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Council candidates push for community support

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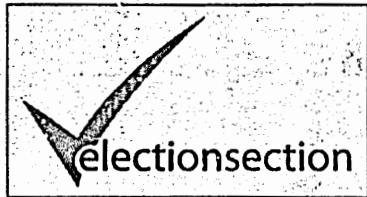
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Candidates offer visions for city



KAYLA KEARNS
Daily Egyptian

As campaign season nears an end, Carbondale's four mayoral candidates are making final preparations and working to distinguish themselves from their competitors.

Since the primary election, Sen. **Goldman** introduced a vision statement, the first of a series of strategies in his economic proposal. Joel Fritzier announced plans to seek greater transparency in how the government operates, while Steven Haynes has gained the support of former candidate Brent Ritzel and is pushing for more money for community service and non-profit organizations. George Maroney said his strategy of canvassing and speaking with residents hasn't changed.

The Arbor District Neighborhood Association has invited the mayoral candidates to a meet-and-greet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. today. The event will take place at Arbor District president Sandy Litecky's home at 603 W. Walnut St. Litecky said the event will focus on neighborhood issues.

The Feb. 22 primary election reduced the five mayoral candidates to a field of four. The contenders are running to replace Mayor Brad Cole. If elected, City Council member Fritzier's council seat will also have to be filled. The general election will be held April 5.

Although neighborhood issues will be discussed at the forum, candidates said they will also discuss issues important to their platforms.

Goldman, former chancellor of SIU, proposed the construction of a Technology Innovations Zone at the Southern Illinois Airport as an attempt to boost Carbondale's economy.

"We have the unique opportunity to bring technology resources and environmental concerns together in one place and develop clean business enterprises to energize economic growth in southern Illinois," Goldman said.

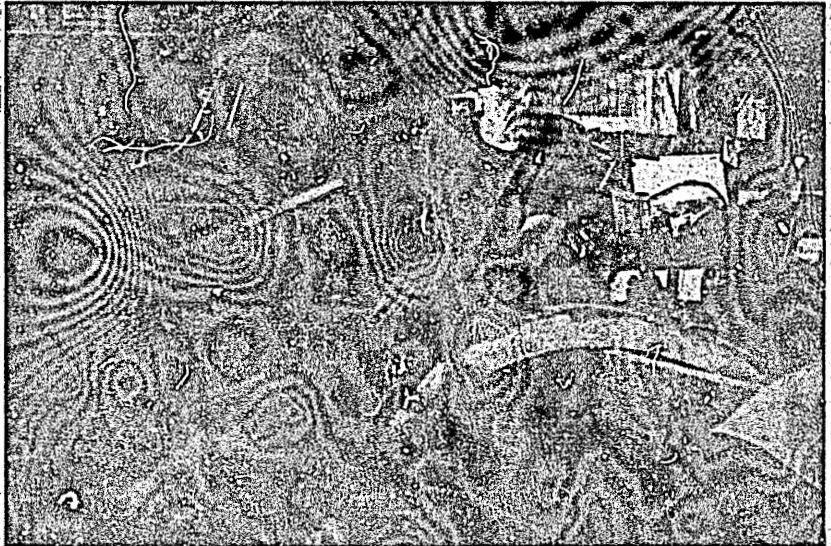
He said the zone would build on the university's technology center and would lead to the enhancement of broadband capabilities and infrastructure improvements in the area. It would require cooperation between the SIU Airport Authority, SIU, the Jackson County board, and city officials from Carbondale and Murphysboro, Goldman said.

"Among the mayoral candidates, I am uniquely qualified to bring the appropriate people together," Goldman said. "I know, and have worked with, each of the five key people who would be involved in moving this idea forward. I am excited about this opportunity to contribute to the next stage of the city's development."

Former mayoral candidate Brent Ritzel, director of public education and outreach for Equitech International LLC, endorsed Haynes on Tuesday. Ritzel said Haynes understands the community's need for key social services and the support of non-profits to foster economic development.

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Aldon and his art



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Aldon Addington, a retired SIUC professor of sculpture and 3-D design, shows off wood frames he built in a car he is restoring Wednesday in his garage in Carbondale. Addington said he spent seven years designing and

building his house mostly out of recycled materials. The house was completed four years ago and features living quarters suspended on stilts above a parking space. "I was really interested in a house I could drive under," he said.

Enrollment management plans to increase Hispanic graduation rates

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

Estefania Martinez says for her, being in college is an accomplishment in its own right.

Martinez, a freshman from Chicago studying criminal justice, said she is the first in her family to graduate high school and attend college.

"I need a degree to get a decent job," she said. "I want to set an example for my kids, not that my parents didn't do that for me; I just want to set the bar a little higher."

From 2001 to 2010, Hispanic student enrollment at SIUC increased by 25 percent, or 380 students, according to Institutional Research and Studies.

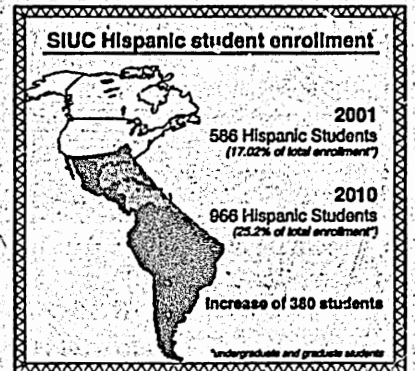
While the number of Hispanic students has increased, the Office of Enrollment Management said the graduation rate for Hispanic students between the fall of 2001 and the fall of 2004 fluctuated between 27 and 32 percent. The graduation rates are based on a group of about 100 students each year.

Excelencia in Education, a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C., committed to Hispanic student success in higher education, proposed a plan called "The Roadmap for Ensuring America's Future," earlier this month. The plan addresses the need to increase completion rates for Latino students.

The plan says Hispanic people are projected to make up nearly a quarter of the nation's college-age population by 2025, but Hispanic academic achievement is currently lower than that of other ethnic groups.

John Nicklow, vice chancellor for enrollment management, said the issue has not been addressed in the past because enrollment needs to be increased university-wide. Nicklow said recruitment and retention of Hispanic students is something the chancellor backs and is focused on now.

"We are recruiting in Hispanic-only schools; we have a Hispanic-focused recruiter; we hope in the near future to have a



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SOURCE: Institutional Research and Studies

bilingual recruiter and put all of our literature in Spanish," he said. "We are trying to make the changes necessary to help the Hispanic population — reach the four-year institution."

