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Wendler proposes final offer

Union still reviewing proposal, but leaders cite disappointment

Ben Botkin
 Daily Egyptian

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler extended what he says is a final offer to the Faculty Association on Thursday — a proposal that union officials were still reviewing with only three days remaining before a possible walkout.

But with a strike deadline of Monday rapidly approaching and no future negotiations scheduled, a faculty work stoppage next week remains uncertain.

Rejecting the association's request for binding arbitration, Wendler urged the union's leadership to send the contract to its members for a decision. The contract proposal offers no salary increases for this year but raises for the next three years, starting with at least 2 percent, and rising to 3 percent during the final year. Added on to that figure is 1 percent more than state appropriations provide for salaries, a figure that is still unknown.

"The University submits that this is fair to all faculty," Wendler said. "The Faculty Association should allow its members to decide if they agree by submitting it to them for a ratification vote."

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positions resulting from enrollment growth with tenured and tenure-track faculty. The contract proposal also guarantees that faculty will not be laid off during a financial exigency and rejects fair share, which requires all those in the bargaining unit to pay union fees.

Morteza Daneshdoost, president of the association, said the union still needs to consider the terms of the proposal and fully understand its implications before making a decision. He said he wasn't shocked by the administration's rejection of binding arbitration, which brings in a third-party mediator who makes decisions



Above, Departmental representative John Magney talks with SIUC students filming a documentary just after the faculty union met Thursday evening at a closed meeting in Lawson Hall. SIUC administration offered its final proposal to the Faculty Association earlier in the day, three days before the union's contract will expire. Although union leadership will review the proposal during the next three days, Magney said that he rejected it and added that he thinks there will be a work stoppage Monday.

Right, Chancellor Walter Wendler announced Thursday the final proposal offered to the faculty association hoping to avoid a strike. The Faculty Association is threatening to strike Monday if no agreement is reached.



both parties must follow. "We were not surprised because what we asking was just demands," he said, shortly after a closed meeting of the faculty Thursday evening.

Without binding arbitration, the union can legally strike Monday, when its contract expires. The association represents a bargaining unit of about 680 tenured and tenure-track faculty. A DAILY EGYPTIAN poll conducted this week suggests that professors are torn about whether they will honor a strike.

"We are disappointed that the board has forced the issue by proposing a 'last and best package proposal' rather than allowing a neutral third party arbitrator to close the wide gap that remains between the two sides' negotiating

positions," Daneshdoost said. "The board's offer addresses only three of the six issues the faculty has said are essential to settling the contract prior to the strike deadline of Monday."

The union's remaining issues include fair share, tenure and promotion, and administration accountability.

Daneshdoost said the bargaining team will review the proposal with the council, which will then meet this weekend and decide whether to send the contract to faculty for a vote.

But for one professor on the council, it's already soon enough to critique Wendler's offer.

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Blagojevich statement DE poll shows faculty split on strike remains unconfirmed

Molly Parker
 Daily Egyptian

The SIUC administration said that Gov. Rod Blagojevich has given no formal direction to the University in regard to a possible faculty strike, disputing a statement made Wednesday night by the Faculty Association.

The Faculty Association's statement said the governor was not opposed to binding arbitration. The statement followed the union's Wednesday proposal to the administration to accept binding arbitration as a way to avert a strike.

"Gov. Rod Blagojevich has informed the SIU administration and the Faculty Association that, while he supports the collective bargaining process, he is not opposed to using binding arbitration to resolve this contract," union member Lenore Langsdorf said at the information meeting.

Repeated attempts to reach the governor's office were unsuccessful and no one has been willing or able to cite the origin of the statement.

The administration rejected binding arbitration Thursday and

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Faculty members in the bargaining unit are divided about whether they will hit the picket line or stay in the classrooms in the event of a faculty strike, according to a recent DAILY EGYPTIAN telephone poll.

The EGYPTIAN conducted an anonymous poll of 680 members of the bargaining unit between Tuesday and Thursday to determine what sort of support a strike would receive. The union is expected to walk out Monday if a contract is not reached beforehand.

Of the 307 professors who were successfully contacted, 25.1 percent said they would honor a strike, 36.5 percent said they would continue teaching classes, 15.3 percent said they were undecided and 23.1 percent refused to comment. Other members of the bargaining unit could not be reached despite attempts.

Faculty members were asked to answer yes, no, undecided or no comment as to whether they would honor the

picket line.

The bargaining unit consists of tenured and tenure-track professors (list provided by Office of Institutional Advancement), about half of whom responded.

The EGYPTIAN attempted to contact all professors and those who responded were from a cross section of departments and were not asked to identify whether they paid dues to the union. Professors outside of the bargaining unit were not contacted.

About 15 newsroom employees conducted the telephone poll. The responses varied from strongly supportive of a faculty strike to, as one man said, "rabid anti-strike." All names were divided up by an alphabetical list, not by department.

The EGYPTIAN will not release any further information regarding the poll. All names and responses will remain confidential, and this poll is in no way related to the unscientific ballot results printed in today's Voices section. Questions regarding this information should be directed to editor@siu.edu.

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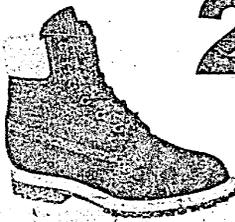
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NATIONAL NEWS

**Judge to bomber:
'You're no big deal'**

BOSTON — An angry federal judge sentenced defendant "shoe bomber" Richard Reid to three life sentences Thursday, telling the self-avowed al-Qaeda terrorist, "You're no big deal."

Reid was dragged from court shouting, "You will be judged by Allah."

"We are not afraid of any of you or any of your terrorist co-conspirators. We are Americans, and we have been through the fire before," U.S. District Judge William Young told Reid. The judge added 80 years in prison and \$2 million in fines to the three life terms.

Reid, a 29-year-old British citizen, pleaded guilty in October to charges that he tried to set off explosives hidden in his sneakers while on an American Airlines flight carrying 197 passengers and crew from Paris to Miami on Dec. 22, 2001. Flight attendants and passengers subdued Reid, who was arrested after the flight landed in Boston.

At Thursday's sentencing hearing, Reid said he was a soldier in a battle against the United States.

"I am at war with your country," he told the court in a

statement that included a long list of grievances. Reid said his crime paled compared with what he said was U.S.-supported torture and murder of millions of Muslims in Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Turkey.

Young, 62, a soft-spoken Harvard-educated jurist who had been solicitous to Reid during the trial, angrily rebutted the defendant's claim.

Stepfather of abandoned child charged

RENO — A man was charged Thursday with child abuse for allegedly leaving his 3-year-old stepson at a Utah store and police said he was a possible suspect in the disappearance of the boy's mother.

Lyle Montgomery, left, was questioned Wednesday in the abandonment case of 3-year-old Jonathan Copuz, right.

Investigators are treating the case of Jeannette Acord, missing for more than a week, as a homicide. Police said they fear for her safety based partly on evidence recovered from the Reno home she shared with her newlywed husband, Lyle Montgomery.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. helps ex-Soviet states scrap weapons

OZERNOYE, Ukraine — In a world where it's getting harder and harder to distinguish U.S. friends from U.S. foes, the decaying Soviet-era air base in this small city is caught in the middle.

A worker cuts a Soviet-made aviation cruise missile KH-22 on the military base Ozerne in Zhytomyr November 6, 2002. U.S. and Ukrainian generals gathered here on a cold, snowy day in November to begin destroying 225 Soviet-made Kh-22 missiles. The missiles were built to carry nuclear, biological or chemical warheads to American and European cities. Now, they are being chopped up under a U.S.-funded "cooperative threat reduction" program that pays to secure and eliminate Soviet weapons of mass destruction.

The dissection of the first Kh-22 was cause for celebration: the generals drank vodka shots, toasting the project as a symbol of the new, post-Cold War friendship between Ukraine and the United States.

On that very day in Kiev, the capital, U.S. and Ukrainian officials squared off over charges that Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma approved the sale of two sophisticated

aircraft tracking systems to Iraq. The portable systems can detect U.S. stealth bombers and fighters without alerting the pilots that they've been spotted.

Report: Al-Qaeda built 'dirty bomb'

LONDON — British officials believe that Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda terrorist network successfully built a crude radiological device known as a "dirty bomb" in Afghanistan, the British Broadcasting Corp. reported Thursday.

British intelligence agents found documents that showed al-Qaeda members had built a small device near Herat in western Afghanistan, the BBC said, citing unidentified British government officials.

Britain's Foreign Office said Thursday the report substantiated expert opinion that al-Qaeda wanted to develop a nuclear weapon.

In Washington, a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said bin Laden was no doubt interested in acquiring a "dirty bomb" — a conventional bomb capable of spreading radiation.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Jan. 30 - Feb. 5 Pulse Issue, the dates on the Pulse Calendar were incorrect. However, the events, venues and days on which these events would take place were correct in the Pulse Calendar. The Daily Egyptian apologizes for any inconvenience or confusion. For more information call 536-3311 ext. 276.

CALENDAR

Today
Japanese Table general meeting Student Center, McDonald's 6 pm.
German Table general meeting Corner Diner 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
Weekend Events
Sunday
Students Speak Out For Animal Rights general meeting Student Center, McDonald's 300 E. College St. 3 pm. For more information call 529-5558

POLICE REPORTS

- Carbondale**
- Carl J. Griffith, 20, Carbondale, was arrested and charged felony retail theft at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Wal-Mart, 1450 E. Main St. Griffith was stopped by store security after he was allegedly seen hiding two packages of safety razors, valued at \$14. The charge was a felony because of a 1999 conviction for possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Jackson County Jail.
 - Jony Lee Lewis, 41, Carbondale, was arrested and charged with felony retail theft at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday at Kroger, 501 N. Giant City Rd. He allegedly walked out of the store with a cart containing meat valued at about \$120 without paying. He was taken to the Jackson County Jail.
 - A stereo valued at \$250 was stolen between 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Wednesday from a residence in the 1100 block of East College Street.

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Dietz, Lamb attend USG meeting Wednesday

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

Despite an unexpected visit by representatives of the administration and the Faculty Association, the Undergraduate Student Government passed a resolution Wednesday in support of binding arbitration.

"Neither side wants to strike," said Neil Young, vice president of USG. "At this point they're just waiting for one another to flinch, and they need an arbitrator to step in to avoid a strike."

The legislation came after Larry Dietz, the vice chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and Mary Ellen Lamb, a representative of the Faculty Association, spent two hours fielding question from senators about the possible strike.

Dietz said the administration is optimistic that a settlement will be reached, but they are considering contingency plans to have in place to minimize any inconvenience to students.

He predicted there would be a period of adjustment, but urged students to continue going to class because attendance and grades will still count with a substitute professor.

He said that department chairs would ultimately decide if the original professors would take over for the substitutes when the strike ends.

When asked if assignments issued by replacement faculty would be counted, Lamb, a professor in the Department of English, said that it would be a conscience judgment made by individual teachers.

"If the substitute gave an assign-

ment that I don't agree with and that the students did badly on, I wouldn't penalize them for poor teaching," Lamb said.

Senator Rob Hobson questioned Dietz on the quality of education students would expect to receive if substitute professors are brought into the classroom.

Dietz explained that ultimately the department chairs would decide who is going to fill vacancies, but assured the students that many people who are not full-time faculty still hold a Ph.D. in higher education.

Mary Wallace, a senator from the College of Liberal Arts, urged the administration to take the students into consideration.

"For a lot of us, our futures are on the line," Wallace said.

She encouraged the administration to resolve the issue and minimize the affects on students. Between the tuition increases, a possible war in Iraq, a sluggish economy and other downturns, "we've had a tough year," Wallace said.

Dietz agreed and still holds the hope of resolving the issue.

"I'm the eternal optimist," Dietz said. "There is a long time between now and Monday."

Hassan Sheikh, a University Park senator, asked Lamb if she saw this ending in the near future. She said that anything can happen, but their team has been very pessimistic on reaching an agreement before the strike date.

On the issue of financial aid, Dietz said that work study is one of many federal programs that will be adversely affected by the strike. In the case of canceled classes, all refunds would return to the account

that issued the aid.

Dietz said students will be allowed to remain in University Housing if their credits drop below 12 hours. However, dropping below the hours required for many financial-aid packages could be a serious problem.

"The stark reality of it is that some students may have to drop out," Dietz said.

Lamb said there has been a trend going on at the University to decrease the quality of education since she was hired 25 years ago. The lecture classes have gotten progressively larger, and fewer faculty members know the names of their students.

"The Faculty Association is working very hard to counter a wave of misinformation," Lamb said. "The most blatant misinformation is that the faculty aren't putting the students first. The students are the beneficiaries here, not the pawns."

She also said that the replacement of faculty has come to a point where it almost does not happen at all. She said they are lucky to have on professor brought in to replace every four who retire.

"If the administration keeps taking faculty from an area where students want to go, that area will die," Lamb warned.

Though the majority of the senators voiced support for the Faculty Association, senator Peter Robinson said he disagreed with their actions.

He said that though he respected the faculty's right to bargain and ultimately agrees with what they're doing, he draws a line when thousands of students will be adversely affected by their actions.

"Why didn't this happen two

USG addresses the student concerns

Larry Dietz, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and Mary Ellen Lamb, a representative of the Faculty Association, stopped by the USG meeting Wednesday and addressed the following issues raised by the Senate.

Senator Rob Hobson:

“What quality of education can students expect to receive if faculty are replaced by substitute professors?”

Larry Dietz:

“Ultimately, the department chairs will choose the people to fill the vacancies, but do not assume that because a person is not full-time that they are not qualified. Several have a Ph.D. in higher education.”

Peter Normand:

“Will assignments issued by replacement faculty count toward our final grade?”

