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Guidelines prepare students for strike

Administrators outline possible steps to follow

Ben Botkin
 Daily Egyptian

Administrators released guidelines Tuesday to prepare students for what to expect if the Faculty Association begins a strike Monday.

The guidelines, which the administration is sending out via e-mails, outline the details for students to follow in the event of a faculty strike. The faculty union filed notice with SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler on Thursday that its contract will end Monday, a legal move that allows professors to begin a strike next week if bargaining teams fail to reach a contract agreement beforehand.

Union spokesman James Kelly declined to provide details of how Tuesday's negotiations progressed. Talks are scheduled to resume today at 1 p.m. and continue through the week.

The guidelines provide students with details tailored for both undergraduate and graduate students and advise both groups to continue attending classes in the event of a strike.

The association represents a bargaining unit of about 680 tenured and tenure-track faculty, with roughly 390 professors who are dues-paying members. Since administrators cannot legally ask faculty members about their plans regarding a possible strike, SIUC officials say that knowing who will be teaching classes is difficult to foretell.

"We don't know what the result might be of a faculty strike," University spokeswoman Sue Davis said in a Tuesday press conference. "We're trying to be flexible, we're trying to be agile, but the message to students is to go to class."

She declined to release the latest developments of the negotiations.

If there is a strike, students are encouraged by administrators to attend classes as they normally would, which may still have the same faculty member.

In the event that the professor is on strike,

students will be directed to a help desk and provided with information. The guidelines also advise students that a substitute may not be reassigned until the second or third class meeting.

The association called a separate press conference Tuesday, where union members stressed their desire to avoid a strike — and willingness to walk out if necessary. Citing this year's 18 percent tuition hike that Wendler requested, union member Lenore Langsdorf said students should be concerned about who will fill their classes.

"He's not giving them anything for their money but substitute teachers," she said.

Besides salaries, striking points still on the bargaining table include student/faculty ratios, tenure, workloads and fair share. The association and SIUC administration have been in negotiations since February 2002. With a vote of 306 to 40, union members supported a measure in November allowing their leadership to call a strike on Feb. 3 if progress stalls in the negotiations.

John Dunn, Provost and vice chancellor, said in an interview that possibilities include combining similar class sections. Another possible option is switching the course to a reading or independent study course.

Dunn stressed that the administration's plan is designed to help the University deal with a crisis — not cause tension.

"This is not about being in someone's face to say, 'We showed you,'" he said.

Some faculty members have written in their class syllabus that work done during a strike would not count toward the final grade. But Davis said students will receive credit for assign-



Gus Bode
 Gus says: I'm going on strike until this mess is over.



LESTER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lenore Langsdorf, chair of union's departmental representative council looks through signs for a possible faculty strike at SIUC. These signs are for an informational picket that will take place today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Free Forum Area next to Anthony Hall.

Strike may affect financial aid, work study program

Jessica Yorama
 Daily Egyptian

Students receiving financial aid and student-workers at SIUC may be affected by an extended faculty walkout.

If faculty strike forces student course loads to drop below half-time enrollment, or six hours, they will not be eligible to continue their federal work-study programs, said Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

But full-time students should not expect their enrollment to drop below six hours with the plus the University administration is putting in place, Dietz said.

And for those who aren't student workers, canceled classes will result in a refund for those classes, Dietz said.

But a monetary refund would not be given to students receiving financial aid since the money would return to the government, Dietz said. He said students would not be affected by a course load reduced from 15 hours to 12 hours, since that would still be full-time status.

As of 2002, 80 percent of students were receiving some type of financial aid. As a requirement, these students must maintain six credit hours in order to continue receiving work-study.

With some members of the faculty having expressed intention to strike if negotiations are not reached, there is some concern that canceled classes will cause some students to fall below the amount of hours necessary to receive work-study.

"I've heard that certain professors plan to cancel classes," said Bridget McBride, a junior in rehabilitation services from Carbondale who receives work-study. "I'm not really worried about it though because a bunch of my professors have said they won't strike because they have a commitment to their students."

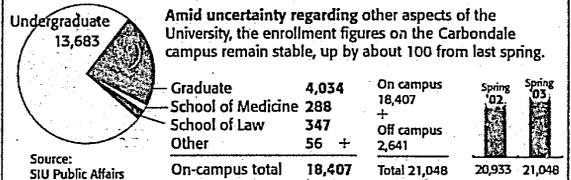
"I understand what the teachers are trying to do, I also understand how it's bad for students with work study, but there's really nothing we can do."

McBride is not alone in her lack of concern over a possible strike affecting her work-study: Students such as Whitney Banning, a junior in zoology from Cowden said she was concerned for students in programs such as liberal arts, where a number of teachers expressed intention to strike, but like McBride, said she was not in a position where the strike would affect her work-study.

According to Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn, there are not many students concerned with the possibility of losing classes. Even with the

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Stable enrollment



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Enrollment numbers are up

Kristina Dailing
 Daily Egyptian

SIUC enrollment numbers increased by 115 students from Spring 2002, even as the faculty union continues to progress toward a walkout.

The student enrollment numbers stand at 21,048 up from 20,933 from spring of last year.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor-for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said he contributes some of the increase in student enrollment numbers to students programs like Student Orientation Advisement Registration, who focuses more on enhancing retention and yield rate.

"We've done a better job of following up on prospective students," Dietz said. He also attributed the numbers to better

financials aid packages and better employment grants for students.

There are 2,611 off-campus students, down from 2,652 in spring of 2002.

On-campus enrollment is up 126 students to 18,407. Enrollment in the School of Law is up 16 students to 347 students. And the School of Medicine's enrollment grew by three students to 288.

Dietz said that recruitment efforts have been stepped up in the past three years because of the decrease in enrollment during past decades.

"In all the areas where we focused on recruitment, the numbers are up," Dietz said.

These areas were freshmen, transfer students, international students and graduate students.

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Troop call-ups leave shortages at home

The Pentagon's call-up of 144,000 National Guard and Reserve troops is straining many law enforcement agencies, from small-town police departments to state highway patrols and federal bureaus.

The number of "weekend warriors" called to full-time duty since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks is the largest since the Gulf War a decade ago. More are expected to be shipped overseas in preparation for a possible war against Iraq. And some law enforcement officials worry they could be short-handed on the homefront.

In Marietta, Ga., population 11,407, Police Chief Keith Glass is an officer in the Army Reserve. Six of his 36 police officers serve part time in the National Guard or Reserve.

Glass says it's never easy to schedule around the Guard commitment of training two days per month and two weeks in the summer. If those reservists are called for active duty, "that would be tough," he says. "If I got called up, I'm not sure what we would do."

Brothers charged with dismembering mother

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Prosecutors filed murder charges against two half brothers Tuesday and said they would try the 15-year-old as an adult in the gruesome slaying of his mother.

Jason Bautista, 20, and Matthew Montejo, 15, are charged with killing Jane Bautista, 41, whose head and hands were found in the family's apartment in Riverside. Her body was found in an Orange County ravine.

The elder brother allegedly told police they dismembered the body to throw off investigators, an idea they saw on the popular mob show *The Sopranos*.

Both defendants appeared in Superior Court but did not enter a plea. Their arraignment was postponed until Feb. 14.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Murray said prosecutors had not yet decided whether to seek the death penalty against Bautista. California law prohibits the execution of minors.

Prosecutors have not disclosed a possible motive.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Putin threatens to toughen stance on Iraq

In a sign that key allies might be moving in Washington's direction on Iraq, Russia hinted Tuesday that it could support military action if Iraq obstructs the work of United Nations weapons inspectors.

Putin said Tuesday that Moscow might toughen its stance on Iraq if Baghdad hampers U.N. weapons inspectors.

Russia, one of five nations with veto power on the U.N. Security Council, would be a crucial vote if the Bush administration decided to seek a second U.N. resolution to explicitly authorize force to disarm Iraq.

"If Iraq resists these inspections, if it creates problems for the inspectors, I do not rule out that Russia may change its position," said Russian President Vladimir Putin to the Associated Press. He said Russia would be willing to "work out other decisions" in the Security Council that were "tougher than the existing decisions."

Putin's remarks came as inspectors reported another failure

to interview an Iraqi scientist in private, a condition considered essential to get candid information.

Sharon crushes opposition; Likud party takes over

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who has taken a hard line against the Palestinian uprising, won a crushing victory in Israel's election Tuesday, and partial results showed his Likud and other hawkish parties easily winning most seats in parliament.

The prospect of progress on the Palestinian front now appears to depend on whether Sharon can form a coalition that will include the opposition Labor party, which campaigned on a pledge to restart peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

In his victory speech before jubilant supporters, Sharon called for a "unity government" and warned that "there is no cause for celebration. The battle against the terrorist organizations hasn't ended and it claims more victims every day... It's a time for soul-searching, for uniting."

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CORRECTIONS

In last Thursday's issue of the *DAILY EGYPTIAN*, the page 16 column "The WB strikes again" incorrectly stated that KBSF's affiliation with Warner Brothers was responsible for its discontinuation of Saluki basketball coverage.

KBSF's ownership group, not the station itself, is affiliated with the WB. KBSF's coverage of Saluki basketball was interrupted because of Fox Network programming, not the WB.

The *DAILY EGYPTIAN* regrets the error.

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POLICE REPORTS

University

* A ladder was reported stolen between 3:15 p.m. Dec. 23 and 7:30 a.m. Jan. 2 from the Physical Plant. The loss is estimated at \$350. Police have no suspects.

Carbondale

* Zatron R. Twiggs, 17, was arrested at about 1 p.m. Tuesday on a warrant for alleged involvement in a shooting in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Carbondale Police were informed Twiggs was at a residence in the 600 block of North Bridge Street by the Sikeston Police Department. Police said about 10 officers formed a perimeter around the house. Twiggs allegedly tried to escape through the back door of the residence but retreated upon seeing the officers. Police said officers spoke with the owner of the residence and were allowed to search for Twiggs, who was found hiding in the attic. Twiggs was reportedly convinced to come out when officers told him a police canine would be deployed to get him out. He surrendered and was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

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President Bush addresses nation

Bush builds a case for war against Iraq

Kristina Herndobler
Daily Egyptian

In his State of the Union address Tuesday night, President George Bush focused first on internal issues such as the economy and healthcare, and then left Americans to ponder the subject of war.

While he devoted one and a half pages of his 15-page speech to the economy, Bush left almost one-third of it to Saddam Hussein.

That is no surprise to Mike Lawrence, associate director of the Public Policy Institute at SIUC.

Lawrence, who served as press secretary to former Gov. Jim Edgar, said Bush accomplished the two main goals of his speech — addressing

the economy and making a case for a war against Iraq.

"The primary goal of the United States is clear, Bush said.

"We must have an economy that grows fast enough to employ every man and woman who seeks a job," he said.

He then moved through education reform, tax relief and health care. Bush asked Congress to end the practice of partial-birth abortions and to pass a law against all human cloning. Then he focused a significant amount of time to the AIDS crisis in Africa.

Lawrence said that while AIDS is a huge, pressing problem for the world, the president used it to help project the image of compassion before he moved on to the subject of war.

Bush said while he seeks peace, sometimes it must be defended. He also said that a future lived at the mercy of terrible threats is no peace at all.

"If war is forced upon us, we will fight with

the full force and might of the United States military, and we will prevail," Bush said to Congress.

"Let there be no misunderstanding: If Saddam Hussein does not fully disarm for the safety of our people, and for the peace of the world, we will lead a coalition to disarm him," Bush said.

Bush said all free nations have a stake in preventing sudden and catastrophic attacks, and asked them to join the United States in disarming Saddam Hussein.

"Yet the course of this nation does not depend on the decisions of others," he said.

Bush received one of many standing ovations for thanking the military for their service.

"You believe in America and America believes in you," he said as many soldiers watched live from their bases at home and abroad.

And though he threatened about the possibility of a war against Iraq, he did not forget

the war on terror.

"The war goes on, and we are winning," he said.

Lawrence predicts Bush's declining ratings in the polls might take an upturn in the days ahead because of his speech. The question though, he says, is how long those ratings will last.

