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Of courage and compassion



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Activist Tim Rice has strong ties to Southern Illinois. While gay and lesbian advocacy is what he has become known for at the University, Rice seeks to help anyone he feels is being pushed around.

Human and gay rights advocate Tim Rice campaigns for the liberties of all

STORY BY SARAH ROBERTS

Tim Rice can still remember the year he changed his life.

In 1997 he was working as an accounts manager in a Paducah, Ky, bank, but was searching for something more. He became involved in various community service projects through his job and met a young girl who had been kicked out of her home by her parents because she was a lesbian.

Tim was floored by the girl's strength and courage, and reflected on his own experience as a gay man from a rural Kentucky town of 600.

"I thought about myself growing up as a youth. I thought about other kids and other youth in rural areas just like this who don't have any role models. It was like 'this is where I want to be; this is where my heart is,'" Tim said.

So he quit his job at the bank, packed his bags and followed his heart to the Cobden farm he had purchased in 1995. Once he decided to make Southern Illinois his permanent home and social work his profession, the decision to attend SIUC was an easy one.

Prior to his arrival in Southern Illinois, Tim was a passionate promoter of gay and lesbian rights in Kentucky, traveling to the state capitol in Frankfort to lobby for reformed legislation and forming the Kentucky Fairness Alliance in 1992, which has grown into one of the largest gay and lesbian advocate organizations in the country.

His experience as a voice for homosexual rights led him to the Saluki Rainbow Network, where he became a natural leader.

"By the time I came to school, I was very well indoctrinated into the idea of being an advocate and being someone who was outspoken about issues," Tim said.

That outspokenness turned out to be a gift for Paulette Curkin, Student Development coordinator and 14-year adviser for the Rainbow Network.

"[The Rainbow Network] was in a time of transition and looking for leadership, and he came in and stepped up," Curkin said. "He has some life experience behind him, and

he's an amazingly poised leader."

After serving as the network's leader until 1999, Tim, 38, stepped aside to concentrate on the many other issues that he has been involved with throughout the past nine years. While he calls issues concerning youth, AIDS and sexual orientation his "pet projects," he is quick to point out that he will join any cause in which he believes.

"I tend to be someone who will fight for anybody who is being stepped on when they shouldn't be, and that's kind of where I come from now," Tim said.

He demonstrated that willingness and his capacity for leadership in 1998 when he organized a candlelight vigil in response to the death of Matthew Shepard, the Wyoming teen who was robbed, beaten and hung on a fence to freeze to death because he was suspected to be gay. Tim coordinated campus and community involvement and was the driving force in what Curkin calls one of the most moving student-initiated programs ever seen on campus.

"What's most striking about it is that while he was acting as an agent of the gay student organization, he was completely inclusive. He was able to get students, administrators and faculty all across campus to come together in not just a gay issue, but a hate-crime issue," Curkin said.

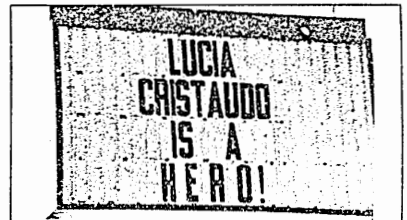
That inclusiveness, Frederick Williams claims, is one of Tim's many character traits that enables him to bridge gaps in controversial situations.

"His insistence is a quiet insistence, and it's all the more touching and compelling because he doesn't raise his voice or threaten anyone," Williams said. "He keeps himself and everyone else in a discussion calm and cool."

Williams, director of the University Honors Program, met Tim when he was selected as a finalist for the Harry S. Truman Award, a prestigious nationwide scholarship competition, and has witnessed his commitment to issues concerning AIDS awareness and youth.

AIDS awareness and prevention is a primary concern for

Hostage died for customers' safety



EULALIE FRYE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

This marquee hangs above Midwest Cash, 1200 W. Main St., in remembrance of its employee, killed after a foiled robbery.

Lucia Cristaudo offered self to gunmen to protect others

BRETT NAUMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Midwest Cash store manager Lucia Cristaudo's last action was of self-sacrifice during an armed robbery Saturday afternoon when two masked gunmen trapped by police inside the pawn shop began demanding hostages.

"If you have to take a hostage, take me," Cristaudo said, according to her brother-in-law and store general manager Barry Cupp, who was at the robbery.

Cupp said Cristaudo complied with the robbers' demands in order to protect her seven employees and the 12 customers in the store, which included a pregnant woman and two children. She gave up the store's jewelry, cash and guns that the robbers demanded. He said Cristaudo even prevented more people from being harmed.

"She put herself in front of two people and wouldn't allow the robbers to take them," Cupp said about his friend of 20 years.

Cristaudo was then forced by gunman into a blue Saturn by Robert B. Custon and Christopher M. Andrews, both 20 and from Chicago. Andrews drove through Carbondale trying to elude

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Pawn shop perps hit with first-degree murder

BRETT NAUMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The three suspects arrested in connection with Lucia Cristaudo's death were charged with three counts of first-degree murder in Jackson County Court Monday afternoon.

Christopher M. Andrews, 20, and Chamille N. Edmonds, both from Chicago, and Omar J. Moore, 19, from Carbondale, were allegedly involved in an armed robbery gone awry Saturday at Midwest Cash, 1200 W. Main St., which resulted in a high-speed police chase and fatal car crash causing the death of Cristaudo.

An accomplice to the robbery, Robert B. Custon, 20, from Chicago, was also killed in the crash, which occurred when Andrews allegedly drove a blue Saturn into two trees at the median between Mill Street and Lincoln Drive, near Pulliam Hall.

All three defendants were also charged with armed robbery, aggravated kidnapping and forcible detention, according to Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wepsiec. Andrews will be the primary defendant in the case and could receive the death

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COURAGE

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Tim, who has lost family and friends to the disease. After serving as a volunteer and outreach worker for the Southern Illinois Regional Effort Against AIDS since 1999, Tim was named the organization's president last fall. He has since been instrumental in deciding how federal government funds are spent locally and in developing outreach and prevention programs for the region.

In September he also established the Rainbow Cafe in Carbondale, a place for gay, lesbian and bisexual youths "to be who they are." The cafe provides local youths with a place to freely discuss problems, ask questions and form a networking system with similar individuals, opportunities that Tim never had.

While he has accumulated an extensive resume full of community service, campus involvement and academic achievement, Tim credits his partner and friends for their patience and claims that he has just used honesty and respect to get where he is today.

"I'm very direct about who I am and what I stand for, but I honor other people in my life. I respect their opinions, and although they may be different from mine, I respect their ability to have those opinions," Tim said.

Tim will graduate in May with a degree in social work, but

he's not going anywhere. He has been accepted into SIUC's accelerated graduate program, which will allow him to earn his master's degree in one year.

