Dees moves SIUC audience with crusade against hate

PULLING NO PUNCHES: Civil rights activist challenges local hate group leader during speech.

Brian S. Ekes
Daily Egyptian Reporter

When Morris Dees was 16 he witnessed how racial intolerance had blighted the face of American justice when one of his father's farm hands was subjected to a cracking of the white driving home.

Nevertheless, the local judge found Williams guilty of drunken driving before listening to his story of how he was not drunk, but simply lost control of his car the night before the murder. Metzger was found guilty for the actions of his members. Often groups like the United Klans of America, whom Dees successfully prosecuted for racketeering, do not have enough money to cover jury-awarded damages.

In a press conference, Dees explained how his film collects money from hate groups.

"We have a pretty scored-each roll of collections," Dees said. "We don't just play around with them. We garnish their wages, we take their property."

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A Reminder to Faculty: “All Politics is Local”

Even Higher Education Politics

Tip O’Neill’s familiar observation on the local character of all politics applies to higher education as well.

Across the country, colleges and universities are under attack. Almost weekly, articles in the higher education press document the external and internal forces that are changing the university as we’ve known it. Many faculty watch quietly as institutions they have built over decades are threatened. Research traditions that shape American society are being sacrificed in the name of short-term financial gains.

This is the local angle. These issues—shared governance, quality education, the essential role of research, affirmative action, faculty salaries and growing administrative costs, the vision for SIUC’s future—lie at the heart of negotiations taking place between the Faculty Association and the administration.

As noted recently in The Chronicle of Higher Education, “Faculty members at many institutions feel they have been sidelined lately as others have decided big issues. They’re tired of the situation and are angling to be players once more” (January 30, 1998, p.A8).

SIUC faculty are more than angels; in November 1996 they organized to press their concerns with an ever-growing but seemingly vision-lose administration. Last October, they rejected the administration’s offer on an insufficient interim contract; now they are engaged in negotiations over issues that directly concern the university’s future.

Today’s Meeting:

All SIUC faculty, tenured or not, Association members or not, are invited to today’s important informational meeting on current contract negotiations with the administration:

Time: 4 p.m.
Place: Wham 105

See you there!
Rolling Salukis keep eyes on title

MATCHUPS: SIUC has No. 1 seed in Saturday’s NWBA sectional tournament.

Gus Bode

Although they put the Chicago Bulls through a grueling contest, it was not enough to becoming the No. 12 Division II team in the nation. Rolling Saluki team members always have had their sights set on a better ball.

This SIUC team never has been closer to maintaining the National Wheelchair Basketball Association championship, and team co-captain Dave Williams Bicket (above) may have been the missing link in the Salukis and their past championship dreams. Gouch calls in a nine rebounds per game and also is the team’s leading scorer with 19 points per game. Past Rolling Saluki teams have suffered from the lack of a big man inside the paint, but Gouch is confident he can help move away the Salukis’ past demons.

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USG to meet with RSOs to improve advisement

PROCESS: Among proposals is increased communication between students and advisers.

TRAVIS DE MEAL

Some executive members of Undergraduate Student Government plan to meet with Registered Student Organizations during the next two weeks to discuss changes in SIUC’s advisement process.

Kim Bein, USG academic affairs commissioner, and Megan Moore, USG vice president, have worked to improve academic advisement since last semester.

Bein and Moore already have met with administrators to discuss their proposed changes.

One of the changes, documented in a USG report, is to improve communication between students, college advisers and department advisers.

Part of that improvement is a universal degree progress checklist that can be completed by a college or department. The information would come from the appropriate student handbook.

In addition, class sequences and other degree progress information would be included. Several departments and colleges currently have such forms, but no standardized form exists campuswide.

Also, colleges or departments would be required to send a “survival guide” that includes registration, housing, tuition and financial aid information.

Additional plans outlined in the USG report include holding advisement workshops to include more advisement information.

The document also includes provisions for trying a group advisement program so students in the same departments can rely on each other for advisement support.

Bein said she and Moore will meet with Gay, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Friends, Reserve Officer Training Corps, and an RSO from the College of Agriculture within the next two weeks. The Academic Affairs Commission met with Black Affairs Council Monday.

The meetings, she said, will provide student input on current advisement and will give students a chance to suggest other changes.

In addition, a general meeting is planned for 8 p.m. Thursday in Neely Hall.

Though early forums for advisement had no student attendance, Bein said students now are backing the advisement changes.

