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**Police arrest two boys in burglary ring**

Out-of-town boys thought to be linked to at least 60 area burglaries.

Two 17-year-old boys were arrested Thursday in what police think to be a month-long crime spree that could be responsible for as many as 60 burglaries on campus, in Carbondale and two surrounding cities.

Police recovered numerous items believed to be stolen from casinos ranging from a Bible to a diaper bag during the ongoing investigation.

The burglaries also reportedly took place in the surrounding cities of Murphysboro and Du Quoin.

After an interrogation at the Carbondale Police Department, police said they had enough information to charge David D. Twigg, of Murphysboro, and Virgil D. Glisson, of Du Quoin.

The pair was also charged in connection with a Carbondale burglar that reportedly took place on Norris Gum Street Tuesday and another burglary of an unmanned self-storage warehouse in Carbondale that took place Sunday night.

Police said the spree started around the end of February and the boys were allegedly breaking into two or three a week until about two days ago.

When recovered a television, a videocassette recorder, a stereo, closet video tapes, books, a bicycle, a Bible, a diaper bag, compact discs, cash, a public detector, tools, a fool box, two books, vacuum cleaners, razors, a toaster oven, miniature figurines and a portable stereo from a storage unit and a car. Now police said now was spent all the items. There are more suspected burglaries, police said, than victims who have reported such crimes.

An SIUC student told University police Tuesday someone stole a tool box and contents from his car between Monday and Tuesday while the car was parked in a campus parking lot. He said the items were worth about $350.

"Our problem is that we have determined that there are more crimes, but we don't have any before victims to the crimes," said Carbondale Police Community Services Officer Don Effing. "The burglaries were likely not a burglary that resulted in a theft. We did not set a standard to operate by during the election to avoid situations that will place our integrity and character in question," Miller said. "I honestly want to run a clean campaign, and I don't want to ever give someone the idea that I did not do the right thing.

The boys had been known to other SIUC resident assistants in the student center, Miller said. The boys had been known to be "special ones" to Miller, he added. The boys had been known to be "special ones" to Miller, he added.

**Internal Affairs Committee chairman resigns**

Chuck Miller cites conflict of interest

Ginny Sarnianski

Undergraduate Student Government Evergreen Terrace Speaker Chuck Miller resigned from his position as chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee because of the upcoming student elections.

Miller, who will keep his position as a senator, e-mailed his letter of resignation to USG President Sam Henry Thursday morning. The letter cited Miller's concern about a conflict of interest between being a possible USG president candidate for the fall semester and his position on the Internal Affairs Committee.

Miller said he hopes by resigning, his position will not become controversial as the spring election approaches.

"I feel it's important to see a standard to operate by during the election to avoid situations that will place my integrity and character in question," Miller said. "I honestly want to run a clean campaign, and I don't want to ever give someone the idea that I did not do the right thing.

Mills, who had applied for the re-opening investigation of Henry, said despite his resignation, he is sure the investigation will continue to be conducted by other committee members.

Henry said he was surprised to receive Miller's resignation, but he thinks Miller did a good job, and it will help Mills focus on the upcoming elections.

"I will be good for him and take weight off of him to focus more on his future endeavors with less stress," Henry said.

**Love is measured by distance**

Students find it hard to maintain long-distance relationships

Cassandra Rodriguez

There is a great menace that many college students, whether depressed and with very large phone bills. That menace is the long-distance relationship.

Going to college is a big change for students. Sometimes the change is hard because students have to leave family and friends or go to a new city.

A lot of people struggle to stay even though they don't see each other daily basis. "Don't be the usual love that goes away to college, the person who's going to lose his relationship because of that difference in college life," Klubek said.

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TODAY

• Saluki Renegades paintball club informational table, 8 to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fanner South, Mkt 351-6862.

• Library Affairs introduction to constructing web pages, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Morris Library 1030, 453-2818.

• Wellness Center national nutrition month information table, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Center, Lynn 536-4441.

• Christian Apologetics Club answering life’s questions from God’s word, noon, Corvin Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4583.

• French Club meeting, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Boyle’s, Courtesy 457-8847.

• SIU Anthropology Spring 2000 Colloquium presents Squeezing Blood from a Stone: Medical Imaging in Paleopathology by Dr. G. Glenn C. Conroy, 5 to 7 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Leslie 536-6681.

• German Club Stammischl, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thurs., June 510-1729.

• Russian table meeting, every Fri., 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Cafe Melange, 453-9416.

• Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the Illinois Department of Transportation is offering free motorcycle rider courses, Mar. 24, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Mar. 25 and 26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Southern Illinois University. 1-800-642-5988.

