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City Council approves HRC funding

City Council rejects Morningside Drive rezoning

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After more than three years of planning, the Carbondale City Council gave the city's Human Relations Commission a major boost Tuesday night.

The council unanimously approved the implementation of a study circles program to increase community involvement and awareness of the HRC. The council also approved a budget adjustment of \$4,500 to the HRC fund to help cover expenses of its first round of study circles.

The HRC was conceived after the SIUC/Carbondale Task Force on Race and Community Relations proposed a human relations commission after police sprayed Mace on several black partygoers at an April 2000 block party.

The commission was officially established in April as an advisory board to the City Council.

The commission consists of 11 members who were each appointed by former Carbondale Mayor Neil Dillard, who retired from office in May.

Study Circle Coordinator Lana Bardo said she added \$4,500, which was donated to the group by Southern Illinois Health Care, should be more than enough to cover the initial costs the HRC would need to help get the word out to citizens. These expenses would include postage, printing paper, telephone calls and other numerous office materials.

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Rainy days



ANTHONY SOUTLE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman Sara Durbin makes her way to class with umbrella in hand as Tuesday's rain storms drenched Carbondale from early morning till late afternoon. Along with rain came heavy winds, which destroyed numerous umbrellas, causing many students to brave the downpour unassisted.

Administration, governor's aides say banner threatened security

Campus polices prohibit banner in auditorium

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University professors Mark Schneider and Joan Friedenberg have claimed that SIUC, through a paternalistic administrative hierarchy, is trying to control not only the direction the University takes in the future but also the

speech and actions professors can exercise.

After the married couple heard of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's Wednesday visit to SIUC, a trip where he increased funding for the Morris Library and a transportation program, they decided to enlighten the governor about taking action on three empty Board of Trustees positions.

The two wrapped up a 7-foot-by-3-foot vinyl banner and headed to the Student Center auditorium, where they were instructed by members of the governor's staff, campus police

and Chancellor Walter Wendler that the sign bearing the words, "New trustees for SIU, it's our only hope," was a security risk and the auditorium was not an area where protesting on that scale could occur.

Robert Jensen, SIUC interim associate provost, said the reasoning behind the University's actions are solely based on the safety risks the sign presented to a crowded auditorium room.

"I think probably over the years the

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Mayor wants Carbondale to be capital of Southern Illinois



JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole gives his State of the City Address to the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce and business leaders at Tuesday afternoon city hall. The speech was among the first opportunities for Cole to outline the work his administration has covered in the initial six months of his term.

Cole outlines plan for Carbondale's growth in State of the City Address

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Mayor Brad Cole delivered his first State of the City Address during the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Tuesday.

In front of a crowd of about 150 people, Cole outlined the direction of Carbondale's business and economic future. He said he wants a vital Carbondale in a cooperative region.

"Carbondale is the capital of Southern Illinois," Cole said. "And we are going to start acting like it."

Cole said the luncheon was the perfect sounding board for his vision of the city.

"Know that it is my firm intention as mayor to support the businesses of Carbondale and to assist both the employers and employees in any way possible," Cole said.

But while he spoke about building business opportunities in Carbondale, Cole said there was a limit to how much the city will support organizations. Cole said the city

could no longer afford to fund the Carbondale Business Development Corporation.

Instead, the city will establish its own in-house economic development office to supply prospective developers with information and preparing development packages for viable contracts.

"The city staff's time is already involved with these projects as the situation exists today," Cole said.

"We can no longer afford to duplicate efforts and expenses."

Currently, Carbondale Business Development Corporation receives \$163,000 from the city.

Cole also challenged the Main Street Board of Directors to start a plan to wean the organization off the city's payroll over the next four years.

Cole said it was the growth of Main Street and its ability to become self-sufficient that spurred the plan to reduce the city's funding to the organization.

Over the next four years, the city will phase out its current \$35,000 annual subsidy to Main Street in one-quarter increments beginning next spring.

City Councilwoman Corene McDaniel said she was

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NATIONAL NEWS

University settles transplant fraud claims

CHICAGO (CNN) — The University of Illinois at Chicago paid more than \$2.3 million Monday to settle a suit that alleged fraud in its liver-transplant program.

The federal and state governments accused the university of improperly diagnosing patients in the late 1990s to make them eligible for transplants before they otherwise would be. Those patients were moved ahead of others who had a legitimate claim to new livers, officials said.

There was no allegation anyone died for lack of a timely transplant.

Under the settlement, \$500,000 was earmarked for Dr. Raymond Pollak, the transplant surgeon who became a whistleblower in the case.

The university said it had admitted no liability as part of the settlement and that it "disputes all of the allegations and claims" in the case. Under terms of the settlement, the medical center must cooperate with government audits and inspections and report any violations.

When it announced the settlement in July, the federal government also said it was settling similar claims against the University of Chicago for \$115,000 and Northwestern Memorial for \$23,587.

Pollak, 52, once was head of the UIC Medical Center's transplant program. He was demoted and his pay was slashed after he complained that patients were being classified to appear worse off than they really were.

Court strikes down ban on same-sex marriage

BOSTON, Mass. (CNN) — The highest court in Massachusetts ruled Tuesday it is unconstitutional for the state to deny marriage to gay and lesbian couples, a move that could make the state the first to legalize same-sex marriages.

The Supreme Judicial Court issue the ruling in the case of Goodridge v. Department of Public Health. The lawsuit was brought by several gay and lesbian couples seeking the right to marry in Massachusetts.

Gay marriages are forbidden in the United States, although one state, Vermont, allows same-sex civil unions.

Earlier this year the U.S. Supreme Court overturned state sodomy laws; a move some Conservatives said could open the door to gay marriage.

That decision and Canadian steps taken to legalize gay marriages earlier this year have intensified the debate.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Afghan attack sparks United Nations rethink

KABUL, Afghanistan (CNN) — The United Nations refugee agency has announced it is pulling non-Afghan staff out of large areas of southern and eastern Afghanistan following the killing of a French employee over the weekend.

The decision involves the withdrawal of 30 international staff and the closure of several refugee centers, potentially affecting assistance to tens of thousands of Afghan returnees.

The move follows the killing Sunday of Bettina Goislar, a 29-year-old French national, as she was driven through a bazaar in the town of Ghazni, southwest of the capital, Kabul.

Goislar's driver, an Afghan national, was wounded in the attack, carried out by gunmen riding a motorcycle.

On Tuesday, a spokesman for the former Taliban rulers of Afghanistan admitted the group was behind the attack.

"We have confirmed information that most of the foreigners working in our country are American agents

and have no sympathy for Afghanistan," the news agency quoted him as saying.

Robbers kill seven policemen

LAGOS, Nigeria (CNN) — Seven policemen, including a senior officer, have been shot dead by suspected armed robbers in Nigeria's commercial hub of Lagos.

Lagos state police chief Young Arebamen could not confirm how many people had been killed in the attacks. But he told Reuters they were being treated as a security issue because they could damage officers' morale.

The independent Vanguard newspaper said the suspected criminals, who were heavily armed, killed an assistant superintendent of police in Oshodi, a Lagos suburb Sunday.

Six other officers were shot in Mofoluku on the outskirts of Lagos by the gang, which was out to avenge the recent police killing of its leaders, the newspaper said.

Scores of officers have been killed in exchanges of gunfire with criminals in the past three years in Lagos, a city of over 12 million people.

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POLICE REPORTS

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A Smart Disk use floppy drive and a mouse were reported stolen between 4 p.m. Nov. 12 and Thursday at Faner Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

David A. Hart, 19, of Frankfort was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and disobeying a stop sign at 2:12 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of Logan Drive and East Park Street. Hart was unable to post the required bond and taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, where he was released on bond.

Kristopher D. McConaughy, 22, of Bourbonnais was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting and obstructing a peace officer at 7:15 p.m. Sunday at the Allyn Building. McConaughy was unable to post the required bond and taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, where he is still incarcerated.

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Criminal damage to an SIUC Police squad car occurred between 4:59 p.m. and 6:05 p.m. Monday in Lot 36. There are no suspects at this time.

Deshon Lamar Weaver, 23, of Carbondale was arrested on a Jackson County failure-to-appear warrant for an original charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 12:14 a.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Southern Hills Drive and Logan Drive. Weaver was unable to post the required bond and taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, where he was released on bond.

CALENDAR

Today

Alpha Lambda Delta Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Troquois Room in the Student Center

FLIT Club Speaker: Martin Haver 6:30 p.m.
Missouri Room in the Student Center

World War II veteran speaks about experiences

Last living member of Comanche Code Talkers visits SIUC

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The Comanche Code Talkers were one of the most important and least recognized forces from World War II, but without their efforts to send critical messages that confused the enemy, the American cause would have been lost.

The last surviving member of the Comanche Code Talkers spoke about his experiences to a packed Student Center Lounge Tuesday night in the second floor lounge of the Student Center.

Charles Chibitty enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941 and joined 16 Comanche Indians to make up part of the 4th Infantry Division, 4th Signal Corp, known as Code Talkers.

"We've done something so that our country could be free to do whatever they want to," Chibitty said.

"I did it because I thought what we could do would help end the war early."

The Comanche Code Talkers were an elite group of young men who were fluent in the Comanche language and who used that knowledge, along with the training they received from the U.S. Army, to send critical messages that confused the enemy, preventing the messages from being intercepted.

"The Germans were so smart they could break any code we had, but they couldn't break our codes," Chibitty said.

"Yes, what we did was talk Comanche. We worked on our language codes because if we made a mistake, instead of saving lives, we would have cost them."

The Code Talkers were part of the Normandy invasion forces, and military experts have credited them with saving thousands of lives and being instrumental in the success of the historical invasion.

Chibitty said he did not know how important a role he played in



Charles Chibitty, the last surviving Comanche Code Talker from World War II, spoke to audience members Tuesday evening at the Student Center about his experiences relaying messages during the war. The Pentagon has shown its recognition of Chibitty by presenting him with the Knowlton Award, honoring him of his services to military intelligence.

the war but has since become very proud to have been a Comanche Code Talker.

Jeremiah Dunmyer, a senior in mechanical engineering from DuQuoin, said he has a lot of respect for veterans and Native Americans.

Dunmyer also said people often forget how Native Americans have helped American society.

"He was very informing, but in a way that makes people remember how they helped our country," Dunmyer said.

"What he talked about helped me, and I'm sure it helped everyone else remember what Native Americans

have done for our country."

Chibitty, 81, earned the World War II Victory Medal and the European Theater of Operations Victory Medal.

In 1992, former Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney presented Chibitty with a certificate of appreciation for his service to the country.

Carl Ervin, coordinator of student development, said Chibitty is a real hero.

"He impressed me," Ervin said. "He added humor, info and knowledge. He's very good."

Nichole Boyd, coordinator of

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— Charles Chibitty, last surviving member, Comanche Code Talkers

to 130 people, which she said was incredible.

"This is the way the turnout needs to be for all our Native American events," Boyd said.

"Comanche Code Talker: a Native Remembrance of Veterans Day" was co-sponsored by Kathy Bower and Multicultural Programs and Services.

After Chibitty's presentation, Boyd presented him with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of SIUC.


"It probably won't sink in tonight," Boyd said, "but tomorrow or next week, you'll remember what he said."

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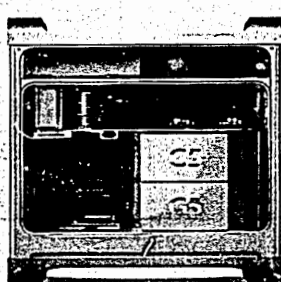
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Wellness Center puts out butts

SIUC organizations encourage students to quit smoking habits

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According to Joe Baker, an assistant director at Student Health Programs, there are a variety of reasons why a person begins smoking, such as a feeling of attractiveness, stress and social issues. However, despite the varying reasons for initially picking up a cigarette, the struggle to quit is somewhat similar for each person.

In honor of the Great American Smokeout, the Wellness Center and Student Health Programs will sponsor their own effort to help SIUC students quit smoking.

The event, which was developed in 1977 by The American Cancer Society, encourages smokers to conquer the habit for one day. The ultimate goal of the Smokeout, which takes place in November each year, is individuals will have the courage to eliminate the habit all together after one day of not smoking.

"It's a great opportunity for those who are smokers to have the empowerment to obtain from smoking for one day," said Melissa Hicks, a graduate student and assistant who helped organize the event.

According to Outreach Nurse Pam Umlauf-Brown, preparation for the campus Smokeout began Monday afternoon and will resume Thursday.

Students can register Thursday afternoon at tables in both Trueblood Hall and the Student Center to participate in the Smokeout.

In addition to the opportunity to temporarily quit, the tables will also offer information and pamphlets among other means they hope will help smokers.

"Sixty-five percent of people who quit just quit cold turkey," said Joe Baker, assistant director of environmental health, safety

Gus Bode



Gus says:
I thought the Great American Smokeout was last night in my Cadillac Eldorado.

data control at Heath Service. "Smokers don't usually have trouble at all when it comes to quitting. It's being able to maintain quitting that is the problem."

In order to help students conquer the addiction after the Smokeout ends, the Wellness Center has a limited amount of supplies including patches and Nicorette gum.

Baker said there are other aids to assist in the process.

He emphasizes staying occupied is a major part of fighting cravings and encourages smokers to pick up other activities to pass the time during which they would be smoking.

Baker suggests students begin with a specific plan, participate in more physical activity and drink lots of water to overcome urges.

He also encourages them to develop a "first-aid kit," filled with gum, candy and even straws to chew on to suffice their temptations.

According to Umlauf-Brown, any activity that occupies time will distract the urge



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SIUC sophomore Kelsey Toussaint browses through the racks at the new store in the Recreation Center before she heads off to track practice Tuesday afternoon. The shop is located on the first floor across from the information desk.

Sport Shop in Rec Center opens

Grand opening to be scheduled for February

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Now students can get their sweatshirts, sports drinks and Speedos in one stop. The newly built Sport Shop in the Recreation Center carries a variety of merchandise ranging from SIUC apparel to swim wear.

"The store is well overdue," said Bill McMinn, director of the Recreation Center. "There is a great deal of clothing apparel and other products that students have wanted for years."

The store opened Nov. 6 but will not have an official grand opening until a tentative date in February. The shop is located on the first floor of the Recreation Center across from the information desk. The store employs five people. Two are adults and three are student workers who came from 710 Book Store to work at the store.

Cindy Strock, the manager of the store, said since the store has only been open for a little over a week, they are still trying to figure out what items students would like in the store.

"We are going to take a couple of months to see what the students and other customers like," McMinn said. "We hope they will give us feedback to make determinations on what sells and what doesn't."

Aside from the convenience of the new store and accessible location, students can benefit in other ways as well.

"The store will generate revenue," said McMinn. "Any time we can generate revenue, it helps decrease student fees for the Recreation Center."

The Recreation Center had an open house Nov. 8, which attracted prospective students and parents to the Sport Shop.

"We had an admissions open house for prospective students, and the store was open," McMinn said. "So the people just came to the facility for the open house and stopped by the store."

Strock noticed what items are currently bestsellers with the students. She said sports drinks and bars are one popular item because they are another option to candy bars and soda.

"Right now it's probably swimming gear because there really isn't another place in Southern Illinois to get competitive swimming gear," Strock said. "That was one of the catalysts for the shop."

The store has already ordered new items in part because of student suggestions.

Strock said athletic gear will be arriving to the store shortly, as well as some generic workout clothes people have asked for.

Strock encourages students to visit the store and check out what it has to offer.

"I don't think people are used to bringing money to the Rec, but we are here and we are open," Strock said. "We are always open to suggestions."

Store hours are 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Campus buildings prepare for break

Student Center, Recreation Center, Morris Library cut back to reduced hours

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The dormitories will close at noon Saturday, causing students to leave campus by the thousands this weekend to spend time with their families and relax before gearing up for the push toward finals week. But for those who stay in town, three campus buildings are remaining open to offer study, food and exercise services.

Morris Library, the Student Center and the Recreation Center will be cutting back their hours during Thanksgiving Break, though most services will continue to be offered.

The library is scheduled to be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, and will be partially open with a reduced staff the remainder of the week.

"We figured there are some students and faculty who stay around and might actually come around to do some work," said Susan Tullis, associate dean for Information Services for the library. "A lot of students won't be around; so there isn't a need for us to be open as many hours. And it's a great time to take a vacation."

All floors of the library will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and 1 p.m.

to 9 p.m. Nov. 23. All floors will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 24 through Nov. 26. Only the first floor will remain open Nov. 24 and Nov. 25 until 9 p.m. It will reopen after Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. through Nov. 29th.

The library will expand its hours immediately after break by remaining open 24 hours a day through the end of finals week, Dec. 12, with the exception of Fridays and Saturdays, when it will close at midnight.

T.J. Rutherford, director of the Student Center, said the facility will remain open during break, but the services offered could be cut back. He said the department heads will need to recommend what services will be in demand over the break.

The building will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 24 to Nov. 26 and 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Nov. 30. Rutherford said it will be closed Nov. 22, 23, 27 and 28; but the hours on Nov. 29 will be left up to the remainder of the football break.

"If we have — and I think we're going to have — a home game on that Saturday, we're closed right now, but we'll probably review that and we'll be open," Rutherford said, adding the games usually draw a big crowd to the Student Center.

The NCAA will determine by Sunday whether or not there will be a home game for the Salukis, depending on the outcome of the games this week.

The hours of the Recreation Center have also been affected by Saluki sports. It will be opening early Saturday and Sunday, at 6:30 a.m., for the Saluki Swim Club Swim Meet.

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— Susan Tullis
associate dean, Information Services, Morris Library

Tony Franklin, facilities coordinator, said the event typically brings in thousands of people from across the region and brings great exposure to SIUC. The meet will reduce the hours the pool will be open, though Franklin said one lane may be reserved for laps.

The facility will be closed Nov. 27 and 28 and will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. the remainder of break.

"We have thousands of users who still want to use our great facilities," Franklin said.

"And we are always trying to accommodate students, faculty, staff and all of the members who stay around during Thanksgiving."

The Adventure Resource Center, base camp and Sports Medicine Office will be closed from Nov. 22 to Nov. 30, but all other services will be available.

The residence halls will be closed from noon Saturday until 1 p.m. Nov. 30. The last meals in the dining halls will be served Friday at lunch, and computer and study facilities will be closed at 4 p.m. Dining halls will reopen Dec. 1. All other campus facilities are scheduled to be closed during the break.

Law School dean creates two committees for diversity

Committees target minority enrollment

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The dean of the School of Law recently created two committees to increase minority enrollment at the institution, putting to work ideas he has been developing since joining the University in June.