Nicklow said some Hispanic students have parents who don't speak English, and one of the university's goals is to have an on-staff tour guide who speaks Spanish so parents know their son or daughter is going to be understood at SIU.

Martinez said Hispanic students might think there is no hope of going to college or graduating high school because they are a minority. She said the mindset that minority students can succeed and go to college needs to be taught at an early age.

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In the Tuesday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the graphic for the story "Sting of closure days lingers for university employees," should have said March 15, April 22, May 27 and June 20 are only for Association of Civil Service Employees union members. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

In the Wednesday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the pulled quote for the story "Interim coach suspended three games" should have been attributed to Ken Henderson, interim head coach of SIU baseball. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

Upcoming Calendar Events

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Council candidates hope to establish self-supportive community

LEAH STOVER
Daily Egyptian

City Council candidates say the first step in solving the city's financial woes lies in community support.

"We really need to use all the tools in the toolbox," Lance Jack said.

Jack, alongside five of the 11 remaining council candidates, took part Wednesday in the second of two forums hosted by the League of Women Voters of Jackson County and WSU at the Carbondale Civic Center. At the forum, candidates R. Rick Jackson, Donald Monty, Michael Riley, Candie Wester-Mittan, Hugh Williams and Jack were asked seven questions, three of which they were informed of in advance. The topics ranged from the city budget to housing, but each candidate chose to speak about community support and involvement.

Jack, owner of Fat Patties, repeatedly addressed the importance of supporting businesses, particularly those on the Strip. When it comes to the city's finances, he said he believes in the importance of bringing more businesses to the area to increase revenue. Without generating more revenue through businesses, Jack said the city will continue down the path it is on now.

Jackson said what the city is lacking as a whole is faith in the community.

"One of the things we don't do in Carbondale is that we don't celebrate ourselves. The celebrations that we used to have are gone," he said.

Jackson referred to Main Street gatherings such as The Main Street Pig-Out, which ended in September 2009. He said an issue that continues to come up is the lack of attractions in Carbondale that bring people to the city. When people come to visit, Jackson said they prefer to shop in surrounding towns.

Wester-Mittan said she believes an important addition to the community would be for those who work in Carbondale to live within city limits. As an affiliate with the SIUC School of Law, Wester-Mittan said she knows several SIUC affiliates who live outside of town. She said



Karen Twitty-Hartlieb, of Carbondale, speaks with City Council candidate Donald Monty on Wednesday after five of the 11 remaining candidates took part in a forum hosted by the League of Women Voters at Carbondale City Hall. She said she spoke with Monty about the

if there were more incentives to live in Carbondale, those people would move and the city could generate more revenue.

The greatest change would be for the city to use the resources available to it through the university, Riley said. He said the city could reel in more business by collaborating with the graduate marketing department in an effort to bring in business from other states. Like other candidates, Riley strongly supported the idea of increasing local business, particularly on the Strip.

He said an efficient use of space would be to create multi-story buildings on the Strip that could serve as businesses and housing space. He

said that would lead to more people in that area and boost business there.

When presented with the question of how to change the perception that the city is not business-friendly, Monty said the idea was a misconception. To use the resources available effectively, he said it's vital for those in the community to contribute as well. He said volunteerism is crucial in creating an atmosphere that is in the best interest of the public.

A financial issue mentioned by candidates throughout the forum was Carbondale's annual \$1 million contribution to Sahuk Way. Williams said he believes the City Council shouldn't have contributed to the

possibility of allowing grocery and convenience stores to sell liquor. "It's inconvenient when it's only sold at liquor stores," she said. "Of course, there needs to be some control. Like Monty said, 'We don't want to see kegs sold at grocery stores.'"

project's fund... and government money should remain in government business. He said he believes the financial contribution wasn't beneficial for the city.

A possible solution Jackson proposed was implementing a referendum in which citizens of Carbondale would have the opportunity to vote on financial issues.

Norma Brown, who has lived in Carbondale since 1963, said she is not in favor of a referendum, but Sahuk Way would have been an exception. In other cases that don't involve such a large amount of money, Brown said she trusts her candidates to make the right decision.


"That's why I vote for them. If they don't do a good job then I won't vote for them next time," she said.

Jack said he is not against a referendum, but he's concerned about what dollar amount would be necessary to prompt the vote. He said his job as a City Council member would be to represent the community.

"If they're our representatives, then why are they asking us every time they turn around and sign a check," Jack said. "If you're going to be elected to be a leader, you need to be a leader sometimes."

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"We need a mayor that prioritizes the residents of this community, especially those most vulnerable among us," Ritzel said. "Those are our values as a community. That is why the city of Carbondale is committed to supporting organizations and programs that deliver high returns on investments both socially and economically."

Ritzel said Haynes puts forth the most positive and inclusive vision for Carbondale's future and supports his commitment to being a people's candidate.

Haynes said he is glad to work with Ritzel and will continue to fight for money for community programs and nonprofit organizations.

"If we do not take care of those in most need now, our whole community will pay a much greater price in the future," Haynes said.

He said to provide a more stable revenue stream for these critical community programs, up to one

percent of the city sales tax should be dedicated to them: Haynes said he will request that the council allow the community to vote on his proposal during the next election.

Maroney, a former hospital administrator for Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, said he and his staff will continue with the same message they've had since the beginning of his campaign.

Social services have been targeted by Maroney, who has pledged that he would cut the Women's Center and the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale from the city's budget.

"The big question is, 'What kind of leadership skills are you looking for in the next mayor?'" Maroney said. "I have a history of leadership, and if you look at the other candidates, the decision should be very easy."

Fritzler said it should be easy for residents to hold their elected representatives accountable. If elected, he said he promises to offer a resolution to change the way the City Council conducts its business.

"I know everyone who works for the city of Carbondale, has a great sense of responsibility to the residents of Carbondale, but sometimes residents get frustrated because they don't always understand how the council works," he said.

Fritzler's proposed changes would require discretionary spending on non-routine items such as travel to be voted on as separate items in the council's agenda. He said the city's website would display the council's vote within one week of each meeting, along with an immediate review of the city's discretionary spending.

"Carbondale residents have seen their property and sales taxes increase in the past few years. I think it's only reasonable to let them know how we're spending that money, particularly when it's not part of the city's core mission," Fritzler said. "My initiative will help see that they can trust us to use those resources wisely."

