Big Muddy Film Festival returns with 70 independent films for ’98

JASON ADRIAN
Entertainment Editor

Bruce Willis, Martin Scorsese and Quentin Tarantino may not be attending this year’s Big Muddy Film Festival, but festival judge Avery Crounse thinks this SIUC student-run festival better captures the essence of the silver screen without star support.

The film festival begins Friday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium with “In the Company of Men,” and runs through March 1. Seventy films will be showcased this year.

“The Big Muddy is the best type of film festival. The more famous film festivals are really political with stars and controlled by distributors,” Crounse said. “I would much rather come to a festival like this, which is open to an eclectic assortment of films and truly personal expressions.

“I’m very excited to just see what is going on in the independent film world.”

Some of the things going on in this year’s festival include film types and film styles that are usually only found in large cities where there is typically a larger independent film appetite to fill. The Big Muddy received 191 entries for this year’s festival. The selected films will be shown at various screenings in locations around Carbondale. The films are situated in four categories depending on the content: narrative, experimental, documentary and animation.

Along with the screenings, there will be presentations from guest artists, an international film and video competition and five full-length independent feature films.

Big Muddy co-director Robert Pickering sees the festival as a good chance for all types of filmmakers to show what they can do behind the camera even if the festival is not as large as the Sundance or Cannes film festivals.

“The important thing is that we’re providing an outlet for artists to show their films.”

INSIDE
Part of Big Muddy's uniqueness is that it is student-run.

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EAST EDDY COUNTY EDITOR

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“At SIUC, faculty to join forces against proposed contract.

WILLIAM MATTHEW
Managing Editor

The SIUC faculty union president called on all tenured and tenure-track faculty to join the union in opposing the administration’s faculty contract counterproposal.

In an informational meeting Wednesday, Jim Sullivan, faculty union president, and other union activists appealed to all faculty and the almost 200 faculty in attendance to join SIUC’s Educational Association/National Education Association so they can vote in a March faculty union meeting.

The meeting will determine the faculty union’s response to the administration’s November counterproposal.

“We are meeting March 4 to identify, debate or vote upon actions that we are forced to engage in based upon the tenor of negotiations at this time,” Sullivan said. “We are going about making these preparations because, while we hope for the best, we must be prepared for the unfortunate.”

“Presidence requires we prepare for eventual action.”

Sullivan said the union’s options include putting the administration’s March proposal to a vote and other methods.

“Then the next move will be presentations in support of negotiators to vote on an intent to strike.”

He said, however, that a strike remains an “extreme” option.

“It remains an option because it is legally an option,” Sullivan said.

Sullivan said that in January the association formed a crisis response team because of
On this Date in 1965:

Four hundred housewives attended the opening for singer Nat King Cole given by Jack Bailey and George Jessel. drying chrome Coats as a sign “how gatherings are held so much to gain.”

Ten SIU students were among the opening of Off-Campus Switters at the annual Off-Campus Valuing but encouraged the “write off campus housing with in which 8,500 students have the studio”.

Motion picture editor of the New York Times Column said the website, and growth of interest in the 1950s caused such a sharp drop in the movie industry, many thought it was on its way out. Now, however, by block big production and large screen theater.

The scenery ranging Riley listed on the moon’s Sea of Tranquility. Included, the profile, “Big Men in the Moon,” was playing at Variety Theater in Los Angeles.

Then State Senator Jule Simon submitted a letter to the editor in the Daily Egyptian promoting the elimination of pro housing in Illinois. “Any spot which low interest demands to 70 percent of its population should not be submitted.”

One hundred seventy-five blue color workers were on strike over wages in Indianapolis.

 Corrections

The Thursday Chicago Tribune headline accompanying the story about the chancellor search should have reflected that SIU President Ted Sanderson will make the final selection of the chancellor candidate, which he will submit to the SIU Board of Trustees. The secondary headline should have reflected that chancellor search committee is no longer accepting applicant evaluation forms in the form of student, faculty, and staff.

The DE reports the error.

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SALUKI CALENDAR

TODAY

Black Alumni Council Finance Committee meeting for anyone interested, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Spanish Center. Contact Joan at 453-5354.

Women for Choice meeting new members welcome, February 19, 5 p.m., Student Center Activity Room A. Contact Ruth at 453-1809.