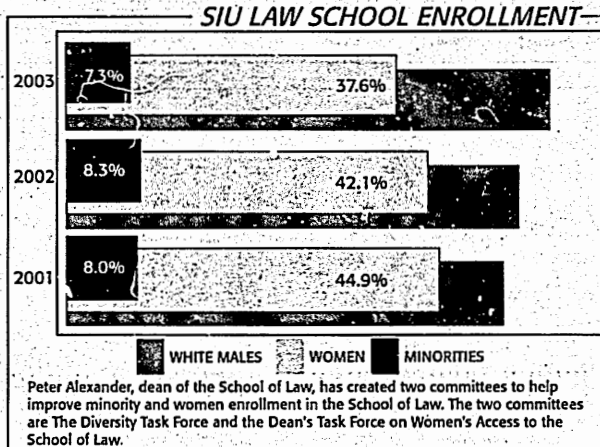
Peter Alexander, dean of the School of Law, formed the Diversity Task Force on Women's Access to the SIU School of Law and the Diversity Task Force. Both committees are made up of students, former students and faculty.

Sheila Simon, clinical assistant professor of the School of Law, said the committees were formed because the Law School can do a better job of meeting its charge.

"We're a school focused on public services, and if we are only educating a limited group, we are not performing part of our services," Simon said.

Mike Ruiz, assistant dean of the Law School, said Alexander selected a group of alumni, students and faculty to each committee. He also chose individuals with no ties to the Law School but who have expertise in other areas including admissions, employment and student affairs.

"He is hoping that the combination of internal and external experts will shed some light on what we are doing well, what obstacles we face



Peter Alexander, dean of the School of Law, has created two committees to help improve minority and women enrollment in the School of Law. The two committees are The Diversity Task Force and the Dean's Task Force on Women's Access to the School of Law.

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and what needs to be improved," Ruiz said.

"Ruiz said the recruitment of students is very competitive among law schools.

"The competition is even more fierce when it comes to students of color," Ruiz said. "The School of Law, however, is committed to improving the diversity of its student body, and

the committees that the dean has created will help us achieve our goals."

According to Ruiz, of the 380 full-time students enrolled in the School of Law this year, 28 are minorities and 143 are female. In 2002, there were 30 minorities and 152 females enrolled in the School of Law out of 361.

Ruiz said the committees are temporary but could become permanent after their respective reports are submitted.

The Diversity Task Force has met once since it was formed, though the Task Force on Women's Access to the SIU School of Law has yet to schedule a meeting.

"In that meeting, we shared ideas about diversity and started to list ways that SIU could consider improving," Simon said.

Simon said diversity has a huge impact on the process of education and the legal profession.

"Without a range of ideas and experiences being brought into the classroom, the classes will be lacking," Simon said. "A law school class is not just listening to the professor talk. A good law school class is a discussion in which all points of view are weighed.

"Clients need lawyers who can understand them," Simon said.

"Sometimes that literally means speaking a different language. Sometimes it is as simple as having shared experiences and an ability to empathize. As the profession continues to become more diverse, people with legal needs will be better served."

Ruiz said Alexander expects each committee to submit a written report to him at the end of the academic year.

"The report should contain the committees observations and, more importantly, their recommendations on what the School of Law can do to achieve a greater diversity in the student body."

Alexander refused to comment.

House of Representatives to vote on \$95 billion energy bill

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WASHINGTON (KRT)

— The House of Representatives is expected to vote Tuesday on a \$95 billion comprehensive energy-policy bill crafted by Republican leaders that contains tens of billions of dollars of tax cuts and other benefits for the oil, gas, coal, ethanol and nuclear industries.

Independent watchdogs say the legislation includes \$72 billion in spending and \$23 billion in tax cuts. The Republican energy plan would try to boost domestic oil, gas, coal and nuclear production with a boatload of financial incentives to energy companies, but independent experts say it lacks meaningful conservation measures. A House-Senate conference committee was headed toward passage

of the bill Monday on a party-line vote, as Democrats failed to win changes.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., co-author of the bill, called it "a bargain for the American public." Others said the price tag was high.

"It reads very much like the world's largest Christmas (list)," said Henry Lee, a Harvard University professor of energy and environment. Lee used to run the Massachusetts energy department under Republican and Democratic governors. "I question whether it's going to have a significant impact on improving the United States' economic and energy security for that amount of money."

The bill includes technical requirements that could help prevent future electricity blackouts, said Robert Burns, senior researcher at the National Regulatory Research Institute at Ohio State University, but

he added: "As soon as you get outside the electricity provision, the thing is loaded with pork."

President Bush told Congress in August that he wanted the measure to include no more than \$8 billion in tax breaks, but the House-Senate compromise has \$23 billion of them. Still, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Monday that the legislation is needed.

"For the first time we are on the verge of passing a comprehensive energy plan that will make America less dependent on foreign sources of energy, make our nation more secure and help prevent the kind of blackouts that we have recently experienced," McClellan said.

Oil and gas companies would get more than half the tax breaks, according to Aileen Roder, program manager at Taxpayers for Common

Sense, a budget watchdog group. For example, oil companies would get a \$3 per barrel tax credit for drilling what are considered "marginal" wells.

"If you want to stimulate (energy) production like we do, then it's absolutely necessary for these tax breaks," Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, told Knight Ridder Monday.

The bill would also order the federal government to spend more than \$10 billion in several programs to aid the oil and gas industry. This includes \$2 billion to find more oil and gas deep in the Gulf of Mexico and other "unconventional" places.

"The oil section has 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 subsidies," Harvard's Lee said. "That's not insignificant."

The energy bill also would cut by \$400 million the amount companies have to pay Uncle Sam for oil and gas

taken from federal property.

In addition, the oil-additive industry would get retroactive liability protection from tainted-water lawsuits filed by cities, school boards and even a small convent and parochial school in Connecticut.

Republicans and oil industry officials said the measure's subsidies would lead to more oil and gas production. The bill provides "additional incentives to encourage companies and that makes good sense in basic economics and world security," said Ed Murphy, a senior manager for the American Petroleum Institute.

But Phil Verleger, a veteran energy analyst, said the bill is full of "financial sops to special interests" and has "nothing in there to bring oil demand down. I think we ought to put up a white flag when we sign this bill and say, 'We give up to Osama,'" Verleger said.

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OUR WORD

Assembly was about drugs, not religion

What started as a crusade to keep children from using illegal drugs and alcohol has become a legal and media frenzy about the separation between church and state.

Despite bouts of legal disputes surrounding an anti-drug assembly at four Marion schools, which featured Texas evangelist Ronnie Hill as the guest speaker, a federal judge officially signed a ruling to allow the assembly.

While an agreement was made between Hill and the schools, and Robert Marsh, the father of a Marion fourth grader who filed a lawsuit to ban the assembly, both parties involved walked away unhappy.

Hill and the Cornerstone Community Church, who sponsored his appearance, were allowed to make their anti-drug message known to the schoolchildren. Still, they filed a lawsuit late Monday, claiming their ability to freely express the church's mission was denied because children at the school were not permitted to distribute fliers on school property promoting a pizza party and revival at the church.

And Marsh was disappointed in the ruling because the speaker was allowed to make his presentation. What seems so odd about the circumstances surrounding Marsh's lawsuit are the facts that his daughter was never going to see the assembly, as it was only aimed at fifth graders and older. In addition, Marsh is a member of the Cornerstone Community Church.

Despite these details, the American legal system allows basically anyone to sue anybody for any reason, so Marsh's case was heard, just as it should have been.

Instead, the fact that it was an evangelist who might be influencing children upset people.

Hill is an experienced speaker, having spoken at more than 200 schools in his tenure. And he certainly had a clear and important message: Don't use drugs and alcohol.

Although Hill said he has never used either, his life has been surrounded by alcohol-related tragedies, making him a virtual expert on its negative effects. His uncle died from an alcohol-related disease, he has a grandmother with cirrhosis of the liver and his mother and father almost allowed alcohol to ruin their marriage.

With a story like his, who wouldn't be influenced? But that wasn't the important detail surrounding Hill's presence at the schools. Instead, the fact that it was an evangelist who might be influencing children upset people.

Upon granting permission for the assembly, the judge required religion to not be mentioned. That was fine for Hill, who said he never intended to bring religion up at the assembly on school grounds anyway. What got Hill and the church upset, though, was a ban on passing out fliers promoting a revival later at the church.

While we do not believe a religious person's anti-drug assembly is unconstitutional, we understand the importance of the separation of church and state. With that in mind, we are thankful this issue has been brought to our attention but feel all sides should halt with their lawsuits and let this be an issue of keeping students off drugs — instead of religion.



THOMAS SHANER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

GUEST COLUMNIST

Not exactly a goddess of domesticity

Maria Wrzosek
The Pitt News (U. Pittsburgh)

PITTSBURGH (U-WIRE) — MTV receives constant criticism for damaging girls' self-esteems with its images of flawless females in minimal clothing. But there's another culprit in town: the Food Network.

Despite its ability to point out exactly what I am incapable of, I'm addicted. Rachael Ray, of the show 30 Minute Meals, is my heterosexual crush. She's extremely delightful while creating a full dinner and dessert in 30 minutes. Even Martha Stewart, with her arrogance and abundance of lace, has me enthralled with the idea of cooking and homemaking. But soon enough, a commercial appears, and reality hits: I can't cook my way out of a decorated paper bag.

Even boxed macaroni and cheese is a struggle. The milk, the butter, the powdered cheese packet — they overwhelm me. Unfortunately, it doesn't end in the kitchen. Upon reading this, my mother will cry, shake her head and utter, "This isn't how I raised you." Aside from not cooking, I don't vacuum, sew buttons, fold clothes or take out the garbage. The last time my roommates and I forced ourselves to clean our bathroom in preparation for guests, the event included splashing water and screaming in disgust, even though we failed to actually touch any of the room's surfaces. Additionally, I have no idea how to change a diaper. Burping or feeding a baby? No clue. Basically, I'm a domestic nightmare.

Luckily, I don't have to take responsibility for my absence of home-making knowledge. Rather, I blame it on a lack of education. In high school, home economics was never offered. Here at Pitt, we have nine areas of engineering: mechanical, electrical, chemical, industrial and others. Yet domestic engineering is nowhere to be found in our mammoth course-list book. There's

no minor in child rearing or certificate in family management.

Emphasis on women gaining a college education, achieving career dreams and working outside the home has increased tremendously over the years. "We just didn't have the opportunities you girls have" are words my grandmother must hold a world record in repeating to my female cousins and me. And that's fine and dandy for the career-driven women of the world, but what about their kids? If women are going to be encouraged to leave the home for work, then men should be encouraged to stay home. Ideally, men and women should receive equal praise for remaining at home with their children.

My roommates, two ambitious, brilliant women with GPAs saturated with A's and resumes with everything from German fluency to soap opera experience, could be successful in any profession. But their dream jobs are motherhood. I'm in a similar boat. However, when asked what we want to do after college, the terms law school, graduate school and corporate America leave our lips, while our desires to be stay-at-home moms are only discussed in the confines of our dorm room. Even though being a parent is the most rewarding and difficult job imaginable, people are not praised often enough for devoting a portion of their lives to child raising.

What's beautiful about our high-tech world is parents can stay at home and work at the same time. For someone who enjoys having her cake and eating it too, that's my game plan. And with a little help from the Food Network, I'll be able to have, eat and bake that cake.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We are under a Constitution, but the Constitution is what the judges say it is, and the judiciary is the safeguard of our liberty and of our property under the Constitution.”

New York Gov. Charles Evans Hughes
in a speech before the Chamber of Commerce, May 3, 1907

WORDS OVERHEARD

“I think it's a great opportunity for Carbondale not only as a historical site where friends of Bucky will be coming to visit, but also as a great tour site for Carbondale.”

Evelyn Kolne
chairwoman of the preservation commission,
on the significance of the Buckminster Fuller Dome becoming a city landmark

COLUMNISTS

Future investors: read below

I often wonder how modern combination-retail businesses ever came into success. Laundromats with ice cream parlors. Movie stores with tanning beds. Who thought of this? Where did this come from? I imagine some young entrepreneur walking through the comedy section one dull Saturday night (pasty-white, nerdy movie buffs never have exciting Saturday nights, believe me). He was trying his best to decide between "Tommy Boy" and "Black Sheep," when the idea hits him. "Hey, you know what would go really well with this tonight? A sunburn. Yeah, that'd be awesome..."

And thus it was born. Before long, it had caught on like gangbusters, and somewhere today, that genius, bronze-skinned movie mogul is juggling sun-martinis mixed with beautiful women and relaxing in his penthouse with the heir to the Swiss army knife fortune.

If only, I think to myself, there was one glorious store divided down the middle — fabrics to the left, electronics to the right.

Who was willing to take a chance on this crazy idea? Can you imagine trying to get a bank loan for something like that? Wherever those brilliant investors are today, I hope they're reading the DAILY EGYPTIAN because I have a great new plan that's going to save a lot of couples' relationships.

The holidays are creeping up, and with more Christmas projects than I know how to expedite lately, I've spent more than a few hours shopping at crafts stores and fabric outlets. I rationally, this means my better half has also been forced to spend more than his fair share of the weekends trudging after me through jungles of silk flowers and rayon bolts.

I try to make it interesting for him. I send him on little missions to help me get done quicker. "OK, you want to find me some red machine thread?" And he's off like a rocket. He comes back, like a puppy wagging his tail, bearing the fruits of his most recent crusade in hopes that we can finally get out of this hell and go see something more interesting, like a National Geographic documentary about sedimentary rocks.

"Oh, darling, this is button thread. It won't work." He stares indignantly at me. "What do you mean it's the wrong kind? It's thread! It'll work!" And so I begin to explain the delicate intricacies among the entire J&P Coats floss line and the distinctions between red, burgundy and maroon. By this time he's out of earshot, moping down the aisle and grumbling something about "high maintenance." I



Not just another priddy face

BY GRACE PRIDDY

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find him a few minutes later in another section where he has busied himself by transforming an embroidery loom into quite the effective hula-hoop.

We depart and head to the electronics store, also known as the reason for man's existence. After five minutes, I'm ready to leave. Meanwhile, sweetie pie has already used his man-radar to locate the most expensive piece of equipment in the store and stands mesmerized by its orgasmic, high-definition quality. I'm already itching to leave, and we haven't even started to look for the cable cord I was told we came in here for.

I wander off in search of said cord in hopes that its discovery will free me from the dreary confines of TiVo, plasma televisions and all the other latest inventions from Hunter & Gatherer Inc. I follow a river of drool back to my awe-struck darling and wave a black extension cable triumphantly between his glazed eyes and a giant speaker.

"Got it!" I shout above the roaring bass-boost.

"What? That's not the right cord," he scoffs.

"They all look the same to me," I whine.

He shakes his head. "That one's got two male components. We need a female component. I don't think you're going to find one of those in this entire store, hon."

I mumble as we set out on another long expedition through the electronic shopping gate of purgatory.

If only, I think to myself, there was one glorious store divided down the middle — fabrics to the left, electronics to the right. We could shop in divine peace for hours without even having to worry about the other one. Ah, what a magnificent place that would be.

Of course, come to think of it, in case any prospective investors are still reading, I think it should have a Laundromat in back, and maybe, ah, some ice cream, too. Then we'll never ever have to leave.

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It's easier not to be wise



Piattology

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"The greatest of teachers won't hesitate to leave you there by yourself chained to fate" — Ed Kowalczyk: Live

The piece of paper we are all seeking, the light at the end of our four-year tunnel, is not our ticket to the other side. It is not our freedom or getaway into the real world. A degree is nothing but four or more years of finding out what we are made of and how much crap we can take. Sure, we learn many things, but most of it is learned outside the classroom. The things we learn inside the classroom are just information that anyone could soak up if they took the time to listen or read a book.

Being in college does not make us special, despite what our parents or professors might say. The truth is: what we came here with before we walked into our first class is more valuable than anything we picked up while we were here. It is simple, really: either you have what it takes or you don't. A grade point average doesn't determine a person's worth or predict the outcome of their future and neither does a degree that should be printed on some expensive paper after all the money we spend on the damn thing.

No matter how good the professors are at this University or any other, in the end it all comes down to the person staring at us in the mirror each morning. If we finally do make it to that boring graduation ceremony after all the crazy celebration, the smelling salts of realization will begin to linger and it will be time to wake up. It will be time to realize everything we ever needed to succeed wasn't purchased at 710 Book Store or billed to our bursar accounts. It was with us all the time. This was just a test. When we walk away from here and head in whatever direction our lives take us, it will be our confidence and intuition, personality and determination that will carry us down the road.

A degree is a great tool to have hanging from our tool belts, but it is worthless if we don't know how to swing a hammer and hit a nail.

Our degrees are wall ornaments and trophies for our parents, personal victories and a testament to a goal accomplished. But if we rely on our degrees to get us where we want to go, we will fail miserably. No professor or mentor can make your life what you want it to be. No degree or academic honors will get you

any further. The only thing our teachers and paper trophies can do is open a door for us, and once it is open it is up to us what we do with our time.

There were and are some great people who have changed things in this world without degrees and tutoring. They made it happen because all the knowledge and tutelage they needed was surrounding them their entire lives, and they just picked it liked fresh fruit and bit into it with a desire and hunger that can't be taught or put on PowerPoint. It is all natural and 100 percent self-induced. We can't buy it at GNC or find it online. It is inside us and if we spent as much time looking deeper within ourselves as we do following guidelines and a system for the grade we need, we might actually learn something about ourselves.

Our instructors send us on our way whether we learn what they have to offer or not; as long as we meet the requirements for passing the class, it doesn't matter whether or not we actually learn anything. It is a system, and even though there are some great teachers in the system, we are being flushed through it like a piece of tissue down the toilet. The few great teachers aren't enough to make up for a system that thrives on money and GPAs. That is all it knows. It doesn't recognize talent, potential or desire. It only acknowledges adherence to structure and conformity.

I say get your degree. It is important. It is valuable in today's society. It is like a car — it can help get you to where you are going. But just the same, don't forget what you are made of... don't forget what you have that separates you from everyone else in the world with a degree.

And even though you might have a car... don't forget you started out with legs.

Piattology appears every Wednesday. Jack is a senior in advertising. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Liberals are true believers in democracy

DEAR EDITOR:

This is in response to Alex Berezov's Thursday column, "Be ungrateful...I blame America for Part I."

I would like to start by requesting to Mr. Berezov not waste his time publishing Part II. This old "love it or leave it" rant is far too simplistic to waste another week's supply of ink. We have all heard it before. It's a tired and simplistic argument, which plays on people's fears and ignorance. Move on, man.