To help ensure ratings don't increase — at least not in Carbondale — The Committee Against War will sponsor a vigil from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in front of the Federal Building, 250 W. Cherry St., in protest of Bush's address to the nation.

Deidre Hughes, a graduate student in history, says the vigil is about raising awareness.

"We want to make a statement standing in opposition of Bush's international policies," Hughes said.

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Americans hear little rationale from President

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Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT)—Americans seeking justification for war with Iraq heard little from President Bush on Tuesday night.

Bush raised the possibility that Iraq could team up with al-Qaida to replay the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack, this time with chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

In Fort Worth, Texas, insurance executive Stan Jones found Bush's talk of an al-Qaida connection "a bit of stretch."

"He's asking us to imagine what could happen," said Jones, who nevertheless backs the president on Iraq, with some misgivings. "It sounds to me like he's ready to go to war. If he does, I'll support him, but I think it's critical that he give the American people more information than he has for not waiting for the United Nations (weapons) inspectors."

Administration officials said they would have more to say about a possible Iraq/al-Qaida link in the next few days.

The rest of Bush's indictment of Iraq was largely a recitation of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's previous brutality, deceptions and disregard for international law. He also offered a list of prohibited items found in previous weapons inspections that Iraq has failed to account for, which impressed some listeners as enough smoke to smell dangerous fire.

Give life



Milton Smith III finishes giving blood Tuesday afternoon while phlebotomist Rhonda Roberston, of the American Red Cross Carbondale chapter house, readies the donated blood. Students have the opportunity to give blood Wednesday, and Thursday on the first floor of the Student Center, in the TV lounge from 11:30 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday's donations are sponsored by the Emeritus Association of Southern Illinois.

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University Police cracks down

\$18,000 grant allows additional officers to patrol at times when DUIs are most prevalent

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

SIUC Police recorded about twice as many alcohol and drug-related driving offenses last weekend as in the previous three weekends.

From Jan. 24 to Jan. 26 there were four arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol, one arrest for zero tolerance, two citations for illegal transportation of alcohol and this semester's first charge of driving under the influence of drugs.

Lt. Todd Sigler of the University Police said the same amount of officers were patrolling as usual.

Though University Police did not perform any extra duties to combat drinking and driving this weekend, they are in the middle of a program to combat the offenses. The department received an \$18,000 grant last year from the Illinois Department of Transportation to pay officers for overtime patrols for offenses with alcohol and driving.

The funds are used in Carbondale for a series of two-week enforcement periods, five of which are left. The first two periods were from Oct. 20 to Nov. 2 and Nov. 17 to Nov. 30. Sigler said the next enforcement period begins Feb. 9.

The funds will pay for one additional officer to patrol for four to six hour periods when driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol, and zero tolerance offenses are most prevalent. Sigler previously said the patrols will likely be during bar closing times and other times where police have made numerous arrests in the past.

The DUIs and the drug offense could net the department an additional \$100 apiece. In accordance with a bill passed in July 1999, extra money is given to police departments that make arrests that lead to guilty pleas or verdicts in DUI cases. The drug offense is classified under the same statute.

Sigler previously said the extra funds gained by DUIs helped by the department's two new in-car video cameras.

The Carbondale Police had only four offenses for driving under the influence of alcohol the same weekend. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 54 percent of fatal crashes on weekends in 2001 involved alcohol.

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The long road to SIUC

Two students still deal with summer tragedy

Jackie Keane
Daily Egyptian

Andrea Long and Jenny Lawrence sat on a shady stoop on Chicago's South Side with a friend, talking and trying to avoid the July evening's warm sun.

In a matter of minutes, a traffic accident and vigilante violence took the lives of three and left these two women to pick up the pieces.

Despite injuries, rehabilitation, surgery and court appearances, life has managed to go on for the girls and taken them on a 300-hundred mile journey to begin as freshman at SIUC.

Anthony Stuckey, 49, and Jack Moore, 62, the drivers of a rented van, were driving a load of furniture east on 40th Street when they ran a stop sign and lost control of the van while turning left, according to the Chicago Tribune. The van jumped over the curb and stoop and ran on to the front steps where the girls were gathered.

It was then that a mob of an uncertain amount of people beat Stuckey and Moore with pieces of stone from the stairs, pounding them in the head and chest. The mob also punched and kicked the two men. They died of multiple injuries and blunt trauma.

The Cook County medical

examiner's office later found that the drivers had used a derivative of cocaine, as well as opiates including heroin and morphine within hours of the crash. The tests cannot measure the level of impairment in which the men might have experienced.

The accident occurred across the street from a Chicago Housing Authority, where the girls lived.

Also on the stoop was Jenny's cousin, Shani Lawrence, who ended up beneath the van, according to Prairie District Cdr. Adrienne Stanley. She died of injuries from the accident.

Jenny ended up on the steps, and Long was hit but was able to make it across the street to her home, Stanley told the Chicago Tribune.

In the weeks after the accident, Long, a freshman in journalism, had to learn how to walk again. The impact caused a severe blood clot resulting in loss of blood circulation in her legs.

After being in the hospital for five days, she worked hard with a physical therapist to regain use of her legs. Her back is still not fully healed.

Jenny, who is an undecided freshman, suffered from a fractured arm, loss of hearing in her right ear and many of her teeth had to be replaced. She has regained some hearing in her ear and has undergone surgery on her arm.

The two high school honor students were forced to start their college careers late because of the pace of their full recovery. Long began the fall semester two

half weeks late, while Jenny's college career was put off an entire semester.

"I was considering Tennessee State University, but I decided to stay in the state because of the accident," Long said.

Long's late arrival at SIUC caused her to drop one of her classes because the professor would not excuse her absences. Meanwhile she had to work even harder to catch up on work in other classes.

"I've been dealing with it since accident happened, so I am used to it," Long said.

The horror of the accident did not end with the two girls' recovery. They are now witnesses in a trial that began last Thursday concerning Lamont, Motes, the cousin of both Shani and Jenny.

Motes is one of the eight men being charged with first-degree murder for the mob beating of Stuckey and Moore, although police witnesses told the Chicago Tribune the mob consisted of almost 20 people.

As the trial continues, Long must juggle the long trips to Chicago for her testimony while still attending school.

"I gave them my schedule and they said they would work around it," said Long.

Through the accident and now trial, these two best friends have kept their school plans and friendship intact.

"Everything now is fine. I guess because we both went through the same thing," said Jenny.

"I just got to get over it, day by day."

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Troop deployments take police officers from local departments

Police say mobilizations will not hurt services

Greg Cima
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Although a large-scale deployment of forces could take up to 10 percent of some local police departments, the recent mobilization of National Guard units and reserves has not yet impacted the departments.

Deputy Chief Steve Odum, of the Carbondale Police Department, said the department has one officer who has left for military service, but up to five more could possibly be called to action.

In a department of 60 sworn officers, the deployment could require some of the department to undergo some changes. This includes limiting some programs and positions not vital to emergency services.

Odum said members of the department may "move out of administrative and staff positions to make sure we provide basic services."

He said the department does not have any plans or contingencies for the loss of officers, but it will continue with all the basic services.

"When they come up and tell us they've been activated, we'll deal with it then," Odum said.

SIUC Police will not lose any

officers, but one student patrol officer has already been called to duty.

Master Sgt. Rick Hector, spokesman for the Illinois State Police, said the activation of military units will not have any major effect on the state agency.

"We have less than 5 percent of our sworn work force that's attached to a National Guard unit," Hector said. "We don't foresee any sign of problems with this interfering in the service we provide."

Hector said there are more than 2,000 state troopers.

Sgt. Michael Hooks, of Illinois State Police Dist. 13, which covers the Carbondale area, has five of its 50 officers in military service, about twice the state average.

"We've got quite a few guys in the National Guard," Hooks said. "We've sent quite a few to Desert Storm."

Hooks said at least one of the troopers, a lieutenant in the National Guard, was told to be ready to go.

"We haven't lost any yet," Hooks said. "I think we've got five in the guard who are susceptible."

He said the department will perform business as usual and try to do more with less. The district covers seven counties, including Jackson, Randolph, Perry, Franklin,

Williamson, Washington and Jefferson.

The State Police cannot replace absent officers because of the state's hiring freeze, and budget cuts have already reduced funds.

Hooks said the department puts extra effort into supporting officers who are in the military.

"We go above and beyond what the law tells us to do," Hooks said.

He said the department makes up for money lost by officers mobilized for military service. A trooper making more monthly

pay than received in military service would receive enough money by the state to make up the difference. For example, a state trooper making \$1,000 less monthly while serving in active duty would receive an extra \$1,000 from the state.

Hooks said the department also works with a trooper's schedule to maximize vacation and compensatory time to continue paying them for as long as possible.

He added that troopers who served during the Gulf War were able to come back with the same seniority and pay as when they left.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Faculty Association events

The Faculty Association is hosting an informational picket in the Free Forum Area today at 11:30 to 1 p.m. All students, staff and faculty are welcome.

There will also be a public information meeting from 6 to 8 tonight at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave., room 108. The public is welcome.

The association is sponsoring a rally on the steps of Shynock Auditorium Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. All members of the community are welcome.

For more information, visit the union's website at www.siuca.org.

CARBONDALE

SIUC student reads from his book Monday at the public library

Alexis Stamatikos will read from his novel, *Eager Sumter*, 7 p.m. Monday at the Carbondale Public Library, 405 W. Main St.

The reading will be followed by a question and answer session. Participants can purchase books, which the author will sign. Stamatikos is an SIUC student majoring in creative writing and dietetics. The program is free and refreshments will be served.

Women in business sponsor dinner meeting Feb. 13

The Southern Illinois Business Council will hold its next dinner meeting Feb. 13 in the Atrium of the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center, 150 E. Pleasant Hill Road. Reservations are required. Cost for the meeting is \$10 per person.

Baked ziti will be served, along with bowtie Alfredo with broccoli and three-leaf salad from 5 to 6 p.m. A program, "More than Just a Pawn Shop," featuring Candy Kennedy of Midwest Cash, will begin at 6 p.m. The business meeting will be from 6:30 to 7 p.m. SIUBC promotes women in commerce and woman-owned businesses. For reservations, contact Sara Berkbigler at 549-2146 before Feb. 6.

REGIONAL

Musical motivation Saturday

Music in Motion will perform at John A. Logan College's Celebration of Light dance from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday in the College Conference Center. Tickets are \$8 for singles and \$15 for couples.

Credit cards are accepted and snacks will be provided. Proceeds will go to the College academic honor society, Phi Theta Kappa. For tickets or more information, contact Becky Miranti at 985-2075.

Pick up a book Saturday

There will be a book fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Bookstore. A portion of the books sold will benefit the John A. Logan Community College Literacy Program.

Vouchers are available at the literacy offices in Elkhart, Marion, Murphysboro, West Frankfort and at JALC. Barnes and Noble will also have vouchers available the day of the fair.

Clifford the Big Red Dog will be a special guest. Jim Rasor from Channel 3 will be guest reader and other activities will continue through 3 p.m. For additional information, contact a literacy coordinator at 618-997-1991, ext. 251.

University takes human odyssey to ancient lands

SIUC community will travel to Egypt, Greece

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

Running an Olympic race in an ancient stadium, making sundials and star maps, recreating mummifications and recreating debates in law courts are just a few of the things participants will experience during the 21st annual expeditions to Greece and Egypt.

Robert Hahn, professor of philosophy, will lead five separate expeditions this year to Egypt and Greece on a journey to explore others culture.

"We will recreate the trail of Socrates in an ancient law court," Hahn said. "We perform an ancient play in a theater with costumes and masks we make ourselves. This will be an experience of a lifetime."

This year's theme is the Human Odyssey, searching for self in ancient Egypt/Greece. Both trips are separate and offer different experiences for participants.

The Egypt expedition will take place during three separate trips for the first time. The first trip will take place during spring break with consecutive trips in May and June. The Greece odyssey will take off at the end of May and run through early June and the second trip will be in July.

"There are programs to Egypt and Greece that are very separate, but twice we offer programs that dovetail," Hahn said. "You can go first to Egypt and then straight to Greece."

The trips are offered not only to SIUC students, but also to non-students, including family members and people in the community, and students from other universities. Those who attend who are students can earn up to three credits in several different areas, no matter what their major is.

