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Local man found not guilty for murder

Verdict surprises family, friends and state's attorney

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

A Murphysboro man was found not guilty Wednesday evening for the late May murder of a Carbondale man near a Murphysboro housing complex.

A Jackson County jury deliberated for about 5-1/2 hours before delivering the verdict for Daron Woods, 27. Woods was charged with the first-degree murder of Kenji Tipton, 23, near Bridgewood Housing Development.

Woods walked into the lobby after the verdict wearing a suit, but his hands and legs in shackles. He smiled and excitedly repeated "aww man" as he was led back to the jail.

Friends and relatives soon flooded the lobby, some yelling "not guilty."

"He just pulled off the impossible," one man said. "That's crazy."

Woods was found guilty of felony possession of a firearm and his sentence hearing is March 20. The weapons charge is normally punishable by two to five years in prison, but he is eligible for an extended sentence of up to 10 years because of a 1994 conviction for aggravated assault with a firearm.

Herb Lantz, Woods' attorney, said because of good time allowance and time served, Woods would not likely spend more than five years in prison if given the maximum extended sentence.

Maurice Harper, 24, Murphysboro, was sentenced to 25 years in prison Jan. 3 for a guilty verdict for four counts of murder in Tipton's death. He was the second suspect in the shooting death and allegedly provided the murder weapon.

Lantz attributed the victory to the jury not being "convinced beyond a reasonable doubt he fired the shot that killed Kenji Tipton."

Lantz said he was extremely satisfied with the verdict and he believes his client was not the man who killed Tipton. He said he did not call witnesses for the defense Wednesday because he said he was winning at the end of the states' case and did not want to take a risk.

Lantz said Woods' family hired him for less money than normal and he represents a large amount of impoverished people in criminal cases in Southern Illinois.

"I'm extremely happy because the system works," Lantz said.

State's Attorney advocate Theresa Miller said it was "a bit of understatement" to say the verdict was a surprise.

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Pickers marched in the Free Forum area Wednesday in support of the Faculty Association, which announced its decision to call for binding arbitration to avoid a strike. Many members in the picket line would not reveal their names and referred all questions to their Information Committee.

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Union proposes binding arbitration

Faculty Association members picket while waiting for administration's bargaining response

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

With less than a week remaining before a possible strike at SIUC, the Faculty Association asked for a third voice to enter its labor talks with the University administration and help avert a strike, union officials said Wednesday.

The union, in contract negotiations with the administration since February 2002, has now pinned its hopes on gaining binding arbitration, a system that brings in a third party mediator who reviews proposals from each bargaining team and makes decisions both sides must follow. Each party must agree to binding arbitration, and the association is still waiting for the administration's response to the proposal, union member Randy Hughes said during a faculty picket Wednesday in the Free Forum Area.

"If the Board of Trustees joins us in binding arbitration, there will be no strike Monday," Hughes said, addressing a crowd of about 50 cheering supporters with a megaphone. "There will be no strike in February. There will be no strike in 2003."

Administration spokeswoman Sue Davis did not provide details of the proposal in a Wednesday press conference. The union handed the

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International student enrollment remains strong

Recruitment, follow-up programs helped numbers

Kristina Dailing
Daily Egyptian

SIUC received its first two international students in 1947 according to Christine Svec, associate director for international development.

Now, 56 years later, that number is continuing to increase, even though national security tightened its belt following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Spring enrollment numbers released Tuesday showed that international student enrollment is up 32 students from 1,407.

But according to a report released by the Association of International Educators, U.S. col-

leges and the federal government need to work harder to recruit international students because of competition from other countries.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management said SIUC has concentrated on recruiting international students for many years. He said although many colleges have used it as a way to bolster enrollment, SIUC has been recruiting to diversify the institution.

"We not only want to provide the opportunity for international students to come here and learn about a particular discipline," Dietz said, "We also want to expose domestic students who haven't ever had an international experience."

The report, "In America's Interest: Welcoming International Students," was written by a panel created before Sept. 11 to examine universities' lax approach to recruitment of international students.

The report said that inter-

national students at American universities are "perhaps our most undervalued foreign policy asset."

According to the Student Recruiters website, the U.S. experienced a record number of international students in the 2000-2001 academic year. More than 540,000 foreign students were enrolled in American colleges and universities, an increase of 6.4 percent compared to the previous year.

The website also said that in spite of strong efforts by countries such as Canada, England and Australia, the United States still remains the No. 1 choice for international students. Even after the 2001 terrorist attacks, the interest of foreign students to study in the United States has remained strong.

Svec said that while recruitment efforts are important, a strong support group for the international students is just as important.

She said that many universities

pay little attention to the international population once the students arrive.

"International programs and services [at SIUC] have so many hands-on services," Svec said. "That way they don't feel like they are thrown out in the world and told to get along."

Svec said recruitment efforts have been stepped up since Sept. 11. Techniques include promoting in media guides, getting the information out to the students more quickly, participating in recruiting fairs and participating in a virtual education fair.

"We want them to know that we at the University are their friends," Svec said. "We want to help them learn processes in the U.S. so they don't feel uncomfortable when they are here."

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NATIONAL NEWS

At least 2 dead, 27 injured in N.C. factory blast

KINSTON, N.C. — An explosion followed by a raging fire demolished a plastics factory Wednesday, killing at least two people and injuring at least 27. As many as six others were feared trapped in the burning ruins, which sent black acid smoke billowing over the countryside.

The north side of the West Pharmaceutical plant is seen following an explosion and fire that ravaged the building. Six hours after the thunderous blast, Gov. Mike Easley said two deaths had been confirmed and six people were still missing. Earlier, a hospital spokeswoman had said as many as eight were feared dead.

The cause of the blast at the West Pharmaceutical plant was not immediately known. The factory, which made syringe plungers and IV supplies, had been cited for numerous safety violations last fall.

Sampson Healy, a worker at the plant, said the explosion on the other side of the factory sent a plume of fire toward his work station and knocked him off his feet. When he stood up, he saw wires and tiles hanging from the ceiling and could hear trapped co-workers screaming for help.

Bush runs into resistance on his Medicare plan

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — President Bush ran into GOP and Democratic resistance to his Medicare reform proposal Wednesday, with even White House allies saying they were confused about what the president intended to propose and a key Republican pledging to block the plan.

President George Bush speaks about Medicare during a visit to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Bush flew more than 1,000 miles round-trip to highlight a top domestic priority: reworking Medicare to give beneficiaries prescription drug subsidies.

"A reformed and strengthened Medicare system, plus a healthy dosage of Medicare spending in the budget, will make us say firmly, 'We fulfilled our promise to the seniors of America,'" Bush said.

He offered no details, but even as he spoke, on Capitol Hill there was growing criticism of Bush's proposal. Democrats and some consumer groups contended the plan would deny the elderly the doctors of their choice by forcing them into HMOs if they wanted prescription drug coverage.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Colombian rebels offer journalists' release

BOGOTA, Colombia — Colombian rebels said Wednesday they were prepared to hand over two kidnapped foreign journalists to a humanitarian commission but warned the army not to mount a rescue attempt.

Photographer Scott Dalton, 34, of Conroe, Texas, and reporter Ruth Morris, a Briton, were seized by the National Liberation Army, known as the ELN, on Jan. 21. The two were on assignment for the Los Angeles Times.

The rebels said Tuesday they would not free the pair until the Colombian military halted its attacks in Arauca state in eastern Colombia where the two were abducted.

On Wednesday, the rebels did not mention that demand, saying only that they would turn the two over to a humanitarian commission.

"The ELN is calling for a commission of the Inspector General's office, the government human rights ombudsman and the International Red Cross to come, so they can hear our version about events in the region and at the same time receive the journalists," a rebel said over the ELN's clandestine radio station in Arauca.

NATO delays decision on support role

BRUSSELS — NATO delivered a setback to the United States on Wednesday as the alliance again delayed preparations for a limited backup role should the United States attack Iraq.


The Bush administration wants NATO to prepare to send planes and missiles to protect Turkey from a possible Iraqi counter-strike; intensify naval patrols in the Mediterranean Sea; fill in for U.S. troops transferred from peacekeeping duties in Kosovo and Bosnia; and plan for peacekeeping in a postwar Iraq.

The French and Germans, backed by Belgium and Luxembourg, said ordering such preparations could harm efforts by the United Nations to disarm Iraq peacefully.

Officials said the U.S. proposals were not even discussed at a meeting of the alliance's policy-making North Atlantic Council after the 19 allies failed to agree in private talks on Tuesday.

Germany and others first blocked a decision on military preparations last week. Officials at NATO headquarters said a decision may have to wait until after Feb. 5, when U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell is scheduled to present the U.N. Security Council with intelligence about Iraqi weapons programs and allied links to terrorist groups.


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Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Wind from the Southeast at 5 mph.		Sunday Cloudy 58/29	Wednesday's precip: 0"
		Monday Mostly Cloudy 48/30	Wednesday's hi/low: 38/20
		Tuesday Partly Cloudy 45/26	

POLICE REPORTS

A resident in the 500 block of West Walnut Street told police he heard a noise in his home and found a man going through a wallet in his roommate's bedroom at 10:55 p.m. Tuesday. The man allegedly said he thought he was in "John's house" and fled on foot. Police said nothing was reported missing but some evidence was collected.

CALENDAR

- Today**
- Circle K Service Organization general meeting Student Center, Troy Room 7 pm.
 - American Advertising Federation Communications Building, Room 1244 6 pm.

CORRECTIONS


- In Tuesday's issue of the Daily Egyptian, the page 8 article "SQL Slammer worm slithers through campus computers" incorrectly stated that Morris Library has its own section of network connection and doesn't use Microsoft servers. The Library uses the same infrastructure and Internet connection as the rest of the campus. It does have Microsoft servers and had an infected server.
 - In Wednesday's page 6 editorial, "Arbitration not the answer to avoid strike," it was incorrectly stated that Faculty Association spokesperson Jim Kelly said the organization will not suggest arbitration. It should have read that the group had not suggested arbitration as of Tuesday, but may in the future.
- The Daily Egyptian regrets the errors.
- Readers who spot an error should contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

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GPSC releases a statement about the strike

Council includes guidelines from graduate school

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

Graduate and professional students who choose to honor picket lines and not carry out their contractual duties will not be paid for the time they may work, but will not lose their assistantships, Chancellor Walter Wendler has said.

The Graduate and Professional Student Council addressed concerns Wednesday about what will happen to graduate students in the event of a strike. At their meeting, the students passed a piece of legislation to help and advise graduate and professional students of what they should do if there is a walkout.

The council encouraged students to continue to perform their assigned duties, recognizing that both the union and administration have expressed the desire for graduate assistants to fulfill their contractual obligations.

The document was enacted with a vote of 11 to 6, and meant to provide direction to graduate and professional students who may find themselves in a difficult position.

This is the first official statement about the strike that could occur as early as Monday.

Elise Shalda, vice president for Graduate School Affairs, said she thought it would be dangerous not to make a statement on this topic with all the rumors circulating campus.

"There is a huge rumor mill and it's getting out of control," Shalda said. "We need to have something to give to every department to clarify what's happening."

The legislation included a list of potential ways to show support for the faculty without endangering their contracts.

It also provided a list of general guidelines issued by the Graduate School that the council urges graduate students to adhere to if there is a strike.

Graduate and professional students who would like to voice concerns or receive more information concerning the legislation or the strike are encouraged to contact GPSC President Amy Silveen at her office on the third floor of the Student Center, call her office at 536-7721 or email her at gpsc_siu@hotmail.com.

The guidelines call for students with assistantships to fulfill their contracts. It also says that no additional duties will be assigned to them, but assistants may volunteer for additional duties that will provide them with additional compensation.

In concerns regarding relationships with faculty advisors, the guidelines cite the SIUC faculty code of ethics from the SIUC Employees Handbook, which says that it is unethical for faculty to subject students to undue pressures or influence related to strike issues.

The legislation passed by the council said students who experience pressure from faculty or administrators about their duties or the strike "should report those faculty members to GPSC if they are uncomfortable discussing the issue with their department chair,

dean or the graduate school."

Graduate classes will meet at their assigned times, and attendance is expected. Students scheduled to graduate this semester will be provided alternatives to classes that may end up canceled if a strike occurs.

The majority of the council supported the legislation, but there was debate concerning how it should be worded.

Councilman Ed Ford said he agreed that it was important for the GPSC office to have information available for the students but disagreed with the words "urge, encourage and should" used in the document.

"We shouldn't inject ourselves into our constituent's individual decisions," Ford said. "Once we give them the information, it's not our job to say 'now do this.'"

David Hooper, a representative of the School of Law, said he agreed and did not think GPSC should encourage or discourage people from continuing their assigned duties.

"I was under the impression that this was an individual decision for each individual to make," Hooper said. "If that's the case, then GPSC has no business encouraging people one way or the other."

Others, however, believe that the council should be providing direction to graduate students when others are pulling them in all directions.

"I think the graduate students are looking for somebody to make a suggestion," said Kathryn Ziegler, a teaching assistant in speech communication. "It's a strong statement, and I think it's time."

