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DAILY EGYPTIAN PHOTO - DEREK ANDERSON

SIU aviation staff flight instructor and student Omar Baig was flying airplanes before he received his driver's license. After the events of Sept. 11, the Muslim student thought his career was in jeopardy, but today he still keeps his eyes to the sky.

A DREAM NOT deterred

He's a Muslim and a pilot, but SIU student Omar Baig worked too hard to let Sept. 11 ground his flight.

STORY BY ARIN THOMPSON

Flight posters are tacked on the wall. Under those is a University Aviation Association certification. A flight simulator yoke rests on the floor next to a desk.

Omar Baig, 20, an aviation management major, sits in his dorm room holding a list of his accomplishments as a pilot. The list clutters an entire sheet of paper. Baig has been infatuated with the sky ever since he set foot on a plane. His family has backed him 110 percent and made sure that every opportunity was offered to him.

His dreams of being a pilot were always in the most beautiful Technicolor, but on Sept. 11, those dreams were momentarily reverted to black and white.

Not only was Baig a pilot, his roots were in India, and the color of his skin and his Muslim religion made him question whether or not those dreams would ever appear in brilliant color again.

THEN His first experience with a plane occurred when his mouth was chock-full of baby teeth.

Both of Baig's parents are from New Delhi, India. Baig was born in Ames, Iowa, and when he was still in diapers his parents would take trips every few years to visit relatives in India. The eight- and nine-hour flights provided exposure to Baig when he was only four years old.

"I still remember it like it was yesterday. I was four years old; it was a winter day in Des Moines, Iowa. I got on the airplane, I even had a couple of tears in my eyes because I'd never been on an airplane before and didn't know what it was going to be like.

"As soon as the engine started up on that jet and that thing got in the air, I knew right then I'd be an airline pilot."

"When we got in the air, my mom said, 'Look, it looks just like your matchbox cars, and I was glued out the window the whole time after that. It was the coolest thing I'd ever seen,'" Baig said.

After that, Baig bought every book about planes that he could. His parents bought him as many toy airplanes as they could afford.

"My family did everything they possibly could to make my flying career dreams come true," Baig said.

It wasn't a smooth flight from the beginning. Baig's eyesight began to deteriorate when he was 10 years old.

In the late '80s and early '90s, airline pilots weren't allowed to wear glasses, and Baig happened to be sporting a pair. This discouraged him from flying, so he pursued a brief career in rock 'n roll. In middle school, Baig played lead guitar in a band.

Then things started to change. The market for aviation expanded so fast that the requirements for pilots, since there was such a shortage, became more lenient. Basically, if someone had contacts or glasses that corrected his vision to 20/20, he could be a pilot.

"As soon as I saw that, I cut off the long hair, I got a new wardrobe, started reading up on flying again, bought a flight simulator for my computer and I hit it 24/7," Baig said. Baig was 15 years old when he

walked into the airport to take flying lessons. When his classmates were excited about getting their driver's licenses, he was looking forward to something else.

Baig woke up on his 16th birthday excited because his parents drove him to the airport. Baig soloed an airplane before he could legally drive a car.

From then on it was straight ahead, as fast as he could, and Baig didn't look back. By the time his 17th birthday rolled around, he was a licensed private pilot.

"It was fun birthday — birthday cake and a pilot's license, that was the best present I've ever had," Baig said.

When he made it to the 11th grade, he had his instrument license. By age 18, Baig was a fully licensed commercial pilot with multi- and single-engine credentials. Yes, that means he is capable of flying the big jets seen tearing up the skies.

When other kids were flipping burgers, Baig was dropping people out of planes. In his last semester as a senior in high school, Baig flew for a skydiving club in Des Moines, Iowa. "So, I'd take them up to altitude and throw them off the airplane. It

was great, I was 18 and earning money flying," Baig said. "I did get some weird looks at first, but as soon as we got in the air and we all kind of made friends with each other, they said, 'Wow, he's so young, he's motivated and he does his job well.'"

NOW

In August 2000, Baig enrolled at SIUC. Because he arrived pre-qualified in all the areas most freshman spend their first two years devoting time to, Baig was awarded 32 credit hours and sophomore standing.

Baig is involved in almost every flight Registered Student Organization available and is so devoted that he now doubles as a flight instructor at SIUC.

"I usually have four students a semester. It's an absolutely amazing and rewarding job because now I get to share all my enthusiasm with people pretty much my age. Not only that, I'm learning just as much as they're learning," Baig said.

The average number of flight hours upon graduation for an aviation

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Tuition proposals going up at Wednesday USG meeting

Molly Parker
Daily Egyptian

Tuition at SIUC will go up next fall; the question is "how much?"

Chancellor Walter Wendler said Monday that he's proposing a tuition increase "above and beyond" the original four-year tuition-raising plan approved by the Board of Trustees last year.

Under the current plan, tuition is expected to jump 5 percent in the fall, followed by 6 percent and 7 percent increases during the following two years.

Now, administrators are looking into pumping those percentages to double digits after SIUC took a series of cuts from the state.

Wendler is remaining tight-lipped about any specific tuition proposals until Wednesday's Undergraduate Student Government meeting. He will present three different proposals at the meeting and said he wants to get feedback from students on how much they are willing to pay.

The chancellor hinted that a 10 percent increase might be one of the proposals on the table. In-state tuition for a

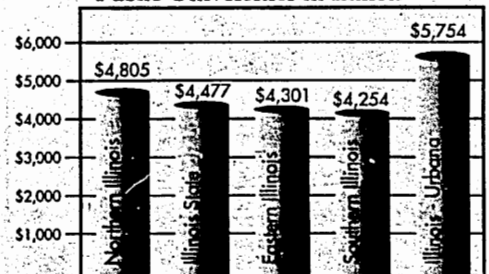
full-time undergraduate student at SIUC, not including fees, is \$3,102 per year. A 10 percent increase would translate to a student paying \$310 more.

The board has a tradition of showing caution when it comes to tuition increases, as it was with the four-year tuition proposal that passed following some hesitation last year. But now the budget situation has left it with few options, and as Trustee Mark Replking put it, the board's hands are tied.

"What drives us is state funding —

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Current Tuition and Mandatory Fees at Public Universities in Illinois



These are the current totals for some of the tuition fees at other Universities in the state of Illinois. Southern Illinois University is the lowest in tuition according to the other Universities but SIU is above the national average of \$3,754. This is in light of the current issues regarding the hike in tuition fees for the upcoming years at SIU. Source: Chicago Tribune

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N.M. wildfire sparked by dumped ashes

ALTO, N.M. — Chimneys poked out of rubble and superheated puddles of metal hardened into silvery slabs after an 800-acre fire swept through an affluent neighborhood and destroyed 28 resort homes.

Hundreds of people who fled at the height of the fire emergency Saturday were told they could return home Monday but many were uncertain what they would find. Flames slowed significantly Sunday and the blaze in the mountains of southern New Mexico was 60% contained, state Forestry Division spokeswoman Terri Wildermuth said. No one has been injured.

Dropping murder rate surprises New Yorkers

NEW YORK — It's the city's biggest murder mystery: Why is the murder rate, which seemed to have hit bottom, suddenly plummeting again?

Murder is down 40% so far this year. There were 85 homicides in the first 2 1/2 months, compared with 141 in the same period last year. The borough of Manhattan has logged 11 murders, a 60% cut.

At this rate, by year's end, the city would have 386 murders — the fewest since 1958, when Mantle played for the Yankees. Kennedy Airport was called Idlewild and mugging was what you did for the camera.

Murder is widely regarded as the most important and



objective crime statistic. But overall, major crime in New York, including robbery and assault, is down a healthy 8% so far this year.

New Yorkers, who had become a tad blasé about crime — it has dropped by two-thirds since 1993 — are taking notice.

There is no consensus on why the crime rate is plunging, but there are many good reasons why it should be rising:

- **A weak economy:** The city has lost thousands of jobs since the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, and the recovery here is expected to be slow and weak.
- **Fewer police patrols:** Hundreds of officers are still on counterterrorism duty, and overtime pay for other types of policing has been curtailed by the post-Sept. 11 budget crunch. Arrests, largely as a result, are down 22% as of March 17, the latest figures available.
- **Warm weather:** Nice weather usually means more crime because more people are on the street. This winter was the warmest on record.
- **National crime trends:** In most big cities, the crime rate is flat or rising. In Los Angeles, for example, murders are up 22% this year.
- **Local crime trends:** Although New York finished 2001 with an overall reduction in crime, the crime rate increased during the six months after July 1. That, plus stressed crime-buster Rudy Giuliani's departure from City Hall on Dec. 31, led many to believe crime would surge.

The crime statistics for 2001 don't include the 3,000 people killed in the World Trade Center attack, which the city regards as an act of war.

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Gunmen attack Afghan security chief

KABUL, Afghanistan — The governor of an eastern Afghan province demanded US Special Forces hand over several rival Afghan allies who allegedly opened fire Sunday on the region's security chief, killing a bodyguard and wounding two others before reportedly fleeing into an American compound.



Argentina hit with yet another finance blow

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina is braced for further economic turmoil after a rush for dollars last week sent the peso plummeting to less than a third of its value three months ago.

