we could see their car bouncing down the old farm toward us. When they arrived the clouds that had threatened to ruin the show, thickened over head and obscured all but the brightest stars.

Sometime after 3:30 a.m. the clouds began to open up again and the frequency of the shooting stars increased. An hour later nerves were beginning to wear ever thin and I decided to pick up and go home. As we drove down the farm road I left my headlights off.

I pulled the car up onto the levy road that over looked the mighty Mississippi and ran back to Route 3. It was hard to keep my eyes on the road and I was continually looking out the window, swerving all over the road.

I saw a few from the confines of my car. A couple of times I saw a flash, the signature of a bigger meteorite.

As we turned east onto Route 149, back toward Murphysboro, the sky began to grow brighter from lights of Murphysboro and eventually Carbondale.

I headed toward my trailer on Pleasant Hill Road. When I got out of the car I could not pull myself away from the sky and go inside. The view from outside my trailer was spoiled by the street lights of Carbondale, but a few meteorites still shown through.

I lay in my bed and opened the curtains, hoping to catch one more. I was lying there much like I had as a child on Christmas Eve, filled with anticipation. Finally the stars began to disappear as the inky blackness of night brightened into the purples of dawn.

It was sometime then when all the stars faded that I dropped off into sleep and dreamed of the showers to come. And I hoped that one day I could share this experience with my own grandchildren, just like my Grandma Luna had done with me.

Mark is a senior in ag education. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Customers, beware of food terrorism

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing about the irresponsible attitude of a local grocery store, which I will call S-store. Late last Tuesday night, I bought a sausage from the S-store, and made a hot-dog for myself. Then, early the next morning, I began to have a real bad stomach ache and diarrhea. Without knowing what was wrong, I suffered throughout the day. Early that evening, I found that the label on the package said "use by October 16." I brought the sausage to the S-store and told the manager that I have been sick all day. Then, guess what? The first thing the manager told me was, "Well, we can refund for that, if you want. Such things can happen sometimes." Great!

I know America has a great "culture of refund," but aren't you first supposed to make a polite apology to your sick customer and say that you will make sure such things would not happen again? I

think it was a very simple thing that could have been avoided. It is not as invisible as anthrax. The date is not written in some foreign language that your employees cannot read. I got a refund of \$2.50 for the outdated sausage, but I will make sure this thing goes to the head of the company. Mr. Manager, your irresponsible attitude made the difference. Readers, watch out! You might be the next target of this food-terrorism.

Hannah Bae
graduate student,
communication sciences and disorders

Understanding children's aggression an important part of education

DEAR EDITOR:

Relevant to the nationwide debate on education is the fact that high levels of aggression in children and poor school

performance go together. "Currently the prognosis for aggressive children is poor. Services provided by mental health, education and juvenile justice agencies often have little impact on the downward trajectory of aggressive children," according to Timothy A. Cawell's Working With Parents of Aggressive Children. I found an effective intervention with exceptionally aggressive ninth-graders to be telling these students, still in their formative years, the serious consequences of their current behavioral course — a life of crime and a life in jail — but was told that saying such things is "taboo in public education." By the time it is not taboo, it is too late. The consequences affect suburbanites as well as urban communities.

Current policies are worse than ineffective. I have found that the vast majority of ninth grade mathematics students in an urban school cannot do simple addition and subtraction which was supposed to be learned in grade school. I was told to observe the class of another teacher held out to me as a model and found him telling the students he will give them "100 percent credit" if, in solving a simple

equation, they just show him the steps, even if their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are wrong and regardless of their answers. This is fraud put upon the public. I have found that the main reason the students do not know simple addition and subtraction, or the steps in solving a simple equation, is their refusal to learn, which is part of their aggressive behavior.

Satish Chandra
behavioral scientist
Cambridge, Mass.

'Daycare' term misused

DEAR EDITOR:

The Child Development Laboratories appreciated the coverage of our visit with the SIU Police Department. We have a quality early childhood program and love to see it showcased. However, I must object to the use of the term "daycare" when referring to our program or to any

early childhood program. Although commonly used, this term does not reflect what we do or the significance of our work. In fact, we do not care for days; we care for children. And we have students enrolled in a four-year program to learn the complex theory and practice of early care and education.

Terminology is especially important in our field, where teachers are underpaid and under-appreciated. While recent brain research has shown the importance of quality care and education in the lives of children, we continue to pay teachers and administrators in early childhood programs inadequate wages that result in extremely high turnover. This turnover, which can be as high as 100 percent year, is very difficult for young children, who are forming their first relationships and learning to trust. Please support us in our quest to raise the professionalism in our field by referring to our center as an "early childhood program."

Sara Starbuck
director, Child Development Laboratories

Middle East meets Middle America

Dar Salaam restaurant wraps up week of grand opening activities

ALEXA AGUILAR
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The belly dancer is a Nicaraguan from New York. Most of the servers are native Southern Illinoisans. 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 lack of authenticity. The owners are proud of the efforts they have made to have the Middle East meet middle America in their "House of Peace."

"Dar Salaam is a Southern Illinois melting pot," said owner Nina Dunavan, a tall woman with long black hair and a swirling skirt, as she busily bustled around the restaurant seating guests.

Dar Salaam, 2271 S. Illinois, has been open for 10 weeks, and just wrapped up its week of grand opening activities. On Saturday, the restaurant, decked with colored lantern chandeliers, Middle Eastern wall ornaments and a sensually swirling belly dancer, was packed. There are even a few tables where patrons can slip off their shoes and eat family-style at a low table.

That's the atmosphere Dunavan said she wanted to create, an idea she's had since she, her brother and two friends decided to open an ethnic restaurant. They decided that Carbondale would be just the place.

