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Almost 20 years after graduating
SIUC, this alumnus now leads
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Hemp bill up in smoke

Illinois House rejects
plan that would allow
SIUC to research hemp

ALEXA AGUILAR
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A bill allowing the University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign and SIUC to
research potential uses of industrial hemp for
Illinois farmers was rejected Tuesday by the
Illinois House of Representatives 69-34.

That number was insufficient for the bill
to pass, but bill sponsor Rep. I. Ronald

Lawler, R-Freeport, said he plans to reintro-
duce it early next year.

The Industrial Hemp Act, passed by the
Senate 49-9 in the spring, called for the two
universities to look into the viability of indus-
trial hemp as an alternative crop.

Tony Young, associate dean for research
of the College of Agriculture, said SIUC was
willing to do the research, but it would have
been very costly.

Federal agencies would have required
strict guidelines for fences, surveillance, etc.

"With financial assistance, we could have
done the research," Young said. "Hemp has
potential for Illinois, especially as an alterna-
tive crop."

"But there are other crops in Illinois with

fibers that can be used for industrial uses."

Hemp fibers can be used for cloth, paper,
oils, food products and building materials.
According to the North American Industrial
Hemp Council, hemp can yield three to
eight dry tons of fiber per acre — four times
what an average forest can produce.

The Illinois House debated the bill
throughout the spring and postponed the
legislation to the special fall veto session this
week.

Rep. Charles Hartke, D-Effingham, a
co-sponsor of the bill, said hemp could help
revitalize the Illinois farm economy.

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Gov. Durbin? Senator may make bid in 2002

Durbin rallies support
at SIUC for his next
political move

JASON COKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin came to SIUC Tuesday
night, slamming the Electoral College and weighing
his plans for the future, such as running for governor
or staying in the Senate.

Durbin, D-Ill., and nearly 50 others gathered at a
campaign fund-raiser at the Student Center, where as
much as \$10,000 was raised. Durbin has not decided
which campaign the money will go for.

"I'm trying to figure out what my future is going
to be like," Durbin said. "I
love serving in the Senate,
and I've been urged by
many of you to think about
some other kind of service,
which I'll definitely serious-
ly consider." But, "I'll wait
until the first of the year to
make my decision."

Jerry Prince, chairman of
the Democratic Party of
Hamilton County, said he
believes if Durbin decides to
run for governor, it will pro-
duce enormous changes for Illinois, which has not
had a Democrat in the governor's seat since 1975.

"Dick Durbin is a real exceptional person. He is a
formidable candidate," Prince said. "I personally
would like to see him run for governor."

However, Prince said the Senate might be tough
to give up for Durbin, especially now that the Senate
may be evenly divided with Democrats and
Republicans.

Durbin, a native of East St. Louis, said he wants
to wait and see what the new Senate looks like before
he decides. He said he believes the Democrats can
accomplish a lot now that the Senate is split down the
middle. Also, he said it will be interesting to see how
Senator-elect Hillary Clinton, D-New York, will do.

"We are so excited about the fact that it appears
we'll have a 50-50 Senate. It's beyond anyone's
wildest dreams that that might happen," Durbin said.
"If it does, it's going to give us an opportunity to push
through a lot of things that are important, like educa-
tion, healthcare, the minimum wage and things that
have really been shoved aside for too long."

Durbin said he believes the Electoral College is a
"constitutional dinosaur" that should be abolished,
because it has fundamental flaws that make it work
against our democratic system.

"Whoever is the next president has a tough job to
handle. If it's George Bush, he lost the popular vote,
he won the electoral vote. It'll produce some really
conflicting circumstances," Durbin said. "If it's Al
Core, the Republicans will say it was taken away at
the last minute."

Durbin's host for the evening, former Sen. Paul
Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute at
SIUC, agrees that the Electoral College has no place
in the modern world.

Simon left the reception early to make an appear-
ance on MSNBC with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson,
R-Texas, to talk about the recent election fiasco.
While he believes Hutchinson will probably disagree
with him, he said he would like to see the Electoral
College taken out of the political process.

"I think if somebody gets the majority vote, they
should be president," Simon said. "But, I don't think
the system is going to be changed."

Durbin will continue his SIUC visit in Barb
Brown's State and Local Government class today.



Sen. Durbin

Saviors from the Sky



TED SCHURTER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Matt Duffy, a senior in marketing from New Haven, examines the cockpit of an Arch medical helicopter flown in for Peggy Wilkens' Advanced First Aid class Wednesday morning.

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students learn the
saving power
of medical transport

Falling from the sky like a giant yel-
low-orange insect, a helicopter
hovered in mid-air momentarily
before making its vertical descent
onto Stehr Field Tuesday.

Bringing with it a blustering wind that
whirled golden leaves across the field and
onto spectators, the landing was part of an
education demonstration done for an
advanced first aid class from ARCH heli-
copters, a St. Louis medical transfer unit
based in Sparta.

James Shoffstall, Sparta ARCH educa-
tion coordinator, instructed the students on
the proper ways to prepare a medical heli-
copter landing site and to move injured vic-
tims to the helicopters for transport.

One of the main points Shoffstall
stressed was to approach the helicopter
head-on and to avoid the tail propeller at all
times when the helicopter's engines are on.

"If it's running and I walk under it — and
I was 6 [feet] 1 [inch] tall, I'll probably be 5
feet," Shoffstall said, clad in a bright blue
paramedic flight suit.

The landing was originally scheduled for
10:15 a.m. However, the helicopter was on
its way from Sparta when it was called for an
emergency. ARCH was able to dispatch an
alternative helicopter from Cape Girardeau,
Mo., which arrived about 10:40 a.m. for the
demonstration.

The helicopter was one of the smaller
used in medical transports and it is filled to
capacity with blankets and medical supplies.
Because of its size it is limited to safely trans-
porting one patient. ARCH also has larger
helicopters that are capable of transporting
more than one patient or a patient and a

family member.

Shoffstall said the focus of the demon-
stration is to educate students, but it also
gives them the opportunity to interact with
people in a non-crisis situation.

"It gets us in touch with the community,"
he said, shouting to be heard over the throbb-
ing buzz of the helicopter, which keeps its
engines running for about three minutes
after landing.

He said it is important to teach students
proper techniques, while getting them excited
about the profession.

"It's addictive for me," Shoffstall said.
"I've been in it for four years and I love fly-
ing."

Guided by a human perimeter formed by
students, the helicopter circled the field once
before setting down in the grassy landing
pad.

Jason Billings, a senior in administration
of justice from Carbondale, was one of the

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TODAY

• **Small Business Development Center** offers business start-up seminars, 1 to 4 p.m., Bunn-Richmond Economic Development Center in Carbondale, 536-2424.

• **Library Affairs Research with the Web**, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• **Christian Apologetics Club** meeting to understand Christianity, every Wed., noon, Troy Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.

• **School of Law** will present a free program on combining a law degree with a degree in medicine, business, public administration, social work or accounting with a free lunch, Dec. 1, noon to 1 p.m., RSVP Jilue by today at 453-8858 or lawadmit@siu.edu.

• **Ninth Street Tabernacle Ministries** bible study, every Wed., 4 to 5 p.m., Student Center, Andrea 351-9420.

• **Women's Action Coalition** meeting to discuss issues that need your voice, every Wed., 5 p.m., Women's Study House, Greta 453-5141.

• **Public Relations Student Society of America** meeting, every Wed., 4:30 p.m., Cambria Room Student Center, Tim 453-1898.

• **Healing Towards Wholeness Support Group** for women who have experienced sexual assault or abuse, every Wed., 4:30 to 6 p.m., 453-3655.

• **Model U.N.** meeting, every Wed., 5 to 7 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Jill 351-9881.

• **SPC News and Views Committee** meeting, every Wed., 5 p.m., Sangamon Room Student Center, Gary 536-3393.

• **Zoology Club** winter party, 5 p.m., LSII Auditorium, Scot 351-7577.

• **Saluki Rainbow Network**, every Wed., 5:30 p.m., Student Center, 453-5151.

• **College Republican** meeting, 5:30 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Beth 529-2674.

• **Gamma Beta Phi** general meeting, 6 p.m., Kaskaskia Room Student Center, Sara aloudlaugh@hotmail.com

• **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority** informational meeting and Mr. Kabachio Sweetheart Ball auditions, 6 to 8 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, 529-7426 or 457-2758.

• **Egyptian Dive Club** meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Pulliam 021, Amy 549-0840.

• **PI Sigma Epsilon** meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Library Room 327, Nicole 549-1509.

• **Chi Alpha Campus Ministries** African-American bible study, every Wed., 7 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Kudzi 529-7088.

• **Saluki Advertising Agency** meeting, every Wed., 7 p.m., CRC Resource Center, Laura 529-8805.

UPCOMING

• **Workforce Education and Development Multimedia Showcase 2000**: multimedia software and projects, hands-on activities, video streaming, and much more, Nov. 30, noon to 5 p.m., Pulliam Hall Room 201, Jerry 536-3311 extension 274.

• **Divorce/Relationship Ending Support Group** screening for new members, every Thurs., 4:30 to 6 p.m., 453-3655.