The peso fell over 17 percent on Friday, to 32 cents, sending prices rising and triggering fears of hyperinflation and renewed public unrest in the crisis-hit South American country. It devalued the peso in January, after a 10-year peg to the dollar, in an attempt to dig the economy out of a crippling four-year recession.

Thousands of Argentines have won cases recently forcing banks to release their savings despite a freeze in place since December to prevent a banking collapse. They flocked to convert their devaluing pesos into dollars amid fears that international creditors would withhold further aid to the country which defaulted on its \$141 billion public debt in December.

"We are going to go through even worse moments than these," President Eduardo Duhalde said.

He added that the central bank would decide whether to intervene in the market to try and control the currency slide. It reportedly has \$13.5 billion left in its reserves after several interventions last week.

Prices for basic commodities such as cooking oil, milk, rice and bread have risen dramatically, and there are reports that people were stockpiling at the weekend. Thousands of businesses have also closed, and last month 75,000 people lost their jobs.

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Bush meat infections linked to HIV ancestor in Cameroon

YAOUNDE, Cameroon — More than one-fifth of the monkey meat sold in Cameroon is infected with the ancestor of the HIV virus. The bush meat survey raises the possibility of new infections leading the species barrier again.

A total of 21 types of the simian immunodeficiency virus, or SIV, were found on live animals and meats on sale in the country's markets.

The bush meat trade has boomed as roads have penetrated into the forests and more people are now being exposed to the danger.

Two distantly related strains of SIV have already jumped into humans and the two types of HIV originated in chimpanzees and sooty mangabeys.

Marlene Peeters, a virologist at the Research Institute for Development in Montpellier, France, said: "It happened before, so why shouldn't it happen again?"

The study is published in the journal Emerging Infectious Diseases and reported in Nature.

Calendar Police Blotter

Only public events affiliated with SIUC are printed in the Daily Egyptian Calendar. The editors reserve the right not to print any submitted item. RSO and departmental events will be printed in the Daily Egyptian Online Calendar at www.dailyegyptian.com.

Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item.

Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1247, or faxed to 453-8244. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

Corrections

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

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- Devon Montez Leroy, 19, was arrested at 10:45 p.m. Friday and charged with possession of cannabis and delivery of cannabis, under 30 grams. Leroy was unable to post the required bond and was transported to Jackson County Jail.
- Rachel A. Wilson, 18, was arrested at 2:42 a.m. Saturday and charged with aggravated battery. Wilson was transported to Jackson County Jail.
- Samantha Jo Mooneyham, 19, was arrested at 2:15 a.m. Sunday at 300 E. Grand Ave. and charged with failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Mooneyham posted driver's license as bond.
- Criminal damage to state-supported property occurred at 10:44 p.m. Sunday at Wright I. A ceiling light fixture was reported knocked down by an unknown suspect. The damage is estimated at \$100.

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NEWS BRIEF

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Taxi thieves nabbed

Two men involved in the robbery of a Carbondale taxi driver last week have been taken into custody following an ongoing investigation by Carbondale Police, which led to the identification of the suspects.

Stephen A. Howard, 18, of 612 E. Campus Dr. B-11, was arrested Friday and charged with robbery. Brian T. Gross, 18, of the same address, was also arrested Friday and charged with theft from a person.

Marvin F. Cross, of Murphysboro, reported he was robbed at 11:10 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, after picking up the men at West Teleservices Corp., 2311 S. Illinois Ave., and taking them to 611 E. Park St. Cross told police that when he took out his money to make change, the men grabbed the money out of his hand and attempted to take a change container.

Howard and Gross are both incarcerated at the Jackson County Jail.



DAILY EGYPTIAN PHOTO - STEVE JAHNKE

Environmental educator John Wallace portrays the life experiences and personalities of deceased naturalist and writer John Muir Monday evening at the Civic Center in Carbondale. Wallace spoke for an hour about Muir's experiences, such as being blinded by a piece of metal, a meeting with two American presidents, and an avalanche ride.

The world according to John Muir

Life adventures of a pioneering ecologist

William Alonso
Daily Egyptian

A moderate and eager crowd gathered Monday night to be transported to the "scribble room" in the home of the father of the National Park system, John Muir.

A room in the Carbondale Civic Center was converted into Muir's "scribble room" for "The World According to John Muir," sponsored by the Shawnee Audubon Society.

Two tables adorned with books, flowers, a half-loaf of bread with a knife jutting out of the top and lamps provided the setting as John Wallace, under the guise of the Scotsman and self-proclaimed "tramp," regaled the audience with adventures of Muir's life.

Lovers of nature and stewards of her splendor listened as the spirit of the champion of American wilderness was brought to life by Wallace. With a shock of gray hair and long

whiskers of the same hue, Wallace presented an uncanny resemblance of the dead pioneer ecologist.

Born in Dunbar, Scotland, Muir came to the United States with his family when he was 11 years old, settling in Wisconsin. Born with an imbued love of nature, it wasn't until an accident left him temporarily blind that Muir devoted his focus and energy to the trees and mountains.

"Oh, imagine that. The eye darkens forever to all of God's beauty," Wallace said with a light Scottish accent.

With this accident, Wallace said, Muir's wanderlust began. Muir walked a thousand miles from Indianapolis to the Florida Keys and the Gulf of Mexico. He sailed to Panama and through the isthmus, up America's west coast and landed in California. California would come to be his home and his passion.

Wallace, a member of the Shawnee Audubon Society and environmental educator at SIUC's Touch of Nature, found his passion for Muir's life on a trip to Alaska. He was recommended a book of Muir's memoirs about his travels in Alaska and, finding inspiration in its pages, became an activist and educator.

"His recognizing back then the type of degrada-

tion that was taking place in our wild land and peoples' general lack of respect really struck me. Also, he was also a very spiritual man. His father was a fundamentalist Christian and I think that influenced him," Wallace said.

"It wasn't long into his adult life that he realized that the Christian perspective was too narrow. That the respect in treating other beings as you would be treated also should be transferred to creators of the natural world. Or as he put it 'our fellow mortals.'"

Muir was instrumental in the development of the national park system as we now know it. In 1890, due in part to Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson, associate editor of "Century" magazine, Congress created Yosemite National Park. Muir is associated with the creation of Sequoia, Mount Rainier, Petrified Forest and Grand Canyon national parks.

Muir published a book, "Our National Park," which gained the attention of President Theodore Roosevelt. Visiting Yosemite with Muir, the president and the relentless conservationist laid the groundwork for what would become Roosevelt's revolutionary conservation programs.

Wallace ended the jaunt through an

American hero's past with a tale of what could be the birth of extreme sports. Muir on an adventure up a mountain came into the path of an avalanche, which he rode out. He was left with neither scar nor broken bone.

A.J. Cesena, a freshman in geography from Aurora, attended the presentation, but didn't have plans to initially. Cesena said he came at the request of a friend and was glad for it.

"I found it very interesting. I didn't know anything about [Muir's] life, though I had heard of him many times," Cesena said. "I had no idea about that man's life."

Rebecca DeCoster, a senior in geography, said the philosophies and teachings of Muir hold true now more than ever. She said it is important to educate people about the environment.

"A lot of people don't realize the impact of a lot of things they do and how they affect the environment. Muir's teachings affect people who are worried about the future of the planet," DeCoster said. "We want to leave a living planet for our children. If you want the same thing then this is something that involves you."

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Beautiful Music: Pam White, a music teacher at De Soto Elementary School, explains how her third graders compose their own songs with a free internet site, then learn to play them on recorders. The third graders demonstrated the program at the technology festival at John A. Logan Saturday.

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LISA SONNENSCHN



Tenant union takes first step

Guidebook to be distributed next month

Jane Huh
Daily Egyptian

It's taken almost a decade, but it's finally here — Undergraduate Student Government has finally developed its long-planned comprehensive booklet stuffed with all kinds of off-campus housing information, including a form to register a complaint against a landlord. It will be made available to students in a few weeks.

The 21-page guidebook is another step toward organizing a tenant union for students. Also included in the guide is an apartment hunting checklist, warnings and suggestions on signing forms and depositing money, as well as definitions of legal terms and procedures.

Once the free guides are distributed, students can turn in written complaints to the USG offices. The complaints will be stored in a file for students to refer to when making housing decisions.

Marty Obst, USG housing commissioner, and USG President Michael Perry are on the brink of organizing the first SIU tenant union.

Last spring break, Obst and Perry took a trip to the University of Illinois to get a closer look at the school's tenant union system and find out how the school's union has been running efficiently for about 30 years.

Obst and Perry came back to Carbondale with a better idea of what was lacking — union continuity, a feature that

keeps the school's union system functioning. "We've tried this before, but there were always problems year to year because [continuity] died out. It doesn't seem to stay," Obst said.

One way to ensure the union's continuity amid yearly USG position changes is to have a coordinator serve for a number of years, said Steven Rogers, attorney at the Students' Legal Assistance.

Rogers has assisted Obst with the legal documents that are included in the guide.

"If you just have somebody from USG, half the time, it won't be staffed. Someone needs to be there for the summer," Rogers said.

Obst, who is running for USG president in the fall, sees the necessity of finding a full-time tenant union coordinator. He said bringing attention to the union is high on his list of campaign priorities.