While Southern Illinois may seem an unlikely spot for a Middle Eastern restaurant, Dunavan said the initial response has been great. They had to conduct training sessions to educate their staff on all the intricacies of Middle Eastern and Mediterranean

cuisine, but they were able to find some staff that had native knowledge to bring to the kitchen.

Arab chefs helped develop the menu, which Dunavan said has plenty of recipes straight from the cookbooks of their grandmothers. The menu is chock-full of traditional Middle Eastern dishes, like moussaka, kalaya and kabobs.

Kal Hasan, a Palestinian cook, used to work at a restaurant in Jordan. He said he feels the same pressure to produce authentic quality food in Carbondale that he did in Jordan.

"It doesn't matter whether you're here or there," Hasan said. "You have certain people who know what to expect and you have to meet those expectations."

"You have to make each dish with love."

That love seemed to work for Hani Ismael, a graduate student who has lived in Carbondale for three years. He came with a group of friends who were eager to try a new international restaurant. The resounding chorus from his table was that Carbondale needs more ethnic eateries, but they were pleased with the newest addition.

Dunavan said she hasn't received any negative flak after the close scrutiny that has now been placed on Middle Eastern culture in response to the Sept. 11 attacks. She said there have been no negative letters or phone calls to the Dar Salaam.

"I think that says something about Carbondale," she said.

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LET'S EAT

Dar Salaam is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and for dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.



MARY COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Georgette N. Eden, originally of Nicaragua, performs a traditional Middle Eastern belly dance at Dar Salaam Saturday night. Nina Dunavan, owner of Dar Salaam says that Eden, who has been teaching the Salsa and Merengue at the SIU Recreation Center, was "born to dance."

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for SIUC student teachers, sold wearable art. Many of the pins she sold were Mola designs, or tiny paintings of objects in nature, such as fish, birds and plants. She also displayed necklaces made of clay beads.

"We just dabble in a little bit of everything," she said. "We like to include things that the kids can do."

Gloria Jones, another Sassy Craftin' Sista, creates holiday greeting cards. She said the lessons of sharing and togetherness provided by the pre-Kwanzaa festival activities

were valuable for the children who attended.

"It's important for African-American children to have some sense of tradition," Jones said. "It helps them to see people who are entrepreneurs, no matter how small, in a socially pleasant way of situation."

In addition to her greeting cards, Jones has also written and illustrated a children's book called "Mikey Tie Your Shoes." The book is a light-hearted tale about a small boy who refuses to tie his shoes. Jones prints and binds the book herself, and asks those who purchase it to donate to Nkosis Haven, an AIDS relief agency in Africa.

Erica McGowan crafts small pictures of Kemet or Egyptian queens and "Chapeaux par Erica," or "Hats by Erica." She also makes soaps and bath salts.

McGowan said she started making the products when she recognized a need for more small gifts tailored to black and international women.

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

Sisters Audria Humphrey and Deborah Perry combine their crafting skills to create cloth dolls with painted faces, which they have been making for 15 years.

Humphrey said that when she

and Perry observed their niece, Audrey, they were inspired to create a doll like her. Humphrey has also written and illustrated a children's book based on Audrey.

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

In addition to crafts and games, the festival also featured local gospel singers. Ten-year-old Matthew Wilson, a member of the Southern Illinois Children's Choir, received assuring 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 music and dialogue with other people. Artists have a chance to express themselves in a variety of ways."

Deborah Perry event coordinator, Undergraduate Admissions

blessing you," Wilson said. "The song is in my heart."

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STUDENTS

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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.

"I think you should do some playing together and work together," he said. "I haven't seen our students gravitating to each other."

Welch said international students should be viewed as opportunities to learn about other countries without having to travel abroad.

The second panel, comprised of students and faculty members, discussed the issue further, and made mention of how the Sept. 11 attacks

on the World Trade Center and Pentagon highlight the need for young people to have a better grasp of international affairs.

Simon spoke about America's lack of foreign language requirements for students.

"This is the only nation in the world where you can go through elementary school, high school and get your Ph.D without taking a foreign language course," he said.

One audience member said that getting children involved in foreign affairs at an early age was important.

Another audience member said educating students about other cultures' religions was another way for American students to gain awareness about international affairs.

Cindy Buys, an SIUC law professor, said international aspects of the law are one potential way for law

students to learn about foreign affairs.

Two SIUC students in the audience said they have a desire to become involved in the Model United Nations, an organization where college students represent UN countries in mock committee meetings with students from many universities in the United States. Through representing other countries, college students learn about the country's culture and political structure.

Jill Holly and Abbey Noel, both political science majors, said they would like to start a Model UN organization at SIUC, but are limited by a lack of funding.

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MUSLIM

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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 accclimate to the practices of the faith. Hence, children may eat during the day.

"Some people I know think the idea of fasting is stupid and some don't even think it's possible," said Farah Harun, a senior in marketing.

Harun said busy class schedules during the day makes it difficult to pray five times a day but her strong Islamic faith helps to make time for praying.

"It's about giving thanks, praising Allah and devoting yourself to Allah," Harun said.

Resisting temptation to human instincts and other types of immediate pleasures sharpens the focus of immersing oneself to the will of God and practicing the commandments of friendship and compassion outlined in the five pillars.

Noraihan Noh, a senior in marketing from Malaysia, said the religious practices keeps her from straying too far into the materialistic culture of today's world.

The observances, however do not isolate Muslims from going about the daily business such as attending school or work.

Noh said she can continue to lead a normal life during the month while she cultivates a renewed faith in God.

Since the Sept. 11 attack, Muslims like Fahmida Rahman, a graduate student in sociology from Bangladesh, said the media has not done a commendable job of representing the religion.

"Islam is a religion of peace but people misinterpret it," Rahman said.