Mary Lamb:

“It would have to be a conscience judgement made by each individual teacher.”

years ago when times were better?” Robinson asked. “Or why didn't this come up during the summer, when 20,000 students won't be affected.”

Lamb said that the timing is definitely difficult, but it was chosen because of the conclusion of their contracts.

"The faculty is also making sacrifices," Lamb said. "We will be losing money, our time, and possibly even our health insurance, but we need to think of future students who will have to attend larger lectures taught by fewer faculty who don't know their names."

She said she realizes the need to make a stand on the quality of education at this University now.

She holds hope that the administration will agree to binding arbitration, which would bring in a

third party to review the proposals and hand down the final terms of an agreement.

Young said that if the administration does not accept the faculty's proposal for arbitration, he considers them to be 100 percent at fault. He said failing to come together to avoid a strike could have horrible repercussions for the University. I could possibly deter faculty and future students from coming to the campus.

"On the other hand, if the strike is successful it could be fantastic for the students," Young said. "Our lecture classes could be cut in half and the students would really benefit."

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All Students:

What You Need to Know In the Event Of A Strike

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

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

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



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Murphysboro man sentenced for role in death of SIUC student

Alleged shooter still at large in last year's murder

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

A Murphysboro man was sentenced to four years in prison Thursday for armed robbery in connection with the shooting death of a former SIUC student.

Maurice DeShay Carter, 21, was sentenced for his role in the death of Marcus S. Thomas, 21, at a Carbondale housing project in March 2001.

Police said Thomas, a junior in psychology from Matteson, was shot in the back at his home at 300 E. College St. in what was reportedly a "drug rip-off gone bad." He died of blood loss

on the living room floor of 315-B S. Marion St. after running from his assailants.

Residents living in homes in the two blocks between Thomas' home and the location he died reported being woken at about 3 a.m. by gunshots. A figure was reportedly seen running south down the road yelling "help me." There was a trail of blood from the front of his house to 100 feet south down the road.

Terron C. Price, 22, of Tammis, is wanted on charges of murder and armed robbery in the death. Police allege Price was the gunman that killed Thomas. Jackson County State's Attorney Michael Wepsiec said Carter knew about the robbery and was a lookout for the shooter.

He will get credit for 182 days time served in the Jackson County Jail.

Carbondale Police Chief R.T. Finney said the department does not have any information about

Price's whereabouts. He said police are continuing to search for him around Tammis and Cary, Ind. and the FBI has a warrant for his arrest for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Finney said the officers are concentrating on locating him through family, friends and others who know him.

Wepsiec said Carter was cooperative with police and will testify against Price if he is brought to trial.

Wepsiec said he is confident there will be a lapse in Price's judgment and secrecy, and he will be found and brought to trial in Jackson County.

"Like most people, he will be caught," Wepsiec said.

Reporter Greg Cima can be reached at gcima.dailyegyptian.com

NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Creative writing grad student wins award

Many Stepp, a third-year graduate student in creative writing at SIUC won the poetry prize in an annual writing contest sponsored by the Perata Press, a West Coast literary journal.

Stepp's poem, "Why Federico Wakes at Dawn Whether He Wants to or Not," was one of 400 entries submitted by poets from around the world. She will receive \$250 and her poem will be published in the journal's spring issue.

Free video workshop presented Feb. 11

"Tough Guise" is a free video workshop that looks at the way the culture encourages citizens to think of masculinity as violence. It will be presented from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Student Center Missouri Room.

The program will be presented by Suzanne Daughton of Speech Communication. For more information and registration, contact Women's Services at 453-3655.

Boomer bummer



ROBERT LYONS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jim Fricke, employed with the Physical Plant, fixes a broken window in the end-lounge of Boomer I. SIUC Police confirm that the window was broken at approximately 2 a.m. as the result of student horseplay. The Physical Plant gave no estimate as to the replacement costs. Fricke said it takes him two hours to fix a broken window. Police would not release the names of the students involved in the incident.

Loss of accreditation a concern

Departments worry about possibility in event of strike

Moustafa Ayad
Daily Egyptian

As the possibility of a strike looms over the University, some department chairs and deans are concerned about losing accreditation if an extended strike forces selected classes to be canceled.

Chancellor Walter Wendler has promised all seniors in good academic standing in their last semester that they will graduate, no matter what happens in the event of a strike. This could require schedule and course readjustment on behalf of the academic unit.

If the University graduates seniors in accredited programs without those students fulfilling necessary requirements because of a prolonged faculty strike, the accrediting body can remove the programs' accreditation.

Determining whether the strike will be justification for an organization to allow students to graduate without necessary requirements is up to the inspection teams upon review of student records.

If the team notes that students were graduated without the proper requirements, that could result in a program losing its accreditation. Having to reapply for accreditation is not easy either; a program must go through a probationary period and pass further examination by the accreditation body.

The issue is one of many the University must ponder if there is a faculty strike.

"This is one of the issues the deans will discuss at the next deans meeting," said Associate Provost Kyle Perkins, who refused further comment.

There are about 61 accredited and certi-

fied programs at SIUC, and the risk of losing accreditation can minimize the reputation of a University program. Accreditation brings to various programs the notoriety of nationally recognized universities and colleges. It can also aid in a school's recruiting capabilities and national ranking.

Programs are accredited by a disciplinary basis. For instance, the school of journalism is accredited through the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

Only 106 journalism programs in the United States are accredited — SIUC has one of them — as compared to 459 non-accredited journalism programs across the nation.

Walter Jaehrig, chair of the Journalism Department, said that if the program were to graduate the 60 to 80 seniors who need journalism classes to finish in May without them fulfilling the necessary course requirements, the program could face a dire situation.

Faculty who prefer to teach at accredited universities could turn to other institutions and students could lose some internship and competition opportunities that would be offered to other accredited programs.

Dan Worrell, dean of the college of Business Administration refused to comment about the possibility of his school losing its status. The college of Business Administration is accredited in all of its programs by The Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business International.

The loss of the accreditation does not, however, affect every program on campus. The College of Science, for instance, is certified in chemistry and biochemistry. This accounts for only one-fifth of their programs.

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Students react in face of strike

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

A freshman in art said she has no confidence in either side and hopes that things will be worked out.

David Thomas, a senior in mechanical engineering said he is upset and worried about what the potential strike would mean for his future.

"I have been here for awhile and this situation just really pisses me off," he said. "This will look bad on my resume and affect me getting a job. It's just a bad thing for everyone."

Some students who have received the e-mail thought it was a waste of time and effort to send it and that it did nothing to ease the tension.

Scott Rudis, a freshman from Wheaton said he didn't even read it and that the whole situation is stupid.

"Teachers need to just suck it up, but if it does come down to a strike I don't think it will last long," Rudis said.

Other seniors are putting their faith in the system and believe a strike will not affect their graduation status. They are concerned, however, that it will put a dark cloud over their degree's worth.

"I believe teachers as a whole are underpaid, but a strike will hurt everyone — not just students," said a graduating senior who would not give her name.

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To the SIUC Community

On Thursday, Jan. 30, University negotiators presented their last, best offer to the SIUC Faculty Association. We believe it is important to let everyone know where the University stands on some key issues. Here are the details:

Summary of Board Proposal

The SIUC Administration has been conducting contract negotiations with the SIUC Faculty Association IEA/NEA since February of 2002. We have now reached the point in these negotiations where it is necessary for us to communicate directly with you, the faculty covered by collective bargaining, in order to explain what we have proposed in a new contract.

Tentative agreements have been reached for much of the proposed new contract and these agreements will not be explained as part of this communication. In areas where tentative agreements have not been reached the Board has made substantial proposals. The Board's proposed changes to the existing contract or the continuation of existing language are outlined briefly below. The Board is of the opinion that the new contract it proposes is fair and will strengthen the bargaining unit at this university.

Length of Contract: From July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2006 (FY'03, FY'04, FY'05, and FY'06).

The Faculty Association has stated that agreement on six issues must be achieved for a new contract. Make no mistake, the Board's contract proposal addresses each of these issues fairly:

Non-Contingent Salary and Benefits: The Board proposes no raise for FY'03. Raises proposed for FY'04, '05, and '06 are based on state appropriations plus guaranteed substantial additional dollars (2% in FY'04, 2.5% in FY'05, and 3% in FY'06). Promotional raises will be in addition to base salary raises.

Example: If the State-appropriated raise for base salaries for FY'04 is 2%, with an additional 1% if the Board matches with 1%, then the total amount available for base salary adjustments would be 5% (3% State-appropriated plus 2% from the University). In FY'04, the 2% provided by the University is guaranteed, independent of any State-appropriated raise, as is the 2.5% in FY'05 and the 3% in FY'06. The Board guaranteed raises are non-contingent and rescission proof.

The Board also proposes an early retirement incentive in accordance with Public Act 92-0599. The Board will allow conversion of one-half of accrued sick leave to salary credit during the final two years of service.

These guaranteed raises demonstrate the Board's willingness and its commitment to reaching parity with its peer institutions.

Job Security During Financial Exigency: In return for ratifying the new contract without a strike the Board guarantees no layoffs of bargaining unit faculty for reasons of financial exigency for the term of the contract.

Program Changes: The Board proposes to maintain a full-time equivalent (FTE) student to bargaining unit faculty (head count basis) ratio of 26 to 1 or less for the term of the new contract (this is the approximate current student/bargaining unit faculty ratio).

This ratio protects bargaining unit faculty lines and guarantees no reduction in force as long as enrollment is stable. If enrollment increases the number of bargaining unit faculty will also increase.

Workload: Workload is currently based on the equivalent of twenty-four (24) credit hours of teaching per academic year. The Board believes that this contract provision has worked well and is consistent with the norm for major comprehensive research universities. The Board believes that workload decisions must be made on a department-by-department basis, taking into account the particular needs of each department.

Tenure and Promotion: The Board proposes to retain the current contract language with a few minor modifications. The current system of faculty and administrative review works and is not in need of substantial revision.

Fair Share: The Board opposes this. The Board's proposed student/faculty ratio of 26 to 1 guarantees bargaining unit legitimacy.

One additional issue will also be covered by the proposed contract.

Intellectual Property Rights and Distance Learning: Negotiating teams have been formed to negotiate these issues pursuant to a tentative agreement reached on December 12, 2002. These teams will begin work shortly and negotiated policies will become part of the new contract.

Signed,
The SIUC Bargaining Team



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OUR WORD

Cool, academic heads will prevail during strike

Monday is the day. It is the day we as a University can prove that we are strong enough to stand in the face of adversity — despite the apparent chaos that may be present.

Keep your cool and respect other people's opinions. **Students:** Keep your cool. Attend your classes, for that is the only way to find out what is going on and whether your professor has gone on strike. That person may be replaced by the second or third class period, so attend every day just to check. In addition, this isn't junior high. If you see faculty marching, do not hurl insults at them. As an instigation of higher learning, we must remember that diversity and diverse opinions are what makes this country what it is.

Non-union faculty: Keep your cool. This University has been split on the issue of faculty. Not only is it divided between the students, faculty and administration, but the faculty form two groups. As the strike approaches, things have been getting a bit ugly, demonstrated through vehement letters on these very editorial pages. This is a university where academic freedom reigns. Freedom in general is the name of America.

Union faculty: Keep your cool. March and picket and demonstrate your views. It is just as American as the freedom of choice for non-union faculty. Do what you must, but keep your cool. You can disagree with others respectfully.

Administration: Keep your cool. This whole thing is tough on everyone. If there is a strike, you and the union faculty need to hammer an agreement out soon. We get sick of thinking about SIUC's negative image, but it must be said that ugly picketing with students and non-union faculty throwing insults and other objects could be reminiscent of the Halloween nightmares we so recently discarded.

Even Gus Bode will be keeping his cool this week. So, Gus says: Remember we're educated adults. And act like it.

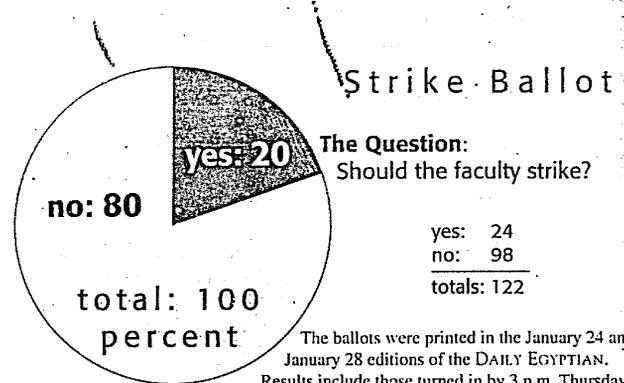
Fuzzy issue of arbitration revisited

The DAILY EGYPTIAN has received numerous phone calls and letters regarding our Wednesday editorial, "Arbitration not the answer to avoid strike." Most of the response has been about the definition we printed for arbitration.

Yes, there are many different forms of arbitration. According to a spokesman for the Illinois Labor Relations Board, the type of arbitration used in any given situation depends on the type agreed upon by the two involved parties.

And according to Mark Brittingham, University lawyer, and Peter Ruger, University Counsel, the type to be used in the faculty and administration situation would be the type explained in our editorial, in which each party submits a proposal and the arbitrator selects one.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN apologizes for the confusion, but we stand by our aforementioned opinion, if the arbitration used is to be the type mentioned in our editorial. The administration officially rejected the faculty association's invitation for arbitration during a press conference Thursday. We agree with the decision. As we've said, we do not support a faculty walkout, but arbitration in this manner is too simplistic and will only cause more confusion and more trouble in the end.



The ballots were printed in the January 24 and January 28 editions of the DAILY EGYPTIAN. Results include those turned in by 3 p.m. Thursday.

