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Thursday
FEBRUARY 17, 2000

Next Door Girl
SIU freshman wins 'girl next door' contest at local radio station to win spot as newest DJ.

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Correction
In Tuesday's story "Commission recommends system rather than center," it should have read the commission opted for establishing a system for SIU rather than the proposed center suggested by the Higher Education Group Arthur Andersen and Associates. It also should have read the recommendations are to provide a better understanding of the AIS system.

The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

FORECAST

TODAY
Showers
High: 50
Low: 46

TOMORROW
Rain
High: 51
Low: 32

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Interim President Frank Horton (left) accompanied Illinois Sen. Peter Fitzgerald on his tour of the SIUC campus Wednesday. Because food safety is such a hot topic in Washington, D.C. right now, the Soybean Research Center was a highlight of the tour for the senator.

JOSH SANSENI
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sen. Peter Fitzgerald studies up at SIUC

Visit may bring potential for advanced research

ANDY EGGENS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Illinois Sen. Peter Fitzgerald used his one-day stop at SIUC to do some homework.

The freshman Republican senator, who serves on the Senate Agriculture Committee, visited the SIUC Soybean Research Center Wednesday to learn about genetic modification, which is a controversial issue not only in the Southern Illinois region, but throughout the nation.

"This is one of the hottest topics in Washington," Fitzgerald said. "More work needs to be done to ensure food safety."

Some scientists speculate that genetically modified organisms that are altered for certain targeted attributes, such as resistance to disease and insects, could produce reactions that lead to fatal diseases.

While the health of corn has increased because of this technique, experts in Europe question its safety. It is referred to the concept as "Frankenstein food."

David Lightfoot, professor of plant and soil science, gave Fitzgerald a personal tour of the Soybean Center and made it clear that extra money is needed for additional research into the safety of the procedure.

The research center received \$194,000 in state appropriated money two years ago, but Lightfoot said it was "only a Band-Aid" to solving bigger financial problems.

Dave Shoup, dean of the College of Agriculture, was more than pleased to have Fitzgerald come see the facilities first-hand. He hopes the visit will have a positive impact for agricultural education at SIUC.

"When he comes in here, it gives us a lot of exposure nationwide," Shoup said. "His visit here will do us a lot of good."

Fitzgerald said joining the Agriculture Committee was his first choice because of the importance it had to Illinois. He is also a chairman of a subcommittee on food safety and was impressed with the visit to the SIUC Soybean Research Center.

"I wasn't aware there was such an advanced level of research in genetics (at SIUC)," Fitzgerald said.

The Soybean Research Center has been successful in landing grants, and Fitzgerald said if federal dollars were portioned for University research, he will "definitely take a look at that."

Fitzgerald told Lightfoot the University was "on the cutting edge," and wanted to set up further developments within his office in the future.

University officials gave the senator and his staff a quick tour of the campus during the morning, which Fitzgerald characterized as beautiful. He toured the Dunn-Richmond Economic Center in the morning, before speaking to a local Rotary Club.

Ray Lenzi, acting vice-chancellor for Institutional Advancement, showed Fitzgerald the facility. The center is a way for recent SIUC graduates to start businesses in a cost efficient way that will prosper the Carbondale area.

Lenzi hopes Fitzgerald's visit will have a positive impact. "This is the first time we've had a U.S. Senator here," Lenzi said. "A lot of people come to school here and can't find a job. This is a way for them to stay in the region."

Residence hall safety main concern of representatives

Housing officials and resident assistants work to come up with viable candle policy

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA & DAVID FERRARA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTERS

The fire at Schneider Hall earlier this month that started from an unattended, burning candle sparked a residence hall debate Tuesday night.

Housing officials and resident assistants pondered containing candles and incense inside containers in the residence halls because of the likelihood that the adornments would set fire to a room.

At a round-table discussion with nine residence hall representatives, Ed Jones, director of University Housing, suggested that candles kept in residence halls be encased in jars or fire-proof packages.

After the fire Feb. 6, students on campus have said they would like to see a candle policy instituted. A few suggested officials ban candles completely.

University Housing Director Ed Jones said the level of restriction needs to be discussed, and action must be taken.

"I think to say we're just going to leave it as it is, isn't going to work," Jones said at the meeting.

While none of the representatives at the meeting want to ban candles in the residence halls, most

agreed to containing them, such as only allowing candles that come packaged within glass jars.

And if housing officials institute restrictions on candles, Jones and residence hall representatives said there should be restrictions on burning incense.

Five of nine representatives were in favor of banning incense, and all of them said it should be contained.

However, Jones said no decisions on banning incense would be made until after the representatives speak with the students in the residence halls.

"Containing is something we want to do," Jones said. "No matter if it's incense or candles, it has to be contained."

Carrie Milnor, Residence Hall Association president, was against banning incense. If the incense was banned, she said people would only hide using it, which would not improve safety.

"I think people just need to be smarter about how they use it," Milnor said.

Milnor, a sophomore from Decatur, said that in her role as the National Communications Coordinator for SIUC, she has spoken to representatives from other schools and many do not allow candles in their residence halls.

"We're pretty lucky to even have them at all, so I don't think containing them is too much to ask," Milnor said.

Jones said officials did not want to limit the freedom of those who live in the residence halls, but to improve their security.

"We want to give people some flexibility, but we also want to be safe," Jones said.

Allegations against USG president dropped

Internal Affairs Committee has dismissed four of five charges

GINNY SKALSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Four of five allegations charging Undergraduate Student Government President Sean Henry with misconduct and constitutional violations were dismissed Tuesday night at an Internal Affairs Committee meeting.

The only allegation the committee has not dismissed is that Henry had not presented the summer budget at the first senate meeting of the fall semester.

Seven USG senators submitted a letter to the Internal Affairs Committee last week requesting the committee investigate five allegations concerning Henry.

Those allegations dropped were the extensive funding to a fraternity Henry now belongs to, missing expenditures from the summer budget, appointing an executive member without the

consent of the senate and employing a public relations director to work out of home.