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Faculty Association says:

These are ways for graduate students to support faculty without violating contracts in the event of a strike.

- Volunteer at their headquarters, open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day.
- Provide child care for professors who are speaking to the community or picketing.
- Talk to people in the community to explain what is going on and respond to any concerns or questions.
- Join the communications committee which prepares bulletins and written material and works to respond to concerns, questions and rumors.
- Join the picket lines which will be set up in multiple locations and run in shifts from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Volunteer for set-up and clean-up of the daily rallies scheduled to take place around lunch during the strike.
- Join the troubleshooting team to address specific questions about individuals' responsibilities.

University Administration says:

These are guidelines issued by the Graduate School.

- Graduate assistants are expected to fulfill contractual obligations, but will not be assigned additional duties.
- Grad assistants can volunteer for additional duties for compensation.
- Grad students that fail to meet their contractual duties by honoring picket lines will not be paid for the time that they miss.
- Normal attendance in graduate classes is expected.
- The University will try to ensure that students planning to graduate will be provided with academically sound options if required classes are cancelled.
- Students who experience problems with faculty subjecting them to undue pressure related to strike issues should contact their department.

All Students:

What You Need to Know In the Event Of A Strike

- You should show up for all classes at the regular time and place. Disregard any instructions to the contrary.
- Work assigned by substitute teachers will be required and will count toward your final grade. The University decides this, not the faculty.
- All University offices will be open regular hours.
- Please do not consider this as an opportunity to take a break. You have invested in your education. Stay in class.
- Every effort will be made to ensure that your eligibility for financial aid will not be compromised.
- There will be no changes to the school calendar.
- **IMPORTANT:** Please read the guidelines for undergraduate and graduate students at <http://news.siu.edu> under negotiation news.

If there is a strike, there may well be some inconveniences, particularly during the first few days of a strike. SIUC is working hard to make sure all classes and other University functions operate as close to normal as possible. The administration is making every effort to reach a fair contract settlement with the Faculty Association and is optimistic that a strike can be avoided.

For more information call the SIUC Call Center at 618/453-5375.

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Highway expansion triggers concern

About 60 homes will be destroyed if plan to widen 127 is put into action

Sara Hooker
Daily Egyptian

Barbara and Russell Winter sit in the dining room of their rural Pinckneyville home and contemplate their options if the proposed plan for widening Highway 127 is implemented.

"We're right now basically sitting in the southbound lane," Russell said. "This will be the lane and the ditch will be in the kitchen."

Barbara and Russell's home is among about 60 others that it will be displaced if the preferred alternate route for Highway 127, announced by the Illinois Department of Transportation last week, comes to fruition.

The plan includes an additional two lanes built to the west of the existing lanes from Murphysboro to Pinckneyville with a bypass to the east of Vergennes. All four lanes north of Cudgetown Road in Pinckneyville will be relocated to the west along the railroad alignment and become one-way streets that split the town square. The displacements will span all along 127 between the two towns.

Joe Zdzankiewicz, IDOT Dist. 9 studies and plans engineer, said although the plan is not final, IDOT has selected what it deems the best plan out of the previously proposed drafts.

"We've identified what we think is the best and we're kind of focusing in on it," Zdzankiewicz said.

For the Winter family, whose farmstead and pastures sit on 40 acres to the west of 127 just north of Airport Curve, the plan is not so preferred. Russell, a fourth-generation farmer, works the land his great-grandfather, Henry O. Winter, purchased in 1938. His father, Richard D. Winter, built the farmhouse for Russell's mother that sits adjacent to Russell's on the land.



Barbara Winter looks out from a dining room window onto property that has been in her husband Russell's family since 1938. The proposed alternate plan to widen Highway 127 would force them from their home and take about 20 acres of their land.

"I've got my entire dad's lifetime and my entire lifetime sitting here," Russell said.

Both may lose their homes.

In addition to the two houses, the Winter family owns 15 horses, a couple cattle, 12 outbuildings such as machine shops and pole barns, a garage, about \$250,000 of equipment and three grain bins.

Russell said he expects the road expansion will take about half of the homestead. He said that at the very least, the plan would commandeer both homes, three outbuildings and a garage. At the most, it would take both homes and 10 outbuildings.

Either way, the Winter family expects to lose their home, a thought that does not sit well.

"We are in a democracy government — at least that's what they say — but we do not own anything. The government owns everything we sit on," Russell said.

"You can't fight them. If you fight 'em you lose, if you don't fight 'em you lose," Barbara said, referring to IDOT's eminent domain law.

After a major road project is approved, eminent domain gives the state the authority to take private property for public purposes, IDOT Dist. 9 Land Acquisition Engineer Travis Emery said.

He said any land acquisition process begins with an appraisal and offer. Owners can counter with a validly supported offer. He said if the two parties do not reach an agreement, the eminent domain law comes into play. IDOT files suit in the county and they then go to a "quick take" proceeding, in which a judge determines what the parcel is worth. A condemnation proceeding then takes place, which is a longer process, and a jury of peers determines the final value of the individual's parcel.

Emery said only 5 percent of parcels in FY2002 made it to the condemnation proceeding. He said they employ an individual to specifically assist with relocation.

"Sometimes the land has been in the family for years and has sentimental value," Emery said. "We try to be as kind and caring

as possible."

So begins the decision process for the Winter family. Russell said his parents, who are in their 70s, will probably move in town to Pinckneyville or Du Quoin. But for Russell, Barbara, their three daughters and granddaughter, they must think of the large amount of machinery and animals. Russell said the horses and cattle will probably be moved to their remaining acreage, but finding a new farm with enough buildings to house the machinery will be another story. He said they will either have to liquidate or build additional outbuildings elsewhere.

Another couple residing west of 127 just north of Vergennes was spared — barely.

Marty and Debbie Davis constructed their home 20 years ago from a cornfield owned by the family for more than 100 years. But one of the first drafts of the expansion placed 127 on

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Governor shakes up politics in first two weeks

Budget team gives ideas to eliminate expansive deficit

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

Rod Blagojevich has made his presence known as the new governor of Illinois after only two weeks in office with numerous plans to balance a \$5 billion deficit in the state budget.

The taxing of services in Illinois is just one of about 100 ideas the governor has laid on the table after he was told the deficit was about \$2 billion more than was originally projected when he made his no new taxes promise. The governor said the debt currently stands at nearly \$5 billion.

Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Okawville, however, said that number was exaggerated. He said the deficit without any new cuts or revenue would be about \$2.5 to \$3 billion. He believes the governor's exaggerated number is an attempt to make the situation look worse than it is.

Whatever the deficit, the state's financial situation continues to look dismal and Blagojevich announced at conferences throughout the state that he will continue dealing with a team of specialists who are advising him on

how to cut state spending and bring in more revenue.

For starters, the governor has cut 63 state positions filled by the former governor a month before his term expired. These include 35 cut on Blagojevich's first day in office and another 28 cut on Monday. The governor said the jobs were filled improperly, and added that some of the state workers had salaries close to \$100,000.

The governor further explained in conferences, as listed on the state webpage at www.illinois.gov, his plans to fix the budget with suggestions such as a service tax, which would impose the state sales tax of 6.25 percent on more than 200 services in Illinois. These services could include auto repair, dry cleaning, haircuts and medical and legal assistance.

Cardboard business owners will be among those affected if an expanded tax adds to the cost of their services.

Steve Rennison, manager of The Auto Shop, 317 E. Main St., has not only heard about the tax, but he has already signed a petition opposing it through the National Federation of Independent Business.

"[The state needs] to come up with some money, either through cutting peoples' jobs and pay or raising taxes," Rennison said. "And as I understand it, he's not going to raise taxes. So

this is just another way to get money from us."

Rennison said the tax would not hurt his auto business, because the cost would be pushed off onto the consumer, but the paperwork is something extra he will have to deal with.

Kyle Wyatt, manager of Headliners Styling Salon, 702 E. Walnut St., agreed that the paperwork would be an unwanted hassle, but business would probably stay the same.

"[The governor] said he wasn't going to raise taxes, but here we are," Wyatt said. "It's just another way of doing it."

Other suggestions by the governor's budget team to increase state revenue, which are also listed on the state's webpage, include the development of the state's 10th casino and borrowing from the state's tobacco settlement to pay off the deficit.

At a Jan. 15 press conference at Southern Illinois Airport in Murphysboro, the governor also announced a freeze in state hiring of new personnel. He stated that all new state jobs must be approved by his office until told differently.

"State government under my leadership will do more with less," he said.

Blagojevich also announced that the use of state vehicles will be cut back to save money. He ordered each state agency to conduct a review of

their employees' vehicles and issued a freeze on purchasing new ones.

"Employees of the state have been getting a free ride at the taxpayers expense for too long," he said. "They are perks and some will be taken away."

The governor cited that 13,878 vehicles are authorized for state use in Illinois. He then singled out departments with the most vehicles in use. This included the Department of Transportation with 1,488 and the Department of Corrections with 2,055.

"In other words, if you want a car, get a state job," Blagojevich said.

Gregg Durham, director of public affairs for the Illinois Department of Transportation, said the agency has received a notice calling for the examination of vehicles by the department, but he has not heard from the governor's office about how the agency will deal with a cut in vehicles.

"We have more vehicles than anybody else, but a lot of them are snow plows, construction-grade trucks, etc. So, I'm sure he's reviewing that," Durham said.

As for the possibility of losing vehicles that would prohibit the agency from doing its job properly, Durham said he does not see that happening. And, considering that the use of road vehicles is a year-round job, Durham said he doesn't see any major

"State government under my leadership will do more with less."

— Gov. Rod Blagojevich

cutbacks coming.

"Anyone who's traveled Illinois' highways, with the weather we have here, knows it's a year-round job taking care of those roads," Durham said. "When they aren't using snowplows, they're filling potholes."

Sergio Molina, chief of communications for the Illinois Department of Corrections, also said his organization is forced to play the waiting game while state agencies analyze their vehicle use and send their reviews to the Illinois' Central Management Services.

Molina said he has not heard from the governor's office about how the cutbacks may affect his agency, and he said he was not going to speculate on it right now.

"Right now, we're just going through our information, as requested by the executive order, and then once it's presented, we'll wait like everyone else to see what the decisions are," Molina said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Backpacking trip meets Saturday

Hikers can backpack the western section of the river to river trail Saturday and Sunday. Anyone interested in the trip should meet at 7 a.m. Saturday at the Adventure Resource Center in the Student Recreation Center. Cost for students is \$23 and the cost for the general public is \$27. For more information, contact April Kosior at 453-1285.

RSOs can pick up funding request forms now

Funding request forms are now available for any Registered Student Organizations interested in funding for next year's annual events, operational costs, and non-annual events taking place August through October.

Forms and guidelines are available on the Undergraduate Student Government website at www.usgnet.net. The deadline for all funding request materials is 3 p.m. on Feb. 28. For more information, contact the Finance Committee at funding@siu.edu or attend the informational meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Auditorium.

Debate the Teachers' strike Sunday night

WDB hosts its weekly news show from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday. The topic this week is the teachers' strike. Students are encouraged to call in at 453-WDB. Anyone can listen by logging on to news.wdb.net.

Faculty Association hosts campus-wide rally Friday

The Faculty Association will also have a rally from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday on the steps of Shyock Auditorium. All are welcome to attend this event. For more information log onto www.siu.edu.

Famous comedian to kick off SPC comedy series for spring

Nationally known comedian Billy Burr will perform in the Big Muddy Room of the Student Center tonight at 9 p.m. as part of the Student Programming Council's Big Muddy Comedy Series.

Burr was a regular cast member on the show "Two Guys, a Girl, and a Pizza Place." He has appeared on NBC's "Comedy Showcase," MTV's "Apt 2F," and the "Comics Come Home" benefit with Dennis Leary.

For more information on the Big Muddy Comedy Series or this event call the SPC office at 536-3393.

REGIONAL

Travel service issues new fuel cards

Travel Service will be using the Wright Express Universal Fleet Card program for credit card fuel purchases effective immediately. The fuel credit cards previously issued will be deactivated Feb. 28.

Anyone with the old fuel cards are urged to bring them to the Travel Service office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The new cards require entry of a four-digit driver identification number. The driver ID is the three-digit vehicle number with a zero placed in front.

Pick up a book Saturday

There will be a book fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Bookstore. A portion of the books sold will benefit the John A. Logan Community College Literacy Program.

Vouchers are available at the literacy offices in Elville, Marion, Murphysboro, West Frankfort and at JALC. Barnes and Noble will also have vouchers available the day of the fair.

Clifford the Big Red Dog will be a special guest, Jim Rasozi, from Channel 3 will read and other activities will continue through 3 p.m. For additional information, contact a literacy coordinator at 618-997-1991, ext. 251.

'Lost Film Festival' to appear in Carbondale**Student Environmental Center to sponsor an evening of short films**

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

A series of "lost films" will find their way to Carbondale Saturday for the second time this school year.