After that, Tim hasn't figured out the specifics, but he does know one thing — he'll be in Southern Illinois. He has 50 acres of farmland, six dogs and an old farmhouse to look after, and he simply likes where he is.

His work is also never done. He wants to see a human-rights statement in Southern Illinois that includes sexual orientation in its language and he continues to lobby the Illinois State Board of Education to include sexual orientation in its anti-discrimination and human rights statements. But he stresses that his dedication to this region is not limited to issues of sexuality.

"I want people to know that gay and lesbian issues aren't just my focus. It's about making sure that people are served in the way that they need to be served and their needs are met," Tim said.

While Tim still has another year to decide what he will do with his degree, Williams has long believed he could have a career in politics if he placed his unselfishness on the back-burner.

"I think he could be a good political leader, but I don't think he would ever run for office because he's too busy helping people," Williams said.

"He's just plain Tim, but there's nothing plain about him."

SACRIFICE

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police, while Custon waved his gun at Cristaudo and the pursuing police.

The two gunmen were eastbound on Lincoln Drive when Andrews careened the car off the road, jumped the curb and plowed into two trees located on the median between Lincoln Drive and West Mill Street, across from Pulliam Hall.

Cristaudo, who selflessly volunteered herself as a hostage, was killed by injuries sustained in the crash along with gunman Custon.

"Despite tremendous fear in an uncontrollable situation, Lucia saved her staff and customers," Cupp said. "Lucia Cristaudo is a hero."

City Councilman Larry Briggs said he knew Cristaudo for 15 years. Lucia is the ex-wife of Lorenzo Cristaudo, and together they had a daughter and owned Cristaudo's Cafe & Bakery & Catering, 1807 W. Main St. Briggs said the

two remained close at the time of her death.

Briggs said he took his son shopping at Midwest Cash, 1200 W. Main St., and would see her all the time. He said she possessed a quality that made customers who shopped at the pawn shop comfortable.

When he first heard about her death, he was shocked.

"That goes with her character," Briggs said about her volunteering as a hostage. "She was just one of those kind."

Briggs said he would socialize with Lorenzo and Lucia at a festival called the Big Squeeze at the Pomona Winery, 2865 Hickory Ridge Road. Their friends would travel there, squeeze apples and make cider. He said the Cristaudos would bring more good food than anybody.

Briggs said everyone in Carbondale has suffered a loss now that outgoing Lucia is gone.

"She was fun," Briggs said. "Her life was fun. That's what we'll miss most about her. She was a bright spot in Carbondale."

PERPS

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penalty if convicted:

While Moore and Edmonds were not directly involved with the death of Cristaudo, they have been charged "legally accountable" as accessories, according to official charges.

Moore was arrested after a citizen followed him from the parking lot of Midwest Cash to his residence and phoned police. He was driving a white BMW, which was originally supposed to be the getaway car, according to police. Moore took off from the parking lot, leaving his two accomplices inside the pawn shop when police arrived.

Edmonds, who is an SIUC student from Chicago, turned herself in at the Carbondale Police Department after the crime. She was allegedly involved in the planning of the crime.

Circuit Judge David Watt granted \$1 million bonds for Andrews and Moore and \$250,000 for Edmonds. All three will appear at a preliminary hearing on April 10 at the Jackson County Courthouse. Judge E. Dan Kimmel will preside over their case.

Public Defender Patricia Gross told the DAILY EGYPTIAN Monday afternoon that she will represent Andrews. Gross declined comment on the case.

Moore and Edmonds are still expected to hire legal counsel.

WEATHER



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Protesters challenge Bost gun bill

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Marilyn Hogan flashes her sign to passing cars, "Grandmom says No Concealed," while along the busy South Main Street, a few people honked and hollered out their windows in support.

Protesters gathered Monday in front of Rep. Mike Bost's office on the corner of South Main Street and East Marion Street with cardboard signs to send him a pointed message that handguns on the street are a bad idea.

"I don't think anyone should be carrying concealed weapons," Hogan said.

Bost, R-Murphysboro, introduced a string of pro-gun issues into the House March 16, including the "concealed carry proposal," which would allow private citizens who pass rigorous screening to carry a concealed weapon.

Bost said it is a measure that will protect law-abiding citizens and retired police officers and guards who are often threatened by individuals they have had contact with in the past.

But despite the added protection that Bost promises, Hogan, a former police officer, said that at her age the gun is likely to be used against her.

Although Bost gained support from pro-gun supporters such as the National Rifle Association, the group of protesters that convened in front of Bost's Carbondale office fear the measure would create more violence.

"It is not a very good idea to say we are trying



EVALINE FRYE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Marilyn Hogan, a retired university employee and police officer, expresses her disapproval of Bost's proposed legislation to allow handgun concealment. A small group of protesters gathered outside Bost's office Monday afternoon.

to deter violence and then we do this," said Elsie Speck of the Southern Illinois Peace Coalition. She held up her sign to the road — "concealed weapons are frightening."

"It makes people think twice," said Bob Flannery, a priest at St. Francis Xavier Church.

Despite concerned citizens who fear that the legislation is a walking time bomb, Bost, who was

on the House floor during the protest, said it is a "very, very safe piece of legislation."

"It doesn't just hand a gun to everyone, there are tough requirements," Bost said.

To be qualified to carry a concealed handgun, rigorous training by the Illinois State Police would be required, along with a full background check. A handgun owner would have to have a permit that specifies the weapon they are carrying. They are also required to pay \$500 every two years, which would go to schooling, detecting and operations.

Gardner Beasley, who supports gun owners' rights, stood alone among the protesters, defending Bost and his measure to allow citizens to carry concealed weapons.

"In Carbondale, all honest citizens are unarmed; they are easy burglary victims and easy rape victims," said Gardner, who is a teacher at Lincoln Middle School.

And with a barrage of school-shootings around the country, Gardner pointed to the fact that 20 years ago guns were more accessible than they are today, even with the new legislation. This is proof that allowing citizens to carry concealed weapons will not directly affect their accessibility to children, he said.

But opponents of the bill, including legislators in Chicago, where in some areas crime rates are high, will continue to rally against the proposal.

"It would be difficult for me to go home and tell my constituents I increased the accessibility to guns," Rep. Daniel Burke, D-Chicago, said.

Federal judge to U. of Wisconsin: allocation system unconstitutional

SIUC could be affected

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A new federal-court ruling could affect the method by which student governments allocate funding from moneys collected by mandatory student-activity fees.

A ruling from a federal judge on March 16 struck down the University of Wisconsin-Madison's newly revised system for distributing mandatory student fees to campus groups, arguing that the system is still unconstitutional.

The university modified the system in response to earlier court rulings stating that it violated the First Amendment by potentially denying funds to some groups based on their viewpoints.

As it stands now, similar court cases have been placed on hold, pending the outcome of the Wisconsin case. Universities such as SIUC are awaiting the decision, holding any moves toward rectifying their allocation process until after this case comes to an end.