“We are getting a lot of support from students on this,” she said.

Surveys are included as part of the forums. The questions aim to gauge students’ reactions to advisement they already have received.

Walker Allen, director of Admissions and Records, said the changes proposed by Bein and Moore have merit.

“I thought they did a terrific job of including the concerns of students,” he said. “We are trying to work with them in order to produce the needs of the students are being met.”

ADVISEMENT

The Academic Advisement Commission will meet with students at 8 p.m., Thursday in Neely Hall.

For information, call the USG office at 536-3381.

Southern Illinois

CARBONDALE

Former SIUC student pleads guilty to forgery

A former SIUC student accused of being a part of a three-person fraud ring pleaded guilty and was sentenced to probation at his preliminary hearing Tuesday in the Jackson County Jail.

Vincent Anzalone, 25, of East Peoria, pleaded guilty to the manufacture of a fraudulent driver’s license with the intent of deception, a class 4 felony, and theft of less than $500, a class 2 felony.

Anzalone was sentenced to 30 months probation for each charge to be served concurrently and 200 hours of community service. Anzalone also was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $68,605, a $10,000 fine and cost and surcharges.

Two other accused, Eric L. Cavanaugh, 24, of Gillespie, charged with conspiracy to commit forgery, forgery of a driver’s license and possession of fraudulent driver’s license; Torrey A. Watson, 26, of Belleville, charged with conspiracy to commit forgery, forgery of a driver’s license and possession of fraudulent driver’s license to commit forgery; and Alvin Davis, 33, of St. Louis, charged with possession of fraudulent driver’s license with intent to commit deception and possession of driver’s license, face preliminary hearings during the next few months.

James Watabber, 26, of New Lenox, charged with possession of a counterfeit check of $10,000 to $100,000 and manufact­ure of fraudulent driver’s license, and Mark Varover, 35, of Belleville, charged with obstructing justice, waived their rights to preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty.

World

CALGARY, CANADA

Study: Occupation may affect quality of semen

Certain jobs may impair men’s semen, according to a Canadian study.

Researchers at the University of Calgary, Alberta, studied semen from 843 men between 20 and 69 years old. Thirteen different aspects of semen quality were examined, including volume, sperm concentration, total sperm count and the percentage of fertile sperm.

Researchers found the level of a chemical called testosterone, found in the bony framework, was highest in men who were drivers. The level of this chemical was significantly lower in men who were chefs, mechanics and sports coaches.

However, the finding “suggests that occupational chemicals may affect male reproductive function in this employment population,” the researchers wrote.

Jerusalem

Hamas vows to hit Israel if U.S. attacks Iraq

The militant Islamic group Hamas, which has carried out suicide bombings and other acts of terror against Israel in the past, said Monday that any U.S. attack on the Jewish state again if the United States attacks Iraq.

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“We do not speak this in our special way by hitting the Zionist depth and its monstrous entity,” Hamas warned.

Hamas warned the U.S. military attacks on Iraq’s air defenses and targets in the south of the country, which is a threat to the region and the world.”

— from Daily Egyptian news service
Global warming a hindrance to all

Is it just me, or is this entire global warming b.s. such a waste of time? Save the rest of the planet please. And, by the way, I heard the Earth is a bit flat. You see, the rest of the solar system has a nice flat plane, and the Earth is standing out like a sore thumb. You might as well try to build a house on the moon.

Josh Robison

CANCEL MY SUBSCRIPTION

A global warning is not necessary, and the Earth is not in danger. If we continue to pollute and abuse the Earth, the consequences will be dire. We must take action now to reduce our carbon footprint and protect our planet for future generations.

Lucky Methylate, junior, human education

Student voices other side of Iraqi sanctions

Dear editor,

We must call for an immediate end to the preparation for Gulf War II, a continuation of political wars, which neither Iraq or any other country could be expected to fulfill. A beginning of true political dialogue aimed at relieving the suffering of the Iraqi people and bringing Iraq back into the community of nations. If the student stops attending class without withdrawing the grades, then that will simply fail. There is something we can do about it. The author of "Our Word" represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Oscar DiStefano

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Is it just me, or is this entire global warming business such a waste of time? I heard the Earth is a bit flat. You see, the rest of the solar system has a nice flat plane, and the Earth is standing out like a sore thumb. You might as well try to build a house on the moon.