SIUC students and members of the community can discover the traveling showcase of short, independent films known as "The Lost Film Festival" this Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Interfaith Center.

The traveling presentation, sponsored by the Student Environmental Center, will appear at a free event showcasing a variety of short films in addition to providing a free workshop on independent filmmaking and

vegan pizza.

Scott Beiben, director of the Lost Film Festival who began the traveling showcase in 1999, will narrate the films, which run from 2 to 25 minutes in length.

With the help of Beiben, during the past three years the festival has progressed from simply an idea of two 17-year-old boys to an event traveling 200 days of the year and showcasing work from both the Sundance and Cannes festivals.

"We go on tour like a band," said Beiben, whose short film production, "Godass," is the first digitally produced film picked up by Showtime.

"Instead of guitars, we have video projectors."

Liz Cole, executive coordinator of the film festival, will be in attendance at the festival, assisting in a workshop that will take place prior to showings of the 14-18 films.

According to Allen Dzurny, who helped to coordinate the event, the

workshop will provide attendants with information on how to survive in the independent filmmaking business and get noticed in the mainstream.

"We're going to offer a lot of information about doing your own publicity and self-promotion, stuff you don't learn in school," said Cole, who is also the CEO of her own publishing company, Evil Twin Booking. "The great thing about digital filmmaking is that it is something that anyone can do for a very little money. These days you can tell a story using film very cheaply."

Although Cole and Beiben look forward to pleasing attendants with insight into the world of independent film making, they both said the films themselves are definitely the highlight of the night.

"People will get to see a lot of independent films they wouldn't typically see," said Beiben. "Independent films are a lot truer to oneself because

they're free from corporate advertising."

"We have to learn to maintain and sharpen our voices so they are not taken away."

Those in charge of the event hope better planning and new films will result in a larger audience than the approximately 25 people who attended the event in November.

"It's a great venue to see films you normally wouldn't that are produced by kids like us," said Rechitski, a sociology major from Chicago. "It provides an alternative viewpoint through films that reinforce the status quo and challenge social norms. Some are funny, some are satirical and some are full of laughs."

It's a great variety of films that will initiate discussions and be entertaining simultaneously."

Reporter Jessica Yorama
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OUR WORD

We offer you the table

If Monday arrives without a contract settlement, the only thing certain is that chaos will be the atmosphere in which SIUC will operate. The DAILY EGYPTIAN has said and will continue to say that we hope it doesn't reach that point. But if it does, what then?

The only clear answer we can get is that no one knows. In the interest of the students, faculty, administration and members of the community who will be impacted by a walkout, we have invited the Faculty Association and administration to participate in a joint public discussion Monday.

Currently both sides are pointing fingers, placing blame and holding press conferences to say why they are right. As soon as one side speaks, the other counters trying to get the last word. This makes the whole situation extremely difficult to understand and is counter-productive.

If both sides could come together at a neutral site, with a neutral moderator and a question panel agreed upon by both sides, it would bring some understanding to the situation.

The Faculty Association and the University Administration have said they have nothing to hide, so they should have nothing to fear in addressing the concerns of the public. The public discussion will not be a negotiation session or a pep rally for either side, but rather an equal ground to stabilize the atmosphere a strike would cause.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN does not want a debate. A debate would suggest that one side would go home the loser. This situation is not that simplistic. Rather, a public discussion would be a way for union and administration to provide information so the public can make informed decisions.

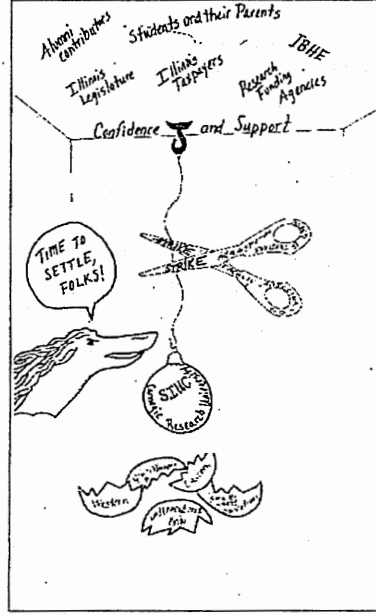
We urge the Faculty Association and University administration to accept our offer

The Faculty Association and the University Administration have said they have nothing to hide, so they should have nothing to fear in addressing concerns of the public.

and come together in a civil manner during this difficult time. The easy thing to do right now would be for the administration and union to decline and continue to whisper behind one another's backs. It would be easy for them to step into the limelight and watch the show unfold. But true leadership is rarely about doing what is easy.

But then again, we don't need to tell you that. Just accept the opportunity we lay at your feet to be a leader.

If you would like for the administration and Faculty Association leadership to accept a public discussion Monday in the event of a strike e-mail Chancellor Walter Wendler at wendler@siu.edu and Faculty Association President Morteza Daneshdoost at daneshd0@siu.edu or the Daily Egyptian at editor@siu.edu.



CHRIS LANT, SANDRA CHARLSON - GUEST ART

GUEST COLUMNIST

Liberal bias seeping into college education

Jason Dore
The Reveille (Louisiana State U.)

(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. - Thousands of dollars, late nights spent buried in textbooks, early classes and sleepless finals weeks: all these sacrifices made for what end? Common sense would tell you these things would help you gain a college education and allow you to make a better life for yourself. But frequently students endure classroom atmospheres that are slanted toward a professor's world view and then face a myriad of consequences for offering a differing opinion.

The long-standing pillars of higher education always have been academic freedom, intellectual honesty and the freedom of expression. Recently diversity has become a key goal of higher education, too. These things are meant to foster an educational experience that encourages freedom of thought and an education formed by critical thinking.

Modern college courses often lose those educational principles when professors fail to balance their political agendas with opposing views and ignore facts in favor of opinion. Universities search high and low for faculty members of different races, genders and sexual preferences, but diversity of thought is never given much consideration. Only diversity in the professors' sociopolitical philosophies would give you differing views on issues such as abortion, capitalism and religion.

Studies continue to show that while universities seek diversity as a priority, the dominance of liberal professors continues to grow. Last year UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute polled 32,000 full-time undergraduate professors. It found that 48 percent identified as "liberal" or "far left" while only 18 percent described themselves as "conservative" or "far right."

Typically professors who prescribe to a conservative philosophy end up teaching classes in the hard sciences. Paul Kengor detailed a recent study he conducted in an issue of *Policy Review* in which he examined the political makeup of 190 social science and humanities professors at many of the nation's top universities, such as Cornell, Stanford and the University of Colorado. Only six Republicans were found while 184 were registered Democrats. These are the classes where professors can

indoctrinate students with their views on politics, religion, morality and other subjects.

Some say a professor's political ideology does not impact how they approach the classroom. While some professors are capable of putting aside their agendas, examples of bias can be found at nearly every university.

By all accounts, conservatives make up the vast amount of LSU's student body. But even here, there are few conservative professors in the social sciences and humanities. I have heard numerous complaints from Christians who took classes to learn more about their faith but instead were treated to daily attacks on their beliefs. We also have professors that have taken to political activism, such as a political science professor who spoke at many rallies opposing war in Iraq.

At the University of California-San Diego, one parent was so alarmed that her son's professor was attempting to indoctrinate the classroom that she formed an organization. She founded a Web site called www.noindocination.org. The site is dedicated to reporting and confronting professors who attempt this kind of indoctrination. Students are allowed to report professors anonymously and must describe in detail the teacher's behavior. Since the site's birth four months ago, complaints have been filed against teachers from more than 30 universities, including the University of Kentucky and University of Georgia.

Students detail how, time after time, professors introduce topics not included on the course description, squelch opposing opinions in discussion, misrepresent facts and encourage students to adopt the professor's point of view. A senior at UCSD detailed how he wrote a paper espousing a pro-life view that was picked apart. He rewrote it with a pro-choice stance and received an A.

Cases of obvious bias are troubling enough, but when a teacher's opinion is taught as fact, students become indoctrinated without ever realizing they were taught lies. This often is the case in history classes when teachers present an unhistorical account of people or events. With the lack of accountability in the classroom and balance in teachers' views, how are students to trust the education they receive? Are they merely becoming indoctrinated members of the liberal left?

His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“When you come to a fork in the road, take it!”

Yogi Berra

WORDS OVERHEARD

“This is sad to say, but I think anyone one of us would take any fans we could get. We'll let perverts watch our games, it doesn't matter.”

Molly McDowell
SIUC women's basketball guard, on low attendance at women's games

COLUMNISTS

Ozone not so friendly

So here I find myself, trying to figure out a topic for this week's column. A few possibilities ran through my mind, but none really presented themselves as worth writing. Just when I thought I was going to have to offer my view on the strike, it hit me. To be more accurate, it hit the University itself. That's right, I'm talking about this sudden shock of extremely cold weather we have been experiencing this month in Carbondale.

I'm taking a stand in saying that cold weather isn't my cup of tea. Now, I'm used to this type of weather, colder even, but I thought there was this unspoken understanding that Carbondale was supposed to be warmer than Chicago. There isn't much that can be done about this, apart from moving to a college further south, but who wants to put up the costs for an out of state college?

So what can be done to keep the students of SIUC warmer? Well, if there was really a Superman, we could have him tilt the Earth so the sun would always shine on Carbondale, but last I checked the last son of Krypton hasn't arrived yet. Well, before you put away that sun block, I have two words that might help us in this dilemma: Global Warming.

I know this sounds crazy but listen to me first before you pass judgment. What has that Ozone layer really done for us lately? Where was the Ozone layer (or OZO as I like to call it) when the Bears had this type of season that they did? Where was OZO when the Salukis lost to Creighton? I'll tell you where our "friend" OZO is: He's sitting up there mocking us, keeping all the heat to himself.

Think of the advantages of having it warm all year round. Death to paying all that hand-earned money at the tanning salon. Now you women can have that natural killer



The Wild Kard

BY BRIAN WROBEL
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tan you've always wanted. No more hiding all those brand-name outfits underneath the layers upon layers of warm clothing. Now you can make those fashion statements without having to worry about developing a case of the flu. And guys think about all the women lying out in the quad, just roasting in the sun. Sounds pretty tasty doesn't it?

I'm well aware that there may be a few of you out there that don't quite agree with me. I can't blame you. I too have heard those awful rumors that global warming is harmful to the Earth. What would you rather have though — weather that's too hot to handle all year long, or listen to your fellow students complaining about covering up and walking to class in the cold? Besides, it's not like global warming is going to affect our generation that much. Let our children worry about it.

So come on SIUC, join me in the protest of OZO. Up with pollution, down with being environmentally safe. Because if as students aren't warm, how are we expected to go to class? Let us stand as one against winter.

Now, where did I put that aerosol can?

"The Wild Kard" appears every other Thursday. Brian is a junior in cinema and photography. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Secret affair and the answer to cheating

Secret Affair

The days move down and I surround myself with myths and rumors that the woman that I'm in love with is having my child but why am I the last one to know, why should I continue planning thinking that you'll be compassionate and understanding knowing that our relationship is more than just a mere segment... that goes deeper than an inseparable bond and you being pregnant... what we share is so sacred that it could never be touched or interrupted by another mortal that tries to separate the love that you and I share for one another... years can pass and the feelings that we share for one another would still be strong neither of us would ever consider the other being alone so with having said that I reflected back to my calendar... estimated the baby's birth and realized that the calculations that you told me were all wrong, or maybe I'm wrong but I want to be right so often that sometimes I get the wrong ideas and listen to my peers about our relationship even if they're not involved but they always try and solve my problems but the problem is there's a chance that this child may not be mine, so my mind dwells and I constantly remind others to mind their own business so that I can get to the bottom of the matter at hand, knowing that I could never borrow another man's pride I would hate to escape without notice and leave with tears of sorrow, you see forgiveness yesterday means peace for tomorrow, so when the newborn arrives no matter what happens I vow to accept her as my own forever welcome in my



Poetic Justis

BY JAWAAD L. KIRKWOOD
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home like my papa told me...but then again my papa never told me...

Why men cheat

Temptations, sensations, penetrations, invitations, frustrations, infatuations, ejaculations, the stress of a wife's aggravation, the persistence of another woman's flirtations, the never ending period of ovulation, the peer pressure from another man's motivation, the hunter instinct that multiplies our population, the risk, the challenge, the fear, the wine, the whisky, the beer, the satisfaction, the interaction, the touch, the smell, the fatal attraction, the thought, the lust, the game, the anger, the pain, the revenge, the friends, the weakness, the crush, the tease, the opportunity, the curiosity, the animosity, the confidence, that your woman won't leave you which equals up to the strength, the heart, the courage, that a man uses to justify why he cheats, get it ...

"Poetic Justis" appears Thursdays. Jawaad is a graduate student in mass media. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

DE got it wrong

DEAR EDITOR:

My name is Malik Baker. I am 11 years old and in the fifth grade at Winkler Elementary School. You interviewed me for the article about school lunches that appeared in the DAILY EGYPTIAN Monday. I'd like to report a mistake. In the article, you said I didn't have enough time to drink my chocolate milk and eat my fruit salad. I didn't have time to finish the fruit salad but I DID finish my chocolate milk I love chocolate milk! I just wanted to let you know you made a mistake. So please make a correction or write another article about me being a genius.