In this latest decision stemming from the case Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System v. Southworth, Judge John C. Shabaz of the U.S. District Court expressed concern that "decisions as to who receives funding and in what amounts are left to the complete discretion of the student officials."

He also said the fact that such student leaders are elected make him suspect that the allocation of fee moneys is more reflective of the will of the majority of students than any concern for viewpoint neutrality.

Robert Spellman, who teaches journalism law at SIUC, said that it is possible for viewpoint-neutrality to exist in the allocation of funds without resorting to full equal access by all groups to funding because some groups are service-based organizations.

He said the crux of this particular decision by Shabaz exists within the realm of ideological or political groups being denied funding based upon their viewpoints.

"If [the Undergraduate Student Government] were to fund a group

because they were pro-abortion but not fund another group because they were not, that would be discriminatory and would be a violation of that group's rights," Spellman said.

Shabaz, in his recent ruling remanded to the court by the U.S. Supreme Court in order to evaluate the funding process in Wisconsin, said it is possible to create a viewpoint-neutral system, but "the complications in this case related to [the university's] pursuit not only of its commitment to fund diverse student speech but its competing commitment to empower student government to be the arbiter of that funding."

As much as 70 percent of the nation's public colleges and universities rely on mandatory student activity fees to finance student activities, according to

I think the courts have opened up a tremendous can of worms and I'm not sure that we'll be able to get the worms in the can again.

LARRY JUHLIN
associate vice chancellor, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

the National Association of Campus Activities.

Shabaz determined that the University of Wisconsin, despite delegating responsibility for allocations to its student government, lacked meaningful oversight of the allocations decisions.

He also determined the university's present system for allocating fees cannot be distinguished from the student referendum since both referendums and the student government operate on the principle of majoritarian rule.

The absence of express objective standards vests unfettered and unbridled discretion in the program decision-makers in a manner inconsistent with viewpoint neutrality, Shabaz wrote in an opinion.

Larry Juhlin, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at SIUC, said once the Wisconsin dispute is settled, it will establish a guideline for other colleges and universities to use in allocating moneys gathered by student activity fees.

Juhlin said Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, has asked Jean Paratore, who is the adviser to USG, to aid in the evaluation of SIUC's Registered Student Organization funding with regard to the Wisconsin case.

He said the focus of these discussions is to start putting together a group, pending the court case, to think about how funds will be allocated at SIUC through student government.

"We don't want to jump the gun on this. It is not going to be a simple matter to satisfy the courts in this thing," Juhlin said. "I think the courts have opened up a tremendous can of worms and I'm not sure that we'll be able to get the worms in the can again."

The March ruling is the most current in a dispute that began in 1996, when a group of current and former University of Wisconsin students filed a lawsuit challenging the Madison campus fee system.

Their complaint centered on allegations that the system violated their First Amendment rights by forcing them to help finance certain campus groups whose views they found objectionable on ideological, political or religious grounds.

In 1996, then-law student Scott Southworth filed the lawsuit challenging the fees. A federal trial judge and the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in his favor. The reasoning behind their decisions was that the subsidies unlawfully forced some students to subsidize views they find objectionable.

However, on March 2 of last year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that public colleges and universities can use money from mandatory student-activities fees to finance campus groups that engage in political speech some students find objectionable.

The Supreme Court held mandatory fee systems are not unconstitutional but only if that manner in which the university distributed fee revenues to campus groups was "viewpoint-neutral," allowing all groups equal access to funding.

Had the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling gone the other way, public colleges and universities across the United States would have had to stop allocating money to controversial student groups or figure out some way to give partial refunds to those students who wanted them.

British visitors bring new perspectives to SIUC administration

ANDREA DONALDSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

About 4,220 miles across the globe at Kingston University, just 20 miles outside of London, Ken Hopkins and Marcia Winter perform tasks similar to administrators at SIUC. They serve the students, the faculty and the university community.

Last week, Hopkins, dean of students at Kingston University, and Winter, head of the Health and Counseling section of the Student Service Department, visited SIUC to see first hand how an American university is operated.

"I have to be honest with you, I had never heard of Carbondale," said Hopkins, a first time visitor of Southern Illinois.

Hopkins and Winter visited the University as guests of SIUC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Larry Dietz, who has known Hopkins for about 10 years. The three returned to Carbondale after attending the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators conference March 17 through March 21 in Seattle, Wash.

Visiting SIUC for five days, Hopkins and Winter met with administrators from Health Services, Student Affairs and the Student Center, as well as with interim Chancellor John Jackson. The British visitors exchanged ideas with SIUC officials.

"It is quite fun swapping what we do and what we don't do," Hopkins said.

Structurally, Hopkins and Winter said the main difference between the two universities is size. Kingston University has about 16,000 students cramped into a small area, whereas SIUC has about 22,000 students and much more space.

"There's a good future for SIU I should think," Hopkins said.

Winters added that because SIUC has more space and money, it also has more resources.

"Because you have more space, you have more staffing," she said, "and then you can think bigger."

Another difference Hopkins noticed between the two universities is the emphasis on research. SIUC has more graduate students than Kingston University.

"We're excellent for teaching undergraduates, but we're not very good for research," said Hopkins, adding that they are working to improve in that area.

Winters, who visited SIUC's Health Services, Disabled Student Services and counseling services, said both universities share some problems, but SIUC has a worse alcohol problem.

"It was interesting to see the problems we have in common," she said.

Hopkins and Winter also got the opportunity to visit the Southern Illinois area. Hopkins said SIUC falls short to Kingston in the area of entertainment for students. He said there are more night clubs and larger shopping centers in Kingston.

Hopkins also spent time during his visit working with Dietz to write a chapter in "Developing External Partnerships for the Benefit of the Community and the University for Faculty, Staff and Students," a book in the New Direction for Higher Education series. This is the second book Dietz has written for the series.

Dietz said he enjoyed visiting with his British colleagues and learning about their administration policies.

"It was a delight to have colleagues from other countries share their ideas," he said.

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WANTED:
A president with a purpose

Undergraduate Student Government's reputation on campus is sketchy at best. The antics of the president, Bill Archer, with his checkered past and frequent foibles, and a largely unknown and inactive Senate have reduced USG to a government that doesn't get much of anything accomplished, except an occasional inane executive order or a dismissal of a wayward senator.

But it doesn't have to be this way. USG exists to be our voice, the conduit for student interests, concerns and issues. It has the power to be a reckoning force on campus, one that can set agendas, change policy, and truly represent the diverse group of students on campus. What's the problem then? Why does the current government cause most students to emit derisive chuckles, if they even know what USG is, or who their president or senator is?

Because of the current leadership. Archer was unfortunate enough to begin his term in a drug

scandal that just wouldn't go away and then really did nothing to improve his reputation for the rest of the year.