For community members interested in attending the forum, Litekcy said parking is allowed on the north side of West Walnut Street, the west side of South Maple Street and in the lot of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on the corner of South Poplar and West Walnut Streets. The Litekcy's home is located about a half block away on the south side of West Walnut Street.

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"I was brainwashed since I was in school," Martinez said. "I hit the point where I didn't think I was going to go to (college); it starts at a young age."

Excelencia's plan suggests administrators at higher education institutions put more focus on college preparedness and have more college-credit classes at high schools to avoid enforcing negative mindsets.

Martinez said she was in the International Baccalaureate program at her high school and took classes similar to college courses. She said early preparedness helped her adjust to SIUC coursework.

In February 2009, President Barack Obama set a goal for the

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— John Nicklow, vice chancellor for enrollment management

"The Latino and Latina population is growing faster than any other ethnic group, and it is a simple fact that we need to make sure that those individuals have the opportunity to be educated and obtain a college degree," he said.

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United States to become the top-ranked nation in the world in college-degree attainment by 2020. According to Excelencia's website, Hispanic students will have to earn 5.5 million degrees to meet that goal.

Nicklow said Hispanic student recruitment and retention will be a significant part of achieving the president's goal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Turn down the heat

DEAR EDITOR:

Tuesday was the second day in a row that the Child Development Lab (the daycare facility run by the Early Childhood Education program here at SIU) was closed due to excessive heat. Illinois law says that a daycare facility cannot operate if the temperature is 82 degrees or higher. On Monday afternoon in the lab's temperature was 93 de-

grees, the reason being the physical plant still has the heat running in Quincy despite outdoor temps in the high 70s.

This would be comical if it was not for the very real and detrimental impact these closures have on the families that rely on CDL for childcare. I am a graduate assistant in the English Department and my fiancée is in an extra-help position in the li-

brary. We are not rich, yet we choose to spend nearly \$1,000 dollars a month (80 percent of my take home pay) so our son can attend CDL while we both work. We believe in the quality of the program and think that it is a worthwhile investment.

However, when CDL closes unexpectedly, one of us stays home and unfortunately that means we lose what little money we would

have made for the day. Patrons in the library aren't helped and English classes run the risk of being canceled, all because someone can't be bothered to flip a switch and turn off the heat?

It is insulting that the university allows this to happen. It is unbelievable that the university would take so many parents' money, promise them a service and then dismiss its

responsibility. On top of that, there are many more university employees like myself who have children in CDL who must stay home and care for their young ones when the university can't be bothered to turn off the heat.

Peter Lucas
Graduate Instructor
English Department

Agriculture core class would be validated

DEAR EDITOR:

A few days ago, a letter to the editor caught my interest. It was by agriculture student Nate Comer who noted there is no agriculture class in SIU's core curriculum. Yes, a "core" or general studies course in agricultural aspects would be useful.

After all, farmers comprise less than 2 percent of the U.S. population, even though all of us are deeply dependent on food from farms around the world. With more than half of the world's population now urbanized and most production in major corporations' hands, most of us have little or no experience with agricultural

management, production and problems.

However, professors offering a core course in agriculture should tell the students taking the course that modern and high-tech agriculture is not sustainable for several reasons: because of its high dependence on fossil fuels that are being depleted and becoming more and more expensive, because high yields depend on fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides that are polluting waterways and will become increasingly expensive, because of practices that are steadily degrading and eroding the soils on which production must depend forever and

because of a steady increase in world population that continues to put pressure on food producers and the soil to increase production.

As transportation costs continue to rise, we will need to depend more and more on locally grown food and get along with fewer foods from overseas and smaller amounts of meat products in our diets. We should also be taking action to at least bring the world population to zero growth.

David E. Christensen
Emeritus Professor of Geography

Circus is coming to town

DEAR EDITOR:

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus is coming to campus in April, and I urge you not to attend. Animals used in the circus are not volunteers but instead perform out of fear. It is standard practice to hit, beat, shock, chain and whip animals to make them perform pointless acts. Animals used in circuses are torn from their families and denied the opportunity to follow their natural instincts while being transported across the country in cramped, filthy boxcars and trailers. These are just a few of the many reasons not to support circuses that use animals for entertainment, and I urge everyone not to attend the circus.

Amy Misner
Junior from Midlothian studying zoology

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STAFF COLUMN

Elites attempting to bring class conflict to Internet

KYLE AKEN
Daily Egyptian

The Internet is a powerful technological achievement. Its capabilities range from love to leisure, entertainment to education and networking to spying. With such versatility it is no wonder the internet has become one of our favorite innovations. You can't beat instant access to the biggest stockpile of information ever comprised by man. The Internet is truly a testament to the best qualities of the human spirit. With it we find unity, friendship, amusement, support, knowledge and just about anything else you can imagine.

The best part is that all of these things are shared equally with every-

one. It doesn't discriminate against you based on your ethnicity or socioeconomic status. It doesn't laugh at the nerd downloading the next World of Warcraft patch. It doesn't war with other countries over resources and religion. The web allows us to share a piece of ourselves and is a celebration of the immense diversity on this little rock called Earth. It is probably the closest thing man will ever get to a perfect democracy.

The Internet's endearing essence has unfortunately become tarnished because Congress has started sticking its greasy little fingers in the melting pot. They say too many chefs spoil the soup, though it only takes one politician. The recent downloading epidemic has prompt-

This is simply just an evolved kind of extortion, which proves once again that anything that might allow equality will quickly be shadded and beaten into submission by the elite.

ed regulation, but, until recently, all the laws were unobtrusive and reasonable. Slowly, however, the Internet is succumbing to the aristocratic control of powerful people who have puppets in Congress.

A recent proposition made by some guy with a swollen wallet and a shriveled brain suggested the Internet be split into two tiers. One tier would boast faster streaming and bandwidth as well as priority over tier-two surfers. It would also cost a hefty sum of money and so

would obviously only be bought by the upper crust.

This is a blatant attempt by the oppressive oligarchy to exercise control over yet another asset of which the lower class isn't worthy. Why should we lame-brained slackjaws get superior connection speeds? We wouldn't even understand the information when we get it, so why bother? This is simply just an evolved kind of extortion, which proves once again that anything that might allow equality will

quickly be shackled and beaten into submission by the elite.