The Results

The results of the DAILY EGYPTIAN Strike Ballot are in. Though the poll is completely unscientific, we hope it provides a glimpse at the way those who responded feel about a strike. These results only include the paper ballots that were turned in or mailed to the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

We had received over 15,000 votes at dailyegyptian.com this week, but we have chosen not to print those results because of the ease of manipulating the vote online. We are aware of at least one person who voted 700 times.

Below are some of the comments we received with the ballots:

- **Yes**, if an agreement is not reached. I've been at SIUC for the last 27 years watching the highest level administrators raise their own salaries by huge percentages each year to get farther and farther out of touch with the realities of student and faculty needs.
- **No**. I think the faculty union is being unreasonable in their demands and greedy. Civil service employees didn't get any kind of raise this year due to the economy and I feel the faculty union needs to tone down their demands drastically. They're being very selfish.
- **Yes**. I believe Chancellor Wendler has made this a power struggle. I think this could be solved if he was not at the University.
- **Yes**. The administration has grown and prospered while demanding that academic units cut spending. The University is not the administration. It is the students and faculty. Teaching is the main business of SIUC.
- **Yes**. Why doesn't the administration agree to binding arbitration? Where is President Walker? I am tired of the administration raising their salaries and not listening to others. I am AP.
- **No**. The radicals have taken over the FA and their desire to cast the administration in a bad light is making progress difficult. A strike will be highly destructive both to the campus and to faculty relationships with one another. Most FA proposals will cost money, and there simply is no extra money available locally or from the state.
- **Yes**. Administration is accountable for the money that is spent. Faculty receives a very small amount of the total "pie," which is easier to earn.
- **No**. If you do strike there will be a reduction of student population in the future, which will then require fewer instructors and "so-called union professors," and their result in the laying off of said people, and therefore result in the great damage of the economy of Carbondale and all of Southern Illinois. Is that what you want?
- **No**. Students should come first. Faculty should not abandon students who are enrolled in their courses.
- **No**. A strike will be very destructive and will create divides that will preserve for decades. It isn't worth it.
- **No**. In these economic times the union is asking for too much. Civil service gets paid a lot less and you don't hear unrealistic demands from them. The good of the University should come before the ungrateful.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A pint of sweat saves a gallon of blood.”

Gen. George S. Patton

WORDS OVERHEARD

“We're right now basically sitting in the southbound lane. This will be the lane and the ditch will be in the kitchen.”

Russell Winter
Pickneyville resident
on his displacement R Highway 127 is built

COLUMNISTS

Women need to celebrate their freedom of choice

The anniversary of Roe vs. Wade was last week. There were speeches, tears, protests and Lifetime movies. All in all, and good time was had in the midst of one of the most controversial topics ever brought before a society—abortion. On this topic, I would like to say my piece.

The first time I got pregnant I was 19. I was deeply depressed and dependent on alcohol and marijuana to get me through the day. The father was a user of much harder drugs, and was occasionally physically and verbally abusive to me. I had no money, no job and no hope for the future. I chose to have the baby.

The next time I became pregnant I was 21. I had just left the man, then my husband, and taken with me our daughter who had been born the year before severely disabled. I found out I was pregnant two weeks

If you should find yourself pregnant, don't despair. Go and celebrate the freedom you have by making a choice.

after leaving my husband, I had no job and no way to get one as I had a disabled child that no day care would take. I was living at a friend's house and my family was out of the country. I chose to have the baby.

My daughter died July 21, 1999, finally free from her pain and suffering. My son was 9 months old and I had decided to marry the man who is now my husband. I was back in school, on medication for my depression, and my family and friends provided me with a great support system. My fiancé and I had just bought a house and decided that after we were married, we would try to get pregnant. Six months after the wedding we were, and my second daughter, Emily, was born on Dec. 11, 2001. I chose to have the baby.

The first two times I got pregnant I think few people would have been able to stand in judgment if I had chosen to have abortions. My life would have been very different,



Fekless Pondering

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and I don't think for the better. It was hard work, but I am eternally grateful that I did it, for myself and for my family. However, I made the choice, each time, to have the baby. I sat down, by myself, and thought it through. I weighed the options, prayed, looked ahead and considered possibilities. I went forward with the pregnancies knowing that I had made a choice. If I hadn't had a choice, if being pregnant in those horrible conditions meant that I had to have a baby, I wouldn't have been the mother I was able to be. I wouldn't have had a reason to consider parenthood or any other reality. I would have bitterly resigned myself to the task at hand and either done it, or given the children up for adoption. In retrospect I think I can say that after having been forced to give birth twice, I wouldn't have chosen to do it again.

Except for one, all the girls whom I know have been pregnant at one time or another. All of them have made choices, and some of them regret what they chose to do. Pregnancy is affecting, no matter what way we look at it. I think that even the pro-choice movement lost sight of that at times. Abortion is something that never goes away, and should never be taken lightly. Neither is adoption, or childbirth.

If you should find yourself pregnant, don't despair. Go and celebrate the freedom you have by making a choice.

"Fekless Pondering" appears every other Friday. Abigail is a sophomore in English. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Dave, it's me again and you haven't called

Editor's note: Jack Piatt's column "Piattology" normally runs on Tuesdays. Because of the high volume of letters we've been receiving, his column was pushed back to today's issue. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets any inconvenience.



Piattology

BY JACK PIATT
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Last semester when I was editor of the Pulse, I wrote a column addressed to David Letterman. It was my top 10 reasons why he should invite me on his show. I followed the list with a short paragraph explaining to Dave that Southern Illinois University would not rest until I received a plane ticket to New York. Then I sent him a copy of the column.

First of all, I would like to apologize for assuming on your behalf that you the reader wouldn't rest until I received a plane ticket. I am quite convinced that whoever took the time to read my list to Letterman could indeed rest whether I went on the show or not. I also realize Dave didn't concern himself with the sleeping habits of our University, so I wasn't the right man for the job. I evidently wasn't high profile enough to be a guest on his show, and after a few long cries curled up in the corner of the shower, along with some intensive therapy, I have moved on with my life.

But, I have not yet given up hope for our University to be featured on the Late Show, other than anything to do with late October naughtiness. One of my top 10 list of reasons for getting on the show was to talk Saluki basketball. I thought Dave, being a neighboring Hoosier and all, would appreciate good solid basketball from the Midwest. I actually still have hope that he does, so I have a better idea ... two words ... Bruce Weber.

Yes! Now I am really on to something. I might not have been a high-profile guest for Letterman's hot seat, but Bruce Weber most certainly is. Come on, think about it. It is perfect. He isn't Harrison Ford, but he has

gathered much attention in the past year, enough to warrant a guest appearance on the Late Show. Let us not forget Weber used to coach at Purdue and where is Purdue? You guessed it—Indiana, so it really is perfect. Now this isn't going to be as simple as making a phone call, but it isn't impossible.

I might have just been fooling around the last time I sent a request to Dave (even though in the back of my mind I hoped he would bring me on the show just for fun) but this time is different. I am serious about this attempt. I might need a little help from anyone who thinks this a good idea, so any suggestions would be more than welcome.

Please limit any suggestions involving my resignation as a columnist to a minimum; I don't want to end up crying in the shower again. In all seriousness, I am going to send this request to Dave; if anyone wants to help out you can write to Letterman at: Late Show with David Letterman, The Ed Sullivan Theater, 1697 Broadway, New York, NY, 10019, or email him at: www.cbs.com/latewithlateshow.

Oh, and I hope this is all okay with coach Weber. If not just give me a call here at the DAILY EGYPTIAN and I won't send it. If you don't call Monday it will be in the mail first thing Tuesday morning.

"Piattology" runs on Tuesdays. Jack is a senior in advertising. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Support the Faculty Association

DEAR EDITOR:

Rarely do I meet students at SIUC who only go to school. Unlike at other colleges, many students here work a full-time job, or hold many part-time jobs, to make ends meet while attending school full-time. This letter is addressed to SIUC students, some of the hardest working people I've met. You know what it feels like to be underpaid, often without benefits. You know how it is to be unappreciated, discounted and taken advantage of. So do SIUC faculty. Please support the Faculty Association. If the administration won't successfully negotiate, encourage them to accept the FA

proposal for binding arbitration.

'Silent majority' oppose a strike

DEAR EDITOR:

I could only chuckle (and write this letter) after seeing a front-page picture of a Faculty Association member (or so I assume) holding a picket sign attacking Chancellor Wendler, only to read a letter by someone on page 8 claiming the faculty members signing the open letter earlier in the week are "uninformed" to be concerned about the

personal attacks on our upper administration. Give me a break! The situation has gotten very personal and much of it has been directed at the chancellor. Oh, and as far as being uninformed, the vote for the Faculty Association in 1996 passed with a majority of those who voted, not a majority of those who were eligible to vote. A vote conducted today could very well go in the other direction. Further, I note that only 305 Faculty Association members voted to authorize a strike. That number is far less than a majority of the 680 members the association represents, and is a paltry number compared to the over 1500 faculty members at SIUC. I believe the "silent majority," an overwhelming number of faculty, do not support the strike.

Christopher C. Kohler
professor, zoology

Lowercase 's' the right way

DEAR EDITOR:

This is in response to Bronson Borowiak's letter to the editor concerning the capitalization of southern Illinois. As a journalism senior I'm a little concerned, I take it you don't have or use an AP stylebook? The correct procedure is for the 's' to be lowercase. Forget about any type of inferiority complex, how we're noted for our farmlands, or anything like that. The 's' in southern Illinois should be lowercase. And quite frankly, you should know better.

Patrick Jones
graduate student
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LETTER

Faculty Association members react to Monday letter from non-union faculty

DEAR EDITOR:

This article is in response to the letter to the editor endorsed by 42 faculty last Monday.

It is disappointing that a small percentage of non-union faculty members are willing to attack their colleagues on the Daily Egyptian editorial page. It is ridiculous to claim that there is a "silent majority" within the faculty that is against our attempt to get fair treatment in the management of SIUC. It can't be proven either way.

The fact is, the SIUC Faculty Association bargains for all 672 members of the bargaining unit, and 346 members of the union—a strong majority of our members—voted to authorize a strike as of Feb. 3.

The fact is, any member of the bargaining unit who received a raise during the past five years received it because of the strenuous efforts of the association, and any member who won a grievance during the past five years won it because of being represented by the association. The association benefits ALL faculty, even though many of our colleagues who benefit decline to pay their fair share for being represented.

The fact is, the SIUC Faculty Association was organized because of longstanding erosion of our university. Since 2001, the number of faculty lines has dropped from 704 to 672. The Faculty Association has consistently sought to guarantee the fundamental conditions needed to provide quality education for our students and a favorable working environment for faculty.

The fact is, we have been bargaining for a new contract for 12 months. The current administration refused to bargain seriously until the members of the association voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike last November. Since that vote, negotiations have been somewhat more productive, but they continue to move far too slowly.

As members of the Faculty Association who have pledged to uphold academic values and freedoms, we give our full support to our Bargaining Team, composed of full-time professors like ourselves. They have devoted untold hours of their time attempting to negotiate a decent contract for all 680, paying members or not.

We do not relish the idea of a strike. Unfortunately, we are faced with two alternatives: (1) Allow the board to dictate the terms of a contract by indefinitely prolonging negotiations, or (2) strike. The former is not acceptable.

It is not surprising that non-union, and even anti-union, faculty would not be a good source of information about the Faculty Association. The suggestion that the Illinois Education Association is anything but a support system for an association directed negotiation and strike preparation reflects a complete lack of understanding of what is really happening on our campus. As the strike deadline approached, the governing board of the association, the Departmental Representatives Committee, passed a resolution that demanded that the IEA provide us with the support we pay for with our dues. They have responded by providing staff to supplement and support the faculty volunteers who struggle to maintain their teaching and research, along with many hours given to the effort to win a fair contract. We cannot stress strongly enough that the association has a strong, democratically elected, representative, governing body that makes all decisions regarding Faculty Association actions and positions. Some of us who sign this letter are Departmental Representatives or members of other representative bodies; others are members. We are the Faculty Association and we make all our own decisions.

The association has made great strides in negotiating another fair contract with the University, which will bring us closer to our goal of making sure that SIUC remains a top University. We do this because the current administration has shown a reckless disregard for the traditional rights of faculty to direct their programs through their departments and colleges. The administration seized control of the number of faculty and the expertise of new faculty hires within departments, while requiring departments and colleges to make drastic cuts in budget, thus jeopardizing the teaching and research programs of present faculty.

It suits the Board of Trustees to change the subject away from negotiating a fair contract. But we believe that setting the contract is too important to allow administration-directed attacks get us off course. We do not demonize them. They demonize themselves in their intractability. We feel that now is an excellent opportunity for the administration to prove itself. It can do so by showing a stance of shared governance, rather than dictatorial leadership. In concern for the students, the Faculty Association has offered to go to binding arbitration during the most recent two rounds of negotiations in order to come to an agreement in time to avoid the strike. The administration turned down both of those

opportunities. As announced today, the FA has repeated that offer. The Chancellor's response to the binding arbitration option, as quoted in Thursday's Egyptian, is not encouraging.

While one might fear that this threat to strike, or actual strike, will have a profound negative impact upon our University's students, the long-term improvement of faculty conditions will have far-reaching positive effects upon future generations of SIUC students and faculty. When it is all said and done, when faculty have the support for teaching and research that they need, when faculty can help decide the direction in which the ship will move; when faculty get a salary at least at the national average; when SIUC attracts top-notch faculty because of these freedoms we fight for today, we will know that, despite the resistance we experienced from people who reaped the benefits of our work, we did the right thing for the students for the University and for ourselves.