• Science Fiction and Fantasy Society games, movies, and fun, 7 p.m., Student Center Video Lounge, Marie 549-3327.

• Christians Unlimited meeting with guest speaker Don Wooters, 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Ehn 684-4792.

• Interfraternity Christian Fellowship “Will you be ready? Jesus is coming”, 7 p.m., Agriculture Building, Kara 351-7516.

• Free Public Lectures on Drugs and the Brain, 7:30 p.m., Morris Library Auditorium.

UPCOMING

• O.M.E.E.E. conference 2000, Mar. 25, 8 a.m., Business Education Building, $15 registration, Steele 637-2867.

• Association of Childhood Education International book fair, Mar. 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lewis School.

• ACEI and FSEF book fair, Mar. 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lewis School.

• Saluki Volunteer Corps needs assistant in judging historical exhibits of students grades 6-12, Mar. 25, 9 to 11 a.m., SICU Arena, Jonathan 453-7872.

• The Cost Your Causes Crusade Choir is holding auditions for vocalists that are interested in carrying out God’s work, every Sat., 3 to 5 p.m., Wesley Foundation, Tijan 457-0221.

• Irish Studies Forum on dancing, Mar. 26, 3 to 5 p.m., Quigley Hall Room 1408, Cicila 535-6526.

• Caribbean Student Association table exhibit, Mar. 27, 1 to 2 p.m., Student Center, Mocke Presentation, Mar. 28, 8 to 11 a.m., Student Center Auditorium, Display window, Mar. 29, Discussion panel, 30, 7 to 9 p.m., Student Center Mississippi Room, Dinner, Mar. 31, 7 to 9 p.m., Student Center Old Main, Aiken 510-4833.

• Library Affairs Pooler meeting, Mar. 27, 3 to 4:15 p.m., Morris Library 1015, 453-2818.

• Student Alumni Council meeting, every Mon., 6 p.m., Easkastia/Missouri Room, Jason 453-2464.

• SIUC Ballroom Dance Club meeting and lesson, every Mon., 7 to 8 p.m., Davies Gym small gym second floor, 315 student membership, Bryan 351-4855.

• Outdoor Adventure Club meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Video Lounge Student Center, Christy 536-7235.

• American Advertising Federation meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Communication Building Room 1144, Carrie 535-1490.

• Shawnen Audubon Society slide presentation by Barb McKasson, Mar. 27, 7 p.m., Carbondale Civic Center, Karen 457-6307.

• Kendo Club Japanese fencing meeting, every Mon. and Thurs., 8 to 10 p.m., Davies Gym, Todd 353-4002.

• Yoga Sports Club exercises and meditation, every Mon. and Wed., 8:30 to 10 p.m., Recreation Center Assembly Room, Craig 457-8578.

• Library Affairs Power Point, Mar. 28, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Morris Library 1030, 453-2818.

• Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center is offering free lunch for internationals, every Tues., noon to 1 p.m., Baptist Student Center on the corner of Mill and Forrest St, Judy 647-2088.

• Japanese Table, every Tues. noon to 1 p.m., Student Center Cambria Room, bring your lunch, Down 535-8570.

• University Career Services resume/cover letter workshop, Mar. 29, 5 p.m., Lawson 121, Vidgie 453-2391.

• SPC Films meeting to select films for student entertainment, every Tues., 5 p.m., basement of Student Center, Amanda 536-5393.

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USG Senate votes override committee recommendation

Senators decide to keep two commissioners

Ginny Skalski
Daily Egyptian reporter

Undergraduate Student Government senators voted to keep two recently appointed commissions despite the Internal Affairs Committee recommendation.

Student Affairs Commissioner Bill Archer and Academic Affairs Commissioner Eric lace were recently appointed to their positions Wednesday night USG meeting after the Senate ratified the decision of the Internal Affairs Committee to not approve their appointments.

Although the bill to ratify the commissioner's decision included Stuck's name, the committee did not vote against appointing Stuck, but instead wanted him to be better informed of his position's duties and have more clear-cut goals.

USG President Scott Henry told the Senate Stuck was appointed as a commissioner shortly before the Internal Affairs Committee met and did not have time to learn his job description.

"He was newly hired and immediately sent to the commissioner for review," Henry said. "It is absurd to expect him to know his job in such detail." Stuck told since the commission's decision, he has made phone calls and is already working on it.