Malik Baker
fifth grader at Winkler Elementary

Southern Illinois should be capitalized

DEAR EDITOR:

As a native of Southern Illinois (that's right I said Southern), I felt the need to respond to the editorial in Tuesday's paper. You know, the one that claimed everyone in this state is jealous of Chicago and its residents. Just of all, it is perfectly acceptable to capitalize the "Southern" in Southern Illinois. Why? It's a specific geographic region noted for its farmlands, West Coast, East Coast, and Midwest are capitalized, but I don't hear anyone complaining about them. And where did this "inferiority complex" come from? I haven't seen it, but I have heard several students from Chicago claim that, "Chicago is Illinois." Hey, I'd be the first to admit that Chicago is a

huge part of Illinois, but there's more to this state than just one city, no matter how big it is. I get the feeling that most of the people who had the problem with Southern Illinois are from Chicago. I'm sure Chicago is a great place to live, but just because we spell our region with a capital "S" doesn't mean that everyone living outside of Chicago has some sort of jealousy thing going on with the people who do live there. I couldn't really care less whether or not it's southern Illinois or Southern Illinois (either one is correct), but I'm getting tired of this supposed "inferiority complex" the people of Southern Illinois have. Especially when the only people I hear talk about it are those from Chicago.

Bronson Borowiak
senior in journalism

Apathy hindering American citizens

DEAR EDITOR:

Ever think about how few people care about what is going on around them in the world? Lately, I have. In some ways coming to college at an older age has to be more of a burden. No, not because I have had to adjust to school life, homework, studying, or even being a little poor. It's because I have to adjust to the fact that most of my peers at college do not care about their surroundings. Well, except those that pertain to alcohol, sex, and road trips. Politically, economically, or even socially, they have not a clue as to what is going on.

Today I noticed something completely outrageous to me that boils the blood in my veins. Many students have no idea what the State of the Union address is. How can that be? I've known what it was since I was a young lad in grade school. I grew up in Georgia, which has one of the lowest levels of good education in America among young people, yet I know about the most important speech given

each year by the president of the United States. I even watched it in my seventh grade class. How can college students, some who have received better educations than I in their grade schools, not know what it is?

"Who cares?" some say. All of us should. We are creating an ignorant nation by allowing these inefficiencies to go unchecked. How many even know we are at war and that they are funding it with their taxes? Do students even know what their taxes pay for? Others say that they don't like the current president. Why? OK, they have a right to their opinion. What is it about him that they don't like? Do most college students really even know who the president is? How many college students voted in the last presidential election? There is no way they can argue against the president, government, affirmative action, the war on terrorism or anything else unless they know what is going on. I'm not saying they have to go to the library and research this stuff, just watch the news, read the paper — focus on the important stuff.

A major activist against racism, Marcus Garvey, once said that to defend one side of an argument, you must know the other. Most people only care about themselves and their views. Most people quit caring about politics, the second their political party is out of the White House. We should come together and decide we want to be an educated people; if not we will be torn down by the terrorism now confronting this country.

Joshua Magill
senior in journalism

ERA has dire consequences

DEAR EDITOR:

The Illinois General Assembly has resurrected a dead bill known as the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment). After a battle that included death

threats and pig's blood in the late '70s, radical liberal feminists and gay rights activists are determined to get their way. And their way is to remove all differences between genders.

If the ERA were about "equality," it would be an unnecessary duplication of the 14th Amendment's guarantee to "any person" for "equal protection of the laws." The ERA, rather, seeks the total elimination of distinction between genders.

This amendment has profound national implications. Its intent is for the "ratification of an amendment to the United States Constitution." Many promoters of this resolution believe that, if passed in the Illinois General Assembly and two other states ratify it, the ERA will become the law of the land. There is no question that the ERA will supersede all state laws.

ERA will have dire consequences for our daughters who would likely be drafted into military combat service, if the draft is reinstated. Picture women in hand-to-hand combat or in a POW situation with male captors. Under the ERA, gender distinction would be unconstitutional.

Gay rights advocates have used state ERAs to rive the legalization of same-sex marriage and benefits. Hawaii and Vermont are clear examples. Calling it sex discrimination, the Hawaii court stated that allowing heterosexual-only marriage was unconstitutional. In order to undo this colossal mistake, Hawaii voters had to pass a new "constitutional amendment" to reserve marriage to opposite sex couples.

ERA has everything to do with abortion. Wisconsin and Minnesota attempted to pass a state ERA containing an abortion-neutral clause, and the ERA proponents themselves killed those bills. And the list goes on — what a Pandora's Box! CWA believes the ERA supporters want more than equality. They want sameness. To say that women are the same as men is dangerous and anti-woman. Women are different in roles—not in rank or value in their eyes of God.

Kath Valente

director of Concerned Women for America of Illinois

READER COMMENTARY

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Open letter is refreshing change

DEAR EDITOR: I applaud the open letter from the non-union faculty concerning the current faculty contract negotiation... Most of the faculty association's negotiating techniques and bargaining issues are way out of reality...

Nazeih M. Botros professor, department of electrical and computer engineering

Grad Council resolution clarified in full

DEAR EDITOR: I am writing this letter in my role as chair of the Graduate Council to provide a complete statement of the resolution approved by a vote of the Graduate Council in a special meeting on Thursday, Jan. 23...

The resolution approved by a vote of 13 to 5 with 1 abstention reads...

The Graduate Council of Southern Illinois University Carbondale wishes to express its deep concern at the possibility of a strike, in particular, its effect on graduate education and research. The current deadline for strike action, absent an agreement between the Faculty Association and the Board of Trustees, is Feb. 3...

James Tyrrell chair, Graduate Council

Voluntary participation fundamentally flaws ballot

DEAR EDITOR: Last week, a colleague in my department pointed out that the process of canvassing public opinion through a voluntary referendum is flawed. Unlike most commercial and academic polls, which randomly select participants to ensure the representativeness of the sample, the DE poll is based on voluntary participation...

What's worse, we can't be certain of the direction of the bias depending on who participates - and how many times, for there is no way to prevent people from voting multiple times - the poll may overstate or understate support for a strike.

I commend the editorial staff of the DE for encouraging people to think about the serious issue that confronts us. However, they are engaging in irresponsible journalism when they continue to reprint the strike ballot and fail to acknowledge the known limitations of their methods.

Jennifer Jerit assistant professor, political science

Uncertainty, history fuel DE strike ballot

DEAR EDITOR: I was surprised to see Professor Tony Williams's otherwise coherent and sensible letter about the possibility of a faculty strike (DE, 1/24/03) end with this apparent non sequitur: The Faculty Association should call a ballot before Feb. 3 of ALL relevant parties at SIU...

Community Reaction

This page is being devoted to display the increased number of letters the DAILY EGYPTIAN has received this week regarding the potential for a faculty strike. We encourage anyone who wishes to voice their opinion or concern about the strike to send letters to editor@siu.edu. We are committed to printing both sides of the situation as we receive letters and we will continue to devote as much space as possible.

DAILY EGYPTIAN on the facing page.

Strike by popular vote? By this logic, Crystal Lee Sutton and the workers at the J. P. Stevens textile mill ought, before striking, to have checked with retailers like Wal-Mart, to insure that the proposed job action would have no deleterious effect on consumers...

So too with the United Mine Workers, struggling for better working conditions in the late 1970s: Almost certainly their tactics put a pinch on energy consumers, and the miners should simply have sacked it up, in Prof. Williams' formulation, continue[d] it.

Strikes hurt everyone involved, as Williams points out: they are painfully blunt instruments. For this reason, they are always the strategy of last resort, and are taken only when workers feel otherwise powerless to make real bargaining happen.

I am praying every day that a strike can be avoided and a settlement reached; but if it cannot, my classrooms will be empty until the inconvenience reaches a level intolerable to all concerned, and serious negotiations take place on both sides.

Kevin J. H. Dettmar professor, department of English

Dwindling faculty numbers show administrative apathy

DEAR EDITOR: How dare Chancellor Wendler claim that the faculty members who are prepared to strike do not care about the students? On the contrary, I offer my salary and time lost during a strike precisely because I care so much about my students and the quality of their education.

Those concerned about student enrollment might look closely at the drop in enrollment corresponding to the loss of 55 tenure/tenure-track faculty (from 735 to 680) since 1996. Losses in faculty positions limit departments in the range and number of courses they can offer. More students are put on wait lists. Both graduate and undergraduate programs become less competitive with those of other universities. The SIU degree decreases in value.

Here is a personal example that is typical of what is not only happening in my area, but in my department, my college and most of the University.

When I arrived 25 years ago, I greeted six colleagues in Renaissance literature. One taught Milton, one taught the Renaissance lyric and four taught Shakespeare.

Now there are only two faculty in Renaissance literature, so Milton and Renaissance lyric are no longer offered, and English 365 (Shakespeare) will soon become just another lecture course. Students will lose the personal contact with faculty that used to be the special advantage offered by SIUC. For the most part, I won't even know students' names. More of them will probably lose interest and fail. This is the shape of the future. It is difficult to convey how deeply this change grieves me.

So who cares about the students? Administrators who do not replace retired faculty positions, even as they increase their own numbers and salaries?

Mary Lamb professor, English department

Faculty works hard, professor says

DEAR EDITOR: I wrote this letter in response to a comment made by your guest columnist Robert Heise Tuesday. In commenting on the labor strike situation here at SIUC, Mr. Heise wrote that faculty "... have, probably, the easiest jobs in the country, though!"

Although I sympathize with student frustration about the Faculty Association's desire to strike, this statement is an ignorant characterization of what it takes to be a college professor.

Being a college professor has a number of perks. Among them are the limited amount of supervision of our work, an ability not to work in the summer (if one chooses), and the opportunity to work with many talented people. It is also a job with a great

deal of flexibility, (relatively) few job security issues, no workplace safety problems, and no physical demands.

These qualities are largely why so many talented people pursue academic careers, rather than taking more lucrative positions in the private sector. Workplace freedom is an attractive characteristic for any job.

However, this does not mean that it is "easy" to be a professor. While we do not have to, as Mr. Heise says, "baby-sit" our students, it is still very difficult to teach college courses. The material is often complex and the audience is often in the class because they are required to be, not because that specific class is of interest to them.

I spend roughly four or five hours outside of class preparing for every hour I spend instructing students. For an instructor teaching six hours, this means that roughly thirty hours a week are spent preparing for instruction.

But teaching is technically defined as only 50 percent of our job. The other half of our responsibilities is divided between service to the University (5 percent) and research (45 percent).

As most students are well aware, writing original research papers is a time consuming and difficult process. It requires a great deal of time and energy to produce a research paper or engage in creative activity. And, if that paper does not reach publication or the activity is not adequately acknowledged, a faculty member receives no credit for that time toward his or her tenure and promotion. Although we do not have a boss peeking into our office every hour to see what we are doing, most faculty members are faced with a more daunting task on this front — produce a record of sustained quality research five years from the date you are hired.

For most junior professors, who are working toward tenure and the ability to really "get summers off," this means spending another 30 to 40 hours working every week on research.

In practical terms, many faculty members easily work 50 or 60 hours a week. Some work many more than that. We work early mornings, weekday nights, weekends, and, yes, even holidays.

We rarely take a day off, where we do not crack a book, answer an e-mail, or write a sentence. We are faced with enormous pressures imposed both by our desire to do well for our students and ourselves, but also by the relatively vague job demands that are put before us. Most faculty members feel enormous stress and strain.

Far many more exhibit physical symptoms associated with this stress than we would like to admit, including sleepless nights, nausea and anxiety.

I do not write to ask that you feel sorry for us or sympathize with the plight of faculty members. There is no "plight" in my opinion. All of us would admit that, despite the long hours and the considerable stress, we have very nice lives and wonderful jobs. (I, for one, love my job so much that I'm practically obsessed with working.)

All I ask is that you not confuse the fact that we spend six hours of the week in a classroom and have nine-month contracts with some evidence that the job is "easy."

Scott D. McClurg assistant professor, political science

Fair share reasonable, not perfect

DEAR EDITOR: While the DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial board claims that fair share is a "grave infringement of academic freedom," it is certainly no more grave an infringement than students being forced to pay an activity fee that supports groups whose political positions they disagree with. Most students have learned to live with this infringement, which I expect they see as minor.

Fair share is not a perfect solution to the problem of faculty "free riders" (who benefit much more from the hard work of the association than they are asked to pay in dues), but it is a reasonable one. Exactly what had effect it would have on these free riders that it does not have on coal miners and pipe fitters, for whom you claim fair share "serves a purpose"? You owe it to your readers to explain.

Mark A. Schneider associate professor, sociology

LETTERS

Open letter opposing strike leaves out details about negotiation process

DEAR EDITOR: I must respond to the uninformal letter signed by several members of the SIUC faculty who opposed the Faculty Association's actions with regard to a strike.