Some like Harun, fear the media has tethered Muslim communities to the tragic events and radical actions of terrorists.

"Don't base Muslims on what's going on in the world right now," Harun said.

As far as these Muslims are concerned, the U.S. bombings in Afghanistan and the Taliban's regime does not have any bearing on the religion but rather leans on politics. Sigma and Harun said religion is being used as a tool to exploit and promote self-interests.

Avoiding conflict is a main tenet of the Holy Month, according to Elshikh.

"I feel purified and it's a very great feeling, very beautiful," Elshikh said.

"If I didn't believe in it, then I wouldn't stick with it. It's a relationship with you and God. No one else controls it."

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CEMETERY

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After selecting a plot in the pet cemetery, families usually want to witness the burial. But Crain makes it clear that the pet cemetery is merely a part of his cemetery operation and not the funeral home. Families are welcome to conduct their own private ceremony and many of them do, leaving flowers and bidding final farewells to the pet that has touched their lives, but the funeral home does not aid in the ceremony.

There are more than 600 active pet cemeteries in the United States, according to the International Association of Pet Cemeteries, of which Faithful Friends is a member. The oldest known pet cemetery in the United States was discovered in Greene County, Ill. The Association estimates that of the thousands of pets that die daily, less than 200 are buried in a pet cemetery.

Crain can attest to that, he says annually about six to eight pets are put to rest in the Faithful Friends Pet Cemetery.

"Obviously [families] cared a lot for their pet or they wouldn't go to the expense or trouble to come here," Crain said.

A plot in the pet cemetery runs at about \$75, with a \$50 burial fee. Several families, upon burying a beloved pet, purchase a spot or two next to it so that other family pets can be laid to rest beside their animal friends.

When Jack and Sandie Taylor's dog, Casey, was put to sleep after being diagnosed with cancer in June, the Taylors had to find a new home for their dog. They purchased a casket for the black and white Cocker Spaniel that had been a part of their family since 1988, and buried her with some squeaky toys and a blue fetching ball at Faithful Friends.

"It was sort of like a person's burial," said Sandie, who still visits Casey's grave at least once a month. "We didn't have a preacher or anything like that, but after we buried her we each said some words about her."

The death was hard for the Taylors, who obtained the dog from their daughter Tracy Kaiser after she moved into an apartment that didn't allow pets. Casey was much like their baby; getting

her picture taken with Santa at Christmas and lining up to watch Bill Clinton's motorcade when he visited Carbondale in 1995.

So the Taylors tried to honor Casey's memory as best they could. They purchased an extra site and had a flowering pear tree planted beside Casey's grave, which is decorated with a cross and fall-colored flowers. A photo of Casey sitting on hay bales amidst pumpkins is also permanently affixed to her granite marker.

Faithful Friends is plotted out for 300 to 350 burial sites and there is room for hundreds more, a testament that the memory of many pets will be preserved there. A mausoleum across the pond overlooks the pet cemetery, providing a clear view for families like the Haglers who plan to be interred in the mausoleum so they can spend eternity overlooking their dog Princess.

"Unless you've had a dog you really care for, you don't understand," Mary Ann said. "They give you undying love."

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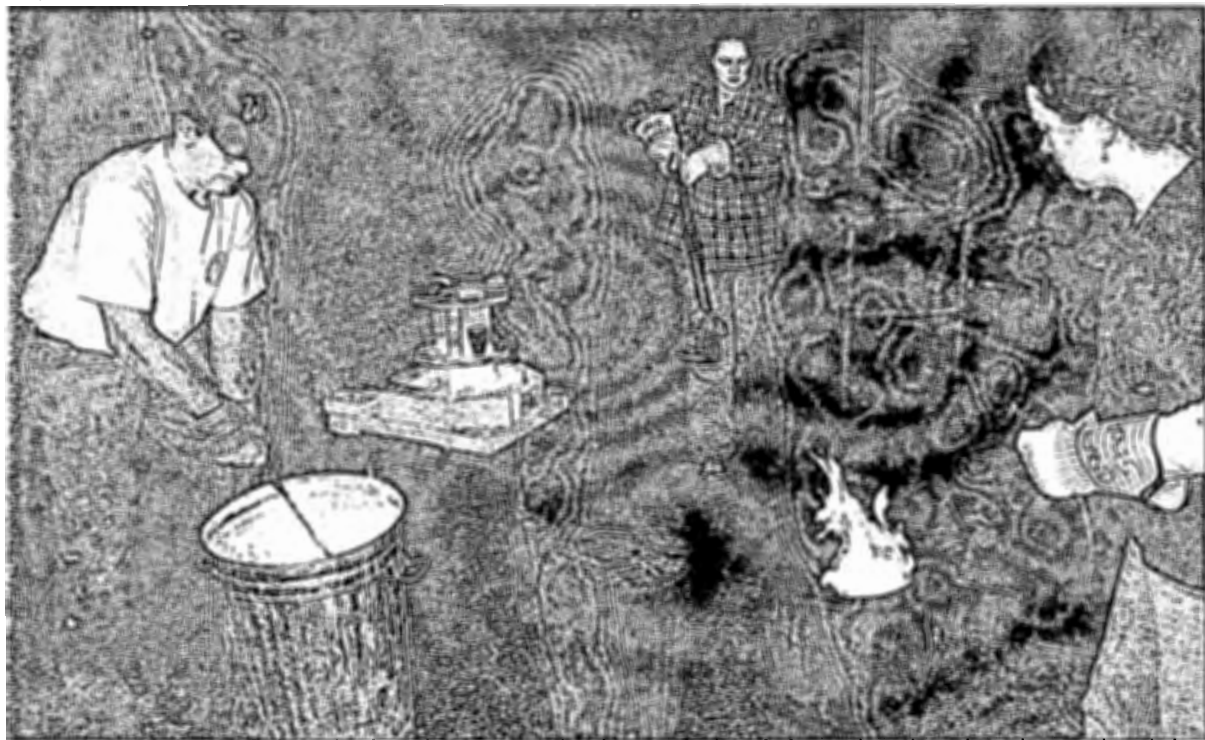
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From left: Greg Cochenet, instructor of Raku, Angela Defore, and Nevan Pearson-Cody work to move glazed ceramic pieces one by one into trash cans that are used as reduction chambers Friday night outside the Student Center.