By limiting what, how and when we get information from the Internet, the upper class again gets to pull all the strings and protect itself by veiling us in a cloak of ignorance. If we can't think for ourselves, we won't be a threat to their overgrown wallets. By making the internet a two-tier system, they would simply be using a more sophisticated version of segregation and tapping into yet another power outlet to feed the war machines they will use to eventually take over the world. So, round and round we go on the class conflict merry-go-round.

I, for one, am getting pretty nauseated.

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University self-promotes through athletics

BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

Although the SIU men's basketball team had a down season, the university still capitalizes on any national publicity its athletics teams can bring. Chancellor Rita Cheng said.

"We try to take advantage of any opportunity that we can get into thousands of households on TV," Cheng said.

The ability to market to tens of millions of people with a 30-second institutional spot advertisement, a free commercial, during sporting events such as NCAA tournaments is invaluable, said Michael Ruiz, director of University Communications.

He said generally an institutional spot in an NCAA tournament is similar to free publicity. However, the university does purchase some spots during nationally televised games, he said.

Ruiz said in addition to paying staff to produce it, the university paid \$7,500 to air an institutional commercial during a men's basketball game on ESPN Nov. 26. He said it was a small price to reach out to an audience the university otherwise wouldn't reach. He said it was the most expensive one-time commercial spot the university has purchased to date.

"For a nationwide ad, that's next to

nothing," Ruiz said. "Most of the time as far as TV advertising, we usually have one, maybe two, spots in any given year."

Mark Gazdik, assistant athletic director of marketing, said the university is allowed one 30-second commercial spot in every game SIU plays on ESPN, MVCTV or Fox Sports.

Ruiz said Barking Dawg Productions, a branch of University Communications, worked with the athletics department to create commercials that promoted the university in 2007 during the men's basketball NCAA Sweet 16 appearance and football's 2007 semifinal appearance.

Gazdik said athletics worked with Barking Dawg Productions to create Second Nature commercials featuring two Sahukhi athletes, basketball player Bryan Mullins and football player Larry Warner. Gazdik said he will continue to work with University Communications in the future, but the athletics department was able to acquire its own equipment in 2008 to make commercials.

"I work with (Ruiz) on a regular basis. We probably talk every other week, if not every week, on different projects," Gazdik said. "We're working together to get the right message out for the university."

Ruiz said University Communi-

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— Mario Moccia
athletic director

cations works with Lipman-Hearne marketing communications to create new promotional projects for the university through social media, e-mail, mobile phone applications, billboards and print advertisements.

Cheng said softball is another sport that garners the university national recognition and prospective student interest because of the team's continued success in the regular season and playoffs.

"When we don't have that, we have to make sure that we're getting our information in front of prospective students and parents in paid advertising," Cheng said.

Ruiz said paid advertisements can range from less than \$1,000 for local commercial spots to \$10,000 or more for commercial spots in more metropolitan markets.

He said when university sports teams don't make national postseason tournaments, national marketing

becomes more difficult with an \$800,000 budget.

"The number of advertising opportunities is always growing," Ruiz said. "The hard part is trying to figure out what you're going to do with the money that you have."

The athletics department could face future budget difficulties because the men's basketball team hasn't made the NCAA tournament in four years. The Missouri Valley Conference hasn't earned multiple bids into the tournament from traditionally strong teams such as Creighton, Northern Iowa and Wichita State during the span either, Athletic Director Mario Moccia said.

Moccia said it doesn't matter which MVC teams get into the tournament as long as multiple teams earn a spot.

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pacts the way finances work."

Each team that earns a spot in the NCAA tournament earns one share of NCAA money for its conference. Conferences earn more money based on how many rounds teams play, in addition to the number of teams it has in the tournament, said Mark Scally, assistant athletics director of finance.

The MVC received 20 shares of NCAA revenue in 2010 worth \$222,206 each, totaling more than \$4.4 million. SIU's piece of the total was slightly more than \$420,000, Scally said.

He said the number of teams representing the Missouri Valley Conference in the NCAA Tournament, especially a one-and-done team such as Indiana State this season, can affect student athletic fees. Because money to fund athletics programs is put in a collective pot, there is less to go around if less tournament money comes in from the conference, Scally said.

Teams representing the conference in the NCAA Tournament for the current season receive an extra half-share of money for each game played. Afterward, the conference distributes the rest of the money equally among all its teams, Scally said. He said the MVC distributes money from the NCAA Tournament in January of the following year.

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Professor plays blues for women's history

BRENDAN SMITH
Daily Egyptian

associate professor of ethnomusicology in the School of Music, she's also a practicing musician who performs frequently with her band Loose

Maria Johnson is more than an

Gravel. Her performance, “You Can't Keep a Good Woman Down: A Tapestry of Live Performance Interweaving the Songs and Her-Stories of Women in the Blues,” debuts Friday. The performance is a part of the university's annual celebration of Women's History Month. Johnson spoke with the DE about the performance, her past and her deep love for the blues.

Daily Egyptian: Typically, the blues are thought of as an African-American art form. What was it that drew you to the blues?

Maria Johnson: I grew up in Springfield, Mass. You don't automatically think of that as a blues city, but my parents were really into blues. In the late 60s early 70s, there was a blues revival period. (My parents) were both musicians and really into the music, so I was absorbing and loving the music. When I first started playing guitar I wanted to emulate it; I played a lot of ragtime and blues. Yes I grew up in a white, middle class context, but the music was there.

DE: How did that influence carry over into your studies?

MJ: When I got to college I became very interested in interdisciplinary work. I was into blues, and I was into the study of it in an interdisciplinary kind of way. I always appreciated the literature aspect of it. Music is always the thing that grounded me.

As an ethnomusicologist I'm doing sociology, I'm studying history and culture, all of these things through the lens of music.

My dissertation was based on the connection between blues and literature from authors like Alice Walker, Zora Neale Hurston and Sherley Ann Williams. I felt really emotionally attached to the blues. It's the aesthetics of it; the performance

of it, I think to me, is empowering. It's about community, about being in the moment, interacting, call-and-response, telling it like it is with no sugar coating.

DE: People say the message of the blues is universal. Is it safe to say you follow that idea?

MJ: It's so much about humanity. There is a timelessness that crosses culture. It obviously comes from African-American roots, and I think the struggle, which blues emerged during the post-reconstruction period, when there wasn't slavery anymore, but there were these freedoms — the freedom to move around, so there's the travel theme; the freedom to have relationships with whoever you choose, so you hear a lot about sex and love struggle. It's about expressing the whole range of human emotion.