Paint incident being investigated

Construction company looking into removal spray paint from cars

Jennifer Win
Daily Egyptian reporter

A construction company will investigate spray paint that apparently drifted onto at least 40 cars of paint incident on campus members, ranging from formal to casual. Prices vary, and tickets for the event are $5 for non-greek members and $1 for members. For more information, call Amy Laesch at 536-8433.

Expanding the mind through meditation

The SIUC and Carbondale communities will have the opportunity to expand their minds when a program is presented on meditation techniques from 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 4 at the Recreation Centre. Costs for the program are $5 for students, $7 for Recreation Centre members, and $10 for others affiliated with the University and $11 for community members.

For more information or to register, call Instructional Programs at 453-1263.
**HOW TO BE A PLAYER**

Diamond Jubilee/Player's Ball brings 1970's attitude into modern era

Travis Morse
Academic Affairs Editor

Taking its cue from the classic 1970's Manifestation film, *Easy Rider*, Alpha Psi is sponsoring its annual Diamond Jubilee/Player's Ball this Saturday, Nathaniel Butler, president of the fraternity, said all signs point toward a large turnout.

"The Player's Ball has grown every year," Butler said. "It started out as a small event in Pullman Hall, and it has grown to become a sold-out affair at the University Museum."

"The reason for this popularity lies in how the event appeals to a wide range of people.

"It brings a social atmosphere for the minority community," Butler said. "Our community and other local Illinois communities all get together for this event."

The Player's Ball event itself can be described as a '70s style, pimpology-inspired poetry contest where men and women compete against each other. Each contestant brings in a love or self-poetry and performs it before an enthusiastic crowd of people.

"It's a judged display of talent from the ISI community," Butler said.

"Much of the poetry is rooted in the tradition of such films as *Superfly* and *Dolemite* where terms like "wee" and "who" are tossed about in an affectionate manner."

"The player poetry is in conjunction with the '70s era, but it's brought into the present time," Butler said. "We're using the '70s metaphorically."

The Diamond Jubilee portion of the contest is a talent show for women only. If victorious, a contestant could win up to $250.

The real money, though, lies in the Player's Ball where men and women have the opportunity to win up to $500 if they are selected Player of the Year.

**THE NINTH GATE: A HORROR FILM THAT DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH**

Polanski's new film nothing to write home about

Travis Morse
Academic Affairs Editor

The devil and Roman Polanski — it seems the two are forever entwined. After all, Polanski is the talented auteur who directed "Rosemary's Baby", the creepy 1967 classic that probably frightened many women into remaining childless. Unfortunately, "The Ninth Gate" is his latest film, and it fails to live up to such high expectations. It is well-shot and shot with exotic location, but ultimately pointless.

Johnny Depp plays Dan Cooper, an unscrupulous rare book collector who travels around making his living ripping off people who own valuable book collections. In this heavily coiled opening scene, he is able to buy four priceless edibles of "Don Quixote" for nearly $4,000 by promising the family of the owner of the collection, who just rioted a mob. After Cooper sells the deal, Nikolas Caretta, the old man who owned the valuable torn and knows their true worth, the man grimes, trying to speak out in protest, but it's helpless in the grip of his political condition.

Afterward, Cooper meets up with a powerful New York entrepreneur who every outrageous collection of books on the devil. He has in his possession a copy of "The Ninth Gate", an ancient text supposedly authored by Satan himself. He takes the two other copies of the text and verifies their authenticity. Cooper, though skeptical, accepts the job with his dollar signs in his eyes and is soon off to Europe comparing the texts and encountering all sorts of shady characters and supernatural phenomenona.

Depp, with his shifty eyes and expressive face, gives Cooper a good deal of mischievous charm. He's always been an actor who could turn out charisma into compelling roles, especially when collaborating with director Tim Burton. Here, though, the enigmatic Depp and the other actors, including Lena Olin and Frank Langella, at their characters are a necessary ingredient to evolve or develop.

Things start out great. The early scenes have a great *Evil Dead* edge to them that bring back vibes from "Chainsaw Maniacs", another classic from the Polish filmmaker. Cooper becomes like some sort of hollow-eyed, gumshoe knocking on doors and plugging himself obsessively into his work.

When Cooper finds his friend's body hanging upside down and murdered, the scene has an odd resemblance to the scene in "Chainsaw Maniacs" when a handsome *Grapher* discovers a murdered body. Two blades on his camera. Cooper moves into the room and we, the audience, discover the grisly murder scene at the same time he does.

Unfortunately, these moments become rarer as the film progresses. I know it's possible not to be skeptical in today's world of wretched 'close-minded' conservative to recommend more violence in cinema, but, also, this is a horror film. Aside from a few nice touches, it's a cheesy horror film, which is a shame given the cast and crew.