Henry wrote and submitted a letter to the committee Tuesday night in response to the allegations, citing that in each case no constitutional violations or acts of misconduct had occurred. The letter cited for each allegation a response as to why Henry felt he was not guilty.

Henry also spoke at the meeting and took questions from the committee for about 20 minutes before leaving.

Internal Affairs Committee Chairman Chuck Miller said the committee decided not to dismiss the charge regarding the presentation of the summer budget yet because this allegation is a direct violation of the USG constitution.

"We wanted to gain information about that meeting because we basically want proof that he did present it," Miller said.

Henry said he did report the summer budget in a Pow.r Point presentation at the fall retreat,

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TODAY

• Amnesty International letter writing event on behalf of various prisoners of conscience, noon to 4 p.m., Lesar Law Building Lounge area, Adam 529-2577.

• Career Opportunities for history majors, 1 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, resumes will be accepted, Pamula 453-7147.

• Library Affairs introduction to the WWW using Netscape, 3 to 4 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.

• Student Programming Council marketing committee meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Alisha 536-3393.

• College of Liberal Arts Student Learning Assistance, noon through May 11, Mon. and Thurs. 5 to 9 p.m., Wed. 5 to 5 p.m., Famer 1229, Mary Jane 453-2466.

• SIUC Kendo Club meeting, every Thurs., 6 to 9 p.m., Davies Gym, Todd 353-4002.

• SIU Veteran's Club meeting, 7 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, MaryAnn 985-9937.

• Chi Alpha Campus Ministries African-American bible study, every Wed. and Thurs., 7 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Karleton 549-8496.

• SIU Sailing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room contact Shelley 529-0993.

• Alpha Chi Omega informal rush event, 8 p.m., Erin 351-1373.

• Delta Xi Phi informational, 8 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, Nadia 529-5419.

• SIUC Swing Club open house with demonstrations and lessons, 7:30 to 10

p.m., Small Gym second floor Davies Gym, \$10 students \$15 non-students, Keni 536-7627.

UPCOMING

• Library Affairs finding scholarly articles, Feb. 18, 9 to 10 a.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.

• Christian Apologetics Club answering life's questions from God's word, Feb. 18, noon, Corinth Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.

• Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange, 453-5425.

• French Club meeting, Feb. 18, 5 to 7 p.m., Booby's, Courtney 457-8847.

• Black Togetherness Organization Ebony Ball 2000, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Carbondale Civic Center, \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door, Teresa 536-2054.

• Science Fiction and Fantasy Society watch and discuss "Evil Dead", Feb. 18, 7 p.m. to close, Student Center Video Lounge, Marie 529-7474.

• Christian Unlimited bible study, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m., front of Mississippi Room Student Center, Angie 457-1185.

• InterVarsity Christian Fellowship worship night, Feb. 18, 7 p.m., Ag-Building Room 209, Patrick 549-4284.

• McLeod Theatre and the School of Music presents Bernstein's Candide, Feb. 18, 19, 25, and 26, 8 p.m., and Feb. 27, 2 p.m., adults \$10, students \$5, and seniors \$8, Michael 453-7589.

• Missy Carstens presents a workshop on Impressionistic painting with a palette knife, Feb. 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Little Egypt Arts Center, 301 Tower Square in Marion, \$20 for LEAA members and \$25 for non-members, register by calling Missy 997-0421.

• Outdoor Adventure Programs meeting to discuss trip for eagle watching and canoeing at Horseshoe Lake, Feb. 19, TBA at pre-trip meeting Feb. 15, Student Recreation Center Adventure Resource Center, 453-1285.

• "A Taste of Blackness" soul food sampler, Feb. 19, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., New Zion Baptist Church, \$5 adults and \$2 for 10 and under, Leonor 457-7075.

• Instructional Programs tennis fee sampler, Feb. 19, 1 to 3 p.m., Michelle 453-1263.

• The Cast Your Cares Crusade Choir is holding auditions for vocalists that are interested in carrying out God's word, every Sat., 3 to 5 p.m., Wesley Foundation, Trijuan 457-0921.

• Irish Studies Forum set dancing, Feb. 20, 3 to 5 p.m., Quigley Hall Room 140B, Alicia 351-6526.

• Association of Childhood Education International meeting, Feb. 21, 3 p.m., Feb. 23, 4 p.m., Quigley Room 12B.

• University Career Services Job Interview Workshop, Feb. 21, 5 p.m., Lawson 121, Vickie 453-2391.

• Student Alumni Council meeting, every Mon., 6 p.m., Kaskaskia/Missouri Rooms, Jason 453-2444.

• Alpha Phi Omega meeting, Feb. 21, 6 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Kevin 549-5324.

• SIUC Ballroom Dance Club meeting and lesson, every Mon., 7 to 8 p.m., Davies Gym small gym second floor, \$15 student membership, Bryan 351-8855.

• Universal Spirituality presentation on Enochian Magic, Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Longbranch Coffee House back room, Tara 529-5029.

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

• Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center is offering free lunch for intern. minis, every Tues., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Student Center on the corner of Mill and Forrest St, Judy 457-2898.

• Japanese Table, every Tues., noon to 1 p.m., Student Center Cambria Room, bring your lunch, Dawn 536-8380.

POLICE BLOTTER

CARBONDALE

• A 20-year-old SIUC man told University police Tuesday that someone stole \$370 worth of weight-lifting equipment from his locker in the Recreation Center. The victim said the theft occurred between 10:30 a.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Monday. There are no suspects in this incident.

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1986:

• A list of finalists for SIU system chancellorship was in the process of being narrowed. The committee heading the decision hoped to have the list whittled down to four within the week.

• A final vote on the city's proposed 2-cent-per-gallon motor fuel tax was called for. If approved by the council, the tax would become effective May 1 and place said tax on all motor fuel sold within the city.

• Whoopi Goldberg escaped the trials of oppression and fear in the movie adaptation of Alice Walker's classic, "The Color Purple."