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Jim Bramlet: Assistant Professor of Architecture/Interior Design

Greg Budzban: Associate Professor of Mathematics

Tom Castellano: Associate Professor of Communication of Justice

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Diversity should remain spice of campus life

Mark Patinkin

The Providence Journal

(KRT) As far as I recall, I was neither a minority as a youth, nor poor, but I'm guessing I once benefited from a form of affirmative action. I'm guessing I was accepted to college in part because they needed a form of diversity I had to offer.

In 1970, I applied to seven or eight schools. Several told me they weren't interested. Fine. I didn't want to go to Harvard anyway. But let's talk about two that are worth comparing: Middlebury College in Vermont, and Oberlin in Ohio.

I think they had roughly the same selectivity rate. Oberlin told me no. Middlebury, yes.

Affirmative action may have to be done with winks instead of points.

I ended up going to Middlebury. Great school. Glad I went. Can't say enough about it.

But I look back today and wonder if one reason I got in was affirmative action.

No, they weren't giving special consideration to upper-middle-class white males. Middlebury had plenty of those. They didn't, however, have a lot of something else that I was. They didn't have a lot of people from the Midwest.

I grew up in Chicago. And I wonder whether Middlebury gave me an additional look because they liked the idea of increasing their Midwest ratio.

Of course, I could be dead wrong. But Oberlin, being in Ohio, had plenty of applicants from the Midwest, so I wouldn't have stood out. And I didn't get in.

At the time, Middlebury drew mostly from the Northeast, but wanted a national student body, so in some small way, the geographical accident of my birthplace may have helped.

Which brings me to what many say is the most important Supreme Court case on race in years.

It's a suit by some white students who say the University of Michigan discriminated against them. They say they didn't get in because Michigan unconstitutionally uses racial preferences when it accepts students. The school has admitted that it does give extra "points" to applicants who are minority.

The issue made the news last week when President Bush weighed in against the Michigan admissions point system.

But it's a bit complicated. Bush also said he's in favor of diversity. He'd like to see more minorities in the nation's colleges. But he's against affirmative action, where minorities are specifically singled out for advancement due to race.

Man, would I hate to be a college admissions officer these days.

On the one hand, important voices are telling you to get more minorities on campus.

But when you set up a system to make that happen, you get sued. And the president himself backs the suit. No affirmative action allowed.

Let's be honest here. Affirmative action has long been allowed in plenty of ways. When accepting students, almost every college practices 10 forms of it. You get special consideration if you offer geographical diversity. Or athletic talent. You get a leg up if your parents are alumni. Or big donors.

And here's an interesting one. I'm told that admissions departments often "grade" students in two categories — academics, and extra-curricular achievement. The second category measures whether the kid is an involved type who would add to campus life as a musician, volunteer, student leader, you name it. The most competitive schools end up getting their share of "10-over 1s", which is to say, fabulous grades, but little else.

So there's another area of affirmative action: colleges give extra weight, sometimes on a point system, to well, personality. What's next? Rejected straight-A students with bland personalities suing over that?

I know, race is different. It may well be a slippery slope to give extra "points" if you're a particular color.

But colleges sure would be dull places if grades alone determined who got in. What makes them vibrant is diversity in a dozen areas, from geography to race to personality.

In the future, affirmative action may have to be done with winks instead of points. But it's been done that way in non-skin-color categories forever. So it shouldn't be hard to do it that way with race, as well.

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STATEMENT

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disputes that the governor ever said anything about the union's proposal.

Without serious movement on contract negotiations, the union is expected to strike Monday.

Langsdorf said the statement was handed to her a few minutes before she addressed a crowd of about 30 people at an informational meeting.

"I know that it was a reliable hand that gave it to me," Langsdorf said, adding that she could not remember who it was because she was focused on addressing the cameras. "If someone wandered in off the street and handed it to me I wouldn't have accepted it."

At a Thursday press conference, Faculty Association President Morteza Daneshdoost said the information came from a "reliable source in Springfield" and would not elaborate. Union spokesman Jim Kelly also would not elaborate, but said, "I know who the source is."

Despite the union's insistence that the statement is valid, both Chancellor Walter Wendler and President James Walker's spokesman said they have had no informal or formal contact with the governor's office in regard specifically to binding arbitration or the contract negotiations in general.

"I don't get it. There has been no contact with us directly or indirectly so I don't understand where it came from," Wendler said.

"Two members of the Faculty Association leadership have attributed this to the governor's office but I have received nothing to verify this."

Steve Binder, the president's spokesman, also said the governor did not make any contract with Walker regarding binding arbitration.

"No one from the governor's office contacted the president's office in advance of this so-called statement being released," Binder said. "It is our understanding that they would have been in touch with us to advise us that such a statement would be released."

Although Binder originally said there was no contact with the governor's office, he clarified later, saying that there had been information provided as to the status of negotiations, but nothing beyond this.

In December, a member of former Gov. George Ryan's administration asked for a short update and it was provided by the president's office.

In addition, Scott Kaiser, SIUC's legislative liaison, has had at least two discussions with a Blagojevich staff member in the education area to provide information on the situation, Binder said.

He insisted, however, that the governor or his immediate staff have not made any public statements or provided any sort of direction for how the administration should handle the negotiations.

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New underground mine approved for Saline County

Blasting for new mine to begin in February

Jackie Keane
Daily Egyptian

The Illinois Board approved Tuesday the Illinois Fuel Company's safety plan to open a new underground mine in Saline County.

The new mine will allow for new jobs as well as an increase in coal production. Sixty-five new jobs and a possibility of even more will open

once the construction is finished.

"As far as industry, [the coal mine] provides a new source of energy, as well as coal, but the economy in the region is what we're more excited about," Sen. Larry D. Woolard, D-Carterville, said. "We're going to see the new additions. It is one of those first steps and we're proud to have it located in our district in southern Illinois and to have it employed new jobs in the region."

Illinois Fuel Co. hired KB Coal to operate the new mine. The mine will be located adjacent to a surface mine, though its operation will not be slowed. Construction, which will begin late February, will coincide

with the normal day-to-day operations of the surface mine. The safety criteria the Illinois Fuel Co. has agreed for operation workers to stay 300 feet away from the mine. This will ensure no one will be hurt during the blasts.

It expects to yield 7.5 million tons of coal at a rate of about 1 million tons per year, Forrest Younker, the manager of engineering for Illinois Fuel Co., told the Southern Illinoisan. The new mine will allow for a more efficient operation, with different surface ratios.

According to the board, Illinois Fuel Co. had five accidents last year with an accident frequency rate of 2.9. The state average for the mine

was 1.7.

"They haven't had any safety problems that would be considered abnormal. They are above the statewide average, but nothing we are concerned about," said Don McBride, member of the Division of Mine and Safety Training.

The mine will yield coal that is high in both heating capability and sulfur. High-sulfur coal can be blended with lower-sulfur varieties to meet clean air standards, Younker said.

About a third of the more than 30 million tons of coal mined annually in Illinois comes from Saline County.

As the details of the opera-

tion remain complete and mining equipment begins to arrive for the breaking of earth, locally established mines keep their ground in the industry.

Paul Smock, managing director of Liberty Coal Company, said he does not believe his company will be affected by the increase in the mining.

"It shouldn't have too much affect on Liberty. Liberty has contracts and we have customers. Any new mines have an affect on anything in our industry," said Smock.

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SIU Alumni Association

To: Dr. Morteza Daneshdoost, President, SIU Faculty Association
Dr. Walter Wendler, Chancellor, SIU Carbondale

As president of the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors, I have been asked by numerous alumni to voice our serious concern about the future of our alma mater. It appears that the SIU Faculty Association and the SIUC administration have not yet found enough common ground to prevent some SIUC faculty from striking on February 3.

I do not pretend to understand the many complex issues which apparently justify this unprecedented action, nor do the following comments reflect the opinion of all 200,000 SIUC graduates about this matter. But for the numerous alumni who have contacted me, the realization that our alma mater is only a few days away from a strike is disturbing and very, very painful.

I'm sure alumni empathize with those dedicated and deserving faculty who are underpaid and those faculty who strive for a more accommodating environment in which to do their work. We also understand and respect the responsibility of those campus administrators charged to allocate resources within the parameters dictated by the current state and university budget.

It is clear that if a strike occurs, no one can anticipate the outcome. All might agree, however, that SIUC's proud 134 year history of education will be forever tarnished.
Serious, if not irreparable, damage will be done to Southern Illinois University.

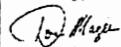
- Its reputation of providing a first rate education in a safe and friendly academic environment will be jeopardized.
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- Its history of inclusion and equal opportunity for all will be compromised.
- Its hallowed position as "the university of choice" where loyal alumni send our most precious possessions . . . our sons, daughters, and grandchildren . . . will suffer greatly. It may become a university that alumni no longer recognize--with prevailing attitudes and purposes that we no longer understand or trust.
- The many SIUC and community friendships forged by a mutual commitment to our alma mater's common values and purpose will immediately deteriorate. The "we" that once characterized all those who dedicated themselves to that purpose will unfortunately become "us" vs. "them" . . . an attitude and position that once taken may never be reversed.

Be assured that the fervent wish of the overwhelming majority of SIU alumni is that the leadership of the Faculty Association, even in the absence of a contract, will cancel the February 3 strike.

If a strike is not averted, then next Monday morning I hope that all university employees will consider first and foremost their responsibility to our students. They and their families are trusting SIUC to fulfill its obligation to provide a quality education in a conducive learning environment. Alumni ask you not to betray the confidence that these students have shown by attending Southern.

Remember the decision you make Monday morning will not only impact your future, but also the future of all associated with our great institution. We have a proud and rich heritage; let's not lose sight of its history, tradition, and purpose.

Sincerely,



Donald F. Magee '63
President
SIU Alumni Association

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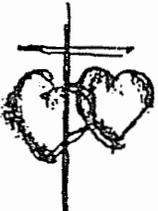
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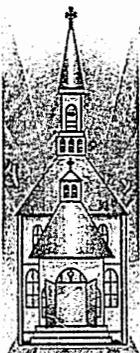
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At the Abundant Health Resource Clinic (from left to right) Karissa Howell, Jennee Rommel, Erin O'Sullivan and Atesh Clemons gladly volunteer their time Thursday to help citizens of Carbondale in medical need.

Hearts made of Gold

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Abundant Health Resource Clinic of Carbondale provides free health care services to people without insurance

A wall of the gray waiting room is covered in cutout hearts of blue, red, purple, pink, yellow and gold.

Each heart has a name printed neatly across it in thick black letters. The names are those of the nearly 180 people who volunteer at the Abundant Health Resource Clinic, a free clinic in Carbondale.

Becky Johnson, a Murphysboro resident, walked by the hearts covering the wall to the desk where two volunteers greeted her.

She had an appointment at 6:15 p.m.

She is being seen for a medical problem, but picking up medication for another health ailment. Although her husband works, his income is not enough to cover the costs of her medicine.

"It's really a struggle when you're trying to get by," Johnson said. "I don't know what I would do without this place."

Johnson is one of the many Jackson County residents who appreciate the free services the Abundant Health Resource Clinic provides.

Karissa Howell, executive director of the clinic, has been working at the clinic since it opened in December of 2000. She is originally from New Mexico, but heard about the clinic and the open position from her husband who was a Ph.D student at SIUC.

She was working as a nursing home administrator but said she was tired of working with Medicaid, Medicare and insurance companies.



Dr. B.J. Reach carefully takes the stitches out of one of his patients Thursday night at the Abundant Health Resource Clinic.



SIUC alumnus Dr. B.J. Reach assists patient Marshall Pater with his diabetes Thursday. Reach has been volunteering with the clinic for the past two years.

"There are so many rules and regulations, so many hoops to jump through," Howell said. "Here, when the doctors say a patient needs something, they can get it."

The Abundant Health Resource Clinic, which is housed in the Eurma C. Hayes Center at 441 E. Willow St., has four examination rooms and a staff of about 175. There is one paid position.

Seventeen physicians take turns working shifts during operating hours of the clinic, which are Tuesdays and Thursdays from starting at 5 or 6 p.m. and lasting until 7 or 8 p.m., depending on the available help.

Mary Pohlmann, a physician who volunteers at the clinic, has been helping with the clinic since the planning stages.

But until her retirement from SIU Health Services in February, she did not have the time to volunteer at the clinic.

Now she spends many of her evenings seeing patients who cannot afford to go anywhere else.

"There is such a need for this type of clinic," Pohlmann said. "I am a proponent for health care for everyone. I think it is a crime that everyone doesn't have it."

Other volunteers are members of local churches, SIU students, nurses, retired persons and other members of the community.

Howell said that at any given time more than 50 SIUC students work in the clinic, and there are about 80 working there now.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering at the clinic or donating can contact Karissa Howell at 529-9459.



Diabetes at the Abundant Health Resource Clinic 10 years.

SIU dental student Raneer Lipe checks the blood pressure of patient Ionia Dickens Thursday night at the Abundant Health Resource Clinic. This was Lipe's first night of volunteering at the clinic, and she said that she would be volunteering in the near future.



Anne Nickel of Carbondale graduated from SIUC in 1999 with a degree in journalism. She will begin the physician assistant program in June and has been working at the clinic for more than a year.

"There is a lot more hands on experience and hands on contact," Nickel said. "And you get to work in every field. In a hospital you might be stuck in one position."

With the limited amount of physicians and funds, the clinic can have about eight to 12 appointments if one physician is working and 12 to 20 appointments if there are two physicians working.

Besides doctors and nurses, other volunteers answer phones, screen patients, check supplies, fund raise and do other odd jobs around the clinic.

Erin O'Sullivan, a first-year medical student at SIU from St. Louis, has been working at the clinic since it opened two years ago.

She enjoys the experience of working closely with patients and with other people wanting to give back to the community.