"We've got all the groundwork laid. If we can get someone to oversee the process year to year, I'm hopeful that the tenant union will be in working condition," Obst said.

But for now, the finished guidebook is a valuable source of information that students should get a hold of, said Rogers.

"I think it's a good idea. The more information the prospective or even current tenants get, the better," he said. "Tenants need to be informed to be protected."

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Transportation Education Center still on the ground

TEC would give program cutting edge facilities

Mark Lambird
Daily Egyptian

For more than three years, the Transportation Education Center has been talked about, but only words are there to show.

The TEC is the third building that has been proposed to elevate the problems of the top-ranked automotive technology and aviation programs. In the cafeteria at the automotive campus a large faded picture hangs on the wall of one of the proposals, but that is as far as that one got.

The center has a price of more than \$35 million and would provide class, lab and office space for both the aviation and automotive programs. The University owns land that is adjacent to Southern Illinois Airport that would be used to construct the building.

Jack Greer, chairman of the automotive technologies program, said this year the proposed center had a setback when it was bumped

down a position on the Resource Allocation and Management Program [RAMM] list. In the list submitted this year, the TEC was listed fourth.

The RAMP lists projects that universities across the state would like to have funded and is then submitted to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The board then selects projects to fund across the state.

"You have to be in the No. 1 or two spot to be considered by the state," Greer said.

He said that there is a drive by both programs to raise money from corporate donors.

"We have submitted a request to Daimler Chrysler," Greer said. "They told us that we would know by the end of the month."

The need for new facilities for automotive program is the main concern for Greer.

"The lab buildings are the same age as the office building we just left," Greer said.

The automotive faculty and staff were moved from their office building on March 18 because of structural damage and the presence of asbestos.

David NewMyer, chairman of

the aviation program, said that a request has been sent to Boeing for about \$1 million. He said they should know this summer whether they will receive the money.

"Steps one and two — getting the money from Daimler-Chrysler and Boeing," NewMyer said. "If we can get this money we hope to use it as leverage against the state."

SIU President James Walker said because of the budget problems the University was looking into federal funding for the project.

"It's going to take a combination of efforts from federal, state and private funding to complete the project," Walker said. "I hope in a couple of years the project can be started."

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said he has supported the program since its inception and will continue to do so.

"It is an important project for the region," Bost said. "It should be the first priority because of benefits to the University and the local economy."

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Hispanic Student Council leads tour headed for Chicago

Latino students work to get recognition in light of bad weather conditions

Ivan Thomas
Daily Egyptian

The Hispanic Student Council tried to keep their materials from getting wet as they played host to the beginning of a campus tour on Monday in the muddy grass of the Faneer Breezeway.

Latinogreeks.com, a Latino organization based in New York, began its campus tour of SIUC on Monday. Its objective was to promote and gain support from the students and the various Latino groups by speaking with attendants and informing them about the organization. SIUC was the first of several universities that

will be visited before the organization reaches Chicago on March 30. There will be a stepshow and competition in the Donald Stevenson Convention Center.

Despite the weather's lack of cooperation, the council did its best to maintain the progression of the event as they answered questions from students going to and from class. Eventually, members were forced into early departure, ending the event one hour before the scheduled time.

Marina Rentas, a member of council and president of Delta Phi Mu, said she was content with the turnout, and even though the rain got in the way, it was good to see everyone helping out.

"I think that any event that we promote together helps the Hispanic population," she said.

When Latinogreeks.com makes its way to Chicago, around eight or nine organizations will perform in the competition, and more than 30 groups including the council will be giving their support.

Several campus organizations had representatives in the Free Forum area to help promote latinogreeks.com.

Jessica Carrillo, a member of Sigma Lambda Gamma, along with sophomore Christina Brown, a council member, helped out with the program on Monday and agreed it was good for the Hispanic students to get a little exposure on campus.

"It was nice because we usually don't get as much publicity as other groups like [Black Affairs Council]," Carrillo said. "We haven't been around as long, and it's hard for us to have activities because there aren't as many Latinos on campus."

According to the Carrillo and Brown, the Army did its part in realizing their targeted audience was going to be, as they had T-shirts in Spanish that read "Yo Soy El Army," which means "I Am the Army" in English.

"The Army signed up a lot of people while they were there," Brown said. "They were out

there recruiting."

According to Rentas, this was a great opportunity for Hispanic students and organizations to get some recognition because they don't have too large of a representation. Sponsors for the event were Latinogreeks.com, Ayacaramba.com and the Army.

Hispanic Heritage month is definitely the biggest time for them, along with other events during Multi-Colc-Day. Other than that, there is not much they can do as a whole to make their presence felt.

"At SIU, we have such a poor retention rate, and the University tries their best, but it's really hard to keep Latinos here," Rentas said. "As students we have a lot of work to do. We have to balance our responsibilities."

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graduate with a commercial certificate is 250 to 300. Baig came in with 325 and has now racked up more than 700 hours.

The skies were clear. Baig was soaring toward his dream; the future never looked so good. Then something happened. A national tragedy that hit him close to the heart.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Baig arrived at the SIU airport at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 11. All of his fellow instructors, classmates and teachers were congregated in one area. This was unusual because most people are flying or busy somewhere else by that time in the morning.

It was just minutes before the second World Trade Center tower was gutted by another plane.

"No one really knew what was going on at that point," Baig said.

When he first came in, a co-flight instructor told him that somebody had hit the Trade Center in a plane.

"Low visibility," Baig thought. "A small plane had an accident."

Another flight student said a plane had been hijacked.

"That stuff happens," Baig thought. "It's happened in the past."

Around 8:45, a group of flight students and teachers alike headed for the television.

"And there they were; both towers were hit and there was smoke all over the skyline of New York. I stood there with my mouth open for about five minutes," Baig said. "After a couple hours of that it started hitting me."

David NewMyer, department chair of SIU Aviation Management

and Flight, saw the effects of Sept. 11 weave through the department.

"There was a lot of shock because the weapon of delivery was aviation. It was sad for all of us to see airplanes used in that fashion," NewMyer said.

Baig was affected on more than one front that morning. He had the same feelings that heaved the hearts of Americans across the nation. He, however, had an extra surge of emotions filling his mind.

"I thought, here's my industry, here's everything; I've worked for to this point," Baig said.

"Then I thought, I hope this is not Islamic-related, because if it is, what's going to happen, what are people going to think, what are they going to think of me?"

When people started saying it was an "Islamic event" or a "Muslim tragedy," Baig became frustrated and angry.

"When Timothy McVeigh blew up the building back in '95, no one said, 'This is a Christian event,' no one said, 'this was a Christian terrorist,'" he said.

Baig was so upset, he called his parents. He told them it was by no means anything Islamic related. He asked, why are people saying that this is under the act of Islam?

"There's nothing in the Koran, and I've read it myself, that talks anything about terrorism," Baig said. "In fact it says, 'If you kill one person, you are punished as if you have killed the whole mankind.'"

His parents tried to comfort him and calm him down. They reassured Baig that it wasn't his face on TV.

"I felt like I wanted to tell everyone what was really the case and the media kept saying 'Islamic this and that,' so at the same time I just

wanted to stay low key, I didn't want to go out in public, I didn't want to go out late at night, I didn't want to deal with it. I wanted to do something but I couldn't," Baig said.

Then things really started to come full circle for Baig. He realized his career could be in jeopardy. Everything he had worked for since the 10th grade could be washed away with prejudice. So he got to work.

Baig was a positive force as the president of MAC, NewMyer said. He helped raise more than \$900 for the relief effort in New York.

"He's doing all the right things," NewMyer said. "He works for the department, and he was right in there working hard to get his flight students finished on time."

Baig spent the two weeks after the towers collapsed sitting in his dorm room. Because of the FAA's decision to restrict airspace, Baig couldn't do the one thing he wanted to do — fly. He couldn't do the one thing that could have gotten his mind off of the television.

The television taunted Baig with confused accusations streaming from the visual and audio waves hour after hour.

"Now what?"

"What's my future like now?"

Now, when Baig tells people he's going to be an airline pilot one day, they just look at him with surprised, incredulous glances.

"What are the airline interviewers going to think of me now when I sit at their desks? Are they going to say I look pretty similar to the guy that just blew up their jet, are they going to question my ability?" Baig said.

In that lonely dorm room, the phone was the only thing that kept

him going. It wouldn't stop ringing. Friends, family and other airline pilots kept calling. They told him they knew what was going on and to persevere. They told him not to stop; they told him to hold on to his love of flying.

TOMORROW

Before Sept. 11, it had never occurred to Baig that being Muslim could impede his chances for a flight job in the future; the thought never even crossed his mind.

"Why should I let 19 idiot hijackers ruin my career?" Baig said.

So he just worked harder and kept going. He accepted the Muslim stereotype that he may have to deal with in the future. He realized that, just like many minorities, he may get the short end of the stick when applying for a job.

Although Baig's job was suspended for two weeks as a result of the FAA's flight embargo, he was still a student at SIUC. SIU planes could not take to the sky until air clearance was given, which wasn't until around Sept. 24.

"I couldn't have picked a more comforting school than SIU," Baig said.