DE: Have you had trouble with the genre?

MJ: I mean there are these questions about “can a white lady play the blues?” that come up. It's a little different when you write as a scholar, because it's OK to write about it. As long as you respect and know where it comes from, it's different. It's too important a music to put in a box. But it's something that I've wrestled with.

DE: Is that where this performance stems from?

MJ: With something like this, I'm paying homage to people I consider my heroes. I'm playing their songs instead of a presentation when I play the recordings of their songs. In this I'll be talking about their lives — people like Bessie Smith, Faith Nolan, Katie Webster — (and) projecting images of these performers and performing their music. Sometimes I think: “Is that legit?” And I say it is because I love it, because I feel it. Because it's part of

“With something like this, I'm paying homage to people I consider my heroes. I'm playing their songs instead of a presentation when I play the recordings of their songs.”
— Maria Johnson
associate professor of ethnomusicology

who I am and it's the music, making the music, that's magical. I hope I do them proud.

DE: How do you think the performance will be received in association with the Women's History Month celebration?

MJ: I think people will come because they want to and that the message will be well received. I could put a sign up, “Not into having fun: don't come!” But what I want to do is have people feel that empowerment, feel that strength. With the blues it's a lot about stance, about how things are said and challenging the status quo when it comes to race, gender, sexuality, religion — and it's done with humor. It's dealing with a lot of heavy issues in a way that's easily accessible. Without the humor, blues wouldn't have the humanity that it does. Unless you're dead, you have to see the humor in it. Part of this is my story through the women's blues. It's like, “yeah, I am a white woman doing this, but these are my experiences too.” With the blues everyone can find a message that speaks to them.

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Wave of anti-abortion bills advance in the states

DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dozens of bills are advancing through statehouses nationwide that would put an array of new obstacles — legal, financial and psychological — in the paths of women seeking abortions.

The tactics vary: mandatory sonograms and anti-abortion counseling, sweeping limits on insurance coverage, bans on abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. To abortion-rights activists, they add up to the biggest political threat since the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973 that legalized abortion nationwide.

"It's just this total onslaught," said Elizabeth Nash, who tracks state legislation for the Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive-health research organization that supports abortion rights.

What's different this year is not the raw number of anti-abortion bills, but the fact that many of the toughest, most substantive measures have a good chance of passage due to gains by conservative Republicans in last year's legislative and gubernatorial elections. On Tuesday, South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed into law a bill that would impose a longest-in-the-nation waiting period of three days before women could have an abortion — and also require them to undergo counseling at pregnancy help

centers that discourage abortions. "We're seeing an unprecedented level of bills that would have a serious impact on women's access to abortion services that very possibly could become law," said Rachel Sussman, senior policy analyst for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

On the other side, anti-abortion strategists such as Mary Spaulding Balch of the National Right to Life Committee have been scrambling to keep up with legislative developments. "Until the bills get on the governors' desks, it's premature to claim victory. But it's moving faster than it has in previous years. ... We're very pleased with the progress thus far."

In a number of states, lawmakers are considering bills that would ban elective abortions after 20 or 21 weeks of pregnancy. These measures are modeled after a law approved last year in Nebraska that was based on the disputed premise that a fetus can feel pain after 20 weeks.

The Idaho Senate approved one such bill Wednesday, sending it to the House, while a similar bill won final legislative approval in the Kansas Senate and was sent to Gov. Sam Brownback. The same type of measure is pending in Oklahoma and Alabama.

In Ohio, there's been a hearing on an even tougher measure that would outlaw abortions after the first medically detectable heart-

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National Right to Life Committee member

beat — as early as six weeks into a pregnancy. At that hearing, two pregnant women underwent ultrasounds so lawmakers could see and hear the fetal hearts.

The Ohio bill and the bans on abortions after 20 weeks are direct challenges to the legal status quo, based on Supreme Court rulings that permit abortions up to the point of a fetus' viability — approximately 24 weeks — and allow states to impose restrictions for abortions after that stage.

In Texas, a bill passed by the House would require that pregnant women have an opportunity to view a sonogram image, hear the fetal heartbeat, and listen to a doctor describe the fetus. While the doctor would be obligated to provide the information, the woman could close her eyes or cover her ears, according to the bill, which doesn't exempt victims of rape or incest.

"We don't believe these bills will dissuade women who've already made their decisions," said Donna Crane of NARAL Pro-Choice America. "What we think they will do is harass and intimidate women

who don't deserve it." Balch disagreed, insisting that the South Dakota bill and the sonogram measures in several states were not coercive.

"When a woman is pregnant and doesn't want to be, the more information she has, the better," Balch said. "That's what these laws are trying to do — give a thoughtful pause so the mother can understand the options that are out there."

In more than 20 states, bills have been introduced to restrict insurance coverage of abortion. In Utah, one such measure — affecting both private and public plans — has cleared both legislative chambers and been sent to Gov. Gary Herbert.

Of the various types of bills, the insurance bans could have the broadest impact, according to some abortion-rights activists.

"You could have nearly half the states where you couldn't buy regular insurance coverage for abortion even with your own money," Crane said. "This is having a transformational effect on the insurance industry and the way abortion is viewed."

While routine first-trimester abortions generally cost \$400 to \$700, later and more complicated abortions can run into the thousands of dollars, especially if hospitalization is needed.

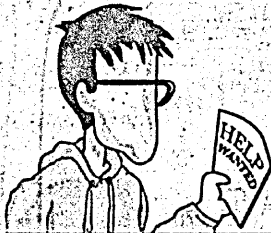
"A lot of these bills have an edge to them that really discounts the complications that can occur in pregnancy," said Planned Parenthood's Sussman. "There's a disregard for women's health."

Florida is a prime battleground. With a new Republican governor, Rick Scott, who touts his anti-abortion beliefs, conservative lawmakers have introduced at least 18 bills on the topic — including proposals to require ultrasound and to ban most insurance coverage of abortion.

"That could result in tens of thousands of women losing coverage," said Stephanie Kunkel, executive director of the Florida Association of Planned Parenthood Affiliates.

A different tactic is being tried in Virginia, where lawmakers last month passed a bill requiring abortion clinics to be regulated on the same basis as hospitals. Abortion-rights group said this could entail higher costs and force several clinics to close.

Many of the states where anti-abortion bills are advancing have new Republican governors who made campaign pledges to support such efforts.