But since Part II will most likely appear Thursday, I suggest everyone consider the following while you are reading it:

1) Patriotism means "loving your country," period! To disagree with policies or to question the integrity of this or that

administration IS NOT UNPATRIOTIC. Whether it is the domestic or the foreign policy of the temporary institution of a presidency, it IS NOT UNPATRIOTIC to be critical of that presidency. If this was the case, then Anne Coulter, Rush Limbaugh and any other Republicans who were critical of the policies of the Clinton administration were themselves unpatriotic. To be critical of a president and his policies does not imply hatred of one's country. **GEORGE BUSH IS NOT AMERICA.**

2) Most of the immigrants and foreign students who are critical of American foreign policy really do believe in America; they just don't believe in George Bush. They come to America because they are inspired — often more so than the average American — by the democratic ideals expressed in our Constitution and fulfilled in our history. It is un-American to tell people to leave this country simply on the grounds that they

have recognized we are losing sight of those ideals.

3) We need to get over the idea that democracy is somehow an essentially American phenomenon. There is no guarantee the United States will always be a democracy, and it is silly to think any other country is incapable of progressing closer to the democratic ideal than we currently have. If we are truly proud of the democratic system, we should spend less time being bubble-headed cheerleaders for the United States and spend more time promoting the progression of democracy at home and abroad.

So to all you Liberals, American and international, **BE PROUD, STAND TALL, YOU ARE THE TRUE BELIEVERS IN DEMOCRACY!**

Matt Sronkowski
academic adviser, College of Liberal Arts

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Drunken driver's education



ANTHONY SOUFFLE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Cpl. Bennie Vick of the SIUC Police Department explains to Chris Everette, a junior in-construction management, that it is possible to get a DUI in a motorized wheelchair Tuesday evening at Thompson Point. Vick and an SIUC student staged a DUI arrest complete with a breathalyzer and field sobriety test to help raise awareness to students about the consequences of driving drunk.

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The day the shared music died

David Damron
The Orlando Sentinel

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (KRT) — As campuses nationwide crack down on students illegally downloading music off the Internet, two University of Florida programmers may have developed the forcefield that stops thieves.

Dubbe, ICARUS, the program monitors all network activity over UF's dorm Internet system used by 9,000 students, searching for computer users sharing files of copyrighted music, movies and games.

When it finds this "peer-to-peer" file sharing, ICARUS — or Integrated Computer Application for Recognizing User Services — shuts it down.

It also prevents unwanted e-mail advertising and destructive "worms" from spreading through dorm computers, said Robert Bird, a 28-year-old senior systems programmer.

Bird and fellow programmer Will Saxon, 25, developed ICARUS as part of their job to police the dorm Internet system.

"There's nothing else like it," Bird said of its pre-emptive gotcha capabilities.

While Bird brags about their creation, the music industry salivates over its potential to stem billions in losses. And students aren't amused.

Krystin Englehardt tried to download music this summer from her Jennings Hall dorm room. ICARUS turned off her Internet access for about 30 minutes. Englehardt then tried her friend's Internet port, but she still had the illegal file on her computer, so her friend's port was turned off for two days.

"She was sooo mad at me," Englehardt said. "I had to go to a Web site and agree not to download music anymore."

UF's ICARUS system uses a secret software code, for now, but more than 150 universities and other private groups from around the world have called or visited the campus to check it out.

Bird hopes the university will decide this spring to treat ICARUS as "open source" programming, which would allow other schools or businesses to share the software and tailor it to their needs.

Bird says the programming could be worth millions of dollars to the University of Florida.

The system constantly scans UF dorm network and looks for computer code language and activity patterns in students' download-files. It would be like looking at a wall of multi-colored building blocks and searching similar clusters and shade patterns.

Once ICARUS sees heavy bandwidth downloading, and the computer language looks like a movie or music file being shared, ICARUS stops the student's Internet ride. It then gives them a 30-minute time out by sending a pop up message directing them to a Web site to fill in a form saying they won't download copyrighted material.

If students continue to download files, ICARUS will restrict their Internet use to on-campus sites for anywhere from 5 days to 30 days, allowing users to only access homework assignments or registration, Bird said.

One student with five offenses got banned from outside Internet use for a year.

The software shows enough promise that the Recording Industry Association of America flew its security and technology chief to Gainesville recently for a look. RIAA is unleashing subpoenas and lawsuits aimed at people who illegally share

copyrighted music files.

It recently asked Bright House Networks, Central Florida's largest cable-TV operator, for names of suspected down loaders who used the cable company's Internet services to get free music. The RIAA represents five major record labels that have filed hundreds of lawsuits this fall to stop a three-year dip in sales of compact-disc music.

UF's system "appears to work remarkably well and efficiently" at curbing file sharing, said Cary Sherman, president of RIAA. "There haven't been a whole lot of technological innovations on the universities."

It's a major development since campuses are the most concentrated hotbeds of music downloading activity in America, Sherman said.

Most schools do nothing more than warn students that it is illegal to pull music for free off the Internet, but impose only light sanctions for chronic violators, Sherman said.

University of Central Florida, for instance takes a relative "don't ask, don't tell approach," said network manager Robert Scott.

The less invasive approach still allows them to see if students are sending out huge amounts of data — and likely sharing files — and tells them to stop.

The Motion Picture Association of America and RIAA also notify UCF when they spot illegal sharing and students have been kicked off the university's system for weeks.

"We try and look the other way," said Scott. "But if there's a lot of data going out, we know there's a problem."

Scott said the university is conscientious of privacy issues and doesn't have the staff and budget to launch a full-scale-blocking program.

Many schools contract or expand the campus network's bandwidth to allow intense download activity in dorms at certain hours, usually at night. This "shaping" means download junkies don't slow other students and professors Internet use during the day.

Some schools charge students extra fees for using lots of bandwidth, or tap student fees like Penn State University announced it would do next year to pay for music download services, such as Napster.

But UF is different in that its system prevents sharing on the front end. And if UF follows through and shares its technology with the world, as Bird hopes, its bits and bytes barricade is one that all universities and companies can access.

"ICARUS" is definitely a one-of-a-kind deal," said Computer World national correspondent Julia King, who tracks Internet technology development. Universities have more at stake than playing police officer for the music industry, she said.

"Their bandwidth, it's basically like university parking lots or roadways," King said. "They need to protect it."

Englehardt, the dorm student, said she's mad that students at other schools can still download.

"I just won't do it anymore," Englehardt said, "but it's not fair."

And officials at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a group formed to protect the free-speech rights of computer users, sees ICARUS as an invasive menace.

EFF attorney Fred von Lohmann predicted that students would find ways to outfox ICARUS by using wireless Internet or burning compact discs off hard drives.

"Once you start down this road, it only gets worse," von Lohmann said. "The response will inevitably be for [UF] to monitor more."

Illinois college towns push for later bar hours

Craig Colbrook
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN (U-WIRE) — Champaign-Urbana, Ill., the home of the University of Illinois, could soon be joined by two other college towns in the state with extended bar hours.

DeKalb, Ill., the home of Northern Illinois University, and Charleston, Ill., the home of Eastern Illinois University, have both taken actions this month to try to extend their bar hours to 2 a.m., mirroring actions taken by Champaign in August.

"Champaign is the case we've looked at," said Adam Howell, member of the Eastern Illinois Student Senate. "It's also the place a lot of students go to on the weekends for later bars. It's almost an indirect effect of Champaign's later hours that we're trying to extend ours."

Howell said the proposal began out of student desire and concerns for student safety. Students asked for extended bar hours, especially after Champaign and Urbana extended their hours, and city and university officials thought students would be

safer drinking in a controlled environment. Officials were also concerned that many Eastern students were leaving Charleston to go to other bars, especially in Champaign-Urbana.

The proposal could extend hours from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, but would only be valid for a limited time. Roger Cunningham, the assistant chief of police in Charleston, said this is so the city can evaluate the new system after a certain period of time.

Cunningham also said that even if the measure passes, he doesn't think it will change police procedure much.

"There will be increases in vehicle and pedestrian traffic and all the activities that go along with that, but I don't see any changes in police operations," he said.

Kyle Donah, the external affairs chairman for the Eastern Student Senate said the council will probably make the measure valid for the spring semester of 2004 if it passes.

DeKalb's proposal for extended bar hours, on the other hand, has little to do with actions in Champaign-Urbana; city officials said.

"Actually, I didn't even know you guys extended your hours," said DeKalb Mayor Greg Sparrow. "We've had an extra bar hour on Fridays and Saturdays for years, so I don't see how it's much of a big deal."

Sparrow said that the DeKalb bars are already allowed to stay open until 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 1 a.m. the rest of the week. A recent proposal to the DeKalb City Council would allow the bars to stay open until 2 a.m. on Thursdays as well.

Sparrow said the proposal was created out of concerns for student safety, as well as increased revenue for local bars.

Lt. Carl Leoni, the operations commander of the DeKalb Police Department, said that although the measure would not change police tactics, police are concerned about the change.

"In general, we've never supported longer liquor hours, mainly because most of our problems are alcohol related," said Lt. Jim Kayes. "Ninety-nine percent of people drink responsibly, but the ones who don't cause a lot of problems."

New York City may nix student voters

Bradley Hope
Washington Square News
(New York U.)

NEW YORK (U-WIRE) — Students who hail from outside New York City may be denied the right to vote in elections here if a new proposal is passed by the city's Board of Elections Tuesday.

Civil rights organizations and students announced their opposition to the New York City Board of Election's proposal yesterday at a press conference on the steps of City Hall. The board is expected to vote on the proposal at 1:30 p.m.

The proposal would require college students living in a residence hall or off-campus to fill out a six-question form to determine whether they are eligible to vote in the city. The questionnaire asks where a student's driver's license was obtained and where students reside in the summer, among other questions. Under current voting rules, a citizen may choose to vote in New York City if he or she has been a city resident for at least 30 days and does not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

"Students, like all citizens, have a right to vote," said Arthur Eisenberg,

legal director of the New York Civil Liberties Union. "The questionnaire is one designed to do mischief."

"Five out of six of the questions lead a registrant to be found ineligible," Eisenberg said.

Under current laws, no additional procedures are necessary for college students registering to vote as long as they list their New York City address as their principal residence.

"We should be helping students to vote, not hindering them," said Rachel Leon, executive director for Common Cause/NY, a non-partisan lobby group.

Four students stood on the steps behind the speakers with signs reading "BOE: Don't Silence Us," "Keep Students Voting" and "Students are NYers too." They tied black ribbons over their mouths to represent the potential of the proposal to silence their votes here.

Representatives from the Brennan Center for Justice at the NYU School of Law and the League of Women Voters of the City of New York also spoke yesterday.

The registration rate for students is less than 50 percent, said Neil Rosenstein, a representative of the New York Public Interest Research Group, a politically-neutral reform

organization. Of 18- to 24-year-olds who register, approximately 60 to 70 percent vote in presidential elections, he said.

"It's more crucial that students vote now — they are already moving polls off campus," said Cal Casserty, a junior at Hunter College.

Rosenstein said that while many students use their parents' address as their primary address because of their mobility during the school year, they still live in New York City for the majority of the year.

"Just because I get mail there doesn't mean I shouldn't be voting [here]," said Camille Rivera, a student at Queens College, referring to her parents' home.

Eisenberg said the proposal singles out students but ignores military personnel or any other group of people who are similarly mobile in the course of a year.

If the proposal is passed, the New York Civil Liberties Union will litigate on the grounds that it violates the 24th and 26th amendments, he said.

"It's very interesting that this is happening right before a major presidential election," said Kathryn Ross, a campus organizer at the Pratt Institute.

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surprised to hear about the funding reductions but agreed the city needs to regulate the amount of money it is dispensing.

"We need to lean in that direction because year after year it has almost become automatic," McDaniel said.

"We really do need some weaning of the organizations so that we can bring new organizations in and help support them. Our goal should be to get them self-sufficient and leave them there."

Besides stressing the need for more business growth in Carbondale, Cole said he is determined to see growth reach the surrounding cities as well.

He said the five mayors, representing the cities from Murphysboro to Marion, are now working together for the greater benefit of the entire Southern Illinois region.

"We can do this because we can uselessly realize that what is good for one community is also good for the others," Cole said. "Likewise, when something negative impacts one of us, it also has a negative impact on our neighbors."

Cole said he intends to approach the Regional Economic Development Corporation in an effort to promote the whole of Southern Illinois.

Building relationships to create a better Carbondale was not limited to business people and political leaders. Cole said interaction with the student population was equally important to the community's success.

"I have opened the door to more direct inter-



On Tuesday's luncheon at city hall, Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole explained why he uses the Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting as a venue to explain his vision for Carbondale.

action with the University student population," Cole said.

"I have been able to bridge the gap between city hall and the dormitories, helping to show the student body that they are supremely important in this community and that they are appreciated."

Cole ended his presentation by asking the crowd to remember the phrase, "What's right is not always popular, and what's popular is not always right," as they considered what he had said in his speech.

"Know that our actions may not always be

popular, but we always strive to do what is right," Cole said.

"It will be within that overriding context that my vision for the community will advance and, hopefully, justify your support."

BANNER

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University and especially the governor's office has sought to limit the demonstrations in forums such as the governor was holding," Jensen said.

"It was packed, and it was a large crowd. A 7-foot-by-3-foot banner is a large thing. If they were permitted to unfurl a large banner such as that, what is there to prevent three or four more people from doing something similar?"

Jensen said Wendler tried to mediate the situation and played to both sides. He said the two were given compromises, but the negotiations never amounted to a satisfactory resolution.

"You simply have matters of crowd control and safety," Jensen said.

"The University has some responsibility to maintain order and make sure safety and other considerations are observed. Nobody was intending to suppress the professors.

"If it had been out front of the Student Center, it wouldn't have posed a problem. And if they had a sign a foot by 18 inches, compared to a large vinyl banner, that would have been quite a different kettle of fish."

Jensen said SIUC procedures and policies outline those holding signs in the Student Center must have them a certain length and width and not have handles protruding from their placards.

"We were not trying to suppress dissent," he said.

"The governor's security staff made the decision that it should not be unrolled. It could have been, 'Governor, we love you.' It was just a question of decorum."

According to the University's policies and procedures, demonstrations are required to be in the open forum areas, and those demonstrating can be turned away according to time and circumstances.

"The open forum area is located south of Anthony Hall, north of McAndrew Stadium, between Parking Lot 10B on the east and the Parking Garage Lot 118 on the west," the

policy reads. "This area will be open to all members of the University."

That area is the only part of campus that assures demonstrators a place for protest, otherwise the protestors are under the whim of traffic flow, events and security problems that may arise.

The policy clearly states under the free speech facilities section that "other campus areas will not be used as open forums," leaving protestors such as Schneider and Friedenberg under the whim of those in charge of the event.

If the banner were unfurled, according to both administration and governor's aides, the crowd would have been obstructed from entry and exit and interfered with the University's program.

That type of activity is strictly prohibited in University policy.

The University prohibits activities that disrupt the regular and orderly performance of authorized University functions and interfere with the safety, welfare and rights of the SIUC community, school guests and local guests.

"Obstruction, disruption or interference with vehicle traffic, teaching, research, administrative functions or other University activities by not maintaining reasonable access to and exit from any office, classroom, laboratory or building," can result in arrest for those involved.

Angelyne Amores, a governor's aide who was part of Blagojevich's entourage that day, said the issue was about security, not the right to peacefully protest.

In a room packed with cameras, citizens and security, every inch of space counts, she said.

Amores said the governor is working on the re-appointment of members to the Board of Trustees, something that he has stressed since his inauguration.

"Because they were up front, logistically, they are not only a security problem with the largeness of the banner but the people attending the speech."

"A couple in the front holding a banner 7 feet by 3 feet is going to block anyone a few rows behind them."

COUNCIL

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Barlo said she anticipates the first four-week round of the study circles, which is being referred to as Carbondale Conversations for Community Action, would begin in spring 2004.

The City Council also rejected a request by Carbondale landlord Brian Chrisman to rezone two lots,

1000 and 1001 South Morningside Drive, from low-density residential homes to medium-density residential homes.

If the zoning request had passed, any future landowners of the two lots could have built a three-plex residential unit on each lot.

The lots could have also allowed more than two people who are not related to occupy a single dwelling, which residents close to South Morningside Drive said would break

up the calm nature of their neighborhood by allowing more students to live there.

Chrisman, who owns both lots, said he did not plan to construct three-plex homes on them. He said he pushed for rezoning to be allowed to build three-bedroom houses similar to those on Cherry and James streets.

"I like those three-bedroom homes," Chrisman said. "To be economical, I need to rent to people. Is there some way developers can work with neighbors? A three-bedroom home is the best option and improves the area."

Nearly residents such as Catherine Paul said while they understood Chrisman would not

build massive apartment buildings for students, they were worried about the day when he no longer owns the property.

"I wanted my own home in a pretty quiet neighborhood, not with a bunch of students. I don't lead the life of a student. I don't do parties, throw trash in people's yards or make noise. I want it quiet."



ANTHONY SORRELL - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty explains a proposed resolution to fellow City Council member Chris Wissmann regarding which company will replace the roof on the Carbondale Police Station during Tuesday night's City Council meeting. The resolution was passed by a vote of 4-5, and it awarded Lake Side Roofing Co. Inc. of Collinsville the bid of \$62,000.

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Chinese intellectual questions student's detainment

Michael A. Lev
Chicago Tribune

BEIJING (KRT) — Dean Peng cannot stop himself from asking Chinese authorities a potentially dangerous question: Why has a 23-year-old university student who posted satirical essays on the Internet been detained for one year by police without being officially charged with a crime?

For months, Peng unsuccessfully challenged the police to satisfy his "right to know" as a citizen. He demanded an explanation for the apparent lack of progress in the case of the woman who wrote under the nom de Internet of "Stainless Steel Mouse."

Since those requests got him only a veiled threat to go away or the police "will not be nice," Peng put himself on the line. He called a press conference for foreign reporters and invited the police to attend.

What Peng did would seem to violate no law, but he severely tests the patience of a government that controls all. For Peng to step forward on behalf of a total stranger — simply because he thinks it is the right thing to do — is extraordinary in China.

"I consider myself to be, more or less, an intellectual," said Peng, 36, a self-taught economist with a university physics degree. "It's an obligation to fight against everything I find, with reasonable arguments, to be evil — at any cost. I can be persuaded to say my argument was wrong, but there is no way to be threatened or to be frightened."

But in today's ever-changing China, it is just as easy to consider Peng a neighborhood gadfly as a brave dissident.

The government is widening the zone of personal freedom granted to people and attempting to reform its legal system to be more rule-based and less arbitrary. In that sense, Peng had every right to question the police and talk to foreign reporters, actions that never would have been permitted five or 10 years ago.

But China also is selectively, continually cracking down on those who appear to challenge authority. The Internet seems to be particularly troubling to the government.

In the hands of the government, the Internet has become a powerful propaganda agent. For example, the chat room run by People Daily, the Communist Party mouthpiece, is the national vortex for young nationalists sounding off.