The first thing SIU did was console its aviation students. SIU flight administrators told their pilots and students there was still a light at the end of the tunnel, even if it appeared to be snuffed out at the present time in aviation.

"All through it nobody changed their behaviors, not Omar or the students around him and their actions toward each other," NewMyer said.

Barely a month after Sept. 11, SIU hosted TWA day. Baig was

chosen to fly on the flight to St. Louis, regardless of all the profiling going at security counters.

"They still chose me. I said there's no way to stop now; there's no reason to stop now," Baig said.

Everything is actually busier at SIU aviation then before Sept. 11. It's on its way to prosperity again. The aviation industry moves in flux with the economy, but it's on its way back up.

"In essence everybody was right — there is light at the end of that tunnel," Baig said.

Baig wants to obtain an internship with a major airline. He wants to become a pilot for a regional air carrier, which would include charter flights. He still wants to meet his lifelong goal as a major airline pilot. He would like to become a chief pilot one day, a base manager or a spokesman for a pilot's union. Upon retirement he still wants to stay with the airlines.

"After I turn 60, I'll still fly till I die," Baig said. "September 11 is something I'll have to deal with for the rest of my life, as will my kids, but it will not be an issue if I stay focused and maintain my standards. I think there will be a bit of a barrier, initially, when I go to get hired, but I'm just going to have to prove myself harder."

After it all, Baig cannot walk away from the one thing he's certain of, just like the air he breathes or the blood pumping through his veins — the fact that he's a fly-boy.

"I'm a pilot; this is who I've always been," Baig said. "It's in my heart; it's what people see me as — a pilot, and that's all I'm going to be."

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OUR WORD

Community needs to break the silence in student's unsolved murder

Slain SIUC student Marcus Thomas frequently visits his grandmother to tell her that he's not at peace and won't be until his killer is brought to justice.

Opaline Williams has prayed for an entire year, hoping that police silence Marcus' cries. The 21-year-old SIUC student was found shot to death in Carbondale's housing projects on March 17, 2001.

Marcus' family continues to wait for answers, hoping that one day someone will deliver the information to police that will allow the killer to be caught.

Information is something that hasn't come easily to police in this case. It took several hours for police to discover that Marcus had been killed because neighbors didn't call them when gunshots were fired, and everything from lying witnesses to false tips have plagued the investigation ever since.

Carbondale Police Chief R.T. Finney wants the public to know that solving murders, such as Marcus', requires cooperation between the police and the community. We cannot expect the police to catch killers when we as a community do not provide them with what they need.

In this case, we have not done our job. The Daily Egyptian believes that there are people in this community who know the identity of Marcus Thomas' killer. Police have been receiving tips about the crime ever since it occurred. Finney said detectives got one as late as two weeks ago.

Marcus was known by many at SIUC and other people, in addition to his family, would like to see this case solved. But some people in Carbondale have refused to help achieve that cause. Why?

Perhaps people are afraid that harm might come to them. Maybe there's people out there who don't like the police. Regardless, there is no excuse that can justify allowing a killer to roam free.

Whoever shot and killed Marcus Thomas can easily commit the same crime again. If that happens, the people who could have stopped it from occurring will have blood on their hands.

The Daily Egyptian urges anyone who has new information about this crime to contact the Carbondale Police Department at 549-2677. This newspaper has taken special interest in Marcus' death because we recognize what happened to him can happen to anyone, and that allowing this crime to remain unsolved puts each and every one of us in danger.

Those who have already spoken with police should think long and hard about the information they provided. Did you tell detectives everything you knew? Is there something you know, even a small detail, that you might have left out that can shed light on what happened in the early hours of March 17 last year?

The Carbondale Police Department should also keep Marcus' case as their number one priority. His family deserves to know the name of his killer. Do not let this murder become another Pyramid Fires or Connie Cole-Holmes case that goes unsolved for years.

Opaline Williams knows in her heart that someone involved in her grandson's murder will come forward with information. She has faith in humanity and believes that the people who are allowing Marcus' killer to stay on the streets do so because of fear.

"I know that one of these days people are going to have enough," Opaline said. "They're going to say enough is enough and whoever did this will be caught."

We need to make an effort to make sure her belief is not a dream.



In Memory of Marcus Thomas

GUEST COLUMNIST

What will happen to Rosie's kids?

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I like Rosie O'Donnell. She seems like a very nice person. She's funny, down-to-earth, self-effacing and altruistic. I admire her commitment to breast cancer research and children's charities. But I worry about her kids.

When Rosie "came out" during an interview with ABC's *Primetime* and admitted that she is a lesbian, she spoke lovingly about the three children she has adopted and is raising with her lesbian partner, Kelli Carpenter. She also had harsh words for the state of Florida, which prevents homosexuals from adopting children. The *Primetime* special also profiled two gay Florida men who are unable to legally adopt their three foster children. Rosie has joined the American Civil Liberties Union in their battle to challenge Florida's law.

Rosie's crusade on behalf of same-sex parents is certain to re-ignite the public policy debate on this issue. Many Americans will no doubt be moved by the stories of homosexual couples who have adopted "unwanted" children. Their hearts will be swayed by media images of smiling children in cozy homes, apparently thriving with their gay or lesbian parents. But what will happen to these children? What kind of psychological effects, if any, will they experience as adults?

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) weighed in on this issue last month. An eight-member executive committee of the AAP wholeheartedly endorsed same-sex parenting, claiming that children raised by homosexuals do just as well as children whose parents are heterosexual. The committee's recommendations ignited a firestorm of protest among the AAP membership. America's rank-and-file pediatricians have overwhelmingly condemned the committee's report, challenging its assumptions and criticizing the committee's research as "seriously flawed." These physicians point out that studies on homosexual parenting suffer from numerous methodological problems, including inadequate sample size, biased sample selection and the failure to account for confounding variables.

So what do we really know about the effects of homosexual parenting on children? To date, not much.

This is mainly due to the fact that this is a relatively new social phenomenon, and comprehensive longitudinal research is not available. On the other hand, hundreds of research studies demonstrate conclusively that children need both a mother and a father. Compared to children from single-parent homes, children from married, heterosexual homes do better physically, mentally and academically.

Why do children do better with a mom and a dad? Sociologist David Popenoe of Rutgers University has done extensive research on the different functions mothers and fathers play in their children's lives. He has found that while fathers tend to stress competition, challenge, initiative and risk-taking, mothers stress emotional security and personal safety. When disciplining, mothers provide important flexibility and sympathy, while fathers provide predictability and consistency. By nature, same-sex couples are unable to provide one-half of this equation.

A few disturbing facts are known about children who are raised by homosexuals. These children are more likely to experience gender and sexual confusion; they are more apt to become promiscuous; they are at greater risk of losing a parent to AIDS, substance abuse or suicide; and they are more likely to engage in homosexual activity as teenagers and young adults. What will happen to Rosie's kids, Parker, age 6, Chelsea, 4, and Blake, 2? It's hard to say. *Primetime* failed to interview any adults who were raised by homosexuals. This is unfortunate, as it would have provided us with a more complete picture.

As we debate the merits of homosexual parenting in this country, let us not lose sight of the critical issue—the emotional and physical welfare of children. While Rosie O'Donnell and the ACLU argue about the "rights" of homosexuals, they sadly ignore the rights of innocent, vulnerable children. A decade from now we may learn that these kids were the unfortunate victims of a failed social experiment.

Mr. Maier is a child and family psychologist and serves as Psychologist in Residence at Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, Col. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

WORDS OVERHEARD

“If I had known that my grandson was running for his life, I would have given him my life. I am an old woman, now, and I’ve lived a good life. He could have had my breath, my heart to beat, my eyes to see.”

Opaline Williams
grandmother of murdered SIUC student Marcus Thomas

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Baseball is 90 percent mental and the other half is physical.”

Yogi Berra

COLUMNISTS

It's all right!

I'm trying, I am trying to understand why things are the way they are. I'm trying to understand why it is that I am faced with deciding to dedicate my life to social change. It is 2002 and instead of assuming my position in the world as a person striving to achieve the goals that all persons want — a family, a career, a house, a car, a big screen TV, you know, the essentials — I have to be conscious of the fate of minorities.



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Don't Get Me Wrong

go about your life as usual when children are dying every day. The outpouring of sympathy for the victims of Sept. 11 was great. Where is the sympathy for the people who die every day from things we can protect with a little bit of caring.

Right is Right. It's all right, though. A lot of you, black and white, don't understand what I am saying, but it's all right. I'm not doing it for you. The people who need the help will understand. People still look at me and see an angry black man, but it's all right. I am angry. I am an angry man. I am angry that in 2002 we're still speaking and living in racial contexts. I just want it to be all right and all good, for everyone.

If all people had equal access to education, that would be all right. If people were judged by their actions and not the amount of light their skin reflects, that would be all right. If everybody tried to do right by their fellow man, that would be all right. If human life meant the same wherever they came from, that would be all right. If we could make decisions based on love instead of greed, that would be all right. And if my kids didn't know what the word race means, that would be all right.

Don't Get Me Wrong appears on Tuesday. Mars is a senior in university studies. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

The Emancipation Proclamation was signed more than a hundred years ago and yet I'm still not really free. I'm not really free to do what I want with my life. Week after week, I receive e-mails from individuals telling me to get over it, to move on. Thing is, I don't really have anything to get over. All in all, except for the occasional racial inconveniences, I have been sheltered. The fact of the matter is, it isn't about me. All I want is a mansion, a perfect wife, perfect kids and oh, a Lamborghini. That's all I want.

