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University in planning stages to revitalize Greek Row

Glenn Skalski
Daily Egyptian

When Greek Row was constructed in the late 1950s some people suspected its isolated location kept SIUC's Greek organizations from growing.

But the University still has faith in Greek Row and is developing plans to completely redevelop the area, which is located on the west side of campus near the Lear Law Building.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Entrepreneurship Management Larry Eiler has been using the University land use plan to shape together situations for the time buildings remaining on Greek Row. Under the current plan, Greek Row would be completely demolished and dormitories similar to those in Thompson Point would replace them, leaving additional housing options for SIUC's fraternity and sorority groups and also more room for student housing.

The idea is to demolish Student Health Services and the Alpha Gamma Rho house, which are both located on the west side of Greek Row. Over these buildings are gone, Eiler said construction on the new Greek Row can begin.

"We're just in the planning stages," he said.

But Eiler said students shouldn't expect elaborate houses with tall white columns, instead the buildings would be dormitories, with a common area, meeting room and some extra. While some of the larger greek organization may have their own dormitories, Eiler said the new housing can be divided up for smaller fraternity and sorority groups that may want to move to Greek Row.

"I believe that if we're going to have a Greek Row, we ought to have a little Greek Row," Diets said. "So I think we ought to have the types of the sorority groups on campus, Diets said.

Thelma Hall is one of several buildings on Greek Row that is run down and unoccupied.

Hotel granted liquor license

Brad Bronduma
Daily Egyptian

The City Council voted 3-2 Tuesday night to approve Knight's Inn a liquor license, overturning a Liquor Advisory Board's recommendation to deny the owner the license.

The Liquor Advisory Board voted 7-2 Feb. 7 recommending the city deny Knight's Inn a license because of unpaid taxes and the likelihood that the license would lead to uncontrolled drinking and littering.

Before the city council meeting, Knight's Inn paid its delinquent city taxes. The Liquor Control Commission, made up of six city council members, then voted to approve the liquor license because of Knight's Inn plan to provide students with "positive entertainment" in Carbondale.

Knight's Inn general manager Jacob Bostock said he plans to expand the hotel lounge area into bar and to provide entertainment almost nightly at special events two to three times a month.

Black Affairs Council President Xavier Bede said before the council vote he is in favor of granting the license. Bostock said the liquor license is a "major move" for minority improvement in Carbondale. The Liquor Control Commission granted Knight's Inn a Class D liquor license, a hotel/airport license, which allows people to have liquor in all areas of the facility.

The council debated at length the possibility of granting them a Class B liquor license, which would allow drinking establishments in the bar area. The problem was, the city already had capped the limit on Class B licenses and any more licenses would consume the bar area. The City Council decided against limiting them to Class B licenses, and recommended the city deny the Class D license was proper amount.

Bostock, however, said he still planned on providing security that would keep alcohol consumption within the lounge.

Community Mike Neill said along with Mayor Neil Gilliom voted against granting Knight's Inn a liquor license, said he thought the city would be taking a big risk because of the business model of not paying the city tax and building's taxes, which Neill said needs repair.

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Newspasm of violence kills 13

Gaza Strip — Nine Palestinians and four Israelis have been killed over the last two days in one of the deadliest outbreaks of violence since a Palestinian uprising began nearly 17 months ago. The bloodshed, from a Palestinian suicide bomber who killed an Israeli policeman when he detonated his explosives beside his car on Monday near Jerusalem, and a militant killed in an attack on an Israeli convoy, occurred within hours of a major United States drive to bring the conflict to a peaceful resolution and could undermine efforts and possibly even bring about an independent state for the Palestinians.

Police said they had been on the lookout for a suicide bomber who had been living in the West Bank city of Hebron, and the attack was the fourth in the area in two weeks. Police said that the bomber killed a soldier and a civilian in an attack on an Israeli convoy.

Gunman dead after fatal shooting spree

Germany - A man who killed four people and wounded 14 others at three sites in southern Germany on Monday, including a Christmas market in Freising, was found dead on Tuesday.

The attack, the first of its kind in Germany, occurred in the early hours of Tuesday. The gunman had been reported to police by a woman who saw him with a gun and a bag in the area of a church in the nearby town of Tegernsee. Police said the man was in his early 20s and had been known to them in the past.

The gunman was identified as a 26-year-old man who had been reported to police by a woman who saw him with a gun and a bag in the area of a church in the nearby town of Tegernsee. Police said the man was in his early 20s and had been known to them in the past.

Police said the man had set off two grenades inside a Christmas market in Freising, killing three people and wounded 14 others. The scene was chaotic with police and paramedics rushing to help the injured, who included a 30-year-old woman who was pulled from the wreckage of the grenade blast.

The gunman was confirmed dead by police, who said they had found his body in a nearby forest. The investigation is ongoing and police are searching for any possible accomplices.

Police Blotter

* Between 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Monday a purse was stolen from the Student Center. The purse was valued at $30 and police have no suspects.

* At 5 p.m. Wednesday a 19-year-old male reported losing his wallet in the Newman Catholic Student Center parking lot and learned that his credit card had been used. There are no suspects and investigation continues.

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'Outstanding' political science teacher awarded

Foster rewarded for use of innovative teaching techniques in class

Keva Gaston
Daily Egyptian

John Foster won the outstanding teacher award from one of the largest colleges on campus for incorporating creative hands-on techniques into his political science classes.

The College of Liberal Arts offers the award annually and has given it since 1976.