But elsewhere, free speech on the



MICHAEL LEV — CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dean Peng, shown in Beijing, China, for months has pressed police for information on a student who remains in jail after speaking out on the Internet.

Internet is tightly constrained. All sites that broach forbidden topics such as independence for Tibet or Taiwan are blocked, and there are strict regulations that require Internet cafes to monitor activities and record the names of users.

In the country's biggest chat room, run by Sina.com, postings with the words "government" or "United States" are filtered out with this explanation: "Please pay attention to the words you use." Writers get around the prohibition by dividing "America" into two words.

Into this environment came Liu Di, or Stainless Steel Mouse, who wrote 15 sassy essays that were politically provocative without advocating the fall of the Communist Party. In one, she suggested that people hand out copies

of the Communist Manifesto and see if anyone recognized it. In another, she proposed that on one day per month everyone say what they really think. The rest of the time, she suggested, they could study politics and speak against their will.

Liu was arrested on the campus of Beijing Normal University on Nov. 7, 2002, and has not been seen since.

According to her grandmother, the investigation centers on allegations of subverting state security and membership in an illegal organization, but the police refuse to identify the group. The speculation is that police are trying to connect Internet essayists as an anti-government organization.

But there are rumors on the Internet that the case against Liu Di has been returned to police by prosecutors for

insufficient evidence. Her family has not been allowed to contact Liu and has been kept in the dark about the investigation, except to be told that Liu's writings are not the issue.

Dean Peng had never heard of Stainless Steel Mouse until word spread through the Internet of her arrest and a petition was organized on her behalf, itself a bold act.

His sense of outrage kindled, Peng set about on his own to learn the details of her arrest and complain to authorities that Section 9 of the Criminal Prosecutorial Law was being violated because suspects should not be held in custody indefinitely.

Peng makes clear that he is not protesting against the arrest of Stainless Steel Mouse on its merits, nor is he organizing any defense on her behalf.

He does not even know the name of her lawyer. But he does approve of her perspective and his sympathies lie with those who speak their minds.

Peng said he has been detained briefly and released by police two times: once in 1999 for criticizing the prime minister in a conversation with a taxi driver and last year for accompanying an Italian journalist as a translator to the countryside for a sensitive story about AIDS.

Now, he is risking the government's wrath by raising awareness of the one-year anniversary of Stainless Steel Mouse's detention and implicitly criticizing the Chinese government's intolerance.

"There are only two ways of ending this," Peng said. "One: I get my answer. Two: I die."

SMOKEOUT

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activity that occupies time will distract the urge to smoke.

"Just saying no to the next cigarette is the first step," said Umlauf-Brown, who has been an outreach nurse at the Wellness Center for seven years. "There are a zillion little things you can do to fight cravings."

"Cravings last less than five minutes," said Baker, who also encourages smokers to learn how to breathe properly again. "It's important to have a nicotine replacement system — different things you can do when you would be hunting for a cigarette."

According to a 2002 survey by the National Office of Statistics, 80 percent of all smokers over the age of 20 find it difficult to stop smoking for even one day.

But, according to Baker and other professionals, as with many challenges, the struggle decreases from one day to the next.

Court says ban on gay marriage unconstitutional

Stephen Henderson
& Ron Hutcheson
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — Massachusetts became the first state to smash the legal barriers to gay marriage when its highest court ruled Tuesday that such prohibitions are "incompatible" with the principles of personal freedom and equality found in the state's constitution.

The ruling, coupled with the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision to strike down bans on gay sex, marks a legal watershed that some scholars say is as important to gays as legislation on civil rights and voting rights was to blacks in the 1960s.

It tossed fuel on an already incendiary argument over one of America's most contentious issues. Religious conservative groups and Republican lawmakers vowed to pursue an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to ban gay marriage. The debate seems certain to rage into next year's presidential campaigns.

While President Bush repeatedly has voiced opposition to gay marriage, the Democratic presidential

candidates are outspoken advocates of gay rights.

Bush, who arrived in London for a three-day visit Tuesday, decried the decision.

"Marriage is a sacred institution between a man and woman," he said. "Today's decision of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court violates this important principle. I will work with congressional leaders and others to do what is legally necessary to defend the sanctity of marriage."

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, the Democratic presidential front-runner, said he was proud to have signed Vermont's law allowing gays to enter into civil unions.

"This decision should be viewed as an opportunity to affirm what binds us together — a fundamental belief in the equality of human beings, regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation," Dean said.

The depth of public emotion on the issue is illustrated by a poll released Tuesday that shows that Americans are deeply divided in their attitudes toward gays and their place in society.

The poll, by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center, found that 59 percent of Americans questioned oppose gay marriage and 51 percent oppose civil unions or other arrangements that would give gay couples most of the same rights as heterosexual couples.

About 55 percent of Americans believe that homosexuality is a sin.

The Massachusetts ruling stopped short of ordering that marriage licenses be granted to the seven gay couples who brought the case. But that's a mere formality. The opinion's strong language made clear that the state's constitution provides no basis for denying marriage licenses to gays.

Written by Chief Justice Margaret Marshall, the 4-3 decision redefines marriage in Massachusetts to mean "the voluntary union of two persons as spouses, to the exclusion of all others." Marshall concluded that the state had no rational reason to exclude same-sex couples from that definition.

A dissenting opinion said the state's legislature, — rather than its courts — should decide how to regulate marriage.

The ruling gives the state legislature 180 days to come up with a way to grant the licenses, and the legislature and the governor have vowed to find a way to respect the ruling but reserve marriage for heterosexuals. But legal experts say it would take an amendment to the state constitution to stop gays from getting marriage licenses. That lengthy process couldn't be completed before 2006.

Since the state has no residency requirement for marriage licenses, the ruling could inspire a cottage industry of gay weddings in about six months.

"This is a total victory for gay rights," said David Garrow, a civil rights and constitutional expert who teaches law at Emory University in Atlanta. "There's no way the state constitution can be amended in six months' time."

Garrow said the Massachusetts ruling was a natural extension of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Lawrence v. Texas, which invalidated laws against gay sex earlier this year.

"Did they intend for this to happen? No. But did they envision it? Certainly," Garrow said.

After five weeks in rehab, Limbaugh returns to radio

Mark Washburn
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (KRT) — "I was a drug addict," Rush Limbaugh declared Monday. "I still am. From 1996, '95, whatever, to just five weeks ago."

Returning to the microphone five days after leaving an Arizona rehabilitation center for treatment of addiction to pain-killers, the conservative talk show host assured his audience the treatment didn't transform him into a "linguini-spined Liberal" but rather was "sort of like being reborn here at age 50."

Limbaugh, the nation's most listened-to radio personality on more than 600 stations with a weekly audience estimated as high as 20 million, used affirmations from 12-step recovery programs, admitting he had apologies to make for years of clandestine drug use.

"I knew it was wrong the whole time," he said, noting he was powerless to overcome his addiction.

Limbaugh made only oblique references to his unresolved legal situation.

"There's a whole lot of stuff I want to tell you," Limbaugh said. "It's not that I'm avoiding it. There's even more honesty to come."

An investigation into allegations of using a former housekeeper to supply him prescription pain-killers, including OxyContin, is still reportedly open in Palm Beach County, Fla., where Limbaugh maintains an oceanfront mansion.

Limbaugh announced Oct. 10 he was taking a leave of absence to seek treatment after the National Enquirer reported he was under suspicion of buying thousands of pain pills from his former housekeeper, Wilma Cline.

The tabloid later published what it said were e-mails from Limbaugh to Cline asking for the medications.

"It's quite hilarious to listen to people quote the National Enquirer as the world's foremost authority, and I'm here to tell you that they're not, ladies and gentlemen," Limbaugh said Monday.

"What you know — what you think you know — you don't know. But you will when I am able to tell you

all about it, and I hope that's going to be very, very soon."

Limbaugh also blamed critics Monday for misrepresenting his views on drug offenders. A 1995 statement that more white drug addicts needed to be jailed was "taken totally out of context," Limbaugh complained.

"This business I've been hard on drug addicts ... I think there are a lot of phantom quotes out there ... I avoided the subject of drugs on this program for the precise reason that I was keeping a secret."

Limbaugh said he is in discomfort because of two herniated discs, takes a drug prescribed by a physician that cuts the pain by about half and has a physical therapy regimen.

He said he will probably need to have surgery to correct his back problem but has resisted because the procedure would need to be done through the throat, requiring his voice box larynx to be pressed aside.

"He clearly said, 'I'm powerless over the addiction I had, I can't change it by my own will,'" said Keith Larson, whose talk show precedes Limbaugh's noon program on WBT-AM in Charlotte, N.C.

"One of the key challenges for most addicts or alcoholics is to come to grips with their own personal powerlessness over their addiction and the need to reach out for the power to overcome it," said Larson, a recovering alcoholic who has been sober since 1982 and who has never hidden from listeners his own struggle against the disease.

"I think that as a whole, Rush is going to have bigger numbers than he had before," said Mike Mangan, general manager of WSTP-AM in Salisbury, N.C., which carries Conservative G. Gordon Liddy against Limbaugh. "There aren't that many goodie two-shoes who listen to Rush."

Limbaugh's voice quavered in the early going Monday, then grew stronger as he returned to his hammer-on-Liberals rhetoric, singling out longtime targets Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Ted Kennedy.

"I just have one more thing to say," Limbaugh said at the show's conclusion. "A memo to you Liberals. The party's over. I'm back."



Talk radio host Rush Limbaugh prepares for his first broadcast Monday in more than a month as he returns to the air after undergoing treatment for addiction to pain medication.

New bill may affect teaching of foreign policy at universities

Jolene Hull
Iowa State Daily (Iowa State U.)

AMES, Iowa (U-WIRE) — A bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives could change the way college curriculum is taught in an effort to heighten students' participation in homeland security.

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 paved the way for the imposition of various homeland security measures.

One of these measures is the USA PATRIOT Act, which was enacted to combat terrorism.

Recently, the House passed the International Studies in Higher Education Act.

According to the bill, H.R. 3077, the legislation reauthorizes international and foreign language studies programs under Title VI of the Higher Education Act.

Title VI of the Higher Education Act provides support for a critically important group of programs at colleges and universities that work to advance knowledge of world regions, encourage the study of foreign languages and train Americans to have international expertise and understanding to fulfill pressing national security needs.

The International Studies in Higher Education Act would update the programs under Title VI to reflect national security needs in the post-Sept. 11 era, as well as the current international climate.

H.R. 3077, which was authored by Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., was approved by a voice vote with bipartisan support in September.

The Select Education Subcommittee heard from witnesses in July on the importance of international and foreign language studies in higher education.

In particular, witnesses stressed these programs not only enrich knowledge and understanding but also play a central role in training professionals with the expertise needed to fulfill national security needs.

Dan Ashlock, associate professor of mathematics, said H.R. 3077 will directly affect foreign language and international studies departments at Iowa State if it is initiated as a law.

"He said proposals similar to H.R. 3077 have failed in the past.

"This has been tried twice before," Ashlock said. "It was tried during the McCarthy era in the '50s and before with President John Adams when he passed the Alien and Sedition Acts."

Ashlock said one rationale for H.R. 3077 is the lack of Arabic-speaking Americans available to be translators and spies.

He suggested teaching foreign language in elementary schools as a way to remedy the problem.

If the law is passed as a bill, one way for universities to reject the mandate is to refuse federal funding, Ashlock said.

If that were the case, a university such as Iowa State would have to look for funding from the central administration, and possibly raise tuition, he said.

Iowa State receives \$122,292,000 in federal funding each year for contracts and gifts grants, said Carol Yanda, manager of accounting and reporting in the controller's office. In

addition, the university also receives annual federal funding of \$10,081,000 allocated to the Agricultural Experimental Station and the Cooperative Extension Service.

Steffen Schmidt, university professor of political science, said the bill stems from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"The H.R. 3077 comes on the heels of the World Trade Center attacks, so now there's this question of whether we should be teaching students how to become part of homeland security," Schmidt said.

"The effort is to make professors teach more what the government considers to be positive values to make them more patriotic."

He said the federal government would have professors build in curriculum that would allow students to understand how to be proud of and defend the United States, Schmidt said.

The federal government may see a college course in U.S. foreign policy, where policy is examined and possibly scrutinized; as a threat to homeland security, Schmidt said.

"There is an anti-global criticism of American foreign policy that potentially leads to spreading anti-Americanism," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said any time the federal government gives money to an institution, it's "for a purpose."

There's no such thing as "free" government money, he said.

Schmidt said academic institution support for H.R. 3077 will depend on whether the institution agrees with how the federal government is asking it to spend the money.

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— Steffen Schmidt
university professor, political science

"If [administration, faculty and staff] like and agree with those federal mandates — like teaching about something that matches our own personal values, like diversity — we have no problem with initiating those," Schmidt said.

"However, if [the government] tells us how to do something with the money that we consider to be an interference of our freedoms and essentially an interference with our rights as intellectuals, we don't like or want that."

During the Cold War, language centers across the United States, which were designed to teach foreign language, applied for and received large sums of federal funding, Schmidt said.

The money given was specifically aimed at fighting communism.

"It's almost like a new Cold War, but over Middle Eastern terrorism," Schmidt said. "In a way, it's the same discussion all over again, the question being: Should we let the federal government attach strings to money that's going to universities?"

Ashlock said the next step in the process is for the bill to go before the Senate. It's not certain at this time when that will occur, he said.

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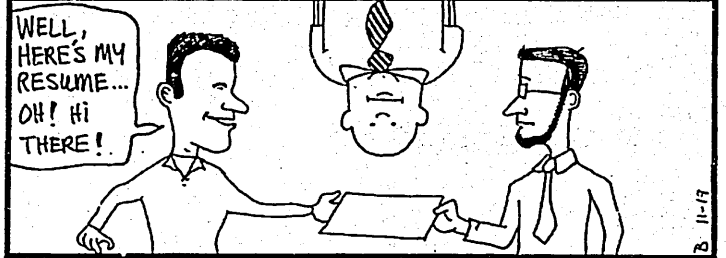
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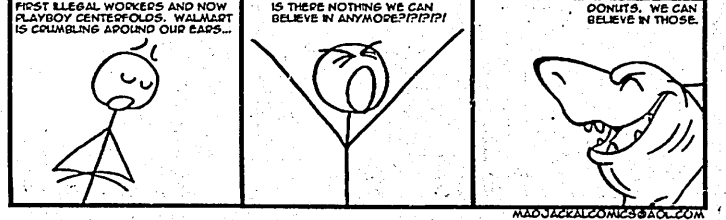
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In The Band

by Thomas Shaner



Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black
Today's Birthday (Nov. 19). You might want to help out a friend in need this year, but be careful. Getting involved financially could lead to problems. Provide emotional support instead, as well as help with decision-making.
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 5 - Don't make any big commitments until you're sure of what the terms are. You may not find out until tomorrow, so don't bother making your choice yet.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Love will help heal an old wound. And sometimes, sorrow teaches us about love. It's good to be compassionate, and it doesn't cost you a thing.
Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - Go over your work at least one more time just to be sure it's perfect. You'll get the maximum return that way, and you'll feel better about yourself.
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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You should be getting more confident with each passing day. You've had a few tough assignments lately, but you've handled them quite well. Believe in yourself.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - It's still important to make quality your top objective. Feel like you're being tested? Well, that's one question you've answered right. Look sharp.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - A financial breakdown and a minor romantic conflict are no match for you and your friends. The outcomes will be positive.
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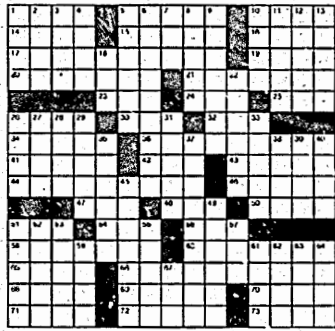
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» COMMENTARY

Can Weber save the day at Illinois?

First, basketball head coach Bill Self(ish) skips town for Kansas. Following him out the door was stud recruit Charlie Villanueva who opted to attend consensus No. 1 Connecticut instead.

Then the Illinois football team falls flat on its face and in the process gets run over 100 times by a semi-truck with the imprints of Tigers, Bruins, Wolverines and on and on and on.

Even the Redbirds of Division I-AA Illinois State left their mark on Illinois' Memorial Stadium, amassing 512 yards of passing offense while exposing a non-existent defense that even the Little Giants could exploit.

Illinois State barely could manage 200 yards passing against SIU, the same Saluki defense that got torched for 422 yards and three touchdowns last Saturday against Northern Iowa.

The victory over the Redbirds could hardly satisfy the demanding Illinois fan base.

On top of that, the Board of Trustees is finally threatening to get rid of the beloved Chief Illiniwek once and for all.

And then for the icing on the cake, superstar high school basketball recruit Shaun Livingston — native of the traditional Illinois pipeline of Peoria — chose to play his college ball at Duke while in the process giving Illinois fans a serious case of orange and blue balls.

The top point guard in the nation made an appearance at the Illinois orange and blue scrimmage three days before his long-anticipated press conference then proceeded to wear an Illini jersey to school the day before his announcement.

And then it came, Black Wednesday, as it is now known to some, when all Illini fans became aware of his decision to attend Duke.

Even more alarming to the loyal Illini was he made his decision Monday night when he called Coach K on the telephone — and he still wore an Illini jersey to school the next day!

To clue you in on how peeved Illini fans were, the chat room at Illiniboard.com was closed for the remainder of the day.

The hearts of all Illini fans have been trampled and stomped — then eaten and regurgitated — and then trampled and stomped on again in this forgettable year for Illini athletics.

Like it or not, the Illini world is looking at Bruce Weber to be his savior.

The former SIU basketball head coach has been quoted as saying here at Southern Illinois fans don't expect much out of you, and then when you do good they love you.

Well, it's almost the opposite in Illini land.

The expectations are high in Champaign, even higher than national expectations that are placing the Illini around No. 15 in



The longest yard

BY ADAM SOEBBING
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the country.

NCAA tournament appearances aren't going to be enough in Champaign; not even a Sweet 16 will satiate the hungry Illini base, especially with the year fans have suffered through thus far.

People have been waiting for this basketball season ever since the football team disappeared into oblivion, immediately turning to Dee Brown and Weber as their only hope for salvation from the depths of continuous disappointment.

Here in Saluki land everything seems to be going smoothly with relatively little pressure to perform.

The Salukis were somehow selected to finish fifth in the conference despite winning two championships in a row, so the Dawgs have got a lot to prove.

And with the likes of Darren Brooks and Stetson Hairston, they will prove a lot of people wrong by contending for the Missouri Valley Conference championship.

A return to the NCAA tournament would be an amazing feat for this team, which would prove to everyone the SIU program is a stable entity.

But Weber must do more than contend for the Big 10 championship and reach the NCAA tournament.

