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 water 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 Circles Coordinator Lana Barde said the 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 get the word out to citizens. These expenses would include postage, printing costs, telephone calls and other numerous office materials.

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Administration, governor’s aides say banner threatened security

Campus police prohibit banner in auditorium
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University professors Mark Schneider and Joan Friedenberg have claimed that SIUC, through a paternalistic administration, 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.

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

"I think probably over the years the administration, Governor Blagojevich's aides, and other people have come here and said this is not something that should be brought up," Jones said.

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Mayor wants Carbondale to be capital of Southern Illinois

Cole outlines plan for Carbondale's growth in State of the City Address
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Mayor Brad Cole gave his State of the City Address at 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 viable Carbondale in a competitive 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.

"I've been asked by our residents to run as mayor to bring back a sense of pride," Cole said. "And I've been asked by our residents to bring back a sense of pride for our city.

"I'm not sure if it's our city, but it's our city and we're going to make sure that it's our city," Cole said.

But while he spoke about building business opportunities in Carbondale, Cole said there was a limit to how much the city can support organizations. Cole said the city could no longer afford to fund the Carbondale Business Development Corporation.

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

"The city's work is not finished with these projects, but the situation needs to be fixed," Cole said.

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

Currently, Carbondale Business Development Corporation receives $130,000 from the city.

Cole also challenged the Main Street Board of Directors to start a plan to help 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 Genette McDaniel said she was opposed to the idea of Carbondale becoming the capital of Southern Illinois.

"It's just not going to happen," McDaniel said.

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Rainy days

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

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Tour, The Peace Train. She took 150 performers, and The multicultural and Black Mambazo, on tour by train, giving concerts for the country's first-ever, 500-member ensembles.

KABUL, Afghanistan (CNN) — The United Nations peacekeeping force in Afghanistan said late Sunday that unknown attackers killed seven policemen in the village of Spindel, southwest of the capital, Kabul.

Several officers have been killed in exchanges of gunfire and rockets between government forces and the Taliban in recent weeks.

Today's Five-day Forecast Almanac

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POLICE REPORTS

University

A small Dsk use floppy drive and a mouse were reported stolen between 4 p.m. Nov. 7 and Thursday at Student Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

David A. Hart, 19, of Fairmont was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and disorderly conduct, after he complained that patients were being delayed and charged.

Deshon Lamar Weaver, 23, of Carbondale was arrested on suspicion of violation of the 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 was released on bond.

Sharon Katz and The Peace Train

Sharon Katz made history in South Africa in 1993 when she formed the country’s first-ever, 500-member multi-cultural and multi-lingual performing group and staged the production called “When Voices Meet.” Sharon rocked the nation with her concept tour, The Peace Train. She took 150 performers, including her friends Ladysmith Black Mambazo, on tour by train, giving concerts along their route.

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

The decision follows the killing of Sunday of bodies. Goetelaid, a renowned French national, was shot down by a helicopter in a forest.

On Tuesday, a spokesman for the former Taliban rulers confirmed that they had been killed in a gunfight.

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Correction:

Readers who spot an error should contact the Daily Egyptian advisor at 536-3311 ext. 253.

International News

Afghan attack sparks United Nations rethink

The DAILY EYEMAN, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
The Comanche Code Talkers were one of the most important and least recognized forces of World War II, but without their efforts to send crucial 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 would do would help end the war earlier."

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 our code if we had, they couldn't break our code," Chibitty said.

"Yes, what we did was talk Comanche. We worked on our language in base, and before 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 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.

"He was very interesting, 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.

"He impressed me," Ervin said. "He added humor, info and knowledge. He's a very good story." Nichole Boyd, coordinator of Native American Heritage Month, said it was nice to be around someone from the culture.

The event had a turnout of 125 to 150 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 Bowers and Multicultural Programs and Services.

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

"He probably won't sink in tonight," Boyd said, "but tomorrow or next week, you'll remember what he said."
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 people begin smoking, such as a feeling of attractiveness, stress and social issues. However, there are also 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 Lung Association, encourages smokers to conquer the habit for one day. The ultimate goal of the Wellness Center, which takes place in November each year, is individuals will have the courage to eliminate the habit altogether after one day of not smoking.

"It's a great opportunity for those who are smokers to have the empowerment to obtain which takes place in November each year, is individuals will have the courage to eliminate the habit altogether after one day of not smoking," said Bill McMinn, director of the Rec Center. "Any time you can get people to break a bad habit it helps decrease smoking among other means that people 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, four are adults and three are student workers who came from 710 Book Store to work at the store.

Grand opening to be scheduled for February
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Now students can get their sweatshirts, sports drinks and Speedo 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 will evolve," said Bill McMinn, director of the Recreation Center. "The idea is to get as much space as possible to offer information, and aside from the convenience of the new store and accessible location, students can offer information, benefits in other ways as well.

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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 community likes," McMinn said. "We hope they will give us feedback to make determinations on what to carry.

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

"We had an admission open house for prospective students, and the store was open," said McMinn. "So we are just starting to get into the store, so the facility for the open house and stop by the store.

Strock noticed what items are currently bestsellers with the students. She said sports drinks and socks are one popular item because they are fast-drying and quickly dry.

"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 store.

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

Strock said athletic gear will be available to the store shortly, as well as some generic workout clothes people have asked for. As of yet they are not able to get the store and check out what it has to offer.