Pi Sigma Epsilon national council banquet, February 19, 6 p.m., Student Center. Contact Vintage at 536-2083.

United American Council General meeting, February 19, 6 p.m., Student Center Meeting Room. Contact Vintage at 536-1094.

Civil Air Patrol meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Marion County Airport. Contact Vintage at 536-3531.

CGLW free bowling and billiards, everyone welcome, February 17, 9 to 9 p.m., Student Center. Call 453-3531 for information.

Empire Team council meeting, February 19, 7 p.m., Student Center. Contact Steve at 457-2214.

American Marketing Association general meeting, February 19, 7 p.m., Student Center. Contact Steve at 457-5254.

Campus Greek Council meeting, February 19, 7:30 p.m., Student Center. Contact Karen at 453-1872.

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Copper Dragon featuring legend

MAGIC: Imaginative keyboardist was close friend of late Garcia.

DANA DURBAN
DAILY EGyPTIAN REPORTER

His fingers scaled the keyboard like magic dust releasing me into the depths of vast vegetation and mystery. The keys formed drops of rain, a sprinkle at first, then fast, hard droplets before a storm, and suddenly the music carried the lead of Merl Saunders' musical fire.

His dance was tribal, native, almost animalistic and sudden. I felt the beat of his music, the vibrations, and the man himself moved to the beat of Merl Saunders' music.

DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Council voted Tuesday to approve a resolution authorizing the city to execute a consulting agreement with the Thalden Modeling Corporation of St. Louis to conduct a market and financial feasibility study for an outdoor aquatic center.

The study will give information on a conceptual design, the cost of a large project and possible revenue generated by this facility, Doherty said. "The modern day swimming pool is becoming more of a recreational facility that has a little something for everyone," Doherty said. "They even offer activities for those people that go to the pool and never get in the water."

Seven consultants submitted proposals to the city, including Planning Management Consultants of Carbondale. This proposal was selected because, Doherty said, because it was almost two and a half times the cost of the Thalden proposal. Doherty said Thalden was also chosen based on the reputation of William Haralson, who specializes in market and feasibility financial studies for recreation and entertainment projects. Haralson has an excellent track record with projects like this, Doherty said.

The total amount of the contract with Thalden is not to exceed $18,000. Among other items, the City Council accepted a gift of a music program to the Murphysboro Police as gesture of goodwill. The new pool will help the Murphysboro Police start up their own K-9 unit.

"Jasper," a German Shepherd, was Carbondale's first police dog. In December, Pit, Doug Brinkley, Jasper's trainer, informed the city that he had accepted employment with the Illinois Secretary of State Police. This left the Carbondale Police without a picture of what evidence was collected at the scene. Police were unable to locate victims or suspects.

Anyone with information can call 549-COPS or 549-2112.

CARBONDALE Alleged murderer Lee gets continuance until Tuesday

Gary D. Lee, charged in the Jan. 16 murder of a Carbondale woman, awaits a preliminary hearing after a continuance was granted Wednesday.

The body of Dennis Lynn, 30, was found in his Murphysboro home by a concerned relative.

Police determined that Drakes' death was a possible homicide based on the severity of the wound inflicted on the victim.

Lee, 30, of Carbondale is being represented by public defenders Patricia Gross and David Humphries, who requested the continuance because they had not received any of the police reports until Tuesday morning.

Gross said they were not allowed enough time to review the reports thoroughly and proceed with a preliminary hearing.

She said what she did see of the reports indicated that Lee was not to blame. "I guess requested the continuance be granted for the state which would mean Lee does not have a preliminary hearing by Sunday he would be let out of jail."

When someone is in custody they have the right to a preliminary hearing within 30 days or arrest may be continued.

Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wepsic was not opposed to having the hearing continued. "I would grant the continuance if the state desired," Wepsic said he had no obligation to give the reports to the Gross because discovery rules do not apply until after the continuance hearing.

Jackson County Circuit Court Judge Thomas J. Lucas attributed the continuance to Lee, so any time that passes while waiting for the hearing is added to the 30 days.

The preliminary hearing was set for 9:30 a.m. Monday.

CARBONDALE Academic advisement open house today in Rec.

The academic advisement open house for continuing students will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Recreation Center.

The open house gives continuing students a chance to talk with advisers outside their colleges about what options are available to them.

Students considering changing majors should attend the open house to meet with advisers from the department they are interested in.
Is the government taking our liberty?