The Political Science Department along with the COLA council nominated Foster. Then the COLA council’s teaching and learning committee, comprised of faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, made the final selection of the candidate.

Foster was notified several weeks ago that he won the prestigious award.

COLA sponsored a college-wide celebration and reception honoring Foster last Friday outside the University Museum auditorium.

In his political science classes, Foster said he “tries to mix up a lot of things while teaching in the traditional lecture format.”

“I offer hands-on laboratory type experiences in my political science classes,” Foster said.

Foster has other teaching techniques, including computer simulation, role-playing and hands-on activities.

Foster gives students a chance to ride in police cars in his urban politics class so they encounter the real issues and problems that communities face.

He has a long list of educational accomplishments. He received his doctoral degree from the University of Minnesota in political science and taught at Georgia State University in Atlanta before coming to SIUC in 1975.

Foster is largely involved with the Fulbright program where he serves as its director. It is a six-week summer institute on the U.S. political system that runs June 21-August 3.

The program focuses on the impact of the American federal division of governmental responsibility across national, state and local governments upon how the American political system deals with a range of present political policy issues.

Eighteen university teachers of American government and politics from different countries who have minimal previous experience in the United States will attend the program. After the six-week program, they will be able to pass along their increased knowledge of American government, politics and culture to students and colleagues creating the desired multiplier effect.

On Monday, chair of the Political Science Department, has worked with Foster for 24 years and said he has reaped the benefits of having him in the department.

“Foster’s teaching style is noteworthy because he not only puts a lot of time and effort into teaching, but he’s very innovative and creative with his techniques and transforms abstract and theoretical ideas into practical ones,” Delisi said. “This is important to his students because it reflects real-life experiences.”

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The Daily Egyptian won more first place and second place awards than any other Illinois daily college newspaper.

Winners for the contest were announced Feb. 16 at the annual conference in Chicago.
Students invited to participate in crosswalk safety campaign

Sara Hoeker
Daily Egyptian

Recent crosswalk accidents have prompted local groups to combine efforts to create a task force designed to educate the public about crosswalk safety.

The first meeting to plan and implement a crosswalk education campaign at SIUC will take place at 3 p.m. Friday in the Illinois Room of the Student Center.

The Jackson County Safe Communities Coalition and the Jackson County Health Department have partnered with the SIUC Police Department and the assistant vice chancellor for Administration to create a forum in which students will help plan, implement and evaluate crosswalk safety.

On Sept. 21, SIUC student Anne Coleman was struck and killed in a campus crosswalk, the first of five students struck in crosswalks since September.

Jahari Pierson, coordinator for the Jackson County Safe Communities Coalition, said her organization approached the SIUC Police Department with the idea for an educational outlook on crosswalk issues.

"[SIUC Police] have been addressing the problem on other levels, but not with educational programs," Pierson said.

Pierson said the crosswalk safety task force will take a social marketing approach to its campaign. The group will compile by creating a slogan and distributing literature and other articles around campus.

A number of graphic design, advertising, health education and dental hygiene students have been invited to help with designs, and fundraising is open to anyone interested.

Friday's meeting will lay the groundwork for the task force throughout the semester and determine which students are interested. Pierson said the group will be moving at a fast pace because it plans to implement a program after spring break.

Pierson said the group will do a pre-evaluation of crosswalk problems before making any decisions, along with a post-evaluation to determine if the group's efforts have made a difference.

The task force will be aided by faculty members and three representatives from Eastern Illinois University.

Christian Pearson, executive director for SONOR, a social marketing group formed to alert students of thinking problems as Eastern, will be speaking with students Friday about social marketing and advertising techniques. He will assist students applying SONOR's techniques to crosswalk problems.

"This approach is different than just telling students not to drink — it takes percentages and statistics and shows them the effect of drugs," Pearson said. "Friday will help people solve and troubleshoot on how they can apply the techniques we've learned.

At the end of the semester, the group will write a report outlining the successes and failures of the project and give it to the assistant vice chancellor for Administration, Brian Chapman. The project will be evaluated, and Chapman will determine if it will continue to be implemented in the fall.

Lt. Todd Sigler, of the SIU Police Department and Jackson County Safe Communities Coalition representative, said crosswalks are in need of a consistent educational program.

"With a transient population like Carbondale's and the turnover rate every few years, we need to get the message out for safety at crosswalks," Sigler said.

Pierson said participants can also receive Volunteer Service Corps hours, and the experience is a great addition to resumes.

Anyone planning to attend the meeting is encouraged to contact Jahari Pierson beforehand for more information.

The SIUC Police Department at 684-3143 ext. 303.

Students can apply at the Illinois Room of the Student Center.

Nick Jackson and Jalesa Hughes buy out a new computer as a part of Project Next Generation at Carbondale Public Library on Tuesday. Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, who visited the library early that day, agreed the program as a way to help libraries interested in the library. Currently 24 towns in Illinois are participating in the program, which provides funding for computers, scanners and digital cameras.

Democrat Deering fights for working families in Southern Ill.

Dubois native hope to take on favored, established state rep.

Alexa Aguilar
Daily Egyptian

A Democrat wanting to take on incumbent state Rep. Mike Boss in the November general election has approached the Democratic County Committee in Southern Illinois.

Dubois native Jerry Deering proposed he would take back Democratic control of the 115th district.

But it may be harder than it sounds.

Deering is attempting to unseat the incumbent, a Democrat who has managed to keep his seat with the base-funding that comes with the position.