To keep from getting lynched at the quad, Weber must take the Illini to the Sweet 16 and beyond to keep the mob's mentality focused on the game and not his neck.

With all eyes on the Illini basketball team and expectations higher than ever, Weber has to be feeling the pressure for the first time in his coaching career.

Self(ish) took the Illini to the Sweet 16 in his first season at the U of I.

Weber will be expected to do the same.

If he delivers, Weber will be loved for eternity.

If he fails — and by fail, I mean failing to send the Illini to the Final Four in one of the next three seasons — say hello to the mid-major employment line once again.

There's one way Weber can determine if his first year at Illinois is a success, and it's not by wins and losses.

If at the end of the season Illini fans are saying "Bill Self who?" then Bruce Weber's first year at Illinois will have been a remarkable triumph.

To keep from getting lynched at the quad, Weber must take the Illini to the Sweet 16 and beyond to keep the mob's mentality focused on the game and not his neck.



» COMMENTARY

Time to give Tommy his props

This may sound absurd but maybe, just maybe, Tom Koutsos is just as good as Muhammad Abdulqadir.

Koutsos was the odd man out, like SIU's version of Kurt Warner in the preseason without the annoying wife. He was standing in the way of Muhammad Abdulqadir being the recipient of every carry. And after a 2002 season like Abdulqadir had, why shouldn't he get 90 percent of the carries? Why not all of them?

When Koutsos was starting his junior year and breaking all those records, the theory behind the reason he got all the pub was because he was the only thing to write about.

The only question asked involving Koutsos in the preseason wasn't how he had healed from the broken wrist that sidelined him and vacated a spot for Abdulqadir; instead, it was how he would have to adjust to being the second stringer.

Though he had proven he had the talent the four previous seasons, he suddenly became too slow, lacked agility and was too plain. No one wants to see the John Riggins types out there, and Koutsos learned that.

During this 10-1 season, Koutsos has been a footnote to many stories. He was a victim of his own consistency. Here a 74-yard game, there a 91-yard game.

After the games I would sit there and think, "Did Tommy even play?" Then I glance down at the stat sheet and ... "Holy Jesus! Where did those come from?"

While Abdulqadir has had nagging injuries here and there with a bruised knee sidelining him for the first conference game against Indiana State and limiting him to one carry against Illinois State, Koutsos has gotten stronger as the season has progressed.

Two weeks ago, it was a 153-yard performance against a resilient Youngstown State squad, every one of those needed to squeak past the pesky Penguins 24-17. The most impressive stat from that game and the one that shows how tough Koutsos is to wrangle to the ground is Koutsos was tackled behind the line just once. He keeps it simple, stupid: move the ball forward. Those three yards runs may be bland, but they



Welcome to my world

BY ZACK CREGLOW
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are effective.

Last weekend, it was as if Koutsos and sophomore Joel Sambursky summoned the powers of Captain Planet. As long as they had time, they wouldn't let SIU lose; but in the end, like all lessons in life, time won out, and as a result so did Northern Iowa 43-40. But the way Koutsos went about his play, that game personified the way he has done it all season.

Every time Abdulqadir needed a break, Tommy ran out to the field like he was still in pee-wee football, slapping his helmet, getting geeked up. On SIU's first score, Koutsos absorbed a hit from two different Northern Iowa players, both of whom rolled to the ground after the hit, while Koutsos merely stumbled and jogged in the end zone.

Koutsos, as a second-string back, has averaged 98 yards a game in the Gateway season and finished with 688 yards on the ground. Abdulqadir, in the games he has been healthy, has picked up an average 89 yards. Abdulqadir finished the season rushing for 13 more yards than Koutsos, something no one would have fathomed at the beginning of the season. The YSU game shows the tandem is starting to feed off each other with Koutsos softening the defense and Abdulqadir taking advantage before the cycle reciprocates. And neither of these two, at least not openly, is complaining about a lack of carries.

After breaking the numerous Gateway and school records during his career, Koutsos doesn't have to prove a thing. But he did prove to himself and those nay-sayers he can stay on par with a back the caliber of Abdulqadir, which is something not many can say.

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WACO, Texas (KRT) — It's a glorious day at Baylor's Bear Plaza. Joy and Lady, Baylor's two American black bear school mascots, couldn't be happier at the moment.

Their tummies are full; the air around them is quiet, and, most important, they're together. Lying side by side and dreaming whatever bears dream at rest, the two sisters appear content. Enough, at least, that Joy has all four legs in the air.

"Everyone," said Adam Ylitalo, a Baylor senior and the school's head bear trainer, "is proud of having them here. Everyone at Baylor wants what's best for them."

Everyone, however, doesn't agree Ylitalo's feelings resonate throughout the university.

Joy and Lady, the latest in Baylor's 80-year tradition of keeping live bear mascots on campus and taking them to football games, are among college sports' most controversial critters. About 35 to 40 colleges nationwide make use of a live animal mascot — not all at football games. But only 14 mascots nationwide, including Baylor's, are considered non-domesticated or wild.

Since August 2002, Baylor has clashed with an Illinois-based animal rights organization, Showing Animals Respect and Kindness (SHARK), over the school's mascot program.

SHARK has accused Baylor of mismanaging its program and alleges bears have been abused for decades at Baylor. Though the group now concedes Baylor has improved its level of care dramatically, it's still pushing for upgrades to Joy and Lady's mostly concrete on-campus habitat and an end to bears appearing at football games.

Since 2000, Baylor has been finalizing architectural plans to expand the habitat and is now in the process of raising almost \$1 million for the project, said Cathy Pleitz of Baylor's development office. SHARK director Steve Hindl said Thursday that he has received a copy of the habitat's expansion blueprints.

The two sides seemed less at odds until Saturday, when Joy appeared at Baylor's homecoming parade and Lady appeared at the football game between Baylor and Texas Tech. Hindl said Baylor promised to end the practice and is bowing to alumni pressure. Baylor said it promised only to curtail the bears' Saturday appearances.

"The bears are there merely to provide entertainment and a service to the school," Hindl said. "Their well-being is not and has never been

Baylor's concern. These are people who pander to folks who will or will not provide them money. That's not leadership."

A link on SHARK's website (sharkonline.org) sends visitors to baylorbearabuse.com, which provides details of SHARK's allegations against Baylor. Among SHARK's allegations are:

• Past Baylor trainers have kicked or beaten bears that became temperamental.

• Because of Baylor's strong ties to Dr Pepper, it fed bears the soft drink for promotional reasons, compromising their health.

• Baylor caused psychosis and repetitive disorder in many of its past mascots by lacking the expertise to properly house them or treat their symptoms.

In recent years, Baylor's program has undergone significant changes. Until 1996, Baylor bears were declawed and often fed Dr Pepper and Oreos cookies, Ylitalo and others associated with the program said. In 1982, local TV cameras were at the pit when an adult bear, Judge, attacked and killed a cub named Chuck over a bottle of Dr Pepper.

From that day, Baylor bears were housed separately within the pit until Joy and Lady were allowed contact in November 2002. The pit is licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to hold as many as three bears.

Baylor also recently ended a campus tradition of monthly "pit parties," where students gathered at the habitat late at night, played loud music and socialized. The parties were designed to raise awareness for the student service group — the Baylor Chamber of Commerce — that runs the mascot program, said Eileen Hulme, Baylor vice president of student life.

"We ended it," said Hulme, the administrator who oversees the Baylor Chamber of Commerce. "What we know about bear health now as opposed to 20 years ago has come a long way. We concede that our knowledge has grown."

Stacey Johnson, curator of the Texas Wild exhibit at the Fort Worth Zoo, said bears often adapt to noise-related stress, even in captivity.

"It's pretty chaotic here in the summer," Johnson said. "People try to get their attention all the time, and they tune it out. It's like adapting to stress in any environment. They do what they have to do to survive."

Videotape of a pit party and other footage of bears pacing in cages was presented as evidence by SHARK in its campaign against Baylor. As for allegations of physical abuse, Ylitalo

said trainers do not kick or hit bears to control them.

Ylitalo, a chemistry major, bottle-fed Joy, 3, and Lady, 2, in his Waco apartment until they were large enough for the pit. Baylor's wild mascot program is the only among U.S. colleges where students, not paid experts or handlers, do all the work. Students feed, clean, exercise, transport, show and play with the bears.

"You'd think it would sound like a disaster waiting to happen," said Texas A&M veterinarian Jim Jensen, the bears' attending physician since 2002. "But I know the quality of the students and the training they go through. In reality, it's one of the finest, strongest student-run operations in existence."

For several weeks each year, the students work with bear trainers from the animal entertainment industry in California. Older student trainers tutor newer ones. Some trainers have been injured, but there is no record of any student being killed while handling mascots.

"Neither of us joined the chamber to handle bears," said Baylor graduate Tyler Sellers, who trained Ylitalo. "But it's a special opportunity. You don't turn down. When people question your integrity and desire for the bears' welfare, it feels like they're calling you a bad parent."

Other schools use mascot programs as extensions of other programs, such as agricultural or pre-veterinary studies. Some mascots live off campus at zoos or with farmers, ranchers or professional handlers. The University of North Alabama has two 11-month-old African lions, Leo III and Una, living in a 12,764-square-foot modern habitat on campus. The lions do not attend games.

"This is not Siegfried and Roy," said Dan Howard, UNA's vice president of advancement. "We'll stack our habitat up against most zoos. This is serious business, and we want to be the standard."

LSU's Bengal tiger, Mike V, lives in an on-campus habitat that will be expanded to 15,000 square feet when the school completes a \$2.5 million fund-raising effort.

Baylor's pit, a below-ground multilevel outdoor habitat with two small swimming pools that back up to an above-ground chainlink cage area, will more than double in size, according to Baylor's plans. Trees, grass and more natural areas that '70s-style habitats lacked will be added.

"We found over the years that concrete habitats cause trouble with their feet," Johnson of the Texas Wild exhibit said. "We try to minimize their time on concrete."

which they recruit.

Baylor recently removed a team from its exhibition schedule this season after determining that former coach Dave Bliss encouraged Bearboosters to contribute thousands of dollars to that team's related foundation. Next April, the NCAA will vote on banning exhibition play against any noncollegiate teams.

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The NCAA will vote next spring whether to eliminate exhibition basketball games against noncollegiate teams. No more international opponents. No more AAU-affiliated opponents. No more EA Sports teams.

» MEN'S BASKETBALL

Williams' NBDL fate to be decided Thursday

Former Saluki star looks to make it past Fayetteville final cuts

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After surviving the first round of cuts, Ken Williams will know Thursday whether he'll make the Fayetteville (N.C.) Patriots, the National Basketball Development League team that drafted the former SIU star Nov. 6.

The Patriots' roster has been trimmed from 17 to 12, with two more cuts to be made. Williams thinks he has to beat out Malcolm Fields for the backup point guard position, and he feels good about his chances.

"I feel like I get a pretty good shot, but you just never know," Williams said. "It all depends on what the coach is looking for, and he hasn't really come out and said: [Fields is] more athletic and he's more of a defensive point guard, where I'm more of an offensive point guard. It just comes down to what the coach wants."

In his team's exhibition game Friday night at Michigan, Williams scored two points in 14 minutes, while Fields, the product of NAA school Central State, was scoreless in six minutes.

While Williams is unsure of his future in the league, fellow former Saluki Rolan Roberts is in a much more comfortable position. Roberts was selected by Charleston as the fifth overall pick in the draft.

A muscular 6-foot-6 forward who played one year at SIU during the team's Sweet 16 run in 2001-02 after transferring from Virginia Tech, Roberts was a starting forward in his team's exhibition loss Monday night

at Wisconsin.

The NBDL is a six-team league that acts as a feeder league to the NBA. It has teams located in Virginia, the Carolinas and Alabama. Players can be called up to an NBA team at any time.

While Roberts has been all but guaranteed a roster spot, Williams has had to fight through a tough training camp that involved five days of two-a-day practices, all while he was staying in a hotel on the outskirts of town in an unfamiliar part of the country.

"We went pretty hard," Williams said.

"We ran a lot and went for about two hours in practice. These last few days we've had kind of a walk through in the morning where we go over our plays and then practice that night from like 6 to 8; so it's been pretty tough. There's a lot of learning, a lot of learning the plays and just memorizing them. The rest of it's just normal basketball."

Williams says he enjoyed the game at Michigan, but that intensity level wasn't comparable to his SIU days.

"When you play college basketball, you're all excited and you're geared up and ready to go," Williams said. "It doesn't really feel like that when you're on a pro team. It wasn't quite as exciting as going places like Indiana and some of the places we got to go in the tournament."

If he doesn't make the Patriots' roster, Williams will be placed in the NBDL's player pool, where any other league team can pick him up. He'll also be looking at international basketball, but he's prepared to give up basketball if he doesn't find himself in a suitable scenario.

Williams, a Mount Vernon native, was SIU's leading scorer in each of his four seasons from 1998 to 2003 and narrowly missed becoming the school's all-time leading scorer.

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Jeff Miller
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (KRT) — Where most of us see nothing special, a select few spot a marketing goldmine.

That's why there are designer jeans and \$4 venti lattes. And that's why major college basketball fans scanning for scores during this relatively sleepy period devoted to exhibition games will see the name EA Sports pop up like prairie dogs.

The practice of playing exhibition games has suddenly come under greater scrutiny: NCAA Division I coaches are examining whether there is a conflict of interest in playing games for pay against traveling teams that are linked with under-17 programs with

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» FOOTBALL

Salukis fall to No. 5 in national rankings

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Following this weekend's 43-40 final-second road loss to then-No. 11 Northern Iowa, the Salukis fell to No. 5 in this week's national rankings.

In both the Sports Network/CSTV I-AA College Football Poll and ESPN/USA Today Division I-AA Top 25 Poll, SIU fell three spots from its perch at No. 2 the week before.

In the Sports Network poll, Northern Iowa jumped to No. 8, and fellow Gateway Conference schools Western Kentucky (No. 10) and Western Illinois (No. 11) were ranked.

The Panthers were ranked No. 7 in the ESPN/USA Today poll while Western Illinois and Western Kentucky came in at No. 9 and No. 12, respectively.

Team to be presented with championship trophy Sunday

The Salukis will gather at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the SIU Arena to be presented with the Gateway championship trophy prior to the start of the Selection Show on ESPNEWS for the Division I-AA playoffs.

With a 10-1 overall mark, not only are the Salukis expected to be in the field of 16, they are frontrunners to host an opening round game and still have a chance of securing a top-four seed in the field.

Four conference teams have a chance to be in the playoffs, with Western Illinois (8-3) and Western Kentucky (8-3) having legitimate chances of joining league co-champs SIU and Northern Iowa when the pairings are announced at noon Sunday.

Final Gateway standings

This past Saturday's games

marked the end of the season for the Gateway Conference's eight teams, and SIU and Northern Iowa were declared co-champions as both teams finished with 6-1 league marks.

The league title was the first ever for SIU (10-1), but for Northern Iowa (9-2) it was league crown No. 11 in the league's 19 seasons.

Western Illinois and Western Kentucky, last season's co-champions, finished in a tie for third with 5-2 league records.

No other Gateway team finished the seasons with a winning record, and Illinois State (6-6, 3-4) was the only one to even finish at .500.

The rest of the league finished as follows: Youngstown State (5-7, 2-5), Southwest Missouri State (4-7, 1-6) and Indiana State (3-9, 0-7).

Gateway has co-champions for fourth time ever

The split championship between the Salukis and the Panthers marks just the fourth team in league history a season has ended with co-champions.

Last season, Western Illinois and Western Kentucky shared the honor with 6-1 marks.

The remaining two co-championships also involved Northern Iowa, as it shared the title with Eastern Illinois in 1995 and with SMS in 1990.

Conference stat leaders

With the regular season over, the statistical leaders for the Gateway Conference are now known.

Illinois State, despite finishing fifth in league play, featured the top running back in Sha-Ron Edwards (247 attempts for 1,409 yards and 14 touchdowns) and the top receiver in Dwayne Smith (63 receptions for 916 yards and six touchdowns).



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The Saluki football team comes together before taking the field during Saturday's game at Northern Iowa. SIU will likely play host to the first game of the playoffs against an opponent yet to be named.

SIU's highly touted running back combination of Muhammad Abdulqadir and Tom Koutsos finished seventh with 954 and eighth with 941 yards, respectively. Sophomore wide receiver Brent Little finished ninth with

32 receptions for 590 yards and six touchdowns.

Western Illinois quarterback Russ Michna was the league's top passer, throwing for 2,495 yards and 18 touchdowns while averaging 227 passing yards a game.

SIU quarterback Joel Sambursky led the league in pass efficiency, finishing with a rating of 149.6.

On the year, Sambursky threw for 1,561 yards on 102-of-180 passing and threw 14 touchdowns while being intercepted just five times.

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Rising to the occasion

SIU senior center Sylvester Willis will try to help fill a large hole in the middle while attempting to lead the Salukis to a third straight NCAA tournament berth

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A fresh start

Following an off-season full of changes, head coach Lori Opp has brought in a slew of new players in hopes of turning around struggling SIU women's basketball program

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DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN
First-year SIU men's basketball head coach Matt Painter shares a laugh during a game with his mentor Bruce Weber. Weber, who was at the Saluki helm for the past five years, is now the head man at Illinois. Painter will attempt to follow in Weber's footsteps and lead the Dawgs back to the NCAA tournament. See story, page 6.

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		Brad Korn PPG -- 5.4 RPG -- 1.8 FG% -- 42.5	
			
Katie Berwanger PPG -- 6.6 RPG -- 5.8 FG% -- 37.0	Stephanie Brown PPG -- 3.9 RPG -- 3.2 FG% -- 31.6	Amy Hayden PPG -- 0.3 RPG -- 0.4 FG% -- 50.0	Daphney Desamours PPG -- 14.1 RPG -- 5.2 APG -- 3.6
			
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A look at 2003-2004 men's MVC basketball season

Wichita State Shockers



Head coach: *Mark Turgeon, fourth year (42-46) [67-75, five years]*
 Last season: 18-12, 12-6 MVC (T-third)
 Preseason pick: *First*
 Starters lost: *Craig Steven*

(1.5 pgs, 2.7 apg)
 Starters returning: *G Randy Burns (15.1 pgs, 4.4 rpg), F Jai'ar Howard (14.2 pgs, 5.8 rpg), F Rob Kampman (7.7 pgs, 4.1 rpg), C Paul Miller (7.4 pgs, 4.7 rpg)*

After going last year to the National Invitation Tournament, their first postseason berth since 1989, the Shockers are poised to return to the top of the conference.

The Shockers return all of their top seven players from a team that finished third in the league last season, and as a result received 24 of the 30 possible first-place votes.