"It is such a good atmosphere to work in because everyone is a volunteer," O'Sullivan said. "We are all there because we want to be there."

She said that it is good to become a part of the community, and she does not see volunteering once or twice a month as too much to ask.

Howell said that they try to make the experience fun for volunteers because both patients and the volunteers respond better in the atmosphere.

"I love working with the students and

volunteers to hopefully help them see what clinical medical care is," Howell said. "We want them to see the whole patient and not just the medical problem."

The clinic's budget is about \$288,000, which includes costs of donated medicine and volunteers' time. Most of the money is donated or provided through grants. The cash need for the clinic is \$91,000 and must be raised through fund raising.

Carbondale Memorial and Sr. Joseph Memorial hospitals allow the clinic to use their labs for tests and other procedures.

Physicians and pharmaceutical companies donate most of the medication for the clinic. It has bought almost \$5,000 worth of medication since it opened, but it has given out nearly \$100,000 worth to patients.

Jagan Ailiani, a doctor and president of the Jackson County Medical Society, Southern Illinois Healthcare and other community members came up with the idea for a

free clinic after they noticed more and more people in the area without health insurance.

A study done by the Steering committee for the project showed that there was a need for the clinic in southern Illinois and that people would be willing to come to Carbondale for the services.

Howell said they hope the clinic will continue to grow as more people volunteer and donate to the clinic.

Johnson said she loves the clinic and the people who are there for her. And the free services help her get the care that she needs but cannot afford.

"It's nice to be treated with respect," Johnson said. "In other clinics they don't give you respect like they do here."

"They have hearts of gold here."

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SIUC senior Jennee Rommel volunteers her help to patient Marshall Paler while he leaves the clinic Thursday night. Rommel has been volunteering her time since spring 2001.



Erin O'Sullivan (left) and Dr. B.J. Reach (right) sit in the pharmacy of Abundant Health Resource Clinic Thursday and discuss medicine for a patient. O'Sullivan is a first-year medical student and has volunteered for the clinic for the past two years.

SPC showcases senior's art in Student Center

Art student displays blown glass pieces

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

A gasoline can painted red with window-shaped holes occupied by tiny glass vials has slowed a few paces trudging down the hall on the second floor of the Student Center. A small glass bottle painted silver-speckled with handwritten inscriptions has made some eyes squint. Some suitcases lying on the floor filled with glass bottles and sand has made more than a few students look up from their books and wonder what they're looking at and why.

They were looking at the art of SIUC student Tracy Michele Bochnak. The senior art student was selected as the Student Programming Council's first featured artist of the spring semester. Her works in glass blowing were displayed in the Art Alley of the Student Center from Jan. 10 to Jan. 30.

Bochnak, 24, had nine pieces in her Art Alley display. They ranged from the scarily deformed maroon glass bottles of "The Demise of Austerity/Liberation" to "Clouded Vision," a small, stout bottle painted with soothing silver clouds marked with faint handwriting.

Bochnak works almost exclusively with glass, and each of the glass bottles in her display are handmade. She had never used glass as an art medium before she came to SIUC during the fall 1998 semester. Watching artists work with glass blowing in Pulliam Hall inspired her.



AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior Tracy Michele Bochnak stands in front of her glass art in the art alley on the second floor of the Student Center. Bochnak was the first student artist chosen by the Student Programming Council's to be featured this semester. Her work was displayed from Jan. 10 until the 30.

"I came down here and I knew there was a glass program," Bochnak said. "It's something I'd been interested in for awhile. My first day of class, I knew this was what I'd been looking for. I'd done painting and other mediums before, but this just felt right."

Bochnak described her preference for glass as an art form in terms of articulating her personal experiences. She said she believes that glass not only produces the best finished product but also provides a method that gives her plenty of time to organize her thoughts into a work of art.

"I just to translate my experience into objects through glass," Bochnak said. "Glass blowing is very labor

intensive. The extensive work that goes into each of my pieces gives me time to meditate on my experience."

Bochnak based each of her pieces on personal experience. The suitcases filled with bottles and sand, titled "Luggage," comprise a piece that covers all of her experiences as a whole.

"I feel like I have all these experiences that changed me and made me who I am," Bochnak said. "This is like my baggage. I feel it's a metaphor for things I carry around with me, whether they're good or bad, that define me."

However, she is careful to avoid letting too much of her personality show in her art. Bochnak wants to give her

audience room for interpretation.

"Each one of these pieces has a significant meaning to me, but I like to leave it open-ended and abstract so people can look at it and kind of get their own meaning," Bochnak said. "Like with the baggage, I hope that people look at it and don't really know what it's about at first so they're drawn to it."

Bochnak attributes much of her ability to her past and present instructors. Her lessons in glass blowing have taken her to many places. She has studied in places as diverse as Branson, Mo., Anchorage, Seattle and Amsterdam.

"I'm really lucky to have all these

professional glass people who are willing to help me take my stuff to another level," Bochnak said. "The Douglass School in Murphysboro has been great. Jan Thomas and Cameron Smith have helped me so much. The Rhodes is my professor here at SIUC and he's done a lot for me as well."

SPC director of visual arts M. Phillips-knew Bochnak's work was right for the Art Alley and sees a promising future for her.

"I really like her work because it's original and she adds a new angle to glass blowing," Phillips said. "It's not just one style, it's several different styles. That suggests that Tracy will explore other avenues and her work will mature over the years."

Phillips said that any students or professors at SIUC are welcome to apply for their art exhibit to be shown in the Art Alley. Prospective artists can pick up an application in the SPC office on the third floor of the Student Center. A photograph of an artist's work is also required, and SPC will not accept any work that includes nudity or vulgar language. Each exhibit is displayed for three weeks.

Bochnak is grateful that SPC chose her work to be the focus of the Art Alley, especially in her last semester at SIUC. It was the first time her work had been the entire focus of an exhibit. Having that work in a venue like the Student Center is especially rewarding, Bochnak said.

"I wanted to have my work here because it's a place where people who, normally wouldn't go to art shows can see it," Bochnak said. "I think art is for everyone and it's not just about having your work in a gallery."

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SUMMER / FALL 2003 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 BDRMS 549-4808 (8am-5pm) No pets Rental list at 306 W College #4

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TOWNHOUSES 306 W College, 3 bdrms, c/air, furn/linunfurn, summer/fall leases, 549-4808 (8am-5pm) No pets

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SUMMER / FALL 2003

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3 bdrm- 310, 313, 610 W Cherry 406 S Ash, 321 W Walnut 106 S Forest, 306 W College

2 bdrm- 305 W College 406, 324, 319 W Walnut

1 bdrm- 207 W Oak 802 W Walnut, 106 S Forest

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- 504 S. Ash #5
- 507 S. Ash #1 - 15
- 508 S. Ash #2
- 508 S. Ash #3
- 509 S. Ash #1 - 26
- 504 S. Beveridge
- 602 N. Carico
- 403 W. Elm #1
- 403 W. Elm #2
- 403 W. Elm #3
- 718 S. Forest #1
- 718 S. Forest #2
- 718 S. Forest #3
- 507 1/2 S. Hays
- 509 1/2 S. Hays
- 402 1/2 E. Hester
- 406 1/2 E. Hester
- 408 1/2 E. Hester
- 208 W. Hospital #1
- 703 S. Illinois #101
- 703 S. Illinois #102
- 703 S. Illinois #201
- 703 S. Illinois #202
- 612 S. Logan
- 612 1/2 S. Logan
- 507 1/2 W. Main #A
- 507 1/2 W. Main #B
- 507 W. Main #2
- 400 W. Oak #3
- 202 N. Poplar #2
- 202 N. Poplar #3
- 301 N. Springer #1
- 406 S. University #1
- 406 S. University #2
- 406 S. University #3
- 406 S. University #4
- 334 W. Walnut #1
- 334 W. Walnut #2
- 602 W. Walnut
- 301 N. Springer #3
- 414 W. Sycamore #E
- 414 W. Sycamore #W
- 404 1/2 S. University

TWO Bedrooms

- 408 S. Ash
- 504 S. Ash #1
- 504 S. Ash #2
- 514 S. Ash #2
- 514 S. Ash #5
- 502 S. Beveridge #2
- 508 N. Carico
- 602 N. Carico
- 306 W. Cherry
- 311 W. Cherry #2
- 404 W. Cherry Court
- 405 W. Cherry Court
- 406 W. Cherry Court
- 407 W. Cherry Court
- 408 W. Cherry Court
- 409 W. Cherry Court
- 410 W. Cherry Court
- 408 W. Chestnut
- 310 W. College #1
- 310 W. College #2
- 310 W. College #3
- 310 W. College #4
- 501 W. College #4
- 501 W. College #5
- 501 W. College #6
- 503 W. College #4
- 503 W. College #5
- 503 W. College #6
- 303 W. Elm
- 113 S. Forest
- 115 S. Forest
- 303 S. Forest

- 706 S. Forest
- 716 S. Forest
- 118 S. Forest #3
- 500 W. Freeman #1 - 6
- 520 S. Graham
- 507 1/2 S. Hays
- 509 1/2 S. Hays
- 513 S. Hays
- 402 1/2 E. Hester
- 406 1/2 E. Hester
- 408 1/2 E. Hester
- 410 E. Hester
- 703 W. High #E
- 703 W. High #W
- 208 W. Hospital #1
- 703 S. Illinois #202
- 703 S. Illinois #203
- 611 W. Kennicott
- 903 W. Linden
- 612 S. Logan
- 507 1/2 W. Main B
- 906 W. McDaniel
- 300 W. Mill #1
- 300 W. Mill #2
- 300 W. Mill #3
- 300 W. Mill #4
- 405 E. Mill
- 407 E. Mill
- 411 E. Mill
- 400 W. Oak #3
- 501 W. Oak
- 300 N. Oakland
- 511 N. Oakland
- 1305 E. Park
- 202 N. Poplar #1
- 301 N. Springer #1
- 301 N. Springer #2
- 301 N. Springer #3
- 301 N. Springer #4
- 913 W. Sycamore
- 919 W. Sycamore
- 404 1/2 S. University
- 404 S. University #N
- 404 S. University #S
- 503 S. University #2
- 1004 W. Walkup
- 334 W. Walnut #3
- 402 1/2 W. Walnut
- 404 W. Willow

THREE Bedrooms

- 609 N. Allyn
- 408 S. Ash
- 410 S. Ash
- 504 S. Ash #2
- 504 S. Ash #3
- 506 S. Ash
- 514 S. Ash #1
- 514 S. Ash #3
- 514 S. Ash #4
- 514 S. Ash #6
- 405 S. Beveridge
- 409 S. Beveridge
- 501 S. Beveridge
- 502 S. Beveridge #1
- 502 S. Beveridge #2
- 505 S. Beveridge
- 506 S. Beveridge
- 507 S. Beveridge #1
- 507 S. Beveridge #2
- 507 S. Beveridge #3
- 507 S. Beveridge #4
- 508 S. Beveridge
- 509 S. Beveridge #1
- 509 S. Beveridge #2
- 509 S. Beveridge #3
- 509 S. Beveridge #4
- 509 S. Beveridge #5
- 513 S. Beveridge #1
- 513 S. Beveridge #2
- 513 S. Beveridge #3
- 513 S. Beveridge #4

- 513 S. Beveridge #5
- 515 S. Beveridge #1
- 515 S. Beveridge #2
- 515 S. Beveridge #3
- 515 S. Beveridge #4
- 515 S. Beveridge #5
- 1200 W. Carter
- 309 W. Cherry
- 311 W. Cherry #1
- 405 W. Cherry
- 407 W. Cherry
- 501 W. Cherry
- 503 W. Cherry
- 606 W. Cherry
- 614 W. Cherry
- 405 W. Cherry Court
- 406 W. Cherry Court
- 407 W. Cherry Court
- 408 W. Cherry Court
- 409 W. Cherry Court
- 408 W. Chestnut
- 300 E. College
- 303 W. College
- 309 W. College #1
- 309 W. College #2
- 309 W. College #3
- 309 W. College #4
- 309 W. College #5
- 400 W. College #1
- 400 W. College #2
- 400 W. College #3
- 400 W. College #4
- 400 W. College #5
- 407 W. College #1
- 407 W. College #2
- 407 W. College #3
- 407 W. College #4
- 407 W. College #5
- 409 W. College #1
- 409 W. College #2
- 409 W. College #3
- 409 W. College #4
- 409 W. College #5
- 501 W. College #1
- 501 W. College #2
- 501 W. College #3
- 503 W. College #1
- 503 W. College #2
- 503 W. College #3
- 807 W. College
- 809 W. College
- 305 E. Crestview
- 104 S. Forest
- 113 S. Forest
- 115 S. Forest
- 120 S. Forest
- 303 S. Forest
- 603 S. Forest
- 706 S. Forest
- 716 S. Forest
- 607 W. Freeman
- 109 Gleniev
- 500 S. Hays
- 503 S. Hays
- 507 S. Hays
- 509 S. Hays
- 511 S. Hays
- 513 S. Hays
- 514 S. Hays
- 402 E. Hester
- 406 E. Hester
- 408 E. Hester
- 208 W. Hospital #2
- 212 W. Hospital
- 401 S. James
- 611 W. Kennicott
- 614 S. Logan
- 906 W. McDaniel
- 407 E. Mill
- 411 E. Mill
- 308 W. Monroe
- 413 W. Monroe
- 417 W. Monroe