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Wave of anti-abortion bills advance in the states

DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dozens of bills are advancing through statehouses nationwide that would put an array of new obstacles — legal, financial and psychological — in the paths of women seeking abortions.

The tactics vary: mandatory sonograms and anti-abortion counseling, sweeping limits on insurance coverage, bans on abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. To abortion-rights activists, they add up to the biggest political threat since the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973 that legalized abortion nationwide.

"It's just this total onslaught," said Elizabeth Nash, who tracks state legislation for the Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive-health research organization that supports abortion rights.

What's different this year is not the raw number of anti-abortion bills, but the fact that many of the toughest, most substantive measures have a good chance of passage due to gains by conservative Republicans in last year's legislative and gubernatorial elections. On Tuesday, South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed into law a bill that would impose a longest-in-the-nation waiting period of three days before women could have an abortion — and also require them to undergo counseling at pregnancy help

centers that discourage abortions. "We're seeing an unprecedented level of bills that would have a serious impact on women's access to abortion services that very possibly could become law," said Rachel Sussman, senior policy analyst for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

On the other side, anti-abortion strategists such as Mary Spaulding Balch of the National Right to Life Committee have been scrambling to keep up with legislative developments. "Until the bills get on the governors' desks, it's premature to claim victory. But it's moving faster than it has in previous years. ... We're very pleased with the progress thus far."

In a number of states, lawmakers are considering bills that would ban elective abortions after 20 or 21 weeks of pregnancy. These measures are modeled after a law approved last year in Nebraska that was based on the disputed premise that a fetus can feel pain after 20 weeks.

The Idaho Senate approved one such bill Wednesday, sending it to the House, while a similar bill won final legislative approval in the Kansas Senate and was sent to Gov. Sam Brownback. The same type of measure is pending in Oklahoma and Alabama.

In Ohio, there's been a hearing on an even tougher measure that would outlaw abortions after the first medically detectable heart-

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beat — as early as six weeks into a pregnancy. At that hearing, two pregnant women underwent ultrasounds so lawmakers could see and hear the fetal hearts.

The Ohio bill and the bans on abortions after 20 weeks are direct challenges to the legal status quo, based on Supreme Court rulings that permit abortions up to the point of a fetus' viability — approximately 24 weeks — and allow states to impose restrictions for abortions after that stage.

In Texas, a bill passed by the House would require that pregnant women have an opportunity to view a sonogram image, hear the fetal heartbeat, and listen to a doctor describe the fetus. While the doctor would be obligated to provide the information, the woman could close her eyes or cover her ears, according to the bill, which doesn't exempt victims of rape or incest.

"We don't believe these bills will dissuade women who've already made their decisions," said Donna Crane of NARAL Pro-Choice America. "What we think they will do is harass and intimidate women

who don't deserve it." Balch disagreed, insisting that the South Dakota bill and the sonogram measures in several states were not coercive.

"When a woman is pregnant and doesn't want to be, the more information she has, the better," Balch said. "That's what these laws are trying to do — give a thoughtful pause so the mother can understand the options that are out there."

In more than 20 states, bills have been introduced to restrict insurance coverage of abortion. In Utah, one such measure — affecting both private and public plans — has cleared both legislative chambers and been sent to Gov. Gary Herbert.

Of the various types of bills, the insurance bans could have the broadest impact, according to some abortion-rights activists.

"You could have nearly half the states where you couldn't buy regular insurance coverage for abortion even with your own money," Crane said. "This is having a transformational effect on the insurance industry and the way abortion is viewed."

While routine first-trimester abortions generally cost \$400 to \$700, later and more complicated abortions can run into the thousands of dollars, especially if hospitalization is needed.

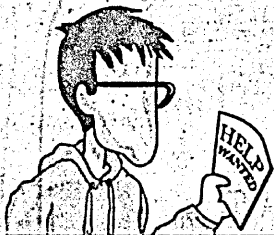
"A lot of these bills have an edge to them that really discounts the complications that can occur in pregnancy," said Planned Parenthood's Sussman. "There's a disregard for women's health."

Florida is a prime battleground. With a new Republican governor, Rick Scott, who touts his anti-abortion beliefs, conservative lawmakers have introduced at least 18 bills on the topic — including proposals to require ultrasound and to ban most insurance coverage of abortion.

"That could result in tens of thousands of women losing coverage," said Stephanie Kunkel, executive director of the Florida Association of Planned Parenthood Affiliates.

A different tactic is being tried in Virginia, where lawmakers last month passed a bill requiring abortion clinics to be regulated on the same basis as hospitals. Abortion-rights group said this could entail higher costs and force several clinics to close.

Many of the states where anti-abortion bills are advancing have new Republican governors who made campaign pledges to support such efforts.