Well, we finally have a law that cracks down on "deadbeat dads". The new law, the Family Support Act of 1995, is designed to help ensure that all parents who owe child support actually pay it. The law is aimed at parents who owe more than $1,000 in back child support. The government is taking the lead in enforcing this law, and parents who fail to pay up will face penalties.

The law defines a "deadbeat dad" as someone who owes more than $1,000 in back child support and who has failed to make timely payments. The law gives the government the power to seize wages, fail to pay fines, and even jail parents who continue to refuse to pay. The law also allows for the seizure of federal benefits, such as Social Security, to pay child support debts.

The government is using a variety of tools to enforce the law, including the use of a new database to track non-paying parents. The database will allow the government to identify non-paying parents and take action against them. The law also allows for the use of "biometric identifiers" such as voice analyzers and retina scanners to identify non-paying parents.

The law is part of a broader effort to address the issue of non-paying parents. The government has already taken steps to address this problem, including the use of a new database to track non-paying parents and the use of a new database to track non-paying parents.

The law is controversial, with some experts arguing that it is too harsh and will lead to a greater number of people being penalized. Others argue that it is necessary to ensure that parents pay their fair share of child support. The law is likely to be challenged in court, but it is likely to remain in place.

The law is a significant step in the battle against non-paying parents. It is a step in the right direction, but it is not a complete solution. The government must continue to work to address this problem, and it must continue to monitor the effectiveness of the law.
Tickets for Merl Saunders and The Rainforest Band are $5 in advance and $10 at the door. For information, call 549-2319.

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Merl Saunders said, "I went and it shocked the hell out of me. It was amazing." His experience led to the making of his album "Fiesta Amazonica," an extension from Saunders' 1990 new age chart stopper "Blues from the Rainforest." "Fiesta Amazonica" captures the essence of the rain forest through its nine-song collection and contains tracks with two lost comrades — Garcia and Saunders' cousin Eddie Moore. Saunders, a musical chameleon, has jammed with the finest artists of the 20th century, including Harry Belafonte, Lionel Hampton, Miles Davis, D.B. King, Sonny Stitt and of course his beloved confidant Garcia. "Spending time with the greats of the music industry gives Saunders chills when he recaptures the moments of playing with old friends, but nevertheless, Saunders prefers time alone, "I enjoy being alone, walking on the coast by myself," said Saunders, "I'm always with people and I cherish the time I can spend in peaceful solitude."

This gentle aura and radiant light — coupled with the professional and funky playing style of Merl Saunders and his ever-loyal "Jessica," his 1962 Hammond B3 organ — captivates audiences to an elated plane.

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The Great Glorious and Gandoriaus

Oh, the places you'll go when you visit the Student Center Ballrooms Saturday for the third annual Dr. Seuss Festival.

STORY BY KAREN BLATTER

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where Deangelo loves reading to her children books by Dr. Seuss with colorful pictures of a dog with antlers and the Grinch stealing a Christmas tree. "I know it sounds silly," said Deangelo, assistant program director Non-Traditional Student Services. "But I really like the Grinch."

Dr. Seuss and his many colorful characters will be brought to life at the third annual Dr. Seuss Festival 2 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center Ballrooms. The free event is sponsored by Non-Traditional Students Services and Student Development.

The festival began as a way to give busy non-traditional students a chance to bond with their families and promote literacy.

"Dr. Seuss is familiar to all age groups," Deangelo said. "Families don't get to spend a lot of time together, and this gives them a chance to combine academics and fun."

Non-Traditional Student Services also allows everyone from students to community members to celebrate their memories of Dr. Seuss.

Last year, 300 people were expected to attend the festival but 400 arrived. People of all ages, with or without children, attended the festival. This year sponsors are prepared for 500 people.

"It seems no matter what the weather is, still a lot of people come out," Deangelo said. "So many people grow up with him."

Michelle Garrett loves to read the Dr. Seuss books "Green Eggs and Ham" and "Oh the Places You'll Go!". As a graduate assistant with Non-Traditional Student Services, she has been spending five to six hours a day helping to create the festival.

"It's been unbelievably fun," she said. "It's a wonderful opportunity for SIUC students and their families to become involved in the community."

With the help of over 60 volunteers, both students and community members, the imaginary world of Seuss will become a reality.