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Found: The girl next door



KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Melissa Hecht prepares to go live on the air at W3D Thursday night. Hecht, an undecided freshman from Carbondale, became the station's newest disk jockey after winning the "Girl Next Door" contest.

SIUC student wins a full-time job as disc jockey for local country station

RHONDA SCIARRA
STUDENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Melissa Hecht entered a local radio contest and won a full-time job.

Hecht, an undecided freshman from Carbondale and the winner of radio station WDDD-FM's "Girl Next Door" contest, has always thought becoming a disc jockey would be exciting. Now she is one.

Hecht was chosen from more than 24 other women vying to be the station's newest DJ.

She has spent this week hanging around the radio station, getting use to the equipment and radio station staff, and preparing to begin a take over of the 7 p.m.-to-midnight shift Monday through Friday.

Brian Landrum, operations manager for Cumulus Broadcasting Inc. and DJ for WDDD-FM, said the station formalized the contest idea last fall.

"We knew we wanted to do something different," Landrum said. "We just decided to do something new. It was a way to create some excitement about our night shift."

The radio station began the promotion Jan. 1, and for two

weeks the station heavily advertised for the contest. The end result was more than two dozen letters from prospective entries.

Eight of the women who entered were chosen and invited to audition on the air, both on the radio station's morning show and at night.

Prior to her audition, Hecht said she was nervous when she first sat down with members of the Wakin' Crew Morning Show, Wes Bennett and Brandon Rathert.

"I warmed up to them. They make you talk," Hecht said. "I went in there and realized these people weren't here to scare me."

Both Bennett, who graduated from SIUC in 1986, and his partner were impressed when Hecht auditioned.

"She had personality plus, and that was what we were looking for," Bennett said. "It is a great opportunity for her and a dream she has had for a while."

Landrum said the qualities radio management considered while selecting Hecht as the winner included voice quality, personality, ability to grasp technology, eagerness and an understanding of the job and radio business.

The radio station also took into account the more than 300 letters, e-mails and phone calls voting for one of the eight finalists.

"The understanding is that it is a real job. Just like any job, she has to prove she can do it, work

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

AAUW offers scholarships

The Carbondale branch of the American Association of University Women is offering three educational scholarships of \$350 each to women who are enrolled at SIU. The awards will be used beginning June 1, 2000.

To apply for the scholarships, women must submit a letter including the applicant's current and planned enrollment status, major, achievements and financial status. Resumes are recommended. Applicants may address letters to Dr. Marcia A. Anderson, AAUW Carbondale Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 3914, Carbondale, IL 62902. Letters are due by March 15, 2000.

For more information, call Marcia Anderson at 453-3321.

SEATTLE, WA

Smooching students put Seattle Pacific U. on alert

Some students at Seattle Pacific University have been so kissy-face with each other that other students are reviewing the campus' rules on public display of affection. The public groping has embarrassed many students, who say they're tired of being confronted with it when they're walking down hallways or into other common areas, such as the student lounge.

Their complaints have prompted a student-led committee to review to consider posting signs reminding students what is and is not appropriate behavior. One sign posted on the campus' chapel door already informs students that the chapel is "not for making out. Please be an adult."

Kimberlee Campbell, director of residence life for the university, told The Falcon she hopes students will use good judgment and resolve their conflicts before getting her staff involved in the issue. "I think that common sense and respect for other members of your community should be the measuring stick (for judging intimate behavior)," she said. "I think if their behavior is making someone else uncomfortable, they should stop."

CINCINNATI, OH

U. of Cincinnati Sorority suspended for hazing

It was far from "Animal House," but hazing nonetheless, officials at the University of Cincinnati said before suspending the campus' chapter of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Sources told The News Record that on Feb. 4 the sorority's new members were made to lie on a floor while more senior members shouted insults at them. They were also commanded to make animal noises at the pleasure of two men living in an off-campus apartment complex and forced to sing silly songs and play children's games — such as Ring Around the Rosie — at several fraternity houses.

At their final stop, a fraternity house belonging to the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity chapter, the initiates were made to recite the Greek alphabet while crawling up stairs. Those events, university officials said, merited the chapter's suspension.

Officials of the sorority's national organization agreed and also removed several officers, including the chapter's president. The chapter placed as many as 12 members on probation.

Many campus greks are also critical of the sorority: "We're definitely upset," said Robyn Kish, a third-year student and member of the Theta Phi Alpha sorority. "It hurts the whole greek system. I guess they got what they deserved."

CORRECTIONS

In Tuesday's story "Grant letters turn up missing from Morris Library," the pull quote should have been attributed to Lt. Todd Sigler instead of David Koch.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

SIUC performs germ cell research

Transplantation of stem cells allows one animal to produce the sperm of another

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Germ cell transplantation research at SIUC could eventually help correct genetic diseases and preserve rare or endangered species for future generations.

Professor Lonnie Russell of the Physiology Department is the head of research at SIUC under a grant from the National Institute of Health.

Germ cell transplantation involves the removal of the stem cells

that produce sperm from the testes of one animal and transplanting those cells into a second animal. The second animal then begins to produce the sperm of the first.

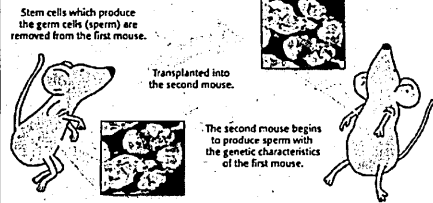
"I think it's cutting edge of the field," said Professor Andrzej Bartke, chairman of the Physiology Department, about the research's potential.

The possible practical applications for this technology are threefold, Russell said.

First, there is a potential to correct genetic diseases. Germ cells from an individual with a genetic disorder could be removed, altered genetically to remove the inherited disease, and returned to the same individual. All the other genetic characteristics of the individual would remain, minus the genetic disease.

Germ Cell Transplantation Research at SIUC

Transplantation of stem cells allows one animal to reproduce the sperm of another.