- 400 W. Oak #1
- 400 W. Oak #2
- 402 W. Oak #1
- 402 W. Oak #2
- 501 W. Oak
- 300 N. Oakland
- 505 N. Oakland
- 602 N. Oakland
- 6299 Old HWY. 13
- 1305 E. Park
- 202 N. Poplar #1
- 506 N. Poplar #1
- 506 N. Poplar #2
- 506 N. Poplar #3
- 506 N. Poplar #4
- 506 N. Poplar #5
- 506 N. Poplar #6
- 506 N. Poplar #7
- 509 S. Rawlings #2
- 509 S. Rawlings #3
- 509 S. Rawlings #4
- 509 S. Rawlings #5
- 509 S. Rawlings #6
- 519 S. Rawlings #2
- 519 S. Rawlings #3
- 519 S. Rawlings #4
- 519 S. Rawlings #5
- 913 W. Sycamore
- 1615 W. Sycamore
- 1710 W. Sycamore
- 404 S. University #N
- 404 S. University #S
- 408 S. University
- 402 W. Walnut
- 402 1/2 W. Walnut
- 404 W. Walnut
- 504 W. Walnut
- 600 S. Washington
- 404 W. Willow

FOUR Bedrooms

- 609 N. Allyn
- 504 S. Ash #3
- 508 S. Ash #1
- 405 S. Beveridge
- 409 S. Beveridge
- 501 S. Beveridge
- 502 S. Beveridge #1
- 505 S. Beveridge
- 506 S. Beveridge
- 508 S. Beveridge
- 1200 W. Carter
- 405 W. Cherry
- 407 W. Cherry
- 501 W. Cherry
- 503 W. Cherry
- 606 W. Cherry
- 614 W. Cherry
- 300 E. College
- 312 W. College #1
- 312 W. College #2
- 312 W. College #3
- 710 W. College
- 807 W. College
- 809 W. College
- 305 Crestview
- 906 S. Elizabeth
- 104 S. Forest
- 113 S. Forest
- 120 S. Forest
- 511 S. Forest
- 603 S. Forest
- 500 S. Hays
- 503 S. Hays
- 507 S. Hays
- 509 S. Hays
- 513 S. Hays
- 514 S. Hays
- 402 E. Hester
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- 208 W. Hospital #2
- 212 W. Hospital
- 401 S. James
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- 407 E. Mill
- 411 E. Mill
- 308 W. Monroe
- 413 W. Monroe
- 417 W. Monroe
- 208 W. Hospital #2

- 212 W. Hospital
- 614 S. Logan
- 507 W. Main #1
- 308 W. Monroe
- 413 W. Monroe
- 417 W. Monroe
- 400 W. Oak #1
- 412 W. Oak
- 505 N. Oakland
- 6299 Old Highway 13
- 506 S. Poplar #1
- 506 S. Poplar #2
- 506 S. Poplar #3
- 506 S. Poplar #4
- 506 S. Poplar #5
- 506 S. Poplar #6
- 506 S. Poplar #7
- 509 S. Rawlings #1
- 509 S. Rawlings #7
- 519 S. Rawlings #1
- 519 S. Rawlings #6
- 402 W. Walnut
- 404 W. Walnut
- 600 S. Washington

FIVE Bedrooms

- 405 S. Beveridge
- 300 E. College
- 312 W. College #1
- 312 W. College #2
- 710 W. College
- 305 Crestview
- 906 S. Elizabeth
- 406 E. Hester - All
- 210 W. Hospital - All
- 308 W. Monroe
- 417 W. Monroe
- 402 W. Oak - All
- 412 W. Oak
- 402 W. Walnut
- 600 S. Washington

SIX Bedrooms

- 906 S. Elizabeth
- 406 E. Hester - All
- 208 W. Hospital - All
- 402 W. Oak - All

AVAILABLE NOW

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- 509 S. Ash #6 (studio)
- 612 S. Logan
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- 602 N. Oakland
- 506 S. Poplar #6

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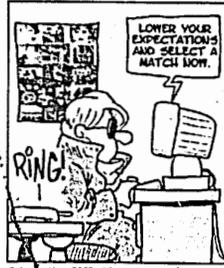
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Daily Horoscope

by Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Jan. 31). You're creative, attractive, and popular this year. Take on a project that's way too big for you to ever finish on your own. You'll have all the help you need and then some. Play a game you've played, and won, before.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 9 - Express how you feel through your actions, not words. You're less likely to err by being too blunt. Don't tell friends of your loyalty. Prove it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - Ask that old debt be repaid, and that you get what you're worth. If that includes looking for a better job, start scanning the want ads. It never hurts to know what's out there.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Your partner may have a lot of good reasons, but don't forget the bottom line. Can you afford to waste money? No. Make money instead.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 4 - Do you love what you're doing? If not, make a change. Life's too short to suffer needlessly. Only suffer for good reasons. Better yet, give up suffering altogether.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - You're lookin' good, in more ways than one. People want you on their side. Have a good time, but be careful. Don't spread your self too thin.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're the one who wants perfection. Sometimes it takes more work than you thought it would. No point in complaining. It looks better if you don't.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 10 - Hold on! You're in danger of being swept away by the sheer romance of it all. Hmm... maybe that's not such a bad idea. On second thought, let go!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - Schedule your big date for tomorrow instead of today. This time is much better spent preparing. And there may be a few things you want to fix or upgrade.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You could become so fascinated by a new subject that you barely come up for air. Spend the whole weekend absorbed in your books if you want. It's time well spent.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - You've been so busy lately with buying and selling, you may not quite know where you stand. This is a great time to find the bottom line.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 9 - This is a magical day for you. What do you want to accomplish? You don't have to finish it now, but definitely begin.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 4 - This would be a good day to spend in quiet contemplation. You don't need any more confusion around you. There's enough going on in your head. Write it down. This could become a movie.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ICHD

MAUHN

BONGLE

VIMOTE

Answer: _____

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argison

He just cost us three runs

WHEN THE JUDGE MADE AN ERROR, HIS TEAMMATES SAID HE BELONGED HERE.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

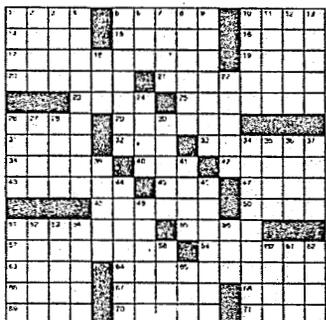
Answer: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: POKED MOURN BEGONE LAZYFUL
Answer: How he looked on his wedding day — WELL "GROOMED"

Crossword

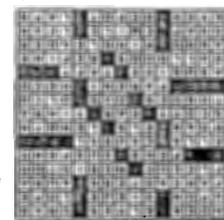
ACROSS
 1 Rhine wine
 5 Santa's little
 he pets
 10 Grouch
 14 "Once a
 monarch,
 a clergyman"
 15 Military tactic
 16 Easy slide
 17 Oriental
 19 Emulation
 20 Jason's objective
 21 Electric circuit
 insect
 23 Balloons
 25 Dangle
 26 Singer
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Students have mixed reactions to Bush's State of the Union

Variety of opinions on war stance, economic problems face Americans

Carrie Roderick
Daily Egyptian

President George W. Bush's stance on Iraq sent mixed emotions throughout the nation Tuesday as he made his State of the Union Address.

Bush spoke of building support to flush Iraq of mass destructive weapons and how Saddam Hussein is allegedly aiding and protecting terrorists, including members of al Qaeda.

Jack O'Connell, a junior in communications, said he agrees with Bush's decisions about the war and has supported him in past stances, leading up to the president's declaration that war with Iraq may be unavoidable.

"I feel he made a convincing case of the situation in Iraq," he said.

Joshua White, an undeclared junior, concurred.

"I agreed that Saddam Hussein needs to do more to prove himself willing to work with the U.N., and he's failed at every opportunity," White said.

Debra Wilton, a senior in marketing, said she did not agree with all the president's remarks made during his address. She said he needs more evidence to support his claims about

Iraq. "I don't think he has enough evidence to say Saddam Hussein was involved with al Qaeda," she said. "He may have had something to do with Sept. 11, but I don't necessarily know if he's involved with them."

O'Connell doesn't blame the president for the economic problems the United States is facing.

"He just got unlucky that he got in office after Sept. 11. Once he took office, everything fell," he said. "I really don't feel it was particularly his fault; it was just bad timing."

The president also proposed tax cuts for 2004 and 2006, hoping to boost the economic recession by delivering the largest tax relief in a generation. He said tax relief will provide Americans with more money to spend and invest, helping the economy grow by providing more jobs for Americans. Bush said the economy can also be strengthened by treating investors equally through tax laws that tax a company's profits, but ends the double taxation of dividends.

White said he doesn't think the president can provide jobs for everyone, but believes Bush will be able to lower the unemployment rates.

"If he has a good plan, it's likely to be very effective," White said.

Charles Johnson, a junior in electrical engineering, said Bush made a lot of promises that he does not think would come through.

"It was basically him pretty much telling everybody how he feels personally as opposed to the United States,

but a lot of the things he mentioned, I don't think we'll probably ever see happen," Johnson said.

He did agree with Bush's position to help Africa with its AIDS crisis.

Bush asked Congress to commit \$15 billion over the next five years, including \$10 billion in new money to help the most afflicted nations of the Caribbean in the fight against AIDS.

"I believe that's a crisis that has been overlooked for a while, and we as the United States of America, having the resources to be able to help the people in Africa, should," Johnson said.

Bush also addressed the issue of ending partial-birth abortion and having Congress pass legislation to ban the practice.

Wilton said the method should be considered if the mother's life is in danger. If not, women should remember there are always people hoping to adopt.

"I think it should be the mother's decision, but I don't think it should be used as a form of birth control," she said.

White said he was impressed that the president's speech incorporated all the themes important to Americans.

"I think he tried to make his speech a little more personal than just reading it right off the script," White said. "I think he really believed what he was saying."

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There will be no "I do's" or life-long commitments made Sunday, but attendants of the Bridal Extravaganza may just form a union with the wedding planner they want to oversee their nuptials.

The 12th annual Bridal Extravaganza will take place Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. in the Student Center Ballrooms.

At a cost of only \$3, couples, families of couples and even those simply looking ahead will have a chance to view what the area has to offer in terms of nuptials.

Michelle Hughes, owner of a bridal shop, was not able to participate in the show last year. But said she was eager to once again be a part of the Bridal Extravaganza, which her business has participated in for nearly all of its twelve years.

"We do proms, but this is closer to our target market," said Holmes, who owns Joyce's Bridal Boutique in Marion. "Vendors come from all over for this show to show case dresses in the style show and present services."

The program will showcase everything from caterers to wedding planners and disc jockeys. It will also present outfits for ring bearers and flower girls in addition to the typical bride and groom.

"It's one-stop shopping," said Lana Campbell, a coordinator with the division of continuing education who has assisted with the event for the past 4 years. "It gives people the opportunity to see a lot of things that are available in different price ranges. You can plan your whole wedding in one day."

Although the committee for Bridal Extravaganza is made up predominantly of people from the region, and the clothing from local businesses, Coriasco said they often receive attendants from as far as Paducah, and expect this year to be no different.

"This isn't the type of audience you usually build on," said Coriasco, chair of the program. "Usually people only get married once so they only came to the show one time. But sometimes people will bring their daughter out when they get married."

Attendants of the event will be treated to an array of bridal-related displays, followed by a fashion show that will showcase clothing from Joyce's Bridal Boutique in Marion, Mr. Tuxedo in Carbondale and Kathleen's Bridal and Formal Wear in Harrisburg.

"The show is geared toward both the community and students," said Coriasco. "A lot of people get engaged after New Year's and around Valentine's Day."

A lot of students get married after graduation because their families are down here, and you'd be surprised at the number of true Salukis who want to get married at SJU.

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"It's clear that this was rejected," said council member John Magney. "It's a piece of s---."

He expressed confidence in the union's ability to have an effective work stoppage.

"You're going to see a lot of people out there," he said. "This place is going to be shut down."

His comments came shortly after the union's meeting in Lawson Hall adjourned. As they left, faculty picked up union buttons to wear, showing their support for the association.

One thing was clear from both the administration and faculty union: There are no scheduled meetings before the Monday strike deadline.

But even the circumstances of that vary between both sides.

According to union spokesman James Kelly, the association's bargaining team was

asked by the administration to remove supplies from a storage closet in the Student Center, where negotiations have taken place.

"The implication by the board's team is that there will be no more negotiations," Kelly said.

That's something that administration spokeswoman Sue Davis says is partially untrue.

"The information about removing things from the closet is factually incorrect," she said. "But she did confirm that no meetings are scheduled."

"We put our last best offer on the table," Davis said. "I don't know if they'll take it or not."

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The Faculty Association is planning a rally on the steps of Shryock Auditorium from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today.

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they get pretty rowdy and do a good job of getting into the other teams' heads. He particularly remembers the crowd yelling at Weber and the assistant coaches last season and telling them "to sit down and shut up."

"You've got to block that out and just go in there and just play our game, just play our style of basketball," Dearman said.

One danger for the Salukis is that Wichita State has a couple of shooters who can heat up almost instantaneously.

Sophomore Randy Burns, who is averaging 20.3 points during the past three games, and junior Aaron Hogg, who scored 20 against the

Salukis earlier this month, are leading their team in three-point shooting and pose a potential problem for the Salukis.

The last time the two teams faced off SIU was able to keep Burns out of sync and did a decent job on Hogg until the final minutes when he started heating up. The Salukis know they'll need to do more of the same to be successful on Saturday.

"You just want to try and keep their shooters out of rhythm," Dearman said.

"Try to defend them early and keep them out of the game. We really don't want them to be a factor."

Weber said one of the most important keys to controlling Wichita State's shooters is taking care of the ball and not letting the

opposition gets into a running game and build up some confidence. The Shockers thrive on that running game and if the Salukis can shut it down, it should be a long game for Wichita State.