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Research project examines nicotine patch, quitting habit

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

Smokers looking for some motivation to kick their nicotine cravings may want to participate in a research project underway at a laboratory in the Life Sciences Building.

SIUC's Integrative Neuroscience Laboratory is conducting two research projects that explore the psychological effects of quitting smoking and using the nicotine patch. The project is overseen by SIUC psychology professor David Gilchrist.

Part of the study requires smokers to quit. Every 10 percent of smokers are given a nicotine patch, and another 10 percent have a placebo to use in place of the nicotine patch. The remaining 20 percent keep smoking for 45 days.

During this time, the participants' brain waves are studied, which is unique because the brain waves of withdrawing smokers usually aren't looked at beyond a 10-day period, Gilbert said.

In addition to viewing the brain waves, participants are shown a combination of pleasant and disturbing images while the patch is gauged.

"We biologically test how they react," he said. "How can you research quitting if you're ignoring 90 percent of what's left?" (smoking)

The project has a long-term plan, with two years to go before the final results of the research are compiled, Gilchrist said.

The second aspect of the research, which is expected to be finished in a year, will look into how smoking effects on smokers and nonsmoker vary. Smokers and nonsmokers come in for four sessions totaling 16 hours and are paid $100 for that time.

Using sophisticated equipment, students track eye movements at subjects' subjects' images, which are analyzed to note any differences in how the brain processes objects.

Part of the study involves placing nicotine patches and the identity of place-patch wearers is unknown while the testing is conducted, which helps avoid bias, said Jonathan Harrison, a psychology major involved in the project.

About 160 participants participating in the research have quit smoking, said Amy Slaty, database administrator and recruiter for the project. NCSU's Neuroscience Laboratory.

The research project is supported by grants from the National Institute on Drug Abuse and National Cancer Institute.

Michael DeLus线条, a psychologist, said he enjoys working with the people and said that participants often enjoy filling out questionnaires.

Although many participants say they often ask a question not related to the research, DeLus线条 said, "The typical position from people is, 'When do I get paid?'" he said.

For more information on SIUC's participating projects, call 412-3516, all participants remain confidential.

What are the effects when...

New bill to lax on taxes

Potential law helps Universities solicit charitable donations

(Mark Lambird
Daily Egyptian

A bill that has been introduced in the U.S. Senate will give universities a better chance at soliciting charitable gifts if approved by Congress.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and would relax tax laws that give to non-profit organizations such as the U.S. Foundation.

The plan is a scaled-back version of President George Bush's faith-based initiative and a similar bill that was backed by the U.S. House of Representatives in July. The president has endorsed the latest attempt to help organizations raise money.

If the bill becomes law it will cost $1 million to $13 billion during the next two years.

One of the main provisions in the bill deals with individuals who are 67 or older and their Individual Retirement Accounts. If passed, the bill would allow individuals to give money from their IRAs without being taxed. Bryan Vagner, assistant director and chair for Institutional Advancement said the bill definitely would bring more money to the University.

"Several individuals have approached us about donating their IRA accounts when they can," Vagner said. "Now that they can use their statements to pay taxes on the transfer."

He said when dealing with the IRA gifts, it can mean major money for the University because of the size of the gift.

"The amounts donated from the accounts would be over $10,000," Vagner said. "We will not accept any yearly amount by $5,000, but it will increase if the bill were to become law." Last year, the SUU Foundation brought in about $10 million for the University.

Vagner said that another one of the bill's new points was the individual gifts law. Under the bill, individuals would be allowed to give $400 and couples $800 without silencing the donation tax return.

He said this would encourage more people to donate the smaller amounts to the University.

The tax break might be coming at the right time with a downturn in the economy. Vagner said since Sept. 11 his department has had to adjust some of the plans, but added it is nothing new.

"We have dealt with the same thing before," Vagner said. "During these types of economic situations we go for quality contacts and form relationships with potential donors.

Scott Kaiser, spokesperson for the president, said legislation that helps bring funds into the University is important.

"Anything that makes it more inviting for individuals to contribute to us is important," Kaiser said. He added that funding the University is important.

He said each funding bill will be imperative for the future of the University because of increased tax restrictions that are available.

"We're in higher education and are going to have to find new ways to fund ourselves," Kaiser said. "If we're going to take this bill, we're going to have to do more fund-raising."

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Men's basketball team needs real Saluki fan support, not bandwagon jumpers

The recent losing streak by the Saluki men's basketball team has been disheartening given their early success in the year. But their recent on-the-court woes should not deter fans from supporting the team through season's end. That squad, currently 21-6 overall (11-4 Missouri Valley Conference), was touted early in the season as a possible NCAA tournament prospect and conference contender. Two consecutive road defeats to Illinois State University and Southwest Missouri State in the past week have not shaken the team's momentum.

This year's team may have surprised the rest of the college basketball world, but not the players who suit up game after game and play their hearts out. Like any team looking to get to the "Big Dance," our men's team needs the support of its fans — now more than ever. When the Salukis beat the Indiana Hoosiers, 72-60 on Dec. 1, SSU fans stormed the court as if the team had just won the NCAA tournament. Saluki fever was at an all-time high. The spirit that filled the SIU Arena after the Indiana victory spread throughout the campus. "Hey, did you see that game," and "What about that victory... SWEET!" echoed from student and faculty alike. The team continued to roll, give fans a taste here and there. But the times have gotten harder now.