Fortunately, all of this can change. USG elections are approaching quickly, and the deadline to be a presidential or senatorial candidate is April 3. The thought of running as president of USG may seem ludicrous to students — "Why in the world would I want to get mixed up in that?" some may say.

The answer is clear. We need a leader we can take seriously, one who will use his or her power to create positive change on campus. There are clear advantages for the student wanting to take on the responsibility. First, the experience. Think of how impressive that will sound to future employers — the president of a government that represented more than 20,000 students. Second, the frills that come with the job aren't shabby and include a biweekly paycheck, a personal office in the Student Center and perhaps the most valuable, a blue parking sticker.

Beyond the obvious perks comes an awesome responsibility. Students interested in truly making a difference would have an invaluable opportunity as USG president. For example, as the University struggles with how to

handle future Halloweens, presidents could create a task force to explore Halloween alternatives. Or, a president could gather ranks and lobby aggressively in Springfield for funding. At the very least, a president could be the concerned ear to the various problems of students, and be credible and consistent both on and off campus.

Students shouldn't be intimidated by the position or think they have to be a rising political star to be qualified. USG obviously doesn't require political savvy or vast governmental knowledge. With sincerity, dedication and a clear sense of purpose, a future president will surely accomplish more than the current group.

The Daily Egyptian hopes that out of the thousands of students on this campus, a few qualified, serious candidates will step forward. We encourage students to take the initiative and restore some credibility to student government. USG needs their leadership. So does our campus.



Some may say, "Why in the world would I want to get mixed up in that?"



We need a leader we can take seriously, one who will use his or her power to create positive change on campus.

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OVERHEARD

The errors are not with the people who took the count, I think the errors came administratively.

Brad Cole
City Councilman

In regard to Carbondale apparently being undercounted in the 2000 Census.

I was so upset, because there was always Bozo and his sidekick (Cookie) who had no hair on top, and it's like, come on, it can't go off the air.

Amanda Brissman
sophomore, SIU

After hearing the disappointing news that her favorite cartoon would no longer be on the air.

COLUMNIST

A Sunday night with Oscar

Sunday was a very testosterone-friendly day for television. In the afternoon, the men's NCAA basketball tournament was on (the Illini lost ... sniff), as was NASCAR and Major League Baseball. At night, another new episode of "The Sopranos" should have been at the top of any self-respecting guy's must-see list. So, with all of these manly programming choices, how did I spend my TV day? With a guy named Oscar.

Yep, I admit it. I am more interested in seeing Hollywood's glamor machine revved up full blast than watching any stock car race (hey, they're turning left again!). From nearly midday to nearly midnight, I was engrossed, ensnared and entranced by all things Oscar, from the red carpet ass-kissing to the night's final prize, not a moment of coverage escaped my star-struck attention.

While this may not seem the most "Iron John" way to spend a Sunday, there is a part of the Academy Awards that appeals to a man's baser instincts ... the picks. Well, that and the barely there dresses (J. Lo? more like J. Ho).

From the time nominations

came out, I went about making my picks with an intensity unseen since Gen. MacArthur was preparing to land at Inchon. Trade magazines had to be scoured, websites pored over, looking for any tidbits as to who might take home the Golden Boy. Past winners lists, Academy traditions, and plain ol' star momentum had to be considered in making the final selections. Week by week leading up to the big night, alliances shifted, momentum changed, and the fickle Hollywood reporters revised their own choices for Oscar glory. It wasn't until an hour before the telecast that I finally felt like I had successfully predicted the true winners. For the time being, I was the Oscar Oracle, the Teiresias of Tinseltown. Finally, it was time for the show.

Right away, my list took a blow when Marcia Gay Harden (Gay WHOdent) won Best Supporting Actress instead of my choice, Kate Hudson (hey Kate, this isn't the Country Music Awards, what's with the fringed western dicker?). It wasn't hard to pick the next few winners in the major categories, as "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" took Best Foreign Film, and Benicio

Del Toro snagged his first Oscar.

When Jennifer Lopez (they're back!) came on late in the evening to introduce Bob Dylan, I was prepared to fully enjoy a performance by a true legend. But what happened was actually kinda scary, the guy looked just like Vincent Price. I expected him to launch into the rap from "Thriller" when he was finished singing.

The major question mark on my ballot was Best Actor. Tom Hanks was headed for Oscar history with his third win, but Russell Crowe had the momentum of "Gladiator" (nice Buddy Holly 'do and Col. Sanders tie, Russell) to carry him to the podium. Thankfully for my scorecard, my money was on Crowe.

Which brings us to Julia Roberts. I know you purists out there think that "Academy Award Winner" and "Julia Roberts" should never appear in the same sentence, but hey, it's not really just about the acting, is it? Maybe it was a reward for the billions of dollars she's pulled in for the industry. Maybe it was because she's just so darned cute. Whatever the reason, her coronation as Best Actress is just the kind



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of Hollywood celebrity worship that Oscar loves. One would have to be a cold-hearted Grinch to not give in to Julia.

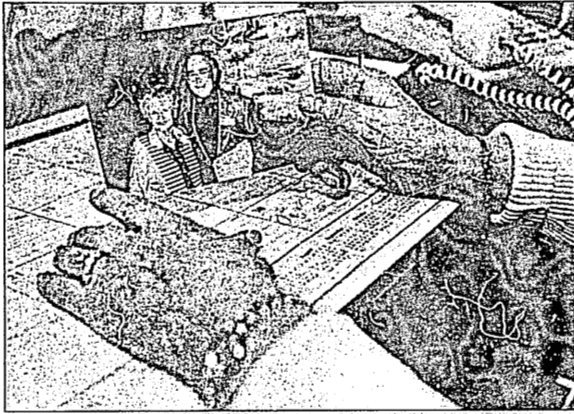
By now, we all know the big winner, "Gladiator." Yep, I picked it, and nope, it wasn't a surprise. I was just happy to finally go to bed, safe in the knowledge that I had went eight out of 10 for the major awards.

Oh, and I taped "The Sopranos," so don't tell me what happened.

MARCUM MY WORDS appears on Tuesday. Christopher is a senior in theater. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



Lavene O'Brian, chairwoman of the Southern Illinois chapter of the Alzheimer's Association benefit, reminisces about her husband Bill who passed away in December. O'Brian is a volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association, 409 N. Springer St., in Carbondale.



RONDA YEAGER
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Alzheimer's Association fights to save local lives

Forget-Me-Not benefit reminds community of Alzheimer's effects

LIZ GUARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A Southern Illinois man with Alzheimer's disease drove to Bloomington and called his wife telling her not to worry, saying he would return in about five hours. The next day he was found on the side of the road in Missouri sleeping in his car with no idea where he was or how he got there.

Incidents like these are frequent, because wandering is one of the most common behaviors of those afflicted with Alzheimer's disease.