"What they do is they get in transition, they hit spot-up threes," Weber said. "Now you're fighting out to the threes and they're getting lay-ups on you or they get put backs on you because you're flying around scrambling."

If the Salukis are able to contain the shooters and keep the Shockers from getting into a transition game, they should be able to pass this test and keep their hold on first place in the MVC.

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"This had to be one of the strangest trips I have been on in a long time," DiCecco said in a press release.

"I had never been associated with a team's lack of luster and excitement like it was against SMS."

But DiCecco said that his team learned an important lesson in the two games.

"We need to make our kids understand how important preparation is and we can't take anything for

granted," DiCecco said.

His Panthers (8-8, 3-4 MVC) are led by a strong inside-outside combination of Alex Cook and Katie Miller.

Cook, a 6-foot forward who has notched five straight double doubles, scored a career-high 22 points in her last outing and is the conference's second-best rebounder at more than 11 a game.

Miller, who leads her team in scoring, is averaging more than 18 points per game, good enough for second best in the MVC.

But whether or not her team is

able to chalk up its first conference win this weekend, Opp doesn't doubt its desire.

"They don't always make the best decisions and things don't always go their way, but they're still working hard," Opp said.

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The SIU women's basketball team will take on Bradley tonight and then face Northern Iowa Sunday.

MVC BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Men's Basketball		
Scoring		
Player, School	PPG	
Kover, Creighton	19.1	
Gilbert, Bradley	18.1	
Cuffie, Evansville	17.9	
Gillingham, Bradley	15.4	
Sola, Drake	15.1	
Burns, Wichita St.	15.0	
Williams, S. Illinois	14.9	
Hanavan, Evansville	14.8	
Howard, Wichita St.	14.5	
Danielson, Drake	14.1	
Dearman, S. Illinois	14.0	
McGee, SMS	13.8	

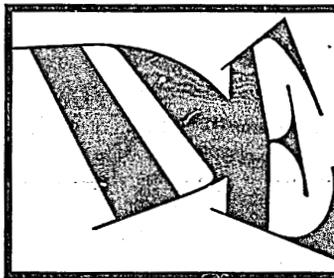
Women's Basketball		
Scoring		
Player, School	PPG	
Mennen, Indiana St.	18.8	
Miller, No. Iowa	18.5	
Dixon, Wichita St.	18.4	
Gray, Evansville	17.8	
Neneman, Creighton	16.9	
Buckner, Wichita St.	14.6	
Swisher, No. Iowa	14.4	
Bennett, Drake	14.3	
Bailey, Bradley	14.1	
McDowell, S. Illinois	13.3	
Hayes, Evansville	13.2	
Ingor, SMS	12.5	

Rebounding		
Player, School	RPG	
Danielson, Drake	9.4	
Gruber, No. Iowa	7.6	
Randle, SMS	6.8	
Schneiderman, No. Iowa	6.6	
Hanavan, Evansville	6.2	
Koryer, Creighton	6.2	
Hogg, Wichita St.	6.1	
Dearman, S. Illinois	6.1	
Howard, Wichita St.	5.9	
Madlin, SMS	5.8	
Sola, Drake	5.7	
Giesen, Indiana St.	5.6	

Rebounding		
Player, School	RPG	
Buckner, Wichita St.	12.4	
Gray, Evansville	11.6	
Cook, UNI	11.3	
Bennett, Drake	8.4	
Dixon, Wichita St.	8.1	
Burchill, Drake	7.4	
Williams, Bradley	6.1	
Verhoff, Indiana St.	5.9	
Neneman, Creighton	5.9	
Skrabalova, Illinois St.	5.8	
Head, Drake	5.7	
Tierney, SMS	5.6	

Field Goal Pct.		
Player, School	FG%	
Gruber, No. Iowa	63.1	
Deren, Creighton	57.6	
Cuffie, Evansville	56.8	
Danielson, Drake	56.7	
Colwell, SMS	55.7	
Hanavan, Evansville	55.5	
Sola, Drake	53.7	
Dearman, S. Illinois	53.6	

Field Goal Pct.		
Player, School	FG%	
Chelleen, Bradley	59.6	
Hayes, Evansville	56.2	
Bennett, Drake	52.5	
Dixon, Wichita St.	51.6	
Boeglin, Indiana St.	49.0	
Tierney, SMS	48.9	
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Wins won't be Driesell's only legacy

Former Maryland basketball coach Lefty Driesell left his mark on the game, life

Brendan Glaccum
 The Diamondback (U. Maryland)

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (U-WIRE)— He says he has few regrets, mostly just fond memories. He coached because he loved it and he retired because it was the right time. He's had a motto for all the years he's coached - a motto he has taught countless players. It goes, "the harder you work, the luckier you get."

Few coaches ever worked harder.

Now, as he looks back on a career that spanned four decades, Charles "Lefty" Driesell considers himself extremely fortunate. And not just for the wins he accumulated or the national rankings his teams achieved, but for the bridges he built and the successes his players achieved after basketball.

"I'm excited with my life and the career I've had coaching," Driesell said. "I've been very blessed with coaching a lot of great athletes and a lot of great people."

He left the university under the toughest of circumstances in the late 1980s. But now, more than 30 years after the Ol' Lefthander was hired by the Terrapin athletic department — more than 30 years after he began raising the hopes and dreams of Terp players and fans — the 71-year-old Driesell, who recently retired after 41 years of coaching, will be honored by the athletic department at halftime of Thursday night's Terps-N.C. State tilt at Comcast Center.

He's been back to the campus a few times for high school games, but he hasn't seen the new Comcast Center and he certainly hasn't been honored. It could be very emotional for him.

"I'm sure it will be," Driesell said. "I can handle that."

For the past six years, Driesell could be found barking orders on the bench at Georgia State. There, he led the Panthers to a 103-59 record.

But his legend was made as the Terps' general. Before the Gary Williams-led Terps became a national powerhouse, Driesell's Terps were pretty exciting in their own right.

He dreamed of the Terrapin men's basketball program becoming the "UCLA of the East" when he took the head coaching position in the late 1960s. He never quite took it to those near-mythical heights. But in trying, he legitimized a struggling program and turned the nation on to Terps.

In fact, Driesell played a key role in molding Cole Field House into the electric atmosphere it became renowned for, moving the seats closer to the floor at Cole his first year and inventing Midnight Madness a few years later. But he also had a sense of family and how to treat people.

It was not only his basketball savvy, but his genuine feeling for people that helped build the Terps into more than a team.

"He brought excitement to Maryland," said Tom McMillen, a three-time All-American for the Terps who played for Driesell in the early 1970s. "Cole Field House was not anywhere near the excitement level it became when he started. He put the seats on the

floor at Cole. He made that a real tough place for opponents to play. He built a program. He cared about his players. There's a lot of things people don't know about coach."

For one, there was the time, near Christmas in 1973, when he chartered a private plane after McMillen's father passed away. Driesell took the entire team to McMillen's father's funeral to help support McMillen's family.

"Something I've learned about him is the relationships he's built and how valuable they are," said Driesell's son Chuck, now a coach at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. "That's why I coach, because of the relationships and the impact I can make. I saw that in him."

In addition to that personal impact, Driesell also racked up more than a few wins in his 17 seasons with the Terps. In those 17 seasons, he amassed a record of 348-159. With Driesell at the helm, the Terps finished in the top 10 nationally five times, won two regular season conference titles and a conference tournament championship in 1984, and advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight twice.

His 786 victories are fourth all-time in Division I men's basketball behind Dean Smith (879), Adolph Rupp (876) and Bobby Knight (799).

He is the only coach in NCAA history to win 100 or more games with four different teams, doing so with Davidson, Maryland, James Madison and Georgia State, and one of two coaches to take four different schools to the NCAA tournament.

Driesell took over a struggling Terp program in 1969 that had gone a combined 27-48 in the three years prior to his arrival. The Terps had failed to win more than eight games in two consecutive seasons. Driesell very quickly turned that around. The Terps were 13-13 in Driesell's first year and 14-12 in his second, while beating second-ranked South Carolina, 31-30, in the infamous slowdown game.

In the next five years, Driesell's Terps went a combined 119-28. They were ACC tournament finalists three times, regular-season champs in the 1974-75 season and reached the NCAA Elite Eight in 1973. In 1974, the Terps finished ranked No. 4 nationally, but didn't make the NCAA tournament. Only the conference tournament champion was eligible, and that was No. 1 N.C. State. The Wolfpack defeated the Terps, 103-100, in a classic overtime ACC tournament final.

"It was different rules back then," said McMillen. "Opportunities to go on and win a national title were limited, but we had a spectacular team. It was really the time Maryland basketball came into its own."

The Terps continued their success for the next decade, never finishing with a losing record and winning 20 or more games seven times. Three more times the Terps finished in the top 10 nationally and, in 1984, won their first and only ACC tournament title with a talented group that included a future two-time conference player of the year, Len Bias. In 1985, the Terps advanced to the Sweet Sixteen where they lost, 46-43, to eventual national champion Villanova.

In 1986, shortly after Bias died of a cocaine overdose, Driesell was basically forced out of the Terps' coaching job.

Because of Bias' high-profile nature and the circumstances surrounding his death, the university became the subject of a heavy investigation. The investigation found academic problems within the program as well as a few other infractions. Driesell took a large brunt of the heat and resigned as head coach on Oct. 30, 1986.

He said: "I make this announcement with mixed emotions because I have loved every one of my 17 years as head coach of Maryland. But, it is obvious that the administration wants to make a coaching change and I do not want to coach if I am not wanted."

He stayed on as assistant athletic director, but within a couple years left for James Madison.

Driesell was not present in March for the final game at Cole. And not until last May was he inducted into the Maryland athletics hall of fame.

"Obviously he deserves everything he's getting now," said Terp assistant coach Dave Dickerson, who played for Driesell in the 1985-86 season. "Because he worked his butt off to build programs and to win basketball games. I'm sure he's made a big impact on people's lives. I know I'm very fortunate to have met him because he's been a major impact in my life. He's definitely shaped my philosophy and how I want to be as a coach."

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—Lefty Driesell
 Former Maryland men's basketball coach

The halftime festivities will include a video of Driesell's career at Maryland and the presentation of a commemorative ball. His family and former players, including McMillen, will be on hand to help honor their coach. McMillen was in London on business and scheduled to come back Friday. But, upon learning of the ceremony, McMillen decided to come home early.

"He's very much a part of Maryland's success and history," McMillen said. "He's made a terrific contribution to the University of Maryland and to college basketball in general."

For Driesell, some of the greatest accomplishments and contributions were watching his former players succeed after basketball - those like McMillen, who became a U.S. congressman and Len Elmore, who graduated from Harvard Law School.

"I've coached two Rhodes scholars (one at Maryland)," Driesell said. "I'm proud of the players I've coached and what they've done after basketball is over. I think that's what a good coach does is try and prepare players for whatever venture they go into. That's what you try to teach, getting along with people, being a good person. If you do that then I think you're successful."

Lefty's not sure what he'll do now, though he is sure he'll do quite a few things. Right now, he's enjoying being retired and doing things like watching his son coach at Marymount, something he did just Wednesday night.

"I'm looking forward to doing what I want to do now," Driesell said. "Most people think coaching is a piece of cake. It's a lot of hard work. It's been a great run and I'm looking forward to being back at Maryland."

Delay of game

Weber tiring of close games, wants more first-half intensity

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

SIU stumbled with a slow start, caught up, built a lead, blew it and pulled off a nail-biting victory.

It could be a recap for any one of the Salukis' past three games, and head coach Bruce Weber is beginning to reach his boiling point over his team's lack of intensity and preparation in the first half.

"For us, it's a broken record," Weber said after Wednesday's squeak-by victory over Bradley.

"The same old thing. We find ways to win, make plays in the second half with a sense of urgency that doesn't seem to be there in the first half."

Weber did say he was thrilled his team is 8-1 halfway through the conference season, which was a goal he set back in November. But he knows wins such as Wednesday's could just as easily turn into losses.

He is finished taking chances and hopes his team is as well. Weber, ironically, wants his team to play as it did during its Jan. 18 loss at Creighton.

"I don't want to be like Ohio State football," Weber said. "They probably should have lost three or four games last year. They kept finding ways to win and then they won the national championship."

"Creighton was the only game we came ready to play and we lost that one, so it's kind of a bass-ackwards."

A fine example of what Weber is looking for drove out of Carbondale Wednesday night.

The Braves, despite the handicap of losing one of the best players in the Missouri Valley Conference two weeks before the game, came out of the locker room on fire

and jumped all over the Dawgs before they could gain their composure and mount a comeback.

Mike Suggs, cousin of the estranged Granger, scored 18 points and pulled down nine rebounds in the first half, perplexing SIU defenders until late in the game.

"He kind of surprised us," said Saluki senior Jermaine Dearman of Bradley's new go-to guy. "We knew he was a shooter, but we didn't know he could get out of control like that."

Suggs' performance, along with the 21-point night of James Gillingham and the overall effort of the rest of the team caused Bradley head coach Jim Les to swallow the loss rather easily.

"For us, it's a broken record. The same old thing. We find ways to win, make plays in the second half with a sense of urgency that doesn't seem to be there in the first half."

— Bruce Weber
coach, SIU basketball

"I can't fault their effort," Les said. "The kids were outstanding. They played their tails off and it was a good team effort. We're not scared of anybody or to play anywhere. Teams are going to have to knock us out to beat us."

On a brighter note, Sylvester Willis finally seems to have gotten his game going after the worst stretch of his career as a Saluki. Willis scored eight points — four times what he scored in the past four games — and got his hands on the ball in crucial situations.

"That's my wild and wacky roommate, man," Dearman said. "But he: turned on the serious mode tonight and stepped up when it really counted. He just played real solid."