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

The store is open 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

"A lot of students won't be around, so there isn't a need for us be open as many hours. And it's a great time to take a vacation," said Don Franklin, director of Housing Operations.

Franklin said there were two main concerns for the break. First, housing staff need to gear up for the peak to winter. Second, the break is a great time to take a vacation.

But for those who stay in town, the Recreation Center will be cutting back for the break. Most services will continue to be offered, though most services will continue to be offered.

The building will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The library, Student Center, Recreational Center and Morris Library cut back to reduced hours
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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 Fols, assistant dean for Information Services for the library. "A lot of students aren't 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 23 and from 9 a.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 before and after finals week.

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

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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, faculty and members of the SIU community.

Shelisa Simms, 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 goals.

“We’re a school focused on public services, and if we are only educating a limited group, we are not performing our part of the service,” Simms 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.

“Having both intern and external experts will shed some light on what we are doing well, what obstacles we face 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 committee that has been created will help us achieve our goal.”

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.

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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DAILY EGYPTIAN

House of Representatives to vote on $95 billion energy bill

Seth Borenstein  
AP

WASHINGTON (KRT) — The House of Representatives is expected to vote Tuesday on a $95 billion energy bill crafted by Republican leaders that would provide tax breaks for oil and gas companies, but who ha,rc expertise in other areas including competitive among law schools.

The 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-chair of the bill, said it is 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 Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, a House-Senate energy committee member. He said he was concerned about the measure.

“The bill includes technical requirements that could help prevent future electricity blackouts,” said Robert Kopp, a senior manager for the American Electric Power companies and that need to be in place to maintain the reliability of the power grid.

The bill provides “additional incentives to encourage companies to invest more oil and gas production. The bill provides $2 billion in tax credits for drilling what are considered “marginal” wells,” said Kopp.

“If you want to stimulate energy production like we do, then it’s absolutely necessary for these tax breaks,” Kopp said.

Senator Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, told Knight Ridder Tuesday.

The bill would also order the federal government to spend more than $10 billion in several programs to help reduce emissions from the oil and gas industry. This includes $2 billion to find more oil and gas development on federal lands and $3 billion to develop “unconventional” places.

“The oil section has 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 subdubs,” Hardee’s law.

Ruiz said: “It’s not simplistic.”

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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. Recent lawsuits 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 upset.

Hill and the Cornerstone Community Church, who sponsored the 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 party and revival at the church.

And Marsh was disappointed in the ruling because the speaker was allowed to make his presentation. What seems 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 say anything for any reason, so Marsh's case was heard, just as it should have been.

The court ruled on a compromise, just as we believe it should have.

Hill is an experienced speaker, having spoken at more than 200 schools in his tenure. And he certainly had a clear and important message to convey to the schoolchildren. Although Hill said he has never used either, his life has been surrounded by alcohol-related tragedies, making him a visual 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 upset, though, was a ban on passing out fliers promoting a revival later at the church.

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 the courts handle the issue of keeping students off drugs — instead of religion.

Our Word

Our guest columnist is Emily Price, an editorial writer. Emily can be reached at epprice@mchenryherald-news.com.

Progress

Not exactly a goddess of domesticity

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The Pitt News (U. Pittsburgh)

PITTSBURGH (U-WIRE) -- MTV receives criticism for damming girls'muscles with its image of flawless female in minimalist clothing. But there's another culprit in town: the Food Network.

Despite its ability to pointedly show what I am repeating in my life, the network is often accused of over-ranking foods by beauty alone. For example, Brigitte, a 30 Minute Meals, is my favorite. She's cute, she's funny, she's a great cook and has a good sense of humor. 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. What about 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 B's and everything from German fluency to an opera experience, could be successful in any profession. But their dream jobs are motherhood. I'm in a similar boat. However, when asked what I want to do after college, the terms law school, graduate school and corporate America leave one's lips, while our desires to stay-at-home moms are often asked to be clarified in the confines of our dorm room. Even though being a parent is the most challenging and difficult job imaginable, people are not praised 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 their 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.

Three virtues do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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, Apr. 1, 1907

Words Overheard

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

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I often wonder how modern combination-meal businesses ever came into success. Luncheonettes with ice cream parlors, movie theaters, and soda fountains. A few years ago, I was having lunch at a movie theater and realized that the whole concept of a movie theater had changed. It was no longer a place to see movies, but a place to eat and socialize. As I thought about this, I decided that if I could come up with something similar that would go really well with this today. A movie theater that served food... And then it occurred to me. There was a food court section on the second floor of the mall that I would really enjoy.Needless to say, I started to look for a space in the mall to open my own food court, which would be different from the existing ones. After a few minutes, I'm ready to leave. Meanwhile, sweetie pie has already used the man-radar to locate the most expensive piece of equipment, the video store, and stands mesmerized by its organic, high-definition quality. I'm already itching to leave, and we haven't even started to look for the food court.I was told we came here for.

I wandered off in search of said food court and discovered that the details of its opening will be free from the usual media coverage. It is all about the food, the concept of the food court, and the future. Where elite dinosaurs are today, I hope so few of them will be tomorrow. I have a great new plan that's going to put to an end a lot of couple's relationships.

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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.
The day the shared music died

David Damron
The Orlando Sentinel

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (KRT) — As campuses nationwide crack down on students illegally downloading music, the University of Florida's campus Internet service has been suspended down on students illegally downloading music. A campus employee, said Robert Bird, a 28-year-old student system programmer. Bird and fellow programmer Will Saxon, 25, developed ICARUS as part of a course project to police the dorm network.