Josh Robison

Sad, but true. It seems like every year there's a new global warming scare, but the evidence is always lacking. We need to focus on real issues like poverty, education, and healthcare instead of worrying about the weather a few hundred years from now.

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**MIND GAMES ITINERARY**

- **Bridge Over No Man's Gorge**
  - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- **Royal House Flush**
  - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- **Precision Pacing**
  - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- **Robotic Challenge**
  - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- **Over Easy Egg Drop**
  - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- **Paper Aircraft Design**
  - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*Entrants are required to register prior to participation.*

**ADVISE:**

New student open house expects better turnout as result of location

**ADVISE:** New location of open house to be set at Recreation Center.

**JAYTTE BOULIUS DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER**

Students looking for a mental challenge outside the classroom should head to the College of Engineering's annual Mind Games competition Thursday.

"Mind Games is a competitive, hands-on activity open to anyone who wants to participate," Linda Helstrom, assistant to the dean for External Affairs, said. "The activities are not limited to engineering students."

Mind Games consists of six challenging events that will take place at various times throughout the day. Students may participate in "any of the events or may enter the Engineering Pentathlon" competition, which consists of student participants in a combination of any five events. The six competitions are: Bridge Over No-Man's-Gorge, Royal House Flash, the Robotic Challenge, the Over-Easy Egg Drop, Precision Pacing and Paper Aircraft Design.

Bridge Over No-Man's Gorge requires contestants to design and construct, using plastic straws, a free-standing bridge that spans 20 inches and will withstand the greatest amount of weight.

Contestants in Royal House Flash will attempt to construct the tallest possible structure out of three decks of standard playing cards.

In Robotic Challenge event, participants will attempt to place an aluminum cylinder into the center of an aluminum doughnut without disturbing the doughnut's location using a small robot controlled by a hand-held key pad.

Participants in the Over-Easy Egg Drop will attempt to package an egg to protect it from being broken in a free-fall drop. Not only must the egg not be broken, it must also land within a target area.

Precision Pacing competitors will attempt to correctly guess the distance from a designated starting point to a designated ending point on an established course. The person with the closest guess will win the competition.

Those who enter the Paper Aircraft Design competition will have to construct an aerodynamic structure. The winner will be determined based on duration and distance of flight.

All of the events, with the exception of the egg drop, require no advanced preparation.

"We are in the middle of registering students for the next semester so it is sometimes hard for students to talk to an adviser from another department," Williams said. "This open house will give them that opportunity."
Alaskan environmentalist treks into Carbondale

**DEEES continued from page 1**

commit crimes by their superiors. This didn't happen in the Metzger case."

In the press conference, Dees said that the line is drawn when people urge others to commit acts of violence, and that he has tremendous regard for the First Amendment. "Not everything is proscribing speech," Dees said. "We're proscribing those who cross the line."

Jury-member numbers like Erica Williams generally agreed with Dees' comments about racial injustices.

Located east of Alaska's 600-square-mile, oil-rich Prudhoe Bay region, the 19.5-million-acre refuge supports a delicate ecosystem that could be compromised by the presence of the oil industry.

Kohm is a believer in the power of individual persuasion, and has created a nation-wide campaign against proposed oil development in northeast Alaska.

Kohm will use the money he collected Monday for basic needs collection boxes to support his audience in Lawson Hall Monday night.

The crowd of more than 150 placed cash and coins into the box tops that covered Kohm's slide projectors. The crowd did not mind giving their green to preserve the green of Mother Nature.

Kohm is the agenda of Kohm's collected Monday for basic needs Kohm asked the audience to mind.

The caribou herd ranges extensively in Alaska and the Yukon Territory. The caribou herd is being tracked in a herd of 165,000 members.

The community of a caribou calving period they migrate exclusively to the coast of the Arctic Refuge. More significantly the herd sustains 7,000 aboriginal people in the area. For more than 20,000 years the Gwich'in have lived off the land using the caribou as a source of food and a spiritual connection to their ancestors.

This is Kohm's second national tour, and the second time he has brought a Gwich'in Indian along to explain first-hand the industrial threat to the Porcupine caribou herd.

Joe Tetlichi, chairman of the Percusible Caribou Herd Management Committee in Canada, lives in the village of Old Crow in the northern area of the Yukon Territory.

"When people cut down their last tree, catch their last fish, hunt their last animal," Tetlichi said, "they will find out they can't eat their money."

Kohm will discuss issues surrounding the protection of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Northwest Alaska from oil exploration and drilling Monday in Lawson Hall.