Flaming Pottery

Ancient Japanese art of Raku taught at Student Center

STORY BY JARRET O. HERZOG

PHOTOS BY STEVE JAHNIKE

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 I'd 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's 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 pottery 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 a usually 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 three-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



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



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.

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by lighting all the combustibles," Cochenet said. "You want to get rid of all the oxygen. That's how you get really good copper flashes."

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

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

The smoke from the burnt sawdust and newspaper billowed out of the cans after removal of the lids. Cochenet shielded his face from the rolling smoke as he removed the dishes from each reduction chamber.

Some students sprayed their pots with water before they were dipped into a five-gallon bucket of water for cooling. The spraying also produces a different effect, Cochenet said.

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

Cochenet dipped the rest of the pots into the bucket. The class watched with anticipation as he lifted each pot out of the water.

Reni Hill, a senior in physiology from Newton, said she was excited as Cochenet removed the pots and sat them on a metal grate.

"Ooh 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 three layers of fire bricks, which allowed room for the large propane burner.

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

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

According to Cochenet, Raku is safe, but those participating should be careful around the intense heat. He recommends wearing long sleeved shirts, long pants and shoes, instead of sandals. He also said women with long hair should tie it back.

Cochenet 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," Cochenet said. "It's really just a time to have fun and it's a good experience."

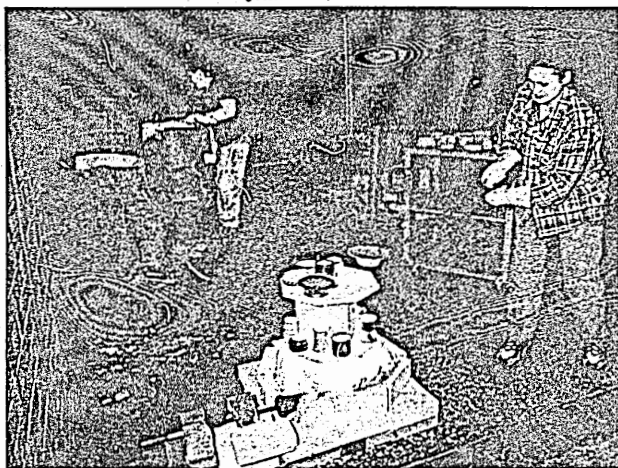
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CAN YOU RAKU?

Raku classes cost \$30 for non-students and \$25 for students. Those interested should contact the Craft Shop at 453-3836.

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Greg Cochenet
graduate student, ceramics



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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 TINGIR
THE HOYA (GEORGETOWN U.)

WASHINGTON (U-WIRE) - Young Arab Leadership Alliance protested Israeli checkpoints and American involvement in Israel by creating a mock checkpoint, shouting their opposition and distributing informational fliers at a demonstration in Red Square on Tuesday afternoon.

"Our intention was to create 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 occupation. We attempted to educate Americans on their actual involvement in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

YALA members dressed in military fatigues acting as Israeli soldiers manned the checkpoint in the Red Square archway. Students either walked unaffected through the "Israeli" side of the checkpoint nearest to White Gravenor or traveled through the "Palestinian" side and were asked for identification.

YALA members portraying Palestinians and dressed in black were stopped, questioned and verbally harassed, with the mock Israeli soldiers sometimes insinuating physical harm.

The Department of Public Safety arrived on the scene and DPS Chief William Tucker told YALA leadership to discontinue 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 terrorist attacks as well.

Jewish Student Association President David 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-Israeli."

"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

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HERMES (SYRACUSE U.)

SYRACUSE, NY (U-WIRE) — Last month, University of Pennsylvania junior Justin Shanes began boarding Jet Blue Flight 75 at Hancock International Airport in Syracuse to return home after a weekend with friends.

A Lambda Chi brother, Shanes traveled to Syracuse University for a visit. But while boarding the plane Oct. 14, he and the flight's other passengers were stopped.

"We didn't really know what was going on," Shanes said. "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."

It would be ruled a false alarm and with the plane said to be thoroughly cleaned, Shanes chose to re-board and return to school. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tested the "white powdery substance" and found it not hazardous, said Fiona Morrisson, a spokeswoman for Jet

Blue.

With recent anthrax scares across the nation and with students planning to travel for spring break, Morrisson said passengers are becoming increasingly nervous about flying.

"Everyone is very skiddish about everything when they are on a plane; in a subway and even in their homes," she said. "It's happening all over the place and it's just a part of life at this stage."

Nationwide, flights are only 39 percent full compared to an average 70 percent before the Sept. 11 attacks. As a result, U.S. carriers cut jobs. United Airlines slashed 20,000; Delta Air Lines eliminated 13,000; Continental Airlines cut 12,000; and US Airways dumped 11,000.

Fortunately for students, they also cut prices.

United and Continental offered 50 percent discount on business class travel immediately after the attacks and other airlines introduced sales to attract more passengers. Although airlines are now flying 80 to 85 percent of their pre-attack schedules, many airlines are still offering low prices to keep Americans flying.

With SU's spring break nearly four months away and studying abroad students departing in two months, soon-

to-be travelers should look in on these low prices to keep costs down, Morrisson said.