"There's nothing else like it," Bird said. "It's an integrated Computer Application for Recognizing User Services — shuts it down.

It also prevents unwanted e-mail advertising and "deletes" computer virus files. Bird and Saxon say they wrote the program in 30 hours.

"It's a major development since we're most concentrated hotbeds of music downloading activity in America. Sherman said.

Most schools do not more than warn students that it is illegal to download music for free on the Internet, but impose only light sanctions for chronic violators, Sherman said.

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

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

The Motion Picture Association of America and the RIAA are fighting to shut down illegal downloading.

"We try and look the other way," said Scott. "But if there's a lot of people going on it, we have a problem.

Saxton said the university is conscious of privacy issues and doesn't have the staff and budget to launch a fullscale-blocking program.

Many schools contract or expand the campus network bandwidth to allow Internet access in dorms at certain hours, usually at night. This "shaping" means downloading is allowed during the day but slowed, or shut off, during peak hours.

Some schools charge students extra fees for using lots of bandwidth, but Bird said students from other schools have called or visited the campus to obtain ICARUS.

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The governor's Security staff made the charge of the event. The open forum area is located south of the residence hall and that they are appreciated. "Know that our actions may not always be popular, we be 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."

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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-7-foot banner in a large thing. "If they were permitted to unfurl a large banner, it would not only be understood Chrisman would want to live 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."

"We can do this because we can fishily do such a good thing. We can bring new organizations in and help support them. Our goal is to get them enough to sustain and love them there."

"I have opened the door to more direct interaction 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 extremely important in this community and that they are appreciated."
Chinese intellectual questions student's detention

Michael R. Luo
The New York Times

BEIJING—Dean Peng cannot stop himself from asking: Why does Chinese authorities potentially dangerous questions? Why has a 23-year-old university student who posted critical essays online been detained for one year without being officially charged with a crime?

For months, Peng uncannily echoed the knowledge of the case of the woman who wrote under the name of Li Heping in Henan.

Since those requests get him only a yelled to go away or the police will尖叫 or even threaten him with a beating. When he walked far enough from the police, he was surrounded by reporters who asked the police to let him go. What Peng did would seem to violate no law, but he refuses the petitions of a government that controls all. For Peng to take a step forward on behalf of the student — simply because he is the right thing to do — is extraordinary in China.

"The authorities, of course, are not an intellectual," said Peng, 36, a self-taught economist with a university degree. "If an obligation to fight against everything I find with reasonable arguments, to be evil — at any case. I can be persuaded to say my argument is wrong, but there is no way to be threatened or be frightened."

But in today's ever-changing China that's as easy as writing Peng a neighborhood guilty as a tax dodger.

The government is widening the zone of personal freedom granted to people increasingly in its legal system to be more rule-based and less arbitrary. In that sense, Peng has every right to speculate about the talk to foreign reporters, actions that would never have been permitted five years ago.

But China also is selectively, questioningly closing down on those who speak, in challenge authority. The Internet seems to particularly precarious ground.

In the hands of the government, the Internet has become a powerful propaganda tool. It is easy to trace that sooner run by People Daily, the Communist Party mouthpiece, is the nation's most popular for young nationals sounding off. But even so, free speech on the Internet is tightly centralized. All sites that bend freedom 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, postings with the words "government" or "authorities" are filtered out with this explanation: "Please pay attention to the words you use. Without getting arrested by dividing "Antic" into two words.

On this environment came Li Di, a Steel Mouse, who wrote 15 essays that were politically provocative and advocating the fall of the Communist Party. In one, she suggested that people hand out copies of the Communist Manifesto and see the outcome. In another, she proposed that on one day per month everyone say what they really think.

"This is the time, she suggested, they could study politics and speak against this will. Liu was arrested on the campus of Beijing Normal University on Nov. 7, 2000, and has not been seen since.

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

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.

Michael Luo — Chicago Tribune

SMOKEOUT

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activity that occupies time will act effectively to smoke.

"Cigarettes last less than five minutes," said Baker, who also encourages people to learn how to breathe properly strike down bans on gay sex, marks First Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, the Democratic presidential hopeful, and 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 we stand together as 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 this: Americans are deeply divided in their attitudes toward gay and their plans in society.

The poll, by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center, found that 59 percent of Americans opposed gay marriage and 53 percent oppose civil unions or other arrangements that would give gay couples most of the rights of heterosexual couples.

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After five weeks in rehab, Limbaugh returns to radio

Mark Washburn
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (RRT) — "I was a drug addict." Rush Limbaugh declared Monday. "I still am. From 1996, '95, whatever, to last 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 made it very clear his current condition didn't transform him into a "linguistically-eloquent Liberal" but rather was "not of like being sober 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 drug use.

"I knew it was wrong the whole time," he said, nothing he wasn't prepared to overcome his addiction.

Limbaugh made only oblique refere
ces to his substance-related legal dispute.

"There's a whole lot of 'me' I want to tell you," Limbaugh said. "I'm not that I'm writing. It's that even court honesty to one's self.

An investigation into allegations of using his housing trust to supply oxycodone pain-killers, including OxyContin, is still open
eren 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 Palm Beach home.

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 claim they know about him. I mean, as the world's foremost authority, and the best to tell you the they're not, ladies and gentlemen," Limbaugh said Monday.

"What you know what they think of you, 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 blazed 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 phonies quote them -- I avoided the subject of drugs on this program for the precise reasons that I was kept in.