"Our people have depended on caribou for a long time," Tetlichi said. "I am here with a message for my people and it's a sad message."

Tetlichi believes the Gwich'in will be the only group affected by industrialization of the Arctic coast, and said like his people, frightened, "When people cut down their last tree, catch their last fish, hunt their last animal," Tetlichi said, "they will find out they can't eat their money."

Kohm said that people of color will continue to suffer. "In a world of color barriers, Gant thinks fairness and compassion are significant issues. He said, however, that people of color will continue to be discriminated against.

Dees urge audience members to remember that lawyers hold the key to the gates of justice, and that good lawyers have a passion for justice. "It's about the clients," Dees said. "Everyone has a story. But your clients have stories too, and you have to tell their stories.

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Engineering Student Council. Helstern said the event usually draws a large number of competitors.

"We have had over 400 individual entrants in recent years," she said.

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ROCK: Band returning from last summer Sunset Concert Friday night.

KEVIN E. HERLEIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

With songs playing background for MTV's "Road Rules" and "The Real World," members of the rock group 19 Wheels are enthusiastic about bringing the band's upbeat music to the Copper Dragon Brewing Company Friday night.

- "We checked it out and [the Copper Dragon] seems like a great place to play," Johnston said. "Our booking manager picks the places and I've never been to the Copper Dragon."

- Johnston said the college crowd is usually really diverse down there. "The college crowd is usually not the only thing the members of 19 Wheels are looking forward to when they take the stage Friday."

- "We're all fans of the college punk and college students," Mills said. "They've either heard of us before, or they are willing to listen to our music and give us a chance to play for them."

The area audience is not the only one looking forward to when they take the stage Friday. "We're really diverse down there. We give the fans a chance to play. Our booking manager picks the places, and I've never been to the Copper Dragon."

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Mills and his band are enthusiastic about playing for a variety of crowds, including college students. But he jokingly admits anyone that walks through the door to a club is his favorite person. "I've played for ex-hippies, old-school punk, and college students," he said. "It's always a good time to play, but the paying customers are my favorite."

- "I don't know if my taste will run exactly with the college campus," Mills said. "As long as they are open to it, they should find they enjoy it."

Psychic Friends Network creditors claim owners stripping assets

Baltimore - Creditors of the company that owns the "Psychic Friends Network," claiming that owner Michael W. Lasky and other executives of the insolvent company have tried to siphon revenues and assets into a clandestine emergency trustee.

- "This is imperative; the assets are wasting away," said the creditors' attorney, Richard L. Wasserman, during a daylong hearing Tuesday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

- The hearing on the creditors' request resumes Wednesday before Judge James F. Schindler.

- The Psychics Friends Network is operated by Pikeville-based Inphomation Communications Inc., which on Feb. 2 filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. In many such cases, under an arrangement known as "debtor in possession," the executives of a bankrupt company are allowed to remain at the helm as they try to work out a reorganization plan.

- But Inphomation's creditors, wanting to recover some of the money they say they are owed — and convinced that company officials are trying to strip it of its few remaining assets — asked the judge to appoint an outsider to install an outsider instead of Lasky and take himself what still is a very valuable company.

- Attorney James C. Olson, representing Lasky and Inphomation, assured the judge that "there is no nefarious plot to divert assets." The creditors are "painting a very dramatic, very dark picture of what's going on here," Olson said.

- Indeed, Olson seemed to be hinting that the creditors were engaged in some sort of plot — that one of the creditors actually was using the bankruptcy hearing as a vehicle to evert Lasky and take himself what still is a very valuable company.

- Olson later declined to elaborate or comment further.

- When Inphomation filed for bankruptcy protection, it claimed assets of $1.2 million and liabilities of $26 million. Just a few years ago, experts of the telemarketing industry estimate, the company had annual revenues of more than $100 million.
NBC receives $2 million per ad for final "Seinfeld"

WASHINGTON POST

NBC sold its first commercials Tuesday on the final episode of "Seinfeld" for $2 million per 30-second ad, shattering the highest price ever paid for air time on a television program.

People familiar with the network's sales efforts identified the buyers as two movie studios, but NBC officials had no comment on the purchasers. Film companies frequently run ads on the popular Thursday night sitcom, which attracts huge numbers of young viewers, on the night before movies typically open in theaters.