• **University Christian Ministries** listening circle, Nov. 30, 5 p.m., Interfaith Center, Hugh 549-7387.

• **ASAF** meeting, Nov. 30, 5 to 6 p.m., Corinth Room Student Center, Argus 457-6640.

• **Student Environmental Center** and Campus Shawnee Greens meeting, every Thurs., 6 p.m., Interfaith Center, Andrew 351-5959.

• **Japanese Student Association** conversation, every Thurs., 6 p.m., Melange, Ai 351-9198.

• **Blacks in Communication Alliance** RSO members meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Missouri Room Student Center, Erica 451-8197.

• **Circle K International** volunteer organization meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, Tammi 529-8996.

• **Rodeo Club** meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Agriculture Building Room 209 or 213, Rob 985-6613.

• **Sigma Tau Delta** final meeting, Nov. 30, 7 p.m., Kaskaskia Room Student Center, Katie 549-0982.

• **Sailing Club** meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, Kris 7900.

• **Windsurfing club** meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Jeff 529-4954.

• **SIU Swing Club** meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Davies Gym, Dave 536-8121.

• **Zen Meditation** silent sitting, every Thurs., 8:45 p.m., Interfaith Center, Jim 453-4786.

• **International Friends Club** Coffee Hour informal socializing, Dec. 1, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Interfaith Center, Beth 453-5774.

• **WSIU/WUSI FM** Drive needs assistance, Dec. 1 through Dec. 10, various shifts, Communications Building, Frances 453-4161.

• **Spanish Table** meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange.

• **Susan Shore** will perform, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m., Cousin Andy's Coffee House, 529-3533.

WEATHER



TODAY:
Partly Cloudy
High: 49
Low: 30



TOMORROW:
Partly Cloudy
High: 49
Low: 32

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

• A Mae Smith resident reported the theft of a Sony Playstation game between 4 p.m. Nov. 16 and 6 p.m. Sunday. There were no signs of forced entry and police have no suspects.

• Allen James Coover, 18, of Lake Zurich, and Brian G. DeGraf, 20, of Kildeer were arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol on Monday at 11:31 p.m. on the west side of the Recreation Center. Both men were issued Carbondale city pay-by-mail citations and released.

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1990:

• SIUC's English Department sponsored a national literary contest in an effort to promote a greater diversity of ethnicity in college-level creative writing programs across the country.

• Members of the Financial Aid Advisory Committee reviewed revision proposals for SIUC's student work policies so that they would be more favorable to students.

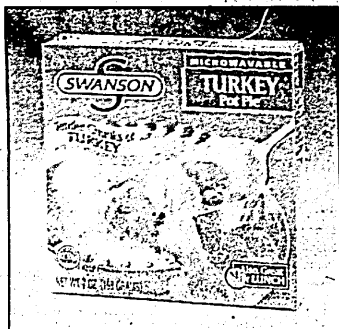
CORRECTIONS

Tuesday's article "AIDS awareness week promotes education" should have read that 50 percent of newly infected HIV sufferers in the United States are younger than 26, slightly older than the average SIUC undergraduate student. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

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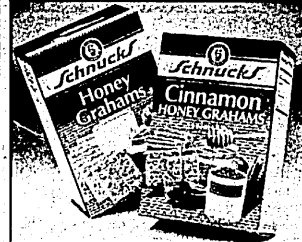
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Magic in the air for Christmas

Carbondale residents
celebrate Christmas
early in Du Quoin

CORDELL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN

DU QUOIN — A train car full of Carbondale children took turns sitting on the knee of Santa Claus and told him what they wanted for Christmas.

"They've been perfect little angels," Santa, also known as George Whitehead, said. "There's a couple I almost put on the naughty list, but they stopped [misbehaving]."

Whitehead was playing the part of Santa Claus at the Holiday Lights Fair in Du Quoin. The fair, which runs through the end of December, offered families a drive-through light show with a "fair theme." They portrayed the theme by having lights in the shape of objects that have been associated with the Du Quoin State Fair.

The light show included a 40-foot lighted roller coaster and carousel as well as lights in the shape of a horse race. With a \$5 entrance fee, families were allowed to drive through the fairgrounds and appreciate the lights.

The fair saw its first night Friday because of a joint effort among the Du Quoin Tourism Commission, the Perry County Tourism Commission and the Carbondale Convention Tourism Bureau. Roxanne Conley, special events coordinator for the Carbondale Convention Tourism Bureau, has high hopes for the fair.

"I think it's going to go real well," Conley



MINOR PARK — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jerry Kuhnert tells Santa he wants two guns for Christmas, as Santa, George Whitehead, holds Kuhnert on his knee and listens during the Holiday light festival at the Du Quoin State Fairground Sunday night.

said. "The kids are just really excited."

The opening night had plenty of excited children. Brad Dillard and his wife, Kathy, witnessed the fair with their daughters Morgan, 6, and Kristen, 2. The Dillards journeyed from Carbondale on the Amtrak train that brought several Carbondale families to Du Quoin.

The Dillards wanted to treat their daughters

to something that would fill them with the Christmas spirit.

"It's a fun family thing to do at the start of the holiday season," Brad Dillard said. "This is really a first-class affair."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

University addresses race issues

The University Core Curriculum and the Campus Dialogue on Race will sponsor a video entitled "Mississippi: Race" from noon to 1 p.m. today in the University Museum Auditorium.

The video will be presented by Jane Adams, associate professor in anthropology, and D. Gorton, a freelance photographer.

There will be a discussion period after the video is shown.

IOWA STATE

Election controversy leads to new class at Iowa State U.

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — The 2000 presidential election that caused a national stir has sparked an idea for an Iowa State University political science course that will be offered next semester.

The two-credit class, "Presidential Election 2000: The Implications for Democratic Theory," will cover the election and its lasting effect on politics in the United States. Steffen Schmidt, university professor of political science, and Richard Mansbach, professor of political science, will teach the course.

"This election has shown us a lot about the democratic process in America," Schmidt said.

The eight-week course is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, and it will be open to 200 students.

—from Daily Egyptian News and Wire Services

USG may appoint election commissioner tonight

Summer funding
resolution back at the
table, despite complaints
of possible loopholes

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After nearly two months of discussion, Undergraduate Student Government may appoint Marty Obst, president of Inter-Greek Council, as USG Election Commissioner at tonight's meeting.

The Obst appointment comes months after USG was criticized for shady election practices last spring. Obst has spoken publicly about his intention to use arbitrary election monitors in the upcoming elections.

Obst has met with the USG Internal Affairs Committee and received unanimous support

from committee members.

Earlier fears concerning a possible conflict of interest if Obst held the commissioner position and his IGC position simultaneously were examined, said USG Senator Valerie Climo, who is a member of the IAC.

Obst has been waiting for appointment for almost two months.

"Even if some don't think Marty is the absolute best person for the job, the fact remains that he is here and he wants to do a good job," Archer said.

Archer said with Obst attending USG meetings and making himself available, a number of the USG senators have had the chance to talk to him and find out what his election ideas are.

"Obst has already put forth a lot of effort and has shown that he wants to do it and he can do it," Archer said. "If he is appointed, he'll have a

jump start on the elections and that would be a good thing."

Along with the possible Obst appointment, USG will be considering the latest stage of evolution in a summer finance resolution, plagued by problems throughout the semester.

Earlier in the semester, a resolution by USG Senator Rob Taylor was passed and then vetoed by Archer. Another version of the Taylor resolution, with extended language by Archer and USG Chairman pro tempore Darrin Ray, was tabled for review by the USG

BILL ARCHER
USG president

Committee.

The newest version details logistical and communication requirements for committee members, as well as contingency guidelines in case the committee cannot be contacted by the

USG President. It also includes limits upon funding to be used specifically for events, not to exceed \$7,500 for the entire summer.

Archer said this resolution has posed problems for USG this semester, claiming he is "so tired of the bickering over the fine points of it that I just want them to pass something."

"I personally think the [latest version of the resolution], though some people feel it has a lot of small loopholes, is better than having one large loophole concerning whether or not committee members can stay in communication," Archer said.

USG members have had a chance to comment on the construction of the bill using a listserve to facilitate discussion. According to Climo and USG Senator Jackie Westphal, the listserve has provided USG members with the ability to discuss legislation and be better prepared for meetings.

USG will be meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Renaissance Room of the Student Center.

Students take over Old Main for Fabulous Fridays

Class gives students
real-life experience

GINNY SHALSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Yummy yams and mean green beans will fill the Old Main Restaurant buffet and sayings straight from Dr. Seuss' rhyme-filled children's books will decorate tables Friday.

Old Main will become a Dr. Seuss tale of its own for "Fabulous Friday" as Hotel Restaurant and Travel Administration students convert the restaurant into "Lunch in Whoville" as part of a class.

Advance Quantity Food Production is a required class for HRTA students. The 17-student class is divided into five teams and each team is responsible for running Old Main for two Fabulous Fridays a semester.