It is too often the case where everyone wants to jump on the bandwagon when the team excels beyond expectation, but jumps off the bandwagon when the team stumbles. These are — as they should be referred to — fair-weather fans. When the sky is clear and everything is smooth sailing, fans are all for the team. Once the sky darkens and the clouds start to hover, these fans are out the back door faster than a firefighter going to put out a fire. These wagon-hoppers cannot call themselves "real fans." In addition, attendance for almost all campus sporting events has been sporadic. Tick-tick.

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An interesting discussion emerged in my Black American History class on Monday. We were discussing the life and philosophies of Booker T. Washington, the well-known black American educator, scholar and author Washington, though one of the foremost black educators in American history, is often criticized by today's blacks for his then conservative—some will say timid—stance on "black empowerment." Born a slave in 1856 in Tuskegee, Wash., Washington believed in educating blacks, having founded the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in 1881. The school sought to teach practical courses in useful skills, such as farming, carpentry, bricklaying and bookkeeping.

Among his other philosophies, Washington, known historically as "The Great Accommodator," also believed that blacks should NOT... NOT... vote in elections. Noting that blacks should prove their loyalty to the United States by working hard — primarily in the physical labor fields — and without complaint before gaining their political rights. This is where today's black fails Washington "to school," as did many in the past. Some called him a "Sell Out" and a "Peacemaker." He often called an "Uncle Tom," and "House Nigger"— terms used to describe blacks who curry favor with whites while putting down other blacks. Since he's better at the written word rather than the spoken word, I saved my two cents for right now.

Today blacks can analyze, evaluate, calculate and foresee all day long about the things that go on around us. That's fine. But this generation, particularly my generation — X, Y, Z, whatever you call it — has been to school in the 21st Century, and these books are based on a Sell Out and a Peacemaker, the sort of black I'm against today. Booker T., or "Uncle Tom," is a peacemaker. If someone is trying to teach black kids the correct way to act, we should buy this book.

But if anyone is trying to teach black kids to be more like "Uncle Tom," I'll be the first to buy it. Booker T. was a peacemaker. If someone is trying to teach black kids the correct way to act, we should buy this book.

The Unusual Suspect

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"Uncle Tom" don't live here anymore

Booker T.'s degrading attitude toward blacks done while in the presence of whites. That might qualify him for the "Peacemaker Hall of Shame." Many of today's so-called black conservatives, sad bunch in my book, do the same thing. They were not celebrating the Million Man March, calling it a "waste of time," if any violence had occurred, which none did, they would have had a field day. They defend the police when they beat the crap out of someone, innocent blacks. "OH! OH! not all police are bad." They also tend to deliberately set acts of racism and prejudice in society, I'll never forget watching a news clip from a L.A. Black Conservative Larry Eldridge on television a while back doing just that. "You know, blacks should..." stop complaining about racism. Look at how much things have changed. Blacks and whites at. living in the same neighborhood, shopping in the same malls, teaching in the same schools, father and going to baseball games together. Say what? None of that has anything to do with the persistent and prevalent racism and discrimination in our society. But some whites like it when one of us smile and say, "Woooo! Ain't rattlesnake went well. We happy to be here was. Dem suddin Niggas don't no we was. Or what we was." Yeah, these black conservatives like to fear for whites (do Clyde Thomas is in those too). But does THAT make them "Uncle Tom?" Or more importantly, should we stick those blacks who are white to black to black... NOT... OUT... TO... THE... WORLD. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was called an "Uncle Tom" and a "House Nigger," and not by whites. He certainly was not, now. King was an anti-woman, but that's comparing apples and oranges. There are varying approaches that can be used to achieve black empowerment. King did not want the white majority, just want all blacks to be better. I can't bring myself to call another black man or woman as an "Uncle Tom," or "House Nigger." It's way too simple and it's often a cheap shot. It's more of that self-hating and self-defeating attitude that we like to inflict on each other. Now, I'll call you, Rev. King, Cleo, below black consciousness, and others. We as blacks should check any other now and then. As always, including some of our trusted leaders of the past. But we need to be careful of what names we choose to throw. Those funny things about labels... they can be slapped on anyone, even if it's not truly deserved.

"The Unusual Suspect appears periodically. Terry is a senior in journalism. His column does not necessarily reflect the views of the Daily Egyptian.

"An ardent supporter of the hometown team should go to a game prepared to take offense, no matter what happens."
Aficans struggle for an identity

In an age of dying, there seems to be a subtle misunderstanding of multi-culturations. In this era, Aficans struggle for an identity that seeks to gain acceptance and popularity among community groups and society at large. It is not just in this way that the Afican must be sociable and nurtured in order for others to feel comfortably around the community. This comes to exist while thinking of the social Emotions Aficans endure to be "good" citizens. We have all heard, "you can't get away with that in front of white people," or "you don't know which to shut up." The letter may just be me, but the point is that Aficans can't afford to do this. It is important for one to be rewarded for the adoption of a positive position rather than the critical evaluation and voiced of the position chosen. Two examples come to mind.

First, in a recent and angry letter writers, it was indicated the nation-wide character of an individual was taken to be the essence of his/her identity rather than the balances or weights given the individual with respective to the respective culture. I propose the nation's nominalism would be more appropriate than essentialism in discussing nationalism-designations. Regardless, the point is that the board of illiteracy is not needed, I just ask you to shift from anywhere, so many attach "loyalty to his/her nation to the nation seats on a larger scale. As I am certain these good people could have known, the optimum use for self-management is under certain legal laws is x3.09 per

hour. Before this, that is to say, I don't think that this is the point that the Aficans should be rewarded. It is important for one to scrutinize that a simple tip might have assured quite spot already on my ballot. It surely wouldn't have hurt, until Monday, that is.