First, it should be publicly noted that the Faculty Association is not negotiating with the relatively new administration of Chancellor Wendler or President Walker. They are negotiating with members of the Board of Trustees, some of whom have had their positions on the board for 30 years.

The board is responsible for hiring the highly paid lawyers and negotiators who sit across the bargaining table from the unpaid faculty, and the board will sign off on any agreement that is reached. Most importantly, the board is responsible for the problems that brought the faculty to the point where they felt the need for a union to begin with. Charges that Chancellor Wendler and President Walker need more time to prove themselves are uninformal and misdirected. The members of the Board of Trustees have had 30 years to get things right, yet I think most would agree they've made things worse.

Second, in 1996, a not-so-silent majority of the faculty voted overwhelmingly to organize. From that moment on, the union belonged to the Faculty. Those who stand back and wring their hands because they don't like what "the union" is doing should roll up their sleeves and get in there and do something to make it better. The union is you.

The IEA/NEA "outside influences" referred to by this uninformal "silent majority" of the faculty are certainly no more outsiders than the law firm the board has hired to do its negotiating.

The IEA/NEA representatives work for the same professional organization the faculty belong to, and are free legal resources that the association would be stupid to refuse.

Georgia Wessel Carbondale

Administration, faculty, DE need to get on page

DEAR EDITOR: While I applaud Professor Williams for his suggestion in Friday's DAILY EGYPTIAN, one must ask exactly what the administration and Faculty Association have been doing to get to this state. Chancellor Wendler seems most interested in his "vision" of SIU at 150. The Faculty Association — who knows?

The DE proposal of taking a poll, however, smacks of the "fed good" journalism so prevalent in our media today. CNN runs shows looking for viewer reaction, ESPN is running polls on all types of questions — the list goes on. The results give you a story either way — in other words, you are creating the news, rather than finding it.

I urge the DE to encourage student written reaction — make your case in print, signing your names to your views. Make an argument for or against the strike. Don't do an anonymous poll where results can be skewed by people submitting numerous ballots (despite your plea for academic honesty).

I will state my position here, as I have stated to all my classes:

While I support the actions of the Faculty Association to work for better conditions, I must look after myself. As a term lecturer, the Faculty Association does little to help me, and I will certainly NOT be looked after if a strike takes place. In short, I need to continue to be paid.

So, I will continue to lecture in my classes and hold my scheduled office hours. I will not teach classes of colleagues who do strike. As I respect their decision to do what they feel is right, I hope they will respect mine. I will hopefully be finding tenured employment elsewhere in September of 2003, which is my goal.

The DE spoke of the climate at SIU — well, it is so good right now and has not been good this year, ever since discussions started about 10 percent cuts across the board. What happens in the next week can hardly change that attitude instantly.

The administration and faculty must learn to work together for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Dr. James Stewart term lecturer, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Faculty Association hosts forum to discuss strike

Community members voice concerns about possible strike

Jesse L. Nelson
Daily Egyptian

With Monday's strike deadline fast approaching, students and area residents met with faculty members at a public forum Wednesday to discuss the latest developments in negotiations and possible repercussions of a work stoppage.

A largely supportive mix of about 30 students, faculty, and community members listened attentively as Faculty Association member Lenore Langsdorf presented the faculty's stand on contract negotiations and answered questions from the audience.

According to Langsdorf, the faculty association bargaining team offered a proposal to the administration Tuesday requesting binding arbitration. The administration had not yet responded to the proposal.

Under binding arbitration, both the faculty and administration would agree to allow a federal arbitrator to decide the details of a settlement, with the arbitrator's decision being final.

The acceptance of the proposal by the administration would prevent a strike, Langsdorf said.

Langsdorf said that providing quality education is the primary goal of the faculty and that the union does not want to strike. Faculty members have tried their best to avoid a strike, only to be met with foot-dragging on the part of the administration, Langsdorf said.

"We stand for quality education," Langsdorf said. "That's why we are willing to strike. We would much rather be in the classroom than outside, even if it were warm."

It was also announced that Gov. Rod Blagojevich had issued a statement on the proposal. According to an excerpt of the statement read by Langsdorf, Blagojevich said that although he supports collective bargaining, he was not opposed to binding arbitration when collective



DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

At the Faculty Association's public informational meeting Wednesday night in the Carbondale Civic Center, faculty union chair Lenore Langsdorf outlines a way concerned citizens and SIU students can help avoid a possible faculty strike by writing to Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich and asking him to direct the SIU Board of Trustees to offer a fair contract.

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— Lenore Langsdorf
Faculty Union Chief

bargaining was not effective.

Langsdorf also laid out in detail six agreements that the faculty considers essential components of a ratifiable contract. These agreements involve everything from salary to faculty tenure decisions. One of the issues they spent a

lot of time talking about was workloads. According to Langsdorf, only a small part of teaching is actually in a formal classroom setting. The vast majority of teaching involves research and other activities not directly related to in-class instruction.

Langsdorf said the administration should take this in to account when defining the workload of faculty members.

Langsdorf also argued that the administration's priorities are skewed and that instead of hiring more administrators, more money should be devoted to faculty. She said that while enrollment has remained fairly steady during the past several years, faculty positions have steadily declined.

"I can't imagine a university

without faculty," Langsdorf said. "I can imagine a university without administrators."

While most audience members seemed sympathetic to the faculty's position, there were some concerns voiced by members of the community.


When asked what the faculty planned to do to counteract any negative effects a strike would have on the community, Langsdorf again blamed the administration for the stalemate.

"We feel that binding arbitration is the way to go. The ball is in their court now," Langsdorf said.

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Union chair Lenore Langsdorf explains the implications of entering into a binding arbitration with the administration as a resolution to the possibility of a strike.



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the HAIR up there

Hair loss in women is not uncommon but there are treatments available

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

It's not just a man thing. Nearly 33 million women — beginning in their early 20s — will experience some form of hair loss.

At the age of 21, Ari Smith of Carbondale noticed a large round bald spot in the back of her head. Not knowing what caused it, she just shrugged it off and made sure she greased her scalp and tied it up at night.

With her hair not growing back, she needed answers. So she sought some. While seeking information about hair loss, she cut her chemically processed hair and let it grow back naturally.

As time passed, her hair did not grow back, so she went to the doctor and was told that she was suffering from a mild case of alopecia. More specifically, she had what is known as androgenetic alopecia.

"I would run my hands through my hair and would have a hand full of hair every time," Smith said. "I thought something was wrong, but people were telling me it was from stress so I did not worry about it."

Although Smith sought medical help, hair loss in women continues to be a taboo subject causing many to be reluctant to discuss hair thinning with family, friends and even doctors.

Types of Hair Loss

While temporary conditions such as pregnancy, medication, diet or stress can cause hair loss, almost 70 percent of women who suffer from the condition can attribute it to androgenetic alopecia.

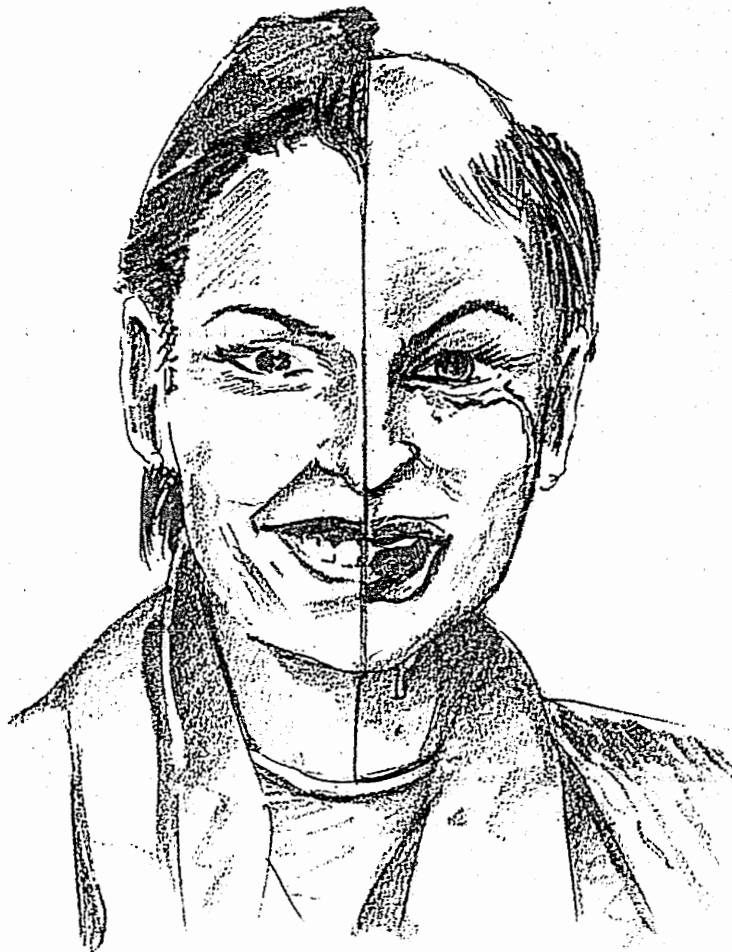
This form of alopecia occurs over the entire top or crown of the scalp, leaving hair in the front of the scalp.

The second form of alopecia is arata and often occurs abruptly. Arata is an immune-system disorder, which causes hair follicles to stop producing hair. Typically, it can be recognized by patchy hair loss with some areas of thinning or complete baldness.

Telogen effluvium is a temporary condition, normally brought on by a "shock to the system" such as stress or illness, which results in excessive hair shedding.

Traumatic alopecia may be caused by the use of hair reshaping products — relaxers, straighteners or hot combs — or hair braiding. There are several types of traumatic alopecia.

Traction alopecia is caused by the persistent physical stress involved with tight rollers and tight braiding. This type first appears as severe thinning above the ears with marked recession of the hairline, and can occur as thinning at the forehead as well. Prolonged practice of these styling methods can result in irreversible hair loss.



RANDY WILLIAMS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Chemical alopecia is damage of the scalp and hair shaft caused by over-the-counter relaxer products. This form looks similar to hereditary hair thinning, but also includes scarring of the scalp.

Follicular degeneration syndrome is the excessive use of pomades with a hot comb or iron. The result is a fairly distinct appearance with scarring that begins in the crown and spreads symmetrically.

Tinea capitis is a fungal infection of the scalp. This is a form of patchy hair loss that occurs when the scalp is infected by a fungus called Trichophyton tonsurans. The scalp eventually becomes flaky or scaly.

All types of hair loss can be corrected if caught early in the process with several different methods.

Treatments for hair loss

Some forms of hair loss can be prevented or halted by minimizing stress, practicing good nutrition or changing hairdressing techniques.

The number one treatment sought is Rogaine. The drug is either a 2 percent or 5 percent minoxidil solution placed on the scalp to help make hair stronger, thicker and less likely to fall out.

Unfortunately, using Rogaine is a lifelong commitment to applying the solution twice a day. If dosage is decreased to once a day, the result will be hair loss or regression of the treated area.

Hair loss steaming from a fungal infection can be prevented by making sure the hair is clean and never sharing hats, combs or brushes with others.

Fungal scalp infections can be treated with oral medication in conjunction with or without the use of a medicated shampoo.

To combat her hair loss, Smith was given medication cream and shampoo to use for up

to 12 weeks.

"In order to get my hair to grow back, I put a prescribed medication on my scalp just like I would regular hair grease," Smith said.

Women who opt not to use the medications or undergo surgical replacement may choose to wear wigs or hair weaves.

According to a hair-weaving website, the most common forms used are synthetic wigs or weaving human hair onto the natural hair.

"I use to keep my hair braided, but in the end I realized that that was not helping my situation," Smith said. "I just decided to try different weaved hair styles in hopes that my hair would grow back soon."

Braiding is a popular style, but can also contribute to breakage and lead to hair loss. When women opt to wear weaves, the cost can be high because the hair has to be retightened every few weeks.

"We see women who suffer from hair loss and they want styles that help their hair look fuller," Dawn Pinkham, a hairstylist at J.C. Penney salon said. "They want perms to help make their hair fuller, or we recommend products for them."

Pinkham said that a perm is safe for women whose hair is thinning because in some cases it makes the hair fuller. She said that as long as the hair is not damaged or bleached it is safe.

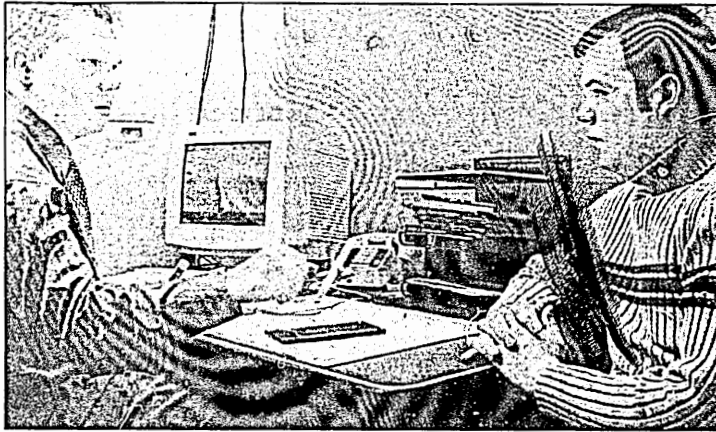
Smith has since relaxed her hair, but still has bald spots every now and then. She continues to use the cream on her scalp, and may have to for the rest of her life.