There is help for Alzheimer's patients and their families with the Safe Return program sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. The Southern Illinois Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is hosting the

Forget-Me-Not Benefit Thursday to raise money for Safe Return registration of those with Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's disease causes millions of Americans to lose their ability to recognize familiar places and faces, and causes those with the disease to easily become disoriented or lost.

Suspected causes include a diseased gene and genetic predisposition or abnormal protein buildup. There is no known cure. The affliction interferes with daily functioning and eventually results in death.

Wandering is common in those with Alzheimer's, and it can be dangerous and even life-threatening. There are about 12,000 people with Alzheimer's disease in the Southern Illinois area, and 50 to 60 percent of them will wander at some time.

Upon registering for Safe Return, those with the disease will receive identification material, such as an identification bracelet, a pin to wear on clothing and labels that can be sewn on clothes. Their contact information will be stored in a national

computer database to help return those who have wandered.

The Forget-Me-Not Benefit will take place Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave. A dinner and a silent auction are included with the \$15 tickets. All proceeds from the benefit will be used to pay for Safe Return registration for those with Alzheimer's disease.

The silent auction will have about 50 items which include several SIU athletic items including: an SIU basketball, SIU football and basketball tickets, and SIU hats and shirts. All were donated by SIU athletic faculty members in memory of Bill O'Brien. The auction's items will range in value allowing all to participate.

Judy Ellet, program director of the Southern Illinois Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, said it is important to make people aware of the disease.

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Write-in candidates seek support

Two city residents mobilize in final days before Council elections

MARK LAMBIRD
DAILY EGYPTIAN

One potential Carbondale City Council write-in candidate failed to meet requirements to run and another announced his candidacy only eight days before the city's municipal election.

SIUC student Tarnell "Tony" Williams and second newcomer Melvin "Pepper" Holder's strategies were similar, which was to weigh the outcome of the primary before announcing their candidacy. Holder said he planned from the beginning to make his major push the last 10 days before the election.

Williams' hopes to run for Carbondale City Council as a write-in candidate were dashed because he is not a voter in good standing, a qualification to be entered in the race. Jackson County Clerk Larry Reinhardt said Williams had been notified by certified letter that he was not eligible.

Williams moved in October and claims he changed his address on his voter registration. However, since he lived at a different address than appeared on his voter registration he is not considered an active voter. He was unaware of the problem until contacted by the DAILY EGYPTIAN Monday.

"I had moved on-campus last year. But I voted in the presidential election and didn't have any problems," Williams said.

Williams has until 5 p.m. today to re-file at the county clerk's office in Murphyboro. He said he will seek legal assistance to see if there is anything he could do to qualify to run.

As Williams' campaign was falling apart Monday, Holder was putting his into full swing. Holder hosted a press conference at the Carbondale Civic Center Monday to announce his candidacy as a write-in.

Holder has been a Carbondale resident since he was five years old, when his family moved from St. Louis. He works as a teamster truck driver and as a mason.

As a member of the City Council, Holder said he would work to make students feel more connected to the city. He said if students take an active role in city affairs it will help students in the future.

"People should realize the students are the greatest asset that Carbondale has," Holder said.

Discussing an issue he has championed for years, Holder said inept police policy could have contributed to the fatal car crash Saturday and he would like to see policies changed. He was referring to an armed robbery attempt at Midwest Cash, 1200 W. Main, and high-speed chase that left hostage Lucia Cristrudo, a manager of Midwest Cash, and suspected gunman Robert B. Custon dead.

He said rather than a high-speed pursuit, the situation could have been handled in ways that could have changed the outcome. He said with technology that is available to the police, the chase did not have to escalate and end the way it did.

Holder also believes the handling of the Halloween revelry that occurred on the Strip was not conducted properly by the police.

"I'm all for punishing criminals, but we shouldn't be trying to find ways to make people criminals," Holder said.

He said the police should help people rather than trying to incarcerate them.

Holder is also concerned with employment opportunities in Carbondale. Holder said many businesses in Carbondale do not take racial equality seriously when they hire.

But regardless if he wins or loses, he would like to see increased involvement in the community because of his campaign.

"I hope that a citizen's action group will evolve from my campaign that will create a base of like-minded people to change the city," Holder said.



Externs return home the wiser

Externships offer real-world experience to students

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

If Melinda Moore had traveled to some sunny beach for spring break, she might have continued pursuing the wrong career.

Moore, a senior in animal science from Carterville, participated in the SIU Alumni Association externship program, working at the Henson Robinson Zoo in Springfield for three days during spring break. Externships, similar to internships, allow students a taste of real world experience, but for a shorter period of time.

While there, Moore had to feed animals and clean cages. Although she enjoyed the experience, she has decided not to become a zookeeper.

"It's hard work and you're out in the weather and it's bad pay," she said. "I'm glad I went because it helped me decide."

The Alumni Association will recognize those who participated in the program during a ceremony at 7 tonight in the Student Center Auditorium. After the main reception, students will receive awards in several separate ceremonies, divided by the colleges.

Tuesday Ashner, assistant director of constituent relations at the SIU Alumni Association, said the col-

leges are separated to give the dean of each college a chance to recognize his or her own students, emphasizing the importance on an individual level.

"The deans are very supportive of it," she said. "It's a way for the deans to see the outcome of the program and see it through the eyes of the students and to see the fruits of their labors."

This year, 96 students traveled to different parts of the country to take part in the program. Although 120 applied, the application process is not easy.

"We're looking for students that are going to represent SIU out there," Ashner said.

The extern program sends students all over the country for varied career experiences. The non-paid externship comes at a cost to the student, who must provide his or her own accommodations and travel expenses. But externships may lead to internships or jobs in the future, Ashner said. According to the Alumni Association, more than 30 percent of the participants receive employment opportunities.

For Bryan Voss, a junior in chemistry and pre-med from Belleville, the experience was well worth the cost.

Voss shadowed neurosurgeons at Washington University in St. Louis during spring break. His 12-hour days included making rounds at 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. in addition to viewing numerous brain surgeries. Voss, who decided he might as well do something productive during break, called the experience "another feather in my hat."

"The more experience you have, the better off you are," he said.

SIUC offers 13 tests for computer certification

Certificates aid in job marketability

MATT BRENNAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC is now an authorized testing center, offering 13 tests for students who want a certificate proving their expertise in Microsoft Office programs.

Since February, the Division of Continuing Education has offered people the chance to take the test from the Microsoft Office User Specialist Authorized Testing Center, which could potentially aid someone in acquiring a job.

The program offers exams for Microsoft Office 2000 Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook programs and Microsoft Office 97 Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access programs.

The tests are available to anyone for the price of \$75 each. Testing appointments can be made for Mondays at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. or Thursdays at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Downloaded from Microsoft's webpage, the tests feature real-world assignments that are based on the way that people use computers. Each test takes about one hour. The testing lab is located in Washington Square Building C and has two computers.