JASON ADAMS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

"That means your children would not have a particular disease, a fatal disease like cystic fibrosis," Russell said.

The second application is the study of the production of sperm.

For example, rat sperm takes 53 days to develop, while mouse sperm takes 35. Stem cells transplanted from a rat

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Great superconducting balls of physics

New physics phenomenon observed at SIUC

TRAVIS MORSE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

During his 11 years as a physics professor at SIUC, Rongjia Tao has seen a lot of things, but nothing prepared him for the phenomenon that greeted him through his microscope in 1998.

"It was a completely new phenomenon in superconductivity," Tao said.

He is talking about superconducting balls, a physics oddity whereby balls of particles are able to sustain a superconductive magnetic film for an extended period of time. The balls form in milliseconds and have survived many high-impact collisions with electrodes.

Philip Anderson, physics professor emeritus at Princeton University, found the discovery particularly interesting when Tao presented it to

him. "It's an interesting phenomenon that tells us more about what causes superconductivity," Anderson said. "He has definitely found something surprising."

The project, which has been underway since 1996, is funded by the National Science Foundation. Tao said the results of the experiment were a surprise.

"The experiment was planned but the results were unexpected," Tao said. "We didn't expect this kind of development" at all.

Tao said this scientific development could have applications in the fields of communication and energy transport.

"The superconducting film could be used in transmitting electric fields so it could make computers faster and communication more reliable," Tao said.

The next step for Tao is to continue to study his results and look for new ways to apply it to the physics community.

"We are still working on the basic science of this," Tao said. "Now, we will begin to work on the film and study its structure in greater detail."

A Columbus, Ohio company, Superconductive Components, Inc., has already expressed interest in Tao's superconductive films.

Tao said he was surprised by all the attention his discovery has received. It's refreshing, for him, that people are beginning to pay more attention to physics.

"People are beginning to pay more attention to how physics can affect their lives," Tao said. "I was really surprised that a major newspaper in Finland reported on it."

Gus Bode



Gus says:
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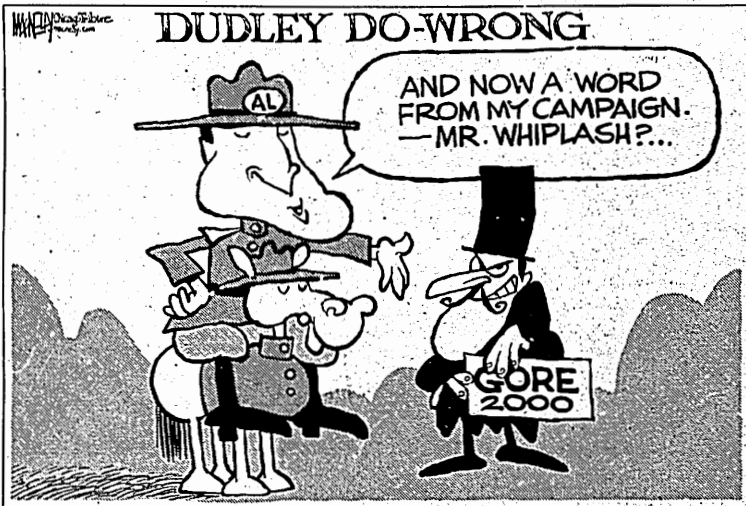
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OUR WORD

Administrative secrets only bring disaster

Have we learned nothing from years of watching bad situation comedy? The scene is painfully familiar: The husband is angry with the wife after he discovers she went on a lunch-date with an old boyfriend and didn't tell him. There is suspicion, misunderstanding and, in the end, it does not matter that "it was only lunch," nor does it matter that "it didn't mean anything," because, of course, "if it didn't mean anything, why hide it?"

In 1997, Harry Crisp Jr., owner of Marion Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., donated \$500,000 to SIUC to install a badly needed floor in SIU Arena. Two years later, an attorney involved in a lawsuit against then-President Ted Sanders and the Board of Trustees discovered the gift coincided with a 10-year extension of a contract that awarded exclusive rights for Pepsi at sports events. The contract was extended without any bids from competing vendors. Members of the SIUC community cried foul.

When SIUC representatives appeared before the Illinois Legislative Audit Commission Feb. 7, the commission did not question the contract, to the surprise of many who followed the issue. This, for some, adds credence to what Sanders said all along in his defense. Legal or not, though, we will never know if there was a better deal out there. We will never know, if there had been bids for the contract, whether there was more money to be had.

Sanders orchestrated the deal and is gone now, but there are still valuable lessons to be learned from this ongoing saga. Like the bad TV vignette mentioned earlier, this is one of those fights that rarely dies — they merely hibernate. And although, regardless of who is right in this case, the arena floor may wear out again

before the issue is resolved, problems like it will resurface barring a change in the way things are done around here.

It took two years for the truth about the contract between Sanders and Crisp to come out. The full story surfaced when distrust between the administration and several constituency groups were at their highest. From almost every angle, the contract appeared devious, less because of the contract itself than because of the fact it was hidden. Then, in reaction to the fiasco, legislation was hastily passed to deter such actions in the future. The implications of the law, passed last year, may not be fully understood for some time, but it could potentially stop SIUC instructors from patenting their own inventions.

If Sanders had simply kept the deal in the open, the law would have never been written and many people in the SIUC community would be much less suspicious of the administration. In a university this large, secrets simply don't keep well, and when they finally emerge, they look much uglier than before.

Anyone who has ever been held captive by an almost-funny sitcom knows what happens now. After the misunderstandings are figured out and the husband sees that the lunch date really was just a lunch date, the now-wiser wife looks straight into the camera and says, "if I had just not hidden anything, none of this would have ever happened." In the current climate of conflict and unrest at SIUC, as a new administration begins to replace the old, so must a new philosophy replace the idea that we don't know can't hurt us. Because, as some administrators now know, the damage done by secrecy carries a higher price.