I don't want to spend the rest of my life battling with people for what seems to me to be the right thing. This is not fun. It is a waste of my time and abilities. Do you ever stop to think how many lives are wasted on this. What wonderful things could Martin Luther King Jr. have done with his life if there was no need for a civil rights movement. How many careers are lost in the ghetto? How many advanced mathematical concepts are born addicted to drugs? Why is it so hard for people to see that this fight isn't about white, or black, or red, or yellow? This is about humanity.

How wonderful could life be if people were able to concentrate on philosophy, science, art and music. How much greater would human capital be if everyone could contribute. Regardless of whether or not you feel people are in their situations by choice, how can you, in good conscience,

Why is Joseph D. Johnson so angry?

COLUMNIST'S NOTE: Taking the advice from family and friends alike, I've decided to expose my more vulnerable, less angry side with this week's piece. Enjoy, kids.

So, it's 6 a.m. and I'm knocking on a Lewis Park Apartment door. Walter, a fellow gourmand, answers.

Walter: "What the hell are you doing here?"

Joe: "Dilemma! Column topic! Help!"

Walter: "Speak in full sentences, you blathering maniac!"

Joe: "That blasted War on Drugs? That conservative witch Ann Coulter speaking here? My pompous USG senator suite mate? What do I write about?"

Walter: "Damn it, man! Stop being so angry! Write about something that makes you happy."

Joe: "Ah, happy... hummm ... Ah-ha! Grace Priddy."

Walter: "You sick degenerate."

Joe: "No, there's something beautifully masochistic about reading a Grace Priddy column. It's really beyond arousal."

Walter: "I thought you preferred Tommy Curry."

Joe: "Yeah, but have you ever met him? He's Minister Farrakhan in his columns, but more like the King of Pop in person."

Walter: "What else?"

Joe: "Out-of-place quotes that leave the reader to believe the writer is completely insane. I could start off the column with this thing my mom told me."

Walter: "Nah, it'll never float man. Reference that great John Jackson quote you have."

Joe: "Ah, the former chancellor! So, I ask him about being an Ed Muskie man in '72 and I bring up Hunter S. Thompson's 'Fear & Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72,' and in that trealy Arkansas draw he says, 'Yes, that was a fun book.' It was priceless! Can you even imagine John Jackson sitting down and reading that book?"

Walter: "Didn't Thompson pick up a hitchhiker and get him high in the first couple pages?"



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Outlaw Nation

Joe: "Yes, yes ... oh, how beautiful! John Jackson as a Hunter Thompson fan. Who would have thought it?" Walter: "Anybody else at the Daily Egyptian? You worked there for like a year."

Joe: "Ah, yes. You can't beat staying up God-awful late drinking beers and talking with Chris Marcum and Geoff Ritter. Those people are almost as crazy as I am. Ha, don't even get me started on Thruster."

Walter: "What about those Green Party people?" Joe: "They drink, they just don't eat a lot of meat. That can be problematic, because if I go a week without a good Chicago hot dog I'll start foaming at the mouth. Did you know dog spelled backwards is god?"

Walter: "You just killed my mind. Maybe you should just use your column space to rant and rave. I mean, it could get quite tedious just writing about all the good things in life. No fun in that."

Joe: "Yes, perhaps I'll just complain about the government some more."

And with that I was out the door, preparing for some crazed toga party in Murphysboro for later that night. Then I realized it was six in the friggin' morning. Ah, hell, so, I just retired to my humble abode and tried downloading pics of Grace Priddy off the net to no avail. Another day, another column. Snoochie Boochies!

Joseph is a sophomore in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian. To read more of his work go to www.outlaw-nation.com.

LETTERS

Don't knock us small town folk

DEAR EDITOR:

Growing up in the niche that is Central Illinois. I always knew that we were different from people in either end of the state. While in Naperville, I've been called a hick, and while in Murphysboro, I've been called a Yankee. That never really bothered me, though, because I knew most people in Illinois were really good at heart. However, I was thoroughly shocked to read the column from March 22 "Let's take a drive through scenic Illinois." Matt Brennan states that people from Central Illinois "drive into cornfields, where we drink and shoot beer at anything that moves" and "drive [our] time between the bowling alley and the BP gas station."

Mr. Brennan, why would you write such a derogatory piece about so many of your fellow SIUC students?

While my high school class in Findlay may have had only 16 people, I earned a 30 on my ACT, came to SIU on a scholarship, and went to graduate school on a fellowship. Although I've been gone for six years, when I return home on breaks, the locals all smile and ask how I'm doing. Yet, when I graduate, will I migrate north to the land of milk and honey that is Chicago? No. Like my father before me, I will return to Central Illinois after college. I will make less money, but I will only have a three-figure mortgage payment. I will sit on my front porch and talk to my neighbors, instead of hiding behind an eight-foot privacy fence. However, Mr. Brennan, if you walk into Stank's Steakhouse, where I will often be found having lunch with my grandparents, I will simply smile and ask

how you're doing.

Jennifer Ashley
graduate student, plant and soil science

Many people ignorant of Indigenous issues

DEAR EDITOR:

This is in regard to Mr. Russell and his ignorance of the indigenous issues throughout North America. Unfortunately, I believe that the majority of the population shares his views. First, there is absolutely no indigenous support of Indian mascots. Stereotypes such as these are extremely offensive and in no way are their imitation, which would conclude that they are far from stative. Mascots such as Chief Illiniwek, the Du Quoin Indians and the Atlanta Braves are only tools used in the systematic dehumanization of indigenous peoples. People who support the use of Indian mascots should then in return support the use of other cultural mascots. Why are there not teams in place such as the Nashville Niggers, St. Louis Spics and the Harrisburg Honkies? Because they would be seen as racist.

Mr. Russell points out that the use of Indian mascots is done with the hope that the team members will be as strong and courageous as the Indians were. Well then, why not once we get the Nashville Niggers up and running, put slave master mascots on the sidelines, and if the team loses we can have them beaten like the strong brave slaves of the past. Won't this boost the team morale?

As for the argument that I, as a human of a very proud indigenous heritage, am being overly sensitive about this issue, that is just another attempt at political correctness. Many of the indigenous peoples of North America have been

decimated in a systematic genocide that is continuing even today. This issue goes far beyond mascots. This is 500 years of unmistakable dehumanization and stereotyping and ignorance, and is no longer a tolerable excuse.

Until the conscience of mainstream America chooses to recognize that there is a problem, issues such as the suicide rate among teens on the reservations and the continual stealing and misuse of native-owned lands by the government will continue to be swept under the rug or looked at as the continuing "Indian problem" within the United States.

Nichole Boyd
junior, university major

Oops, Dr. P. Smoot ... didn't know it was you!

DEAR EDITOR:

While heading home to Pittsburgh, Pa., for spring break, I was traveling on Interstate 57 North where I saw a car weaving in and out of traffic at an unsafe speed, and what seemed to be a party in the back seat as the occupants were moving to some sort of funky beat. I also noticed an SIU parking sticker on the car's back window. The car slowed down in front of me, so I changed into the left lane to pass the car, which unsuccessfully attempted to cut me off in the process. As we were side by side, the driver of the car made several gestures at me with her middle finger. I then let the passenger side window down, took off my sunglasses, and to my disappointment, recognized three of the students in the car. In a state of shock, they also recognized me and left the highway at the next exit.

A word to the perpetrators: if I had road rage,

I could have taken my very large vehicle and forced you off the road and maybe your car would have flipped over several times and caught on fire. If I had road rage and a gun in my vehicle, I could have shot you and your middle finger, because your attempt to cut me off while in the passing lane posed a threat to me. If I had road rage, I could have taken my very large vehicle and rammed into the back of your "hoop dee" (a car at least 10 years old) and again, it could have caught on fire. If I had road rage, I could have endangered everyone in the immediate area by chasing you down the highway.

Surely, if the students in the car had known it was me, I would think that the incident would not have occurred. However, the point is that young adults are expected to behave in a responsible manner and they were no more responsible than the Carbondale High School students who left school premises for a joy ride during lunch recess and crashed on Chautauqua Road. Having the emergency rescue team cut folks out of cars is costly, time consuming, and usually due to recklessness.

Perhaps, I need not mention the stress imposed upon parents knowing that their child has been in an accident, the increased premiums or cancellation of automobile insurance policies as a result of poor judgment and peer pressure and possible bodily harm or death of innocent people. In any case, "Oops, Dr. Smoot, we did not know it was you," would have been a lame excuse for having caused me physical harm or my untimely death. I need to also mention that I did write down the license plate number of the vehicle in an effort to identify the vehicle's owner.

Dr. Pamela A. Smoot
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when that's cut we have to either look at cuts or increases," Repling said.

The University was forced this year to return \$7 million to the state to fill a budget hole. If next year's recommended budget becomes reality, the Carbondale campus will receive about \$9.5 million less to spend, compared to last year's original appropriations.

Those cuts are likely to prompt a tuition hike, one of the biggest sources of funding University officials can directly control.