Students coordinate everything from the menu, cooking and serving to the creative aspect of developing a theme. Past themes

have ranged from Hawaii, which featured Big Island Chicken, and Mickey Mouse, complete with Disney recipes.

Each team has about five weeks to develop a plan for Fabulous Fridays. Team members meet inside a classroom for one hour a week. All other arrangements must be made on the team's own time.

The teams have only \$200 to stretch for food and decorations each Friday. The class saves on labor costs because the students who are not in charge of the presentation work as servers and dishwashers.

"We all get to do everything at least once," said Tamara Full, a senior in HRTA from Springfield. "It's good because you get to do things you've never done and may not have to do as a manager, but at least you know how."

Transforming into restaurant employees weekly is not the only task students enrolled in the class are required to do. At the end of the semester each team must turn in an in-depth report citing all of the recipes used, production charts that explain who did what, the

themes used and what the team did to market the event.

The senior-level class ultimately allows students to become a restaurant manager for a day. Students experience the responsibility of running a restaurant and can use the knowledge gained to determine if restaurant management is something they really want to pursue.

"It gives them insight into their own personalities as a manager and working with another team and the public," said professor and HRTA Coordinator Trish Welch, who has overseen the class for 10 years.

While the class can become stressful for some students, Full said part of the fun is choosing a theme and decorating accordingly for it.

In the past children dressed as bunny rabbits and hopped around for an Easter theme and another theme included goldfish that

were placed in small bowls on each table as well as inside a small plastic children's pool. Welch said the cheap goldfish were disastrous because they died and floated to the top of the bowls during some patrons' meals and others flopped out of the pool and danced around the carpet.

Sharon Spence, supervisor of Old Main, said she enjoys letting the class come in and take over for a day. Many people visit the restaurant especially for Fabulous Fridays.

"It's a learning process; they get better every time they work," Spence said. "To be a manager for a day gives them a little boost to find out if they can handle it or not."

For Leonard Boltz, a senior in HRTA from Tabernacle, N.J., making arrangements for

To be a manager for a day gives them a little boost to find out if they can handle it or not.

SHARON SPENCE
supervisor of Old Main

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OUR WORD

Mr. Sandman, bring us a coach

There is plenty of controversy surrounding Saluki athletics, but nobody disputes one clear fact: SIU football needs help.

After last week's firing of head coach Jan Quarless, that help may be on its way in the form of a new coach.

Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk is moving fast to fish a qualified replacement out of a pool of applicants he said is "as big as an ocean." Kowalczyk plans to have a new head coach by mid-December — his first major coaching move as the Saluki AD. Because the already-flailing athletics budget will take another hit to pay out Quarless' contract in

addition to the new coach's salary, the pressure to find the perfect man to lead Saluki football is fierce. So what should be on Kowalczyk's list? Ideally, he will be able to lure a coach to SIU equipped with a medley of skills on and off the field, in addition to the patience that will be necessary to turn around SIU's program.

A college football coach must be able to set a solid example in areas outside the game. The Salukis need an advocate who can aggressively rep-

resent the interests of the program to the SIU administration and the community at large without coming off negatively and counteracting his own message, as Quarless sometimes did.

The new head coach must also recognize that some elements of his position are political. To effectively change the direction of Saluki football, the coach must be able to work with the administration and others in a professional manner.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN continues to support relief for our football program in the face of a financial struggles, poor facilities and an almost decade-long losing streak. We extend our support because of the undeniable benefits a strong program will eventually offer our University. A winning football team could bring in substantial revenue, improve recruitment and contribute to a positive reputation for our University.

But even if the University has a sparkling new stadium and award-winning facilities, Saluki football could not be expected to redeem itself without exceptional leadership.

The wisdom and \$300 I got for putting on a red suit

I was a teenage Santa Claus. Out of school, out of work and out of money, I was a prime candidate for the glittered trailer beneath the town water tower. Santa's home away from home. A gift for the Claus from the appreciative local retailers.

The head of the chamber of commerce back home knowing I was desperate, but not serious, recruited me for the holidays. At first I cringed at the thought of those darling little Dickens tugging on my beard, screaming in my ear and peeing on my lap, but then they offered me \$300. Besides, I love kids.

Immediately, I started practicing my Ho-Ho-Hos in the mirror. I am a method Santa, so I spent most of my day trying to get into character, wondering what Santa's motivation was. Why the red suit? He's a big guy, does he ever get fed-up? Where does Santa find his jollies?

I tried a dark brooding Santa — a Marlon Brando does Santa — but my mom said I mumbled too much. I wanted to do a Chris Farley Santa, but it wasn't my speed.

I tried it Bob Dylan style, hoping to make old Claus seem more poetic and mystic. I wheezed into the mirror, "You've got a lot of nerve to say you want some toys" and "How does it feel, to be on my lap?"

It was good, but I feared the effect might be lost on my audience. Recent surveys show that four out of five toddlers cannot locate the North Pole on the map and think Dylan is the blue tella-nubby.

I finally decided to go with just being myself, only a slightly worse-sounding old man version. "Come here you little chipmunk. You been good, or what?"

The big day came and my nightmare opened on Elm St. to a capacity crowd. They were lined up around

the block and screaming like I was the Beatles. I got by with a little help from my elves. The kids would hop on my lap and the interrogation would begin. I waited until they entrapped themselves with the lie — that yes, they been oh so good — and then I'd lower the boom.

"Oh yeah, Johnny? Where were you on the night of June the third? Weren't you in fact sneaking out of bed? Don't lie to me. I know all, see all and I've got my baby blues on you Johnny boy."

Unfortunately, the little punks couldn't handle the truth, and so I became an innocuous, little pansy Santa. I soon learned that while girls still liked dolls, boys preferred action figures. A difference as big as your pectorals. But even when I'd turned cuddlier than Mrs. Kringle, still some kids refused to come anywhere near me.

They'd been told to avoid strangers. And what could be stranger than a guy in a red valour suit, fake beard and two pillows stuffed down his pants offering you toys if you'll sit on his lap and whisper to him your secret desires?

The weeks passed and as Christmas drew nigh there came a cold evening when I was left alone in my castle. All my elves were gone and as I waited for my ride home I thumbed through the Claus Coloring Book for the thousandth time.

"Oh look, a rocking horse!" Shaken from my textual analysis by the cild and clatter of the castle door's sudden opening, I looked up expecting to see my ride, but what to my wondering eyes should appear? but a cautious thin man with scrambled brown hair and a day's growth of beard.

He shut the door and stayed close to the back wall. Not a kid on him. I Ho Hoed a couple of times, shifted to my normal voice, and said merry Christmas. He just kept his eyes looking down at his duct-taped boots,

with me on my throne feeling foolish and not at all like a king.

Finally, he mumbled "Merry Christmas" and moved towards the door, but then he stopped, looked around the cheaply decorated room, and said, "I'm sorry. It's just I'm out of work and the kids and it's Christmas. I saw the castle. And I thought..."

I don't remember what I said, but likely it was as hopeless and hollow-sounding as, "Don't worry, it'll work out."

I wanted to do something, but he apologized and left me alone in my castle, the buzz of the electric heater ringing in my ears and his image still before me. I thought of what I could have said.

I know he was searching for simpler times, when getting what you deserved was a matter of being a good kid. A time when St. Nick watched over everyone.

But fact is St. Nick was never there; it was always your parents. And then comes a time when even your parents can no longer keep you happy and protect you from the world. Probably this realization hits and hurts your parents first, because the child doesn't realize how unprotected he is until something rocks his world.

Santa and his castle are not the place to search for help. Sitting within my tinsel trailer walls I knew that much.

When we celebrate the birth of Christ these 2,000 years past, we celebrate the idea of redemption and love. The idea that each of us is sacred and a valued part of creation.

I wished I had told him that. I wish I had told him he had stopped at the wrong bliking. No matter what the commercials try and sell you, hope isn't found in majestic palaces high atop the earth. And it's not found in aisle seven at Wal Mart, either.

It's found in a humble little manger on the edge of the desert, surrounded by shepherds, wise men, angels and family. It's found when the worst of us catches a glimpse of our worth, and in all God's creatures great and small. God bless us, everyone. Merry Christmas.

MAILBOX

Football funding is a waste

DEAR EDITOR:

The day that SIU is scared of a piddly school like Murray State stealing students from them is the day SIU becomes just another mediocre college in some small town instead of at least a moderately respected and known University.

It's sad that SIU has declined to this state. It is also sad that most of the problems are caused in most part by a lack of money. One of the few draws to SIU is that it is cheap, but I guess you get what you pay for. SIU can't even pay the faculty a decent salary that is comparable to the other mediocre Missouri Valley Conference schools. I have been very happy with my overall engineering education here, but outside of that department many of my teachers have been sub-par at BEST. Some have been downright pathetic. Now even facing a faculty strike, the administration can't bother to pay the faculty what the other MVC schools' teachers are getting. And the administration wonders why we are consistently ranked as a fourth-tier (last-tier) school by US News each year.