What the "The Ninth Gate" ends up being is a collection of interesting scenes in a narrative that goes nowhere. Maybe it would have been better if Polanski would have actually made an appearance like in Peter Hyams' highly-anticipated but fairly uneventful "End of Days". After all, until it's physics run, how scary can a book really be?

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE**

**WEEKEND EVENTS**

**Friday, March 24, 2000**

**CARBONDALE**

- Open mic night at 9:30 p.m. at Longbranch Coffeehouse.
- Live DJ show every Friday and Saturday at Six with no cover charge.
- Today through May 13, Highwires exhibit at the University Museum. Free admission.
- Today through May 13, Shouts From the Wall: Spanish Civil War Posters is being displayed at the University Museum. Free admission.
- Mona and Merleth, story and song performers, take the stage at the Melbourne Coffeehouse from 8 to 10 p.m. There is no cover charge.
- Mindbender and the Pulsya play at Boo's at 9 p.m.
- The Delions perform at Carson Andy's Coffeehouse at 9:30 p.m. Suggested donation is $5 for adults and free for students. Well-behaved children are free.
- "Sagas of the Scientific Research Honor Society, is holding a public lecture given by Steven Aupied on the topic, "The Curse of Tintin: How Aging Evolves and What We Can Do About It." The lecture will be in Life Science 3 auditorium. Free admission.
- Music plays at the Hangar at 10 p.m.
- Tonight and Saturday The Slapping' Henry blues Band performs at PK's from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. There is no cover charge.
- Chicago: Tonight and Saturday, heavy metal band Quicksilver takes the stage at the Chicago House of Blues at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $35.

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- The musical "Fosse" will be performed tonight at 8 and Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre. Tickets are $30, $41, $51 and $61.
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**SATURDAY**

- The Emmy winning WUSU/MUS-TV episode "All News" will air Saturday night from 11 to 11:30 p.m. The episode is part of "Studio A Presents," a local entertainment series.
- Cacam, a jazz quartet, will perform at Melbourne Coffeehouse from 8 to 10:30 p.m. There is no cover charge.
- Pangolfini, a group of local bands, takes the stage at Boo's at 6 p.m.
- Stack Room at the Branch at Longbranch. Coffeehouse will feature musician Ben Demner at 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- The Diamond Jubilee/Player's Ball will begin at 6 p.m. at Shryock Auditorium. Tickets are $22, $33 and $44 casual.
- The Car Care Clinic, sponsored by the SIUC Automotive Technology Organization, will be working on cars outside True Value. The clinics are free to all community service that takes place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- "Saturday Morning Storytime at Barnes & Noble will feature "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak. It starts at 10:30 a.m. and there is no admission price.
Logan’s talent on display at Smithsonian

SIUC associate professor contributes to show on African-American photography

Travis Moebe
Academic Affairs Editor

Romare Bearden, Jacob Lawrence and Alvin Alto are all significant black artists who have had their work exhibited across the country. Unfortunately, there are not familiar names like Picasso and Rembrandt are to the American public, said SIUC associate professor Fern Logan. She hopes to rescue these masters from the depths of oblivion and bring them to the forefront of American culture. That is why when Deborah Willis, curator of the Smithsonian’s Americas Museum and Center for African American History and Culture, expressed interest in Logan’s photographs, she could not help but accept the offer to donate her photographs to an exhibit of Willis’.

“Willis is an authority in this country on African American art,” Logan said. “To be invited to participate is a great honor.”

Logan, an assistant professor of cinema and photography, donated four of her photographs for the “Reflections in Black: A History of Black Photographers, 1840 to the Present” exhibit. It is based on a book of the same name by Willis that will soon be published.

Logan’s photos are from her “Arts and Artists Portrait Series” she did in the 1980s. They chronicle some of the most influential black visual artists in the country. Portraits include Jacob Lawrence, Parks and Maya Angelou, to painter James Van Der Zee.

Logan has made it her mission to inform the public about the historical contributions made by blacks in the field of art. “A lot of our visual artists have not been very well known by the American public and I wanted to help make them household names,” Logan said.

One of Logan’s favorites is her portrait of Lawrence on a ladder beside one of his murals. It is on display in the exhibit.

“I like the one of Jacob Lawrence because a lot of his work is about struggle, it shows carpenters and painters and just the common man,” Logan said. “The portrait has him perched on a ladder and it sort of echoes his own work.”

Willis was also impressed by the way Logan was able to capture these artists in a singular and personal way.