"Female hair loss has been taboo for a while and until women accept it and men don't make a big deal about it, people still will not discuss it openly," Smith said.

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Jason Dummer (right), a freshman in aviation management from Industry, goes over ground procedures with his flight instructor, Tuomas Ahola, Wednesday morning at the Southern Illinois Airport.

Students prepare for war

Threat of deployment looms as more troops head to Iraq

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

Jason Dummer survived the mental trials and physical strains of basic training two years ago just to prove he could do it.

A Boy Scout to the core, he joined the armed services for the honor he felt it would bring. Dummer, an aviation flight freshman from Industry, was a defender of the most powerful nation in the world. He didn't quite understand what that commitment meant.

Even as his commanders told him the risk he took by joining the National Guard, he saw no real threat — he knew he would go somewhere during his six-year duty, but never overseas and never during war.

Then the twin towers fell. "At first I thought it was the sergeant just messing with us, but then the Fort Benning (Georgia), went from being relaxed to intense," he said. "Everyone was checking for bombs, and that was the first time I realized what being in the military could mean."

It was the first time his mind turned to the Middle East and the prospect of being oceans away from his loved ones.

The United States has been sending troops to the Middle East almost continuously following the events of Sept. 11. Though the crisis in Afghanistan is all but resolved, the nation's attention has turned to Iraq as a new threat arises, in a situation constantly heightened by weapons inspectors' reports of the possibility of nuclear warheads.

Fifteen SIUC students have been deployed in response to arising threats, and another 332 National Guard and Reservists await orders to be called out.

Eric Stice, a senior in aviation management, said he and his Air Force National Guard unit were told last month to get their affairs in order. If the call is made for deployment, he will most likely only have a few days to bid farewell to his loved ones, and prepare everything for departure.

"Basically, we need to keep things packed and ready in case we have to go," he said.

Unlike Dummer, Stice enlisted two and one half years ago knowing that if Uncle Sam made a call, he would have to answer.

"They tell you up front, 'Yeah you get these benefits, but here's why you're in the military,'" he said. "We do what we need to do to defend and carry out what the commander says needs to be done to help out the United States."

But even with the news of deployments and a possible war, Stice said the situation did not elevate in his eyes until weapons inspectors were turned away by the Iraqi government. He said he was fully aware of the implications, but didn't realize the seriousness of the situation until he bid farewell to a friend.

Scott Clarkson, a senior in administration of justice from Monticello, was deployed to an undisclosed location last week.

"I caught him on his cell the night before he left and just wished him luck," Stice said. "What else can you say?"

Col. Phillip Miller, SIU Air Force ROTC director, has been deployed about four times in both combat and humanitarian missions. He has served in Vietnam, Kosovo and Mozambique, with deployment notices ranging from one year to one day.

He said it's important for those who may be deployed to get their legal

affairs in order — to establish a will and power of attorney.

"And then it is important to say goodbye to your loved ones," Miller said. "And make sure they know you love them and you're looking forward to coming home."

Allen Gilbert, a sophomore in elementary education from Vienna, said his family showed mixed emotions when he was shipped to Germany a year ago. Most did not calm down until he was there and fully aware of his duties.

"It was really hard when we were on alert because no one knew where we were going or when we were leaving," he said.

Miller said there is often a fear for one's safety when leaving for military duty. Some are so terrified it makes them physically ill.

"But they and their family can take great confidence in the knowledge that the military is very competent," he said. "There is no better way to serve."

Stice said the possibility of deployment will have little to no effect on his plans to graduate, although his service has already pushed back his education two semesters.

He spent six months in San Antonio last year to complete his military training. The Air Force pushed up training schedules following Sept. 11, 2001.

Gilbert also said he intends to finish college, but his tour in Germany has no effect on the possibility of being deployed again.

"If I go to Iraq, then I am going to war," he said. "It's a totally different experience."

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NU grad abducted while reporting in Colombia

By Elaine Helm
Daily Northwestern

EVANSTON, Ill. (U-WIRE) — A Medill alumna is one of two freelance journalists on assignment for the Los Angeles Times who are being held captive in war-torn Colombia, Medill officials learned Tuesday.

Ruth Morris, Medill '95, and photographer Scott Dalton disappeared Jan. 21 after being detained at a rebel roadblock between the towns of Saravena and Tamé in northeast Colombia.

The pair's taxi driver, Madiel Ariza, told the Los Angeles Times that members of the National Liberation Army, known by its

Spanish initials ELN, said Morris and Dalton were being taken to meet with a high-ranking ELN official. The group claimed responsibility for the journalists' capture in a radio broadcast last Thursday.

Reuters reported Tuesday that an ELN commander told a local radio station the pair was in good health and would be released in the next few days.

Medill School of Journalism Dean Loren Ghiglione said he spoke to Los Angeles Times Editor John Carroll and hopes to keep students and professors updated.

"We're tremendously concerned about her, as a school, and we'll try to keep everybody informed in the Medill community," Ghiglione said.

Jon Ziomek, director of Medill's graduate programs, told students in Prof. David Nelson's newswriting class that Morris, a British national who grew up in California, wanted to use her Spanish language skills in her career after she left NU. She had been in Colombia since at least 1999.

"We are all very worried about her," Ziomek said.

Ghiglione said he believes specific preparation is necessary for journalists who want to work abroad.

"Certainly it's a subject that becomes a real-life teaching tool for all of us that are encouraging students to study abroad," he said. "We are sensitive to the responsibility that we have if students are going abroad. We need to prepare them."

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Study shows students have less knowledge of proper grammar

Moustafa Ayad
Daily Egyptian

model of teaching grammar is not viable. It suggests that teachers simply show students grammar rules and grammar corrections, assuming the students understand proper grammar.

"The transmission model is an intuitively appealing model, but we know that language is not acquired that way," she said. "Instead, we should provide students with strategies to find errors on their own, letting them become independent editors."

Dennis Lowry, a professor of journalism, said some focus has been lost from teaching necessary grammar skills.

"There is a gradual trend to shy away from teaching proper grammar," he said. "Now the focus is on the writing process and feelings of the writer."

Lowry and Shidler both agreed that English professors seem to shy away from the basic teaching of grammar skills and choose to focus more on writing emotion.

They also said that large classrooms that choose to test students with Scantron exams are actually adding to the lack of proper grammar usage among students. Students are not challenged to demonstrate their grammar knowledge by filling in circles on a Scantron exam. Tests that incorporate essays and essay style questions can actually help students demonstrate their grammar knowledge.

In a recent article by the Chronicle of Higher Education, one of the reasons for the shift in proper grammar knowledge and use is the sheer complexity of the English language.

Gerald Nelms, a professor of rhetoric composition and linguistics, said grammar knowledge and proper grammar use correlates with a person's dialect. Dialect is a person's spoken language and often affects a person's writing.

To be successful at grammar and proper English, students must learn the standard dialect in academics.

The writing center offers editing and teaches students grammar

structure along with helping student writing.

"It is not easy to learn a different dialect," he said. "The University provides help through programs like the writing center and course work."

Some students find it easier to understand and grasp grammatical concepts, and this can be directly attributed to the distance between the home dialect and the standard academic dialect.

Others are unable to distinguish their home dialect between the two. The standard dialect demands student to use proper grammar such as subject-verb agreement.

The home dialect is the way a person may talk in his home environment, and the standard academic dialect is the dialect the academic system here in the United States requires.

Students who make some grammatical mistakes in their writing can be marked by their errors. Status marking errors are the use of non-standard verb forms such as "brung" instead of "brought," lack of subject-verb agreement, and double negatives. Another example includes using an objective pronoun as the subject. "Him and me are going downtown," can all lead to marking a student.

The marking is usually done by a reader, and tends to suggest that the student in some way has not yet grasped the concepts of basic grammar. Even though a student may be highly intelligent and even exemplary in his or her studies, these mistakes can often lead a reader to view the writer as unintelligent.

"Every person has right to their own dialects," Nelms said.

Nelms also said the English language is continually changing.

"Just look at the word e-mail," he said. "You used to use it as a noun, but now it's a verb. We are continually updating our language. It's a part of human creativity."

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The proposed Vergennes bypass cuts back in line with the original 127 directly in front of the Davis home. Original designs showed the additional lanes to the west of the current road, which meant the expressway would be just 30 feet from the Davis' front door. The preferred alternative adds the lanes to the east side in the Vergennes bypass, sparing them from the most loss.

"Even if it would have taken our yard, we would have been in favor," Debbie said. "The benefits outweigh the hassle in the end."

The Davis' travel 127 everyday, as Debbie works in Murphysboro and Marty in Pinckneyville, and feel the additional lanes will make travel faster for everyone.

Even though most of their land was spared, Marty and Debbie may still see some hassles. They could lose one lane of their circular drive. The remaining lane would open onto 127 South. In order for Marty to get to Pinckneyville, he would have to drive three-quarters of a mile south to a crossroad in order to go north on 127. For Debbie to access their driveway coming from Murphysboro, she will have to drive a quarter of a mile past their house to a crossroad and take 127 south a quarter of a mile back to their house.

In the long run, the Davis' favor progress and said they see the road expansion as a step in the right direction.

"Even in the worst-case scenario — it can't hurt," Debbie said. Business owners along 127 don't necessarily agree.

Sabrina Alstat, owner of The Country Store in Vergennes, predicts the potential bypass of Vergennes would hurt business — possibly to the point of closure.

"If it bypasses us, we will probably be out of business," Alstat said. "I have a feeling that, unfortunately, they might bypass and it's going to be a ghost town."

She said diverting 127 around Vergennes could take away country customers and local folks who stop by on their way to work because it is conveniently located right along the main road.

Bypassing the town sparked early debate between business owners and homeowners concerned about displacement in Vergennes. Zdzankiewicz said the bypass was the most logical decision because it will not displace any homes, keeps the high-speed traffic out of town and is safer.

"There was no one thing that tipped the scale, just the culmination of the factors," Zdzankiewicz said.

Shirley Welsh, partner and broker of Place Insurance and Real Estate, 117 S. Walnut St. in Pinckneyville, said she is concerned about parking issues that may arise and what con-

struction will do to business.

She said customers currently park along the road for her business and many others along Walnut Street, which would potentially become the southbound side of a two-lane one-way highway.

"Being a business owner, we need to know what to expect if it comes along down South Walnut," Welsh said.

Zdzankiewicz said the road in town will essentially remain the same in line of speed, but parking details have not been ironed out between IDOT and the City of Pinckneyville. He said the final public hearing will be held sometime in the late fall to detail the definitive changes.

Welsh said the goals of the project are to make travel faster and bring business to the area, but one of the overlooked goals of the project is to keep people in the area. She said she doesn't see how the extra construction and hassle will do anything for the business in the Pinckneyville area.

"People from Murphysboro going to Nashville are not going to stop and buy insurance or paint; it's the local people. What does IDOT think is going to happen to the local people?" Welsh said.

"All we're doing is getting John Doe from Murphysboro to north of town 10 minutes sooner. I don't think it's worth the price."

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ABOUT 50 people demonstrated Wednesday in support of the Faculty Association in the Free-Forum area at SIU. Faculty union members are anticipating a possible strike on Feb. 3 if a contract is not agreed to by Feb. 3.

UNION

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proposal to the administration's bargaining team Tuesday.

Hughes also declined to release the specifics of the proposal, but said that if the administration agrees to arbitration before Monday, there will not be a strike if negotiations need to continue after next week. Without an arbitrator, the faculty union can legally begin a strike Monday. The association represents a bargaining unit of about 680 tenured and tenure-track faculty, and it is unclear how many would join a walkout.

Hughes said that if the administration agrees to arbitration, a contract should be possible by May — but hopefully sooner.

"A professionally trained federal mediator will examine last best offers from both sides and can render a decision before the semester ends," he said.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said he could not discuss the proposal. He said binding arbitration comes in a variety of forms.

In one type, for example, the arbitrator reviews both proposals and picks one. In another system of arbitration, the arbitrator looks at every item on a line-by-line basis, using different parts of each party's proposal to form a binding contract.

Wendler said he is open to the idea, but would still like to see the bargaining teams reach an agreement without an arbitrator, which could be someone not familiar with the University.

"I'm not ruling it out," he said.

He declined to say how long it might take for the administration's bargaining team to review and respond to the proposal.

In the meantime, faculty and community members rallied in front of Anthony Hall Wednesday to let their voice for the association be heard.

Supporters cheered, making mention of the SIUC administration in their shouted chants and signs they carried.

Signs reading "Protect tenure" and "Impound the BOT" voiced objections to the SIU Board of Trustees.

The chants didn't stop short of giving strong opinions, either. "Hey, hey, ho, ho. Where does all the money go?" some yelled, walking in a circle around the Free Forum Area.