Some ad buyers were skeptical that any one would pony up $2 million when NBC executives floated that price earlier this winter. But NBC's downtown New York studios would attract $2 million, according to NBC. The network expects the one-hour "Seinfeld" to attract a 40 rating, which is close to double the program's average rating during the 1997-98 TV season.

But advertising executives said Nielsen numbers alone don't tell the whole story for the show's last stand. Among other factors, the price of commercial time is being driven up by a strong economy; the sitcom is popular among demographically desirable urban audiences; and there is a scarcity of available commercial slots on"Seinfeld" compared with the Super Bowl.

"It's an event, baby," said Bill Cronkite of Western International Metals, a Los Angeles-based media-buying company. "You throw the usualieux out the window when you buy this. A lot of people who heard say Carol, this game is going to tune in to watch it." In addition to movie companies, Cronkite said NBC's four lucrative sitcoms were being courted by clients, who predicted that the program would be sponsored by such major beer makers or long-distance telephone companies.

"One ad is so important," Williams said, "that we're more confident this year."
Los Angeles Times

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Jennifer, a fourth-grader, Los Angeles - just another day for the O'Neill family in Pico Rivera. At 6:30 a.m., the school bus came and picked up 11-year-old Jennifer, who was waiting at the door to receive her heart.

"Here at home, more American universities are recruiting when they didn't used to," Jackson said. "When we were in international we were one of the national list of 20 or 30 that had always done good international recruitment. We've been doing this for 50 years. We were good at it and we're still good at it, but the competition now is 3,000 institutions of higher education." Jackson said SIUC has new competitors since the glory days of the 1970s and now they're sending international recruiters to schools in the same county. They weren't set up to recruit international students and then we had for many years that 3-to-1 ratio," he said.

"I think probably the most critical is the 3-to-1 tuition ratio. Children who are closely related, we basically kept tuition the same for our in-state residents and then we had for many years that 3-to-1 ratio," he said.

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"When you put 3 to 1 ratio, out-of-state or international, the price got pretty expensive to come to SIU if you were from out-of-state or inter-
national," Jackson said.

Today, the Board of Trustees voted to decrease international and out-of-state tuition from three times to two times in-state residents on tuition this year, that would mean tuition and fees would drop from $3737 to $2657.

Taking that into account and our relations with students across the globe, things may be on the upside, Jackson said.

"We have a wonderful network of friends, alumni and students around the world," Jackson said. "We've been doing this for 30 years, and there's nothing better than satisfied customers — students who have found a good education in Carbondale and who think well of the place. That personal attention is crucial and has usually worked for us."

Jackson said there are some things that are very different, but some students have negative thoughts of an occurrence that happened.

"There are some local factors. We've heard lots of anecdotal evi-
dence, but there are things that probably shouldn't have much of a different much may have hurt for a bit and that's the end has its fire in the dorm over there," Jackson said. (In December 1992) was supposedly recommended to her by her fel-

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Softball coach moves to different position for first time in career

CHANGE: Softball coach moves from third base to dugout after 31 years of coaching.

BY RICK KIRK

DEARS SPORTS EDITION

SIU softball coach Kay Brechtelsbauer is starting all over again this year, even though she enters her 31st season at the Saluki skipper.

No, the existing Missouri Valley Coach of the Year is not remobilizing her offensive or defensive philosophy. Brechtelsbauer is trading hats and moving to the dugout for the first time in her career.

"With an seniors returning from last year's 41-16 squad, Brechtelsbauer has decided to allow pitching coach Kerri Blaylock take over her third-base coaching duties. Former second baseman Mark "Skip" Corrove will move to first base, and Brechtelsbauer will perform her role from the beach.

The move will allow her to spend more time teaching and emphasizing her strong mental approach.

"I'm doing a lot more work with the mental aspect of the game," Brechtelsbauer said. "I moved Kerri to third base and Skip to first base. I can do a better job of getting my hitters ready, and I can do a better job if they don't get a hit of getting them ready to play defense." For a coach whose resume is cine memoir history, the decision was not an easy one.

Steinbrenner among consensus candidate

WASHINGTON POST

TAMPA, Fla. — George Steinbrenner should meet Oliver Stone. Steinbrenner was only too happy Tuesday to repeat the occasional heart conspiracy theory involving Bennie Williams and some alleged back-room agreement to play for Back Showalter's Arizona Diamondbacks after the fall, which was rendered uneconomical and illegal.