The real reason I'm writing this though is more in response to the DAILY EGYPTIAN bringing up the athletic department's money problems. It's good to see that SIU will waste even more money on football next year. The million dollars we lose on football every year will be increased by paying two worthless coaches next year instead of just one. Everything good that basketball brings into the school is negated by this almost million dollar loss to football every year. The DAILY EGYPTIAN pretends that there is potential for football to make money if they actually had a great season. Where would they get this money, bowl games? Oh wait, we can't play in a bowl game because football doesn't even compete in Division I-A. Nobody in our conference does either, which means there's virtually no revenue generated by our football team or the conference.

It's time the school left the MVC and Gateway and joined a real conference. If the football team can't handle it, then drop the program. The other sports at SIU are suffering because of a lack of money. The athletic department put off building a new softball facility so long that the NCAA is now investigating SIU. The track team had to wait probably 10 years before it got a much-needed new track a couple years ago. I'm sure there are other sports here at SIU that are not too happy with their facilities either.

The track team also could have hired an established, well-known, and respected coach to head the team this year, but due to lack of money they hired a coach that is pretty new to coaching and combined the men's and women's cross country teams. What kind of football coach can SIU really expect to get for next year when they're already paying for one?

SIU is hurting for money, not just in athletics, but as a whole. Some drastic changes need to be made or Murray State and SEMO will become bigger and more reputable schools than SIU, which is more pathetic to me than any Halloween not could ever be.

Eric Rushing
senior in electrical engineering

Thinking Gooder

SEAN HANNIGAN



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Thinking Gooder appears Wednesday. Sean is a graduate student in English. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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- When U.S. sources of "Manila hemp" (not true hemp) were cut off by the Japanese in World War II, the U.S. Army and U.S. Department of Agriculture promoted the "Hemp for Victory" campaign to grow hemp in the U.S.
- George Washington and Thomas Jefferson both grew hemp. Ben Franklin owned a mill that made hemp paper.
- Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence on hemp paper.
- Because of its importance for sails (the word "cannabis" is noted in "cannabis") and rope for ships, hemp was a required crop in the American colonies.
- The products that can be made from hemp number more than 25,000.
- Hemp has been grown for at least the last 12,000 years for fiber (textiles and paper) and food. It has been effectively prohibited in the United States since the 1930s.

SOURCE: NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HEMP COUNCIL

HEMP

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"There is no hidden agenda for marijuana legalization. This bill would simply allow the universities to do some research about what can be done to see if industrial hemp can be a viable crop," said Hartke.

Hemp is currently defined as cannabis in Illinois, meaning it is illegal to grow or produce it. Hemp, along with marijuana, is a member of the cannabis sativa family.

But marijuana contains about 20 percent of THC, the psychoactive part of marijuana.

Hemp only contains about 1 percent THC.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, opposed the bill because he felt the cost for SIUC would outweigh the benefits. He said fields of legal hemp would be difficult to differentiate from fields of marijuana, making marijuana production much easier to disguise. In addition, Bost said it is possible to get "high" from hemp if it is produced correctly.

But Ray Hollmann, a member of Omni Ventures, an organization of farmers from eight countries that has actively lobbied for the bill, said myths about hemp should not overshadow its potential.

"I see it as the most important crop of the 21st century," Hollmann said.

"The production of hemp, and the processing plants needed for hemp, will bring people back into the rural areas. There is a specific market out there."

Another member of Omni Ventures, Ned Bresnenmeyer, said hemp was an important crop throughout history.

"This is the first cultivated fiber crop," Bresnenmeyer said. "It is simply the fiber crop that will best grow in the Corn Belt."

Gus Bode



Gus says:
I thought Bost said this would work.

Bed bugs invade Columbia U. dorms

KATHERINE HAENSCHEN
COLUMBIA DAILY SPECTATOR

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK - Good night, sleep tight, and don't let Columbia's bed bugs bite. So much for those words of wisdom.

Many Columbia University students have encountered bed bug infestations in Woodbridge Hall this semester, requiring extensive extermination in that building and posing serious health risks to students.

A Woodbridge Hall resident first noticed a problem when red hives and rashes appeared on the resident's skin. Suspicious spots of blood also appeared on the resident's pillow cases.

After ruling out an allergic reaction or other irritants, the resident was horrified to find a small insect crawling between the sheets. The bug was first taken to campus maintenance. An outside exterminator was needed to determine that the resident was suffering from a bed bug infestation.

According to the resident, the bed bugs entered the hall last year when a student brought a bed frame from home that carried the parasites. The bugs spread from the frame to mattresses, pillows and even the carpeting.

And when the frame was moved into a different room this year, the infestation spread.

According to the exterminator, bed bugs require a host to survive.

Yet the Woodbridge resident believes that the vermin may have spread into the ventilation system, as well.

The resident, though, was pleased with

the University's response.

"Columbia University responded quite well," said the resident, "but this never should have happened."

The exterminators fogged the resident's room. Then, using a chemical that seeps into walls, fabric, and most importantly the mattresses, the exterminator was able to kill the bugs while leaving no harmful residue.

To counteract the problem, the resident also washed sheets, pillows, clothing and towels in hot water, with an extra dose of bleach to kill each creepy-crawler.

According to several residents, the International House also suffers from a bed bug infestation, which is spreading rapidly throughout the building. However, several International House residents would not comment about the problem.

Should a student believe that he or she has a bed bug problem, several steps should be taken. First, find an infestation specimen and bring it to URH for evaluation and to begin the extermination process.

Students should then seek an evaluation of their rash or irritation from Health Services.

Bed bug rashes are not an emergency. The level of discomfort caused by the rash should dictate the urgency of medical attention.

Bed bugs feed on human blood by biting through the skin, which causes an allergic reaction in most people.

They are four to five millimeters long and brown in color with a life span of two to 10 weeks. Females lay around four eggs a day, which begin feeding immediately after hatching.

U. of Southern California finally gains custody of horse mascot

AMANDA CARACKI
DAILY TROJAN

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - The trademark controversy over the name of University of Southern California's mascot horse, Traveler, came to an end Thursday when Pat Saukko, the horse's owner, donated the rights to Traveler's name to the university.

"Traveler has a permanent home, and it's USC where he belongs," Saukko said.

It was an abrupt yet conciliatory conclusion to a sometimes bitter dispute over the future of the Traveler name and tradition. Both sides expressed happiness with the outcome, which university officials called a compromise.

As part of the deal, Saukko is to receive a portion of the revenues from USC sales of Traveler merchandise. Saukko maintains ownership of the horse — a point that was never disputed — and her contract with the university was extended two years, through 2006.

Saukko was faxed the university's contract Wednesday; but said she did not sign it until Thursday in honor of the birthday of her late husband, Richard Saukko, the original rider and owner of Traveler I, who brought the tradition to USC in 1961.

"I wanted to make sure he was part of it, because it was such

a great part of him," she said. "For him, there was no other place for Traveler."

Michael Jackson, vice president of Student Affairs, said he, too, was pleased with the resolution.

"Traveler as a trademark is now protected to be used in a positive way to promote USC and sports programs," Jackson said.

The federal government granted Saukko trademark rights to Traveler's name in 1998, but the university appealed the decision, which led to a two-year controversy surrounding the mascot. Angry alumni voiced their opposition to the university's actions on a "Save Traveler" Web site, and some students wore white T-shirts to a home football game in September in support of the white-maned horse. The Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Daily News both covered the story, as did the Daily Trojan.

More divisive was the firing of Traveler's rider, Azadshir Radpour, on Oct. 19. Radpour was dismissed amid allegations of foul language and inappropriate behavior, and was replaced by Chuck O'Donnell, Saukko's son and Traveler V's trainer. Radpour denied the allegations, and the "Save Traveler" supporters backed him up. But outrage over that controversy, too, remained muted.

There was no single impetus that led to Thursday's compromise on the trademark issue, said Stephen Yamaguchi, univer-

sity counsel. This was a decision that had been under negotiation for quite some time, he said.

According to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Web site, Saukko originally applied for the trademark rights to appearances by Traveler at sporting events, equestrian demonstrations and educational services. The university's appeal requested the rights to, among other things, marketing items such as hairbrushes, portable beverage coolers and toy swords, as well as the right for Traveler to partake in competitions and live performances with the Trojan Marching Band.

Saukko may also continue to participate in charity events or demonstrations with university approval, Jackson said.

"The benefit (of settling the trademark dispute) is that there is no controversy," Jackson said. "We have clarity."

The dispute over the Traveler name is only one of several instances where outside parties have applied for trademark rights to something traditionally associated with USC.

USC alumni Daniel Chantre and Nathan Gordan, both private entrepreneurs, have applied for the trademark rights to "Spirit of Troy," also the name of USC's marching band, and "Fight On," USC's slogan, to sell in their merchandise alongside their "FUCLA" T-shirts, hats, caps, pants, shorts and ties.

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RYAN TROST
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC Controller Jeff Holder is warning employees to be aware of a recent wave of solicitations by credit card companies that

have printed SIUC on the card or application.

The solicitations are focusing on SIUC faculty and staff. They have been reported by three or four departments on campus, and Holder believes there may be more.

The cards were issued by department stores, bookstores and credit card companies but Holder did not specify which stores in particular were sending the pseudo cards.