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Dear Gubernatorial Candidate,

My name is America so seek refuge in a belief system that is culturally allen and not just a number. Focus on the campaign strategy, not on political pandering. It is not very different with the ideas that the English brought with them in their practice of the slave trade is, in fact. Recently an African friend asked me if I believed in God and Jesus Christ. Me being me, answered honestly. She conceded me as someone in my position in it was a moral aberration. However, any depth dispersion of the issue about the moral transgressions is to faith - would have revealed a very solid truth for the attentive Afican failure to identify our culture is the issue. We hide behind moral transgressions for a equality and a God-bound faith system to help us in our lives. In truth, our GhNs and loyalties to our experiences for the most part indicate a very pragmatist and self-interested basic existence. Let us all continue to work with each other with immediate interests in mind, not the premise of some greater good.

Recent creationist and constitute immoral rationalizations in questions of our culture and as role agents of that culture. We claim non basis loyalty to Aficans while making ethical decisions about the motives of those who are against African people. We have to start evaluating the role of ideas in our lives, it is not adequate to label, laud and ridicule members of our culture for positions we think they should have without knowing why "they" or "we" should hold those views. We have to start claiming that Aficans are not as good as other races and that the thought of those before us. Don't want to end about our generations years from now and have to end up as a result of us. We have to start taking the role of ideas in our lives, it is not adequate to label, laud and ridicule members of our culture for positions we think they should have without knowing why "they" or "we" should hold those views. We have to start claiming that Aficans are not as good as other races and that the thought of those before us. Don't want to end about our generations years from now and have to end up as a result of us. We have to start taking the role of ideas in our lives, it is not adequate to label, laud and ridicule members of our culture for positions we think they should have without knowing why "they" or "we" should hold those views. We have to start claiming that Aficans are not as good as other races and that the thought of those before us. Don't want to end about our generations years from now and have to end up as a result of us. We have to start taking the role of ideas in our lives, it is not adequate to label, laud and ridicule members of our culture for positions we think they should have without knowing why "they" or "we" should hold those views. We have to start claiming that Aficans are not as good as other races and that the thought of those before us. Don't want to end about our generations years from now and have to end up as a result of us. We have to start taking the role of ideas in our lives, it is not adequate to label, laud and ridicule members of our culture for positions we think they should have without knowing why "they" or "we" should hold those views. We have to start claiming that Aficans are not as good as other races and that the thought of those before us. Don't want to end about our generations years from now and have to end up as a result of us. We have to start taking the role of ideas in our lives, it is not adequate to label, laud and ridicule members of our culture for positions we think they should have without knowing why "they" or "we" should hold those views. We have to start claiming that Aficans are not as good as other races and that the thought of those before us. Don't want to end about our generations years from now and have to end up as a result of us. We have to start taking the role of ideas in our lives, it is not adequate to label, laud and ridicule members of our culture for positions we think they should have without knowing why "they" or "we" should hold those views. We have to start claiming that Aficans are not as good as other races and that the thought of those before us. Don't want to end about our generations years from now and have to end up as a result of us. We have to start taking the role of ideas in our lives, it is not adequate to label, laud and ridicule members of our culture for positions we think they should have without knowing why "they" or "we" should hold those views. We have to start claiming that Aficans are not as good as other races and that the thought of those before us.
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from the land one plan, which included moving Greek Row to where Southern Hills is currently used.

Charles Veysey, president of the Interfraternity Council, is pleased with the University's efforts in building dormitory-style buildings.

"It would obviously be nice to have houses of our own, but you've got to wait up to reality," Veysey said. "That's something this campus is not ready for. It's a [new] Greek Row in a building that would show what great excellent crews.

But several things have to happen before students and offices can be cleared and a dormitory can come up in and to parts of Greek Row, which includes Student Health Services.

This has been a target of SHS with the Recreation Center, which would upgrade the facility and remove the last floor. But Dietz said the education of SHS hinges on increasing the building's added value, which currently pays for the service.

The Interfraternity Student Government will vote at the spring semester meeting to ensure that the $15.22 per student for the fiscal year 2003, which will be part of the way for the new facility.

The University has to find a way to fund the project. Dietz has been meeting with other administrators to discuss the financial feasibility of the project and said the construction will have to be completed.

Director of University Housing Ed Jones said once the buildings are in place, Greek students will have a contract with Housing instead of paying for organization spaces. When leaving the building from the University. The housing fees will be applied toward paying back the bonds.

"We figure this is a way to make sure we get the money we need to maintain those facilities," Jones said.

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Mall displays Buckminster Project

Ivan Thomas
Daily Egyptian

Many intricately designed models and sketches of geometric objects, both large and small, decorate a display area in the far corner of the University Mall.

This month the mall has recently joined the daily exhibition of Buckminster Fuller, known as "Bucky," an influential person in the architecture industry, and former SIUC professor. The art is on display from the Carl Sevili Gallery in Cincinnati, and is being sponsored by the Geodesic Community Arts.

In the gallery are various blueprints of works and ideas Fuller developed, and replica models of the globes and geometric shapes he is known for. In the middle of the room is a model of an air machine that Fuller designed in order to decrease the potential for sickness. Many other interesting geometric objects are scattered around the area, including on-looking shoppers.