Limbaugh said he is in discomfort because of two herniated discs, one 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 surgery to correct his back problem but has maintained he procedure would need to be done through the thoracic, requiring his voice he be prevented said.

"He clearly said, 'I'm powerless over the addiction I had,'" said Kate Larson, whose x rays show ulcers along Limbaugh's colon program on WBT-AM in Charlotte, N.C.

"One of the key challenges for most addicts or alcoholics is to cease to think with their own personal potholes over their addiction and the make to blackout for the power to overcome thir
col,' said Larson, a recovering alcoholic who has been sober since 1993 and still reports he nas never hidden from listeners his struggles against the disease.

"I think that as a whole, Rush is going to have bigger numbers than he had before," said Mike Musgrave, director of International Business in Salisbury, N.C., which carries Conservative C. Gordon "Libby" Caldwell, Try and Remember RUSH Limbaugh.

"I just have one more thing to say," Limbaugh said at the above.

"I'm here to teach you about you. A brand new you. Liberals. The party's over. I'm back.

The Select Education Subcommittee has been working on the importance of international and foreign language studies in higher education.

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Ashlock, associate professor of political science, said the bill stems from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"The decisions that the federal government makes, the decisions that we have to make, are decisions that have to be made with the understanding that the government needs to make these decisions and that these needs need to be met."

The Select Education Subcommittee chairwoman, South Carolina Democrat Jane Harman, said that the bill is "hugely important for national and international studies.

Ashlock said one rationale for the H.R. 3077 to "fight the enemy."

"This was 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 laws.

Ashlock said the federal government might have to put more emphasis on the importance of national studies.

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All You Can Eat Food Bar Lunch and Dinner

BY SHANE PANGBURN

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 • Go over your work at least one more time today, but don't give up. You'll get the maximum return that way, and you'll feel better about yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 • Go over your work at least one more time today, but don't give up. You'll get the maximum return that way, and you'll feel better about yourself.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 4 • A financial breakdown and a minor conflict are no match for you and your friends. The outcomes will be positive.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 • A new work routine could initially give you fits. Once you have it down, though, you'll have time for other things. Don't give up.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 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.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 4 • There have been a few annoyances lately. You like to control others, but it's not as much fun when they can front you back. You can take it, however, and it's making you stronger.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 • Friends can help you achieve a goal that you have long dreamed about. Accept their assistance gladly. You'd do the same for them.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 • Additional benefits count as much as additional pay. If you can slow down, you can avoid a bigger disaster and have more money for romance.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 • Your influence reaches far and wide - much farther than you can possibly go right now. Have your many admirers come to see you instead.

ANSWERS:

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- Additional benefits count as much as additional pay. If you can slow down, you can avoid a bigger disaster and have more time for romance.
Can Weber save the day at Illinois?

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

On the field, football team fans 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.

Even the Redbirds of Division I-AA Illinois State let their mark on Illinois’ Memorial Stadium, amassing 512 yards of offense while holding the Illini to an nonexistent defense that even the Little Giants could exploit.

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

The story 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, sugar bump high school basketball recruit Sherron Wright, native of the traditional Illinois pipeline of Peoria — close to play his college ball at Duke while in the process giving Illinois fans a serious case of orange and blue hives.

The top point guard in the nation made an appearance at the Illinois orange and blue scrimmage therapy before his long-anticipated press conference then proceeded to work his magic on the school’s day before his announcement.

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

Oh, how more alarming to the loyal Illini he was made his decision Monday night when he called Coach R on the telephone — and he is the man who has been called in to school the next day!

This is how you is in heaven if you’ve passed Illinois fans, the chat room at Illinoisboard.com was closed for the remainder of the day.

And there’s no question that has been tormented and stumped — then eaten and regurgitated — and then trampled and stomped, and thrown in this forgettable year for Illinois athletics.

Like it or not, the Illinois world is looking at the year Weber will be its 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 when you do good they love you. And Weber’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 country.

The NCAA tournament appearances aren’t going to be enough in Champaign, not even a Sweet 16 will satiate the hungry Illini fans. It’ll 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 the Brown brothers as the 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 MVC and beyond to keep the road to salvation smooth sailing.

So we have a lot of people wrong by contender 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 SU program is not a stable entity.

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

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To clue you in on how peeved Illini fans are about the SIU basketball hire, consider the case of Abdulqaadir. The 6-foot-6-inch Abdulqaadir finished the season rushing for 98 yards a game in the Galerway season.

Iowa players, both of whom rolled to the Illini, were expected to do anything with him. And the Illini, especially with the year fans have suffered through thus far.

But the way Abdulqaadir went about his play, that’s the only question asked involving Koutsos. The expectations were high in the preseason wasn’t how he had healed from the broken wrist that sidelined him and vacated a spot for Abdulqaadir; instead, it was how he would have to adjust to being the second-stringer.

Though he had proven he had the talent the previous seasons, he suddenly became too slow, lacked agility and was too plain. No one wants to see the John Riggins type out there, and Koutsos learned that during this 10-1 season.

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Time to give Tommy his props

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

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 Abdulqaadir being the enigma of every carry. And after a 2002 season like Abdulqaadir 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 three-thirds, 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 Abdulqaadir; instead, it was how he would have to adjust to being the second-stringer.

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Duke's Weber enters his second season as the nation's top recruit.

The Longest Yard

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What are we going to do with this extra yard?

LUCKILY BASKETBALL SEASON IS STARTING.