"Students usually take two to three hours depending on their advisement and whether or not they do it as an independent study project,"



PROVIDED BY DR. ROBERT HAHN

Riding camels in Egypt is just one of the many exciting adventures that students can have in the Study Abroad Program.

said Thomas Saville, coordinator of the Study Abroad Program.

Since the program's inception, more than 1,200 people have participated in sailing the Mediterranean Sea and Nile River to relive moments in ancient times. Undergraduate and graduate students have been able to gain hands-on experience in learning and then telling the story to others.

"What can be better than to include undergraduate and graduate students on a quest to show that SIU is committed to the view that education is a lifelong process," Hahn said.

For the first year, the program will produce a documentary video as a pilot for public television.

"Overall the documentary will be looking at institutions in our society we find estimable and re-examine the origins of these institutions," Hahn said. "Those include the invention of democracy, historical writing, public literacy and athletic contest, among others."

Hahn said he is excited about the trips and allowing more students to experience a trip of a lifetime.

"We are such more an educated people

when we are educated on other's terms," Hahn said. "The trips challenge us to see how much we can learn and how many blessings we can count at one time."

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An organizational meeting will take place Thursday, at 7:30 p.m., in the activities room A and B on the third floor of the Student Center.

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OUR WORD

Arbitration not the answer to avoid strike

We hate to say it, but we will. Arbitration is not the medicine we're looking for. As the deadline inches closer — five days now — it becomes a more distinct possibility that a strike will take place, whether it be for one day or three weeks.

While we at the DAILY EGYPTIAN will not support a faculty walk-out, we believe binding arbitration to be a simplistic solution to SIUC's complex issues.

Binding arbitration, basically stated, means that the two groups agree to have an official examine one proposal from each side. One of the proposals will be chosen, and that's the final decision. If both sides agree to arbitration, it negates the faculty's legal right to strike.

While that part adds some sugar to the situation, the idea that an arbitrator can choose one side or the other is something we can't swallow. Either way, we the students might still end up not getting a good deal and chances are, it will leave both sides not fully satisfied. Because both sides will submit proposals closer to middle grounds in order to have a better chance at being selected, it does help inch progress closer.

But as Chancellor Walter Wendler noted, progress is inching closer anyway, even if it is at a snail's pace. Although they have had difficulty reaching an agreement, they at least understand all of the issues and the bets at stake.

While the Faculty Association has suggested this solution during the last two rounds of negotiations, they have not brought the proposal to the table this time. Faculty Association spokesman Jim Kelly said because of the Board of Trustees' past refusals to arbitration, the group will not suggest it again. He said, however, that the administration is aware of the association's interest in the matter and that the Faculty Association would be ready to consider binding arbitration if the administration made the suggestion.

"We do agree that binding arbitration is a useful method for avoiding a strike," Kelly told the Egyptian Tuesday. "The BOT knows very well that we've been open to arbitration. In the past two contracts, [faculty] requested that the board submit issues for binding arbitration. In both cases, the BOT refused to take that approach."

According to EGYPTIAN records, during January 2001 contract negotiations administrative spokesman Tom Britton said the administration rejected arbitration because the remaining issues were managerial rights of University officials and could not be negotiated further. At the time, negotiations for that contract had been ongoing for more than one year. In 1998 during negotiations, arbitration was listed as one of four steps during the process, an option the Faculty Association was open to, but Egyptian records do not show whether the suggestion was officially presented or rejected.

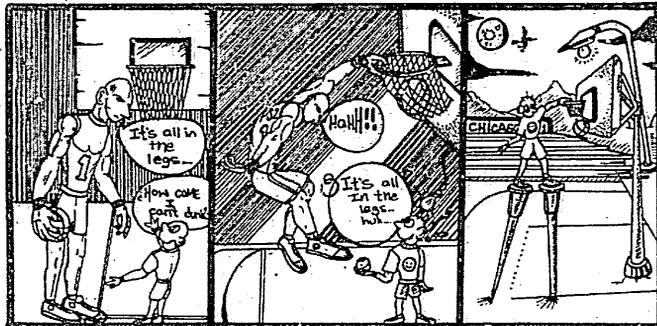
Chancellor Wendler earlier said he would not recommend arbitration to the Board of Trustees. He said because arbitration would limit the administration's normal bargaining powers and because an outside arbitrator would not understand the issues, he wasn't sure the board would go for it. BOT president Molly D'Espisito said Tuesday that the board supports the chancellor's position.

Faculty contract negotiations have been going on for more than a year. The Graduate Council came out in favor of faculty Friday, supporting arbitration for the same reason we might — to avoid a strike.

The EGYPTIAN has no problem saying that a strike would adversely affect this campus in a number of ways. Not only would those currently on this campus be affected, but such an incident — the first university strike in Illinois history — would have an affect on enrollment numbers and the ability of the University to draw in more faculty for years to come.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN believes the two sides can reach an agreement. While a strike might take place, we're willing to risk that much in order to save the University from future problems. The contract they are negotiating will be up for discussion in only a few short years. If arbitration were used now, that future discussion would be worse for it. An outsider might end up doing more harm than a strike.

We ask both sides to carefully consider all the options, and we are pleased to hear that at least one side is willing to do anything. But in the end, even a spoonful of sugar wouldn't help arbitration go down.



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GUEST COLUMNIST

Abortion issue not settled

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I am extremely disturbed by the attitude presented in this newspaper concerning abortion. On the 30th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, all I read about was the pro-choice side. We never hear that plaintiff Jane Roe, who converted to Catholicism in the 1980s, has now dedicated her life to the reversal of this decision. Voluntary abortion is never a freedom or a right. It is murder. I believe that life begins at conception. At that point, this little cell has everything necessary to develop. If this little cell were left alone, it would arrive nine months later ready to take its first breath. To me, abortion is the same thing as abandoning an unwanted newborn into a dumpster. The only difference is about six months. Abortions take the lives of the most innocent in our nation. We are outraged over animal cruelty, labeling it especially heinous because the victims are defenseless. What about a baby? How much more helpless is it?

One in four babies dies in abortion. This makes a mother's womb, once the safest place on earth, more deadly than any gun-crazed ghetto or war-torn country. Since the Roe v. Wade decision, abortions nationwide have killed the potential population equal to Canada. More than 80 percent of all abortions are voluntary, pro-choice decisions to end a life, and 46 percent are repeat abortions, such as "Amy's."

There are no excuses for a voluntary abortion. "It doesn't fit into my plan" or "I want to graduate" hold

no bearing. If you are too selfish to welcome a baby into your life, you are too selfish to be having sex in the first place. SIUC student William Alonso speaks of a "reproductive right." The reproductive right is to create life, not end it. Otherwise, the phrase is contradictory. If a woman is so desperate to kill her child that she will resort to using a clothes hanger, so much the better. Maybe then she will realize the gravity of what she's undertaking. A coat hanger hangs clothes, not kills children.

Abortion is not the clean, quick procedure that many believe it to be. A baby is ripped apart and vacuumed out of its mother's womb. Ultrasounds of abortions show the baby's reaction to this deadly invasion. If you ever watch such a recording, you will never again say that the baby feels no pain. In partial birth abortion, the nape of the neck is punctured as the head emerges. The brain is vacuumed out, collapsing the skull, and then the baby is delivered. Disgusted yet? You should be.

Abortion is one of the most outrageous crimes in our nation, and it must stop. If you still think that it's a woman's right, consider this: People oppose the death penalty for convicted criminals who made a conscious decision to end a life, yet think little of terminating a baby whose only crime is its parent's stupidity. A child conceived in love has the right to live in love. THAT is the reproductive right.

Sandra is a graduate student in opera and music theatre. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The truth is more important than the facts.”

Frank Lloyd Wright

WORDS OVERHEARD

“A lot of times these decisions of drafts and deferments were based on cronyism and influence and so forth. I don't see any reason that would be different now.”

Hugh Muldoon
director of the Interfaith Center and opponent of the war in Iraq on the possibility of reinstating the draft

COLUMNISTS

SUVs and piles of dung: of thee I sing

I am an American. I bought an SUV last Saturday. My gas mileage is terrible, it hogs the road, and somewhere a Californian is coughing and wondering why all of my emissions keep floating all the way across the continent to a cloud hovering over his house in San Bernardino. And still, I couldn't be happier. I watched the Super Bowl this weekend as well. I can't tell you what Tampa Bay's team colors are, but I do remember the color of Kelly Osbourne's hair in that "Ozzy's Nightmare" ad. Of course, upon reflection, I do not recall what the commercial was for, either.

Not to worry though. I am sure my subconscious picked up on it. Later this week, I will wander through the aisles of K-Mart, filling my cart with ridiculous purchases and items I don't even know how to use because the TV told me to while I was eating nachos and giggling at the funny man on the screen.

Welcome to America kids. It's the land of opportunity.

Welcome to America kids. It's the land of opportunity. And, more importantly, it's the land where you don't have to worry about anything at all. Why spend all of your time fussing over that whole "make the world a better place for your children" mantra? I'm not sure humanity was one of those ideas cut out for the long haul anyway. Okay, so maybe we have wheels and fire and all that jazz. Hooray for us. And what does that get us? Cars that burst into flames. I can't help but think we were better off before.

Look at the cockroach. There's a guy who has been around for eons. And I'm not sure life is all that different now for him than it was millions of years ago. You get up, you crawl around in dung, you eat your dinner there, and then you spread out on your little dung mattress and go to bed. Once in a while, you come across an abandoned carabooz box, and you lay eggs in it. Life is good.

Now I'm not saying I want to be a cockroach. It's not a glamorous life by any means. But just look at their staying power. Meanwhile, I squander my ravenous human breath on eccentricities that would only bog down a roach's enlightened lifestyle of survival.



Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY
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I wake up every morning and drink a pot of coffee, which I don't enjoy. I drive to work at eight miles over the speed limit. I get there exactly three and a half minutes late, because, as everyone knows, the time clock is three minutes behind, and who cares about that extra 30 seconds anyway? It's like pumping \$5.01 in gas. No one's keeping track, and everyone's doing it. That makes it okay.

I drive to work where I spend the entire morning staring blankly at a computer screen as a superbly mediocre idea evolves into a column, which I will also turn in late. Maybe it's not the greatest living, but what am I, a cockroach? We can't all get our acts together.

Of course, I mention again, I don't want to be a cockroach. I'm already here. I've already been born a human and raised as one; I have free will and opposable thumbs and even a remote control to confuse the importance of the two. I'm content.

But somewhere, off in the spans of time and space, I have to wonder if life is different. In some alternate universe, a five-foot-two beetle is desperately hitting the "Word Count" hotkey on his Microsoft toolbar and thinking wistfully about a life with no problems, no quest for meaning, and (squash!) ... a decent apartment without those nasty little five-fingered critters scurrying across the floor and mating in his empty beer cartons again.

In the meantime, he relaxes on his couch with a plate of dung, turns on the big game and starts a K-Mart list. After all, this is America.

"Not Just Another Priddy Face" appears Wednesdays. Grace is a senior in architecture. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Nell had a lesson for us all



Having my Say

BY LENIE ADOLPHSON
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Last week Nell Carter died. Many of you younger students probably have no idea who she is or why I am choosing to write about her. I am not writing about Nell in particular, but advice she gave in which she implored people to heed. Nell was a wonderful singer and actress. Nell made a commercial a few years ago and in the commercial, she gave a brief narrative regarding her doctor's warnings that she had diabetes. She ignored her doctor and continued business as usual however, she had an extraordinary episode while she was driving and suddenly her vision was blurry and she could not see because of her untreated diabetes. Nell Carter said this was her "wake-up call."

To a degree Nell Carter's death was my wake-up call. Many of us with chronic silent diseases do not fight them with the vigor in which these treacherous ailments necessitate. However, as I thought about my laxness in my fight, I thought about the fact that for too many of us it takes a major tragedy or hearing about one to inspire us to change. For example, how many of us continue to smoke? We know about the U.S. Surgeon General's warnings. We know smokers do not live as long as non-smokers, yet some of us continue to smoke. How many people still drink and drive? Some even brag about how we cannot believe that we made it home when we were so "polluted." Yet we still do it because somewhere in our subconscious we do not believe we will be the one to kill someone in our car.