"October and November are typically months that people don't fly that much, so prices are normally lower than usual," she said. "But with everything going on in the world prices might stay low for another month until the holiday season picks up."

From Syracuse, Jet Blue offers flights to five Florida destinations for \$49 each way. Other carriers are beginning to match those prices, she said.

Morrisson suggested students create their own domestic travel packages combining Jet Blue or other airline fares with hotel costs.

According to CollegeMarketplace.com, the average hotel cost for seven nights in Daytona Beach is \$100 per student. Using Morrisson's method, students could spend as little as \$200 on airfare and

Justin Shanes
junior, University of Pennsylvania

hotel costs for one week.

"It's a possibility that students could travel cheaper than ever right now," Morrisson said. "Do your research and do it now because there are a lot of deals that are key to getting people traveling again."

Linda Smith, campus representative for World Class Vacations, said package deals are the best options for spring break travel because students know exactly what they are getting when they sign up. Students who create their own packages may spend less on airfare and lodging, but could also sacrifice good quality.

"With our travel packages, you get top quality hotels and a lot of extras like meals, parties and drinks," Smith said. "If you plan your trip yourself you might end up spending a lot of money that you didn't plan to spend."

World Class Vacations offers package deals that include airfare, hotel,

taxes, transfers, meals and a party schedule. Destinations include Cancun, Acapulco, Bahamas, Jamaica and South Padre Island. Prices range from \$439 to \$1,239 depending on accommodations, Smith said.

Smith agreed with Morrisson that students should plan early.

"You'll lose out on hotel choice and other options when you sign up late," she said. "Prices usually go up after December, for our package prices increase \$20 to \$100 after Dec. 12."

Jet Blue recently reinforced all cockpit doors and made them bulletproof. Many other airlines are doing so as well to ensure passenger safety and confidence, Morrisson said.

For Corinne D'Allesandro, a junior Delta Gamma at Syracuse University, now is the best time to fly because of the beefed up security. She is planning her spring break, and said flying will not be a deciding factor.

Aid workers reunite with family after imprisonment by Taliban

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WACO, Texas (U-WIRE) — After being released by their Taliban captors Wednesday, two Baylor University graduates and six other detainees signaled their location to U.S. special operations helicopters by burning their head scarves, which were required for all women during the rule of the Taliban regime.

Jimmy Seibert, senior pastor of Antioch Community Church in Waco, Texas, said Heather Mercer, 24, came up with the idea to light the scarves, called burqas, in order to help their rescuers find the appointed meeting place in the dark Afghan night.

Mercer and Dayna Curry, 30, were reunited with family members Thursday at an airport in Islamabad, Pakistan, after being airlifted from Afghanistan.

Seibert said he had spoken by phone with Curry and Mercer and they seemed to be doing well. Both women are members of Antioch.

"The only thing that was breaking my heart was that I wasn't there to hug their necks," Seibert said. "When they arrived in Islamabad, they went to the embassy. They haven't really slept much in three days. The first thing they did was get a nice shower, a good meal then went and got their hair done."

Seibert said the women described the last three days of their detainment as "better than any Hollywood movie you have ever seen."

He said the women and the six other foreign detainees were removed from their Kabul prison Monday night and moved to another city where they were locked into a metal transport container.

"The Taliban told them they needed to start writing notes to their families to ask for money to free them," Seibert said. "The Taliban left. The next thing the detainees knew there were soldiers opening up the container door. It was the anti-Taliban folks who freed them, but then they moved on because they were fighting. Someone then contacted the International Red Cross who arranged to send the helicopters."

Returning home

Seibert said the next step for Curry and Mercer was to participate in a debriefing session at an undisclosed location in Central Europe. He said the women will return to the United States after Thanksgiving and will come to Waco after spending time with their families in their hometowns.

"The debriefing will include professional counselors who are familiar with trauma counseling," Seibert said. "Their families will be with them as well when they are not in the debriefing

sessions."

When the women finally return to Waco, the church is planning to hold some type of celebration service, Seibert said. But he said final plans have not been made yet. "I think the rejoicing at the church last night was a small taste of what will happen when we see them face to face," Seibert said.

Antioch members who attended Wednesday night's service at the church said the worship time was an indescribable time of celebration for friends who had been praying for Curry and Mercer for more than three months.

"I've been to incredible football games and events, but I've never witnessed anything that powerful and exciting in all my life," Carl Gulley, Antioch's youth pastor and a friend of the women, said.

Assistant pastor returning home

Since Sept. 5, Antioch Assistant Pastor Danny Mulkey has been waiting in Islamabad for Curry and Mercer to be released. After nearly 10 weeks of waiting without any result, Mulkey began sending e-mails to his wife this week saying he believed the women were close to being released.

"Danny was just feeling this expectation that it was going to happen," Kathy Mulkey, an employee in the Baylor registrar's office, said.

In an e-mail to his wife on Tuesday, Mulkey wrote: "I have a real sense of expectancy and I don't know why... I went out and bought two phone cards this morning so that when the time comes, I have enough rupees in the phone to call Jimmy and you and tell you that the girls are out. I'm not kidding. That's really why."

Mulkey was able to meet with the Mercer and Curry after they arrived in Islamabad on Thursday. Seibert left for Pakistan on Thursday afternoon to relieve Mulkey, who will return home Wednesday — in time to spend Thanksgiving with his family.

"It was just an answer to prayer all around for God to take care of the girls and Danny and everybody," Kathy Mulkey said. "I really didn't know when it would happen. I kept thinking maybe it would happen soon and then it didn't happen. When they were taken from Kabul I kept thinking, 'how much longer is he going to be there?'"