Holder said the confusion is that the University has its own credit card for employees called the Procurement Card, or P-Card, and some recipients may believe the other cards are also SIUC-supported.

"The P-Card is the only credit card issued

by the University and that's the official University credit card," Holder said.

About 1,000 P-Cards are being used for travel, expenses, supplies or any variety of University-approved expenses by SIUC employees, Holder said. The P-Card allows users to obtain goods or services without any out-of-pocket expenses.

Holder said the impostor cards began surfacing about four weeks ago when the Accounting Department received the impostor cards and called Holder's office.

It is not believed that the companies intentionally attempted to deceive customers, but the confusion has caused problems.

"They are trying to solicit business just like everybody else," Holder said.

Memos have been sent to all deans, directors and fiscal officers warning them about the cards and Holder has advised anyone who receives one to be aware that they will be responsible for any charges incurred. Anyone who received an impostor card is asked to call the SIUC Controllers Office.

INFORMATION

• JEFF HOLDER, SIUC CONTROLLERS OFFICE, 536-6616.

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The children were occupied with games such as mixing reindeer food. The children were allowed to mix oats, cracked corn, sunflower seeds and candy cake crystals to sprinkle on their lawns. This will attract the reindeer to their houses and give them something to eat while Santa distributes gifts.

The workshop, which is located in the "First Heat Building" on the fairgrounds, lasts until Dec. 31. The fair will not only cater to children but will also be an event parents can enjoy. The Governor's Mansion will be decorated and historical tours will be offered. The Coca-Cola

Bottling Plant will offer similar festivities.

The children kept their attention fixed on meeting Santa Claus and telling him what they wanted for Christmas. Whitehead listened and humored the children when they asked for Barbie merchandise and Playstation 2. Conley said Whitehead did such a great job portraying St. Nicholas, he could have been the real thing.

"We have the real and the best Santa I could possibly imagine," Conley said.

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this week's Dr. Seuss theme has been as stressful as it has been fun. Boltz said temporarily managing Old Main provided him valuable experience, but he has realized managing people and quantity food production can be tough.

"It's very nerve-racking," said Boltz. "It's a little strange because you're managing your peers, and they are coming to you asking what

to do."

After guests finish their Fabulous Friday meal, they are handed comment cards to complete. The cards are used for the team in charge of the day to see where they can improve and what they are doing right. Full said the teams always expend a lot of effort to do a magnificent job and please the patrons.

"We're trying to impress each other as a class," Full said. "We want to have the best feedback as managers."

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SIUC's trip to Cuba still uncertain

University officials look into a spring rescheduling

MATT BRENNAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIUC trip to Cuba that was postponed on Nov. 7 is "temporarily off," said Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute.

The delegation included Simon and about 41 others, including SIUC students and staff. The group was originally scheduled to leave on Nov. 9 and had been canceled because of scheduling problems with the Cuban government, said John Haller, SIU vice president for Academic Services.

"The reason was not given to us, but was initiated by the Cuban government," Haller said.

Haller is not sure when they will reschedule, but he is considering mid-February, when an Illinois Congressional group will be traveling to Cuba.

"I'm looking at dates right now, but I have nothing definitive to say," Haller said.

No dates have been set to reschedule the trip, but they are looking to reschedule in the spring. The difficulty is finding a time that will accommodate all of

the people who originally intended to go, Haller said. Simon had still planned on traveling to Cuba and taking a small delegation with him, but those plans have now changed.

Simon said he understood from conversations with Cuban officials that Fidel Castro was interested in meeting with him, but they had conflicting schedules. The rest of the delegation would have spent five to 10 days in Cuba, but Simon would have only been able to spend three.

The original trip was to cover four different areas. They were going to look into education, agriculture, health and public policy. The group would then divide and meet Cubans within these fields.

Officials on the trip would also look into the possibility of a student and faculty exchange between Cuba and SIUC.

Simon was the first member of Congress to introduce legislation attempting to aid relations between the United States and Cuba. This would be his first visit to the country.

The purpose of the trip was "to see if we can't work out some differences," Simon said.

SAVIORS

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four students creating the landing site perimeter.

Billings was facing the tail as the craft landed and was surprised at the force of the wind the helicopter produced.

"The wind knocks you off balance, so you have to adjust yourself," Billings said.

Peggy Wilken, a clinical assistant professor in health education and recreation, organized the demonstration for her advanced first aid class.

Wilken said her students repeatedly checked with her through the semester to make sure the event was going to take place.

"They've been terribly excited all semester," Wilken said.

The demonstration provided a valuable learning experience for the first aid students, because it shows them exactly what they will be dealing with in terms of medical helicopter transport, she said.

"They need to know how to get in and get out, while keeping the patient safe," Wilken said.

After the helicopter's engines were shut off and its propellers stopped twirling, the students were able to inspect both the inside and outside of the craft. Members of the crew explained what procedures could be done in the helicopter and answered students' questions.

Steve Senteney, a senior in recreation from Champaign, eyed the small area behind the cockpit where the paramedics work to save patients' lives.

He said the demonstration was a "pretty cool" learning experience.

"I'm glad they take the time to organize it so we could have this opportunity," Senteney said.

Teens turn to ecstasy as pot use declines

MATTHEW MCGUIRE
THIS CAMPUS

Marijuana use decreased over the last three years among American teenagers, however, an increased use of the club-drug ecstasy shows drug use as a whole is not declining, according to a new study by the Partnership for a Drug Free America.

The study, released Monday, Nov. 27, polled 7,290 teenagers between the ages 12 and 18 and in grades 7 through 12. The margin of error is plus or minus 1.5 percent.

In 2000, about 40 percent of teens reported trying marijuana at least once, down from 44 percent in 1997. The study also found a drop in the number of teens who had used marijuana within the last month,

down from 24 percent in 1997 to 21 percent in 2000.

"The shifts we're seeing with marijuana - which by and large represents the bulk of illicit drug use among kids - suggest good things for the future," PDFA president Richard D. Bonnette said in a statement. "With this particular drug, we appear to be turning a very important corner. But as we turn one corner, troubling developments are coming at us from other directions - specifically with Ecstasy. While the overall usage numbers are much lower for this drug, the spike we're seeing demands our attention."

The drop in marijuana use occurred mostly between 1997 and 1999, as figures between 1999 and 2000 stabilized. Use of ecstasy, however, increased during the same time frame.

Loyalty knows no bounds for Alumni Association director

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After taking nearly seven years to complete his bachelor's degree because of working periodically on the railroads to help his family, Edward Buerger is still one with SIUC.

Nineteen years after he graduated in 1970, Buerger is the SIU Alumni Association director - and proud of it.

"Sometimes I walk around the Old Main area and spend time looking at the steps and wonder how many lives did the University affect," he said.

Buerger now gives back to SIU what the University has given to him - love and opportunity.

"The years at college go by really fast," Buerger said. "When you walk on the stage [at graduation] you are a student, and when you walk off the stage you are an alumni."

Buerger was among his 12 family members to attend SIUC, with his grandmother being the first when she obtained a degree in teaching. It never crossed Buerger's mind when he graduated with a degree in business management that he would make a career marketing his University.

He said he was proud to be an undergraduate during the Delyte Morris era, which Buerger said was unlike any other.

"When I was a student, the University was bursting out at the seams academically," he said. "We had a winning debate team, track team and a whole lot of visions."

One way Buerger manifests his love for his alma mater is donating time and money to athletics. Buerger's step-son, Cameron Wright, is the men's track coach, and Buerger is a rabid supporter of Saluki sports.

Out of his many years at SIU, he has only missed about a dozen Saluki basketball games.

"I do not watch professional football, I do not watch professional basketball, and I only watch professional baseball during the playoffs," he said. "If the team doesn't wear maroon and white, I do not watch it."

Not only does Buerger enjoy the athletics and academics of the University, but he gushes over the campus. He said traveling to other college

campuses, he has only noticed a select few that rival the SIUC campus in aesthetics.

Co-workers have noticed Buerger's faithfulness to the University. Tuesday Ashner, newly appointed SIU Alumni Association assistant director for student, college and constituency relations, has observed his energetic character. She said though she has been a part of the Association team for only three months, she has been affected by his positive and encouraging attitude to continually do a better job.

"He bleeds maroon," Ashner said. "And his day-to-day attitude of a desire to volunteer for University causes wears off on [others]."

Buerger also praises his staff because of their commitment to the programming of the Association. Its externship program has received national acclaim and the Alumni magazine and travel tour programs are top notch in the nation. He also said that other universities the size of SIU or bigger have more staff members with an average of 26 employees, while SIU only has 13.

"This University has a lot to be proud of," he said.

Buerger said he has had fond memories being the director of the Association, but two stand out.

One was in 1996, when the Association

and donors banded together to have Pulliam Clocktower lit every night and to have chimes ring at every half hour. Also, the dedication of the American Heritage Room in honor of Delyte and Dorothy Morris, where Dorothy came to cut the ribbon, is a special memory in his heart.

Now the association director has another vision in mind - building an Alumni Center for all graduates of the University.

"The alumni deserve a place on campus in which they can call home," he said.