Yet, if we read about a famous person, who was killed or killed someone due to being under the influence, it may make us pause. However, when a close friend is killed that makes us stop and realize that "it could have been me." Unfortunately, this is the wake up call.

Also, despite the continued warnings of AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, some people are still very promiscuous and sometimes admit that there wasn't time for a condom; after all, that would ruin the mood. In addition, God forbid that you just wait until you really are in love and not in a drunken haze to have sex. Unfortunately for many, the wake-up

call comes when the doctor calls and says, "I cannot discuss your results over the phone and can you please bring a friend or someone you trust to the office with you?"

Moreover, here at SIU, we all are given assignments in a reasonable amount of time and we all know that there is going to be a midterm and a final at the end of the year, but invariably there are those who do not study and at the end are cramming and resent the unfairness and injustice of it all. We secretly pray that the final will be cancelled. Many of us have squeaked by and feel that we can continue these slipshod, indolent habits than one day we meet a professor that says, "NO not in my class." The F that is given unfortunately for many students is their wake-up call. It is regrettable that for many people the wake up call is a failing grade, a disease or even death.

However, this column is not just for the readers. Today it is for me, too. In the words of the late great Nell Carter, "this is our official wake-up call" whether it be studying more, showing more compassion, exercising more and eating less. We should not let a tragedy be the impetus for the change that needs to be made in all of our lives. There is a movie with Nicholas Cage and it is called "It could happen to you."

Truer words were never spoken.

"Having my Say" appears Wednesdays. Lenie is a junior in history. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Open letter not reality

DEAR EDITOR:

The open letter from non-union faculty promotes some serious misconceptions that the administration and the press have already been promulgating for months.

1. The group that signed that letter is not the silent majority. The letter is from tenured and tenure-track faculty, which means all of them are members of the bargaining unit represented by the Faculty Association. Of that bargaining unit, the clear majority are members, and 90% of those members voted to authorize a strike. That should suggest to people that there are serious problems on this campus. This leads to my next point.

2. The current threat of a strike is not about a few faculty who have personal issues with administrators. There is nothing personal about this situation. The major issue is about the quality of education on campus. If we continue to let faculty lines stay open when people leave or retire (and salaries are one reason for attrition), the remaining faculty have larger workloads and less time for students. We can make our education cheaper by teaching larger classes and more classes, but it erodes the quality of that education.

3. Another related point has to do with who cares about students. The chancellor has stated, and the non-union faculty imply, that only those who oppose a strike care about students. This is simply not true. All the members of the Faculty Association whom I know personally care deeply about students and the quality of their education; that is why we are not sitting idly by while those with a vision of cheaper edu-

cation erode academic life on this campus. We want students to receive a meaningful education, not just a piece of paper. You can call us old-fashioned, but not a minority putting our personal desires ahead of our concerns about students and the University.

Robbie Lieberman
Professor of History

Fair share not fair at all

DEAR EDITOR:

I applaud the DE editors for their cogent critique of "fair share" ("Fair Share Spits in the Face of Academic Freedom"). I did not join the Faculty Association until this past fall; my reluctance to join was rooted in strong opposition to the NEA's politics and its illegal shake-down of non-union members through "fair share" fees. The NEA and its state affiliates have consistently violated the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Supreme Court in Beck (1988): "Fair share" fees are legally limited to local expenses and may not include the extraneous administrative (and lobbying) costs of the state and national unions. The bottom line: Legal "fair share" fees would be much lower than the outrageously high \$464 claimed by the Faculty Association.

If the administration caves in to the union's demand for "fair share," I encourage non-union members to contact the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation (www.nwrf.org). The Foundation provides free legal assistance in securing large rebates on "fair share." Foundation lawyers have also won a number of class-action lawsuits against the NEA. Fair share marks the death of true union

democracy because it prevents dissenters from "voting with their feet" by leaving the union. As a union member, I was one of the few to vote against a strike. If a strike occurs and it damages SIUC, I would be prevented under fair share from effectively expressing displeasure with the union by withdrawing my membership. That's just not fair.

Jonathan Bean
Associate Professor of History

USG, faculty, administration, listen up

DEAR EDITOR:

Recent editions of the DAILY EGYPTIAN have featured much discussion over the possibility of a strike by the Faculty Association. After ingesting these writings, I have formulated several comments for those predominant voices.

First, I wish to make it clear that I am a proud union son. I endorse the rights of all workers to join together and fight against injustice on the behalf of their employers, yet I believe those grievances should be resolved with respect to the employer's capabilities. Recent economic downturns have left the state, and indeed the entire nation, in a great deal of economic uncertainty. The line between a justifiable fight for an increased standard of living and bullying an unfortunate employer lacking sufficient resources may be fine, but exists nonetheless.

Second, the nonsensical "student representatives" in the Undergraduate Student Government, I

must simply request that you stop misappropriating valuable time and resources to matters over which you obviously have no real conception of and solutions to. In the past year you have launched a campaign to discredit a chancellor who is merely fulfilling his obligation as an administrator and top campus official, opposed with vigor a tuition increase seemingly without so much as a shred of independent investigation, supported the Faculty Associations efforts to abandon their obligations to students without real justification, requested that the university not replace those faculty when and if the strike, and consistently contradicted your own policies and statements within your organization as evidenced in last Friday's article "USG: Don't replace our professors. I am left wondering whether USG is a large-scale popularity contest governed by "high school theater-modernism," or if it is a genuinely good-hearted organization that just happens to be composed of this campus' dimmer students in search of a cause. Perhaps one of you should draft a resolution pledging USG's annual budget to faculty salary increases.

Lastly, while I am sure the administration is at some degree at fault for this escalating situation, I am certain they are functioning for the common good. I encourage the Faculty Association to devise a plan for increased revenue, and then it may request that the new funds be applied to their salaries. Until that point, however, I ask that you seriously consider all of your options, and play the strike card with extreme caution.

Shannon Holubetz
Sophomore, Administration of Justice

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Rend Lake dean gives personal insight into situation in Iraq

Christopher S. Lee
Daily Egyptian Correspondent

A somewhat different take on the situation in Iraq was presented last Thursday at Rend Lake Community College by Salah Shakir, the school's dean of Information Technology.

Shakir maintains that the Iraqi people would be willing to bear another war if it means freedom from the current regime. According to Shakir, this would require replacing not only the top layers of government, but purging 10 or even 15 levels down to fully erase Saddam Hussein's influence. This is the reason he gives to explain why merely exiting the president will change nothing.

He also said that in a country where once "people were afraid to complain about the price of tomatoes," citizens have a little more courage to talk now that the government is under the full scrutiny of the rest of the world.

Shakir, son of a former Iraqi colonel, immigrated to the United States in 1980 to pursue a degree in computer science at SIUC. He followed this with a degree in electronics technology. He is now an administrator at Rend Lake as well as half owner of the local restaurant Dar Salaam and the Longbranch Colfehouse.

He maintains close ties with his

mother and 18 uncles and aunts in Iraq and visits periodically, as recently as this past November.

"It does not take much to conceal 30 grams of uranium in a country three times the size of the state of Illinois," said Shakir, who questioned as to his opinion of whether Hussein is concealing weapons of mass destruction.

Shakir then discussed Saddam's 2.4 million-man Army, out of a total population of just more than 24 million. This force consumes a full 85 percent of the country's income.

"Everyone has friends and family in the military and people talk," Shakir said when asked why he believed that Saddam is concealing weapons of mass destruction.

During the question-and-answer period an audience member asked about the issue of reported human rights violations.

"The tortures are a fact of life there," Shakir said.

This is highlighted by the case of his brother who was arrested in 1981 and hasn't been seen or heard from since.

Throughout his hour-long presentation Shakir painted a detailed picture of the political climate in the late '70s and early '80s that led up to the United States' support of the Hussein regime.

Saddam, vice president, enjoyed

much more popularity at home in those days as many Iraqis saw him on television giving cars and food to the poor.

This popularity at home coupled with other factors, such as the Iranian hostage crisis and the anti-western sentiment of Khomeini's Islamic Revolution that threatened to engulf the region, led the United States to side with Saddam in the Iran/Iraq war.

These reasons and others were cited to show an understanding, among the Iraqi people, of United States support for the regime. Understanding is not forgiveness however.

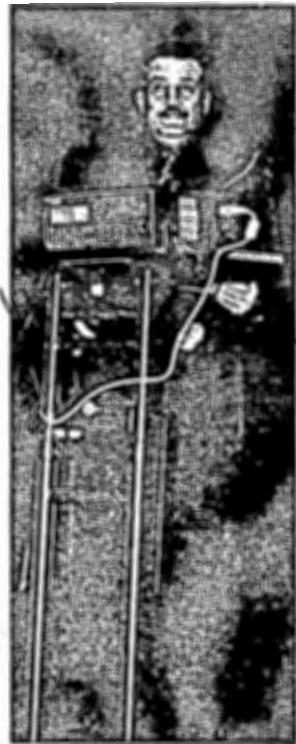
When asked how the Iraqi people felt about the United States in general, Shakir said "they hold the United States responsible for Saddam's power due to support in the Iran/Iraq war."

The lecture was delivered in the theater at Rend Lake to a mostly older crowd; attendees of college age numbered about 10 or 15.

The impassioned cries of "no blood for oil" that have been heard trumpeted by American protesters were wholly absent from the lecture.

"What matter if Bush wants to steal the oil; Saddam's been stealing it for years," he said.

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Rend Lake Community College's dean of information technology, Salah Shakir, spoke at the school Thursday regarding the situation in Iraq. Shakir, who immigrated to the United States in 1980, said he thinks the Iraqi people would be willing to bear another war if it means freedom from the current regime.

CHRISTOPHER S. LEE
- DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sept. 11 may have increased students' political awareness

Brendan Collier
Daily Egyptian

College students may care about politics after all, according to a survey conducted by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The survey contributes the increased awareness of current events and political affairs among college age students to the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The Chronicle's survey of 282,549 first-year students at 437 colleges and universities, students are taking more interest in current events and politics. Among the new students, 32.9 percent consider following politics "very important" or "essential." This comes only two years after the survey's lowest ranking ever at:

28.1 percent — during the presidential election of 2000. The survey's highest year was 1966, with 60.3 percent.

In line with the study's findings, some at SIUC have noticed the increase in political interest. According to Christy Stewart, academic adviser for the Political Science Department, enrollment and registration in her department has increased.

Stewart, an SIUC alumna who holds degrees in both political science and public administration, said the total number of political science majors is up roughly 10 percent since taking her job two years ago. She said some of the department's classes that normally have 20 or 30 students are now full at 80. Even the highest-level classes are closed, which she said

is not typical, especially considering the fact that enrollment is usually down during spring semesters.

"Classes are overflowing at the seams — we're pretty much maxed out," Stewart said.

Stewart attributed the rise in popularity in part to the specializations the department began offering two years ago, a good departmental reputation and a changing world political-dynamic. She noted that the department's International Affairs specialization has been particularly popular since the Sept. 11 attacks.

"People take our classes to get a better idea of what's going on," Stewart said.

Steven Schwarz, a senior in aviation management, knows what's going on. He, like many other students, took a core curriculum political

science course and now follows the news and current events. Prior to the State of the Union address, he said he planned to tune in on the president's speech.

Stephen Shulman, director of undergraduate studies in the Political Science Department, is happy to have witnessed this growing interest in politics among students, and attributes it to recent high-profile events such as the Monica Lewinsky scandal, the 2000 election controversy and the war in Afghanistan.

"I see a lot of non-political science majors are taking our courses — that's a good sign," Shulman said.

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Lindsey J. Mastis
Daily Egyptian

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But with the partnership between the Washington County Hospital, near Centralia, and the SIU School of Medicine, patients may be served faster.

A \$44,606 grant administered by the School of Medicine and the Rural/Downstate Health Initiative allowed the hospital to purchase a helpful piece of computer equipment.

The new web-based teleradiography system, the Medweb DICON Cube, uses T1 access and has been in operation since late December and allows images from an MRI, CT or ultrasound test to be viewed by a radiologist from another location as long as there is Internet access.