Kathy Mulkey said the family, including Mulkey's two children who attend Baylor, will spend Thanksgiving together where Danny also will be able to celebrate his mother's birthday on Nov. 23.

Staff Writer Nora Frost
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HazMat, FBI respond to mail threat at the University of Oregon

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EUGENE, Ore. (U-WIRE) — The specter of bioterrorism showed itself at the University of Oregon on Thursday when an emeritus physics professor received a suspicious package at his office in Willamette Hall.

At about 9 a.m., Emeritus Professor Bernd Crasemann and his assistant opened a brown envelope in Crasemann's office, which is located in Room 251 of Willamette Hall. Crasemann said the envelope — which was postmarked from Malaysia — was addressed to him and contained a letter and an unknown substance that he described as "granular" in texture.

The letter had writing both in English and a language that Crasemann didn't recognize — although he said that it was not Arabic.

"It said 'Death to the oppressor,' or something like that," Crasemann said of the English portion of the letter in a phone interview with the Emerald.

At 9:23 a.m., Crasemann called the Department of Public Safety to report the letter. DPS called the Eugene Police Department, who sent three officers to investigate. After assessing the situation, the EPD officers shut down the air circulation system in Willamette Hall and called in the FBI and a HazMat response team.

"There is an ongoing investigation," FBI public relations coordinator Beth Anne Steele said. But Steele was quick to point out that "there has been no evidence of a credible threat in Oregon since Sept. 11."

"If we discover that it is anthrax, we'll make a public announcement immediately."

At 4:15 p.m., a University employee was admitted to McKenzie-Willamette Hospital in Springfield. The man said he feared he had been exposed to the substance while handling the letter. He was treated and discharged from the hospital at 6 p.m.

Joan Saylor, an administrative lieutenant with DPS, said the situation is under control and there is no threat to students. University Health Center director

Dr. Gerald Fleischli said the area of exposure was contained quickly enough that people who may have been in Willamette Hall don't need to worry about having been exposed.

"The health risk is pretty minimal at this point," Fleischli said. "The people who may have been exposed — the police, the people in the office, the firefighters — have been taken care of."

University officials said there is no threat to the campus mail system because the letter was delivered directly to Willamette Hall by the U.S. Postal Service. The building, which houses the physics and general science departments, was never entirely closed and was not evacuated; however, Crasemann and his assistant were sent home. Other employees in the building were told they were free to go home if they wished.

Saylor said two student workers were present in a room adjacent to Crasemann's office when police arrived on the scene. Police feared the two might have been exposed to the substance when they entered Crasemann's office during the morning. The students were decontaminated by the HazMat team and released.

Crasemann said he had no idea why the letter had been sent to him, but joked that as editor of *Physical Review A*, a monthly physics journal published by the American Physical Society, he often has to reject manuscripts submitted by authors from around the world.

"There are a bunch of unhappy authors around the world," he said, adding that the postmark looked genuine to him.

"They write angry letters, but I don't know that anyone would go this far," Saylor said. DPS has been contacted four to six times by people with concerns relating to anthrax. Officers were dispatched in two of those instances, but both were found to be false alarms. One of the cases was found to be nothing more than a crushed Tic Tac.

The FBI said that it will take about 72 hours to test the substance taken from Willamette Hall for biological agents. In the meantime, the University has established a hotline, 346-5692, which will be updated regularly as information becomes available.

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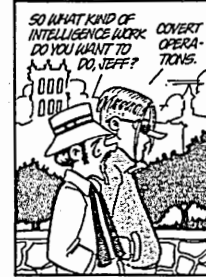
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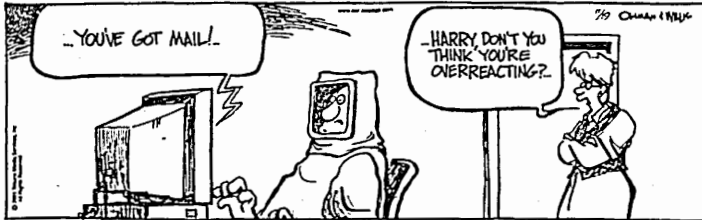
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Seniors finish volleyball careers on a high note

Team stops Northern Iowa's eight-match streak without a game loss

CLINT HARTING
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Maybe it was the puzzled look on the faces of the Northern Iowa volleyball team as a ninth straight sweep of a team was thwarted.

Or, it could have been the gasps by fans all throughout the matches on Friday and Saturday as the Salukis fought point for point with two of the best teams in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Either way, the SIU volleyball team — led by three seniors — sprinted to the finish line in honorable fashion this weekend despite losing its final two matches of the season.

The Salukis finished the season 11-19 overall and 5-13 in the conference, but for seniors Megan Baumstark, Jenny Noel and Lisa Vodin, a final statement was made, and they leave SIU on a high note.

On Friday, SIU was swept by Bradley, the third-place team in the conference that is 23-7 overall and 14-4 in the conference. However, with scores of 30-26, 31-29, 30-28, it was evident SIU was not just going through the motions.

Saluki head coach Sonya Locke felt her team tightened up in key moments of the match, but couldn't have been more pleased with their effort.

"I've seen teams who have been knocked out of the tournament just roll over and die," Locke said. "Our kids haven't done that, and I can't tell you how happy I am about that."

Baumstark finished the match with 48 assists and 11 digs, and junior Kristie Kemner contributed 16 kills and 10 digs in the defeat.

On Saturday at Davies Gymnasium, it was the final match for the seniors and the Saluki season. The opponent was the first-place Northern Iowa Panthers, 27-1 overall and 16-1 in the conference.

The last time SIU won even a game from the Panthers was in 1998, yet this supposed mismatch quickly turned into a barn-burner after the

Salukis battled the Panthers before falling short 30-26 in game one.