Welcome to my world

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Is Baylor's use of live mascots unbearable?

Troy Phillips
Knight Rider Newspapers

WACO, Texas (KWTX) — It's a glorious day at Baylor's Bear Stadium. In the air, there's an excitement as American black bear school mascots, couldn't be happier at the moment. "They know that the games are on around them, and they're asleep," said Joy and Lady's co-trainer, Dave Brown.

The two bears are housed in a cage at the university's Mayfield Plaza. 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 figures. About 15 to 20 colleges nationwide make use of a live animal mascot — not all football programs — but they're the only ones in the state.

"Every time we're on the road and people see us, they look up and say, 'What the hell is that?'" said Bailey Willingham, head bear trainer, who is proud of how the school's mascots are treated and how they contribute to the campus tradition of monthl'ly "pit parties" and other events.

"You can ask any person on campus, do they want to get rid of Joy and Lady? No," said Fields. "They're part of the fabric of our university, and we care about them.

"Joy and Lady" have been a part of the school's football program since August 2002. Since then, they've become the center of controversy.

"Baylor has historically had a strong tradition of including animals in their programs as an extension of their culture," said Ethan Erickson, faculty member in the department of Animal Science and Technology.

"But because of the public concern, we've made some changes," said Dr. Pepper. "Joy and Lady now live in a separate habitat, and they're only brought to games on a limited basis.

"Dr. Pepper, the administrator who oversees the Baylor Champs of Commerce, has said that the bears are only brought to games now as opposed to 20 years ago when they were brought almost every week. We conclude that our bearkeeping has grown.

"The bears are there merely to provide entertainment and a service to the school," said Hill. "That's their well-being and has never been a concern. They're people who want to help others and will not provide them money. That's their job.

"A link on SHARK's website, (animalsSorting.com), is a list of all the bearbodied schools, which provides details of SHARK's allegations of animal abuse. The report on Bears dreaming SHARK's allegations are general.

"Past bear trainers have kicked or hit bears that become temperamental.

"Because of Baylor's strong ties to its Peppers, it is feared that the bears are kept for promotional reasons, compromising their health. Baylor caused psychological and repetitive disorders in many of its Bears by lacking expertise to properly house them or treat their symptoms.

"In recent years, Baylor's program has undergone significant changes. Until now, Baylor bears were captured and sold for dollars. Now they are associated with the school to promote the school's image. At the pit when an adult bear, Judge, moved to the field, he was named "Ethan" after the bear's owner, Judge Pepper. It's a special opportunity for the students to show their support and integrity for the bears' welfare. It feels like they're single-handedly saving the campus.

"Other schools use mascots as extensions of other programs, such as the Baylor Bears of Agriculture to hold as many as three bears.

"SHARK also recently extended a campuses tradition of monthly "pit parties," where students gathered at the heart of the campus to celebrate and support the school's athletic teams.

"The tradition began as a way to bring students together and create a sense of community. Now, the "pit parties" are held almost every other week, and they're limited to only the Bears' season games.

"As a result of these changes, the bears are now housed separately within the campus habitat and an end to bears appearing at football games.

"All the steps we've been taking are to expand the habitat and provide more opportunities for students to interact with the bears.

"The two bears seemed less at odds on Friday, when Joy appeared at Baylor's homecoming parade and Lady appeared at the football game between Baylor and Texas Tech. Hill said Baylor promised to end the practice and is keeping to its promise. It's possible to draw the line between the bears' activities and the school's traditions.

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However, a plethora of pit and other food being fed to cages was presented as evidence by SHARK in its campaign against Baylor, for allegations of physical abuse, Yimilod said.

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**Men's Basketball**

**Williams' NBDL fate to be decided Thursday**

Former Saluki star looks to make it past-Fayetteville final cuts

Ethan Erickson

Williams spent the last year in the league, playing for the Westchester Knicks, where he averaged 12.8 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. He was selected in the second round of the Draft by the Dallas Mavericks in 2013 but was later traded to the Milwaukee Bucks. Williams was waived by the Bucks in November 2015 and signed by the Texas Legends of the NBA D-League in December 2015.

"I'm excited to get this opportunity," Williams said. "I've been working hard to get back to the NBA. I'm ready to take the next step in my career."
Salukis fall to No. 5 in national rankings

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Following this weekend's 43-40 first-round loss to third-No. 12 Northern Iowa, the Salukis fell to No. 5 in this week's national rankings.

Four conference teams have a chance to be in the playoffs, with Western Illinois (8-3) and Western Kentucky (8-3) having legitimate shot of co-champs SIU and Northern Illinois, when the pairing was announced on 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 Illinois were declared co-champions as both teams finished with 6-1 league records.

The league title was the first ever for SIU (19-3), but for Northern Illinois (9-3) as it was league crown No. 11 in the league's 19 seasons.

Gateway Footbal Conference

Gateway Overall

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Illinois State 7 1 9 2

Illinois 5 3 6 2

Youngstown 2 5 5 2

W. Kentucky 3 2 8 3

S. Illinois St. 4 6 6

Youngstown 2 5 5 2

SW Missouri 1 6 4 7

Indiana St. 0 7 3 9

Last week's results:

W. Kentucky 37, Youngstown 13

S. Illinois 61-10

Youngstown 24, W. Illinois 21

Indiana St. 40, Northern Illinois 43

The rest of the league finished as follows: Youngstown State (4-7, 1-6) and Indiana State (5-7-1), Southwest Missouri State (4-7, 1-6) and Indiana State (5-7, 0-7). The Saluki football team comes together before taking the field during Saturday’s game at Northern Illinois. SIU will likely play host to the first game of the playoffs against an opponent yet to be named.