Dianna Reusch, conference coordinator for the Division of Continuing Education, said the tests are an extremely effective way to better the chances of securing an office job.

"This is proof that you have the skills needed to work productively and efficiently," she said.

Jeff Squibb, a teaching assistant for IMS 229: Computing for Business Administration, has taken one of the tests at SIUC,

and wants to take more to become a certified Microsoft instructor.

"Overall, I felt it was excellent coverage of what they expect you to know," Squibb said.

Squibb was pleased that the test actually worked within the software and was not multiple choice or fill in the blank. The test scores were calculated instantly and Squibb received a certificate the following week.

Credit classes that cover the basic material of the tests are also available through Information Management Systems for tuition price. The classes could be a helpful aid before taking the certification tests. They cover the same material as the test, but are not specifically geared toward the certification process, Squibb said.

But people are able to take the test without first taking classes.

"There is no rule that says you have to take the class before you take the test," said Reusch.

Lynne Johnston Westra, an office system specialist II, was the first person to take a Microsoft Office User Specialist test at SIUC. She took the test for Microsoft Access 2000. Johnston Westra did not take classes before taking the test because she uses Microsoft Access 2000 every day at work.

"It's a great thing to show your employer, and kind of gives you a leg up," Johnston Westra said. "It makes you more attractive to employers."

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became nervous because of his behavior and called the police," Eller said. "At that time we didn't have Safe Return so the driver didn't know what else to do."

LaVerne O'Brien, chairperson of the benefit, also has personal ties with Alzheimer's disease. O'Brien's husband, Bill, died of complications from Alzheimer's in December. Bill O'Brien was the former recreation and outdoor education chairman at SIUC.

LaVerne has volunteered for the Association and been a member of the board for 12 years. Although her husband has died, she continues to strive to make people aware of Alzheimer's disease and the Safe Return program.

"There are still people who need

help dealing with the disease," O'Brien said. "I needed to be a volunteer to help others because they helped me so much and carried me through the time my husband was sick."

"It's necessary to have Safe Return and make people aware of it because it might just save someone's life."

Delyte Morris, former president of SIUC, was afflicted with Alzheimer's disease and former U.S. President Ronald Reagan also has the disease.

"People know what it is, but they have no respect for it or the people who have it. When it hits your home is when it becomes really real," Eller said.

The Southern Illinois Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is working to make people in the region more aware of the disease.



It is a disease. It is nothing to be ashamed about, and the more people are aware that it is a disease, the more they can help.

JUDY ELLET
program director of the Southern Illinois Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

"It is a disease. It is nothing to be ashamed about, and the more people are aware that it is a disease, the more they can help," Ellet said.

The Southern Illinois Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association encourages all to attend the benefit.

"So many people in the area need help and their families need support," O'Brien said.

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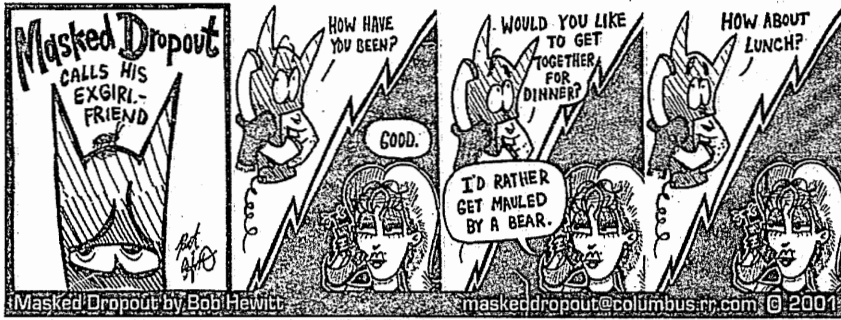
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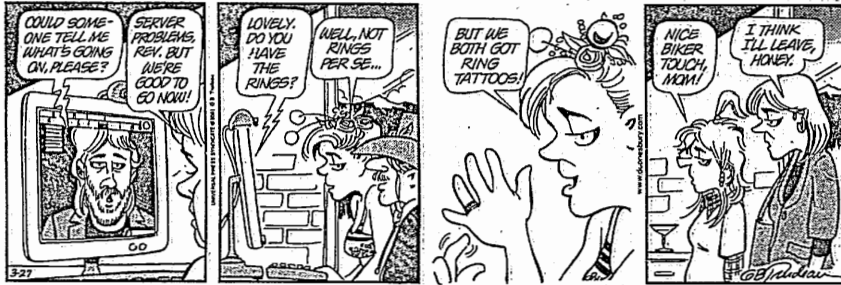
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Men's golf in seventh heaven

Team finishes seventh at Eastern Kentucky University Spring Invitational Golf Tournament

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After struggling to a score of 308 and sitting in 11th place after day one, the SIU men's golf team rallied back to finish seventh at the Eastern Kentucky Spring Invitational Golf Tournament this past weekend.

"We played very well except for the first round, the score there was a little disappointing," said junior Brad Dunker. "Otherwise, we would've easily finished in the top four or five. We just struggled

the first day for no apparent reason, we just played bad. I don't know how to explain it."

Winning the tournament was the defending champion Methodist College, a Division III powerhouse, which shot a 54-hole score of 877.

Rounding out the top five were Eastern Kentucky (881), Austin Peay State University (886), Murray State University (891) and Belmont University (902).

SIU head coach Leroy Newton was pleased with the way his team played and said a seventh-place finish in this field was great.

"They fought through the tough weather, there was a strong wind and then play was stopped 'cause of darkness with two holes left [on Saturday]," Newton said. "If we could've finished the last two holes the night before, we would have done better."

Dunker led the Salukis with a score of 223, which tied him for 16th place. The other scores

were Brian Kolmer (T19-224), Mike Smith (T31-227), Mike Hudek (T52-231) and Brandon Bullard (T79-238).

Newton was exceptionally pleased with the performance of the senior Hudek, as he really helped out the team this weekend.

"The first round, I didn't play very well," Hudek said. "I was just kind of trying to make too many things happen and I played bad, but the last two rounds, I just kind of calmed down and started making a bunch of pars and I ended up making a couple of birdies here and there, and it just kind of fell together."

Hudek wasn't the only one to step up as the whole team had to play better after the disappointing first round.

"We just realized that we can play good," Dunker said. "Every player on the team there was capable of shooting par or 75 on that golf course

They fought through the tough weather, there was a strong wind and then play was stopped 'cause of darkness with two holes left [on Saturday].

LEROY NEWTON
head coach, SIU men's golf

without a problem and we just got tired of shooting bad scores and we turned it around."

The Salukis next challenge will be the Arkansas State Indian Classic in Jonesboro, Ark., on April 2-3.

"That's going to be a very tough field," Newton said. "I can finish in the top 10, I'll just be tickled to death."