With the aid of a megaphone and

bolstered by frequent cheers, Hughes stressed the union's desire to avoid a walkout.

"If we are forced to strike Monday, the entire southern Illinois region will be affected," Hughes said. "A strike will mark yet another huge failure on the part of the Board of Trustees."

And while the administration has guidelines in place for students to avoid missing classes in the event of a strike, Hughes said a walkout can still be avoided.

The chancellor says he has a plan for a strike, but I tell you there is no solution to a strike except a fair contract," Hughes said. The chancellor says he will run the University without faculty, but I tell you there is no university without faculty.

Lenore Langsdorf, another union member, addressed the crowd and emphasized her desire for binding arbitration.

"I hope they see the wisdom of our proposal," she said. "I hope they will do what is necessary to avoid a strike on Monday."

Vern Crawford, a community member, said that even though he's not a professor, he sympathizes with the association's desire for a contract agreement.

"I don't want to see our University go down the tubes," he said. "Pray that the administration will accept the Faculty Association's request."

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Angela Sellitto (left), a graduate student from Alton, and Georgia Acuna, a graduate student from Sherman, hand out literature in support of a faculty strike. Both students said they were concerned about what their future would be in the event of a strike.

Gus Boda



Gus says: Hey, hey, Ho, ho. Where did all the support for the union go?

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Remember, Bob... the only thing that separates you from the animals... is your pants.

Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Jan. 30). Don't spend the entire year hanging out with your friends. You're involved in fascinating projects, and you need a little private time. Schedule at least one retreat with an enlightened advisor. Talking about an old wound helps it heal, and that allows you to help others.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Although you're very lucky and powerful, and have the support of friends and family, be careful. If you add discipline, you've got it made.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - You may feel slightly inhibited by a person with distinctly different tastes. Do what's required to pay the bills, and chuckle about it in private with a true friend.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Be practical. Figure out what you can afford to spend and how to get there even cheaper. This coming weekend will be awesome for romance and travel. Find a way to afford it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Don't be shy about asking questions, but don't ask questions in public. Nobody needs to know where you get your information. Just make sure you get it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Tech. Jlogy can help you deal with a bottleneck. Don't push harder. Find a way around it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're closer than ever to having a dream come true at work. Loved ones offer encouragement. You can do the rest.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Follow through on promises recently made. Do it not just for the person you love, but also for yourself. You'll be much more optimistic once you've done what you said you'd do.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Don't buy anything but the essentials. Something you've long wanted for your home falls into that category. Actually, it could be a down payment that you're saving for.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Give difficult material your full attention. A fight once-over isn't enough. Study.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Take care of paperwork in order to make your future more secure. Don't wait around for somebody else to do it. That's not happening.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - You can take ancient information and use it to build things nobody else can. That's just one of your talents. But first, you have to do the homework.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Something you've long dreamed about is becoming a part of you. It's a goal accomplished honorably. Pat yourself on the back.

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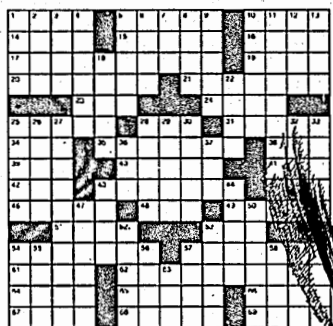
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sorabito piece
 - 2 Window cover
 - 10 Autobahn auto
 - 14 Not a cupe
 - 15 Playful equat
 - 16 Stou's Wolfe
 - 17 Poor choice of words?
 - 19 Old sailor
 - 20 Tangle up
 - 21 Posted statements
 - 22 Positive hand signals
 - 24 Rich deposit
 - 25 Period in a process
 - 28 Hole in one
 - 31 Country on the Gulf of Aden
 - 32 Crag
 - 35 Flounces
 - 38 Neighbor of Miss
 - 39 Lean of
 - 40 Be malvolent
 - 41 Relatives
 - 42 College cheer
 - 43 Ruffian caves
 - 45 & so forth
 - 46 Horned charger
 - 48 Pull from a jug
 - 49 Concur
 - 51 Ditty
 - 53 Med picture
 - 54 Solemnly promised
 - 57 Fellow traveler
 - 61 Focal points
 - 62 Radio elevator?
 - 64 Chocoes
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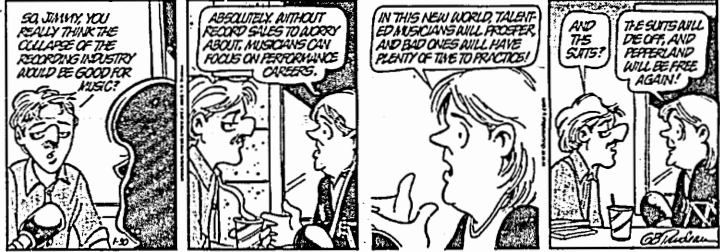
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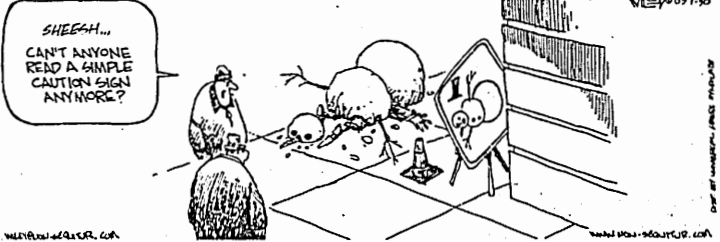
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SIU women's basketball head coach Lori Opp keeps a close eye on her squad during a recent game. A year after losing a school-record 15 straight games, the Salukis recently posted their ninth loss in a row this season. SIU has yet to win a conference game, and Opp said there is a sense of urgency to pick up that first league victory.

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Time's running out

With 11 games left in the season, the SIU women's basketball team is thirsting for a win

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

Just 11 games are left until the Missouri Valley Conference tournament commences in Des Moines, Iowa.

And if the SIU women's basketball team (4-12, 0-7) has any hope of playing in the MVC tournament, it has just six weeks left to leapfrog Illinois State, which would be the eighth and final team to compete in the tournament — and the Redbirds currently have a three-game lead.

But before the Salukis make any move, they have to get that elusive first conference win.

"I think there is definitely a sense of urgency," said SIU head coach Lori Opp. "These kids want to win the game more than [anyone] wants them to win. They are the ones out there playing as hard as they possibly can. The thing is they don't always make the best decisions."

"Things don't always go their way. But they are still working hard."

A stronger effort has been glaring in the past few games.

Against Middle Tennessee State on Tuesday night, the Salukis chiseled the Lady Raiders' lead to 48-46 with 13:50 before MTSU pulled away.

The Salukis have also shown an impressive effort at the beginning of games, as was evident when they opened with a 15-1 blitzkrieg

against Illinois State on Jan. 21. Players and coaches have expressed a problem hindering the Dawgs is that they have yet to play consistently for a full 40 minutes in a game this season.

Another quandary is that SIU could be playing not to lose, and that could attribute to it not playing consistently in both halves.

As the Salukis search for ways to pull off a win to end their dismal nine-game losing streak, a solution could be finding the right combination in the backcourt.

At the beginning of the season, senior Molly McDowell and junior-college transfer Dana Pinkston teamed up in the backcourt. But Hillary Phillips has replaced Pinkston ever since the Illinois State game.

"We have been juggling guards," Opp said. "We are trying to find the guards that honestly play the best together. And I don't know if we have found that combination. We are still going to keep looking at that."

McDowell, who leads SIU with 13.3 points per game, said she thinks mental errors have been butchering the Salukis recently, and the 25 turnovers the team coughed up against MTSU suggest she could be correct.

Opp shared the same sentiment. In conference play, SIU has a horrid 99-163 assist-to-turnover ratio.

With all the problems aside, the Salukis hope at some point the hard work will pay off.

"It is not a lost cause," Opp said. "[People] may feel like it is, but we have got 11 conference games left. [Being] 4-12 does not make them bad basketball players, it just makes them a bad team right now."

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SPORTS FLASH

Abdulqaadir named Offensive Back of the Year

SIU junior running back Muhammad Abdulqaadir was named the "Offensive Back of the Year" earlier this week by Don Hansen's Football Gazette. He shared the award with Grambling quarterback Bruce Eugene.

This is the latest of many honors Abdulqaadir has earned since the end of the season. He was named a First-Team All-American by the Football Gazette as well as by The Sports Network and was also named the Gateway Conference's Newcomer of the Year.

Abdulqaadir played in eight games before a wrist injury cut his season short. He ran for 1,331 yards and scored 21 touchdowns highlighted by a 312-yard, three-touchdown performance in a near upset over Division I-A Eastern Michigan.

Bracket Buster pairings to be announced Sunday

The pairings for the first ESPN Bracket Buster event will be announced at 10:30 p.m. Sunday on ESPN2.

Anchor Jay Blas will also announce the start times of the games to take place on Sat. Feb. 22.

SIU is guaranteed a home game and will play either Ball State, Bowling Green, Detroit, Fresno State, Hawaii or Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The Salukis will not play either of the remaining road teams, Northern Iowa and Illinois State, because teams cannot be paired with teams already on their schedule.

The other home teams besides SIU are Creighton, Kent State, Marshall, Illinois-Chicago, Louisiana Tech, UC-Santa Barbara and Western Kentucky. One matchup has already been set as Tulsa will play at Gonzaga.


WOMEN'S MVC BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Scoring		Rebounding		Field Goal Pct.	
Player, School	PPG	Player, School	RPG	Player, School	FG%
Mennen, Indiana St.	18.8	Buckner, Wichita St.	12.4	Chelleen, Bradley	12.4
Miller, Northern Iowa	18.5	Gray, Evansville	11.6	Hayes, Evansville	11.6
Dixon, Wichita St.	18.4	Cook, Northern Iowa	11.3	Bennett, Drake	11.3
Gray, Evansville	17.8	Bennett, Drake	8.4	Dixon, Wichita St.	8.4
Neneman, Creighton	16.9	Dixon, Wichita St.	8.1	Boeglin, Indiana St.	8.1
Buckner, Wichita St.	14.6	Burchill, Drake	7.4	Tiemey, SW Missouri St.	7.4
Swisher, Northern Iowa	14.4	Williams, Bradley	6.1	Banks, Wichita St.	6.1
Bennett, Drake	14.3	Verhoff, Indiana St.	5.9	King, Wichita St.	5.9
Bailey, Bradley	14.1	Neneman, Creighton	5.9	Gray, Evansville	5.9
McDowell, S. Illinois	13.3	Skrabalova, Illinois St.	5.8	Koch, SW Missouri St.	5.8
Hayes, Evansville	13.2	Head, Drake	5.7	Cook, Northern Iowa	5.7
Lingor, SW Missouri St.	12.5	Lingor, SW Missouri St.	5.6	Buckner, Wichita St.	5.6


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A day in the life of Kent Williams

story by CHRISTOPHER MORRICAL

Kent Williams' life is full of sports. Especially basketball. If he isn't playing it for the Salukis, he is watching it on television.

A senior at SIU, Williams is nearing the school's career scoring record set by Charlie Vaughn, who is only 327 points ahead of him.

With all the pressure that brings, Williams is also on a team tied with the Creighton Big Jays for first place in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Saturday, the day of the game versus the Indiana State Sycamores, Williams allowed DAILY EGYPTIAN photographers and reporter Christopher Morrival to follow him around so fans could understand the daily life of a star on the Saluki basketball team.

This is a day in the life of Kent Williams.

10:20 a.m. Sleeping in and hanging out

Kent Williams slept in on Saturday. He is usually awoken by an alarm clock, but he didn't set it the night before.

"My body never lets me sleep too late," he said. "On Saturdays, I never have an alarm clock. It's just; however it goes. On gameday, I try not to sleep too late so you don't feel too groggy when you get here and you're kind of awake."

Williams pulled himself out of bed and headed to the bathroom for a 20-minute shower. The hot water and the smell of his coconut scented Suave shampoo also helped him to wake up.

After Williams toweled off, he sat down to two bowls of Honeycomb cereal that he ate with whole milk.

"Whole milk. The good stuff," he said.

When breakfast was over, he headed to the family room to watch the Duke basketball game on television. As he watched the game, Williams sat and autographed about 300 pictures for Jefferson County Day. Williams is from Mount Vernon in Jefferson County, and the pictures were an action-shot of him playing against Georgia in last year's NCAA tournament.

During the game, Williams snacked on a Hershey's almond candy bar and root beer.

"I always like to get chocolate or some kind of caffeine in my system on gameday," he said. "It's so I get here, shoot around and have a little energy in me. Junk food doesn't really bother me, so that's what I eat."

It was nearing time for the team's shootaround. Williams had already put his practice clothes on, so he grabbed his coat and his autographed pictures and headed out the door.

12:30 p.m. More televised games and practice

Williams arrived at the SIU Arena in his 2002 Kia Sportage. A few of the coaches were already there, so he joined them in the locker room to watch more basketball on television. The channels changed frequently. Games rotated between Illinois at Penn State, Georgetown at Pittsburgh and Charlotte at Cincinnati.