Greg Scott, SIU Alumni Association assistant director for public relations, has known his co-worker for nearly 10 years. He said there is not another person on the SIUC campus who has more loyalty to SIUC than Buerger.

"He has so much love for the University," Scott said. "And when the University is presented in a negative light, it really hurts him."



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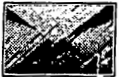
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ERIN GALLAGHER
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(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. - Local professors, writers, lawyers and doctors by day abandon suits and scrubs for leather and lace at night. The scene is heavy with professionals, because people tend to enter the scene in their 30s — when they have fully discovered their "regular sexual identity," says Richard, a Berkeley resident who has been active in the bondage scene for about six years and prefers not to use his last name. "Other than their sexual activities, they are distressingly normal," he says at a monthly bondage club meeting at a local brewery.

Berkeley bondage groups are very strict about a minimum age of 18. If a minor expresses interest in the groups, they are directed to informational sources and peer groups. The Society of Janus, San Francisco's premier bondage information base, has links on its Web site, <www.soj.org>, for minors interested in alternative sexual play.

Many people meet potential partners and find local activities on the Internet through discussion groups and message boards. Through networking, S&M newcomers and veterans get connected with local "munches" — casual social events where conversation ranges from the erotic to the everyday.

Castle Bar in San Francisco is a converted warehouse that holds "dungeon parties" where enthusiasts can have some fun. Dungeon parties, fundagos and play parties allow participants to leave their sexual inhibitions at the door. Revelers come as couples, singles and "triads," bringing toys, fetishes and expectations of a good time. Participants are tied up, whipped, chained and bound in gauze and leather.

Nothing is spared when it comes to carrying out the bondage party theme. Party-goers dress in elaborate costumes that bring a sense of adventure. Richard recalls one fundago where the dungeon was staged to look like a "medieval Spanish Inquisition setting" — complete with cages, whipping posts, stocks and restraints.

While some may feel alcohol and drugs are necessary to leave such inhibitions behind, they will not find any chemical substances at the parties, Richard says.

The bondage community is a very sober community, he says. Participants need to be in control and aware of their actions in order to guarantee safety. Dungeon monitors walk around carrying gloves and condoms, handing them out to all participants.

For the most part, the parties are centered around play, not actual sex — most people save the sex for when they get home, says August, "mistress" of Phil, both of whom attended Berkeley's munch last month.

"If it's not consensual, it's abuse," Phil says. "If it's not safe, then it's being done wrong."

August, an upbeat and talkative local hairdresser, says she has been active in the bondage lifestyle for 10 years. Phil and August met at a play party and have been together for eight years. "We live the lifestyle 24-7," August says matter-of-factly. "He is my slave and I am his mistress."

It took Madonna's book "Sex" and her pushing the idea of "erotica" to bring bondage to a more open light, August says.

"[The book] was so mainstream that people might have taken a look at it and said, 'Maybe that's for me and I should see what's out there,'" August says.

While some may think of bondage as consisting solely of whips and leather, there is a virtual dictionary of terms that are a "must-know" for enthusiasts. The "dominant" partner wields power and the "submissive" surrenders. The "top" gives or withholds physical sensation and the "bottom" receives or denies it. "Switch partners" move between various roles at will to please their partners.

Berkeley munch meetings are alive and full of banter. To begin the evening, attendees mingle before the actual meeting starts — socializing and ordering dinner. From there, people introduce themselves and their preferences — submissives, dominants, bisexuals, heterosexuals and so on.

This is about whatever you need to be satisfied.

ROBERT
Berkeley munch founder

Robert is the founder and host of the Berkeley munch. The munch has been meeting for a little over three years as an opportunity for people to get together, eat and talk. "I was turned out on bondage while an undergraduate at Cal," Robert says. "I think people who like bondage are smarter people. They need more mental stimulation in all areas of their lives — conversation, classes, movies and sex."

One of the benefits of bondage, says Robert, is the enhanced communication fostered by partners. "This is about whatever you need to be satisfied," he says. "Sex is a good thing."

Charles "The Ruthless" has been involved in the bond-ge lifestyle for more than 25 years. Along with his activity in S&M relationships, Charles has dabbled with "vanilla" partners. The term vanilla refers to a "June and Ward Cleaver-esque" way of living, says Charles.

"I've been tying up girl since I was six," says Charles. "It's something that has always been there. I do it because it's fun."

Flogging for Flowers is one of Charles' business ventures, along with S&M comedy skits, educational demonstrations and bachelorette parties. He trains people who have never tried S&M how to take a walk on the sexual wild side. "It's a lot of work for me but a lot of fun for them," Charles says earnestly of the bachelorette parties.

When it comes to his personal preferences and pleasing his partners, Charles takes his passion very seriously. He asks his partners to fill out a questionnaire that covers everything from fantasies to how much they are willing to explore. "Everything I do is done professionally and it all depends on what they want," Charles says. "Hopefully they enjoy themselves."

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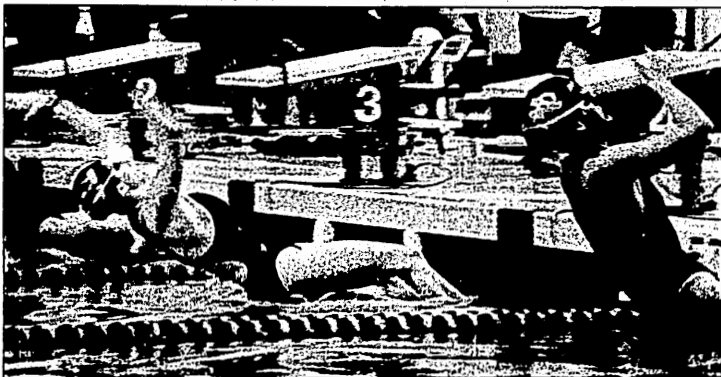
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Dana Morrell starts the 200 yard backstroke at the Indiana Invitational swim meet in Bloomington, Nov. 17-19.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

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(269) and the University of Tennessee (120).

The format of the meet was a pre-final, which means everyone swam in the mornings for the preliminary rounds and then came back at night to swim in the finals.

"It wasn't our strongest meet, but I think that we bounced back all right," said junior Mary Trailow. "We had a few bad mornings, then we came back at night and were a little better."

SIU assistant coach Aaron Hawks said it was a good experience for the team to participate in a pre-final meet this early in the season as it will help prepare them for the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in February.

Hawks also mentioned how happy he was with the way the team swam even though the overall results weren't better.

"We had some people swim some outstanding swims," Hawks said. "If one's going to come to mind as someone who really swam well, it's Dana Morrell. She swam really well. We had our ups and downs like any meet, but it was good. I was pleased."

Only four Salukis placed in the top seven at the Invitational — junior Brooke Radostits, who took third in the 100 and fourth in the 200 yard backstroke, senior Lee Frye, who took sixth in the 100 breaststroke, senior Beth Ann Erickson, who took seventh in the 100 butterfly and junior Jenna Meckler, who took seventh in the 100 freestyle.

Four of the SIU relay teams placed in the top eight as the 400 medley relay team of Radostits, sophomore Amy Legner, Erickson and Meckler took fifth; the 400 freestyle relay team, of Radostits, senior Nicoleta Michaelidou, junior Katy Kinnaman and Meckler took sixth; the 200 freestyle relay team of Meckler, Radostits, Michaelidou and Kinnaman took seventh and the 800 freestyle relay team of Meckler, junior Carly Hemphill, Michaelidou and Morrell took eighth.

Even though the Salukis have the talent to compete with the big name schools, they seemed to be a little overwhelmed by them.

"I think some people were intimidated," Meckler said. "I don't understand why, we're just as good as those girls."

Trailow said the meet was a good learning tool in how to deal with the intimidation factor presented by big name schools.

"We just got to get mentally focused to swim faster, we can definitely swim faster," Trailow said.

Four-game stretch will make or break Wolverines

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The Michigan basketball team isn't just playing a schedule. It's trying to beat the clock.

The Wolverines hope to play in the NCAA tournament, but their March fate could be decided by January. This season, the question isn't if U-M will be good; it's if U-M will be good enough soon enough. The young Wolverines don't have much time to learn.

Michigan (2-1) plays No. 12 Wake Forest (4-0) at Crisler Arena in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge Tuesday night, starting a difficult four-game stretch. U-M plays Maryland on Saturday in the BB&T Classic in Washington, D.C., then either St. John's or George Washington in that same event Sunday. The following week, Michigan travels to No. 1 Duke.

In other words, 2-1 could become 2-5 very quickly. The Wolverines, like all young teams, have a lot to learn and no time to do it.

Freshmen point guards Maurice Searight and Avery Queen are still adjusting to the college game. Searight brings a pass-first mentality; Queen has done quite well considering he was a scorer

in high school. But both still are learning to play the toughest position on the floor.

Freshman guard Bernard Robinson Jr. has shown he can be an electrifying player, but the speed of the college game is forcing him to re-evaluate aspects of his game.

"I never knew that there were so many different things [to learn] just playing basketball," Robinson said. "I thought I already knew a lot, but I have much more to learn."