“The way she addressed these artists is why her photos are so important,” Willis said. “She documented them in their environments.”

Her portraits, along with more than 300 images by 120 black photographers, will be on display through June 30 at the Smithsonian’s Institution’s Arts and Industries’ South Gallery in Washington, D.C.

In addition, Logan will also contribute two photographs to a Brooklyn Museum of Art exhibit highlighting black photographers. The two photos, “Earth Goddess” and “Exiles,” are contemporary portraits that explore the themes of the black woman as a goddess. It is set to run a year from now until April 2001.

Even though it can be physically and emotionally taxing, Logan hopes to continue to balance photography and her job as a professor.

“I feel about photography.”

Bill that changes admission policies passes house

Bill says no minimum ACT score required for students in top 5 percent of high school class

Kaye McGann
Daily Egyptian reporter

High school students in the top 5 percent of their graduating class will be automatically admitted to Illinois public universities regardless of ACT or SAT scores, pending a House bill passage through the state Senate.

HB 4093 states that any public university shall admit an applicant for admission if the applicant graduated within the last two years and has a grade point average in the top 5 percent of his or her class.

To qualify for admission under this bill, the applicant must only file an application by the University’s deadline, but does not have to take the ACT, SAT or any other entrance examination.

Illinois Rep. Douglas Hecht, R-Eaton, one of the bill’s sponsors, chiefly supports the bill because he says it increases opportunities for minorities to attend public universities.

“The basic idea is that it would help students from the inner-city vocational areas,” Hecht said. “But mostly it would level the playing field and be a chance for more minorities to attend public universities.”

Currently, the SIUC admission policy requires students to have an 18 to 19 ACT score and to lie in the top half of their graduating class to be accepted to the University.

High school students win an ACT of 20 or better are automatically accepted. Students with an ACT below 18 can still be accepted into the University’s Center for Basic Skills.

Despite the ACT requirements imposed by the University, Director of Admissions and Records Walker Allen, who also oversees new student admissions, says in his experience, test scores are not the best determinant for college success.

“High school rank in class is a better predictor of college success than ACT scores,” Allen said.

Herbert Richard Young, a principle planning consultant for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, places a greater emphasis on ACT scores for entering freshmen.

“ACT is a very important factor as far as college admissions go,” Young said. “In addition to class rank, ACT is in the top percentage indicator of how well a student will do in college.”

Last year’s ACT state average was 21.4. But the ACT average within the Chicago public schools is more 17.1, nearly one point lower than SIUC’s existing admission standards.

Washington, High School, located on Chicago’s southeast side, is a prime example of the contrasting test scores in Chicago public schools as compared to the rest of the state. Washington, ranked one of the 10-best public high schools in Chicago, had an ACT average of 17.3 last year, seven-tenths of a point below SIUC’s existing admission standards. In the previous 10 years, Washington’s average has been as low as 13.

The majority of the Bill’s 32 sponsors are from the Chicago area.

The Illinois House of Representatives voted unanimously in favor of HB 4093 on Feb. 21, when it was referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

No action has been taken on the bill since that date.
Multi Color Day seeks to increase diversity

Open house directed at recruiting students of color

David Osborne
Daily Egyptian reporter

SIUC prides itself on diversity, and this month's event, Multi Color Day, seeks to maintain and improve that image. Multi Color Day began 10 years ago as a small preview of SIUC life aimed at underrepresented student populations, including African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic-American and Native American students.

Three years later, it blossomed into an annual cultural celebration and open house for students of color.

Last year, 65 percent of the prospective students that attended Multi Color Day decided to apply to SIUC. Brenda Majes, assistant director of New Student Admissions, said more than 6,700 invitations have been mailed out across the country. Of that number, at least 450 prospective students are expected to attend this year.

Mailing invitations to students and parents to schools and guidance counselors is just part of the effort to bring students of color to SIUC.

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"I think it really helps them to see something different to get them there," Bryant said. "They can ask questions they feel more comfortable in asking without their parents being there."

Less pressure on pedal takes pressure off wallet

Sky-rocketing gas prices have consumers pinching pennies while driving

Geoffrey Ritter
Daily Egyptian reporter

Larry Wagner enjoyed his spring break. But the 750-mile drive from his home in Raleigh, N.C. back to Carbondale cost him not only several hours, but many dollars in gas money as well.

Wagner said although his Pontiac Grand-Am is generally easy to drive with its automatic transmission, the climbing gas prices have forced him to make a world of difference when it comes to mejorar his driving habits.

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"I think the biggest part of this difference? major percentage of the population doesn't know what the pedal does," Rennison said.