Steinbrenner coyly told the New York beat writers that he hours baseball is looking into this conspiracy theory. Well, of course they are. He is the one who added them to look into it.

According to this fanciful, far-fetched story, Scott Boras will agree to deliver Williams to Arizona after this season in return for other so-called favors to Boras, including the recent $18 million signing of free-agent pitcher Rony Benez.

"I've heard those rumors," Steinbrenner told reporters. "That would certainly be tampering in the worst way."

Steinbrenner knows that any potential lawsuits are years away. He is the one who added them to look into it.

"I'm screaming, 'Send her, send her out on third base. Now if somebody does not do that, she can notice it from the dugout and tell them what happened."

Brechtelsbauer, one of the Salukis' group of junior to-capitals, feels last year's 41-16 season was the needed blow to allow her to achieve her goals.

"Sometimes with seniors, people have too much power," Brechtelsbauer said. "Without them, I think our team is guilty even in the way we treat each other.

With achievements such as the longest active softball coach in NCAA history, the winningest coach in the history of women's softball, the Salukis' pitching coach Kerri Blaylock take her first time in her career.

"Reform the move dur­ing the fall and from herself wanting to put a damper on one of the most important players in the past have. They need the encouragement and help­ ing them get ready to compete on a more consistent level. They feel like me, and I did too.

Coming to the dugout is symbol­ ic of Brechtelsbauer's effort to adapt to her players' needs. The Salukis made a solid run at a conference championship led by a solid group of seniors last year, but felt short in the conference tournament and failed to earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

"I thought about it last year, and the timing wasn't right with the players we had," Brechtelsbauer said. "With a young team — we have no seniors — this is the time to make some changes.

Filling short of the team's goal put a damper on one of Brechtelsbauer's finest seasons at SIUC and her first MBC Coach of the Year award.

"I'd like to see the conference coaches give me that honor, but I keep forgetting that I even got it because I felt like we came up short," Brechtelsbauer said.

Brechtelsbauer's emphasis on the psychological aspects of the game has also drawn positive reviews from her players.

"She's going to help us with more mental approach," said sophomore pitcher Cortnie Wrigley. "Before she wouldn't have time to talk to us because she'd be out on the mound. Now if somebody does something interesting, she can notice it from the dugout and tell them what happened."

Shane Richardson

Dawgs must chop down Sycamores

SHOWDOWN: Salukis prepare for big game against Indiana St. on road.

SHANE RICHARDSON DAILY ELEPHANT REPORTER

The Salukis, led by Terre Haute, Ind., for a pivotal Missouri Valley Conference game tonight.

The Salukis, who be­ came the Salukis to the Hillman Center for: a 6:45 p.m. show­ down between the sixth and seventh place teams in the confer­ ence.

Both teams own identical 7-3 records in league play, but the Salukis are 15-10 overall, compared to the Salukis' 12-3 mark.

With only two games remaining after tonight, every game becomes important as teams fight for seeding in the MVC Tournament. The outcome takes place at the Kel Center in St. Louis Feb. 27 through March 2. The Salukis' enter the game having lost to Bradley University 86-76 Saturday. The Dawgs were the first team to win the rebound­ ing battle against SIUC this season 45-32.

But the Salukis have the com­ fort of knowing Indiana State in the midst of five-game winning streak. The Sycamores also have lost six of their last eight to SIUC.

The Salukis, who defeated the Sycamores Jan. 24 in Carbondale 82-58, outrebounding them 51-38. In this game, SIUC's defense forced 19 turnovers and "Junior guard Monte Jenkins scored a game-high 19 points.

A season sweep of ISU would almost guarantee the Salukis a higher finishing in the league standings. If the teams end up tied for a spot heading into the tournament, SIUC would have the season sweep and would take the higher seed.

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naneous knowing that Cubs and Braves telecasts will interrupt TBS and WGN afternoon pro­ grams, instead of "The Flinstones" or "Saved by the Bell" reruns, it's four hours of complete boredom.

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necessary. Welnar said the potential for the program is to be a remarkable recruiting tool for both educational institutions.

"I can see this also happening," Welnar said. "They come down with their big, strong arms, prove they can do college and improve their wrestling skills and find the competitors being offered to them is certainly adequate, so they remain here. That's probably going to be the driving force, recruiting for Southern Illinois University and John A. Logan."

So far, the program has 16 athletes on scholarship. The goal is to have every athlete or the teams on scholarship, meaning 16 wrestlers. Eight people on the judo team and two on the karate team, for a total of 25 being offered to them.