In game two the Salukis took a 1-0 lead and never relinquished it, extinguishing the Panthers 24-game winning streak with a 30-26 score.

SIU dropped the final two games 30-23 and 30-17, but overall made the No. 17 team in the nation look average.

In their final match as Salukis, Baumstark finished with 44 assists and eight digs, Noel added nine kills and nine digs and Vodin contributed nine digs.

Baumstark leaves the Salukis with her head held high, and in her mind a successful end to a solid career.

"We played really well," Baumstark said. "It was important that we go out playing hard and we didn't roll over and die. That was the one thing I wanted to do."

Noel looks at her final weekend as a Saluki with pride and notes their play this weekend as a sign of good things to come.

"They are going to be awesome next year," Noel said. "We have as talented as players as any team in the conference. It's just a matter of showing it all the time."

For Locke, three of her essential players played their last matches this past weekend, and the unique personality the senior class brought to the team will have to be replaced.

Locke cites Noel's court leadership and ability to stabilize her team in all circumstances.

"She is kind of an extension of me in a sense," Locke said.

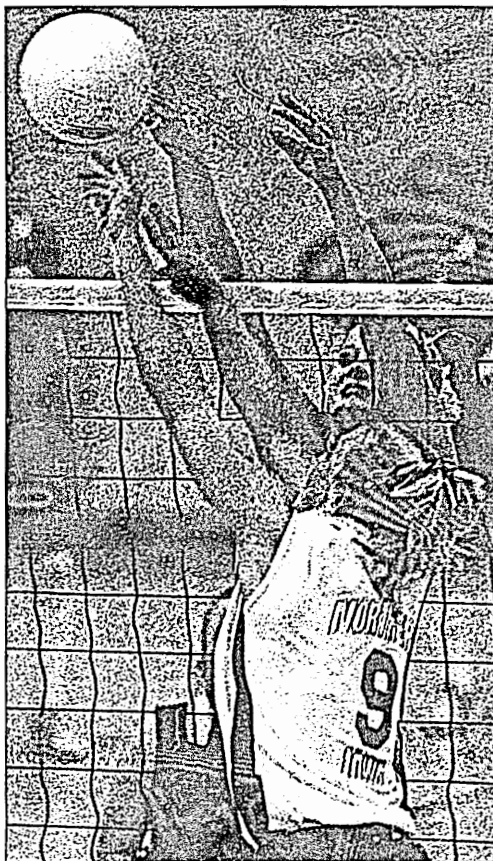
Locke points to the fact that all the players respect Baumstark.

"When you lose someone like that, it's like losing the glue," Locke said. "Your team kind of loosens a little bit until the next glue comes along."

And Locke admires Vodin's unwavering commitment to the team, despite receiving little glory or accolades in the process.

"She is the perfect example of what commitment means without getting anything," Locke said. "These are the kind of people we have on this team, and that makes it well worth the effort we put into this."

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Senior Jenny Noel goes up for a tip against a Northern Iowa player Saturday during senior night at Davies Gymnasium. Despite the overall loss, the Saluki volleyball team ended No. 17 Northern Iowa's 24-game winning streak by winning their second match against the Panthers. This was the final game for seniors Noel, Megan Baumstark, and Lisa Vodin.

STEVE JANNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Swimmers, divers hold onto third after day two

Northwestern Invite challenges SIU

LIZ GUARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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

Both Saluki teams finished the second day in third place. The women's team scored 295 points, behind #31 Purdue University (831), host school Northwestern University (762) and just ahead of the University of Louisville (171).

The men's team finished with 483 points, behind #20 Northwestern (532.5) and #24 Purdue (772.5). The Louisville men's team finished with 154 points.

Leading the men's team, sophomore Derek Helvey placed third in the 400 individual medley and senior Corne Prozesky finished fourth in the 100 breaststroke. Helvey, Prozesky, Brent Menghini and Edoardo Daelli took second in the 200 freestyle relay. Saluki divers Joel Hanger and Devin Atkins finished fifth and sixth respectively in the 3-meter dive as SIU's top finishers.

Senior Brooke Radostits

was the women team's top finisher, placing third in the 100 backstroke. Freshman Sarah Lentz placed eighth in the 100 backstroke, Amy Legner finished eighth in the 100 breaststroke and Brigitta Olson finished eighth in the 100 butterfly.

Saluki swimming note: The SIU women's swimming and diving team has gained two athletes during the early signing period. Briley Bergen, from Jacksonville, Fla., and Elizabeth McGowan, from Ft. Worth, Texas, will soon be Salukis.

The highly-regarded Bergen is a United States national record holder in the 10, 15 and 25-kilometer open water races. She also represented the United States in the 1997 Pan Pacific Championships in Australia and the 2001 World Aquatic Championships in Japan. Bergen will compete in the 200, 500, 1,000 and 1,650 freestyle for SIU.

McGowan took second in the 100 backstroke and the 200 freestyle at the Texas State Meet as a junior. She will swim the 100 and 200 backstroke and the 200 and 500 freestyle for SIU.

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St. Louis

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beat Saint Louis tonight and defeat lightly-regarded Hartford on Friday, the Salukis would be a solid bet to play 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 not lost on head 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. "You've got to win either this or Iowa State to do that, so I told [the players] let's get this one and then we have less pressure on us against Iowa State."

When you factor in that SIU-Saint Louis is always a heated regional rivalry game, it's easy to see that tonight's contest has a level of meaningfulness beyond a typical mid-November contest.

While SIU opened its season Friday with an 11-point win over Belmont, Saint Louis will be playing its first game tonight. The Billikens are a different looking team this season than they were when SIU knocked them off last year in the Arena.

This year's Billikens should be more perimeter-oriented, with skillful point guard Marquee Perry looking to create opportunities for shooters like Drew Diener, Josh Fisher and Jason Edwin to make their mark.