There is even more to learn than he thinks. Coach Brian Ellerbe is taking pains not to complicate things.

"We're a little simpler with this group," Ellerbe said. "You don't want to give them too much too fast, because then you're thinking and not playing. Let's crawl and then we'll walk and then we'll run."

LaVell Blanchard can run, but he can't jump as well as he'd like. Blanchard's sprained left ankle is not completely healed, which makes his averages of 20.7 points and 9.3 rebounds all the more impressive.

Ellerbe said that for U-M to be successful, it needs solid point guard play, consistent interior defense, and big numbers from Blanchard in every game. Blanchard has become the most relied-upon Wolverine — and he's only a sophomore.

"Even your best player is a young kid," Ellerbe said.

In the late '80s, nobody made K-State feel worse than Oklahoma

MECHELLE VOEPSEL
KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — We're going to ask you to suspend your disbelief twice today.

First, imagine you could travel back in time. Second, imagine that if you could accomplish such a wondrous feat, that you'd return to KSU Stadium on Oct. 17, 1987, to watch Kansas State face Oklahoma.

Sure, the second thing's a lot harder to swallow, than the first, but play along. As we prepare for the Sooners-Wildcats Big 12 title-game showdown Saturday at Arrowhead Stadium, let's hearken back to when such a matchup — in front of almost 80,000 fans, on prime-time television, with national-championship implications — would have seemed even more far-fetched than time travel.

One thing was the same that day and now: Oklahoma being the No. 1 football team in the country.

For the Wildcats, though ...

That day came exactly at the middle of the 33-game Stan Parrish era. His Wildcats had two victories in the 16 games that preceded that day, zero in the 16 that followed.

In fact, throw in the last season of Parrish's predecessor, Jim Dickey, and the first of his successor, Bill Snyder, and you have a 4-50-1 K-State slate during 1985-89. The "Big '80s"? Not in the Little Apple.

So no one could be surprised when Sports Illustrated writer Douglas S. Looney proclaimed K-State "Futility U." in a 1989 article.

And, in the late '80s, no opponent made K-State football look more futile than did Oklahoma. These were the Sooners of Brian Bosworth, Jamelle Hollieway, Eric Mitchell and Keith Jackson. In the 1985-89 matchups, Oklahoma beat K-State by an average of 39.8 points.

"They could wear you down," said former K-State defensive end Erick Harper, who played in four of those games against the Sooners. "And when the game got out of hand and they'd stick their second-teamers in, they were just as good as the first team."

Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer wasn't trying to be cruel or funny when he basically shrugged after being asked about the Wildcats the week of the '87 meeting, saying they "had no talent."

But wouldn't everyone be shocked if you (yes, the 2000 you) went back to that day 13 years ago to tell them what would happen? How K-State would rise, and Oklahoma would fall and rise again? Then how they would meet as top-10 teams before a packed house at an NFL stadium?

Think you could get anyone to believe you?

For the sake of this little tale, we'll say someone — a Wildcats fan you chat with during the game — does. That is, he believes you're from the future. You're going to have to work harder to convince him K-State is ever going to be any good.

It's the Big 12 title game ...

The Big what?

The Big 12. Four Texas schools joined the Big Eight in 1996. It was this "superconference" idea, where they figured they'd make a lot more money from football if they teamed up.

"What happened to the Southwest Conference?"

"It doesn't exist anymore ... By the way, neither does the Soviet Union."

"Good Lord ... the H-bomb?"

"Oh, no, everything's still there, it's just not one thing anymore. It's a bunch of smaller countries now. Maybe more of a mess than it was before."


Saturday, Oct. 17, 1987, Americans woke up with relief and joy to read about a little girl in Texas they'd been worrying about since Wednesday. "Baby Jessica" McClure finally had been rescued Friday night, 58 hours after falling into an old well in her aunt's back yard.

Sports fans were gearing up for the opening game of the Twins-Cardinals World Series. In the NFL, it was the final weekend of "replacement" football, as a 24-day strike ended with the players not at all unified. Many, in fact, had crossed picket lines.

K-State's football game that afternoon was relevant only because of the Wildcats' opponent. But the Sooners couldn't really figure out why they were the homecoming guests.

"You don't bring teams like us in," Oklahoma linebacker Dante Jones said after the Sooners' 59-10 romp, the K-State program's 100th loss to a ranked team. "You bring in somebody maybe you can beat."

He wasn't well-versed in the Wildcats' past, obviously: With that loss, they dropped to 5-32-2 in homecoming games. Sure, K-State historians could point out that one of those victories had come against the Sooners, in 1969.


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Women's basketball comes into home-opener hampered by injuries

JAVIER SERNA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When you get knocked down, you get back up and move forward.

That's the attitude the SIU women's basketball team has adopted having suffered its first loss of the season last Saturday — possibly the result of a growing injury list. The Salukis (1-1) will host Tennessee Tech University (1-2) in tonight's home-opener at 7:05 at the SIU Arena.

Despite the injuries, the team seems confident that it can still get the job done.

"Everybody has injuries, and everybody has adversity and you know you just have to step up to the challenges and deal with it," said first-year head coach Lori Opp, echoing the sentiments of her players.

"I think that all the players that we've got are very talented," said senior forward Terica Hathaway. "Of course, we're going to miss [those

out to injuries], but that just makes the underclassmen have to step up. They'll have to be ready sooner than we expected them to be, but as long as they step up to the challenge, then we'll be fine."

Sophomore forward Katie Berwanger, who was slated to start this season, was diagnosed with a tear in both her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and medial cruciate ligament (MCL). It was originally thought that she had sprained her left knee during practice, but an MRI revealed the tears that will keep her sidelined for the entire season.

Incidentally, she was involved in a car accident with teammates Jodi Heiden and Maria Niebrugge during Thanksgiving break.

Luckily for the Salukis, Niebrugge, who was already injured, will not have to miss any further time than expected because of the accident, though she did suffer some cuts and scratches. Niebrugge was driving the vehicle that struck a deer on Interstate 57 as the trio traveled south to

return to campus. Heiden suffered a twisted ankle but has been practicing and will play in tonight's game.

Junior Geshla Woodard has taken over the starting power forward position for Berwanger and has showed promise, scoring 10 points and grabbing nine rebounds in last Saturday's loss.

"She's in that starting spot and she has to get the job done," Opp said, stressing how critical Woodard's play is to team success.

Meanwhile, freshman Jennifer Wegley is also expected to be sidelined for two weeks after being diagnosed with a mild concussion. Wegley complained to team officials after being banged up in practice. She joins injured senior Courtney Smith, who isn't expected to return until the conference season because of a stress fracture in her leg.

The Salukis have struggled defending opponents' shots, namely three pointers, and Tennessee Tech will pose a great test for them, having knocked down 13 three-pointers in their last contest, a 90-60 win against East Tennessee State

WOMEN'S HOOPS

• THE SIU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WILL HOST TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY IN TONIGHT'S HOME-OPENER AT 7:05 P.M. AT THE SIU ARENA.

University.

"It's going to be a tough game for us," Opp said. "They're very fundamentally sound. They play hard. They're real scrappy."

The Salukis lost to Tennessee Tech last year 74-64, so Opp is familiar with the Golden Eagles' capabilities, and expressed uneasiness for her team's shooting against the opponent.

"We're going to have to take care of the ball. They're going to press, we're going to see some traps," Opp said. "That is a concern for me. They're going to block us out. So we better get some good looks at the basket because we're not going to get a second and third opportunity [to shoot]."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Four Saluki football players named All-Gateway

SIU sophomore running back Tom Koutsos earned a first team All-Gateway distinction, while senior defensive lineman Tavita Tovio picked up first-team honors on the defensive side for SIU.

Koutsos led the Saluki offense all season, finishing with 1,257 yards rushing, second best in the Gateway. Koutsos also scored a team-high 11 touchdowns this season. Tovio helped anchor a much improved Saluki defense, recording 15 tackles for losses this season, which ranked third best in the conference.

Senior linebacker Teddy Sims and junior defensive lineman Bryan Archibald were second team All-Gateway selections, as the duo ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the conference in tackles for losses, respectively. Archibald also led the conference in sacks with eight, just ahead of Tovio, who finished with seven.

Senior defensive lineman Brian Broussard, senior linebacker Dante Stovall and junior defensive lineman LaMarcus Spillers earned honorable mention All-Gateway.

Two Gateway playoff teams ousted in opening round

Both Western Illinois University and Youngstown State University were knocked out of the I-AA football playoffs in Saturday's opening round.

Western Illinois, the No. 1 team in the Gateway and No. 7 seed in the playoffs, were spanked 37-7 against Lehigh University in Macomb. The loss ends the Leathernecks' season at 9-3 overall.

Youngstown State dropped a close contest to the University of Richmond, 10-3 in Richmond, Va., to end its season at 9-3.

Western sweeps Gateway

MEN'S SWIMMING

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higher funded programs as they won seven events and took second in seven others.

One swimmer who stuck out was junior Matt Munz, taking first in three individual events and was also part of two winning relay teams.