According to local automotive experts, taking just a few simple precautions, such as washing driv-

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"I think the biggest part of this difference? major percentage of the population doesn't know what the pedal does," Rennison said.

According to local automotive experts, taking just a few simple precautions, such as washing driv-
Spades players win trip to Disney World

Makers of Bicycle playing cards sponsor national tournament in Orlando

Two plus two equaled a trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., for two SIU students.

Jason Baker, a junior in engineering, and Travis Ruff, a junior in electrical engineering, placed second in their second choice of card games in a card tournament organized by the Student Programming Council. The tournament was intended to include spades and euchre. The Jan. 23 event was a qualifying game for the Bicycle Spades and Euchre tournament.

"It's a way for students and staff at SIU," Abbie said. "It's a tracational event organized by the Christian organization of campus ministries for students and staff at SIU."

The tournament was intended to include spades and euchre, which was held at Walt Disney World during spring break.

The team originally signed up to play spades. Lacking enough interested players to hold a spade tournament, SPC switched to spades. The first-place team had to forfeit after SPC learned that one member of the team was not a student at SIUC.

The dispensation of the first-place team moved Baker and Ruff, both of Decatur, up to first place, sending them to Disney World to represent SIUC in the national tournament. At stake was a portion of $135,000 in prize money and the University's general scholarship funds. The tournament was sponsored by the United States Playing Card Co., makers of Bicycle playing cards.

Mitchell Phillips, the director of administration for SPC, said the pair was pretty shocked to learn they were going on the trip. Phillips said the pair in information systems technology said, "We don't know where we're going from here. You're kidding!"

In addition to airfare, the U.S. Playing Card Co. paid for lodging at Disney's Contemporary Resort, a dinner for each night's stay, and provided each player with $50 in "Disney Cash," a debit card good only at Disney World. Each player also received a one-day pass to Disney's Pleasure Island entertainment district, and a two-day pass to Disney World. Ruff did not realize at first that a trip was at stake. He was signed up to play spades, and thought it was just an evening of cards.

"It was a couple of games into the tournament that I found out about the trip," Ruff said.

The pair did not fare as well in Orlando as they did in their first game. Baker said that confusion over some of the rules contributed to their loss.

The rules for the games here at SIUC and in Orlando were set down by the U.S. Playing Card Company. Baker and Ruff did better in the second-day, playing in the consolation tournament. By that time, they had gotten used to the differences in the rules. Still, they think they could have brought home some money if they had gotten their first choice of games.

"We would have done much better at euchre," Baker said.

He said they played some of the euchre players at night back in the hotel rooms, and felt most part best about the euchre experience.

Phillips said SPC hopes to generate enough interest to hold tournaments in spades, euchre and hearts next fall. She said the team is becoming an annual event for SPC.

"We could potentially send five people next year, two from euchre, two from spades, and one from hearts," Phillips said.

Alessa Cuthbert, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Playing Card Co., said this is the second year for the tournament, and it plans to continue.

"Last year, the national tournament was held in the Bahamas," she said. "We like the idea of having the tournament at Disney World, so we're very excited that a team from Baker and Ruff won.

"Phillips and Abbie just wanted to see the event continue each semester. "The idea is to kind of let everyone know everyone who's here for games, and we're here for the students if they need us," he said.

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as to let people know about the event via student newspapers. "The purpose is to let both the UIU community and the Carbondale community know about the Apostolic organization of campus ministries for students and staff at SIU," Abbie said. "It's to expose the chanel teaching and the biblical presence of the apostolic doctrine."

The Rev. Mark Brewer of Evangelical University, Illinois, addressed the congregation, and SIUC's Voices of Inspiration Choir and the Southern Illinois United Pentecostal youth choir performed.

Stephen Robinson, a junior in music education from Carbondale, directed the Voices of Inspiration choir and helped spread the chanel teaching with the apostolic congregation.

"I was very happy to be a part of it," he said. "It's just to have a chance to experience the apostolic teaching and the biblical presence of the apostolic doctrine."

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Exploring African culture in Central America

Annual Black American Studies trip heads to the Caribbean

Terry L. Dean
Daily Egyptian reporter

For the past three years, SIUC professor Nancy Dawson has taken students to Africa to help gain a better understanding of the country, and, for some, a better understanding of their heritage.

This year, Dawson will take 10 students to Bilize, Honduras, and Guatemala from May 15 through June 4 to study African people living in the Caribbean and their culture.

The trip is in coordination with the University's Study Abroad Program and WASI's African Cultural Continuity Program. Students of the Black America Studies program will have an opportunity to see African culture from the Caribbean perspective.