People, people who need people

The first movie I ever remember watching as a child was "Streetcar Named Desire." I remember little about the movie, except for the immortal scene when Blanche DuBois turns from the camera and says, "I have always relied on the kindness of strangers."

I always hated that line. Here was this beautiful woman, not without talents or abilities of her own, and yet she would rather be a damsel-in-distress than simply look out for herself.

That day, I resolved never to need others. I was going to be totally independent, to never once find myself at the mercy of those strangers.

Somehow, things didn't work out that way.

As I headed out the door one morning last week, I realized only a second too late that I had forgotten the one thing I would need unconditionally that day — keys.

Having no way to get back in, I paid a visit to a neighbor who let me use his phone. When I failed to reach anybody, I went back to my own yard and scanned everything I'd carried out the door with me. Late for an exam and armed only with my tackle box of drafting equipment, I frantically grabbed my compass pointer, exacto knife and several other drawing tools in a hasty attempt to pick the lock.

Not Just Another Priddy Face

GRACE PRIDDY



Not Just Another Priddy Face appears Thursday. Grace is a freshman in architecture. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Several minutes later, I realized that MacGyver I was not. Just as I collapsed against the door in despair, I saw my neighbor's car pull into my driveway. He opened the door and unloaded his toolbox in front of me. Without a word, this kind man I'd never spoken to before that morning walked to my back door and studied the metal facing. He went to work with his tools, successfully loosening the lock and prying open the door for me.

Later that same day, as I was walking across the highway, the strap on my book bag broke. My notebook flew open, scattering hours of precious lecture notes across route 51. As I darted in and out of honking cars, I gathered the windswept papers, a car pulled

onto the shoulder. A man got out and helped me chase down the last remnants of my notes.

And even later that same afternoon, I accidentally sliced my hand on a knife and had to drive one-handed to Health Services. My bleeding hand wrapped in a fistful of paper towels, I was touched when a student walking past Kesar Hall noticed my predicament and offered to parallel park my car for me. After the doctor temporarily mummified my wrist, I spent the rest of the week studying "Compassion 101" as students went out of their way to help me open doors, carry books, open soda cans and anything else that required a free hand.

As I watched each of these complete strangers come to my aid, I suddenly felt ashamed, having isolated myself from others for the sake of pride. Maybe Blanche was a little too dependent on her fellow man, but in retrospect, maybe I had been a little too blind of mine.

This week is National Random Acts of Kindness Week. In the name of every person who has put his own needs aside to help me this week, I call upon every person reading this to spread the compassion before the day's end. You'll be someone's hero, whether you realize it or not.

MAILBOX

Bringing Argersinger back will bring HOPE back

DEAR EDITOR:

What is going on with our illegally constituted and dysfunctional Board of Trustees in its search for SIUC president? Is it and its paid consultant as incompetent as it appears, or is it just running a sham so qualified candidates will not apply? What legitimate search would start with an unworkable short application period and then switch to an unlimited time period?

How much is interim President Frank Horton getting as temporary baby sitter to the board — I am guessing \$30,000 per month between his outrageous salary and benefits? Is anyone worth even half that amount? Will he be teaching any students, doing any research or getting even one extra penny from the legislature for SIUC?

A temporary instructor of mathematics, classroom teaching 12 hours and responsible for 140 student contact hours per week, makes in one year what Horton is making per month. This monthly amount could provide scholarship money for three to four excellent students per year.

Yes, I do remember Frank Horton. Frank was the second-most talented administrator after Jo Ann Argersinger, that we have had since [Delyte] Morris. Unfortunately, the gap between them is very wide. While Jo Ann could unite us with practical plans to improve the lot of the people of our region and to make us a stronger institution, Frank was too often concerned with his administrative structure.

I am giving long odds that Frank will only hold the board's hand in the year or so that he will be here, but I could be wrong. If he decides to continue the current policy of destroying our University, we may wish for the days of the unqualified Ted [Sanders].

On the other hand, he and the board could decide that they want to give back our only HOPE to become a real university. They could get rid of the current gang of interim political appointees and bring Jo Ann back.

John Gregory
professor of mathematics

OVERHEARD

"The idea that guys just want sex and girls just want love is probably true as a whole. I usually look at looks first, but if they have no personality, it's no good. Sex is a big part of the relationship. Sex brings that connection."

GREG KAUSE

Kankakee business major on his views of what men and women want out of a relationship

"This makes us look really bad. It will hurt our reputation. People make mistakes. It's just a shame that it had to happen right after we initiated a new program [the Millennium Initiative]."

GARY DUDZIK

president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity on the alleged party at Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity on Jan. 29 that resulted in the hospitalization and surgery of one security member

"Mostly when things are missing it's because of our own human error. It doesn't surprise me if something's missing without being stolen. Until we know for sure that one person saw somewhere else what really should be here, I cannot say that something has been stolen."

DAVID KOCH

associate dean for special collections and development on the missing Ulysses S. Grant letters at Morris Library

"My goodness, the people who are pulling [false alarms] are the people who bother me even more. We've got to work on both ends of it."

ED JONES

University Housing director on the occurrence of false fire alarms being pulled at residence halls

ALLEGATIONS

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which is also the first senate meeting of the semester. The Power Point presentation listed each of the organizations and how much money they were allocated during the summer. The minutes from that meeting reflect that the budget was presented.

The committee is working on obtaining a copy of the video tape of that meeting to see if the budget was in fact presented during the meeting.

Miller said the committee decided to dismiss the other charges because of the vague wording of the USG constitution and because there was not enough infor-

mation to pursue these allegations at this time.

"It was the opinion of the Internal Affairs Committee because of the present wording of the USG constitution that pursuing most of the allegations would lead to no resolution," Miller said.

Miller also said he received a phone call Wednesday night from a senator who claims to have more information about the allegations. Miller said, as a result, the investigation into these allegations is not done.

"I have been contacted by a senator since the Internal Affairs Committee's decision and do expect to receive new information from them that will also be considered a part of this continuing inves-

tigation," Miller said.