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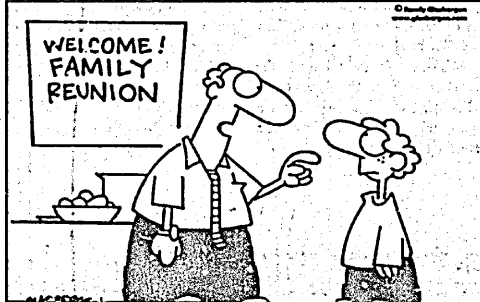
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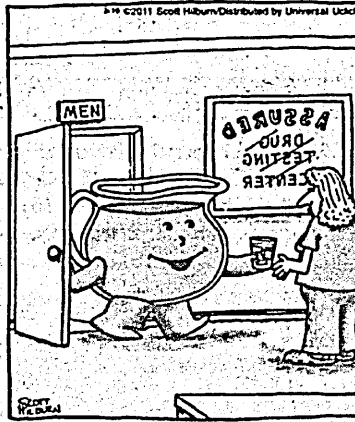
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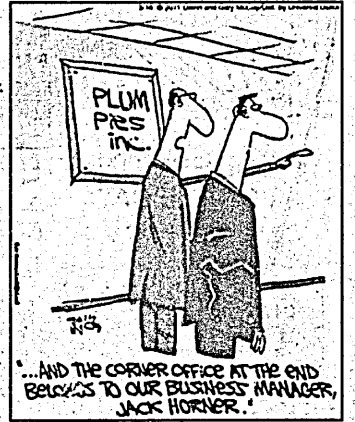
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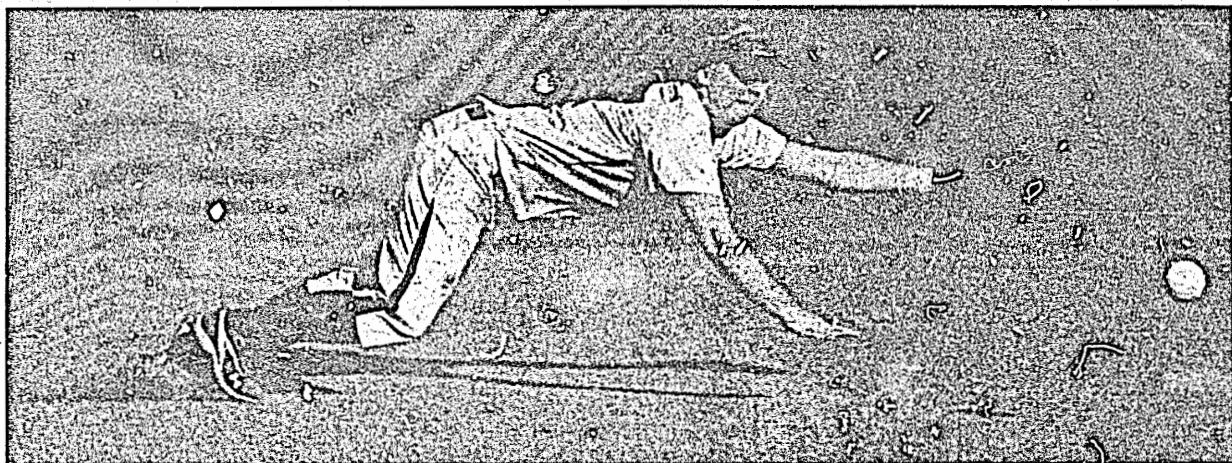
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Junior shortstop Haley Gorman attempts to catch a line drive during the Salukis' 5-2 loss Wednesday to the University of Illinois at Charlotte West Stadium. The Salukis are currently 16-10 and will play against Creighton with a doubleheader Saturday and a game Sunday in Omaha, Neb.

SIU lacks offense in loss to Fighting Illini

AUSTIN FLYNN
Daily Egyptian

Early errors put the SIU softball team behind, and it mustered just three hits in a 5-2 loss to the University of Illinois Wednesday at Charlotte West Stadium.

Senior pitcher Danielle Glosson, who pitched the entire game, said the lack of offense was uncharacteristic of the team.

"I know that my hitters are better than that," Glosson said. "It sucks because they don't hit like that in practice."

Glosson said three fielding errors played a major role in their loss.

"The errors, they'll always bite you in the butt," she said. "They're always going to kill you."

"You can learn a lesson in every game you play, whether you win or lose."

— Kerri Blaylock
head coach

Glosson struck out nine batters in the game but also gave up eight hits.

The Fighting Illini (12-12) hit the ball early and scored a run in the first when second baseman Danielle Zymkowitz led the game with a triple and scored on an error by junior shortstop Haley Gorman. The Salukis (16-10, 3-0 Missouri Valley Conference) attempted to answer with the bases loaded in the bottom of the first, but they fell short as freshman second baseman Jayna Spivey struck out to end the inning.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said she has plenty of faith in the team's offensive

abilities, so it didn't faze her when the Salukis couldn't score in the first inning.

"When you've got seven innings to play, I don't really worry about that," Blaylock said. "I have complete confidence in us to string things together."

However, SIU was able to get only one runner on base from the second inning through the fifth.

In the sixth inning, SIU scored a run off of a wild pitch that brought junior left fielder Mallory Duran to score and the Salukis within three runs, 4-1.

Then, in the seventh, senior center fielder Chelsea Held hit her first home run of the season.

Held led the team with two hits in the game but said she didn't view the home run as anything more than a hit and was still disappointed in the outcome of the game.

"It still sucks that we lost, which is what really comes out of this," she said. "We just had an off game."

Blaylock said even though the team lost, she hopes the players take a valuable lesson away from it and learn to stay in games, even if they make errors or give up a few early runs.

"You can learn a lesson in every game you play, whether you win or lose," Blaylock said. "And what I hope we learn is that we can be in this ballgame 3-2 at the end ... and that needs to happen."

Held said the team is still confident and just needs to focus on its next game.

"We're going to come out and practice hard tomorrow and get ready for Creighton and ... get this out of our mind," she said.

The Salukis will play a three-game series, a doubleheader Saturday and one game Sunday, against the Creighton Blue Jays in Omaha, Neb.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Chad Ochocinco began a four-day tryout Wednesday with Sporting Kansas City, a Major League Soccer team, since the NFL is currently in a lockout. Do you think Ochocinco could succeed as a professional soccer player?



TREY BRAUNECKER
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The man dedicated his last name to his football number, and his football number. Hands down, the man better stick with what he knows: good old American football.

Of course he can play professional soccer. The man can do anything, and if the NFL lockout goes into the winter, maybe he can take up figure skating.



JACOB MAYER
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I think it had less to do with the lockout and more to do with playing for the Bengals.



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Gus' Response

Ochocinco should be starting for the U.S. national team. Sure, he'll get beat up and down the field and look like a total embarrassment. But get him a penalty kick, and watch him come up with the greatest post-goal dance of all time.



WOMEN'S TENNIS

Injuries affect more than hurt player

TREY BRAUNECKER
Daily Egyptian

Junior tennis player Vishakha Sheoran said even though her knee injury kept her off the courts this year, it hasn't stopped her from providing the team with support and advice from the sidelines.

Sheoran said she injured her knee while on a run last spring and has not been able to play since.

Tennis is a sport of agility and speed, so one of the most common injuries for players is a sprained ankle, coach Audra Nothwehr said. She also said players are vulnerable to shoulder, knee and wrist injuries because of the quick, jerking movements they have to make.

Nothwehr said any injury can prevent a player from getting but knee injuries seem to have the greatest effect on a player's game.

"We've had shoulder injuries on the team ... but the players are still able to move and hit their ground strokes," Nothwehr said. "The knee is the only injury that's completely shut down one of my players."

Other than a minor ankle sprain, Sheoran's knee injury has been the first major injury she's had since she started playing tennis.

"It's been overwhelming to deal with my knee, but thanks to my awesome teammates, coaches and trainers, I think I'm starting to work past it," Sheoran said.

Although Nothwehr didn't suffer from many injuries in her tennis career, she said she personally knows how detrimental one, serious injury can be to a player's game.