John Record, assistant dean for Rural Health and Alumni Affairs and coordinator of the SIU RHI program, said that in an industry that requires radiologists to view images quickly, the old-land based teleradiography system was too slow.

"[Time] is extremely critical in an emergency situation," he said. "It's a way of using new computer technology in a health care setting and specifically in the practice of radiology."

Kim Larkin, chief information officer and diagnostic imaging manager, said the old teleradiography

program took about an hour to transfer images from a phone line to a computer whereas the new system takes a radiologist only five minutes to access the data.

"It gets the results to the ER physician much quicker than the old way," Larkin said. "It makes a big difference to the physician who is treating them to get an answer on an imaging study quickly. Then they can say what they need to do next and ultimately improve care for the patient."

The Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, located on West Jackson Street, currently has a land-based teleradiography system, but will get a similar, web-based system within the next few months.

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Study says first-year college students struggle with academics

Chris Yemba
The Daily Aztec (San Diego State U.)

SAN DIEGO (U-WIRE)—The plan on Friday night: Pound six beers in an hour for the sole purpose of getting trashed and then walk around the College Area looking for a party.

Sound all too familiar to your freshman year?

For a vast number of college freshmen throughout the nation, this is a popular lifestyle. But are freshmen academically affected by all this partying?

The answer is yes, according to a survey conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles. The results of the survey showed that while freshmen seem to adjust well socially to college life, many struggle academically.

Nearly 25,000 freshmen at 109 four-year colleges were polled for this survey: The students reported studying more in college than in high school, but most still got lower grades in college than they expected.

"Some seem to have bitten off

more than they can chew," San Diego State anthropology professor Joan Miller said. "They take too many classes or classes that require many hours of study during their first semester."

Miller said about 30 percent of students in her classes are freshmen.

"The main area of deficiency that I have noticed is in writing," she said. "Their research methods are lacking as well."

For computer engineering freshman David Howard and his friends, academically achieving what they expected is an issue.

"Last semester, my first semester here at college, I received a 2.6 GPA," Howard said. "Before entering college, though, I expected to get a lot higher grades than that."

"I think most freshmen are disappointed at the grades they receive. A lot of people I know get really bad grades."

The survey also stated that most college students do well during their first year in developing close relationships. Eighty-four percent said they were completely successful or fairly successful at this task.

As well, more than half of the

freshmen at the end of the year became better acquainted with science — or rather — the science of tapping kegs. Fifty-nine percent said they drank beer frequently or occasionally, compared with 45.9 percent at the beginning of the year.

But after a whole semester of getting used to the college lifestyle, do freshmen grades go up in the spring?

"It seems as if everyone does a bit better in the spring," Miller said. "They seem to be more settled in the spring and they know better what is expected of them."

Nobiletti disagrees. "Even in the spring semester they tend to struggle because what they gain in experience can be negated by becoming exhausted at the end of a long year," he said.

So what should freshmen do to become academically stable?

"My advice is for freshmen is to strike a balance between the easy and difficult classes, as well as those that will be time intensive," Miller said. "Also, if students try to work full-time and go to school full-time they will have difficulty succeeding at both."

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Syracuse increases enforcement of file-sharing ban on campus

Daniel Rivero
Daily Orange (Syracuse U.)

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (U-WIRE) — File sharing may become more difficult across the Syracuse University campus as Computing and Media Services and the Recording Industry Association of America continue to combat the illegal sharing of music on the Internet.

An increase in the number of copyright violation complaints to SU lately is part of the RIAA's amplified effort to track down Internet users who illegally share files through peer-to-peer programs like Kazaa, said Jonathan Lamy, an RIAA spokesman.

"In recent weeks, we have stepped up our enforcement efforts because the problem shows little sign of abating," said Lamy.

Over the weekend, CMS sent a letter to all ResNET subscribers informing them of a substantial jump in the number of copyright complaints it received within a 24 hour period, and that at least 16

students had their network port closed for making illegal materials like movies and music available online.

More than 20 students were notified by Saturday of their illegal behavior, and at least three were notified Monday. According to CMS, this is gradually higher than the average three to four complaints they receive a week.

"They were coming in as fast as I was writing the letter to students," said Debbie Nosky of CMS. "It is puzzling."

Early this month, a federal judge ordered Verizon Online to give the RIAA the name of one of its subscribers who had downloaded more than 600 songs in one day.

Under the Digital Millennium Act of 1998, Internet service providers are required to remove any unlicensed product from their server.

Verizon had failed to comply with a subpoena from the RIAA, citing respect for customer privacy.

Lamy said the decision in the Verizon case has nothing to do with

the expanding notices, and that it's partially because college campuses are one of the places where illegal downloading is most pervasive.

The RIAA does not comment about future enforcement steps it may take but asserted that it is engaged in a number of forced actions and is considering a variety of methods to stop illegal file sharing.

Should the RIAA request information about a particular ResNET subscriber, the university will legally comply, said Nosky.

Although Internet users may share material they legally own, their computer may also become a server for transferring illegal material, and CMS continues to offer subscribers steps they can take to disable file-sharing features on their computers.

"Sharing was when the student next to you in kindergarten willingly gave you their sandwich," said Nosky. "Stealing was when the student turned his back and you took it from him. What we are doing is stealing from the artist."

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Iraqi official promises cooperation with U.N.

Bill Glauber
Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD, Iraq (KRT) — A senior Iraqi official said Tuesday that Iraq was prepared to do more to aid U.N. arms experts but provided few specifics and claimed the country no longer had weapons of mass destruction.

"We have cooperated fully," Gen. Amir Rashid said. "We are ready to cooperate more."

Rashid, Iraq's former oil minister, held to a familiar line that "Iraq has been free of any mass destruction weapons since the end of 1991 and all the inspections ... have proven this fact."

He also accused the U.S. and Britain of interfering with the inspection process. He claimed reports from the White House, CIA and British governments alleging that Iraq continued to harbor banned weapons were "proven totally false."

Rashid provided Iraq's most comprehensive public response to Monday's report to the U.N. Security Council by weapons chiefs Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei. Blix told the Security Council that Iraq appears not to have accepted U.N. resolutions regarding its disarmament.

While laced with criticisms, Rashid's low-key presentation and moderate language were in striking contrast to more recent belligerent statements from Iraqi officials and seemed to suggest that the country was trying to stake a more moderate position.

Rashid said there was "no proportionate presentation of the facts" in the U.N. reports, adding that some issues had been "amplified and magnified to what are called problems that create a 'negative' point of view."

He said the reports belittled "the importance of inspections," despite Iraq providing an "unconditional agreement and acceptance of inspections."

Rashid said Iraq was willing to provide "clarification" to those who continue to be skeptical of the country's past weapons programs.

"We have done a lot," he said. "It is our interest as a country to finish a few issues here and there, even if they are of minor importance."

“It is our interest as a country to finish a few issues here and there, even if they are of minor importance. We are ready to deal with them properly.”

Gen. Amir Rashid
Iraq's former oil minister

stocks of chemical weapons, germ warfare agents and long-range missiles.

Plix said Iraq failed to provide enough proof that it destroyed stocks of VX nerve agent and anthrax bacteria.

Rashid countered that Iraq's manufacture of VX was an "experimental production and it was a failure." He claimed Iraq developed anthrax in liquid form with a "shelf life of only a few years."

INS computerized system to track foreign students

Katie Byard
Knight Ridder Newspapers

AKRON, Ohio (KRT) — Big Brother is paying closer attention to foreign students.

Thousands of U.S. colleges and universities are being tied into an Immigration and Naturalization Service computerized system tracking the movements of non-citizens.

That's raising the anxiety level of students like Hari Parthasarathi, a 22-year-old native of India studying at the University of Akron.

Foreign students "are new here," he says. "You come from India crossing oceans. We just don't want something to come in our way" of completing studies. Students are "getting intimidated without actually knowing what's going on."

The computerized tracking system, called Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, or SEVIS, is aimed at ensuring that the more than half-million foreign students in the United States take the courses they were approved to take and attend the schools they

told the government they would attend.

In the past, colleges and universities used a paper-based system and kept the information in files. The INS only had access to the data when it asked.

The new system grew out of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing; a Jordanian student was charged in the attacks. By 1996, the INS was planning a centralized system to track international students.

The Sept. 11 attacks prompted Congress to step up creation of SEVIS. At least one Sept. 11 hijacker, Hani Hanjour, entered the country on a student visa, but never showed up for classes.

So colleges are racing to put information online, spending money they can ill afford in this time of tight budgets.

David Ayers, director of the University of Akron's international programs office, says the university spent about \$60,000 to move to the computerized system. This amount did not include labor costs.

There are two deadlines. By Thursday, campuses must be

able to submit information on new international students to SEVIS. Those schools that haven't been approved to log in won't be able to enroll new foreign students.

Then, by Aug. 1, information on existing students must be in the system.

Ayers says students who stay in compliance with their immigration status promptly reporting address and academic-program changes and maintaining a full course load have nothing to fear.

As with the old paper system, students who fall out of compliance can face penalties, including deportation. But educators say now that the government is getting the information almost instantaneously, the stakes are especially high. They believe a backup plan is needed to deal with the possibility of a technical glitch or a data-entry error jeopardizing a foreign student's legal status.

"The important thing here is that we have the security that we need and we're able to maintain international student exchanges," says Ursula Oaks, spokeswoman for the Association of International

Educators in Washington, D.C. "We need to find a balance."

Kelly Carmack, an immigration specialist with Kent State University's international student office, says students are worried about SEVIS.

"But I think it's going to make it easier for us to help them," she says.

Some educators are troubled that their relationships with international students could change as a result of SEVIS.

UA's Ayers says students may see his international programs office as being much more "police-like."

"We've never had to report (the information) unless we were asked by the INS," Ayers says. "Now the reporting is routine and regular."

Charles Nieman, director of international student and scholars services at Kent State, says campus officials are working hard to tell the approximately 800 affected foreigners at Kent's main campus about the new system.

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possibility in the air, Dunn said there is little reason for concern.

Although some students said that few, if any, of their instructors plan to strike, Dunn said he recognizes the possibility that some students will be greatly affected by the strike.

"I don't believe many people will make the decision whether or not to strike until the time comes," said Dunn. "We want to make sure that, in any event, students have options before facing this problem."

"We have other faculty who has chosen to show their support and fill the positions of teachers that strike. We also have emeritus who have offered to step in."

Dunn also mentioned the possibility of combining sections, as well as picking up other classes for students who feel that they need to replace classes they cannot attend.

University spokeswoman Sue Davis said that, while the effect of the

strike on work-study is a concern that has only been presented to her twice, she is fully prepared to address the problem if it were to arise.

"Although it is premature to speculate, I don't think this will be much of a problem," Davis said. "We've got advisers willing to work with students and make sure they don't fall below the necessary amount of hours."

Davis emphasized the importance of attending classes, as well as the fact that work done with substitute instructors will still count toward students' final grades.

"The Financial Aid Office will work out all of the details, but we're trying to be as flexible as possible," Davis said. "We're definitely keeping students' concerns at the forefront and we'll look for answers to individual problems as they develop."

Reporter Ben Botkin contributed to this story

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NUMBERS

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The freshman class is up 112 students from spring of last year and transfer student enrollment is up 52, making the total 595.

International enrollment numbers are up 32 students to 1,407. Graduate enrollment numbers is 215 students to 4,034.

He said that it was not a huge surprise that off-campus numbers are slightly down. Off-campus enrollment is down from last spring to 2,611.

Dietz said in a press release that because SIUC offers off-campus classes at military bases across the country and because of the

situation in the Middle East, the administration expected numbers to be down.

"So far, the impact has been less than we anticipated," Dietz said.

John Dunn, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said the numbers show the normal drop from the fall to spring semester that is expected.

But he also said the numbers show we are less than what the average drop from spring to fall semester has been in past years.

"These numbers are just good news," Dunn said. "It's in everyone's best interest."

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Strike affects: what it means to students

University administration released these guidelines for students in the event of a strike next week:

Undergraduates

• Students will have access to their departmental and/or dean's office for advice during strike. University personnel will be available in each academic building in the event of a strike.