Dawson started the African Cultural Continuity Program in 1997, with trips to Ghana in the western part of Africa. The program is designed to educate American students about African people, and the influence of African culture throughout the world.

"I learned a lot just being there, more so than I would in a class," said Leidy Howell, a senior in elementary education from Chicago, who went to Ghana in 1999.

Howell is already set to go on the Caribbean trip. What she got the most out of the last trip was how different the culture was. "It's transforming," she said. "Any international experience that you take will be beneficial, and you can't help but change. It makes you look at yourself and your surroundings and to appreciate a different culture."

LONG DISTANCE

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Others are more optimistic and think the stability of the relationship, commitment to their relationship, and love and distance are important. Dennis Muchop, a junior in cinema and photography from Palatine, classrooms have focused on the relationship works out however, despite success stories and his own relationship, has been part of one such relationship.

"It's hard to communicate over the phone," Muchop said. "We break up once because of it."

She said he is looking forward to the opportunity to see another part of the world, and to see how other black people live. "I'm open-minded in experiencing different things," she said. "You get away from America, the more you learn about people and their different cultures."

However, not every long-distance relationship is destined to fail. Renato Kukic, a junior in cinema and photography from Palatine, has been part of one relationship for four years. Kukic and his girlfriend, who lives in Chicago, have run into a lot of trouble keeping the relationship alive.

"It's the same there as over here, but a little different," she said. "They wear different clothing, they speak differently, but some of the things you see Americans doing, you'll see Americans doing." It was Dawson's dream to eventually expand the program to include places where African people live other than their native country. She said when some students think of Africans, they do not automatically associate them with places other than Africa.

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New teleconference class proves successful

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Since Jan. 24, the students enrolled in Accounting 500: "Value Dynamics" have been taught through teleconference, said Steve Samek, 1973 SIUC alumnus and county manager of Arthur Andersen. Samek is an Arthur Andersen representative and currently manages the company's accounting 590 class.

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Lower half of lineup for women's tennis stepping up in young season

Andy Eggers
Daily Egyptian reporter

The SIU women's tennis team does not have to rely on just its big guns. It has been a full team effort throughout the young season so far. The Salukis, with the lower seeded singles and doubles matches making the difference between victory and defeat.

SIU head coach Judy Auld was delighted with her lower seeded players coming through, citing last week's spring break trip to Florida. The team has six singles players throughout the lineup, all of whom are dangerous. The Salukis have added depth that has been a major factor behind the quick start in the spring season.

No. 4 player Erik Ochals and No. 6 player Keri Crandall both went 3-1 during their four singles matches in Florida. "I think we just have a lot more depth than a lot of other teams," Crandall said. "I don't think it has been much of a surprise... we are really pulled together and played well."

Top-seeded Simona Petrutiu and can make the difference between victory and defeat.

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Club officer Jon Tar, a senior in secondary education, said the system makes for tough matches.

"Due to the way we split up our skill levels, almost every game is competitive," Tar said. A separate team of the club's best players travels and competes in the Midwest Collegiate Roller Hockey League, making 10 separate teams at two skill levels.

"It's the same sport, but it is more exciting because it keeps going back and forth," Tar said. The club conducts itself like a professional league, with a presiding umpire, referees, and a set of the rules as they are.

"Hockey League. The traveling team plays against Big 10 schools such as Michigan State University, Ohio State University and Penn State University, among others. Tar enjoys the club for its intensity, as well as its differences, to professional ice hockey.

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"It doesn't matter what time it is, what we really try to do is discourage fighting," Tar said. "We try to discourage fighting, including ejection from the club upon the second incident.

"I don't get surprised at times when we are about to do it, but you don't want to do it," Tar said. "I want my players to relax, step out on the court and just go for it."

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"I don't think we are two or three lost because of lack of practice, but it's good to see that we are winning in five, six and seven," Ochals said.
A.D. forum continues today

SIU athletic director candidate Paul Kowalczewski will meet with students and faculty today at the University Union to discuss his interest in the position. The forum will be open to interested faculty and students to meet Kowalczewski and ask questions. Students can meet with Kowalczewski at 9:30 a.m. and the faculty forum follows at 11 a.m.

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"I know there have been instances when it's been frustrating, I can tell just by the way he carries himself," Callahan said. "But I don't think he's intelligent enough to know that it's one heck of a transition from high school to college level."

Rainey, who received recruiting attention from Big 10 programs such as Ohio State, Purdue, the University and the University of Michigan, along with Illinois State University, Florida Atlantic University picked SIU in part because he hails from Chicago. After graduating in right away and play center field.