Wendler said he does not think a tuition increase will deflect students. In fact, he believes the opposite — that cheap is not necessarily a good thing.

"If cheap tuition drove up enrollment we wouldn't have lost 1,000 [students]; we would have gained 2,000 [students]," Wendler said.

He was referring to the 954 fewer students who enrolled at the University this fall and the \$1.5 million those students did not provide in expected tuition dollars, prompting another series of cuts that were handed down to the academic units.

Even with a 10 percent increase, SIUC would continue to scrape the bottom of the price barrel compared to the other institutions in Illinois and most research institutions in the country.

Currently, tuition and fees at SIUC are \$47 less than Eastern Illinois University, the second cheapest public school in Illinois, and \$1,500 less than the University of Illinois.

Wendler said that no matter what tuition increase was approved by the board, students would never be denied admission because they could not pay. He said that at least one-half of any tuition increase would go right back to the students in the form academics, scholarships, work/study programs and other money-helpers.

This year's cuts have resulted in a

series of layoffs at the college and administrative levels. The chancellor's office directed the deans to decide how they will share in their portion of the state callbacks. With 76 percent of state money going to salaries, there aren't too many places to pull from besides the salary line.

Shirley Clay Scott, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said her college will strip its \$2.5 million share from the budget by not filling retiring or resigning faculty members positions and by sacrificing money for graduate assistantships.

John Koropchak, dean of the Graduate School, said graduate student tuition increases will likely mirror those of undergraduate student tuition. He hopes an increase in tuition will counterbalance any proposed cuts to graduate assistantships.

Almost all schools in Illinois join SIUC in its decision to inflate tuition to mitigate a deflation in the state's paycheck to higher education. U of I President James Stukel proposed a 10 percent increase for the fall on top of last year's approved 37 percent increase for the next two years. Northern Illinois University President John Peters said he would also be proposing a tuition hike.

Tuition will be discussed as an information item at SIU's April board meeting, and any change in tuition will be voted on in May, according to SIU spokesman Scott Kaiser.

"We live in a real world. We do not live in a world where we get all the time that we want," said Trustee Gene Callahan. "These are trying economic times, and it would be folly to rule anything out or anything in until we look at all the variables."

The chancellor will reveal his proposed tuition plans at Wednesday's USG meeting, at 7 p.m. at the Student Center.

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murky off-court reputation, but chose to accept into their hearts the muscle-bound East Coast kid who dropped into town with just one year of eligibility.

Roberts turned out to have a heart as thick as one of his gargantuan biceps, showing himself to be a warrior in the UConn game by single-handedly keeping the Salukis afloat with his battering play in the paint.

As compelling as Roberts was, he was only one component of a team filled with stories.

The Salukis were about a pair of freshmen who flashed brilliance more than their experience level should have

allowed for, and who offered SIU fans legitimate hope that the Salukis' prosperity will not be short-lived.

They were about Kent Williams reeling in the unique gratification that came with being a huge part in the success of the team he grew up rooting for. They were about Dearman transforming himself from a lovable goof to a lovable star-in-the-making.

And the Salukis were about head coach Bruce Weber removing all doubt that he's a coaching gem. Weber made a terrific impression on SIU fans almost from the moment he hit Carbondale, thanks to an unflagging work ethic, a willingness to immerse himself in the Southern Illinois community and, naturally, his penchant for winning basketball.

Now, Weber, his assistants and his players have ensured that they'll be mentioned with names like Walt Frazier, Jack Harman, Mike Glenn, Rich Herrin and all the others who have made SIU hoops a tradition-rich program.

The Down and Dirty Dawgs were a rare team capable of withstanding the bright glare of the NCAA tournament and playing some of their best basketball there, sending Bob Knight packing and storming from 19 points back against one of the best teams in the one of the country's best conferences.

Now their majestic ride is over, and after a few months, a revitalized Saluki fandom will be hungry for an encore. The Salukis will have the ingredients for another 20-win season next year, with Williams and Dearman around to anchor what will be another talented group.

But the 2002-03 Salukis will have one hell of an act to follow.

It won't be easy to one-up the team that reminded Southern Illinois and SIU fans nationwide that they love their Salukis.

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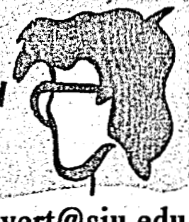
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403 W. ELM #2
403 W. ELM #4
718 S. FOREST #3
509 1/2 S. HAYS
406 1/2 E. HESTER
408 1/2 E. HESTER
703 S. ILLINOIS #101
703 S. ILLINOIS #102
703 S. ILLINOIS #202
607 1/2 W. MAIN #6
507 W. MAIN #2
400 W. OAK #2
202 N. POPLAR #2
202 N. POPLAR #3
406 S. UNIVERSITY #1
703 W. WALNUT # E

TWO BEDROOMS

- 514 S. ASH #2
502 S. BEVERIDGE #2
508 N. CARICO
406 W. CHERRY #1
404 W. CHERRY #2
408 W. CHERRY COURT
407 W. CHERRY COURT
408 W. CHERRY COURT
410 W. CHERRY COURT
406 W. CHESTNUT
310 W. COLLEGE #2
310 W. COLLEGE #3
310 W. COLLEGE #4
501 W. COLLEGE #4
503 W. COLLEGE #6
112 S. FOREST
718 S. FOREST #3
507 1/2 S. HAYS
406 1/2 E. HESTER
408 1/2 E. HESTER
410 E. HESTER
703 W. HOSPITAL #1
703 S. ILLINOIS #202

THREE BEDROOMS

- 410 S. ASH
508 S. BEVERIDGE
502 S. BEVERIDGE #2
508 S. BEVERIDGE
407 W. CHERRY #1
405 W. CHERRY COURT
406 W. CHERRY COURT
408 W. CHERRY COURT
406 W. CHESTNUT
300 E. COLLEGE
300 E. CRESTVIEW
104 FOREST
113 S. FOREST
120 FOREST
120 FOREST
603 S. FOREST
511 HAYS
408 E. HESTER
408 E. HESTER
208 W. HOSPITAL #2
401 S. JAMES
104 LINEN
508 W. MCDANIEL
411 E. MILL
400 W. OAK #2
501 W. OAK
300 N. OAKLAND
300 N. OAKLAND
6299 OLD HWY 13
1305 E. PARK
913 W. SYCAMORE
477 W. SYCAMORE
402 1/2 W. WALNUT
404 W. WALNUT

FOUR BEDROOMS

- 504 W. WALNUT
820 1/2 W. WALNUT
600 S. WASHINGTON
168 WATERTOWER DR.
508 S. ASH #1
405 S. BEVERIDGE
408 S. BEVERIDGE
407 W. CHERRY
300 E. COLLEGE
710 W. COLLEGE
104 S. FOREST
113 S. FOREST
120 S. FOREST
120 S. FOREST
511 S. HAYS
406 E. HESTER
408 W. HOSPITAL #2
6299 OLD HWY 13
404 W. WALNUT
600 S. WASHINGTON

FIVE BEDROOMS

- 405 S. BEVERIDGE
300 E. COLLEGE
710 W. COLLEGE
104 S. FOREST
406 E. HESTER - ALL
208 W. HOSPITAL - ALL
600 S. WASHINGTON

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309 W. College #1, #2, #3, #4, #5
400 W. College #3, #5
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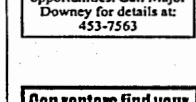
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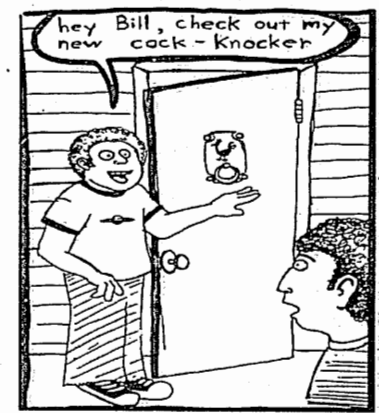


No Doss Allowed!

By Nick Doss

I found this bowl of soup the other day and it looked really good, but I couldn't figure out what kind of soup it was. There were chunks of potato and Meat in it, and a hint of some vegetables. It was kind of luke-warm and I thought, "hey! I should eat this." And then I figured out it... was Puke.

Let's Save Decatur by Seth Dewhirst



Daily Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (March 26). Start off your year by choosing true love over everything else. After that, things get hectic. Get a good organizer and learn how to use it. This year is about setting schedules and reorganizing them. Learn to finish whatever you can as fast as you can. You'll have plenty of practice. To get the advantage, check the day's ratings: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Looks like it's time to get back to work. Did you forget about work yesterday? No problem. It's all still waiting for you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - It's a jungle out there, but you can find a way through. It'll help to have your priorities straight. You don't need to be told that family comes first.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Looks like you've got a friend or two with some pretty strong opinions. Before you choose which side you're on, ask some leading questions. Then, trust your own experience.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - It'll be easier to get your message across. You can be the mediator between two friends who just can't get along. They actually have a lot in common, though they won't be able to see it until you point it out to them.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) - Today is an 8 - Keep that inner glow while you go about your business. You may notice that it helps sales quite a bit. People want to be around you when you're up, and they want whatever you're selling.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) - Today is a 7 - You're looking good, and not just because you're so cute. You're also gaining respect because of your wise decisions. Your status goes up even more when you advise an older person against a foolish choice.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 7 - After a very active couple of days, you may be almost worn out. You'll also discover a couple of details you haven't had time to complete. Better slow down, settle into your workspace and take care of business.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - It can be a hassle to teach others what you want, but it's the only way. You'll never get everything finished if you try to do it all by yourself. This is the next best thing to cloning.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - You've set the goal, now make the plans. This may be more difficult than you thought, but don't despair. A combination of faith and hard work will get you there.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Sure, there are still a few restraints to be taken into consideration. But isn't it time you stretched your legs, your imagination and your mind again? Get out, if only for a little romp.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Be wise with your own money now, and with other people's, too. Don't borrow more than you can repay. Instead, find a way to spend less.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Just when you thought you'd have to do everything all by yourself, help arrives. Unfortunately, this person will also point out everything you're doing wrong. The job will get easier if you accept the help.