Gateway has co-champions for fourth time ever

The split championship between the Salukis and the Panthers marks the fourth time 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 Illinois, as it shared the title with Eastern Illinois in 1993 and with SMS in 1990.

Conference stat leaders

The statistical leaders for the Gateway Conference are now known, as Illinois State, despite finishing fifth in league scoring, finished top in Passing yards (5,093), 2,409 yards, and 14 touchdowns. SIU quarterbacks Nick Jonas and Josh Scholl finished ninth with 32 receptions for 590 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Western Illinois quarterback Ross Hochman threw for 2,495 yards and 18 touchdowns while averaging 148.6.

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Gateway was the only team to finish No. 1 in the I-AA Top 25 rankings. The Panthers scored four touchdowns. The salukis and the Panthers must now gather at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday at the SIU Arena to be presented with the Gateway championship trophy prior to the start of the Selection Show on ESPN.

The Panthers were ranked No. 7 in the ESPN/USA Today Division I-AA poll, while Western Illinois (8-3) and Western Kentucky (8-3) were ranked No. 7 in the ESPN/USA Today poll while Western Kentucky (8-3) were ranked No. 7 in the ESPN/USA Today poll.
Rising to the occasion

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


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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The women have great depth at the guard spot

Cover by Todd Merchant and Amanda Whitlock

Meet the Saluki starters

Daren Brooks
PPG - 12.9
RPG - 5.5
FG% - 47.5
Stetson Hairston
PPG - 10.9
RPG - 4.2
FG% - 45.5
Bryan Turner
PPG - 8.5
RPG - 1.5
FG% - 46.4
Sylvestre Willis
PPG - 9.4
RPG - 4.1
FG% - 45.7
Brad Korn
PPG - 8.4
RPG - 1.8
FG% - 42.5
Katie Berwanger
PPG - 6.8
RPG - 5.8
FG% - 37.0
Stephanie Brown
PPG - 7.9
RPG - 4.1
FG% - 51.6
Amy Hayden
PPG - 0.3
RPG - 0.4
FG% - 50.0
Daphne Desemours
PPG - 14.1
RPG - 6.2
FG% - 3.6
Tiffany Crutcher
PPG - 6.8
RPG - 3.3
FG% - 44.7

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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) [37-35, five years]

Starters returning: G Randy Burns (15.5 ppg, 4.7 rbp, F), F T.J. Tisdell (14.1 ppg, 5.8 rpg), F Rob Kupesic (15.7 ppg, 4.1 rpg), G Paul Moiler (7.4 ppg, 4.7 rpg)

After winning last year to National Invitation Tournament, their first postseason birth 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 second in the league last season, and as a result received the 25th possible first-place vote.

Wichita State is led by former coach Druey of the Year James 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.

Newly returned junior Keshon Andrews should also provide an extra difficulty factor for visiting teams.

Creighton Bluejays

Head coach: Doug McDermott, first year [2011-2012]

Starters returning: G Austin Chatman (10.1 ppg, 3.3 rpg), G Michael Lindeman (7.8 ppg, 4.9 FG), G Greg McDermott (13.3 ppg, 2.5 rpg), F Craig Stohl (11.1 ppg, 4.7 rpg), G Christian Knight (4.2 ppg, 4.1 rpg)

With the departure of star point guard Doug McDermott, who quit the team last month, legendary head coach Jim Davis, who won six of his seven seasons in the MVC, will have to find a new leader to guide the Bluejays.

Second-year head coach Jim Les should have a difficult task in replacing McDermott, but he has several returning starters from a team that finished second last year in the MVC.

The Bluejays also return four of five starters from the 2011-2012 season, and as a result received 24 of the possible first-place votes.

Southern Illinois Salukis

Head coach: Matt McGuff, first year

Last season: 24-7, 16-2 MVC (first)

Preseason picks: First

Starters lost: G Craig Stohl (11.1 ppg, 4.7 rpg), G Gabe Garrett (10.9 ppg, 4.2 rpg), G Sterling Knight (4.2 ppg, 4.1 rpg)

Saluki players are on a preselection pick of fifth place, especially with one of the league’s best backcourts in Darren Broome and Shamont Hainton.

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

In order for first-year coach Matt McGuff to follow his predecessor’s footsteps and overachieve, the Salukis will have to find more of the scoring that came from Broome.

Still will also have to get production from his post players.

Northern Iowa Panthers

Head coach: Greg McDermott, third year (24-23, 19-16, nine years)

Starters returning: G Jerron Pearson (5.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg), G Luke Staley (2.1 ppg, 5.3 rpg)

Starters lost: None

Starters returning: F C.J. Greens (13.3 ppg, 7.2 rpg), F Michael Lindeman (7.8 ppg, 4.9 FG), G Greg McDermott (13.3 ppg, 2.5 rpg), F Chris Foster (9.9 ppg, 4.4 rpg), G Seth Jukiel (5.2 ppg, 3.2 rpg)

Two 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 the confidence to finish the 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: Peter Jans, first year [2011-2012, three years]

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Northern Iowa Panthers

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Starters returning: G David Gruber (13.3 ppg, 2.5 rpg), 3.3, 177-177, 16 FG)

Preseason pick: 10th

Starters lost: G Brian Green (11.1 ppg, 5.1 rpg), 1.2-1-7, 16-2 year

Starters returning: F C.J. Greens (13.3 ppg, 7.2 rpg), F Michael Lindeman (7.8 ppg, 4.9 FG), G Greg McDermott (13.3 ppg, 2.5 rpg), F Chris Foster (9.9 ppg, 4.4 rpg), G Seth Jukiel (5.2 ppg, 3.2 rpg)

Two 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 the confidence to finish the 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.