"The wording of the constitution is too open for indirect interpretation and it leaves a lot of room for the president to make a lot of decisions on his own," Miller said.

Henry had a press conference Tuesday afternoon to justify his actions as president in regards to the allegations.

Henry said he was not surprised the committee decided to dismiss the allegations because the letter he wrote was very detailed and showed the charges had no worthiness.

"I didn't see any merit in the charges brought against me, and I think the Internal Affairs Committee saw that when they read my response," Henry said.

DISC JOCKEY


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well and sound good on the radio," Landrum said. "That has to be the way it is — it is a business."

And Hecht is eager to jump into the business. "It's a job opportunity that I probably couldn't get anywhere else," Hecht said. "It's experience I couldn't get anywhere else."

The contest is the first of its kind the station has done, and for both the radio station and Hecht, the next few months will be revealing.

"Obviously, I am just as nervous as she is, because it's not often we take a large radio station and throw a complete stranger into the business," Landrum said. "It is kind of like the \$6 million woman. We have the time, can we build her into a country disc jockey?"



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Paperboy look, truck-driver mentality

UNI junior guard Sieverding is as tough as they come

CORNY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIU guard Brandon Mells is usually encouraged to pressure the opposing team's point guard. In fact, when he does not, Saluki head coach Bruce Weber lets him know about it. Most spectators at an SIU game have probably heard Weber yelling emphatically at the speedy sophomore to pick up his defensive pressure before the other team's guard reaches halfcourt in an attempt to stifle the opponent's offensive fluidity. Not tonight. At least not when the University of Northern Iowa's Robbie Sieverding is bringing the ball up the court, even with a nagging stress fracture in Sieverding's left leg. "He doesn't get fazed by [pressure] and he doesn't go fast, so it's

almost like we're wasting our energy doing it," Weber said. "We thought we could wear him down last time because he has that stress fracture, but it didn't seem to faze him." The junior guard will casually walk the ball up the court and take as much time off the shot clock as possible, as Northern Iowa (12-11, 5-8) is known for doing. Then, Sieverding can burn you by drilling a shot with three or four seconds remaining on the shot clock. It is Panther basketball and Sieverding is Northern Iowa head coach Sam Weaver's 5-foot-11-inch warrior. Sieverding, the lone Panther averaging double figures at 17.1 points per game, has played the entire 40 minutes in three of his last four ballgames and is averaging an astounding 39.5 minutes per game in MVC contests. The Panthers' iron-man does not seem to be bothered by UNI's lack of depth — the Panthers play only three bench players — as his slim 175-pound frame is tougher than it appears. "He gives you the paperboy look,

but then when he comes to play, he's not a paperboy," Weber said. "He's just got a huge heart. He knows how to play, he's much more athletic than he looks. He's hard-nosed and nothing seems to bother him." The last time the two teams met, Sieverding led the Panthers with 20 points in a 72-58 Northern Iowa victory Feb. 3 in Cedar Falls, Iowa. However, each team has gravitated to different ends of the spectrum since then. The Panthers have not won since the last meeting with SIU, losing three straight and five of their last six, while the Salukis (15-9, 9-4) have not lost since the last meeting, winning three straight and six of their last seven. While SIU is on a roll and the Panthers are fading fast, the Salukis have too much on the line to look past Sieverding and the Panthers. "He's a regular paperboy kind of guy, but he comes in and he works hard," said Saluki junior forward Josh Cross. "That just shows you, that you can't judge a book by its cover."

GERM CELL

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to mouse still take 53 days to develop sperm, showing that the stem cells determine the rate of development, independent of the host animal. The third reason is the potential to preserve rare and endangered species by collecting stem cells. Stem cells could be frozen and later used to reproduce as many germ cells as needed. "As the stem cells divide and rearrange themselves, you get different gene combinations," Russell said. "That's one reason children of a family are so different." That is also one reason stem cell transplants may have an advantage over cloning in the preservation of endangered species, Russell said. While research in the past has included the transplantation of germ cells between different species, such as from a rat to a mouse, current SIUC research is trying to determine how far apart genetically two mice can be before transplantation can be successful. Just as an organ transplant between humans requires a genetic match to prevent the immune system

from causing rejection of the transplanted organ, transplanted stem cells also require a close match for the same reason, Russell said. Fernando Alves, a visiting researcher from Sao Paulo, Brazil, is working with livestock to determine the feasibility of a similar procedure on farm animals. So far, Alves has been injecting the testes of hogs with dye to follow the injection through the structure of the testes. Alves said that the actual transplantation of germ cells would take place in early April. The tests in April would involve transplanting the germ cells from one breed of hog into a boar of a different breed. After a few months, the recipient boar would be allowed to breed to determine if the transplant was successful. "If he has a different color or a different distribution of colors in his offspring, then we'll know he produced sperm from the donor," Alves said. The \$900,000 NIH grant is shared with Washington State University, where professor Mike Griswold is heading up collaborative research using mice. The WSU portion of the research is studying the effects of mutated cells.

Women's basketball backcourt a bit hollow with Holloway out with injury

Freshman guard Lynn Morancie takes point

CHRISTINE DOLIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Scrimmages at practice were supposed to help Kim Holloway, not hurt her. But during the SIU women's basketball team's practice Saturday, the 5-foot-6-inch starting point guard dove the line for a lay-up and fell awkwardly on her right wrist. At first, the injury did not seem so serious, but once the X-rays came back,