"I had one serious injury in college where I pulled my abdomen," Nothwehr said. "It slows you down; you can't serve,

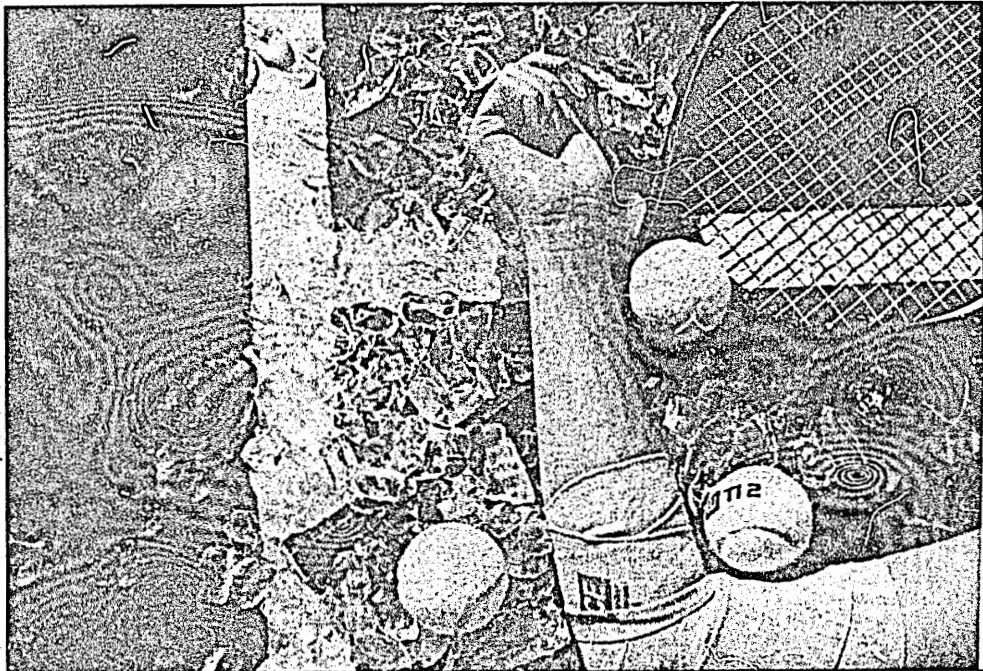


PHOTO ILLUSTRATION GEORGE LAMBOLEY | DAILY EGYPTIAN since last spring after she injured her knee while on a run, costing the Salukis points in singles and doubles matches, sophomore Jennifer Dien said.

Sports injuries often plague teams' seasons, putting key players on the bench and forcing teammates to pick up extra duties. Vishakha Sheoran, a junior from New Delhi, has been sidelined

and there's really nothing you can do for a pulled abdomen."

Even with her injury, Sheoran said she still trains with the team, but her knee makes it difficult to fully participate.

"It can be hard to keep up with my teammates," Sheoran said. "Basically, I practice until my knee starts to bother me, and that's when I have to stop and slow down."

Nothwehr said Sheoran will hopefully start playing again within the next couple of months, but chances are she won't be at 100 percent.

Sophomore Jennifer Dien said opponents have an advantage on the Salukis without Sheoran, but she also understands Sheoran needs time for her knee to heal properly.

"Without Vishakha, we have to

forfeit a singles point and a doubles match. ... It makes us nervous to know the opponent is getting the point," Dien said. "Still, we don't want Vishakha to work her knee too much and injure it again."

Sheoran, who is a senior academically, said the most disappointing part of her injury is being unable to play tennis with her team in her last year of

undergraduate school.

"This isn't how I wanted to end my last semester here, but I have to try and make the best out of the situation," Sheoran said. "I can't play right now, so I try to help the team any chance I get."

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BASEBALL

Salukis end nine-game losing streak without Henderson

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Daily Egyptian

Sophomore first baseman Wes Neece said ending the Salukis' nine-game losing streak Wednesday felt great.

"You have no idea," Neece said. "It wasn't to the point that we have a monkey on our back, but it's definitely a pressure releaser for us."

The SIU baseball team beat Eastern Illinois 7-4 in Charleston without the leadership of interim head coach Ken Henderson, who is serving a three-game suspension after arguing with an umpire Sunday during the 12th inning of SIU's 8-2 loss against Illinois.

Assistant coach Ryan Strain and players said though Henderson's absence was a change, it was not a major concern.

"(Henderson) has confidence in us that we will do the job," Strain said. "With our kids, they know what to do."

SIU started the game with a four-run second inning. Sophomore right fielder Nick Johnson started the inning with a double to left field. Johnson took advantage of an overthrown ball and advanced to third. He scored on the next play after a hit by freshman shortstop Jake Welch.

Later in the inning, the Salukis loaded the bases after a pitch struck center fielder Chris Murphy. Neece hit a single to the right side on the next play that allowed freshman designated hitter Kollin Dowdy and Welch to score.

"We were kind of struggling to produce some runs here and there," Neece said. "We'll take anything we can get."

Junior left fielder Jordan Sversten finished the run with a pop fly to center field scoring that allowed Murphy to add an unearned run.

The Salukis kept the momentum going with two runs in the third

inning. Murphy hit a single to the left side, which scored Welch and junior catcher Dustin Huff.

"It was exciting," Murphy said. "I just did my job. That's what I'm supposed to do."

Strain said the team took advantage of the Panthers' mistakes.

The Panthers began to make a comeback with a three-run sixth inning. Panther left fielder Tyler Schweigert hit a home run to lead off the inning, and Eastern Illinois center fielder Nick Preissman scored after a throwing error by freshman third baseman Donny Duschinsky. Two plays later, Panther designated hitter David Claglia scored on a base hit by third baseman Ryan Dineen.

The Salukis replaced senior right-handed pitcher Andrew Bever with freshman righty Peter Slavonic in the next inning. The Panthers didn't score again. Slavonic threw two shutout innings, and sophomore left-



PAT SUTPHIN | DAILY EGYPTIAN Junior catcher Dustin Huff slides into second base Saturday during the home game against Northern Illinois. The Salukis beat Eastern Illinois 7-4 Wednesday.

handed pitcher Andrew Johnson came in to close the game.

"The pitching was tremendous," Strain said. "They threw strikes, kept guys off base and did a pretty good job overall."

The Salukis will play Dallas

Baptist in a three-game weekend series that starts at 3 p.m. today at Abe Martin Field.

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