The sports club is not bound by NCAA regulations, but the directors insist minorities maintain a "C" average.

"These athletes have to maintain the same GPA as what they do in NCAA guidelines," Welnar said.

SAVIO WELNAR
SPORTS CENTER WRESTLING COACH

classes and jobs.

"Here, we try to get in an hour, hour and a half practice at a time," Welnar said. "A lot of times we have to allow have to outside jobs. We try to help them be successful." Because of the decrease of the number of collegiate wrestling programs nationwide, an organization such as this can compete against colleges. The only limitation is that the club doesn't have the funds for national championships. But the judo and karate teams in the club can compete for national championships if they are accepted.

The club will be traveling to events, but for the most part the trips we weekend trips and will not have with class time.

The other difference is the club does not have nearly as rigorous practice times as an NCAA team might. Their practice is at The Sports Center, 1215 E. Main. The objective is to help students train and provide good competitions, not to wear them down with excessive practices that take away from

The club also is a service organization to the community and often reduced prices for distribution in all of the sports they offer.

The club has seven black belts to help with the instruction, including McCount, a fifth-degree black belt, is the karate instructor, and his moves have been featured in such Sony PlayStations games as Burton and Robin, the Fantastic Four and Spider-Man.

They also will have a camp this summer at Touch of Nature that will feature two-time world judo champion Neil Adams and wrestling gold medalist Kendall Cross.

It is a type of environment that helps the athletes by helping them win a national championship and in Southern Illinois going to school.

He is involved in both the wrestling and the judo program. His dad is still the coach of the judo team. Davis, a sophomore at John A. Logan, in criminal justice from Belleville, and his brother has been involved in judo for more than 15 years and have attained the shodan rank (first-degree black belt).

This is a type of program for college athletes who are unable to go onto a four-year college and cannot get a chance for these kids.

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This is exciting — plain and simple. Baseball may not fill a television pioneered players' unions and free agency.

There is nothing like being at a baseball game during the summer and peering into the fans with an expectation for the future. There is nothing like the sound of the bat cracking and the pop of the glove for a called strike three.

I don't have basketball. All I ask is that people respect the history and tradition of baseball. The two sports simply cannot be compared and shouldn't be.

John Knick won't win a slam dunk contest. But Michael Jordan, arguably the greatest basketball player ever, failed in the face of mediocre Double A minor league pitching. Imagine how poorly he would have done if he was asked to pitch games of John Smoltz or Randy Johnson.

Besides, who wants to wade through snow and city traffic to go to a game to see a bunch of umpires, wear and shoe models run around with goofy hairdos and slang their catchphrases?
Saluki Sports

LOCAL CLUB LOOKS TO REJUVENATE ANCIENT SPORTS

MAINTAIN: Center tries to preserve such sports as judo, wrestling, karate for the future.

TRAVIS AKIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The number of collegiate programs offering wrestling, judo and karate is dwindling, but an organization in Carbondale could be instrumental in preserving these sports at the college level.

It all began when Robert Whelan developed a wrestling program in Great Britain almost 10 years ago. "In Great Britain in 1989, we decided to give wrestling a boost," Whelan said. "We labeled it as a grassroots program, and we developed exchanges between the United States and Great Britain.

"Harvard University became a part of this. They developed a club structure similar to wrestling and other combat sports at the college level by offering scholarships to athletes who eagerly look for their heroes while the father pays the vendor." Get your programs here," a vendor yells. A man stops and hands a program to his son, who eagerly looks for his heroes.

Whelan, a fourth-degree black belt in judo and a championship wrestler, began working on putting together a program that was directly involved with John A. Logan College. But the organization decided to operate as a sports club, and they have been in existence for one year in Carbondale.

Bleacher bums, tradition, pride... baseball

TRAVIS AKIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

 Forget Wrigley in the summer, thanks, but no thanks. Peanuts and Cracker Jack at Wrigley Field? Sorry, but I prefer the nachos and cheese at the United Center.

How exciting would it be if David Robinson sat in the paint and waited for a ball to come to him? I admit some of the diving catches can be impressive, but face it, Casey Martin could be more mobile on the bag, thanks.

The seventh inning stretch. "Take me out to the Ball Game." Bleacher bums. Heckling the opposing team's outfields — it is all baseball... America's favorite pastime.

Forget Wrigley in the summer, just give me the United Center.