However, senior Scott Boyd has that position pretty well in hand, and Rainey has found himself in a dog-fight for playing time at one of the corner outfield spots with Sal Fivell and Steve Mazza. But Rainey realizes he has a lot to learn before he can get to right center in the lineup.

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percent all the time," Rainey said. "You have to go all out every day, because one play can really determine a game, I'm learning to be more consistent with any intensity."

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"I'm pretty excited," Rainey said. "Hopefully, I'll be able to relax and not try to do too much, and good things will happen."

Men's golf plays through Saturday

The SIU men's golf team started competition in the Eastern Kentucky University Spring Intercollegiate on Thursday. The three-day event, held in Richmond, Ky., continues through Saturday.

Women's golf play host Saluki Invitational Sunday

Junior center fielder and long-ball threat Matt Mahaffee is only hitting .250, senior second baseman Lori Center is at the .200 mark and junior third baseman Jim Marker sits at .186.

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**For Rainey, it's a whole new ballgame**

Hometown superstar returns home with new perspective on a game he once dominated

**JAY SCHWAB**

SIU baseball freshman outfielder Jason Rainey will travel nearly four hours to play baseball this weekend on a field he used to live three minutes away from.

Rainey's destination? Redbird Field in Normal, where the Salukis (9-9) will play a four-game series against Illinois State University. That's the same diamond on which his old school, University High School, plays its games.

- The extra distance is not the only difference between now and Rainey's past trips to Redbird Field.
- Rainey came to SIU after a sensational high school career at University High. He hit .406 for his career and an eye-popping .533 his senior season. His junior year, Rainey was a catalyst on an extraordinary team that stunned to a 40-3 record and the state championship.
- But even with the enormous success Rainey had in high school, he has not been immune to the freshman struggles that almost every college athlete experiences. Playing in 14 of SIU's first 18 games, Rainey has posted a humbling .219 batting average while registering just two RBIs.
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**Football revving up for spring ball**

The SIU football team made its schedule for the 2000 season public Thursday. The highlight game is a trip to face the University of Kansas Sept. 23. The scrimmage with the Jayhawks marks the Salukis’ first game against a 1-A opponent since 1994.

Another non-conference game of note is a home tilt against Drake University Oct. 14. The Family Weekend game against Drake University, a lower end F-IAA program, demonstrates SIU head coach Jan Thai’s wish to make the 2000 schedule a little more manageable than last season’s tough slate, when the Salukis went 5-6.

The Salukis’ season opener is at Murray State University Aug. 31, and play the first home game against Southeast Missouri State University Sept. 5. SIU’s Homecoming game will come Oct. 7 against Gateway power Western Illinois University.

The Salukis, who are beginning spring practice and will scrimmage for the first time Saturday, also named two new assistant coaches.

- Kevin Vepalo, who has previously coached at Northern Michigan and Southeast Missouri State, and
- Michael Vite, who has been a part of five different schools’ coaching staffs, were named to Quinnell’s staff.

There is still one more spot on the coaching staff that remains to be filled, following the departures of Dave Dunkelberger, Joe Tumpkin and Craig Naivar after the 1999 season.

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**Home again with something to prove**

Softball to play host to five-team Saluki Invitational today in second home stand in season

**COREY CUSICK**

The SIU softball team has already played 25 games this season. Only five of those games have been in the friendly confines of JAV Fields.

Well, the friendly part may be a stretch, but the Salukis are geared up to play at home and can expect some unfriendly visitors today through Saturday at the Saluki Invitational.

SIU (17-8) will also play Syracuse University Sunday at noon at JAV Fields in a game not part of the Saluki Invitational.

Every Saluki opponent has something to prove this weekend.

"A lot of these teams are kind of gunning for us," freshman pitcher Katie Kloos said. Especially the Salukis’ first opponent and conference foe, the University of Northern Iowa. On the Salukis’ recent 10-4 spring break trip, two victories came at the expense of Northern Iowa at the Missouri Invitational in Columbia, Mo., which the Salukas won.

Meanwhile, Western Kentucky University and Syracuse set first-year programs, so they have everything to prove.

And anyone who follows SIU softball knows when the Salukas and regional rival Southeast Missouri State University put up, things tend to get a bit interesting.

To the past three seasons, SIU is 1-3 against the Salukis in the Invitational, which includes SEMO’s heartbreaking 5-4 defeat of SIU last season, giving the Ouklans the Invitational championship.

The three losses were by a combined total of four runs. So, it’s safe to say that the