Holloway was less than pleased with the results. "I was hoping that it would be just a bad sprain and that I could just tape [my wrist] up and keep on playing," the left-handed Holloway said. "I was upset that it was a break." Holloway's injury could not have come at a worse time for SIU (6-16, 3-10) and head coach Julie Beck. Beck said the injury to Holloway along with the absence of junior forward Courtney Smith, who is out indefinitely with a sprained right ankle, are major blows to the Saluki squad. "I thought Kim was playing really well," Beck said. "I feel bad for Kim and for our program because I thought she was progressing greatly. It is

a big loss for us." Holloway was averaging 3.1 points and 2.4 rebounds per game, but recently stepped up her offense by averaging 6.7 points per contest in the last three outings. She played 30 minutes and scored six points in her final showing of the season against Wichita State University on Friday, a 85-58 SIU loss. Picking up the pieces at the point for Holloway is 5-foot-6-inch freshman Lynn Morancie (1.0 ppg, 0.7 rpg), who received her first start of the season Sunday, against Southwest Missouri State University, which defeated the Salukis 78-52. "Lynn has a lot to learn about game savvy, and

getting out against some of the best teams in the conference. It was no better time for her than with Southwest," Beck said. "It's going to be a challenge for Lynn as well as the rest of the team." The Salukis' next challenge is Drake University (15-5, 10-2) on the road tonight at 7. The Bulldogs are 8-1 at home and are tied with Southwest Missouri State and Wichita State, the Salukis' last two opponents, for the top spot in the Valley. "Drake is excellent. Their inside game is phenomenal," Beck said. "They are very well versed from the post to their guards. They have depth and are tough on their home floor. They are playing the best ball they can."

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MEN'S SWIMMING
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In past years, teams have concentrated efforts on dethroning the Salukis. "It'll be like to see a big battle between [Southwest Missouri State] and Evansville, simply because if they're going at it, maybe they'll lose sight of us," Walker said. SIU has three top-notch swimmers in Herman Louw, Matt Munz and Chrysanthos Papachrysanthou. Leading the Salukis is Louw, a senior from South Africa, who is undefeated this year in seven meets in the 200 freestyle and is nationally ranked in the 200 free, 200 breast and

the 200 individual medley. Louw is ready to put his individual accolades as well as the Salukis' championship streak on the line. "For some of us, this is our last match before we go back to our countries, so we're really excited," said Louw. The Salukis will need a team effort to extend their MVC championship streak to six. "In a championship, it takes more than your primary swimmers to win," said Walker. "The bottom line is, depth is what's going to win. That's where the points come from, because one key swimmer can only score so many points," said Walker.

WOMEN SWIM
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He likes his chances despite the handicap of not having any SIU divers participate in the diving competitions. "I still believe we have to be favored to win," he said. According to the Valley's pre-championship poll, other coaches in the conference agree. In the poll, SIU received the majority of the first-place votes. The Salukis will be led by Radostits, Mullins, Beth Ann Erickson and Melanie Williams. In last year's championships, Radostits set conference records in both the 100 and 200 backstroke events. Erickson will attempt to win the 100 and 200 fly for the third year in a row. Mullins, meanwhile, is ranked in the top three in the 200, 500, and 1,650 freestyle and both the 100 and 200 backstroke. This year's tournament will be

special for Williams as well, since she will be trying to recapture the magic of the 1997 Valley championships in which she won titles in the 100 and 200 breaststroke and the 400 medley relay. The road to the title, however, will not be a cakewalk for SIU. The Salukis have to do battle a familiar foe in Illinois State University. The Redbirds have long been the lone thorn in the sides of SIU swimmers. In ISU's convincing victory (158-136) in the only face-off between the two, the Redbirds sent a message that they will be strong contenders for the Valley championship this year. Therefore, the Salukis will need solid performances from their supporting cast, which includes Dana Morrell, Daniela Muniz, Meckler and Lee Frye. "We are both deep teams and so we believe the championship will be between Illinois State and us," Meckler said.

PANTHERS
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makes our loss even worse." Four of SIU's final five games are against teams that have already beaten the Salukis this season, but Weber has no problem facing the ghosts of losses past. "It'll be a good experience for us and it'll also prepare us for the [Valley] tournament," Weber said. "If we're going to get to the championship game or win the tournament, you're going to have to beat some of these guys. This is what it's come down to, this is why you practice all year, to have a chance to win the conference and get to the NCAA (tournament). If you don't enjoy this, then you don't enjoy basketball."

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The word on the Salukis: SIU is trying to win its fourth straight game overall and finish its current homestand a perfect 3-0. The Salukis have received especially solid play from Ricky Colburn and Josh Coon of late. SIU is in second place in the MVC, and still in striking distance behind first-place Indiana State with five games left.

The word on the Panthers: Northern Iowa has lost three games in a row for the first time all season. The Panthers have little depth, which appears to be catching up with them. Senior guard Robbie Swierdeng remains one of the top players in the Valley, while Cory Jenkins, younger brother of former Saluki Monte Jenkins, hurt the Salukis in the first meeting.

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#33 G - Kev Williams	(Fr)	6-2	13.2	2.5
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#4 C - Derrick Timon	(So)	6-7	8.7	4.6

Projected UNI starting lineup:

#20 G - Robbie Swierdeng	(Jr)	5-11	12.1	4.0
#4 G - Kevin Hill	(Fr)	5-11	8.6	2.7
#44 F - Cory Jenkins	(Jr)	6-7	9.7	4.9
#32 F - Joe Breakenridge	(Jr)	6-6	5.8	5.8
#33 F - Aaron Midsendoff	(So)	6-8	5.8	3.4

Miscellaneous: A Saluki win would give SIU 18 wins on the year, the most the Salukis had since SIU went to the NCAA Tournament with a 23-9 record in the 1994-95 season.

Bottom Line: This is a game SIU should win, and a game SIU has to win if the Salukis plan on remaining a factor in the MVC championship race.

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Salukis welcome MVC to the Recreation Center for championships

SIU Men want to keep sixth-consecutive title in Carbondale this weekend

JAVIER SERNA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIU men's swimming and diving team may be the favorite to win the Missouri Valley Conference Championships this weekend, but head coach Rick Walker will tell you an SIU triumph is anything but a given.

"We've won the last five years, and we've considered the favorite, but we never consider a meet won," Walker said.

The Championships start at 11 a.m.

today at the Recreation Center and continues until Saturday. The Salukis have won the MVC Championship each of the last five years and are currently ranked 30th in the country by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America.