JUMBLE
 THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
 by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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WATCHING IRON WORKERS ON A SKYSCRAPER CAN BE THIS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: ○○○○○○ (Answers tomorrow)

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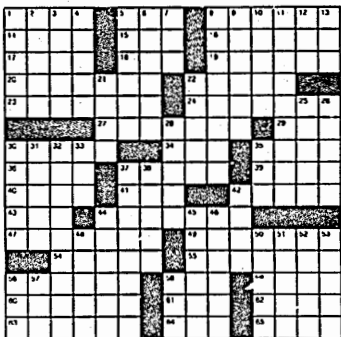
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- ACROSS**
 1 Historical periods
 5 Tourist's guide
 8 Ardean country
 14 Pub choice
 15 General directions
 17 Chilled
 18 Schuss
 19 Clicks the default button
 20 Double-deck game
 22 Tag
 23 Cooker or springer
 24 Petroleum source
 27 Chicago paper
 29 Sticky stuff
 30 Cod and May
 34 Exploit
 35 Heroic legend
 38 Pay attention to
 37 Bet
 39 Module
 40 "It a Pity"
 41 What the winner takes



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No Apparent Reason

by Brian Eliot Holloway



Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



- DOWN**
 1 Large-scale productions
 2 Story so far
 3 Field of endeavor
 4 Khartoum's country
 5 Original copy
 6 Acid neutralizer
 7 Canadian prov.
 8 Sieve
 9 Highest pitch
 10 Stitch anew
 11 Unpolished
 12 Darned
 13 Insecticide
 14 Double curve
 15 Poses
 22 Contemptible person
 25 Sound judgment
 26 Re-accant
 28 Taps horn
 30 Twined cotton cloth
 31 Fable man
 32 Seventh Sunday after Easter
 33 Summer hats in NYC
 35 Takes to court
 37 Caution
 38 Standing ready
 42 Skirmish
 44 British revenue officer
 45 Snuggle
 46 Involve
 48 Hangman's knot
 50 Puff up
 51 Specialized language
 52 San, Kefauver
 53 Pumps and looters
 56 Haggard novel
 57 Man with Dorothy?
 58 Light touch

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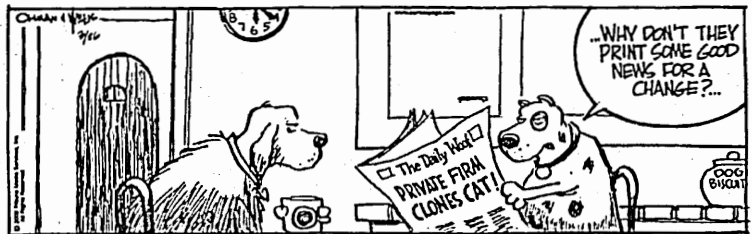
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SIUC rugby still going strong, despite obstacles

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

The SIU men's rugby team, the school's oldest Registered Student Organization, is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year— whether the school likes it or not.

The University has allegedly not been friendly to the rugby club ever since Playboy magazine followed the team, paraded with the athletes and published a six-page feature article about SIU rugby's lifestyle.

The October 1997 article, which got the team placed on probation,

depicted debauchery of biblical proportions — bar fights, nude drink-til-you-puke contests and hazing to name a few. Subsequent investigation by the University and the Illinois Rugby Football Union (IRFU) found the article's claims to be unreliable and misrepresented.

But team Vice President John Richey believes the article is still keeping the team from getting decent RSO money.

"We've been here for 30 years, and we don't get [squat]," Richey said.

But lack of support and funding has not hurt SIU rugby. The team just returned from Chicago where it earned victories over the Chicago Griffins and Northwest Woodsmen, running its record to 4-0 on the season.

The team is currently ranked No. 9 in the nation and has won the IRFU title 10 of the past 15 years. The team

has suffered only one losing season in its existence.

Despite that success and a membership nearing 50 players, the squad is always looking for new members, especially with the All Fools Tournament — the largest tournament in the Midwest — coming to SIU on April 6-7.

"It takes a lot of heart, a little bit of athleticism and the ability to learn," said team president Eric Boenitz on what it takes to play rugby at SIU.

Dues are \$50 per semester plus traveling expenses, which are minimal because the team usually stays with its opponent, a trend that would be considered unusual in any other sport.

Sleeping with the enemy is common practice in rugby, as is partying with the enemy.

After killing each other for 80 minutes, both teams always get together for drinks, food and celebration, because to

most players, rugby is as much a social event as it is a sport.

"One of our guys got in a fight with another guy on another team," Richey said. "But later that night, they were doing shots together."

Though light-hearted off the field, the rugby team is all business on the pitch. The team has three All-Americans — Richey, Conor McMahon and Bryce James — and hope to win a national championship sometime soon, though it will be a daunting task.

The University of California-Berkeley has won the past 10 national championships, and appears untouchable, especially since it imports players from New Zealand and Australia, something SIU is not capable of, given its current financial status.

"We have a really good tradition of winning here at SIU," Richey said. "But

what we need to win a national championship is more money."

"The players believe it's worth the effort, though. Even if they can't import foreign players and compete with Berkeley. According to Richey, just about anyone can play rugby and have fun doing it.

"We have a wide variety of people on this team," Richey said. "We have guys getting their master's, one guy getting his doctorate and a guy in law school. We even have a couple of guys that have been in jail."

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Fri. March 29 vs. Creighton (Carbondale) 1 p.m.
Sat. March 30 vs. Creighton (OH) (Carbondale) Noon
Sun. March 31 vs. Creighton (Carbondale) 1 p.m.

Softball

March 8,9 Florida State Invite (Tallahassee, Fla.)
Wed. March 27 vs. Saint Louis (OH) (Carbondale) 2 p.m.
Sat. March 30 vs. Illinois State (DBI) (Carbondale) Noon
Sun. March 31 vs. Illinois State (Carbondale) 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Fri. March 29 at Evansville (Evansville, Ind.) 3 p.m.
Sat. March 30 at Ball State (Muncie, Ind.) 3 p.m.
Sun. March 31 vs. Illinois-Chicago (Carbondale) 11 a.m.

Women's Tennis

Wed. March 27 at Saint Louis (St. Louis) 3 p.m.
Fri. March 29 vs. Evansville (Carbondale) 3 p.m.

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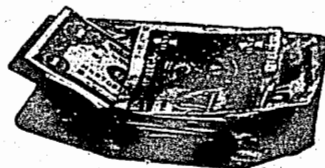
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SIU women's golf sweeps tournament at home

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's golf team turned out to be ruthless hosts at its only home tournament of the year.

The Salukis defeated every one of their guests to win the Saluki Invitational Monday, shooting a 641 and defeating arch-rival Bradley by two strokes in gloomy conditions at Hickory Ridge Golf Course.

The Salukis were led by seniors Alison Hiller and Kendra Hood, who placed one-two in the individual standings, propelling the Dawgs to their first home win in four years and their first victory this season.

"That was our goal, and all week long we were prepared for it," Hiller said. "Our coach kept saying we own this place, and that it's our Dawghouse. We really made our statement."

The Braves shot 643, while Murray State (645), Wichita State (649) and Illinois State (659) rounded out the top five.

Hood shot a 157 (77,80), only one stroke behind Hiller's 156 (73,77), but in an ironic twist, her score did not

count. Hood failed to qualify for the top five at tournaments during the week and only competed as an individual.

"I wish I could have helped the team," Hood said. "I still went out there and played as hard as I could for myself, and I was hoping my score could help push the other players to play well, too."

Head coach Diane Daugherty stood by her decision of who she played.

"We have 10 young ladies on our team, and I think we're solid from top to bottom, and that's why we do qualifying for each tournament,"

Daugherty said after saying jokingly that Hood made her look stupid.

Also leading the Saluki charge were Jennifer Schutt and Andra Turner, both of whom recorded top 10 finishes. Schutt shot a 158 (78,80), placing fifth individually, while Turner's 160 (80-80) was good enough for a 10th-place tie.

Megan Tarolloy shot a 169, as did Stephanie Pate. Amy Rankin, hampered by a brutal cold, shot a 176.

Winning at home and defeating Bradley in the process made the win

extra sweet for the Salukis. SIU was down two strokes to Bradley following the first round, but came back Monday to defeat the Braves by that same amount.