Wichita State is placed by Preseason co-Player of the Year Jamar Howard, a junior who was named defensive player of the year last season. Howard scored more than 14 points a game last season for the Shockers.

A newly renovated Koch Arena should also provide an extra difficulty factor for visiting teams.

Creighton Bluejays



Head coach: *Dana Altman, 10th year (175-100) [258-167, 14 years]*
 Last season: 29-5, 15-3 MVC (second)
 Preseason pick: *Second*
 Starters lost: *F Kyle Korver*

(17.8 pgs, 6.4 rpg), *G Larry House (11.1 pgs)*
 Starters returning: *F Brady Dren (7.8 ppg), F Michael Lindeman (7.8 ppg, 4.6% 3FG), G Tyler McKinney (5 pgs, 4.1 apg)*

After making the NCAA tournament the past six years, Creighton head coach Dana Altman has a difficult task in keeping the streak alive following the departure of second-team All-America Kyle Korver and the team's only other double-digit scorer, Larry House.

But confidence media and sports information directors have confidence in Altman's coaching ability, voting the Bluejays to finish second this season. Altman has kept his teams successful the past several seasons despite losing top-notch talent.

It will be a team effort to replace the departed seniors, but, 6-foot-8 freshman forward Anthony Tolliver looks to make a big impact. The versatile big man played top-notch competition last season while playing for Springfield (Mo.) Kickapoo High School, one of the nation's best.

Bradley Braves



Head coach: *Jim Les, second year (12-18) [12-18, one year]*
 Last season: 12-18, 8-10 MVC (T-fifth)
 Preseason pick: *Third*
 Starters lost: *C Michael Stewart (5.2 pgs, 4.4 rpg)*

Starters returning: *F Phillip Gilbert (18.9 pgs, 4.6 rpg), G James Gillingham (15 pgs, 4.1 rpg), F Mike Suggs (8 pgs, 4.7 rpg), G Marcello Robinson (7.8 pgs, 4.3 apg)*

Second-year head coach Jim Les should have his team competing for the conference crown this season thanks in large part to highly touted junior college transfer Marcellus Sommerville.

The Peoria native and Southwestern Illinois College product began his college career at Iowa, where he redshirted before transferring.

Sommerville was named All-American in the juco ranks last season while averaging 25 points and nine rebounds per game.

The Braves also return four of five starters, including the talented backcourt duo of Preseason co-Player of the Year Phillip Gilbert and James Gillingham.

Southwest Missouri State Bears



Head coach: *Barry Hinson, fifth year (70-54) [106-71, six years]*
 Last season: 17-12, 12-6 MVC (T-third)
 Preseason pick: *Fourth*
 Starters lost: *G Terrance*

McGe (14.9 pgs, 4.2 apg)
 Starters returning: *C Maxwell Randle (9.8 pgs, 7.1 rpg), G/F Kellen Easley (5.7 pgs, 3.3 rpg), G Merrill Andrews (10.1 pgs, 2.7 rpg), F Tamarr Madin (7.3 pgs, 6.5 rpg)*

The Bears, picked to finish eighth last

season, ended up tied for third, and the Bears are picked third this year. SMS returns four starters and boasts a stellar recruiting class that promises to be one of the conference's best.

SMS' freshman crop includes five players who led their teams to at least the state final four.

With a boatload of athleticism, defense is SMS' strong suit, and an improved offense could mean the Bears will be challenging for a league title.

Southern Illinois Salukis



Head coach: *Matt Painter, first year*
 Last season: 24-7, 16-2 MVC (first)
 Preseason pick: *Fifth*
 Starters lost: *G Kent Williams (15.3 pgs, 47%*

3FG), F Jermaine Dearman (14.5 pgs, 6.4 rpg)
 Starters returning: *G Darren Brooks (12.9 pgs, 5.5 rpg), G Stetson Hairston (10.9 pgs, 4.2 rpg), G Sylvester Willis (4.2 pgs, 4.1 rpg)*

Saluki players are angry at their preseason pick of fifth place, especially with one of the league's best backcourts in Darren Brooks and Stetson Hairston.

But the fact remains that, with the departure of their top two players and their head coach, the Salukis are untested.

In order for first-year head coach Matt Painter to follow in his predecessor's footsteps and overachieve, the Salukis will have to find more in the way of scoring than just Brooks. SIU will also have to get production from its post players.

Northern Iowa Panthers



Head coach: *Greg McDermott, third year (24-32) [156-96, nine years]*
 Last season: 11-17, 7-11 MVC (seventh)
 Preseason pick: *Sixth*

Starters lost: *None*
 Starters returning: *F/C David Gruber (13.3 pgs, 7.3 rpg), F Matt Schneiderman (13 pgs, 7.6 rpg), G/F Ben Jacobson (11.3 pgs, 3.4 rpg), G Chris Foster (9.3 pgs, 4.4 apg), G John Little (5.2 pgs, 44% 3FG)*

Things are looking up for basketball fans in the great white north.

The Panthers return all five starters to a team that finished 11-17 last year, but head coach Greg McDermott, in his third year, will try to give the Panthers their first winning season since 1997.

For that to happen, the Panthers will have to get more scoring from their bench. A strong recruiting class could give Northern Iowa the depth it needs.

Illinois State Redbirds



Head coach: *Porter Moser, first year [54-34, three years]*
 Last season: 8-21, 5-13 MVC (T-eighth)
 Preseason pick: *Seventh*
 Starters lost: *F Baboucar*

Bojang (7.2 pgs, 5 rpg)
 Starters returning: *F Gregg Alexander (11.1 pgs, 3 rpg), F Marcus Arnold (8.4 pgs, 3.4 rpg), G Vince Greene (12.3 pgs, 4.4 apg), G Trey Guidry (11.1 pgs, 41% 3FG)*

Buoyed by the addition of two high-major transfers, Illinois State is picked to finish seventh under first-year head coach Porter Moser.

Najeeb Echols, a 6-foot-7 junior, comes from Missouri, and Neil Plank, a 6-foot-5 junior, transferred from Wisconsin. Both look to help the Redbirds improve on an 8-21 record.

North Carolina State transfer Trey Guidry will be important to the Redbirds' success. Guidry started out the season poorly but finished averaging 11 points a game last season at Illinois State.

Evansville Purple Aces



Head coach: *Steve McFadden, second year (12-16) [102-73, six years]*
 Last season: 12-16, 8-10 MVC (T-fifth)
 Preseason pick: *Eighth*
 Starters lost: *F Len*

Hanson (16.3 pgs, 7.3 rpg)
 Starters returning: *G/F Clint Cuffie (16.5 pgs, 4.8 rpg), G Lucious Wagner (6 pgs, 3.2 apg), G Andre Burton (4.7 pgs, 2.9 apg), G Trey Guidry (11.1 pgs, 41% 3FG)*

Clint Cuffie, a Preseason All-Conference pick, looks to lead his Purple Aces back to the top of the conference. Though Cuffie was one of the league's leading scorers, Evansville returns no other players who scored more than six points a game.

Sophomore forward DeWayne Lee will have to mature in a hurry if the Aces are to exceed their preseason pick of eighth place.

Evansville also adds six freshmen to the roster.

Drake Bulldogs



Head coach: *Tom Davis, first year [543-290, 28 years]*
 Last season: 10-20, 5-13 MVC (T-eighth)
 Preseason pick: *Ninth*
 Starters lost: *G Luke*

McDonald (13.3 pgs, 2.5 rpg), J.J. Sala (14.4 pgs, 5.2 rpg), Greg Danielson (13.9 pgs, 8.9 rpg)
 Starters returning: *G Lonnie Randolph (8.9 pgs, 3.5 apg), G Jabbar Robinson (4.3 pgs, 44% 3FG)*

With the departure of wo-it-all guard Luke McDonald, who quit the team last month, legendary head coach Tom Davis, who came out of retirement to lead Drake, has a difficult task.

The Bulldogs haven't finished in the Valley's top half since 1993, and, barring a masterful coaching job by Davis, this year doesn't look to be any different. Drake lost its top three scorers from last year.

Indiana State Sycamores



Head coach: *Royce Waltman, seventh year (88-91) [277-177, 16 years]*
 Last season: 7-24, 2-16 MVC (10th)
 Preseason pick: *Tenth*

Starters lost: *F Brian Giesen (7.1 pgs, 5.1 rpg)*
 Starters returning: *G Wilfred Antoine (5.8 rpg, 3.2 apg), G David Moss (13.2 pgs, 4.4 rpg), G Marcus Howard (9.3 pgs, 3.2 rpg), F Carrel Green (5.3 pgs, 0.7 bpg)*

The Sycamores return four starters from last season, including their top two scorers — guards David Moss and Marcus Howard.

The question mark for the Sycamores is an inexperienced frontcourt.

Head coach Royce Waltman hasn't guided his team to more than seven wins in either of

the last two seasons, so his job could be on the line if the Sycamores don't show improvement.

2003-2004 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL PRESEASON POLL	
TEAM	POINTS
Wichita State (24)	290
Creighton (4)	254
Bradley	224
SW Missouri St. (1)	210
Southern Illinois	200
Northern Iowa (1)	135
Illinois State	99
Evansville	96
Drake	87
Indiana State	55

PRESEASON ALL-MVC TEAM	
Clint Cuffie, Evansville, G/F, Sr.	
*Phillip Gilbert, Bradley, G, Sr.	
David Gruber, UNI, F/C, Sr.	
*Jamar Howard, WSU, F, Jr.	
Luke McDonald, Drake, G, Sr.	
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2002-2003 STANDINGS				
SIU	16	2	24	7
Creighton	15	3	29	5
SMS	12	6	17	12
Wichita St.	12	6	18	12
Evansville	8	10	12	16
Bradley	8	10	12	19
UNI	7	11	11	17
Drake	5	13	10	20
Illinois St.	5	13	8	21
Indiana St.	2	15	7	24

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A class act

SIU senior guard Bryan Turner has become a leader for the Salukis while excelling both on and off the court

story by DREW STEVENS

Class. Practice. Sleep. Class. Practice. Game. Free time? Hardly.

How do student-athletes do it? Bryan Turner, a senior in journalism from St. Louis, is a member of the SIU men's basketball team. He has been a star athlete since his days at Beaumont High School but continues to stay focused on the bigger picture — his education.

"School is something I take value in because I'm always willing to learn different things," said the 6-foot-1, 185-pound Turner.

Turner averaged 19 points and seven assists per game his senior year at Beaumont and is the school's all-time leading scorer. He transferred to SIU from Mineral Area Junior College in the summer of 2002. He played two seasons and was an honorable mention All-America as a sophomore, averaging 17.7 points and four assists per game.

"It took a while to get adjusted because I came from a junior college," Turner said. "Basketball was hard. Usually I would do my work, and I would have a whole lot of time, but now you constantly have to be somewhere every minute, every hour."

Rodney Watson, a Saluki assistant coach, said Turner has done a terrific job figuring out how to work between class and basketball.

"It takes a while to figure out time management; so many demands placed on him by school and basketball," Watson said.

Turner said he has to complete six hours a week of study table, a supervised study hall. He can do this during the day in Neckers Building or in the evening in the SIU Arena.

"I try to get them in at night," Turner said. "I'm kind of a slacker, so if I don't go in there and do it at the study table, then everything else is going to be a rush to get done."

Turner said although he is able to balance school and athletics, he sometimes misses classes because

of athletic obligations.

"With basketball, if you aren't there, you lost out on some of the things they talk about in class," Turner said.

"When everybody else is going over things, you want to be there, but you can't. My free time is rare."

Student-athletes work hard to keep up with class material and stay physically and mentally prepared.

SIU head coach Matt Painter said the coaching staff always stresses the importance of balancing class and basketball.

"The toughest thing for any college student, let alone a college basketball player, is time management," Painter said.

"You have to be organized with your studies and give yourself enough time to study for tests, do your papers and read your materials for class."

According to Kristina Theriault, coordinator of intercollegiate athletics, last spring more than half of all student-athletes at SIU had a GPA above a 3.0.

"When I first got down here, in the summer, it wasn't that hard," Turner said. "During the school year, it was real hard because it was something new. My body had to get used to it."

"When I was in junior college, you had time to practice, but then after basketball you had the rest of your time to do whatever you wanted to do. Here, it's like

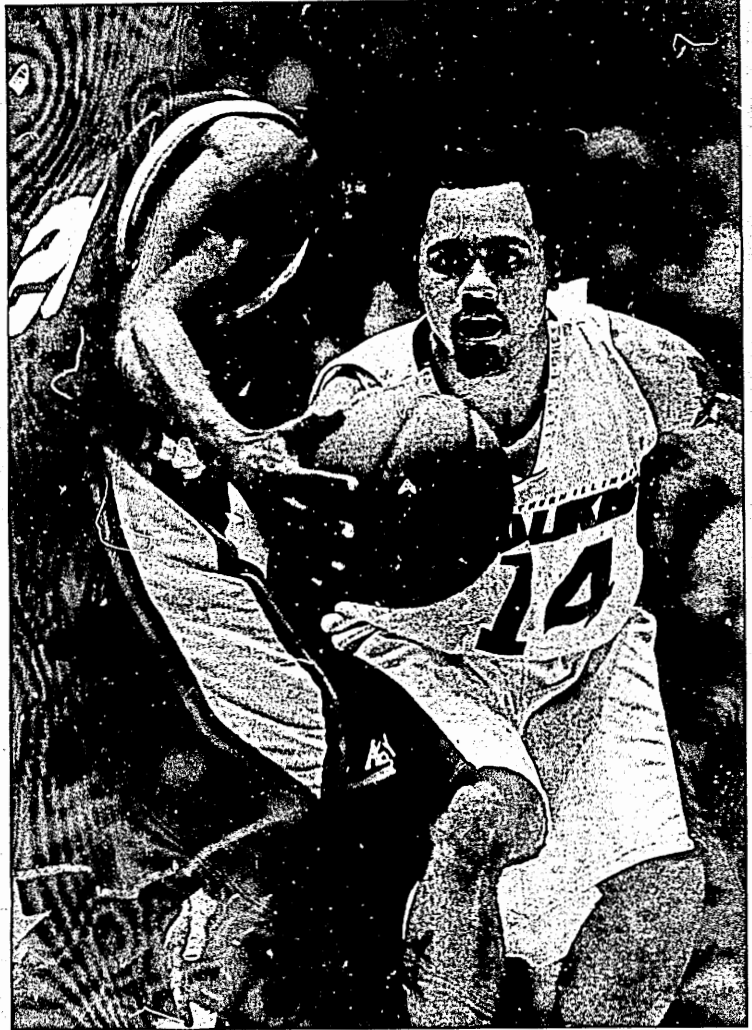
you're constantly doing something ... you're constantly busy."

Turner said being a student-athlete is similar to having a job.

"If you aren't playing, then you're studying. If you're not studying, then you're playing."

"We have people on our team, they're outrageous with it, with like 3.8s. So it brings up the team's GPA," Turner said. "I'm a slacker, though. I wait until the last minute to do things. Ever since high school, I've been that type of person. I've been trying to get by with it."

"Now I know I have to do a



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SIU senior guard Bryan Turner will be counted upon this season to provide both scoring and leadership for a Saluki squad attempting to earn a third straight trip to the NCAA tournament. Turner transferred to SIU before last season from Mineral Area Junior College, where he was honorable mention All-America as a sophomore.

little extra and push myself to get better."

When Turner graduates, he will be the first in his family to receive a college degree.

"Right now, I feel like I'm successful, but with a degree, it's a personal goal," Turner said. "My family is proud of me. Even if they feel like I've been successful, I feel like I'm successful once I get a degree."

Turner, the youngest of three boys, said it is important to learn from what experience teaches you. "I love my brothers to death, but they made some bad choices in life," Turner said.

"You have to look at people's mistakes and learn from people's mistakes."

Turner said he has a strong bond with his mother and that she has been an inspiration in his life.

"Her whole focus was to make sure I got out of high school," Turner said.

"She never let anything interfere with that."

Turner said although his mother cannot attend all of his games, she always comes to the big ones.

"That means a whole lot because she's been watching me play since middle school," Turner said.

"She's been right there with me. She's not the biggest basketball fan. She just watches because I'm playing."

Turner said his father was not around when he really needed him, but they keep in touch and have no

hard feelings.

He said children in his neighborhood see positive black men on TV and admire entertainers but don't get a chance to see the real thing in person.

Turner is taking advantage of the opportunities he has been given and visits the community center in his neighborhood to inspire children to follow in his footsteps.

"I tell them about setting goals and having a dream," Turner said. "I hung out, I did wrong, and they look at me as an example. If he can make it, then I can make it too."

"It feels good for them to latch onto me sometimes because I'm just an average person," Turner said, "but I'm striving to be better and be a better person every day."

During the summer, the Saluki basketball team traveled to Finland and Sweden to play European club teams.

The Salukis wrapped up their tour with a record of 5-1. In addition to the games, the players and coaches toured the cities.

"I got a chance to look at a whole different country," Turner said. "It was a deep experience because it's like in America; you get used to thinking a certain way and viewing things a certain way. So when you get out of the country, you just see how things are different."

Turner said he learned how different other people's value system is from Americans.

"A couple times people bumped up against me, and they didn't say

excuse me, but I had to think that over there they probably don't value their space like we value our space over here."

"It was a nice experience, though," Turner said. "It looks the same. People look the same, and they dress the same."

Painter said the trip to Finland and Sweden helped Turner gain confidence after coming off the bench last season.

"We expect him to be one of our leaders this year, on and off the court," Painter said. "The trip allowed him to play through his mistakes and prove to everyone that he is going to have a great year for us."

Watson said, "Turner's biggest advantage is that while most players want a lot of playing time, Turner is a team player first and wanted the team to be successful before anything else."

Turner fulfilled a lifelong dream and learned the true meaning of March Madness when the Salukis earned an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament last year.

"It's big time; we had police escorts everywhere we went," Turner said. "It was like we were rock stars."

"It makes you want to go back," Turner said. "I want to be one of the key players, the reason that we get there this year."

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Salukis untested in the post

Development of inside threat crucial to team's success

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While outsiders question the SIU men's basketball team's lack of true post players, those within the program don't see it as a glaring weakness.

After 6-foot-8 Jermaine Dearman exhausted his eligibility in March, the Salukis have no proven inside scorers and only two truly big men with bulk.

Sylvester Willis is a 6-foot-7, 225-pound senior center who's never averaged more than 4.2 points per game in his career, and he's more known for his defensive presence than his offensive prowess.

"Willis is a guy that is a blue-collar player, does a lot of the dirty work for us, does a lot of the little things that don't show up in a stat sheet," SIU head coach Matt Painter said. "He gets rebounds, he gets loose balls, he plays hard, he runs the floor. He'll block a shot, and he just does all those things that have helped us win in the past."