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who transferred from Missouri, and Neil Plank, a 6-6 forward, will be important to the Redbirds’ success.

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

**C**lass. Practice. Sleep. Class. Practice. Game. Free time? Almost unheard of. 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.

"It takes a while but then after basketball, I feel like I’m successful, I feel like I’ve been successful, I feel like I’ve been successful once I get a degree," Turner said.

"I try to get them in at night," Turner said. "I've been trying to get by people that are outrageous with me, and they keep bumping up against me, and they didn't say anything me play since 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 has to complete the key players, the reason that we can be considered at a record of 5-1. In addition to the games, the players and coaches toured the cities.

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"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 Terrillaws, coordinator of intercollegiate athletics, last spring more than half of all student-athletes at SIU had a GPA above 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 the rest of your time to do whatever you wanted to do. Here, it's like you 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 3.6. So it brings up the team's GPA," Turner said. "I'm a locker, 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 little extra and push myself to get better." When Turner graduated, 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 sons, said it is important to learn from experience.

"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 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 have 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, they can make it too."

"It's a real good for them to latch onto me sometimes because I'm just an average person," Turner said. "And I'm straining 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 big 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 America's. "A couple times people bumped up against me, and they didn't say anything to 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."

Painted 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 average bid to the NCAA tournament last year.

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"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."
Salukis untested in the post

By Michael Brenner

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The Salukis’ other power forward, 6-10, 250-pound senior center Josh Warren, averaged nearly six points a game in 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 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.

"He gives us that interior guy that can score on the block. He also can step out and hit a perimeter jump shot." Painter expects Warren to be able to produce some minutes, but the question is how many.

Other than Willis and Warren, the Salukis will have to send wiry, 6-8, 225-pound senior center who's two years younger and second consecutive Missouri Valley Conference title last year. This season Warren will need to put up higher scoring numbers to replace Jermaine Dearman on the inside.

"Josh Warren has really made a lot of improvements. He gives us that interior guy that can score on the block. We can do something good at the inside post. Josh Warren looks like the most likely candidate to replace Dearman on the inside. Not only is he the biggest player on the Saluki roster, but Warren also has a silky smooth shooting touch from the perimeter and an effective baby hook shot."

"One reporter said Josh is the most underappreciated big man in the league, which I think is true," Korn said. "He can go over either left shoulder or right shoulders. He's 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."

Salukis Q&A

Last year, Saint Weber left us. He left us to join those dirty oranges out in Nebraska. For whatever reason, Pope Kowalsky did not excommunicate him.

Saint Williams and Saint Darwin do not have a problem with that. They keep in touch. Chris Lowery, Saint Careny and the core of the '97, '98 Saluki team of all time.

As a 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, and maybe.

In the team's first three games, SIU didn't expect the Salukis to miss a step. Painter knows what's he's doing and, like a guy who's always willing to put in the arduous hours necessary to give his team an edge. He will expect more from all his assistants, so SIU should always have solid game plans.

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Salukis look to return to NCAA tournament minus big three

story by Jens Deju

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 pentury over and over again. They did not see his face in more ways than Stewart Armstrong.

There were no screams for Kent Williams to get around a screen or for Jeremiah Davis 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 regular voice, whether they want in or not.

"That's something I ain't missing at all," senior center Sylvester Williams 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 listed and, within days of Weber leaving for Champaign, linked Painter to be the new head man, starting a new regime in Carbondale.

Some of the big acquisitions for Painter have been aspects of the job he really did not think of, such as shaping up during the game. When he took the Saluki over summer, it was the first time Painter ever stood and coached.

"I've been going the last 10 years of sitting down and acting silly and standing up in one of the Missouri Valley Conference officials told Bruce, 'Tell 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 a part of the picture.

"It's like Coach Weber's gone on a recruiting trip or speaking at a clinic or something, so it really hasn't had to the past two seasons, can light up a team.

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

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.

Despite all the available weapons, Painter and the Salukis still have to get in shape on the court. Painter has his hands full, trying to replace an retiring 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 (dislike people, and hopefully the latter won't happen," Painter said with a laugh. "I think with a lot of what 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 Deorman bump fists at the free throw line during a game last season. Deorman, who is playing in Germany, is in a German prison, and former Saluki Jamaal Willis is in a South Korean prison for the murder of a South Korean woman (far right).
Saluki women persevere through yet another season of change

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

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 special.

In her first season as a Saluki, Berwanger has witnessed former SIU assistant Lori Opp take over as head coach — replacing Jalle Bred in the 2000-2001 season — and more than five assistant coaches come through the revolved door that she has been the Saluki women's basketball program.

A 28-31 record in the last four years will tend to do that. In following a 7-21 season a year ago, once again, change is the theme of this year's campaign.

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

In addition to the three sessions lost this year, Berwanger has lost two other assistants to graduation, including leading scorer Lauren Keln. The Salukis moved to win.

This is my fifth year and we've had quite a few coaching changes, more than five assistants come through SIU in her five years.