Three stories, "Horton Hatches an Egg," "There's a Wocket in My Pocket" and "Green Eggs and Ham" will be read aloud by a storyteller and volunteers. Two animated movies, "Horton Hatches Book" and "The Cat in the Hat" will be shown, and the event also will feature games, prizes and crafts honoring Dr. Seuss. The first 100 children at the event will be able to have their picture taken with the Cat in the Hat.

This SIUC event is one of many homages paid to Dr. Seuss.

Dr. Seuss, born Theodor Seuss Geisel, has been bringing cartoons and flowing rhymes to the hands, eyes and ears of children — and adults — since 1957 when his first book, "And to Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street" was published.

"The Cat in the Hat" started an interesting series of books Geisel wrote specifically to help literacy among children. Geisel was given a list of 400 words important for first graders to know, and nine months later this first book in that series book was an instant success. One million copies of "The Cat in the Hat" have been sold.

Geisel got many of his story ideas from life experiences or from bets. "Green Eggs and Ham" was written after a friend bet him $50 he could not write a book using just 50 words. He wrote the story with 50 words, using "not" 82 times and "if" 81 times. The bet was never paid.

"Horton Hatches an Egg" was conceived from a more unsettling experience. It was written when Geisel visited Hiroshima after it was bombed.

In 1975, he began to experience a series of medical difficulties that led to a serious heart attack in 1981. Seuss died Sept. 24, 1991 at 87, leaving the world with a legacy of books. Because of the way Geisel was able to transform his life and adventures into a fun way to teach literacy, Dr. Seuss has been able to reach "children" of all ages.

Deangelo expects these children to thoroughly enjoy Saturday's Dr. Seuss festival.

"All of his stories were fun and educational," she said. "Young and old alike love Dr. Seuss."
Ohio town offers reluctant support for Iraq strike

WASHINGTON POST

DAYTON, Ohio—From his shoeshine stand in a downtown barber shop, Russell Ramey, 61, has been closely following developments in the Persian Gulf and, like many people here, has reached some grim conclusions.

"I think that we should have taken care of Saddam Hussein before," during the 1991 Persian Gulf War, he said. "I just don't see this as any win situation. But I believe we're doing the right thing."

Ramey supports the airstrikes that President Clinton is threatening against Iraq, saying they should be aimed at Saddam's nonconventional weapons, but not the Iraqi leader. "I don't think getting Saddam would accomplish much," he added. "Just the other evening I heard that his son is more ruthless than he is.""Get 'em both," interjected a customer waiting for a shine.

In interviews at a suburban shopping mall near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, on the campus of the University of Dayton and on downtown streets, a clear majority of Dayton area residents said they are ready to back Clinton, and the use of military force if necessary.

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Police with two options: It could pay for five weeks training for a new handler for Jasper, or get a new dog and pay for five weeks training on the new dog with a new handler. The working life of a police dog is generally eight to ten years and Jasper is at the eight-year mark.

Trainees at Von Liebe Kennels in Indiana where Jasper was trained said he could fetch as much as $2,000 on the open market. Two agencies in Jackson County had expressed interest in Jasper: the SIUC Police Department and Murphysboro. SIUC elected to pursue a new dog, but Murphysboro maintained its interest in Jasper.

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additional space for students' laboratory work." Sanders said the Communications Building's basement must be completed to attract students to the college and said it should be within the range of fundable projects next year.

"It is an eyesore," he said. "They are not good working conditions. It is a major problem and it needs to be addressed. It is not conducive when we are trying to recruit students into the College of Mass Communications.

"If I were bringing a student in to take a look at the facility and what we could offer, I would steer them away from that part of the building."

With the remodeling not occurring this year, Foote said he hoped the project would be "at the top of next year's list."

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Student volunteers make Big Muddy possible

JASON ADRIAN
DEPARTMENTS EDITOR

Jennifer Karre juggles her classes and the many hours incorporated with this clinic the Big Muddy Film Festival because she knows how essential it is to have volunteers to continue to help keep the festival running.

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tenured faculty member would be able to.
In addition, Morey said more of her time is devoted to orienting new term instructors than to teaching.
"I am always having to reinvent the core curriculum," she said. "It is exhausting to reinvent the wheel so often.
Morey said many of our term instructors are overworked, she said. "We take
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the burdensome negotiations that have developed after the submission of the administration's counterproposals. The team, made up of union members, will monitor and shape negotiations with the administration's proposal based on the tension of negotiations.