SIU's only other bulky post player, 6-foot-8, 250-pound junior center Josh Warren, averaged nearly six points a game in a reserve role last season, but head coach Matt Painter is unsure how many minutes Warren will be able to contribute.

"Josh Warren has really made a lot of improvements," Painter said. "He gives us that interior guy that can score on the block. He also can step out and hit a perimeter jump shot, too. He just has to improve on his stamina. He's gonna be able to give us productive minutes, but the question is how many."

Other than Willis and Warren, the Salukis will have to send very athletic forwards to the front lines.

Senior forward Brad Korn averaged more than five points a game last season, but at 6-foot-9 and 195 pounds, he doesn't have the bulk to bang with other teams' power forwards.

"He's a guy that can score from the three-point line, has a very good pull-up, one-dribble pull-up, two-dribble pull-up," Painter said. "With the departure of Jermaine and more minutes available, he's gonna get that opportunity and show some people that he is very capable of being a good player in this league."

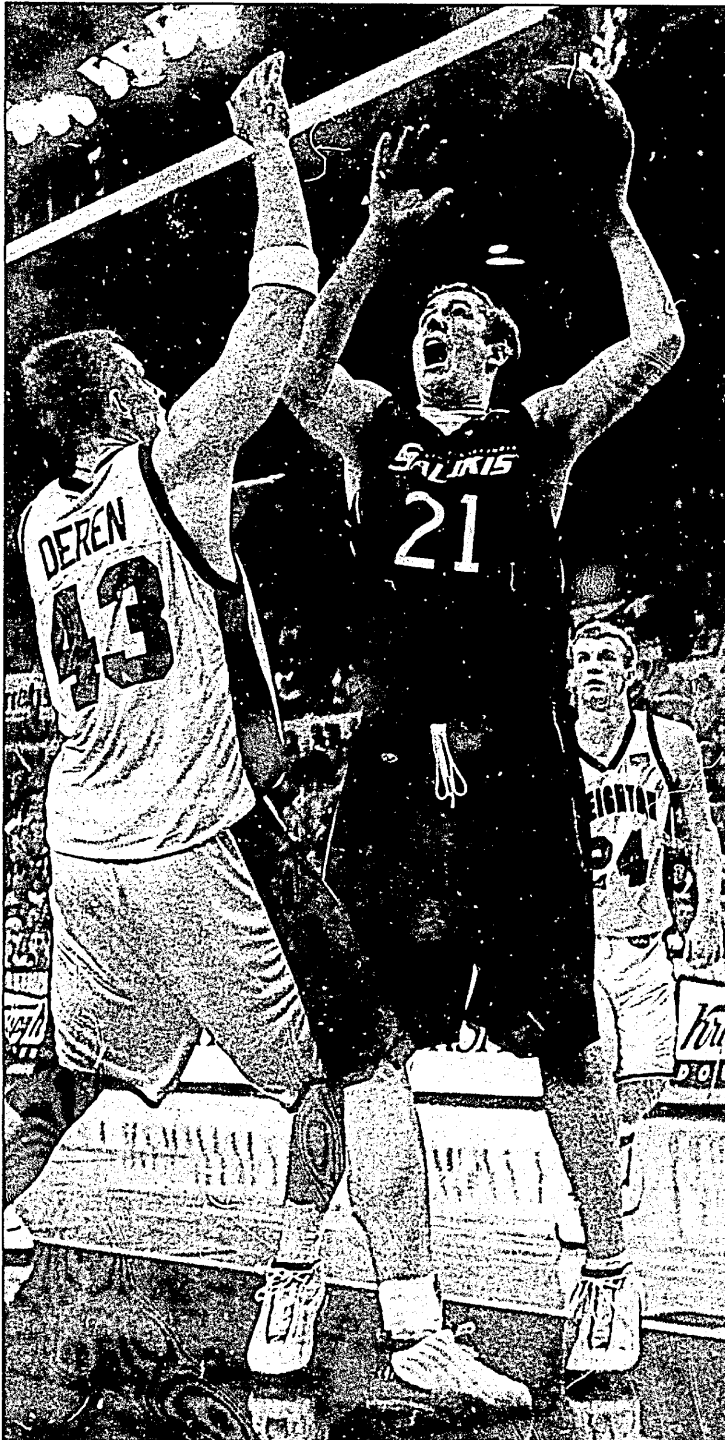
The Salukis' other power forward, 6-foot-5 junior college transfer LaMar Owen, is also lacking in the bulk department.

But after banging with multiple high-major post players in his two years at Southeastern Illinois College, he doesn't see his size as a weakness.

"People look at me like I'm scrawny," Owen said. "I use my quickness more than I use my strength, but I have a lot of strength."

In order to exceed their pre-season pick of a fifth-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference, the Salukis will have to develop an inside scoring threat.

"It's important so the guards don't get hounded to release some pressure so they can get some open shots," Warren said. "Everybody is trying to get better every day, so hopefully by getting better every



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SIU junior center Josh Warren played a key role as the Salukis narrowly edged Creighton to win their second consecutive Missouri Valley Conference title last year. This season Warren will need to put up bigger numbers in an attempt to help fill the void left by former Saluki star Jermaine Dearman.

day we can do something good at the end of the season."

Of the four big men, Warren looks like the most likely candidate to replace Dearman on the inside. Not only is he the biggest player on SIU's roster, but Warren also has a silky smooth shooting touch from the perimeter and an effective baby hook shot.

"[One reporter] says Josh is

the most underrated big man in the league, which I think is true," Korn said. "He can go over either left shoulder or right shoulder. He's got a good jumper, big body."

Last season, Dearman's inside scoring threat forced teams to send an extra defender to trap him when he caught the ball in the post.

This is something Painter hopes his team will develop as the season

goes on.

"It is very important to have that inside presence, and we've had it here in the last three or four years, and that's kind of kept everybody honest and they have to adjust to it," Painter said. "This year we hope to establish somebody on the blocks that they have to trap so then we can have a good inside-outside game."



Waterloo and other great losses

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Saluki Q&A

Last year, Saint Weber left us.

He left us to join those dirty orange Neanderthals to the north. For whatever reason, Pope Kowalezyk did not excommunicate him.

Saint Williams and Saint Dearman left as well, degrees in hand, ready to take on the best Turkey and Germany had to offer.

With them went assistant coach Chris Lowry, Saint Carney and the core of the greatest Saluki team of all time.

And as spring turned into summer and summer turned into football season, the only thing they have sent back to Carbondale is a laundry list of questions.

Unfortunately, due to gross academic apathy, I'm still here. This is no help, I know. Bryan Turner's three-point percentage is my lay-up percentage.

But I can answer some of the questions the saints left behind and hopefully uncover a few saints-to-be in the process.

Is Matt Painter going to be as good as Bruce Weber?

Yes, yes and maybe.

As far as the X's and O's go, don't expect the Salukis to miss a step. Painter knows what he's doing and, like Weber, was always willing to put in the arduous hours necessary to give his team an edge. He will expect the same from all his assistants, so SIU should always have solid game plans.

And despite the age difference, Painter's program should be similar to Weber's. In the immortal words of Sylvester Willis, "Weber was the front man, but Painter had his hand on the puppet's butt."

Weber was a great motivator, but so is Painter. Players always seemed to respond to him in practice, and because he was their choice to succeed Weber, he should not have much difficulty making the players buy in — which was key to Weber's program.

But do not expect Painter to be Bruce Weber Jr. He is his own man, which brings up the X-factor of the season — will the chemistry be the same?

Painter and his staff can be excellent, the players can be talented and the program can be in good shape. But as the University of Miami, last year's Los Angeles Lakers and the Atlanta Braves can point out, sometimes things just don't work out.

But I have a hunch things will work out, and Painter will become the new heir-apparent to Gene Keady's throne at Purdue.

Can SIU compensate for the loss of Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman?

Yes and no.

Do not expect a dominant post player like Dearman or a stellar scoring point guard like Williams to emerge. But do expect great play, especially on defense, from Stetson Hairston and Defense Brooks. They may not be Williams and Dearman, but they are still two outstanding talents.

Those two are now the superstars, and SIU is still in pretty good hands. Expect all-MVC honors from Brooks and one heck of a season from Hairston, once his suspension is over.

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— Matt Painter, coach, men's basketball

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Salukis look to return to NCAA tournament minus big three

story by JENS DEJU

NEW ERA

During the Salukis' two exhibition games it was obvious — something was different.

No longer did the fans hear former head coach Bruce Weber's voice sound as if he was reaching puberty over and over again. They did not see his face contort in more ways than Stretch Armstrong.

There were no screams for Kent Williams to get around a screen or for Jermaine Dearman to run the floor.

This was when it finally sunk in that this is a new SIU men's basketball team.

But just because they are gone does not mean they are forgotten.

Some players claim they will continue to hear the sound of new Illinois head coach Weber's squeaky voice, whether they want to or not.

"That's something I ain't missing at all," senior center Sylvester Willis said. "I figure I still might be able to hear it from Champaign."

In Weber's place steps former assistant coach Matt Painter, who joined the Salukis when Weber was hired in 1998.

Painter, who at 32 years of age became the second youngest head coach in SIU history, was the obvious choice when Weber departed.

He had his mentor's endorsement, and the players openly campaigned for him. SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk listened and, within days of Weber leaving for Champaign, inked Painter to be the new head man, starting a new regime in Carbondale.

Some of the biggest adjustments for Painter have been aspects of the job he really did not think of, such as standing up during the game. When he took the Salukis overseas this summer, it was the first time Painter ever stood and coached.

"I've been going the last 10 years of sitting down, and every time I stood up one of the Missouri Valley Conference officials told Bruce, 'I'll him to sit his butt down,'" Painter said.

Basketball-wise, it is pretty much business as usual for Painter and his players.

Fifth-year senior Brad Korn, who played under Weber for four seasons, said the familiarity with Painter makes it hard to remember his former coach is no longer around.

"It's like coach Weber's gone on a recruiting trip or speaking at a clinic or something, so it really hasn't changed a whole lot at all," Korn said.

The change at the top is not the only one the Salukis are dealing with this season.

Two of the greatest players in school history, Williams and Dearman, are no longer around. The two have been the face of SIU basketball the past four seasons.

Williams is second all-time in scoring at SIU with 2,012 points and became the only Saluki to lead the team in scoring all four seasons. He also ranks in the top 10 in scoring, average, field goals made, field goals attempted, three-pointers made, three-pointers attempted, three-point percentage, free throws made, free throws attempted, assists and steals.

What Williams meant to SIU's backcourt,



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First-year head coach Matt Painter looks down at his bench in one of the Salukis exhibition games this season. Painter, a former assistant, took over the Dawgs after former head coach Bruce Weber bolted for the University of Illinois last May.

Dearman meant to its frontcourt. The personable Indianapolis native ranks in the top 10 in points scored, field goals made, field goals attempted, free throws made, free throws attempted, rebounds and blocks.

"Those are great players, great guys, but the fact of it is they're gone, so we're not looking back," Korn said. "It's the same kind of deal when Rolan [Roberts] and Marcus [Belcher] and those guys left when we went to the Sweet 16, and we were still able to match it without them."

The Salukis realize those were extraordinary players, and they are not expecting to be able to duplicate the impact they had with just one or two players.

"Everybody thinks that maybe it's going to be two guys, one guy's going to fill in for Kent and one guy's going to fill in for Jermaine; but I think we're all going to step up collectively as a group and try to pick up the slack," Willis, also a fifth-year senior, said.

Willis and Korn are two of the players expected to step into the void left by Dearman, but they are not alone.

Junior center Josh Warren and junior college transfer LaMar Owen have both shown flashes of brilliance in the paint and should be able to combine with Korn and Willis to hold down the fort

this season as redshirted big men Randal Falke and Jamaal Foster, who Painter said could be a dominant duo in the MVC, continue to develop.

The backcourt is also in great hands, led by as good a trio of guards as there is in the Valley in Darren Brooks, Stetson Hairston and Bryan Turner. Brooks and Hairston are both among the best defenders in the league and, even though they have not had to the past two seasons, can light up a stat sheet.

Also emerging as a future star is freshman Jamaal Tatum, who when he signed was called SIU's biggest recruit since Williams by Weber.

Despite all the available weapons, Painter and the Salukis still have to get it done on the court.

Painter has his hands full, trying to replace the reigning MVC Coach of the Year and someone who had three 20-win seasons in five years.

"I think you grow to like people or you grow to dislike people, and hopefully the latter won't happen," Painter said with a laugh. "I think with a lot of wins they grow to like you, but the only thing you can do is do the best job you can."

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Darren Brooks (left) and former Saluki Jermaine Dearman bump fists at the free throw line during a game last season. Dearman, who is playing in Germany, is in a sense passing the torch to Brooks for the 2003-2004 campaign.




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Saluki women persevere through yet another season of change

story by ADAM SOEBING

Katie Berwanger has been through this before: constant change has been the staple of her career as an SIU women's basketball player.

Whether it was adapting to a clunky knee brace after an ACL injury sidelined the Saluki senior for the entire 2000-2001 season and half of the next, or persevering through a number of coaching changes, she has seen it all.

And almost every year it has been the same — this is the start of something new, the start of something special.

In her five seasons as a Saluki, Berwanger has witnessed former SIU assistant Lon Opp take over as head coach — replacing Julie Beck in the 2000-2001 season — and more than five assistant coaches come through the revolving door that has been the Saluki women's basketball program.

A 28-81 record in the last four years will tend to do that. So following a 7-21 season a year ago, once again, change is the theme of this year's campaign.

All three assistant coaches fled the SIU program during the summer, making room for three more to try and make their mark — but that's not all.

In addition to the three seniors lost to graduation, including leading scorer Molly McDowell, three players have left the program due to reasons ranging from illness, lack of playing time and losing the desire to play the game.

"Unfortunately, it's kind of been a constant around here. This is my fifth year and we've had quite a few coaching changes," Berwanger said. "We knew there was going to be a lot of

new people coming in this year, but I think it's a good thing to have change — especially when you haven't been winning."

The Salukis have learned to welcome change, and even though it has been said before, even though it may be old news, it's impossible to ignore that there is something different about this season.

For the first time, Opp has three assistant coaches with Division I coaching experience.

For the first time, everyone seems to be convinced that these changes will endure.

This excitement and anticipation is evident simply by watching the Salukis practice.

During a scrimmage last week, first-year point guard Daphney Desamours drove down the lane and pulled up for the 15-foot jump shot.

Rather than take the shot in traffic, Desamours fired a perfect pass in mid-air to slashing senior center Tiffany Crutcher for an easy lay in, bringing the praise of first-year assistant coach Usha Gilmore.

Gilmore, a former WNBA reserve guard, immediately began to excitedly shake her right leg back and forth, resembling a puppy being petted in the right spot, then proceeded to rush the court and chest bump the transfer point guard.

Just one of many examples of their vivacity, things are clicking in the women's basketball camp — the proof is in the numerous playful smiles and hard work being displayed by all involved.

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— Katie Berwanger senior, SIU women's basketball

"More than anything there is just a new excitement and fresh enthusiasm," Opp said.

During a break in the action, Opp huddled with assistants Zareth Gray and Maureen Smith at half-court to discuss what they had just seen. The playful Gilmore, who at 5-foot-11 and still cat quick could probably school anybody on the team, performed a little dance as she made her way to the huddle, drawing smiles from all of the coaches.

After a minute or two the group burst into more laughter.

The instant chemistry that the coaches have formed revolves around their desire to turn the Saluki program around — the Dawgs haven't had a winning season since the 1995-1996 campaign — and their bond, according to Opp, has carried over to the Saluki players.

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Katie Berwanger looks to pass during SIU's exhibition victory over St. Louis Goldstar. Berwanger has seen a head coaching change and more than five assistants come through SIU in her five years.

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Salukis reload in backcourt

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Brice Weber left the Saluki basketball program for the larger and higher-profile Illinois job, but junior do-everything-guard Darren Brooks believes there was more talent left here — at least in the backcourt.

The Illini have the backcourt in Dee Brown and Deron Williams who grab all the headlines around the state and region. But isolate them on a court with Brooks and fellow guard Stetson Hairston, and the outcome might surprise those unfamiliar with the Saluki tandem's uncanny abilities.

"I think we could take them," Brooks said. "I think me and Stetson have to be one of the top 10 backcourts in the country. We are both guards with big, long arms."

Brooks may have a point. He was only named to the Missouri Valley preseason second team, and one of the guys who made the first team, Luke McDonald of Drake, is no longer even playing — he quit because of injuries and conflicts with the Sabbath.

"It upset me more that SIU got fifth in the preseason poll," Brooks said.

But people who have witnessed Brooks know he has the ability to play on the court with any player in the nation. He just hasn't been able to show off his whole arsenal of tricks because it wasn't his time; it was Kent Williams'.

"I think they've proven they can play with anyone when we've played at those levels," new Saluki head coach Matt Painter said.

There is no doubt Williams' 15.3 points a game, many of which were clutch, will be sorely missed, and most importantly, his leadership will as well. But this is time to pass the torch to Hairston and Brooks, and there were many flashes of greatness last season.

In 2002-2003, Brooks chipped in 12.9 points a contest, shooting 47.5 percent from the field, while Hairston averaged a solid 10.9 points and shot 41 percent on three-point attempts. But the two were peskier on defense, placing first and second on the squad in steals.

"The last two years, they have been very

good on the defensive end, but they have just floated around on the offensive end with Jermaine [Dearman] and Kent as the big guns," Painter said. "Plays weren't run for them, but now they are in the position where plays will be run for them."

The plan is to keep at least one of the two juniors in at all times. A notion that is impossible for at least the exhibition season after Hairston was suspended for both of the exhibitions for violating team policy during the summer.

With the possibility of Hairston still being rustier than the norm at the beginning of the season, SIU will have to lean on senior sharp-shooting guard Bryan Turner and freshman flash Jamaal Tatum.

Turner was a godsend late in the season as the Salukis made their tourney push, hitting clutch three after clutch three. His 3.5 scoring average is in no way indicative of the impact he had on that squad.

To call Tatum quick would be a drastic understatement. At Helias High School in Jefferson City, Mo., Tatum averaged 21 points and five assists a game, and after he signed with SIU, Weber referred to him as the best recruit since Williams.

"Tatum has had very good practices but also has struggled at times," Painter said. "We have three experienced guards who will take the pressure off of him."

"He will be a great guard in time." The depth extends further than just those players. SIU still has the two redshirt freshman guards from last year to count on. They will have different roles on the team with Tony Young being a defensive stopper off the bench and Ryan Walker being a zone-buster off the bench. But Walker is still recovering from a recent knee injury, and it may take a while before he is fully recovered.

The backcourt currently doesn't feature any seniors who will contribute in any way, which is a worry, but Brooks and Hairston have fought more battles than most seniors ever will.