"Matt's done a terrific job, he worked really hard all summer," Walker said. "He went to Olympic trials and I've always said that when you put in a great summer, not only training, but competing, you're going to come out and hit the ground running for your college season. Matt's worked for it and it's really paid off for him."

The events Munz won were the 200 yard individual medley, the 100 and 200 backstroke, and the 200 and 400 medley relay teams. Joining him on the relay teams were seniors Joe Tidwell, Luke Wotruba and David Parkins.

The other winners for SIU were freshman Derek Helvey in the 1,650 freestyle and the 200 freestyle relay team of Wotruba and freshmen Matt Glowacki, B.J.

specialty awards

The top team in the Gateway Conference this season was 3-for-3 in the Gateway Specialty Award winnings.

First-place Western Illinois University, finishing 9-3 overall and 5-1 in the league, captured the Gateway Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year honors, as well as the 'Bruce Craddock' Coach of the Year award.

Running back Charles Tharp led the Gateway in rushing for a second straight season, finishing with 1,523 yards, and also led the conference with 17 rushing touchdowns. Tharp is a finalist for the Walter Payton Award, given to the nation's top I-AA offensive player.

Linebacker Edgerton Hartwell earned the distinction of the Gateway's top defensive player for the second straight year, becoming only the fourth player in league history to do so. Hartwell led the Gateway with 169 tackles and is among 12 finalists for the Buck Buchanan Award, given to the nation's top I-AA defender.

Leatherneck head coach Don Patterson won the 'Bruce Craddock' Gateway Coach of the Year in just his second season as Western head coach. Patterson guided the Leathernecks to a first-place conference finish after being tabbed fifth in the preseason polls.

Jeffrey named permanent men's tennis coach

After conducting a three-month national search for a new SIU men's tennis coach, Associate Athletic Director Kathy Jones decided the best choice was to name interim head coach Missy Jeffrey head coach.

Jeffrey is one of the top Salukis women's tennis standouts in school history as she won 100 out of her 156 career matches, making her the sec-

ond winningest singles player at the time of her graduation in 1991.

In addition to her playing experience, Jeffrey has almost 10 years of experience in coaching and teaching the sport of tennis.

For the past five years, she has been operating her own business, the Saluki Tennis and Sports Company in the Carbondale Sports Center and at the same time coaching the Carbondale High School boys and girls tennis teams.

Two named to MVC All-Scholar Volleyball team

Two members of the SIU volleyball team have been recognized by the Missouri Valley Conference with a place on the All-Scholar team.

Sophomore outside hitter Kristie Kemner was named to the First-Team Scholar Athlete Team and junior middle blocker Jenny Noel was named to the Honorable Mention team for the second straight year.

SIU has had at least one representative on the All-Scholar team every year since 1992.

The 12 returning players from last season's team have a cumulative 3,562 grade point average with 10 of them being named to the Dean's List last spring.

Kemner named to MVC All-Conference Second Team

Sophomore outside hitter Kristie Kemner was named to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Conference Second Team in recognition of her accomplishments this past season.

Kemner led the Salukis in kills, kills per game, digs, digs per game, total attacks, service aces and aces per game.

"This is the second time in as many years that Kemner has been recognized for her play as she earned a spot on the All-Newcomer Team after her freshman season.

Bourne and Bryant Ellam, who opened the meet by winning the race by .84 seconds.

Also competing at Northwestern for the Salukis was the diving team, and while it did not get higher than third in either the 1 or 3-meter events, they achieved their goal.

"We went in there with the goal to get more points than Northwestern, and we did it," said sophomore diver Jake Sinclair. "Whether or not we dove to the best of our ability is up in the air, but we got our job done."

The women's diving team also made the trip and while their dives didn't affect the score, they were also satisfied with the results.

"It was more relaxed for us since we weren't competing for team points," said freshman diver Meara Modlich. "We were basically just going out for ourselves, trying to improve our scores and we did that."

All in all, it was a great performance for the Salukis as they went out and made sure all the big schools knew exactly who SIU was.

"I would say we surprised all of the teams there," Parkins said.

WEBER

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Fellow Missouri Valley Conference school Indiana State University welcome the Hoosiers tonight, a game Indiana should be fired up for considering the Sycamores embarrassed Indiana last season in Bloomington.

Another issue concerning Weber is officiating. There was a combined total of 55 fouls between SIU and Ball State University Saturday night, resulting in a total of 75 free throw attempts.

The continuous stoppage of play ruins the flow of the game, and Weber is just one of many coaches throughout the country to take notice of this early pattern of officiating.

Weber said he can understand calling hand-checking, as long as it is called consistently, but is concerned that some of the little bump "high school" fouls are not allowing teams to play physical enough.

There will be officials from both the Big Ten and the MVC Saturday, but hopefully, the players will be the deciding factor in the outcome.

"My fear, everyone's fear, is are [the officials] going to continue this through the year, and is every conference going to do the same thing," Weber said. "If you've got one conference that decides we're going to let it get physical again, and our conference doesn't, now how are you going to deal with that?"

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Salukis show big dogs who's boss

SIU men's swimming and diving team earns respect at Northwestern Invitational

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The participants were a top-20 Southeastern Conference team, a powerhouse Big Ten team, a tough Big Twelve team and little 'ol SIU. This lineup was for the Northwestern Invitational which took place Nov. 17-19 in Evanston.

By no means were the Salukis a favorite in this tournament with the likes of the University of South Carolina, the University of Missouri and host Northwestern University.

Someone obviously forgot to tell the Salukis they were the underdog because they came out on fire and finished just 45 points shy of beating Northwestern and taking the invitational title.

"I'm very impressed with the performances of our guys, very pleased with where we are in our season," said SIU head coach Rick Walker. "I think it's a big boost to our overall program. The hard work has paid off for the guys and that's always good to see."

SIU finished with 828 points, which was behind Northwestern (873) but ahead of South Carolina (652) and Missouri (539).

"It was three very big schools we swam against," said junior Corne Prozesky. "South Carolina is No. 18 or No. 19 in America and we crushed them. Missouri is a big school and we crushed them too by a lot of points. Northwestern is the only team, but I think they were really rested because it was their competition and they didn't want to lose."

The Salukis proved they were not only as good, but better than the

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Lady Salukis struggle in Indiana

The SIU women's swimming team places sixth at Indiana Invitational

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women's swimming team went to Bloomington, Ind., hoping to show its stuff against the swarm of top-notch teams there to compete in the Indiana Invitational.

But it was not meant to be, as the other schools dominated the meet and the Salukis finished sixth out of the eight teams in the tournament Nov. 17-19.

Indiana University blew everyone out of the water as it finished with 1,151 points, which was 388 points ahead of its nearest competitor.

The other scores were the University of Notre Dame (763), the University of Miami (495), the University of Cincinnati (401), the University of Evansville (383), SIU (301), the University of Illinois

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Jermaine Dearman falls back after drawing a foul during SIU's victory over Long Beach State earlier this month. The Salukis face another physical foe when they travel to Indiana State University this weekend.

Weber downplays trip to Indiana

SIU prepares for its first road game of the season against Knight-less Hoosiers

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The national exposure should be great. The actual game could be just the same. But Bruce Weber would rather not fret too much about Saturday.

With just three days remaining until the SIU men's basketball team clashes with Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind., the third-year Saluki head coach wants to make it clear that Saturday's game will not make or break the season.

Weber has tried to downplay the game to his players, reminding them that there is a lot of basketball left this season after Saturday. And while he has every intention of his team improving to 4-0 for the year, he wants them to keep cool and play loose.

"I don't want the season to end — win or lose — at that game," said Weber Tuesday. "Our players have kind of been disgusted with how I've presented the game."

There is no doubt the Salukis (3-0) will get up for the Hoosiers (2-2), but Weber's challenge is for them to come out with that same enthusiasm the ensuing game Dec. 5 at Southeast Missouri State University.

"We faced this all the time at Purdue, that's all people talk about was the Purdue/Indiana game, and it can't be the end

I don't want the season to end — win or lose — at that game. Our players have kind of been disgusted with how I've presented the game."

BRUCE WEBER
SIU men's basketball coach

of your season," said Weber, a former longtime Purdue assistant coach. "If we win, yeah, that would be great, but then you've got to go and beat SEMO."

A loss on the road to Indiana would not be nearly as damaging, as far as the all-important RPI ratings go, as a loss to its other two opponents on the upcoming road swing — Southeast Missouri State or the University of Illinois-Chicago [Dec. 9].

After three consecutive home wins to start the season, the Salukis now turn to the road for three consecutive road contests, starting with an intimidating — even without the General on hand — jaunt to Assembly Hall.

"I've seen good teams go into Assembly Hall and get their butts kicked," Weber said. "This will be a good learning experience for us, if we really are a good team."

Saturday's contest marks the first Big Ten opponent for SIU since the 1993-94 season when the Salukis lost a 74-60 decision to the University of Minnesota in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

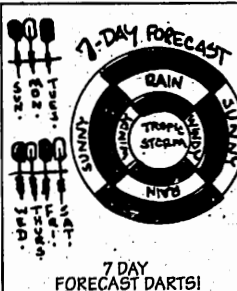
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