• Students should attend their classes as scheduled. If an instructor is not present, a sign will be posted directing students to a help desk, where an official can provide additional help.

• All work completed under the direction of a replacement instructor will count as part of the course evaluation.

• If the University cannot find a qualified replacement instructor, students will have four options:

1. Shift into another section of the course
 2. Enroll in another course
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 4. Withdraw from the course
- The student's decision should be approved by an academic adviser.

• Graduating seniors in good standing who experience a course cancellation will be given the highest priority.



LESTER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ken Diesburg, Walter Wallis and Jane Adams (left to right) are part of a trouble-shooting task force that is preparing for a possible faculty strike at SIUC. The task force takes care of any problems that might arise such as logistics prior to and during an actual strike.

CLASSES

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ments done during a walkout.

Union members have been canvassing faculty in the bargaining unit to see if they will join a strike. Huggins said he doesn't know many professors would walk.

"I don't have a firm number from what I'm heard," he said. "A lot of faculty who are not members share our concerns."

Students expressed uncertainty and apprehension about what a faculty strike may do to their educational experience.

Sandra Calderon, a teaching assistant, said many of the undergraduate students in the Speech Communications 101 class she teaches are torn in siding with the faculty or administration. Graduate assistants, under the guidelines, are expected to continue their regular duties, with no pay given if they choose to join a strike.

Because of her personal views, Calderon said she would honor

a picket line and not attend her classes. However, she does not agree with the guideline that graduate assistants would not be paid if they don't work during a strike.

"It's terrible," said Calderon, a graduate student in speech communication. "I have to pay my rent; it is justified legally, but do I like it? No."

Tom Lunz, a sophomore in history education from Chicago, said he has five teachers, with two who have mentioned the possible strike. He said one professor informed students he wasn't going to be in class if a strike breaks.

And the other teacher was unsure if the work completed in class during the time of a strike would count toward his final grade, Lunz said.

Still, Lunz plans to attend class and said he thinks all students should do the same.

"I am paying for it anyway; I might as well go," he said.

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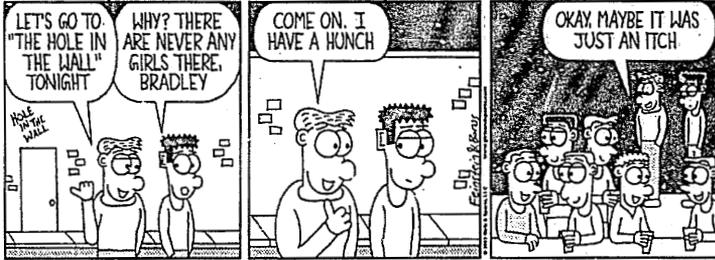
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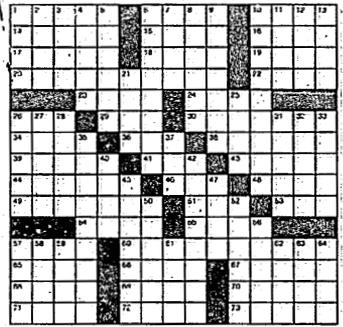
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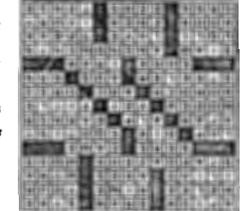
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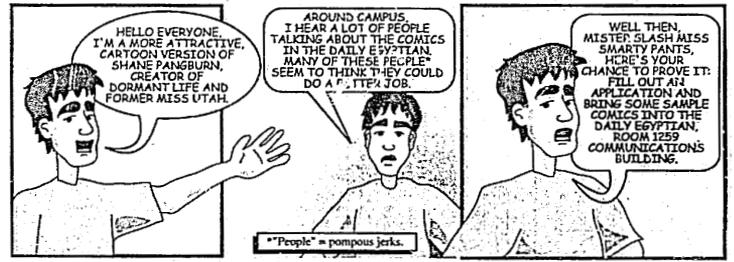
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COMMENTARY

A better home

The SIU Arena has proved to be very advantageous to the Salukis over the years, but it's far from perfect. There are some things that could be done — some easier than others — to improve its home-court advantage and possibly give us the nation's longest home-court winning streak.

SIU crowds are somewhat lethargic and cheerleaders aren't doing much to improve this. It seems quite obvious that cheerleaders should be leading some cheers. But our cheerleaders rarely lead cheers, and they never do so during timeouts. Timeouts are when the crowd's energy should be kept up and carried over to the rest of the game.

But this doesn't happen at SIU games. The crowd relaxes and loses its energy during the timeouts while cheerleaders are doing their repetitive and mind-numbingly boring stunts or dances. And this isn't a localized problem, according to Suzanne Martin, assistant director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"Many cheerleaders are not leading cheers, they're performing," Martin said in an article in Education Week in 2000. "Performing is not what their objective should be, and it is not what the crowd wants."

In not attempting to insult their performance skills, but they should be exciting and energizing the crowd, especially during timeouts late in close games. Signs could be used to incite the crowd, especially the old fogies in the chair seats who seem glued to their seats. What little cheerleading they do now seems hard to follow and directed only toward their corner of the arena. Much of the crowd is just waiting to be led in cheers for their Salukis, and our cheerleaders should be the ones to do that.

But fan indifference can't be blamed only on cheerleaders. Fans should take note of head coach Bruce Weber's style of play and cheer for defense rather than offense. Maybe it's a carryover from the offensive-minded team under former coach Rich Herrin, but whatever the problem, fans need to realize that noise is much more advantageous when the Salukis are on defense.

Another way to increase crowd noise and enthusiasm would be to make more seating in general admission. I'd like to see the entire arena made general admission, but we all know there's no chance of that happening with the money that drives college athletics.

But we could at least have the bleacher seats be made general admission. Student seats will be general admission starting tonight. Why can't we do this with all bleachers?

General admission seating makes sure



Confessions of a Saluki fan

BY ETHAN ERICKSON
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the fans that are the most interested in the game get there first to claim seats closest to the action.

And a more long-term goal with seating should be to make our arena more like others. Most other colleges have their band and student seating areas placed next to the opponent's bench.

We could place the benches on the opposite side of the court, so that the visiting bench faces where the SIU bench is now. If the visiting bench were placed on the northwest corner of the court, adjacent to the pep band, visiting team members would have to scream at each other over the music and the student section just to converse in their huddles.

This would also be favorable to students, as they would have many more opportunities to taunt Kyle Korver and other hated opponents.

The SIU Arena is also lacking in its presentation of history: SIU basketball has a very strong tradition over the years, but visitors hardly know it.

The newly hung banners are a start, but we shouldn't stop there. Benton High School has three different Doug Collins jerseys. Why can't we hang a Walt Frazier jersey or two?

But don't stop there. Other than a few trophies hidden behind tables in the lobby, there isn't much in the way of history. There should be newspaper clippings, old jerseys, photos and other information in those cases so that visitors can learn about some of the great teams and players in Saluki history.

The new banners are a definite improvement, but there should be individual banners for each NCAA team like the Sweet 16 banner commemorating last season's success.

While SIU has a good home-court advantage now, the administration and fans should do everything in their power to improve that and make sure that Saluki basketball is known for its excellence for years to come.

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

GUEST COMMENTARY

Tribulations of college sports lead to real-world wisdom

Being a senior on a collegiate athletic team, I find myself in a very unique position. The vast majority of individuals who participate in athletics aren't given the opportunity to attend college while having some of the many costs of higher education supplemented by a source of income other than their parents or loans.

Of the few lucky ones, many aren't able, for any number of reasons, to complete four full years of eligibility.

Athletes, like most students, change a great deal from the time they begin their undergraduate study to the time they graduate. They may come in with one perspective about their sport, and leave with one that is much different.

Over time, athletes may begin to see that the great sacrifices they make within their sport don't equal the benefits they reap. More often than not, the reason for retiring early from a sport is simply burnout.

After working for so long and with such intensity in one's athletics prior to attending a university, student-athletes arrive in a situation where the practices are longer and more difficult, the demands of everyday life are greater and the pressures to perform both on the field and in the classroom take on a whole new meaning. This can truly make completing four, and in some instances, five years of athletic competition very difficult.

It is because of this that I feel a great sense of accomplishment in completing my full allotment of time here as a Saluki. Having your body and mind last the test of time is not an easy thing to do.

As my fifth and final year here comes to a close, I can't help but look back on the many things that have changed since I first plunged into the not-so-warm water of the Student Recreation Center pool.

That's what it was called then, as opposed to the Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium as it is now known. The pool itself has undergone some great changes. The diving boards, scoreboard and hot tub have all been improved, not to mention the huge Saluki logo adorning the west wall.

But these alterations in the pool pale in comparisons to the changes in the make-up of the team that I have witnessed since I first became a Saluki. I came to SIU in 1998 before any other member, excluding coaches, that is currently on the roster.

I have been a part of five different teams, each with their own face, and own very distinct personality. But it hasn't been just the normal transformations that take place from the incoming freshman replacing the outgoing seniors



Deep thoughts from ...

BY JAKE SINCLAIR
senior diver, men's swimming and diving

that has contributed to the characteristics of each team.

The staff of coaches that has led this team to two MVC Championship victories in the last four years has evolved over time as well. One coaching change has had a significant impact on me personally.

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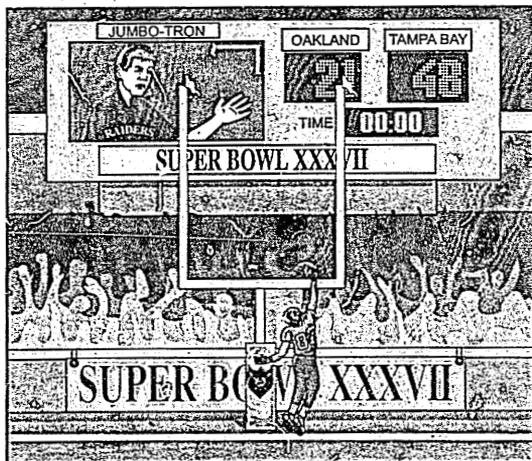
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COMMENTARY

A better home

The SIU Arena has proved to be very advantageous to the Salukis over the years, but it's far from perfect. There are some things that could be done — some easier than others — to improve its home-court advantage and possibly give us the nation's longest home-court winning streak.

SIU crowds are somewhat lethargic and cheerleaders aren't doing much to improve this. It seems quite obvious that cheerleaders should be leading some cheers. But our cheerleaders rarely lead cheers, and they never do so during timeouts. Timeouts are when the crowd's energy should be kept up and carried over to the rest of the game.

But this doesn't happen at SIU games. The crowd relaxes and loses its energy during the timeouts while cheerleaders are doing their repetitive and mind-numbingly boring stunts or dances. And this isn't a localized problem, according to Suzanne Martin, assistant director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"Many cheerleaders are not leading cheers, they're performing," Martin said in an article in Education Week in 2000. "Performing is not what their objective should be, and it is not what the crowd wants."

I'm not attempting to insult their performance skills, but they should be exciting and energizing the crowd, especially during timeouts late in close games. Signs could be used to incite the crowd, especially the old fogies in the chair seats who seem glued to their seats. What little cheerleading they do now seems hard to follow and directed only toward their corner of the arena. Much of the crowd is just waiting to be led in cheers for their Salukis, and our cheerleaders should be the ones to do that.

But fan indifference can't be blamed only on cheerleaders. Fans should take note of head coach Bruce Weber's style of play and cheer for defense rather than offense. Maybe it's a carryover from the offensive-minded team under former coach Rich Herrin, but whatever the problem, fans need to realize that noise is much more advantageous when the Salukis are on defense.

Another way to increase crowd noise and enthusiasm would be to make more seating in general admission. I'd like to see the entire arena made general admission, but we all know there's no chance of that happening with the money that drives college athletics.

But we could at least have the bleacher seats be made general admission. Student seats will be general admission starting tonight. Why can't we do this with all bleachers?

General admission seating makes sure



Confessions of a Saluki fan

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the fans that are the most interested in the game get there first to claim seats closest to the action.

And a more long-term goal with seating should be to make our arena more like others. Most other colleges have their band and student seating areas placed next to the opponent's bench.