"They're a great team; they're always on us, and we're always on them," Hiller said. "Coming back today from being three shots down yesterday, we know we can beat them now going into conference."

Daugherty feels the same way, but was careful not to read too much into the victory. She realizes her team has to play the Illini Spring Classic in two weeks, and it would not be wise to look too far ahead.

"It's gonna be a dogfight, a dog and a Brave fight," Daugherty said of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. "We're thrilled to win our home tournament, but it wasn't like it was by 45 strokes or a walk in the park. I'm happy now, but we know we have our work still ahead of us if we're going to win conference."

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Hiller

Saluki Invitational Women's Golf	
Top 5 Recap	
1. Southern Illinois	641
2. Bradley	643
3. Murray State	645
4. Wichita State	649
5. Illinois State	659
6. Toledo	666
7. SW Missouri State	686

This marks the women's golf team's first home win in almost four years. The 2002 Women's Invitational took place yesterday at the Hickory Ridge course.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

BASKETBALL

Roberts to compete in slam dunk contest

SIU senior center Rolan Roberts will compete in the 14th annual College Slam Dunk and 3-Point Basketball Championships at the Final Four this weekend in Atlanta. The event will be televised nationally on ESPN on March 30 starting at 1 p.m., with Dick Vitale and Brad Nessler calling the event from court.

Roberts has also been picked to participate in the National Association of Basketball Coaches Roundball Challenge in Atlanta on Friday.

A team of college all-stars will compete against the Harlem Globetrotters. That event will not be televised.

Roberts has also been invited to play in the 50th annual Portsmouth (Va.) Invitational in May. The tournament offers prospects exposure to professional scouts and produces several NBA draft picks each year.

BASEBALL

Nelson named top pitcher in MVC

SIU baseball player Luke Nelson was named the Pitcher of the Week in the Missouri Valley Conference on Monday.

Nelson, a right-handed senior from Oconomowoc, Wis., threw a complete-game, six-hit shutout against Bradley on Sunday to pick up a 1-0 SIU win.

Nelson (2-1) struck out five and did not allow a walk in the victory, which helped the Salukis gain a split in a four-game series this weekend against the Braves.

Nelson is the fourth Saluki this season to garner player or pitcher of the week honors, following Jerel Deiteing, Toby Barnett and Ross Kovzan.

SWIMMING

SIU earns spot on top 20 Academic All-American honors

The SIU women's swimming and diving team ranked No. 17 on the list of top 20 Academic All-American teams.

SIU's cumulative GPA of 3.27 tied it with Indiana University and extended the squad's streak to 24 consecutive semesters as a top 20 Academic All-American team.

Saint Francis (Pa.) University topped the list with a 3.564 GPA.

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Weber, SIU could be talking turkey

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

SIU wants Bruce Weber to stick around, and seems willing to take action to keep the Saluki coach happy in Carbondale.

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk has indicated repeatedly that the University will take whatever steps it can to try to prevent the popular coach from being lured away by other schools, and Weber said Monday evening that he expects to be negotiating his contract in the near future.

"The University gave me a contract a couple years ago and I was elated by that because it was really the first time anyone [at SIU] got a long-term deal," Weber said. "Now I know they're offering an extension to that ... we're going to look it over probably the next couple weeks and hopefully get that thing hashed out."

Weber is currently coaching under a four-year contract issued in February of 2000, in which Weber is paid a base salary of \$200,000 a year, excluding revenue from camps, television appearances and other involvements.

Weber, who just guided SIU to the Sweet Sixteen in his fourth season at SIU, is expected to be a sought-after commodity this offseason. He has said he intends to remain at SIU next season, but in the volatile coaching industry, those types of intentions can change at a moment's notice.

"I'm happy here and I've said over and over if I look at a job, it'll only be at a place where I have a chance to be successful," Weber said. "We've got a good team coming back."

In addition to the possibility of bolstering Weber's contract, another factor that could work in SIU's favor is the situation at Purdue, where Weber was an assistant for 18 years. A report on ESPN.com indicated that Purdue head coach Gene Keady intends to stick it out at Purdue through the end of his current contract in 2005, and it hinted that Keady will push to have Weber replace him.

If Weber decides that returning to Purdue is his ultimate goal, that may allow the Salukis to keep their coach longer than they might have otherwise been able to.

For now, Weber plans to capitalize on the success of this year's Salukis in the recruiting department. SIU has one remaining scholarship to offer this spring, and though the Salukis' enormous national exposure during the NCAA tournament should aid Weber's cause, the possibility that he might not be in Carbondale a few years down the road could offset that.

"There's always a double-whammy," Weber said. "We have great success and that helps recruiting, but then also your name's thrown out everywhere and that hurts recruiting."

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Head Coach Bruce Weber calls plays during Friday's regional game after successfully snagging the Salukis a spot in the NCAA's Sweet Sixteen. Weber has since looked through the emotion of the game's outcome to anticipate next season's possibilities.



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Down and dirty – the only way SIU fans like it

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

What do you mean, no more Brad Korn jumpers or Jermaine Dearman spin moves or Stetson Hairston steals for a whole eight months?

Carbondale is now in the calm after the storm, still coming down from its Sweet Sixteen high and waiting for the weather to warm up so the rumors that spring has arrived can be confirmed.

There's little left to do but reflect on what truly was a wondrous season — from almost knocking the Illini off their high horse in Vegas to turning the Hoosiers into roadkill to winning a share of the Valley title on a daffy Monday night at the Arena to, of course, the Salukis' triumphs in the NCAA tournament.

The Salukis danced as deep into the tournament as Duke or the Illini did. The only point of frustration for SIU in Friday's loss to UConn is that the Salukis didn't leave the game knowing they had been outclassed, but instead, wondering whether the game would have had a different outcome if the Salukis' shooting hadn't been as alarmingly frosty as the Syracuse air.

But the loss to UConn will be soon forgotten. The season won't be. And, most definitely, this Saluki team won't be.

They were the "Down and Dirty Dawgs," a nickname that surfaced near the end of the season paying homage to the Salukis' dogged defense that became the team's trademark.

They were a group undeterred by the lack of recognition they received despite looking the part of a postseason team all year long, and one that kept plugging away until the national media had no choice but to tell the country who the hell and what the hell the Salukis are.

SIU was a team with a story that went untold until it was time for the final chapters to be written. Luckily, the ending didn't disappoint.

They were about a young man who was given a second chance in life, and who took full advantage. People in Southern Illinois knew little about Rolan Roberts in November beyond his murky off-court reputation, but chose to accept

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Salukis not sick of successful season's accomplishments

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

Bruce Weber has probably never been happier to be sick as a dog in his entire life.

After weeks of running on fumes while prepping his team for a post-season run and contending with the increasingly ravenous national media, Weber's body has finally rebelled from too little sleep and too much activity.

Just as assistants Matt Painter and Chris Lowery have fallen ill in the past couple weeks, so too has Weber, who is coughing and wheezing his way through the first few days of the Salukis' offseason.

"For four weeks you don't have a routine or a schedule," Weber said. "You're not eating home food, you're

not in your own bed for most of the time, so it just kind of catches up with you. I think when the adrenaline wears off, your body says 'Hey, you haven't done me justice.'"

Luckily for Weber, he has plenty of newly-created memories to make him feel better.

The Salukis concluded their 28-8 season with a loss to Connecticut in the Sweet Sixteen round of the NCAA tournament on Friday. SIU broke its previous best ever win total of 26 and won a share of the MVC regular season title, in addition to capturing just its second and third NCAA tournament victories ever.

SIU fell to the Huskies 71-59 in a game in which the Salukis were doomed by lousy outside shooting. SIU guard Kent Williams couldn't find any rhythm in the game, an

oddity for the usually rock-solid junior.

"With all the media attention and the notoriety, the one person I wasn't worried about was Kent," Weber said. "I don't think it took a toll on him, but maybe it did."

Weber was pleased with his team throughout the season, but even he had a hard time believing how well the Salukis stacked up with the nation's top teams during the NCAA tournament.

"We were good enough to beat UConn if we shot the ball a little bit better," Weber said. "It would have been a close game, and then you never know what could have happened."

"And then I was in awe of Maryland going into it from watching them against Duke and some of

the games on TV, but up close and watching them [Sunday], I thought we could have competed against them ... at least this year, we could have competed with the best in the country."

That's something the defense-oriented Salukis proved over and over this year. They proved it by nearly defeating then-No. 2 in the country Illinois in November, and by beating Indiana — now headed for the Final Four — in December.

But it wasn't until SIU knocked off Texas Tech and Georgia in the NCAA tournament that the Salukis gained much acclaim on a national level, becoming a fixture in the nation's most prominent print and electronic media outlets.

All in all, it was a wildly successful year for the Salukis, who are

being compared to the 1967 NIT champion team as the best ever in school history.

SIU reaped its rewards in March, but the Salukis' season was set in motion during an offseason in which the players committed themselves to making major improvement. That work ethic carried over to the season, a year in which the Salukis met every challenge Weber laid before them.

"They never complained or griped," Weber said. "It was a group that if I asked them to read to little kids, or stay and sign autographs, or practice for four hours or whatever, they never griped. I think that has to do with the maturity of the players."

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