At the meeting, the faculty loudly voiced their dissatisfaction with the administration's proposal. Mary Lamb, an association member and a professor in English, read from the administration's proposal and asked faculty to yell "no" whenever they disagreed. The faculty then shouted "no" after listening to Lamb read the board's position on tenure, promotion, the 11-month contract, and other issues.

Kay Carr, a faculty negotiating team member, said the administration's proposal never mentions certain job titles or positions, such as assistant professor in history, explained the faculty negotiating team's philosophy.

"Your team views their job to not tentatively agree with any contract provision that is less than historical precedent," Carr said. "The board team wants to start the negotiations with a fresh slate."

"This conceptual and practical disagreement seriously retards the process of bargaining," said Joan Friedenberg, a professor in technical and resource information management, said the faculty must be united and join the union. He said they should support the faculty union in large numbers or it will ultimately lead to a strike.

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Golf team prepares to swing into action at Midwest Classic

IMPROVED: Women's team has higher goals this season after last years fifth-place finish.

RYAN KIETH
DE SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUC women's golf team is a year wiser and much more prepared than last season for its trip to Arizona Friday.

The Salukis open their spring season this weekend at the Midwest Classic in Phoenix. This is the start of the women's golf team's return from their last year's tournament and one of their best fall seasons behind them. The Salukis would like to see the team's goals for an improved look at this year's meet will have a different ending.

"It's been bad for the coast but good for us," Saluki coach Diane Daugherty said. "We've played three 18-hole days last two weekends so, I really feel good about that.

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It's definitely on our mind," said . New York Rangers President Smith said. "I'm just looking to out there and play two good rounds so we have really good confidence for the year. It's a nice recruiting tool and a nice reward for them.

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So Daugherty, the tournament is the perfect time to give her team a good for the spring season.

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Softball Salukis open season with Mardi Gras showdown

PLAY BALL: Salukis lose top three seniors, to graduation; hope juniors can fill gap.

Sanford Richardson
DAILY EUGENIAN REPORTER

Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year, MVC Player of the Year. A 41-win season. All of the above were accomplished by the SIUC softball team last season, but those achievements failed to produce the team's chief goal: an invitation to the NCAA Tournament. A 3-0 loss to Drake University in the MVC tournament left the Salukis with hopes of an at-large bid to the NCAA.

SIUC finished the 1997 season 41-16 and second in the Valley. Coach Kay Brechtelsbauer capped off her 30th season at SIUC with Coach of the Year. MVC Player of the Year. We were young, and we haven't proven what level we can play at consistently.

Kay Brechtelsbauer
SIUC SOFTBALL COACH

"I think we have people that can step up and be as good as them," said Shields, who has fully recovered from reconstructive knee surgery two years ago. "Playing together as long as we will, I think as a team we'll be better than we have been.

If the fall preseason was any indication of things to come, the Salukis should be competitive this year. SIUC ended up 11-6 with victories over Oklahoma State University, the University of Nebraska, and Colorado State University. Southwest Missouri State University is favored to win the conference title while the Salukis were picked fourth in the preseason coaches' poll. Illinois State University and Drake University are also expected to contend. But Brechtelsbauer feels confident SIUC's pitching can carry her team a long way.

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although he was closely guarded by two Sycamore defenders. Hawkins led the Salukis Wednesday with 19 points. Tucker added 14, while Thunnell and junior guard Monte Jenkins had 12 each.

The Missouri Valley Conference Tournament will take place in St. Louis Feb. 27 to March 1. Neither team showed much defensive prowess in the first half, but the Salukis came up big when they needed it. The Salukis drew within five points twice during the first half, but a three-pointer by Wells gave Indiana State a 41-32 lead heading into halftime. Hawkins led the Salukis Wednesday with 19 points. Tucker added 14, while Thunnell and junior guard Monte Jenkins had 12 each.

The measure of the Saluki success will depend greatly on the growth of the younger players. The team has six freshmen and five sophomores who could see immediate impact.

"We're young, and we haven't proven what level we can play at consistently," Brechtelsbauer said. "We had an excellent fall season. We defeated some Big 12 schools, and some of those teams are ranked in the preseason ahead of us. We have a sophomore class that got a lot of playing time last year. And we have a freshman class that we are looking to for an immediate impact."