That is precisely what Weber wants from the entire team when it faces Wichita State Saturday.

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HANNAH SIMMONS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU junior center Sylvester Willis slams the ball during the first half of the Salukis' 75-72 victory over Bradley Wednesday. Willis, who scored eight points against the Braves, is getting back on track after a recent slump.

SALUKI

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at
Wichita State (11-6, 6-2 MVC)

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The Word on the Salukis:

The Salukis have now won three straight since their heartbreaking loss to Creighton. SIU is 8-1 in league play and is tied with the Bluejays for the top spot in the MVC. Since scoring just one point in the overtime win against Northern Iowa, senior forward Jermaine Dearman has averaged 21 points over the past two games.

The Word on the Shockers:

Wichita State is fresh off just its second conference loss of the season when Evansville won 75-74 Wednesday night. Prior to that, the Shockers had won three straight since their last loss, which was at the SIU Arena in the Salukis. Sophomore guard Randy Burns is starting to heat up as he has averaged 20 points over the last three games.

The Bottom Line:

This game will be one of several upcoming tests for the Salukis. SIU needs to play consistently for an entire game in order to avoid being knocked from the top of the MVC.

SIU tennis squads ready for spring season

Saluki women will face Western Michigan today with depleted squad

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

After injuries dwindled the number of healthy bodies to just three by the end of last season, the SIU women's tennis squad thought the injury plague was finally over after a healthy fall season.

But the depraved curse continues after claiming sophomore Kari Stark, who injured a disc in her back during Thanksgiving break — leaving just six able bodies to compete when SIU takes on Western Michigan tonight in Decatur.

Stark experienced similar problems during her junior season in high school and underwent surgery to correct the injury.

Up until Thanksgiving, the only problem she had was an occasional tightness in her back.

"I know Kari is really, really disappointed," head coach Judy Auld said. "Her back was starting to get better over Christmas vacation and it went out again when she came back."

Stark said the injury reoccurred because of over activity. Some doctors are saying she will not return until next fall because of the severity of her injury, but she remains hopeful she will compete this semester.

The injury decimated SIU's most competitive doubles duo.

Zoy, Honarmand and Stark heated up toward the end of the fall season, capping it off with a No. 3 doubles championship at the Memphis Invitational. Their record this fall was a solid 7-3.

"It is really disappointing," Stark said. "I had a good fall season and we, as a team, were starting to come around."

But this weekend former Missouri Valley Conference co-Freshman of the year Tana Trapani makes her comeback.

Trapani, who compiled a 28-4 mark during her freshman season in 2001, severely injured her hip last season and sat out this fall.

Auld said she plans to work Trapani in slow, with her



DAILY EGYPTIAN FILE PHOTO

SIU sophomore tennis player Kari Stark injured a disc in her back last semester and will not be able to compete for the Salukis this weekend.

taking Stark's spot in No. 3 doubles.

She said that this weekend will be a good experience for her younger players.

Although injuries are dimming the mood, Auld is looking forward meeting up with her old high school teammate Betsy Kuhle, who is now the head coach at Western Michigan.

And both are coming back to their hometown of Decatur.

"We did this like a decade ago," said Auld of coaching against her ex-teenmate. "I didn't realize it was that long ago. We try to do this occasionally. It is kind of a homecoming for both of us."

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Saluki men to battle Louisville

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Parity has flooded into most sports and now it has leaked its way onto the SIU men's tennis team.

With the recent additions of newcomers Tomas Gonzalez and Bojan Ilievski, the Salukis find equal talent up and down their lineup, and the Dawgs hope it helps against a powerful Louisville squad when they take on the Cardinals tonight in Louisville, Ky.

Those newcomers will play a large part as to whether the Salukis come home with a win or a loss. Jeffrey plans to use Ilievski at No. 5 singles and Gonzalez in doubles.

At the Missouri Valley Conference individual championships, Ilievski was the only Saluki to advance to the finals, where he was defeated 6-1, 6-4 in No. 6 singles.

The season's meeting between the two schools this year will be an ideal time for SIU to show off its newcomers.

"We are obviously looking to win," Jeffrey said. "We have been waiting to play them since the last time we played them two years ago. That was at the beginning of our rebuilding process. The top half of our lineup is strong as it is now, but our bottom half was weak then."

"Now the bottom half of our lineup is probably stronger than our

top is now."

Both of the freshmen have shown a strong work ethic ever since their arrival at SIU, but they also have some big-time talent to go along with it.

"Bojan has got a big serve," Jeffrey said. "Bojan has a great potential in knocking off some bigger-name players. But Tomas is going to be a great player for us. He is very solid already. He is going to be one of those players who win a lot for us."

Alon Savidor will take the honor of playing No. 1 singles tonight, while junior Peter Bong will compete in No. 2 singles.

Sophomore Lucasz Soswa, who broke his finger later in the fall season, rounds out the top half of the lineup at No. 3 singles.

But even with the solid influx of new talent, Louisville still has one of the more talented squads in the nation as their consistent top-40 national ranking implies.

Jeffrey said the Cardinals will probably be the strongest team the Salukis face this season, but she doesn't think SIU is a cupcake squad for other teams to play, and knows this is not the same Saluki squad that took on Louisville two years ago.

"We got a good team," Jeffrey said. "We are motivated to win. If we play at a top level, at our best, we can beat them. But we have got to play our very best because they are a great team."

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Dawgs prepare for WSU

Saluki men's basketball team hits the road for tough test in Wichita

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Going into Saturday's game against Wichita State, the SIU men's basketball team has received a big boost from an unlikely source.

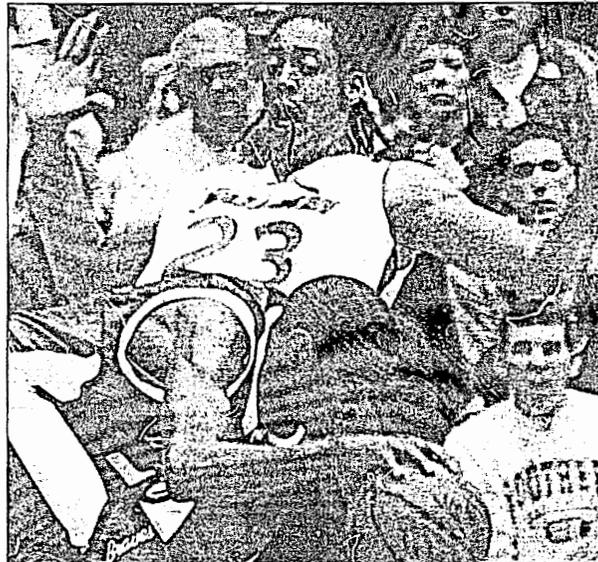
That source? The University of Evansville. A week after knocking off No. 10 ranked Creighton at home to put SIU into a first place tie in the Missouri Valley Conference, the Purple Aces pulled off yet another upset in beating Wichita State Wednesday night 75-74.

The Shockers went into the game just a half-game behind SIU, Creighton and Southwest Missouri State with a 6-1 league mark and might have been caught looking past Evansville and toward their rematch with the Salukis. The two teams will tip-off at 1:35 p.m. Saturday at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita, Kan.

Since losing to the Salukis 69-61 on Jan. 15, the Shockers reeled off three straight wins against Illinois State, Drake and Bradley before the unexpected loss Wednesday.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said he isn't sure if the Shockers (11-6, 6-2 MVC) will be able to bounce back for a heartbreaker after Wichita State had finally gotten itself on a roll.

"It'll be interesting to see how they deal with losing a close game at Evansville and if they'll come with the same motivation," Weber said. "I



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SIU senior forward Jermaine Dearman is bowled over by a Bradley player during the Salukis' 75-72 win over the Braves Wednesday night. The Dawgs face Wichita State Saturday, a team the Salukis' beat at home earlier this year.

would think they would be motivated because it's a big game, but you never know how kids will react to things like that."

This game is big for both teams in that Wichita State needs a victory to stay in the conference chase and the Salukis need to prove they can beat a respectable team after struggling against weaker teams such as Northern Iowa, Indiana State and Bradley.

SIU senior forward Jermaine Dearman said he expects the Shockers to be over the Evansville

loss and also to be seeking a little payback for the earlier loss to the Salukis.

"Anytime you lose to a team that you are expected to beat, you're going to play the next game with a fear factor," Dearman said.

One advantage for Wichita State is that they will once again be playing at home. The Shockers are 9-2 at home and 4-0 in league games there.

Dearman said Wichita is a tough place to play and said even when the Salukis (13-4, 8-1 MVC) have won there it has been tough.

He said the crowd gives them a big boost as

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Commission suggests Title IX alterations

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A Bush administration advisory commission voted Thursday for modest changes to the Title IX statute, failing to pass many proposed radical changes to the legislation.

The Commission on Opportunity in Athletics met to vote on a plan to alter the requirement that the ratio of men and female athletics at colleges and universities be roughly the same as the overall student body. The vote ended with a 7-7 tie, but ties are not defeats and must still be included in the commission's report to Education Secretary Rod Paige, who will choose whether to recommend changing the law Feb. 28.

Several more proposed changes that would have altered the 1972 law giving more sports and scholarships to women's athletics failed to pass, including a controversial proposal to allow the percentage of female athletic scholarships given by a school to drop to 43 percent.

The Commission, however, did decide to change the standard and recommended changes in ways student-athletes are counted to measure compliance.

In 1979, the law was clarified with the introduction of the three-prong test. This gave schools the option of meeting any of the three to be in compliance.

The three prongs include — a school's male-female athlete ratio must be closely equivalent to its male-female enrollment; the school must show an ongoing history of broadening opportunities for women or a school must show that it is completely accommodating the interests and abilities of women.

The commission recommended several changes to the first prong. The change involved a school establishing a predetermined number of roster spots on each team that would count toward Title IX, instead of the actual number of athletes.

Another change included not counting male walk-ons or non-traditional students as part of a school's male total.

"As far as roster management goes, which is the first one where they talk about making a certain sport have roster numbers, we try to do that right now, to try to help out already," said SIU softball head coach Keri Blaylock. "That's not going to affect us."

"What it does is allow the women's sports to carry a tad bit larger roster so there can be more male athletes. Vice versa, the male sports might have to cut down a couple of numbers so there can be female sports. I think that is a give and take and that is a good thing."

Blaylock said the changes do not mean anything drastic and expressed that she feels very supported by the SIU administration.

Kristie Kemner, a senior who is scheduled to graduate after four years on the SIU volleyball team, said she loves what Title IX has done for women, but isn't sure it is completely fair.

"If you want my honest opinion, I don't understand why baseball and track and field as far as for men goes, why they can't have those scholarships," Kemner said. "Baseball brings in a lot of money at a lot of schools, we all have a full ride. I don't understand why we can find money for certain things, and we can't find money for that."

Other proposals were voted on, but failed. One called for the elimination of the proportionality requirement. It failed 11-4.

Another proposal that called for interest surveys on campus being used to set a standard for proportionality fell 8-7. The commission did vote to recommend surveys be used as a tool to demonstrate compliance.

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SIU junior forward Tiffany Crutcher goes for a rebound in Tuesday's game against Middle Tennessee State. Crutcher returned to the starting lineup and posted a double-double versus the Lady Raiders. The Salukis will count on her to do well when they take on Bradley and Northern Iowa this weekend.

Saluki women head north

SIU faces Bradley, UNI in search of a Valley win

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In the midst of a nine-game losing streak, the SIU women's basketball team will attempt to put the pieces together and come up with its first Missouri Valley Conference victory when it travels to Bradley and Northern Iowa for a weekend road trip.

It has multiple problems to solve, though, including an inability to play smart, team basketball.

"We're not a very cohesive unit right now on the court," said head coach Lori Opp. "They have good chemistry off the floor, but our chemistry on the court has not come together for whatever reason. We talk about our practice habits a lot and I think that plays a big role in how we play the games."

Inconsistency has also pestered the Salukis all season.

"We're successful for stretches of time and then we get away from that," said senior guard Molly McDowell. "Then they go on big runs and our confidence gets shaken."

But there is reason to think that SIU will begin to rack up some wins. McDowell is the only Saluki whose averaging double-figure scoring, but that could change.

Center Tiffany Crutcher should provide a consistent second scoring threat. Crutcher had been hobbling with a foot injury but returned to the starting lineup and pulled off a double-double Tuesday night.

Her 11 points and 13 rebounds kept the Salukis in the game early on, but Middle

Tennessee State's defense didn't let her catch the ball later in the game as the Lady Raiders pulled away for an 87-63 victory.

"I thought she did a nice job," said Opp. "Crutch is our most consistent post player inside. When she gets her hands on it, she's going to get the shot off and it's typically going to go in."

Her continued improvement could be important if the Salukis want to make their move up in the Missouri Valley Conference pack, which could happen this weekend, as the next two Saluki opponents are within striking distance.

Bradley sits at 9th place, while Northern Iowa is in 7th place.

Both teams are fresh off the vaunted Southwest Missouri State/Wichita State road swing.

First up for the Salukis is a Friday night game at Bradley's Robertson Field House. The Braves (6-10, 2-5 MVC) split with SMS and the Shockers, losing by five at the Bears' den after defeating Wichita by five.

Bradley sports a balanced attack, with six players averaging between seven and 14 points per game.

At the top of the list is senior guard Sara Bailey, who is also her team's second-best rebounder.

Bradley has struggled with many of the same problems as the Salukis, such as consistency and finding a starting quintet.

But regardless of Friday night's outcome, SIU will have to prepare for the Northern Iowa squad they will face in a Sunday matinee.

The Panthers, like Bradley, just completed a split of the SMS/Wichita trip, both blowouts. Coach Tony DiCecco was surprised at the ups and downs his team experienced on that trip.

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