"We feel good about our backcourt," Painter said.

"We just need time to see where we are."



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Junior guard Darren Brooks attempts a lay in over Matt Schneideman of Northern Iowa in a contest last season. Brooks, who averaged 12.9 points per game a year ago, will be asked to take more of a leadership role this season. With former Saluki stars Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman gone due to graduation, Brooks will be expected to up his average to compensate for the loss of the Dawgs' two leading scorers from last season's Missouri Valley Conference champs.

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Salukis full of leadership down low

Three senior post players look to lead SIU out of cellar

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During the first three years of head coach Lori Opps' tenure, the SIU women's basketball team has gone through many changes. However, one thing she has always been able to count on is strong senior leadership; and this season will be no different.

The Salukis are stocked with five seniors, and three of them — Katie Berwanger, Tiffany Crutcher and Jodi Heiden — call the post home.

These three elder statesmen are a big reason why SIU is optimistic about its chances of returning to the Missouri Valley Conference tournament for the first time in four years.

Berwanger is the only player remaining from that squad that lost to Evansville in the first round in the 2000 tournament. She and her two senior mates down low will be counted upon big time this season as the Salukis attempt to finally climb out of the Valley cellar.

SIU has brought in several

new players and in the process has become much more athletic than recent Saluki squads.

This will help, as Opp and her trio of new assistants implement a more up-tempo style of play.

While the Dawgs will rely on the guards to lead the fast-paced attack, the post players will be integral in the success of the new strategy.

"I think we're all involved," Crutcher said. "I know in most of our presses Katie, because she's so fast, she'll be up at the top of our presses because she can move her feet so well.

"The way [the scoring] is, it's pretty even."

Crutcher and Berwanger have already shown in the team's first two exhibition games how important the frontcourt will be to the Salukis. The pair combined to average 32 points and 18.5 rebounds, albeit against inferior teams.

The first post player off the bench for the Salukis will be Heiden, who has 5.6 points and 4.0 rebounds in three seasons with SIU.

She was called upon to start in place of Berwanger two years ago and had her strongest season to date.

Heiden, however, has taken to her role as a backup and sees it as

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First-year SIU assistant coach

an advantage to be on the bench at the start of the game.

"I know where coach wants me, and sometimes I feel I can do better off the bench," Heiden said, "because it gives me enough time to watch the game and see what's going on and what the players are doing and what needs to be done once I get in there."

While the three seniors will be expected to make a big contribution, one fresh face may end up having the biggest impact this year for the Dawgs.

Freshman forward Bernetta Grayer is easily one of the most athletic players on the SIU roster and could end up earning a spot on the MVC all-freshman team at the end of the season.

Hailing from Gary, Ind., the 6-foot-2 Grayer has only scored four points and grabbed six boards in 14 minutes of action in the preseason. But coaches have noted she has a huge upside — she just needs to improve in some areas.

"The thing that she needs to learn is how to have intensity in practice also," first-year assistant coach Zareth Gray said.

"I saw her get in the game, and she finally had that intensity we need from her all the time."

Gray has also given a big boost of energy to the Salukis' frontcourt. She came to SIU after coaching post players for two years at Wichita State, and that knowledge of the Valley should come in handy as she attempts to help mold the Dawgs into winners.

She also noted that, as the coaches try to incorporate a new system, the number of seniors on the squad will be a big asset.

"I think it's always good to have upperclassmen, but we put in a whole new system, so none of them know the system," Gray said. "So they all kinda get a fresh start. But other than that, it's always good to have that senior leadership."

"It's easier when you've played at this level, for the seniors especially, to understand [the system] if they played against something like that."



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Freshman forward Bernetta Grayer (right) jumps to distract the shot of a St. Louis Goldstar player in their exhibition contest earlier this season. Grayer, who hails from Gary, Ind., could become a solid asset down low for the Dawgs this season. The lanky 6-foot-2 forward possesses solid post and perimeter athletic skills.

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01/14/04	Illinois State	Normal, Ill.	4:00 PM
01/22/04	Wichita State	Carbondale	7:00 PM
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SIU adds four new players

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A player from Athletes in Action was sprinting down the court for what he thought was an easy lay-up when what might have seemed like the hand of God himself came from behind and sent the ball flying into the bleachers.

The shocked player turned around to see SIU forward LaMar Owen jumping up and down and cheering with teammates behind him.

Owen, one of four newcomers on the men's basketball team, made his presence known numerous times during the Salukis' first exhibition game as his raw athleticism allowed him to sneak up on several unsuspecting opponents who thought they were in the clear.

The Owensboro, Ky., native was named honorable mention juco All-America last season at Southeastern Illinois College, where he averaged more than 15 points and seven rebounds a game.

Owen finished his first game as a Saluki with eight points, a team-high eight rebounds, two assists, a steal and that one monstrous block that left coaches impressed in the 6-foot-5 forward.

"He's definitely a guy that we have considered and talked about being a possible starting candidate just because of his hustle and his work ethic and what he brings to the table," SIU head coach Matt Painter said.

Another new member of the Salukis who can make some noise this season is lightning-quick point guard Jamaal Tatum from Hellas High School in Jefferson City, Mo.

Tatum scored eight points, grabbed four rebounds and dished out three assists in his first piece of collegiate action and at times seemed to be sprinting while the other players on the court were moving in slow motion.

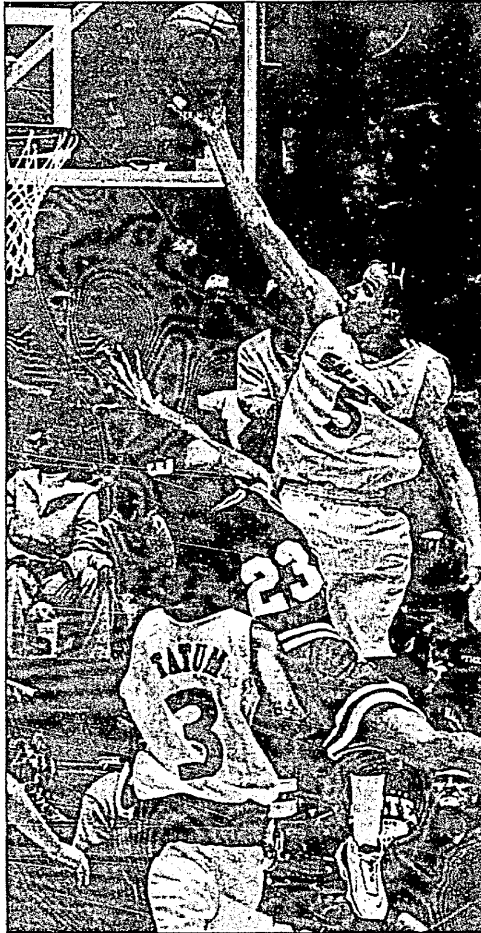
"He has that extra gear that a lot of people don't have," SIU senior forward Brad Korn said.

When Tatum signed with the Salukis, former head coach Bruce Weber said he was the biggest recruit to come to SIU since Kent Williams.

The 6-foot-1 point guard was an honorable mention All-America and a candidate for McDonald's All-America game. As a senior he averaged 21 points, five rebounds and five assists a game and scored more than 40 points twice.

While expectations for Tatum are high, he said he just hopes to make any kind of impact that he can in his initial season.

"Just getting good minutes and helping the team out as much as I can in any kind of way," Tatum said with a smile. "Getting a few minutes here and there, subbing in to give



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Junior college transfer LaMar Owen rises above an Athletes in Action player as Jamal Tatum looks on from below. Both Owen and Tatum will be counted on to provide big minutes this year.

somebody a breather and just going out there and working hard and doing what I can do."

The two remaining newcomers will redshirt this season and therefore not be able to contribute on the court until next season, but Painter still expects huge things from them.

On a team severely lacking in size, freshman forwards Randal Falker of St. Louis and Jamaal Foster of Columbia, Mo., bring just that. Falker, who stands at 6-foot-7, averaged 18 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks a game at Gateway Tech last season and has more than held his own since arriving in Carbondale.

Foster is similar in build to Korn, standing at 6-foot-9, but needs to

pack on some pounds to be effective inside. Painter said Foster could develop into one of the better players in the Missouri Valley Conference because of his ability to play inside as well as his jumpers.

Like all newcomers, these four will probably experience their share of growing pains, but they feel like they are developing pretty well so far.

"We've had our surprises, we've got our fair share of knocks in the mouth and side of the head and everything else you can think of," Tatum said. "But we've been holding our own, and we've been going out there and just battling and playing hard and competing and doing what we can do."

Saluki backcourt OK after loss of McDowell

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It's no secret the SIU women's basketball team underwent a major makeover this past off-season.

With three assistant coaches and six players exiting the program since last winter, the Salukis have a new look and feel entering the 2003-2004 campaign.

Of the departures, the loss of shooting guard Molly McDowell undoubtedly will be felt the most.

The graduated senior led the Salukis in scoring the past two seasons and was honorable mention all-conference a year ago.

With a 7-21 record comes the desire for change and the tendency to look for the positives in anything, but head coach Lori Opp may be on to something.

A year ago, too often the Salukis would give the ball to McDowell and watch her go to work.

Then-junior point guard Dana Pinkston provided some help as the second-leading scorer behind McDowell, but that was about it from the backcourt. McDowell may have averaged 15.1 points per game, but wins did not result.

"It's hard to lose a player of Molly's caliber, and I'd be crazy if I didn't say that we missed her," Opp said. "But at the same time those kids that maybe felt like they played in her shadow last year are the ones we are seeing step up this year."

Of those who have stepped up are sophomore Amy Hayden and senior Stephanie Brown. The backcourt mates saw limited minutes a year ago but have worked their way into the starting lineup early this season.

"You're talking about Hayden and Brown in the starting lineup this year, and those two kids barely played last year," Opp said. "Amy didn't get in hardly any games at all and Steph played limited minutes,

and it isn't because of other kids being young; it's because they have earned it and they deserve it."

But those aren't the only two who have stepped up thus far. The 1-2 punch of McDowell and Pinkston will more than likely be replaced with a guard by committee approach this season.

What Opp likes most about her bevy of guards is their flexibility.

"We do have a lot of depth, and we have a lot of different kinds of players," Opp said. "We have some kids who can shoot the lights out, we have some people who can push the ball and then we have kids who can get to the basket."

Pinkston is back at point guard to provide a scoring presence on the offensive side of the ball and will be splitting time with junior college transfer Daphney Desamours. The lightning quick guard's relentless full-court defense will give her plenty of minutes in the Saluki backcourt.

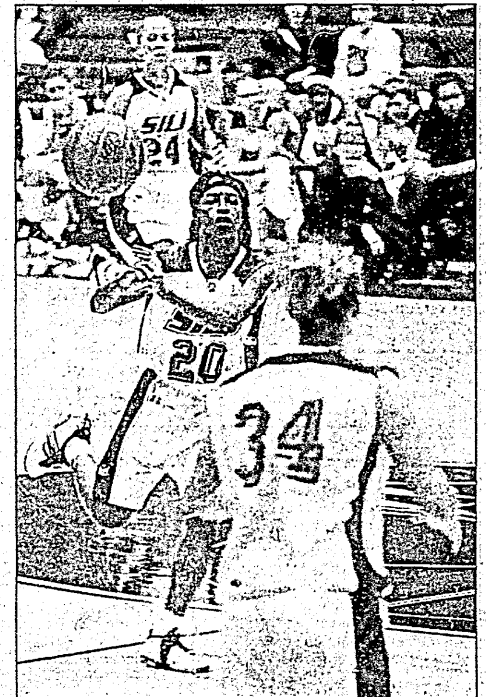
Freshman Laura Cooper and junior Danette Jones are the gunners of the Saluki backcourt, with them and Hayden being known to hit from anywhere and everywhere on the court — and neither one is shy to let it fly.

Brown and junior Lecretia Aikines are more than capable of penetrating to the basket and providing solid defense for the Salukis.

Freshmen Clarise Jones, Julie Madura and Elyse Morris, who has been out with an injury in the early going, are all capable of filling in at any of the three guard positions.

With so many able hands, this year's backcourt has the potential to be even better than last year's, even without the talented McDowell.

"Our depth definitely helps with conditioning and what we plan to do transition-wise," Hayden said. "I don't feel like we lose much when we go to the bench."



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First-year point guard Daphney Desamours passes to junior Danette Jones in the Salukis' exhibition victory over NWBL. Desamours has worked her way into the rotation with her relentless full-court defense and standout speed and quickness.

2003-04 SIU MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Class	Hometown/School
1	Darren Brooks	G	Jr.	St. Louis (Jennings)
3	Jamal Tatum	G	Fr.	Jefferson City, Mo (Hellas)
4	Ryan Walker	G	Fr.	Galesburg (Thornwood)
5	LaMar Owen	F	Jr.	Owensboro, Ky (SE Illinois College)
10	Leonard Hughes	G	Sr.	East St. Louis (East St. Louis)
11	Sylvester Willis	C	Sr.	Calumet City (Thornwood)
13	Brad Korn	F	Sr.	Plano (Plano)
14	Bryan Turner	G	Sr.	St. Louis (Mineral City Area JC)
15	Tony Young	G	Fr.	Schaumburg (Schaumburg)
21	Josh Warren	C	Jr.	Washington, Mo (St. Francis Borgia)
23	Jamaal Foster	F	Fr.	Columbia, Mo (Hickman)
24	Randal Falker	F	Fr.	St. Louis (Gateway Tech)
25	Stetson Hairston	G	Jr.	Fairview Heights (Belleville East)



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SIU senior guard Stephanie Brown puts up a shot against St. Louis Goldstar during the first exhibition game this year. Brown, who transferred to SIU before last season, is one of three new starters for the Salukis.

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"I think as a staff we have good chemistry and the kids see that," Opp said. "If your staff doesn't have chemistry you can't expect your kids to. I think the chemistry all the way around is fairly good."

In addition to the fresh life the new assistants bring to the program, they also bring a great deal of knowledge to the table.

Opp feels completely comfortable letting each teach their respective positions — Gray works with the frontcourt while Smith and Gilmore are in charge of the backcourt — as the third-year head coach floats around, watching intently and adding in words of wisdom as head coaches usually do.

The players have responded to the new assistants as well and, quite frankly, feel fortunate to have them.

"We kind of lucked out to have them because we were hunting for coaches so late," Berwanger said.

While the players and coaches have a new

excited attitude about their future, it's not all fun and games.

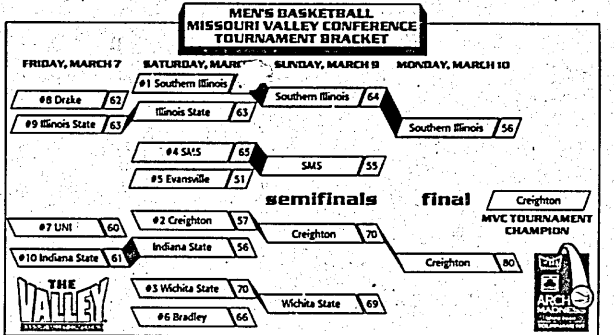
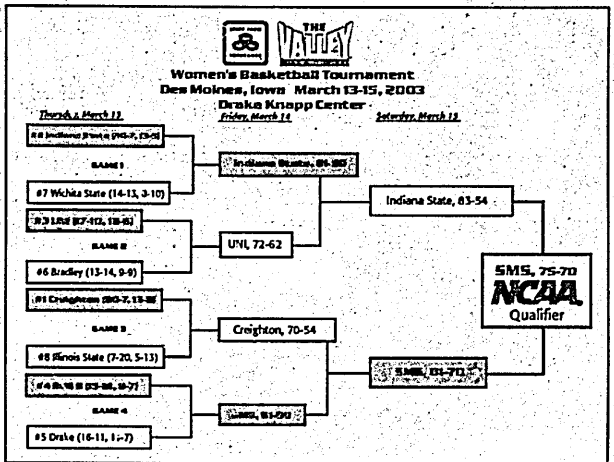
The returning bunch of Salukis want to go out winners, and it shows with their hard work in practice.

"When you are losing, everyone thinks you are in here playing patty cake, but that's not the case," Opp said. "We are in here working hard everyday."

But for all of this to mean anything, before anything can come to fruition, the Salukis have to do something they haven't done in a while — prove it on the court. This could quite possibly be the last chance for Opp, who is in the final season of her contract.

With five dedicated seniors who want to leave the program in good hands, and with nine other players and three new coaches who want to start a winning tradition, Opp has an army behind her that is ready and willing to go to war.

"The seniors on the team just want to keep the program going," Berwanger said. "We just want to start [the newcomers] off right so they'll have an excellent four years."



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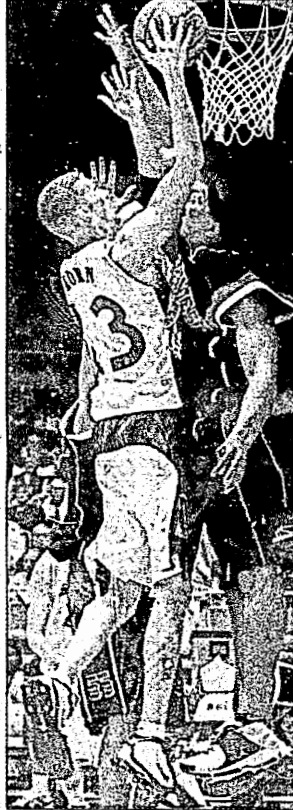
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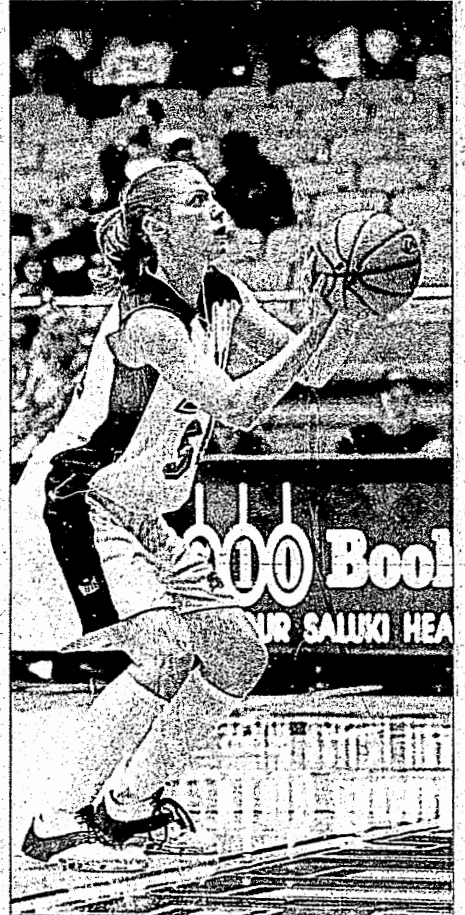
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