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Salukis fall at buzzer to Sycamores

HEARTBREAKER: Dawgs rally from 11 down to take lead, but come up short at the end.

DEAN KEITH
DE SPORTS EDITOR

Indiana State senior Steve Hart refused to allow SIUC to ruin the last home game of his college career Wednesday night.

The Salukis seemed poised to do just that after trailing by as many as 11 points in the second half. SIUC took a 71-68 lead on a three-pointer by sophomore forward Chris Thunnell with 38 seconds left. But with his team trailing 71-70, Hart rebounded a Sycamore miss, put the rebound and was fouled with 0.6 seconds remaining to give Indiana State a 72-71 win. SIUC had one final chance to win, but senior guard Shane Hawkins' three-footer fell short of the mark.

Indiana State moved up a spot on the Salukis to sixth place in the Missouri Valley Conference at 8-8 and 14-14 overall. SIUC fell to 9-9 in conference play and 15-14 overall.

"It's always nice to have a group of young men that always battles back and has a lot of courage, and that's exactly what we did today," Herrin said in his postgame radio show. "We had an opportunity to win the basketball game with less than a minute to go, but Hart staked one in at the buzzer."

SIUC could not mustered much of a response early in the second half. The Sycamores took a 36-25 lead with 10:08 remaining on a dunk by Hart. But the Salukis were back playing well by Hawkins. The senior from Pinckneyville scored 11 of SIUC's next 16 points to give the Salukis a 66-63 lead with 2:32 left. Indiana State tied the game at 68, but Thuill's three gave the Salukis another three-point cushion.

SIUC had a chance to add to the lead, but Hawkins missed a free throw and freshman guard Josh Cross fouled Sycamore sophomore Jason Wells. Wells hit both free throws, and the Sycamores took possession again after Thunnell's pass attempt to senior forward Rashad Tucker went out-of-bounds.

Wells drove to the lane for Indiana Stanc and missed a short jumper, but Hart was there for the rebound. Hawkins' second chance attempt for the win was short and no foul was called on the play.

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Salukis prepare to play top two teams in conference

CHALLENGE:
Women hoopsters set sights on road trip to Creighton, Drake.

Just when SIUC freshman center Kristine Abramowski is healthy enough to return to the lineup, another starter gets injured.

Abramowski missed two games after she hit her head in the Feb. 10 contest with Vanderbilt University. But the time junior forward O'Dessa Proctor has hit her head. Proctor sustained a head injury while diving for the ball during the 57-47 loss to the University of Northern Iowa Thursday.

"I am still trying to convince myself that I can still play basketball," Proctor said. "But I know that I am not going to be."

Having another key player go down with an injury is nothing new for the Salukis.

"Once again we get somebody else to lose somebody," women's head coach Cindy Scott said. "We haven't had everyone healthy in two months."

Proctor is the team's second-leading scorer with an average of 9.2 points per game. She will miss at least the next two games, and the news is especially bad for the Salukis, who are playing the top two teams in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Proctor will play No. 2 Creighton tonight in Omaha, Neb., before facing No. 1 Drake University Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa. The Salukis, 6-6 in conference play and 9-14 overall, have a guaranteed spot in the Missouri Valley Conference Championship March 5-7, but are looking to pass up UNI to avoid having to play Drake in the first round.

"I was very happy with the progress we have made," Scott said. "And I am still happy. The key thing is that we have made the tournament. Now we can play to get the highest seed we possibly can and go from there."

Scott said the most notable factor so far this season has been the Salukis' unpredictable nature. Against UNI, the Salukis were tied at 44 but only scored three points in the last 9:13 of the game for a 20-point loss.

"I think the one thing we have been very consistent at this year is being inconsistent," Scott said. "We can go from one type of team to a vastly different team in a matter of seconds. I think that's the sign of a young team. We've been entangled with injuries and nothing has really gone our way."

But the Salukis do have the potential to play well if they put everything together. In the last outing against Creighton, the Salukis lost 64-62, but made a run in the last five minutes to almost beat the Lady Jays.

Proctor said if the Salukis play good defense, they can beat Creighton.

"If we come and establish ourselves as a defensive presence at the beginning and play a whole 40-minute game, I don't see why we shouldn't win the game. But that is a great team, and we have to make a defensive stand."

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