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Even with a busy schedule, Williams finds the time to sign some autographs for his younger fans during the women's game against Indiana State. Players' schedules are planned out to the minute on gamedays.

Once Indiana State left the court at about 1 p.m., the Salukis came out to practice. Williams was one of the first. Accompanying him were Darren Brooks, Sylvester Willis, Blake Schoen and Bryan Turner. One by one, the rest of the Salukis made their way to the court.

Williams went to the hoop near the main entrance and proceeded to practice 3-pointers. There was plenty of jawing with Willis, but the empty arena echoed only the sounds of dribbling balls, squeaking shoes and the clang of the ball hitting the rim.

By 1:20, the coaches made their

appearance and quickly took control of the shootaround. The team was divided in half, and shooting drills began.

Williams dashed under the basket, touched a chair that was placed on the court and received the ball from a coach. He turns, shoots and sinks a three.

Practice continued like this for a few hours until it was time to go to the pre-game meal.

Williams drove to Mugsy McGuire's Bar & Grill by himself. Once there, he enjoyed a steak, mashed potatoes and a salad. He said the team always has steak or grilled chicken.

After he ate, Williams headed back home.

3:30 p.m. Even more televised games and relaxing

Williams likes to take it easy before he goes back to campus for the game. Saturday, he laid on his couch and watched more basketball games on television.

Eventually, he got up and shot some pool.

"Just to get on my feet and get walking around before I left," he said. "Shooting pool relaxes me. Thinking about the game a little bit, but at the same time, getting your mind off of it. Getting focused, but relaxing."

Normally, Williams would be back at the arena around 5 p.m. for a 7 p.m. game. This day, there was a women's basketball game, so things were a little different for him.

"I threw my whole schedule off," Williams said.

He said he likes to get to the arena before everyone else, so he can get taped up and practice before the balls start flying.

Williams still made it back to campus by 5:15. After getting taped up, he sat in the locker room and watched the Indiana-Purdue game on television.

He went to the court to watch a few minutes of the women's game. Several kids spotted him and started requesting autographs. He signed some, but eventually went back to the locker room.

7:05 p.m. Game time!

As the game began, Williams scored the first points of the game when he sank a 3-pointer. The rest of the game against the Sycamores didn't go as well. He scored only four more points.

The Salukis did win, however, picking it up in the second half.

"It was a pretty sloppy game," he said. "I think it was a defensive game. We played good defense and they played good defense at the same time. Our shots weren't falling, obviously. The score was 21-20 at half-time. It was basically who was going to fight it out and

make a little run."

"For me, personally, I didn't shoot very well. Maybe it was that I didn't get here early and get a lot of shots in and things like that. I didn't feel that I was in a groove shooting during the game. I felt a little out of sync."

"We took care of business on defense, and that's the way we won."

At 8:45 p.m., the clock was winding down. Williams looked up at the scoreboard overhead and watched the last second tick off. The final score was 60-48 in favor of SIU. As he walked back to the locker room, Williams lifted his shirt to wipe away the sweat from his face.

After the game, he passed out the autographed pictures to the kids who waited in the balcony.

9:45 p.m. Family time and yet more basketball

Williams' family — his father Brad, mother Barbara and little sister Lacey — were at the game. They never miss one.

Reunited once again, if only for a short time, they decide to have dinner together. The four of them headed to Applebee's. Williams was less than thrilled with his meal.

After dinner, everyone headed home. Lacey and parents went back to Mount Vernon and Williams went back to his place.

"I was going to go out, but I was tired after the game," he said. "I was hoping the game wasn't going to be as tough as it was, and I was not going to have to play as many minutes and have some energy to go out, but I was pretty tired."

Once home at 11:15 p.m., Williams flipped on the television and watched SportsCenter. He checked out the scores scrolling across the screen while he ate a snack.

At 12:30 a.m., Williams, exhausted from that night's game, headed for bed.

He didn't set his alarm.

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Williams jokes around with his teammates while getting ready for a pregame shootaround. Following the warmup, the players went out as a team for the final meal before game time.

THURSDAY SALUKI SPORTS

NCAA HOOPS
MEN

Creighton 74, Indiana St. 46
Wichita St. 74, Evansville 75
No. Iowa 71, Illinois St. 76
Bradley 72, S. Illinois 75

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Close call

Saluki men erase halftime deficit, hold on for three-point win over Bradley

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Bradley found a diamond in the rough before Wednesday night's matchup with SIU.

Unfortunately for the Braves, it was misplaced at halftime.

Mike Stiggs scored 18 of his career-high 26 points before the half, helping Bradley forget about estranged forward Danny Granger, but it was not enough as SIU snuck by Bradley 75-72 in front of 5,545 at the SIU Arena.

"They always say I'm undersized and I'm playing against bigger people, but I don't care about that," Stiggs said. "I'm just playing, that gets me going even more. That just gets me playing harder and harder every time."

Kent Williams led the Salukis with 22 points with the benefit of four threes. Jermaine Dearman added 20 points and six rebounds, and Darren Brooks scored eight points, including two clutch shots with nine seconds left, forcing a desperation prayer by Phillip Gilbert that fell on deaf ears.

The free throws came after Williams fouled out with 58 seconds left — the first time since his freshman year — and Brooks was left to run the offense and clinch the game for the Salukis.

"It was just a dogfight," Dearman said. "We were fighting back, we got down so much in the first half we were fighting through that whole game trying to get through that press and that zone. It was just a tough game."

Stetson Hairston anchored the SIU defense, recording five steals in the nail-biter, and Sylvester Willis, who had scored only two points in his last four games, finally put his demons behind him and scored eight along with several clutch offensive boards.

"It was the best he played in a long time," SIU head coach Bruce Weber said. "He played with a lot of energy;

He was great on defense."

James Gillingham and Michael Stewart scored 21 and 10 points, respectively.

SIU was abysmal in the first half, shooting a rancid 31 percent from the field and only 15 percent from three-point range. The result was a seven-point halftime deficit, but it could have been worse.

SIU, not known for being exceptional free-throw shooters, made 11 of 14 free throws in the first half. Bradley made only two of seven, preventing the game from reaching blowout status.

The Braves would have been better off shooting their free throws from beyond the arc. Bradley shot 44 percent from three-point land in the first half and 59 percent from the field.

The Salukis stormed back in the second half. SIU shot 58 percent in the second half, compared to Bradley's 40 percent.

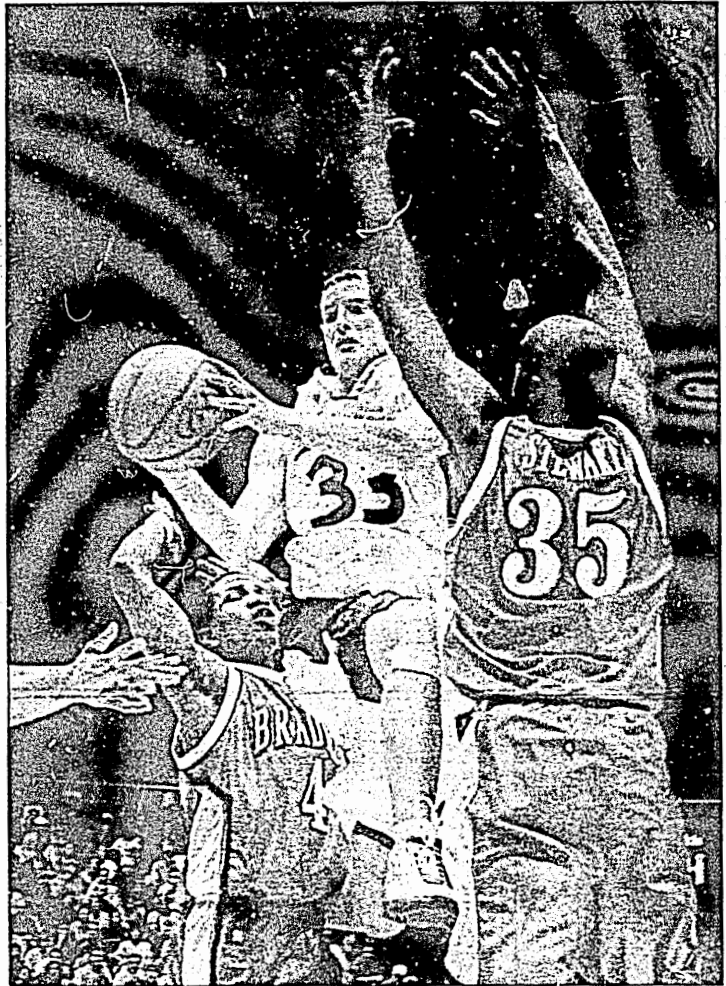
The crowd grew silent when Williams was booted from the game, but Williams said he knew his teammates would pull him through.

"It's not easy to sit there when the game's tied and when you're one of the go-to players," Williams said. "At the same time I had the confidence on my team. I knew they were going to do something to step it up."

SIU is now 8-1 in the Missouri Valley Conference, and since Evansville stunned Wichita State Wednesday, the Salukis are now one of only three teams in the MVC with one loss.

The Dawgs will face the recently demoted Shockers Saturday in Wichita, Kan.

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SIU senior guard Kent Williams drives through the lane during the second half of the Salukis' 75-72 victory over Bradley Wednesday night at the SIU Arena. Williams, who scored a team-high 22 points, fouled out with 58 seconds left in the contest. It was the first time he fouled out since his freshman year.

Chauvinistic wrestlers are attempting to kill Title IX

Women are worthless athletes. They are slow, weak, un-athletic and uninteresting. Women's sports bring about a new appreciation for the fine art of handicapped curling.

Sound familiar? Heard that one? How about this:

Females are paltry and putrid in processes not pertinent to procreation, pan-frying, panties and pie making, or so say the Paleolithic pigs that proclaim that palpable perspiration is not permitted to protrude from a female player's pores.

Got that? For reasons known only to Zeus and the fire god himself, this chauvinist attitude, whichever one you chose to translate, has seeped into the American government and has resulted in what could be a catastrophic blow to the underrated world of female athletes.

My primitive counterparts have proposed a change to Title IX, the legislation that has allowed women to pursue college sports and receive athletic scholarships since 1972, that is nothing short of a death sentence for women's collegiate sports as we know them.

Under the proposal, a school would be allowed to devote as little as 43 percent of its athletic scholarships to women. Currently, schools were required to keep the percentages as close to 50 percent as possible.

For the record, American colleges are 55 percent female.

So why the change? What possible justification could the Bush administration and its underlings have for such a blatantly sexist proposal?

Wrestling. Yes, wrestling. The legislation took away wrestlers' scholarships and gave them to women for sports such as basketball and volleyball. Wrestlers were left to fight for college money with the rest of the peasants.

But after 30 years of ignoring its ignorance, Washington has taken up the cause of disgruntled small-sport athletes in the form of a commission intent on reforming Title IX. The commission will hold its final meeting today.

It will vote on the changes, make them into a report for Secretary of Education Roderick Paige, deliver it to him Feb. 28 and he will enact them.

COMMENTARY



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If Roderick accepts the changes, he will spiral women's collegiate sports back to its 1960s form. He will also completely ignore a major flaw of the men's small sports argument — that it is stupid.

Yes, their scholarships were taken away, but how many athletic scholarships did women have? Close to none.

Men and women are on an equal plane with academic scholarships, so why should athletics be any different? In reality few, if any, females can compete with men at the collegiate level, therefore it is discrimination to give a disproportionate amount of athletic scholarships to men.

As for the small sport men?

Tough. Get a job. No one gives me a scholarship to write columns and I don't complain about it, so wrestlers should not complain about not getting one to roll around on a mat.

Besides, women's sports are interesting and can be a blast to watch. I consider it a privilege to have covered SIU women's volleyball during the fall. I witnessed many gutsy and amazing acts of athleticism and perseverance during that team's run to a second-place Missouri Valley Conference finish. Try not to laugh, but Kristie Kemner's performance during volleyball's final win over Southwest Missouri State gave me flashbacks to Michael Jordan in game 5 of the 1997 NBA finals.

Women's basketball could be interesting as well, but I have never witnessed a home victory at the SIU Arena, so the jury is still out.

But I have never been able to watch a single wrestling match without changing the channel or leaving the gym.

Thankfully, this University, should Title IX suffer the proposed execution, will have no part of it. SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said he

wants a successful program, regardless of gender. No matter what the rules, nothing will change at SIU.

"I want the best program across the board," Kowalczyk said. "That means men's and women's. I want all of our sports to have the opportunity to compete for the Missouri Valley Conference championship and be recognized nationally, as much as that's possible."

He has always been straight and honest with me, so it is very likely he means that. But I cannot say the same about other schools and athletic directors, especially the 30 that were warned about Title IX violations in the middle of last year.

On Feb. 28, the decision of one man will affect the free-ride status of more than 150,000 women. Performances by electric athletes like Kemner and Amy Harre may be scrapped in favor of wrestlers who display the charisma of a circus peanut.

Entertainment and equality are both in the balance.

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