Fuller was born in 1885 in a child who was a child, and he was nearly blind. His poor eyesight helped him discover all of the different patterns of the world that revolved around him. In 1912, Fuller was the first generation of his family to go to school at Harvard University, however he did not take much interest in the school and was dismissed from the institution on two separate occasions. He later joined the Naval Academy and drew a deep interest in the way naval workers did their planning.

As he grew older, he developed a much appreciated view of the environment, and everything that went along with the composition of the earth and in biological, geographical and geographical aspects.

In the next couple of years, Fuller went through a series of events that almost ended him into committing suicide. He lost a building company to Perk. However, he insisted that the different models of the globe and geometric shapes, which now are found at the Mall, were awarded to the highest award granted to Fuller in 1969. He was such an amazing speaker that he had to get to know them something they didn't want to hear.

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Night out ends in death, family asks why
Marc Schogol & Thomas J. Gibbons, Jr.
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA (KRT) - The phone call was simple: Matt Voytko and eight female friends from Quakertown, Pa., would pile into three cars and head for the Center City Philadelphia club scene to celebrate a birthday.

But almost nothing went as planned that frosty December night.
The first hint that something had gone wrong came in a 1:50 a.m. phone call to Voytko's parents from a member of the group, who said they'd lost track of Matt. So his father, Robert, began dialing Matt Shampoo, the club Matt had taken his friend to. No luck. Then the Philadelphia Police Department, which referred him to another number. A voice answered and Voytko blurted out: "Is my son there?"

"Indeed he was."

"Thank God!" the anxious father exclaimed.

"It's a long story," the voice on the line replied.

In the end, Voytko's story is about the moment when what should have been a night out for 18-year-old Matt Voytko turned into the world's worst night out for 18-year-old Matt Voytko. It began with a call to his parents and ended with a call to his parents that Voynko's family has never been able to "unhear." It is a story that my son's body was found in the low 20s. Voytko his friend. "I turned around for a minute, and he wasn't there anymore."

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"Then no good reason I can figure out," says one of Voytko's friends who are visibly shaken.

"No way I can ever come home again."

It began happily. It was Dec. 24, Christmas break, the eve of New Year's Eve.

Robert Voytko said his 18-year-old son - a good student who had played soccer and run up the wall. Grasping the razor wire at its top, Voytko clawed his way over the holidays - and other local friends asked later. Authorities ruled he had died of alcohol and possibly from hypothermia.

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Was it because of all I've gone through in connection with the traumatic event.

As it turned out, everyone but Voytko was allowed into the club. "He was denied entrance because of alcohol and/or drugs," said club owner Barry Couto, who added that Voytko didn't seem to react then or a second time, later on, when he was denied entry again.

"I think they club security tended alcohol on him," said Voytko's friend. "I turned around for a minute, and he wasn't there anymore."

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According to police, Voytko's father and friends, and Shampoo's owner, the young man left the club and wandered off into the freezing night.

"Temperatures were in the low 20s. Voytko was wearing gray slacks and a short-sleeve silk shirt that exposed as much as it covered. He had no hat, coat, gloves or cell phone.

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"Police found the body of Matt Voytko outside this parking garage in Philadelphia on December 30, 2001. The circumstances around his death are a mystery."

"It's such a tragedy," said Capt. Thomas J. Quinn, commander of Central Detectives. "Having a son of my own, you're always concerned about what may happen when they're out... even though they're basically good kids. They get a sense of invincibility." Robert Voytko acknowledges that "a lot of bad decisions" were made that night, "including by our son."

Matt's female friend agrees: "It just happened that Matt got the bad end of the deal." She still can't believe he is gone. "Matt always had a smile on his face, was a great person to be with," she said, describing him as someone who loved to dress out. She didn't even notice that other people thought. He was happy."
Bush to visit no-man's land, blame North Korea for tensions

Ron Hutcheson
Knight Ridder Newspapers

SEOUL, South Korea (KRT) — President Bush will travel to a front line of his "axis of evil" Wednesday for a South Korean President Kim Dae-jung on in economic development in the two countries. The photo shows South Korea airlifts in lights while North Korea is mostly dark. Hughes showed the unidentified satellite photo to reporters on Air Force One. Bush refer it without showing it went to speak in South Korea.

She said the photo symbolizes the "light and opportunity that comes with freedom and the dark that is repression." It is opposed and holds its own, she said.

Bush, listeding of North Korea, along with Iran and Iraq, as a top target in an expanded war on terrorism. The Bush administration has said South Korea and North Korea are facing "miserable" economies in the two countries. During his visit to the North Monday, Bush will blame North Korea for continued tensions on the divided peninsula. Kim has made better ties with the North a top priority, but has yet to break the "axis of evil" of providing financial inducements to North Korea, which is struggling to produce significant results.

Protests over Bush's views broke out even before he arrived to the South Korean capital. On Monday, some three dozen students, wedding guests, and workers, stormed and protested the American Chamber of Commerce office in Seoul.

They crowned a window on the chamber's fourth floor and suspended a banner that said, "We oppose Bush's visit." Some of the estimated 2,000 police officers who massed outside the building battled the protesters away.

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"That's a celebration of freedom," she said, noting that North Korea "is not our concern right now." The criticism of Bush was far from unanimous. Many South Koreans applauded the American Chamber of Commerce office in Seoul.

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By Linda C. Black

Today's birthday (Feb. 24): Can you imagine yourself taking on a do-it-yourself project? Renovating a room, perhaps? That would be the perfect project for you this year. Either that, or moving into your reality fit your dreams. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 1 the most challenging.