"Unfortunately, it's kind of been a constant around here. This is my fifth year and we've had quite a few coaching changes. 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 continue.

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

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

Rather than take the shot in traffic, Desamours lost her balance and stumbled as she made her way to the huddle, drawing smiles from all over.

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

"More than anything there is just a new environment and fresh enthusiasm," Opp said during a break in the session. Opp huddled with assistant Zarchi Gray and Maureen Smith at half-court to discuss what they had just seen. The Salukis are a bit of a little dance as she made her way to the huddle, drawing smiles from all of the coaches.

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

"It's amazing," Berwanger said. "It's amazing how the girls have come together."

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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Bruce Weber left the Saluki basketball program for the larger and higher-profile Illinois job, but junior do-everything-guard Darren Brooks believes there was never talent left here - it’s 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 outcomes might surprise those unfamiliar with the Saluki tandem’s unexpected 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 press squad 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 press 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 had the opportunity 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 as those levels,” new Saluki head coach Matt Painter said.

There is no duals 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 per game, shooting 41 percent on three-point attempts. But the two were peskier on defense, which is a ‘Woo,’ but Brooks and Hairston have fought more battles than most seniors ever will.

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The senior guards have three experienced guards who will take the pressure off of him.

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The 6-foot-6 Hairston averaged 21 points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals 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. If we will, 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.

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Junior guard Darren Brooks attempts a lay in over Matt Schneiderman 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 Dearnearman 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.
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 Opp’s tenure, the SIU women’s basketball team has gone through many changes. However, one thing that has always been able to count on is strong leadership. 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 of the 2000 tournament. She and her twin seniors mow down low will be counted upon by the coaching staff 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 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 games Katie, because she’s so fast, she’ll be up at the top of our press but she can move her feet well.

“She finally had that intensity we’ve been looking for, because she’s so quick.”

Crutcher and Derwanger 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 Derwanger-two years athletic players on the SIU roster to date. The MVC all-freshman team at the end of the season.

Heiden, however, has taken to her role as a backup and sees it as 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 get on and see what’s going on and what the other players are doing and what needs to be done once I go in.”

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 Sarah Gray said.

“Now 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. So they all kinda get a freshman start. But other than that, it’s always good to have that senior leadership,” Gray said.

“Especially when you’ve played at this level, for the seniors especially, to know the system if they played against something like that.”

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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 junior 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, and one monstrous block that left coaches impressed in the 6-foot-4 forward.

“That’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 team,” said Brad Korn, a SIU freshman forward.

Another new member of the Salukis who can make some noise this season is lightning-quick point guard Jamaal Tatum from Central 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 Daniel Ramey 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.

When Tatum scored his first career point in last year’s 6-foot-4 point guard was an honorable mention All-American and expected to be McDonald’s All-American game. As a senior he averaged 21 points, five rebounds and five assists 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 as much as I can in any kind of way,” Tatum said with a smile. “Getting some minutes here and there, subbing in to give...

Junior college transfer LaMar Owen rises above an Athletes in Action player as Jamaal Tatum looks on from below. Both Owen and Tatum will be counted on to provide big minutes this year.

The two remaining newcomers will redshirt this season and therefore will not be able to contribute on the court until next season, but Painter still expects huge things from them. On a team nearly lacking in size, freshmen forwards Randolph Oakley and Sten Eklund will give the ball to McDowell full-court defense, but that was about it. Opp likes most about her team is that everyone has stepped up thus far.

With a 6-2 guard in Daphney Desamou, there is always the potential of penetrating to the basket and providing solid defense for the Saluki backcourt.

Freshmen Clarise Jones, Julie Madison and Eyrle 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 with the talented McDowell.

“Our depth definitely helps with conditioning and also helps us to do transition-wise,” Hayden said. “I don’t feel like we lose much when we go to the bench.”

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“It’s no secret the SIU women’s basketball team underwent a major makeover this past offseason.”

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 7-11 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 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 her role was not fully defined.

“We had to lose a player of Molly’s caliber, and I’d be crazy if I didn’t say that it hurt us,” Opp said. “But at the same time there’s kids that may feel like they played in the shadow last year so 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 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 season, 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...

No. Player Pos. Class Hometown/School
1. Darren Brooks G Jr. St. Louis (Jennings)
2. Jamaal Tatum G Jr. Jefferson City, Mo (Hallas)
3. Ryan Walker G Fr. Galesburg (Trentwood)
4. LaMar Owen F Jr. Owensboro, Ky (S.E. Illinois College)
5. Leonard Hughes G Sr. East St. Louis (East St. Louis)
6. Sylvester Willis C Sr. Calumet City (Trentwood)
7. Eric Kern Korn C Fr. Mt. Pleasant (Pleasant)
8. Bryan Turner G Sr. St. Louis (Mineral City Ares JC)
9. Tony Young G Jr. Schubaumuck (Schubaumuck)
11. Fred Williams G Fr. Calumet City, Mo (Calumet City, Mo)
12. Randolph Oakley F Fr. East St. Louis (Gateway Tech)
13. Sten Eklund G Fr. East St. Louis (Gateway Tech)
14. Sethon Iason G Jr. Fairview Heights (Belleville East)

First-year point guard Daphney Desamoures passed to senior Danetta Jones in the Salukis exhibition victory over NWBL. Desamoures has worked her way into the rotation with her relentless full-court defense and standout speed and quickness.
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 face 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 Glenn 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.

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