"Where last year we had to stop their inside game and keep them off the boards, now we've got to contain the dribble, not let them beat us down the court and get in transition," Weber said.

Saint Louis will likely try to counter Saluki center Rolan Roberts with 6-foot-9-inch, 250-pound junior college transfer Kenny Brown in a matchup that should be interesting to view for the large gathering expected at the Savvis Center.

"He's lost a lot of weight but he's still big," Weber said of Brown. "It's his first [Division I] game and it's a big step up. I think our post guys are a little more seasoned, but if he dominates or their big people have good games, we're going to be in trouble."

Like Weber, Saint Louis head coach Lorenzo Romar is eager for his team to start the season with a flourish, and likes what he's seen leading into the Billikens' season opener.

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Southern Illinois University (1-0)	Salukis	vs.	Saint Louis University (0-0)	Billikens
Tonight, 7:10 p.m. Savvis Center, St. Louis Radio: Magic 93.7 FM				
<p>The Word on the Salukis: This will be SIU's first major test of the season. The Salukis would love to keep getting solid contributions from freshmen Darren Brooks and Stetson Hairston like they did in their opening win against Belmont. SIU is expecting good things out of the inside trio of Rolan Roberts, Jermaine Dearman and Sylvester Willis; but Roberts will have to steer clear of foul trouble to maximize the Salukis' inside success.</p> <p>The Word on the Billikens: Saint Louis has a talented roster and good depth. Point guard Marquee Perry keys the Billikens' attack, and he has several quality shooters to work with in Drew Diener, Josh Fisher and Jason Edwin. 6-10 Chris Braun and muscular transfer Kenny Brown supply SLU's bulk down low. Coach Lorenzo Romar heads a strong coaching staff that includes former Wisconsin head coach and coach Soderberg.</p> <p>Bottom Line: As first road games go, this is a tough one, but it's the kind of game the Salukis need to win if the season is going to be as much of a success as they envision.</p>				

"We're a more balanced team than we've ever been this year," Romar said. "I also think we're a 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 moxie in the first road test of the season. Weber tried to hammer home that point at SIU's Sunday afternoon practice, and he considers it critically important for SIU to prevent Saint Louis from going on extended runs.

"I emphasized that you have to have a different mentality when you go on the road," Weber said. "You're going to have to cut a little bit harder and communicate a little better — especially when the crowd gets loud."

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Freshmen play beyond their years

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

JAY SCHWAB
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A breakout game from freshman guard Darren Brooks on the offensive end wasn't totally unexpected.

But Brooks' five steals and overall activeness on defense, coupled with a 14-point night, supplied the SIU men's basketball team with an unanticipated lift on the way to its 82-71 season-opening win over Belmont Friday night at the SIU Arena.

"Coach talks about my offense and how I'm not a good defensive player, so I just wanted to show him [Friday] that I can play defense as well as play offense," Brooks said.

Brooks wasn't the only freshman to show he's ready to contribute. Stetson Hairston, who joined four upperclassmen in the Saluki starting lineup, chipped in with 11 points, nailing all three of his three-point attempts and continuing his strong defensive play.

Hairston's play impressed his veteran teammates.

"He hit some big shots for us early and he didn't seem to force things too much," said junior guard Kent Williams, who also finished with 11 points. "I thought he played an excellent game."

After SIU (1-0) took a quick early lead, the Bruins battled back and leaned on their long-range shooting to take a few first half leads. But 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 its 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 ahead of offenses early in the year."

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



Redshirt freshman Darren Brooks goes up for a rebound against Belmont's Steve Drabyn during the Salukis' season-opening win Friday night at the Arena. Brooks, expected to contribute on offense, scored 14 points, but was also a big contributor on defense.

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Opportunity knocks for Salukis in St. Louis

Men's basketball to play early season game against Billikens

JAY SCHWAB
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU men's basketball team's 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 Savvis 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 head to Las Vegas to compete in Thursday through Saturday. The tournament begins tonight with four games at on-campus sites.

Not only would 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 crack 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 a Thanksgiving Day matchup with Iowa State. Regardless of how the Salukis do in that one, if SIU can

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

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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

What the score does not show is how close the Salukis came to ending the Hilltoppers' playoff hopes Saturday in Bowling Green, Ky. Western Kentucky (8-3, 5-2 Gateway Conference) entered the game needing a victory to keep their playoff hopes alive, as a loss would've 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.

"Our defense just played excellent, they played very hard," said SIU head coach Jerry Kill on the postgame show. "Offensively we were taking what they gave us, which wasn't very much to be honest with you. They were very good."

Kill didn't exaggerate how little the Hilltopper defense gave the Salukis, as SIU only surrendered 182 total offensive yards on the day. The bright spot for SIU was again the running

of junior Tommy Koutsos, who had 117 of those yards in his 17th career 100-yard rushing game, which broke Karlton Carpenter's old mark of 16.

"Koutsos played very hard and to get that against this defensive football team, that's a heck of a dang accomplishment, no question about it," Kill said.

Another great accomplishment by SIU was the play of the defense throughout the first three quarters, as the fourth began with the Salukis within striking distance at 16-6.

The floodgates would soon open, however.

With about nine minutes remaining in the game, the Salukis tried a fake punt on a fourth-

and-10, but Saluki running back Travis Madison was stopped a few yards short of the first down.

Two plays later, Hilltopper running back Keith Brooks broke through for a 42-yard touchdown run to increase the lead to 22-6.

"We don't have anything to lose right now and I'd call [the fake punt] again if I had the opportunity," Kill said. "Travis got tripped up or I think he'd got the first down and they come right back and they score and then when you're down like that, you either try to just keep it close

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