Two other conference rivals — the University of Evansville, which SIU beat earlier this season, and Southwest Missouri State University, which the Salukis defeated Jan. 29 — will probably give SIU its toughest competition.

Walker hopes Evansville and SMSU will concentrate on taking each other out of contention, which would take some pressure off the reigning champs.

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SIU women must fend off pesky Redbirds to repeat as Valley champs

COREY MCCAIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

All week long, Missouri Valley Conference swimmers have been hearing the voice of referee Mills Lane and his patented phrase "Let's get it on' playing over and over in their heads."

Today, the voice ceases because it's finally time to "Get it on."

The MVC swim teams return to SIU country for another MVC championship weekend, as SIU will once again host the Missouri Valley Conference swimming

and diving championships. The tournament begins today and finishes Saturday.

This weekend will also mark the end of an era in Saluki swimming. SIU women's swimming and diving head coach Mark Klumper will retire at the end of this season.

During his eight-year tenure, Klumper has led his women's program to Valley tournament titles in four of the last five seasons. Klumper has also been responsible for attracting top high school talent to come and swim for SIU. His recent recruits include sophomore sensations Brooke Radostits and Jenna Meckler and freshman standout Amber Mullins.

Klumper would like to go out on top.

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Lynn Morancie

SPORTS

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Men's Hoops

Can the Men's basketball team pick up a game on first-place Indiana State, who lost Wednesday.

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Recap of SIU's matchup against Drake tonight.

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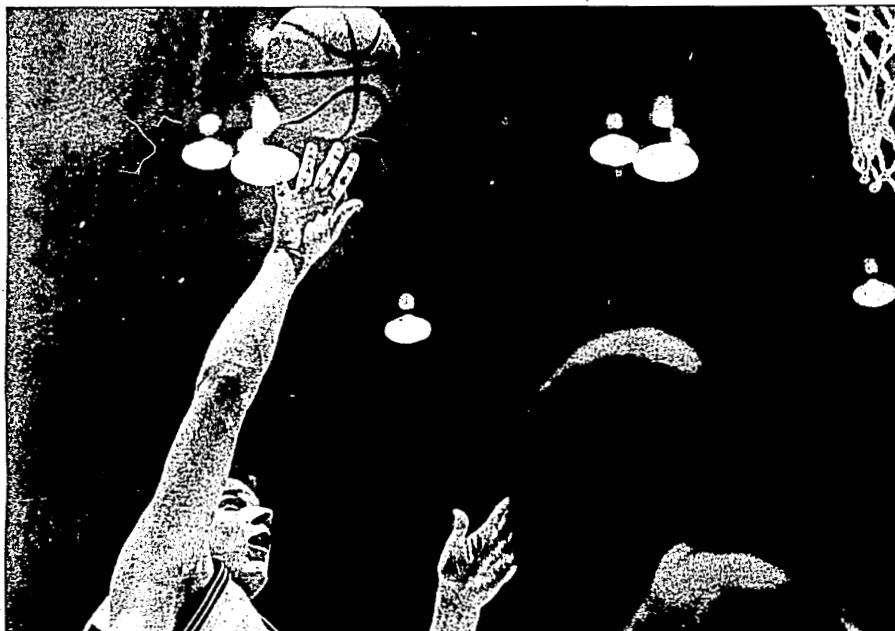
MVC

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Saluki Abel Schrader attempts a lay-up during a recent home game against Wichita State. Schrader and the rest of the Salukis are hoping to extend their winning streak to four games tonight against Northern Iowa at the SIU Arena.

DOUG LARSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Salukis go for sweep of homestand tonight against Northern Iowa

Men's basketball continues hunt to top of Valley with Panthers in the SIU Arena

JAY SCHWAB
SPORTS EDITOR

By mid-February, basketball teams don't make a whole lot of changes.

And when a team is playing well, such as the SIU men's basketball team, you can just about throw creativity out the window.

SIU (15-9, 9-4 MVC) has won three straight games and the first two games of its current three-game homestand. The second-place Salukis continue the chase of MVC leading Indiana State University against the University of Northern Iowa tonight at the SIU Arena. Tip-off is at

7:05 p.m.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said by this point of the season, the habits his team has fallen into are pretty much entrenched, for better or for worse.

"You can't really add much or change much," Weber said. "If you practice longer they get tired and they can't concentrate anyway."

Not that the Salukis plan to become stagnant. Weber said his team will focus on doing the little things better.

"Screening is an area we need to improve, just little fine-tuning things so that we can get better and beat the good teams," he said.

The Salukis have received excellent play lately off the bench from junior forward Josh Cross, who grabbed a career-best 17 rebounds in Saturday's 65-54 win

over Illinois State University. SIU has five regular season games remaining, and Cross said the Salukis are well-positioned for a strong finish.

"If we just stick to what we're good at, everything will fall into place," Cross said.

"We've got some good chemistry going on right now, we don't want to break that."

INSIDE

UNI's Robbie Sieverding's looks may be deceiving.

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Although tonight's opponent is not one of the most impressive MVC teams on paper, forgive Saluki fans if they're a little queasy about the matchup. Northern Iowa is the last team to have beaten the Salukis. The Panthers handed SIU a 72-58 loss exactly two weeks ago in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Northern Iowa guard Robbie Sieverding, who routinely plays all 40 minutes for the depth-challenged Panthers, averages 17.1 points a game.

The Salukis have traditionally had problems containing the hard-nosed Sieverding.

Other threats for former SIU assistant and current Northern Iowa head coach Sam Weaver include junior forward Joe Breakenridge and senior forward Cory Jenkins, the little brother of ex-SIU standout Monte Jenkins.

Northern Iowa (12-11, 5-8 MVC) has lost three games in a row for the first time all season. The Panthers have received poor play from their big men of late and have won just one league game away from home.

"I don't think we played great [at UNI], but I thought they played pretty well," Weber said. "Now they lose three in a row, and two of those are at home, so that

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