We could place the benches on the opposite side of the court, so that the visiting bench faces where the SIU bench is now. If the visiting bench were placed on the northwest corner of the court, adjacent to the pep band, visiting team members would have to scream at each other over the music and the student section just to converse in their huddles.

This would also be favorable to students, as they would have many more opportunities to taunt Kyle Korver and other hated opponents.

The SIU Arena is also lacking in its presentation of history. SIU basketball has a very strong tradition over the years, but visitors hardly know it.

The newly hung banners are a start, but we shouldn't stop there. Benton High School has three different Doug Collins jerseys. Why can't we hang a Walt Frazier jersey or two?

But don't stop there. Other than a few trophies hidden behind tables in the lobby, there isn't much in the way of history. There should be newspaper clippings, old jerseys, photos and other information in those cases so that visitors can learn about some of the great teams and players in Saluki history.

The new banners are a definite improvement, but there should be individual banners for each NCAA team like the Sweet 16 banner commemorating last season's success.

While SIU has a good home-court advantage now, the administration and fans should do everything in their power to improve that and make sure that Saluki basketball is known for its excellence for years to come.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Tribulations of college sports lead to real-world wisdom

Being a senior on a collegiate athletic team, I find myself in a very unique position. The vast majority of individuals who participate in athletics aren't given the opportunity to attend college while having some of the many costs of higher education supplemented by a source of income other than their parents or loans.

Of the few lucky ones, many aren't able, for any number of reasons, to complete four full years of eligibility.

Athletes, like most students, change a great deal from the time they begin their undergraduate study to the time they graduate. They may come in with one perspective about their sport, and leave with one that is much different.

Over time, athletes may begin to see that the great sacrifices they make within their sport don't equal the benefits they reap. More often than not, the reason for retiring early from a sport is simply burnout.

After working for so long and with such intensity in one's athletics prior to attending a university, student-athletes arrive in a situation where the practices are longer and more difficult, the demands of everyday life are greater and the pressures to perform both on the field and in the classroom take on a whole new meaning. This can truly make completing four, and in some instances, five years of athletic competition very difficult.

It is because of this that I feel a great sense of accomplishment in completing my full amount of time here as a Saluki. Having your body and mind last the test of time is not an easy thing to do.

As my fifth and final year here comes to a close, I can't help but look back on the many things that have changed since I first plunged into the not-so-warm water of the Student Recreation Center pool.

That's what it was called then, as opposed to the Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium as it is now known. The pool itself has undergone some great changes. The diving boards, scoreboard and hot tub have all been improved, not to mention the huge Saluki logo adorning the west wall.

But these alterations in the pool pale in comparisons to the changes in the make-up of the team that I have witnessed since I first became a Saluki. I came to SIU in 1998 before any other member, excluding coaches, that is currently on the roster.

I have been a part of five different teams, each with their own face, and own very distinct personality. But it hasn't been just the normal transformations that take place from the incoming freshman replacing the outgoing seniors



Deep thoughts from ...

BY JAKE SINCLAIR
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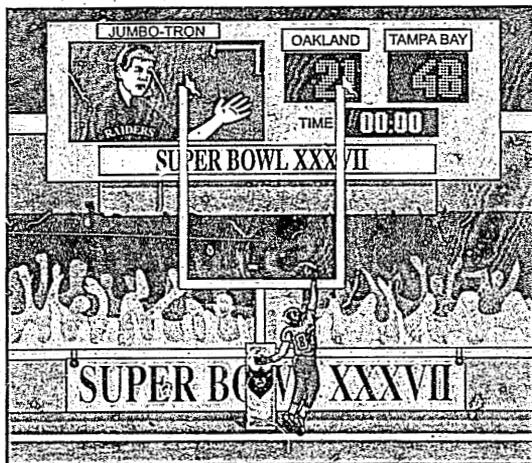
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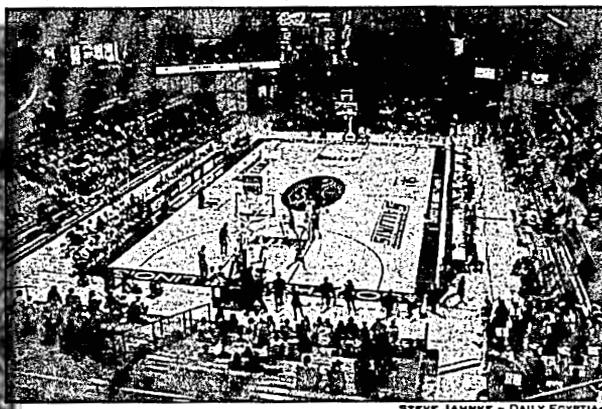
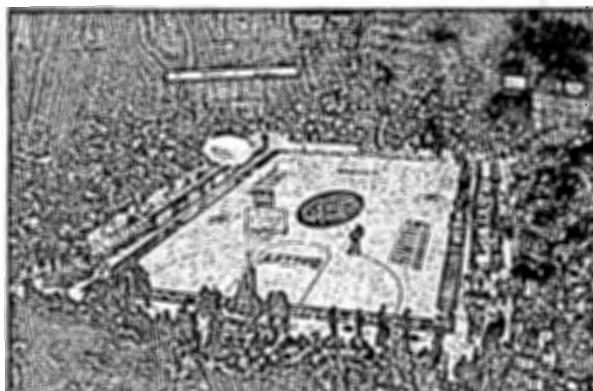
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Attendance for the Saluki men's basketball game (left) against Indiana State Saturday evening at the SIU Arena was 7,875. The attendance at the arena for the Saluki women's game against the Sycamores just two hours earlier was 755.

What's wrong with this picture?

Women's sports programs are still struggling with apathy at SIU story by MICHAEL BRENNER

SIU women's basketball star Molly McDowell drives down Interstate 57. She passes a billboard of Kent Williams and yet another one promoting Saluki football. She, along with other prominent females in SIU athletics, is nowhere to be seen.

Chris Perry attends an SIU men's basketball home game, though she doesn't see much of the action. SIU is too busy attempting to give away free tickets to an SIU women's basketball game. Some refuse to even take the ticket, and Perry's team continues to play in front of an average crowd 400 to 500 fans.

Tara Cains warms up for a match at Davies Gymnasium and watches in disbelief as few people file into the gym. A mere 231 people show up despite the team's exceptional record and the possibility of a free

To Cains, who saw only 467 people show up to Davies Gym to watch her team play its final game before dismantling most of the MVC at the conference tournament, this is reality. As much as she hates it, Cains said women's sports will never enjoy the popularity of men's sports.

And she could not care less. "I just go out and play. I don't really care. I really don't care who's there," Cains said. "Yes, it really helps when you have a full gym, but as an athlete, I play for myself, I play for my team and I guess I've just accepted the fact that we're not going to get as much fans as men's sports are going to get.

"I guess that sucks, and I shouldn't accept that, but that's the way it is and I don't know what we could do to make it any better."

Though they agree that women's sports are having a rough time at SIU, the Athletic Department and SIU marketing are much less pessimistic about the future than the athletes who endure the small crowds.

"I agree with some of their sentiment but not the assessment," SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said. "I don't necessarily agree that women's sports will never be as popular as men's sports. I think certain sports certainly can and will be."

Kowalczyk cited the success of women's soccer at the last World Cup, though he said that may be a one-year aberration.

Michael Trude, SIU's promotions and marketing director, said that while SIU is having problems with apathy regarding women's sports, it is no different than many other programs in the country. He said in general, women are not as marketable as men.

"Even when we were challenging for conference championships eight to 10 years ago, we still would struggle to draw 400 to 500 people for a game," Trude said. "It's perplexing, but it's not just our problem. It's the problem of 80 percent of the women's programs in the country."

Some women's sports have gone to drastic measures to promote their teams and attempt to find their marketing niche. The Sacramento Monarchs of the WNBA are openly catering to lesbians, as are the Los Angeles Sparks, Minnesota Lynx, Phoenix Mercury and Seattle Storm.

The teams have advertised in gay and lesbian magazines, and some have sponsored gay pride events — something Trude said is absolutely out of the question.

He said the primary focus of his marketing strategy is geared toward Carbondale-area children in an attempt to raise lifelong fans. Women's basketball has offered discounted tickets to children, made players available for autographs after every game and sponsored special child-oriented games such as Kids Fun Day. Many SIU players also visit elementary schools to talk to children about staying in school, but also to promote the team.

Trude said, in time, it is possible to build a fan base. He said there is light at the end of the tunnel, even if some involved in women's sports see a gaping black hole.

"Do you think there's light?" Trude said. "If you don't think there is, then you don't belong playing the game, and you don't belong doing what I do in promotions and marketing and you don't belong in this environment."

It is possible to succeed in women's sports, even in a mid-major conference. Southwest Missouri State, the most prominent women's program in the Valley, has managed to find the light and continues to illuminate its arena with 6,000 or more fans every home game. Northern Iowa volleyball has done well for itself too, regularly attracting 2,000 fans to its West Gym.

Both have the benefit of winning programs, something Trude said SIU must possess before expecting interest in women's sports, especially basketball.

Michael DeFord, SMS associate sports information director and SIU alumnus, has seen both sides of the women's sports spectrum. He described the SMS program as a big fish in a small pond because it is "the only game in town" and most of the Lady Bears' support comes from the community, not the school.

According to DeFord, it's difficult to launch a successful women's program without special circumstances.

"We're in a very unique situation," DeFord said. "We've been to two Final Fours, a couple Sweet 16s, and we've recruited a lot of kids from the local area which I think has helped our fan base tremendously."

One way to promote women's sports without grassroots attempts is through sex appeal. It's a strategy that has worked for women's tennis, most notably Anna Kournikova, and many other women's sports.

But don't expect SIU athletics to head in that direction.

Kowalczyk said very explicitly he would never, ever consider the use of sex appeal in an attempt to draw more fans to games. He said it would be degrading to women and that sports are about competition, not sex appeal.

But McDowell said she would not mind if people attended women's basketball games with the sole purpose of looking at attractive women in shorts. With the program where it is now, she said she is desperate enough to accept anyone.

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To all three, it was a loud and heartbreaking message — southern Illinois, like the majority of the country, does not care about women's sports.

And for the most part, Southern Illinois University doesn't seem too enthused either.

"We have absolutely no student support," McDowell said. "It wouldn't matter if we were 15-0 right now. There would be eight students in the stands."

The discrepancy between men and women's basketball attendance was on full display Saturday. The women drew 755 to the SIU Arena. It was the team's second-largest crowd of the year, but some may have been there to see the men's game that started one hour after the women's game ended. Attendance at the men's game was announced as 7,875.

Part of the difference can be attributed to performance. The men's team is 7-1 in the MVC, while the women have yet to win a league game.

But female athletes are convinced that no matter what they do, they will never be able to compete with the men.

"If we were a Sweet 16 team, we would never have the fans that the guys have," Perry said. "If the guys were a losing team, people would still be excited to watch them come out and play."

Perry, along with her teammates, said they understand that women cannot jump as high or run as fast as men at the collegiate level, and a slam dunk will not take place at 99.9 percent of all women's basketball games.

"We can't dunk, we can't jump three feet in the air, so obviously, people aren't going to be as intrigued by what we do on the court," Perry said.

But the team is perplexed by the lack of support by women. Women make up the majority of SIU women's basketball crowds, but the numbers are still small.

Weakened Braves ready to take shot at Salukis

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

Entering the season, the Bradley Braves were one of the more intriguing teams in the Missouri Valley Conference.

On Wednesday night when they come to the SIU Arena for a 7:05 p.m. tip-off, they enter as arguably the most makeshift team in the league.

There was a lot of excitement in Peoria early in the season. They had a first-year head coach in Jim Les who starred at the school during the mid-1980s.

The Braves had arguably the top guard corbo in the league in Phillip Gilbert and James Gillingham.

They had the player with probably the most potential in Danny Granger.

Finally, in a league dominated by guards who are not known for their height, they had a 7-footer in Brandy Heemscker.

Now, 18 games into the season, Bradley (7-11, 3-4 MVC)

Granger has left Bradley and enrolled this past week to take classes at New Mexico.

Heemscker started the first three games of the season and then left the team to deal with a medical condition. He has returned to school, but will redshirt the rest of the season.