Bob Knight embraced as new Texas Tech coach

JOHNNY PAUL
KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

LUBBOCK, Texas — A glimpse of Bob Knight can be downloaded from the Internet. Many refer to it as his "We Better Beat Purdue" speech, a profanity-laced, post-practice tirade from 1991. Knight tore into his Indiana Hoosiers after they deemed a poor effort at practice.

Texas Tech players, are you prepared for this?

"I think I have a pretty good idea of what to expect," said senior-to-be Andy Ellis, the Red Raiders' center. "I'm not apprehensive at all about playing for him."

Ellis has heard the tirade, and it doesn't faze him.

"I think it's good to have a coach with some fire," Ellis said. "You hear that kind of language all the time, maybe not as bad with some coaches and perhaps worse with others. That doesn't bother me. You can't listen to 'how' a coach is talking to you. You have to listen to 'what' he's trying to tell you."

Knight, whom Texas Tech introduced as their men's basketball coach Friday at United Spirit Arena, not unexpectedly drew rave reviews from the estimated 7,500 students, faculty and fans who attended, including former players Lance Hughes and Stanley Bonewitz.

"This man graduates his players and wins games," said Hughes, who claimed the national college slam-dunk title during the 1995 Final Four and ranks as Texas Tech's fourth all-time leading scorer. "I also guarantee you that there will not be one NCAA violation starting tonight until the day he leaves. The NCAA won't even come near us, and that's something we need."

"If we give murderers and drug dealers second chances in this country, I don't see why we can't give a coach like him who

graduates his players a second chance."

Bonewitz, one of only two players in Texas Tech history to account for more than 1,000 points and 400 assists during a career, echoed these sentiments. Furthermore, Knight's dismissal from Indiana for a "pattern of unacceptable behavior" doesn't worry Bonewitz.

"I don't think it's as big of a gamble as some people think," he said. "He's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. As a graduate, you put your trust up above with the people making the decisions. I don't think they would bring him here if they thought he would embarrass the university."

Neither do many members of the student body.

More than 60 members of Texas Tech's student senate passed a unanimous resolution Thursday night supporting Knight. That support opposed the position of the university's faculty senate, which Tech President David Schmidly addressed Wednesday. One hundred members of Texas Tech's faculty signed a petition generated by Dr. Walter Schaller, an associate professor of philosophy who opposed Knight's hiring.

"At the time, I thought it was embarrassing," said John Dorff, a member of the student senate who opposed the faculty senate's position. "It showed a lack of restraint and a lack of foresight by people who have their Ph.D.'s and represent this university. They got riled up and took it too far."

"I think it put a bad light on the university at a time when we need to unify and show support for a great coach. We really felt that because of less than 10 percent of the faculty, we as a student body need to show unanimous support. I haven't talked to one student at Texas Tech who isn't fired up about Coach Knight."

Count Ellis and his parents among the pro-Knight faction.

"I know my dad thinks he's the best coach in America," Ellis said, "if not ever."

Michigan State U. gains third straight final four

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ATLANTA — The goal was bigger even than a third straight Final Four appearance, beyond a second straight NCAA title.

Almost mystical in nature, what Michigan State covets most is the status of basketball royalty.

And after defeating Temple 69-62 Sunday in the South Regional final, the Spartans believe they are poised at the very brink of coronation.

Considering what they have already accomplished, however, even the Dukies, Kentuckys and North Carolinas would have to bow to the Spartans.

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have all the confidence in the world," Daugherty said. Shutt finished off round one atop the leaderboard, and was able to sustain her focus and confidence throughout.

"I just worry about me, and nobody else," Shutt said. Shutt credits her putting as being an essential element of her success.

"I have always had team goals, and individual goals, and it has always been my goal not to three-putt. I didn't three-putt today and that makes me very happy," Shutt said.

Shutt is pleased to finish off with the best individual score of the tournament, and receive the first-place medal.

"It feels awesome, it feels really good. The fact that it was our own tournament and our own course, and everyone out here watching and supporting us, it means more than winning another one," Shutt said.

Senior Lizzie Uthoff noted the positive qualities that Shutt has brought the team.

"She is a good motivator, she makes me want to watch how she plays mentally and physically," Uthoff said.

One year after losing three seniors responsible for almost half the team's scoring and, in the estimation of many observers, all of their leadership, the Spartans return to the Final Four a new team but in the spirit of all great dynasties, singing an old tune.

"I'm not going to lie and say I thought we could definitely get back to the Final Four," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said.

"But as we started growing and coming together, I started realizing more guys had the same goals to come back. They wanted their own identity and they were willing to work for it."

Though they never trailed Sunday, the Spartans had to work as hard as in any of their previous nine straight NCAA tournament victories, winning for the first time by less than 10 points and never getting entirely comfortable against the often frenetic but talented Owls.

The Salukis slipped two spots after finishing round one with a solid 314, but the final round was owned by the first time Invitational participants, Ohio, who finished with a 310.

Ohio head coach Ann Slater believes patience was the key to her team's performance, noting the solid field of competition in the tournament.

"We were just good thinkers out there, we kept our patience going into the final round, we had a lot more in us, and we let it happen today," Slater said.

Slater was impressed with the tournament, and the course.

"We are going to try and come back. The hospitality is awesome. I couldn't ask for anything more," Slater said.

The Bobcats were spurred to victory with the help of an eagle by freshman Aimee Fronczak on a tough sixth hole, which is a par five.

Daugherty is hopeful the Salukis will use this experience as a turning point for the rest of the season.

"We can be mad that we didn't win this. This was one of our team goals, and we wanted to win. We can work harder and go to conference and see what happens," Daugherty said.



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Women's golf takes third

Salukis unable to maintain first-place lead as Ohio University gets come-from-behind win

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Sophomore SIU golfer Jennifer Shurt received a medal after taking first-place honors individually in the sixth annual Saluki Invitational, which concluded Monday at the Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale.