Adven (March 21-April 19): Thursday you're starting to get restless again, but don't rush into anything. There may be a couple of obstacles from your past that you haven't figured out. If you haven't figured out yet, there's a roadblock you may not have discovered yet.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Friday is a great day to ask for money, you're likely to get what you ask for. Try to do more work. What about the grant you've been waiting for? Get it now. Best suited for: money, tips, and facts. Not necessarily the stars.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Next week is a great time to renew the plans that are. It's a good time to lay plans for something new. Your future's now. Best suited for: work, money, tips, and facts. Not necessarily the stars.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Take a moment to contemplate what you've been working on and take a few notes. They'll come in handy.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Today is a great night to back up you. Today, they're just getting to work as well as the ones you're working with. You can call back and set up the opening session with a speech, a suggestion, of course. They'll help you a lot too.

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From unadulterated hatred to respect

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Senior, SIU's swimming and diving

“We were foe conference championships as a whole and we've lost the last two years, but the competition has risen to our level,” Walden said. “Now that it's up to our level, we're going to benefit because that's now going to give us something to bust for.”

Last year's championship meet was one of the closest in recent history, with the Bears winning their second consecutive title by a mere percentage margin.

To put it into perspective just how close that is, a first-place finish in a relay is worth 40 points while a second-place finish is worth 34. That means the margin between the two teams was less than the difference between first-place finishes from a second-place finish.

SMS head coach Jack Stack said the margin between the two teams was even closer.

“We've got people coming to this meet that don't see or don't care about who's winning, but because of the emotion caused by last year's meet, they're coming back to witness this one,” Stack said.

Last year's meet came down to the final event of the championships, a relay race. The Salukis had the lead going into the final straightaway but SMS sneaked SIU to give the title to the Bears.

One would think the Bears might have won a big lead from winning two years in a row, but their respect for the Salukis has kept them working hard because they know the smallest mistake could cost them their crown.

“We have all the respect in the world for Southern Illinois,” Stack said. “We've just been very fortunate the last two years to come out on top and we're really looking forward to this year's meet and we see it the same way — probably coming right down to the last relay.”

Earlier this year, the two teams competed in a dual meet and it was once again a close one, down to the last relay — a relay race. SMS again edged the Salukis, this time by 11 seconds to take the meet.

That was the first time Saluki fans saw a Saluki ever assist coach Gustavo Ledes on the coaching side of the rivalry. Ledes, who swam at SIU from 1998-2000, was on the Saluki’s MVC title team and also on the team that has lost to SMS.

“I almost had a heart attack because it is hard,” Ledes said. “The MVC Championships is going to be tough days on me because I can't really help. It's a different feeling. When I was swimming, I could score points, I could actually make a change. Now I just have to fill in and my job is pretty much done.”

With how evenly matched the two teams have been over the past couple of years, this year's championship figures to come down to the wire yet again.

“I don't want us to come down to the last relay, but if it has to, I know we're going to accept,” said SIU senior Jeremiah Cortez. “We're going tight to the wire because this group of guys is one of the best teams of fighters I've ever seen. We're not going to give up, that's for damn sure. The rivalry while still bitter, has matured into a healthy one in recent years. What used to be a rivalry based on pure hatred has turned into one based on respect.

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Alley and Nelson succeed after year-long layoff
Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

If anyone was worried that Jake Alley might be a little rusty in his first start in more than a year, worry no longer.

Alley, who returned to the mound after missing all of last season due to academic indisciplina-
ty, pitched a gem in the Salukis’ first game of the season Friday against the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

The junior from Anna walked only two batters and struck out five in eight strong innings on the mound. Alley also scattered nine hits while allowing only one earned run.

Head coach Dan Callahan’s biggest concern with Alley, who was making his first start since May 2000, was that he would be too anxious and would overthrow the ball.

“I was very, very nervous and sometimes, even in intrasquad games he’s done that before, but he pitched like he was just throwing a strike,” Callahan said. “He thought he did a pretty good job of just kind of being himself and not overthrowing. When he does that, his command is pretty good. When he does exactly what he’s supposed to do, Alley expressed similar sentiments and

admitted that he was a little too excited at the start of the game. He said he was nervous at the start of the game but was able to settle down after the first inning.

“The first inning I think I threw every pitch I over­

threw a little bit. I was a little too pumped up,” Alley said. “After I realized I’m back playing again, I just try to keep it as simple as I can and it’s not as complicated as I think it was then, I calmed down.”

Alley got the only Saluki pitcher who returned to the mound last weekend after a year- long layoff. Senior Luke Nelson, who did not pitch all of last season because of an arm injury, was on the mound for SIU in the final game of the three-game series against UL-Monroe.

Nelson pitched 2 2/3 innings and gave up six runs, three of which were unearned, while walking three batters and striking out four.

Alley put what had been a near-perfect start after cruising through his first seven innings of action, Nelson fell flat in the eighth.

Nelson split his time over the weekend between the mound and third base. He started the first two games at the hot corner but said his arm in the field did not negatively affect his pitching.

“We had the catchers had talked about hitting while I’m pitching and I don’t think I’m going to do that anymore because it’s kind of hard to concentrate on hitting while you’re pitching,” Nelson said. “But I don’t think playing third the entire game had any effect on it. My arm felt strong.”

Although Alley and Nelson each had good performances, both played in comparison to that of Jake Deitering.

Deitering, a sophomore from Auburn, Wash., has been named the MVC All-Bench captain after the first two games.