Even backup forward Jason Faulkner is not immune. He missed the first 15 games of the season with a fractured foot and had finally recovered to play. But this past week he fractured the foot again and is likely out for the remainder of the season.

All of this adds up to Les being challenged more than he could have ever anticipated in his first year as a head coach at any level.

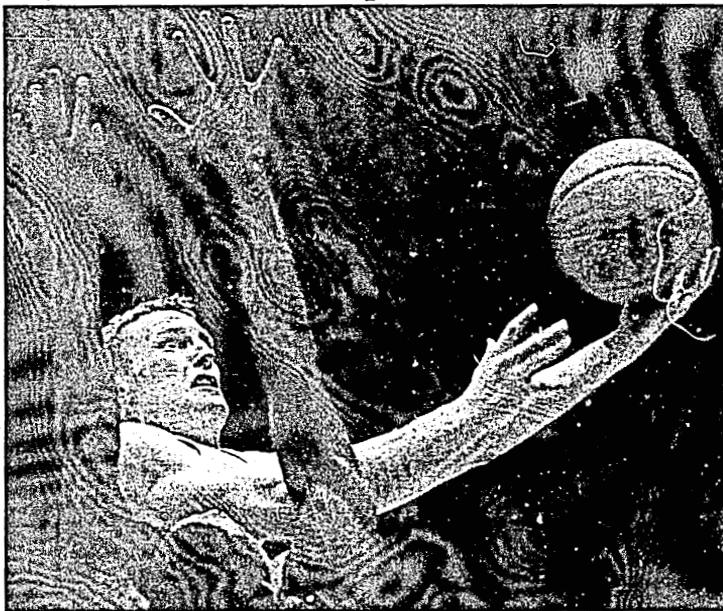
The personnel losses mean that the seven healthy scholarship players have had to step up their level of play to keep the Braves from spiraling toward the league cellar.

"We've had some changes in our roster and guys collectively have had to step up and give us each guy a few more points, a few more rebounds and give us a little bit more defensively," Les said.

Most of the burden has fallen on Gilbert and Gillingham, and the two have responded. Since Granger's departure, the Braves have gone 3-1 and the duo has combined for nearly 40 points a game.

Because of their play, a team that could have easily folded up its season is 3-4 in the MVC and tied with Evansville for fifth place in the league, a spot higher than it was expected to finish with all of its original players.

One place where the losses have hit Bradley pretty hard is in the post. The Braves currently have just two post players — Michael Stewart and Jabbar Batde. The team essentially starts



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SIU senior point guard Kent Williams drives hard down the lane against an Indiana State defender in the second half of the Salukis' win over the Sycamores on Saturday. The Dawgs will face Bradley tonight at the SIU Arena. The Braves have had to rearrange their lineup during the past couple weeks but still sit in fifth place, tied with Evansville.

four guards in Gilbert, Gillingham, Marcello Robinson and Granger's cousin, Mike Suggs.

This should give the Salukis an edge because they regularly play four quality big men as starters. Jermaine Dearman, who, when he comes to play, can be the most dominant post player in the league, Sylvester Willis and improving back-ups Josh Warren and Brad Korn could clean house in the post.

The Salukis (12-4, 7-1 MVC) are also not afraid of playing a guard-dominated team.

"We'd rather face a team with good guards than a team that's got a good inside player because of our height and the way we are," said senior guard Kent Williams.

Like the Braves, the Salukis are led by their guard combination of Williams, sophomore Darren Brooks and JStenson Hairston. The three are often counted on to shoulder the load on offense and defense for the Salukis, so Williams said it doesn't bother them to play other guard-oriented teams.

The players Williams said the Salukis need to focus on stopping are the ones who are just starting to play now after riding the bench earlier on.

"The biggest thing is not letting

some of these other guys get some confidence," he said. "There are some guys that are playing more minutes for them that weren't playing before."

Those new players have stepped it up as of late with the Braves on a bit of a hot streak, having earned all three of their conference wins during the past two weeks.

The bad news for Bradley, which has a road mark of 1-6, is that it must now travel to face one of the best home teams in the conference.

The Salukis boast the nation's fifth-longest current home winning streak at 21 games. They trail only Oklahoma (32), Western Kentucky (29), Marquette (24) and Hawaii (22).

Korn said the Braves should be feeling good about themselves coming into the game, but at the same time the Salukis know if they do their part they should walk away with the victory and remain in first place in the MVC.

"We've got to take care of ourselves before we worry about the other team," he said. "It's more of a focus on us and if we do what we have to do then the scoreboard should take care of itself."

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The Salukis are boasting the fifth longest home winning streak in Division I at 21 games. After struggling against Northern Iowa last Wednesday and against Indiana State early Saturday, the Salukis rebounded to outscore the Sycamores 20-8 over the final 10 minutes of the game to win in a rout. The Salukis need to play like they did in the final 10 minutes in order to stay atop the conference.

The Word on the Braves:

Ever since the departure of Danny Granger two weeks ago, the Braves have gone 3-1 and seem to have recovered just fine. Phillip Gilbert and James Gillingham have stepped up their level of play and have combined to average nearly 40 points a game in Granger's absence.

The Bottom Line:

The Salukis' guards are going to have to limit the damage Gilbert and Gillingham are able to do. SIU has better post players and needs to take advantage of that to get the victory and stay atop the MVC.

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SIU women fall hard

Salukis drop ninth straight to talented MTSU squad

Ethan Erickson
 Daily Egyptian

Middle Tennessee State used quickness and athleticism to hand the SIU women's basketball team its ninth straight loss Tuesday, an 87-63 rout in non-conference action.

The Lady Raiders forced 25 Saluki turnovers and broke the game open with a 22-4 run during an eight-minute span midway through the second half.

Middle Tennessee State brought a smaller team to the SIU Arena, but sped up the game to a tempo that left the Salukis flustered.

"There's no question they were doing a better job of pushing the ball in transition and we struggled getting back," said SIU head coach Lori Opp. "We gave up some easy, easy shots in transition."

SIU was again haunted by the basics offensively.

"It's just fundamental errors that we're making ourselves," said senior guard Molly McDowell, who led her team with 14 points and five rebounds.

One of the fundamentals that the Salukis have yet to master is making close range shots. Despite

outbounding the Lady Raiders by 10 and grabbing 18 offensive rebounds, SIU wasn't able to turn many of them into points.

The Lady Raiders extended their five-point halftime lead midway through the second half, slicing through the Saluki defense for easy buckets and knocking down jumpers with frequency that surprised Opp.

"I wouldn't have guessed that they would have hit some of those threes and some of those deep twos that they hit, but they did," Opp said.

SIU kept the game close, trailing 48-46 with 13:50 remaining in the game, but MTSU picked up its defense, forcing seven consecutive Saluki missed shots while slicing through the lane for layups and hitting three-pointers.

Other than two treys, all of the Lady Raiders' shots during that span came from close range.

This put the Salukis down by 20, and they would never get closer than 15 points. Continuing to get easy shots, the Lady Raiders held off SIU to improve to 11-9 on the year.

The game was a back and forth affair early on until an 11-1 run put MTSU up nine points in the opening stanza.

An SIU rally put the Salukis in striking position, down 41-36 at halftime thanks to a surprisingly strong first half by previously ail-

ing center Tiffany Crutcher, who had 10 points and eight rebounds at the half.

But every time the Salukis would close the gap, a timely Lady Raider steal and lay-in would restore their margin. SIU's last lead came with more than 11 minutes remaining in the first half.

Crutcher showed improvement, contributing 11 points and 13 rebounds, her first double-double since Dec. 7.

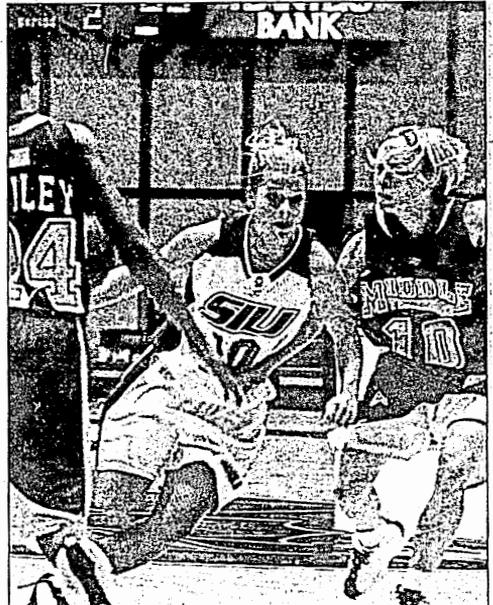
The 6-foot-2 junior, who returned to the starting lineup in this game, scored the first two Saluki buckets of the game but went cold and fell victim to the Lady Raiders' sagging defense.

This allowed MTSU to steal numerous Saluki post entry passes intended for Crutcher. This and the fast tempo of the game caused SIU to commit 25 turnovers, 15 in the second half.

"We gotta take care of the little things, and the little things continue to kill us," Opp said. "They did force us into some turnovers that I didn't expect."

Patrice Holmes led a balanced Lady Raider attack with 20 points and nine assists. Jennifer Justice and Cartia Bailey each scored 18 apiece.

SIU will resume conference play with a weekend road trip to Bradley and Northern Iowa. Opp said the Salukis must trust each other in order to break out of their swoon.



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SIU point guard Chris Perry drives in for the shot against Middle Tennessee State Tuesday night at the SIU Arena. Perry scored four points in 16 minutes, and the Salukis fell to the Raiders 87-63.

"They can't continue to beat themselves down mentally, and get it down physically on the court," Opp said. "Anytime you're doubting yourself, you're doubting your team-

mates it doesn't help."

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Bradley's Granger is gone, but not forgotten

Braves face SIU tonight without bruising forward but with a bruised ego

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Bradley forward Danny Granger pummeled SIU for 46 points, 24 rebounds in 70 minutes in three games' last season.

This year, all those numbers will be zero. Bradley will face SIU tonight without the services of Granger, who left the team Jan. 17 and is now enrolled at New Mexico.

Granger was Bradley's leading scorer and rebounder, and his departure leaves a gaping hole in the post for Bradley and enormous opportunity for the Salukis.

Senior guard Kent Williams, though cautious not to say Bradley was a bad team without him, said Granger's loss may potentially kill its inside game.

"One thing that hurts him is that he's a great inside player and is an inside presence they have been counting on all year," Williams said. "You take out a key guy like that, it may not have its effects right now, but eventually it's going to catch up to them."



Granger

Williams used the word "eventually" because Bradley is 3-1 without Granger and the three wins were against Drake, Indiana State and Northern Iowa — three teams on the lower rungs of the Missouri Valley Conference.

Bradley head coach Jim Les was ecstatic about his team's performance without Granger, and credited his team's last three wins to improved team chemistry and the increased contributions of every member of the team.

"Our guys have really come together as a

team," Les said. "And we're about team. Nobody is really more important than this collection of players and coaches. Nobody is more important to that mix than anybody else, including myself."

Granger left the team high and dry, causing animosity between him and his coach and laying the grounds for what may turn out to be a tampering charge against New Mexico.

Granger was enrolled at New Mexico only seven days after officially leaving Bradley, causing Braves officials to wonder if the Lobos had been talking to him before his departure from Peoria.

The ill will between the two sides has been increased by Bradley's refusal to release Granger. If Bradley does not release him, Granger will be forced to pay all tuition, room, board and fees his scholarship would have paid for out of his own pocket until he is eligible to play again in December.

Bradley is a private college, so the cost will be high, and Granger must fit the bill himself. Any contributions from New Mexico would be illegal.

Les said the school normally releases transfers,

but said Granger did not go about his departure in an appropriate manner.

"We're not in the practice of keeping kids here if they don't want to be here, but there's a certain process of going about and transferring a school," Les said. "When that process is circumvented, we feel we've been cheated out of the commitment that we've made to a young man."

Les has removed himself from the controversy and said he will leave all other decisions about Granger to his athletic department, including the accusations of tampering that have been thrown at New Mexico.

"I'm moving on," Les said. "I think our team has moved on, and I'm focused on Southern and the games we have to play, not who is not here. I've got enough to worry about who is here."

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