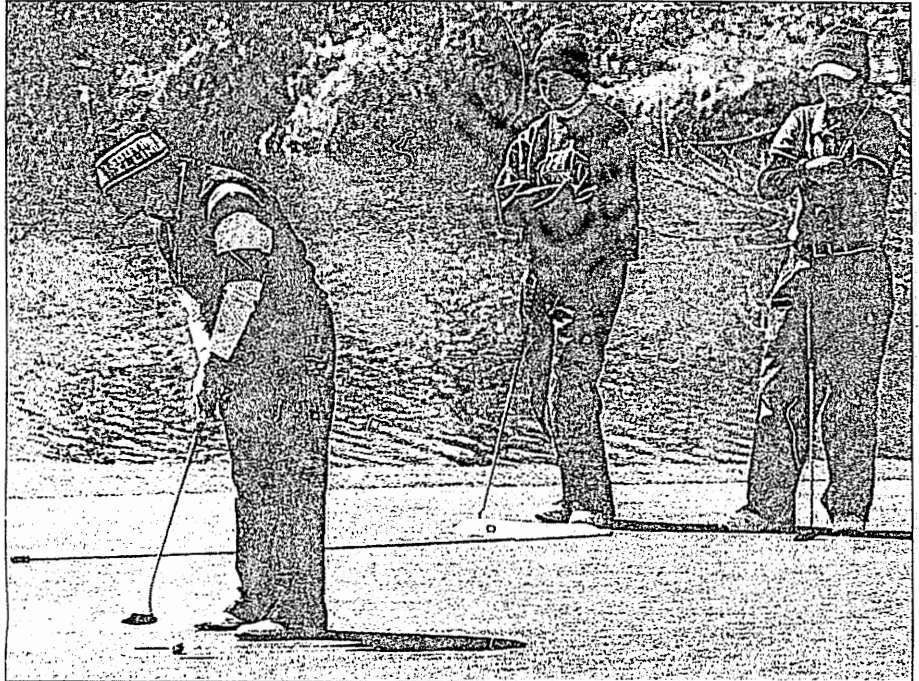
However, the Salukis were unable to maintain their first-place lead, as Ohio University came back from nine strokes down in the final round to claim the victory. Ohio finished with a 633, just ahead of SIU, who finished with a two-round score of 636. Bradley University placed second with a 634.

Saluki head coach Diane Daugherty was unsatisfied with the team's performance during the final round, but quick to give credit to the play of the Bobcats.

"I'm disappointed, you can't take anything away from Ohio, they shot a 310 and that's a great round. We helped them a little bit, we faltered, we just didn't play like we should play," Daugherty said.

Shurt finished atop the leaderboard, taking home a first place medal scoring a 74 in the opening round, and finishing with a 75. Daugherty was impressed with the confidence and consistency that Shurt possessed throughout the tournament.

"Jennifer just had a great tournament. She had a great tournament in Florida. She should



JESSICA KOLD - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Andrea Turner, a sophomore from Marion, concentrates on sinking the ball on the green of the eighth hole during the seventh annual Saluki Invitational on Monday afternoon. The Salukis fell to third place in the tournament with a score of 636.

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Men's tennis falls against Indiana State, Ball State

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

To understand exactly how well the SIU men's tennis team played this past weekend, you have to look past the 7-0 scores in their losses to Indiana State University and Ball State University.

At first glimpse, one might think the Salukis played terribly because they didn't win a match all weekend, but that wasn't the case.

Indiana State is ranked 21st in the nation with their top two singles players ranked in the top 100. Ball State started the season ranked 50th, but have fallen to 73rd because of injuries.

Just by those numbers, most would say SIU wouldn't even make the other teams break a sweat, but they did.

"I was pleased and the team v as in pretty high spirits," said SIU head coach Missy Jeffrey. "That might seem strange because we lost both matches 7-0, but Indiana State's ranked 21 right now and they're really, really strong. What that match did for us is it helped us kind of catch up to speed because they're playing at such a high level."

Senior Val Epure said Indiana State's ranking didn't intimidate the team at all, and in fact, it actually motivated them to play harder.

"I think we definitely played pretty good," Epure said. "I couldn't really see everybody on the team, but I know I played really well. Talking with the other guys, everybody said they played pretty good."

The match against the Sycamores proved to help the Salukis as they came out much stronger Sunday against Ball State.

Jeffrey said she spoke with her team before

MEN'S TENNIS
"THE SIU MEN'S TENNIS TEAM RETURNS TO ACTION WEDNESDAY WHEN THEY TRAVEL TO FACE SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, MO."

the match and told them to just improve from the day before.

"I said, 'Whether it was getting to the match early, holding serve, making your shot or being more aggressive. Whatever it is you could've done a little better [Saturday], try to do it a little better [Sunday].'" Jeffrey said.

The talk seems to have worked as Epure and Peter Bong came out and beat the Cardinals No. 1 doubles team by a 9-8 score.

"They're a nationally ranked team and we beat their best doubles team, that's pretty impressive," Jeffrey said. "In singles, Val Epure and Peter Bong at No. 1 and No. 3, they were so close to winning. They both lost 7-5 in the tie-breaker in the third set."

Epure felt the match could've been even easier, but said his arm started hurting with him and Bong up 4-1.

"They kind of came up and tied at four all, but we managed to stay in there with them," Epure said. "It was pretty good since they were nationally ranked, but it doesn't really matter to me. It's a win, so I just take it as a win."

Jeffrey said Ball State's No. 3 player, Edgardo Rivera, normally plays in the No. 2 slot, so the Salukis actually were within two points of beating both the Cardinals No. 1 and No. 2 players.

"The team was really in high spirits considering the losses, because they really felt like they improved a lot this weekend," Jeffrey said. "It was really good for them despite the scores."

Women's tennis learns that two out of three isn't bad

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Imagine you're at a ball game and it starts raining and instead of waiting it out, the teams move the game to another venue.

Now imagine after moving to the new field, the rain stops and the game goes back to the original field.

Then after you start playing again, they decide to take a lunch break and postpone the game once again.

That is exactly what the SIU women's tennis team endured this Saturday in their match against the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tenn.

"It was kind of confusing because we were indoors, then outdoors, so it kind of changed the game a little bit," said junior Erika Ochoa.

While the Salukis would lose the match 4-3, they won their other two matches this weekend against East Tennessee State University and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock by identical 4-3 scores in Memphis.

"I was happy because the weather was a factor, we were inside, then outside, but we came away with two wins out of three," said SIU head coach Judy Auld. "You get greedy as a coach, you always want that third win and it was there within our grasp."

While they may not have won all three matches, they had strong performances, especially from their doubles teams as they won the doubles point in all three matches.

The No. 2 doubles team of Alejandra Blanco and Tana Trapani won all three of their matches, the No. 3 team of Keri Crandall and Sarah Krismanits won both of their matches and the No. 1 team of Ochoa and Ana Serrot won two

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TANA TRAPANI
women's tennis team

out of three.

Individually, Trapani won all three of her matches at the No. 4 singles, Krismanits won two out of three at the No. 6 singles and Blanco, Serrot and Rachel Morales all walked away with a victory in their respective singles.

"We're playing good, we're getting it together, finally," Trapani said. "Some of the girls have a few minor injuries which is getting in the way a little bit, but it was a good weekend."

The Salukis depth proved to be the deciding factor this weekend as the lower singles players stepped up and won which helped in the close matches.

"The No. 3, four and five singles have been coming up with good wins, so that helps us a lot with winning matches," Ochoa said.

Auld said one of the main things to being a team is the ability of players to step up their performance when someone else is down and that her team definitely did that this weekend.

"I was pretty pleased, especially considering that we were off for a couple of weeks," Auld said. "Our last competition was March 3rd, so I wasn't sure where they would be at physically and mentally."