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Freshman selected captain of MVC All-Bench team
SIU freshman guard Darrius Brooks has been named captain of the 2002 MVC All-Bench team.

Brooks, a St. Louis native who averaged 16 points per game and also was SIU’s third leading rebounder, is the first freshman to ever be selected captain of the All-Bench team. Other members of the team are Mike Grimes of Creighton, Matt Berry of Indiana State, Lorrie Randolph of Drake and Emmanuel Jordan Watson.

Creighton

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enabled the Jays to topple Wichita State by two at home.

“We’re just having a hard time figuring out how to play our names of good basketball,” Buffy junior Terrell Taylor told the Omaha World-Herald. “We have spurts where we look like we should be the No. 1 team in the Valley, and then other times we’re questionable.”

While Creighton weathered its mini-sage during a favorable portion of the schedule, SIU couldn’t in losses at-regent Southwest Missouri State and Illinois State. The Jayhawks team may have shown ill effects from a conference season that’s been short on get-check games.

“All those blowouts here I don’t think helped us,” Weber said. “It made us feel good to see like we were dominating the league, but in essence we were coming closer to us and we are some crunch games, we didn’t react very well.”

The Salukis are intent on re-establishing the aggressive defense and rebounding that have allowed them to prosper but filtered on the road to SIU and this week against Creighton.

Though a few of the Saluki’s missed extra seconds because of what they did last weekend, there’s no doubt that all the players are up for the challenge. Callahan said his team may have shown ill effects from a conference season that’s been short on get-check games.

“We’ve been hot, we’re still friends, we still

hang out — everything’s the same,” Deitering said. “We might be a little disappointed in our season right now, but we’ll still stick together in good times and bad times. We still have confidence in ourselves and in each other.”

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“The pressure is on them, not us,” Callahan said. “I think we’ve been able to do a good job of thinking things down the stretch.”

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“We’ve got to do it on their own, and it’s tough to get in the game from feeling good, making plays, chest-bumping and all that stuff,” Weber said. “I can talk and say a lot of things and they can talk, but until they show it in a game situation, we’re not going to know.”

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Salukis try to shake off blues against ‘Jays’

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

The SIU Arena has provided a shielded sanctuary for any problems the Saluki men’s basketball team has experienced in a season that’s presented few of them.

Now that times are rougher after last week’s pair of road losses, the Salukis will see if returning to their safe haven is enough to revive their season. SIU head coach Bruce Weber hopes that’s the case, and that tonight’s 7:05 battle with first-place Creighton cures what ails his team as the season hits its conclusion.

“It’s not over,” Weber said. “Obviously, we’re disappointed and I know the fans are, but there’s a lot of good things that still can happen. It’s a huge two weeks. Hopefully the kids realize that and we can find a way to get re-energized.”

The Bluejays (18-6, 11-2 MVC) had SIU for first place in the league with two games with three remaining in the regular season, and would clinch the MVC championship tonight if they can because the first place Salukis have to beat the Salukis in the Arena this year.

The game no longer is the scramble for first that it seemed to be a week ago, but Saluki forward Jermaine Dearman said, “We’ve still got to play and get our game up for the game just like usual.”

Dearman jumped on the Salukis in the first meeting of the season, Feb. 10, but SIU played only one of its best halves of the season to nullify a 14-point halftime deficit and win the Bluejays 79-77. Creighton forward Kyle Kurver burned SIU for 27 in that game, and he headlines a deep cast of Bluejays.

“Their offfense is the best in the league just from the simple fact that they’re patient, their guys believe in their system, they work well together and they’ve got great shooters,” Dearman said.

Although the Bluejays have a solid hold on first place — with only a trip to downriver Bradley and a home tilt with Drake left after tonight’s game — Dearman has not been overly convincing, especially lately. The Bluejays required overtime to win at Drake two games ago and they enter tonight’s contest from freshman guard Tyler McKinney Sunday.

Dr. Walker, I think, has started to pull the team together, Walker said. “They’re going to force us to shoot the ball against them and make us work to get points. We’ve got to get back to the basics and play basketball tonight.”

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Men’s hoops to donate, scholarship money depending on attendance

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Daily Egyptian

SIU mens basketball head coach Bruce Weber is trying to put fans in the stands any way he can for tonight’s game against Creighton, even if that means digging into his own wallet.

Weber has pledged to donate $1 to a scholarship fund for every ticket sold over the Salukis’ average attendance for tonight’s game. The money Weber donates will go toward a new scholarship fund started by SIU President John Walker, which will benefit students on both SIU campuses. Nineteen of the scholar­ships have been earmarked for students in Carbondale, while the rest will go to Edwardsville.

“I appreciate the great crowds we’ve had this year and the support of the Southern Illinois region,” Weber said. “And I think if we have a good crowd here and our kids respond to

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Two different boats, one destination

Picture Bruce Weber and Dana Altman guiding two different paddle boats down the river.

We’ll call the river the Missouri Valley. The destination: St. Louis. Each coach wants to reach land first and be there to congratulate the other on his team’s success.

But both the SIU and Creighton men’s basketball head coaches have hit a rough patch of water, although Altman’s craft seems to be better equipped to stay on course for the remaining six days of the trip.

He just wishes his team would paddle harder. Weber just wants his crew to paddle in harmony. “If anything, we’re happened last week was devastating. Trailblazing Creighton by two games with just three remaining in the regular season, the Salukis now find themselves two losses last week were devastating. Trailblazing Creighton by two games with just three remain­

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